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TAKE PRIDE IN CSI!!!

DON'T DARE QUESTION WHY!!!

BY LESLIE-ANN ALVARADOUS

The College of Staten Island petty bourgeoisie administration, created a plan to force students to be proud of C.S.I. What the hell is there to be proud of? The College of Staten Island is the only school still stuck in medieval times. How can I be proud of a school when the library has only five shelves of African American history and 16 shelves of American Colonial history?

Cursing, screaming, frustration that's the scene outside Financial Aid, the Bursar and the Registrar. It takes a person 45 minutes to reach the front of the lines and 10 minutes to get someone's attention. "Life is a bitch, then you die and go to C.S.I. These lines are too long I'll be here until 7 tonight." said Mariano Powers an incoming freshman to the College of Staten Island. The Administration should take pride in teaching those belligerent people in 1A and 2A some manners.

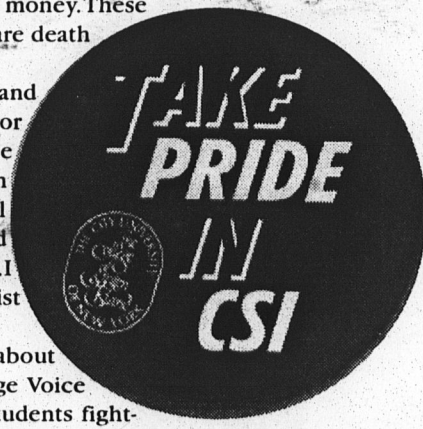
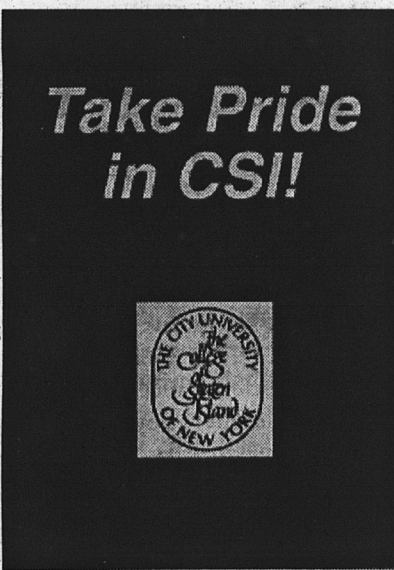
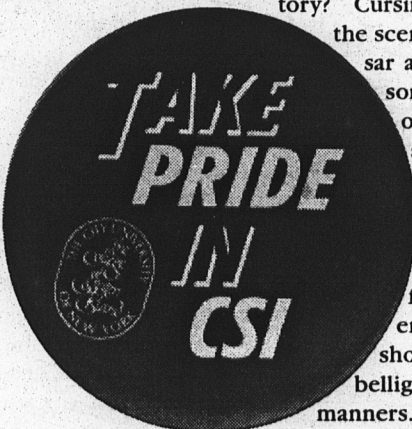
How can I take pride in a school that publicly lynches people of color? Recently, a black student named Alycia Parker got into an altercation with an Hispanic student Olga Pozzo. For half of the semester Alycia had dealt with racial slurs from Olga, until she couldn't take it anymore and revolted. CSI President Marlene Springer and her dogmatic colleagues try to keep incidences like these anonymous,

and expel Alycia for defending herself against racism. Thanks to the College Voice revolutionaries, Alycia was not expelled she is on probation.

The (not so) SAFE team at C.S.I treats students like they are puppets on a string. If a Nazi on the SAFE team tells a person to stand up, they have to stand up. If they shout "sit down" we have to sit down. The SAFE team is a waste of time and money. These militant flash light holders are death in the making.

The College of Staten Island is bias against people of color and the working class. The right wing administration nuts will take pride when all these people are alienated from the school and C.S.I becomes a white supremacist school.

One thing I am proud of about C.S.I is being in the College Voice working along side other students fighting against inequality. As our great American Fascist leaders said free education, communism and the pursuit of justice. I say we should "support every revolutionary struggle against the existing order of things" and fight for real liberation and freedom. So don't buy into this "Take Pride in CSI" garbage, take pride in struggling to create a more just society despite what the authorities tell you.



CSI at the End of the Millennium?



With the policy of more cops and more cuts is this the future of our glorious institution?

Cowards and Heroes

The Persecution of Alycia Parker

BY WILLIAM WHARTON

A student was up on trial, a modern lynching about to occur, a time that creates separation between those who have the conviction to speak truth to authority and those that cower into the corner. The student - Alycia Parker, the target of racial slurs and the wrath of the Administration. The cowerer - Morgan Healy, Student Government President elected by students to protect their rights, to speak out against inequality. Alycia's case provided the backdrop for an exposition of what student leadership and student betrayal truly are.

CSI and Race: A Long History of Inequality

The College of Staten Island (CSI) is certainly no stranger to the use of repressive tactics when it comes to members of the minority community, particularly African-Americans. The forced resignation of Aya Fubara, director of Pluralism and Diversity, who was guilty of asking too many questions provides the first example. Fubara, an intelligent, creative administrator who had an amazing rapport with students, repeatedly requested information and action to increase minority representation in the faculty and student body. She was met with stall tactics from the offices of President Marlene Springer and Vice President Carol Jackson. When Fubara challenged Springer's supposed commitment to diversity, she was immediately shown the door. Critical thinking is a talent which cannot be tolerated within the ranks of a bureaucratic administrative structure which moves at the pace of a wounded dinosaur.

Within the ranks of the faculty, we find the case of ex-Professor Onwuchekwa Jemie. The denial of tenure to Prof. Jemie was the result of the concerted effort of President Marlene Springer, English Department Chair David Falk and top members of the administration Joan Hart-

man and Mirella Affron to block his application for tenure. Despite the recommendations made three scholars in literature, Prof. Jemie's publication of a much acclaimed book on poet Langston Hughes, and his vast knowledge of African-American and global literature, his request for tenure was squashed. This leaves CSI students with an English department which has no representation by Black scholars and no commitment to changing the situation in the near future.

Members of the African-American intellectual community have also met with a variety of repressive measures. The appearance of controversial City College Professor Leonard Jeffries, brought out the worst in the racial bias of the administration. Accused of anti-Semitism, Prof. Jeffries was the focal point of a concerted effort headed by the CUNY Board of Trustees which resulted in

the destruction of the City College Ethnic Studies Department. After allowing Jewish bigot Mordechai Levy, free reign of the campus to carry out violent threats which targeted myself, Prof. Jeffries and several Jewish students, the CSI Administration represented by President Marlene Springer and John Hudacs refused to give Prof. Jeffries access to campus to meet with student leaders. This unconstitutional action precipitated a demonstration which resulted in seven arrests after Springer called in the New York Police Department.

Alycia Parker's case completes the full circle of repression as a student became the target of the administration. After being told that she would

be "better off taking a class in Ebonics" and called a "nigger", Alycia was involved in a fight with a student named Olga Pozzo. The fight comes after an altercation which took place in the Student Government following a pretentious meeting. Joanne Gallo, who was disqualified from the Spring elections for tampering with the opposition's literature by the Student Election Review Committee, physically attacked Student Government Senator Meredith Fogelman who had opposed Gallo in the aforementioned meeting.

The difference in the Administrations pursuit of these two incidents is a useful demonstration in the way in which racial bias manifests itself. While Gallo escaped any punitive actions by the administration, Parker was immediately pursued. She was suspended by Vice President Carol Jackson which resulted in her absence from three weeks of classes. The Student Faculty Disciplinary Committee, a group which has not met in eight years was hastily put together by Jackson's office. The student and faculty representatives on the committee were selected in a secret administrative meeting and the name of the chairperson was not released.

The racial bias in the case is not as simple as the use of bureaucratic mechanisms to punish students. It involves psychological perceptions which inform the rash decisions made in Alycia's case.

When Joanne Gallo, a white student, attacks another student she is "having a bad day" or it's a "one-time incident." When Alycia Parker, an African-American student, fights with a student who calls her a "nigger" she's a "threat to the college community" and "dangerously violent." The association of characteristics based on race is the linchpin which holds the

Voice, exist as permanent entities dedicated to students. Others, specifically the Student Government, are subject to massive yearly changes which can swing the body from activist to reactionary in a single year.

This years Student Government has staked out an entirely new political ground - stagnantly reactive. SG President Morgan Healy has been the forerunner of this newly found ideology. After being named to the Student Faculty Disciplinary Committee and attending one meeting, Healy decided the water was a little to

hot. Prior to the next and deciding meeting of the committee Healy tendered his resignation. Sources in the Administration told the Voice that Healy was motivated by the fear of a lawsuit being pursued against the committee for their undemocratic practices and the potential

backlash that his failure to support Parker would have within the African-American student community. In a few words, the motivating emotion behind his decision were his very bad political sense and cowardice.

When pushed into a corner, Healy has shown a consistent tendency to slink away. This is the most dangerous person

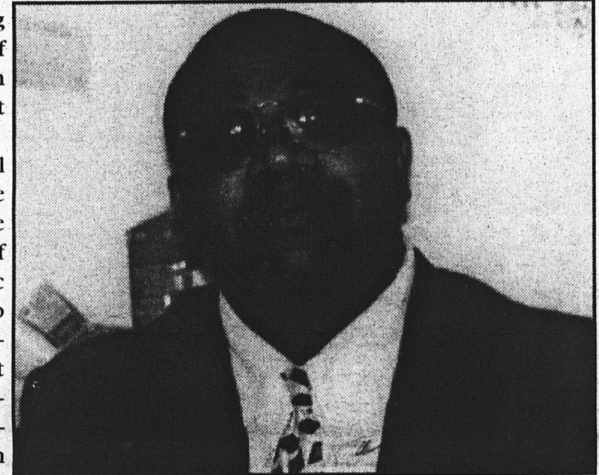
to put into a leadership position, one whose belief in equality and students rights melts at the nearest sign of resistance. It's just so much easier to slink away and profess the need for racial peace, all the while facilitating the continued structure of inequality through inaction.

Thankfully, conflict also breeds leadership and Alycia's case was no exception. College Voice activists quickly developed a strategy for action around Alycia's case. A flyer was created and sev-

eral activists participated in mass leaflettings of the campus. The purpose of this leafletting was to let the students, faculty and workers of CSI know about the proceedings, information which had been kept from them by the CSI Administration. The free flow of information is the most essential part of the most elementary



Student Government President Morgan Healy



Representative of the People George Springer



Aya Fubara ex-Pluralism and Diversity Director



SG Senator Alycia Parker

ideology of racism securely fastened to white Americans consciousness.

Leaders and Cowards - The Purifying Qualities of Conflict

When the administration moves to repress, the institutions dedicated to defending students rights are sprung into action. Some institutions, like the College

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The RepublikKans and the Uptown Klan

BY WILLIAM WHARTON

Awash in their own moral critique of President Bill Clinton, the GOP has a scandal of its own brewing regarding ties to white supremacist groups. The scandal has thus far been submerged under a sea of cigars, "consensual relations" and oral fixation. Oddly enough, considering its track record regarding issues of race, the New York Daily News picked up the story about Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's connections to the Council of Conservative Citizens (CCC) after a December 19 editorial in the Washington Post raised the question of Lott's connections. The CCC is an outgrowth of the White Citizens Councils of the Civil War era which were commonly referred to as the "uptown" Klan.

Juan Gonzalez, staff writer for the Daily News, reported on December 22 that "Lott maintained ties for years with the Council of Conservative Citizens, a little known group dominated by white supremacists." Gonzalez also revealed that when questioned about his ties to the CCC, Lott told reporters that he had "no first hand knowledge" of the group. This denial came despite the fact that, the group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) revealed that, "the Spring 1989 edition of Citizens Informer, the CCC's newsletter, features a photo of Lott with his uncle, who identified as an executive of CCC, and his cousin, whose identified as a CCC member." Furthermore, FAIR disclosed that "In 1997 Lott held a private meeting with CCC leaders in his Washington, D.C. office." A photo of the meeting also appeared in the Citizens Informer.

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The SPLC also reported that the CCC had provided funding in both the campaigning in support of the Confederate Flag and opposition to affirmative action and immigration rights. The CCC has also written extensively in support of the former apartheid government in South Africa.

Immigration and racial inter-marriage are also a key focus of the CCC's analysis. Lead reporter H. Milliard recently wrote that as a result of intermarriage, "what will emerge will just be a slimy brown mass of glop...genocide via the bedroom chamber is just as long-lasting as genocide via the gas chamber." Milliard further described how immigration, "came with propaganda that is calculated to brainwash whites into happily and willingly jumping into the Neo-Melting Pot

have served as an inspiration for the 1995 bombing in Oklahoma City. He also has direct links with the Ulster Defense Association, a right wing paramilitary Protestant group in Northern Ireland.

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FAIR stated that "it's remarkable how little follow-up has been done on the charges made by Barr." While the Washington Post editorial raised the question of Lott and Barr's ties to the CCC in response



Senate majority leader Trent Lott poses with from left to right William D Lord, state coordinator CCC; Tom Dover President CCC; and Gordon L Baum CCC.

international ties for the CCC. The SPLC reported that in September high ranking officials in the CCC took part in a conference with Jean Marie Le Pen, leader of the Fascist National Front.

While the CCC has turned to new forms of organizing, traditional ties to high visibility racist politicians continue. While Lott, the person who equated homosexuals with kleptomaniacs and alcoholics, holds the most powerful position of any CCC sympathizer, the group has a long history of powerful supporters. Not surprisingly this list includes Senator Jesse Helms, Republican from North Carolina and 35 local politicians in 8 states, 20 in the Mississippi legislature alone. The organization also provided support for the political campaigns of former Klansman David Duke. Speaking to the groups South Carolina chapter, Duke reportedly told the group that they must fight for "our very genes."

Clinton Hearings Create and Suppress the Story

What may be most dangerous about this story is the reluctance of the major media sources to provide coverage of it. The story had its origin in the Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearings on December 1. Responding to a statement made by Georgia Republican Barr, Professor Alan Dershowitz stated, "Whenever I hear the word 'real Americans' that sounds to me like a code word for bigotry, a code word for racism and a code word for anti-Semitism." Barr responded to this criti-

to the December 11 press release by FAIR, Juan Gonzalez's December 22 article was the most complete coverage of relationship. This coverage, however was relegated to the Scandal Sheet section of a local newspaper.

The origins and coverage of the relationship between Lott, Barr and the CCC deliver stunning testimony to the effects of the Clinton impeachment hearings. This story cuts to the root of a Republican ideology which has attempted to mainstream itself through campaigns like the 1994 Contract with America and talk shows like the Rush Limbaugh Show. The Clinton impeachment hearings have manufactured the perception that any anti-Republican story is merely propaganda in the Clinton defense campaign. This notion is not entirely without truth and reveals the pernicious nature of the relationship between the Democratic and Republican parties.

The dates regarding Lott's connection with the CCC are crucial in order to unlock the manner in which the two parties relate to one another. Lott's appearance on the cover of the Citizens Informer took place in 1989. That means that for more than 10 years the SPLC, FAIR and the Democratic Party did not deem this story worthy enough to present to the public. Only an attack on the President has created a disturbance in the unity between the parties. This unity has served to keep the dirty secrets of both parties under wraps, each fearing the repercussions of releasing information to the public. This is the latest in a long line of stories which reveal the manner in which two party Democracy serves as a mechanism to deceive the majority of citizens in this country.

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Kirk Fordice, and Alabama Republican Governor Guy Hunt have close connections to the CCC. While Juan Gonzalez termed the CCC a "little known group" researchers at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) are intimately familiar with the organization.

The Uptown Klan Keeps the Southern Dream Alive

According to the report "Sharks in the Mainstream," released by the SPLC in December, the CCC was formed in 1985 and claims 15,000 dues paying members. The main area of CCC influence is centered in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, while there are also members in New York and California.

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Recruiting Uptown Racists

While the CCC has been a haven for hard-line "Return to the Glory of the Confederacy" members, it has recently taken a turn towards disenchanted youth. This turn has produced a two prong strategy for the organization. While it continues to recruit high visibility figures like Trent Lott, the CCC has brought in organizers who specialize in organizing right wing youth.

Mark Cotterill, also known as Mark Cerr, has already recruited 100 youth to the new CCC youth organization. Cotterill is originally from Britain and has connections with William Pierce, author of the Turner Diaries, a book which is said to

Who's Doing Who?

BY DRASTIC SOLUTION

The current political crisis which culminated in the impeachment of the President has been commented on by all. The various perspectives range from arguments pro and against impeachment, the eulogizing of the American system which works for anyone, the moralizing pronouncements made about the President's affair, the cynical and numb dismissal of the acts or the racialization of the issue by the Democrats in search of popular support and the finger-pointing of conservatives for a political coup against Clinton.

Is there any other way one can think about the situation which does not repeat any of these many alternative choices? Maybe.

A couple of months ago, Wall Street was in crisis; the Dow had plunged a few hundred points and prospects seemed bleak. Our own CSI professors thought that the situation was serious and said that it was maybe the future of the American system

outlined the dangers, and faulted the Asian syndrome, the small investors, the internet investors, and only God knows what else. The media conveyed the anxiety of those whose money was in jeopardy to all of us. They insisted that through 401K's and other health insurance and small investments we were all in it together.

A few weeks later, the stock market bounced back, and how! We are now told that the prospects are not as gloomy, and that the economy might even catch up with Wall Street.

Ever since the Lewinsky affair has become public, pundits have explained, commented, argued that the foundations of our republic were at stake. Everyone liked to say that this was a first. The political consequences of the impeachment process were going to be deep and critical. Yet, most Americans continued not to care that much. And interestingly enough, we can afford not to care. We realize that Clinton's removal will not have as much of an impact as the collapse of the stock market. Does t h i s m e a n anything to anyone?

Well, let's just say that t h e i d e a — v e r y

popular among pundits—that Americans are not sophisticated enough to understand what's important and what's not

really so. Politics seems to not be an important thing, despite the insistent claims of those whose life revolve around politics. What? The College Voice finally admitting that politics don't matter? Well,



yes.

The impeachment trial of the United States President offered us a tangible proof that the politics we see are not really fundamental to the American way of life. It is possible to believe that whether Clinton or anyone else for that matter, as long as the economy—meaning rich people's money—is healthy, there is no real crisis. Conservatives and Democrats are making a big fuss out of Clinton's illegal behavior, but we all know that it is the interests of their lobbyists that are generating a lot of this. Clinton has been good to a great number of businesses while using his attack on the tobacco industry as a smoke-screen. All members of his cabinet are known for their connections to big business, some of them have worked for the conservatives. Yes there is competi-

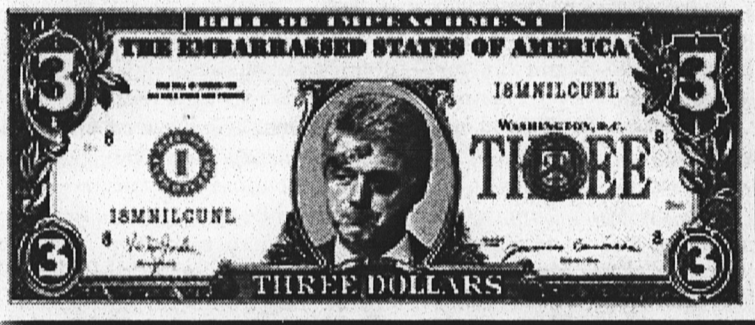
tion, we see it with the Microsoft trial which makes MSNBC the most ardent opponent of the Clinton administration.

But in fact, what is important is the way both liberals and conservatives are paid—through campaign contributions, kick-backs and the rest. They actually work for the big businesses, they are only actors whose scripts are written by the real force in American life: economics.

To say this, might make the difference between a Duke and a Gore totally irrelevant. Well, be it. Clinton is nothing but a smart kid who looks good on TV. He got enough fellowships, awards, and stuff, that he had ample time to memorize his script. The way the conservatives were on Clinton's

case we started to feel sorry for the guy. But thank God for Iraq. We were quickly reminded of the real important things in life: national interest. Oil. It is our national interest to protect the oil-rich Gulf states so that their non-democratic rule may allow us to pump their oil. But, when I say "us" is it really true that we all benefit from the bombing of Iraq in the same sense. Don't oil-companies have a higher stake than you and I? Don't they lobby the president with more force?

What I wanted to say in writing this article is that it is not just the economy stupid. It is how economic interest creates politics to maintain itself in power. Politics is just a front.



was at stake. On the television, thousands of commentators explained the plunged,

Carolina Community

Celebrates

Racist Southern Heritage Parade

BY TARA L. MARTIN

People from all over the Southeast attended a racist Southern heritage parade in The Neck, a predominantly White backwoods community within Florence County, South Carolina. Tagged as a Christmas Eve parade and revered as "a country Mardi Gras", citizens come from miles to around to partake in the festivities. "It's been going on for as long as I can remember, at least twenty years, and it gets bigger every year", says Will Evans, a twenty two year old resident of The Neck. Evans, along with five hundred other spectators, revered within the festivities by partaking in several "redneck" floats themed as "Neck Fish", "Neck Fire Department", and "Neck Drunks". This parade is reminiscent of the annual Halloween Parade in Broad Channel, Brooklyn. All of these non-traditional floats depicted this community's "unique" culture. Members of the political establishment, such as the mayor, got into the spirit of this openly racist dis-

play by riding on the flatbed of a pickup truck, decorated in Confederate flags, donning signs saying that "The South Shall Rise Again".

Citizens held a contest to award one Neck female, Katie Coe, the "coveted" honor of being coronated "Miss Neck 1998". She rode in the adjoining float with an intoxicated sixteen year old boy, screaming derogatory racial slurs and stating that "we need money. This parade helps the young rednecks of The Neck go to college. In The Neck, we give a deer-hunting scholarship every season to a young redneck."

As seen through the eyes of the "redneck" citizens, the parade is just the beginning of an all-night party that gives residents a chance to have fun and catch up with old friends."

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Wanted

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GOING TO SCHOOL? NEED HELP? DON'T ASK RUDY!

BY A STUDENT OF THE SHIHAN RENSHI

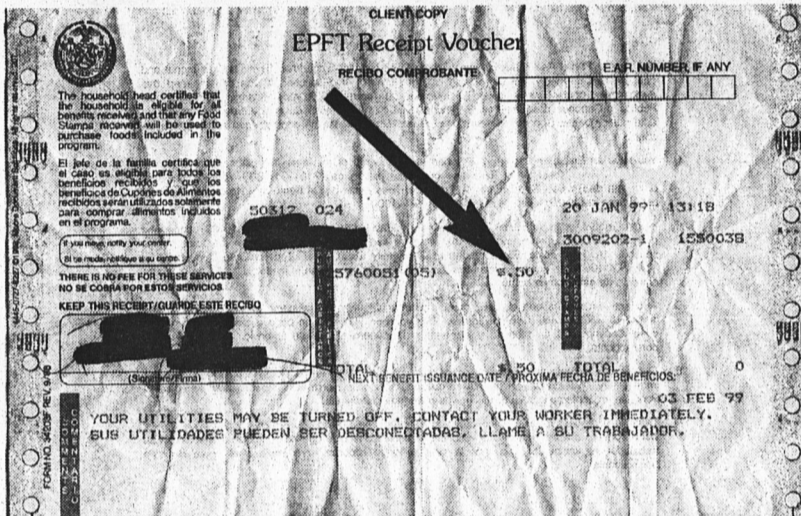
In Rudy's insatiable quest for higher office hundreds of thousands of people in need have been given less than the accompanying welfare receipt gives to me. They have, for the flimsiest of reasons, removed people from receiving benefits without giving them the ability to help themselves rise out of the cycle of poverty.

Apologists for the draconian "welfare reform" laws love to cite the old saw about giving a needy person a fish being a waste of money while teaching that person to fish is the right way to go. They do have a point, provided that the person in

need is capable of fishing. Thinking of myself as capable of learning and also being in need, I chose to break the cycle of poverty that I had fallen into for almost ten years.

I am a recovering alcoholic who has not drank since 1984. I also had a full-fledged heroin habit that was so harsh I was "advised" by this city to enroll in a methadone program. I did and was counseled into thinking of methadone as something akin to taking insulin. They really encouraged people to participate in these programs back then and they were free.

When they began to charge me, in effect making the state into a drug pusher, I detoxed. Those who have been smart or lucky enough never to have had to kick a heroin or methadone habit can't really understand what I'm talking about. Kick-



ing heroin is painful, kicking methadone is hellfully painful. I would much rather kick ten heroin habits than one methadone habit.

If it's so painful, one may reasonably ask, why did I return to the methadone program? I was "strongly advised" by the judge I had the misfortune to appear before to get back on it. His reason? I had maintained a steady, sober, taxpaying lifestyle while I was on it. Not only did I return to a program, I had lost my job, followed by my apartment, "friends" and joined the people of this city who spend

the better part of their day trying to find the bare necessities of life. The rest of the time I spent alienated from a society that passes you by quickly as if it perceives you to be something less than human.

Now look at you the way Rudy does. These are people who must have done something different to deserve their condition.

To not make this a biography I'll relate to you the fishing lesson I've received from Rudy Giuliani and company. I applied to VESID, a state Dept. of Labor facility that tests your abilities to learn skills leading to employment. It's a laudable program and so I chose to try to go to CSI, get a BA in History and take the required classes that would result in my becoming a high school history teacher. My welfare check paid me \$154 twice a month to live on. \$77 a week for rent, utilities, and clothing.

Next came the Work Experience Program (WEP), Rudy's decision to use welfare recipients as laborers. I was to work thirty hours per week for \$77. That's about \$2.60 per hour. I began working at CSI. When I submitted my pay stubs I was soon sent a letter that "...due to your income", about \$55 per week until the end of semester, my new benefits would be the amount you see on the receipt, .50 cents!

I could write a book length story on what I've witnessed. Not only what was done to me but to others, while reporting to either WEP on 16th street, or the Human Resources Administration (HRA)

center on Bay St. It is now officially called a "Work Center." However, they never help anyone find work at a livable wage. These "work centers" throw roadblock after roadblock at those who have the ability to get the education in order to obtain more than marginal temporary employment.

I'm in my last year here at CSI and I'm still on a methadone program but I am going to detox over the summer. My GPA is over 3.8 while in my major, history, it is 4.0. This, despite the Rudy Giuliani's of our city who play to the crowd, spouting pearls of sound bites like teaching the needy to fish. Don't try to ask these people for the pole to fish with or have thoughts of buying your own. After all, you'll need that .50 cents for your rent, utilities and clothes.

Please don't waste your time empathizing with me. I've survived on the streets and off the land for over 35 years. Feel instead, for those who are trying to raise children while both parents are out of the home trying to make the rent. Feel for those of us who never received any job related skills from Rudy's schools. Feel for those who have problems so deep set that they are unable to do, even if they found, work. Feel for your brothers and sisters incarcerated on petty charges while the real thieves in this country blame the victims for being victims. These parasites on society contribute nothing more than perhaps making work for servants, while underpaying and refusing to pay taxes or social security for their makers of their beds.

Mystery Man Says: No Cops in Schools!

The Board of Education and the Giuliani administration have agreed to let the New York City Police Department into New York Public Schools to reduce violence, but it will eventually lead to more violence between the cop and the student who has a minor problem. Over the Christmas holidays, when students and faculty are off, the police department will train school security guards in handling problems inside the schools. Giuliani is a jackass for letting his thugs go into the schools. Students learning the three R's and the department's history of brutality do not mix. Parents, students, fac-



ulty, city council members, community activists and leaders were outraged at this stupid idea. This is the latest step in Giuliani's dreamlike police state which seeks to make the city look like a prison from the inside out and Rudy Crew just goes along with this jackass.

Students in public schools will be the victims of Giuliani's strict Fascist dictatorship and will be under the scope of guards who have been turned into cops, patrolling the hallways. We should fire the entire Board of Education and get rid of Rudy Crew who has failed to get schools who are below average academically going. Giuliani is responsible for cutting off aid to schools that are falling apart with failing grades from K to 12 and lack proper textbooks. He has threatened city council members with blackmail and has abused his power far more than the President of the United States

of America. This proposal of cops in schools has gone too far. Ramon Cortines was a better chancellor than Crew because he knew the problems and fixed them, but the asshole didn't give him enough credit after he became mayor. Cortines was run out of town for good because of too much criticism from City Hall from our iron fisted ruler. The City of New York should stand up to the mayor and say enough is enough. Tell your elected city council representatives to vote



for Giuliani's impeachment. The man who will head the department of school security is Assistant Chief James Lawrence of the NYPD and the police takeover will begin on January 4th. I urge every student in the public schools to walkout and protest this policy to the fullest extent until this wretched policy is abandoned forever. No Justice, No Peace, No Justice, No Peace, NYPD go away, and fuck the police.

Justice for all victims of police brutality and impeach the Fascist mayor. Let's clean up the scums of the earth.

Millions For Mumia

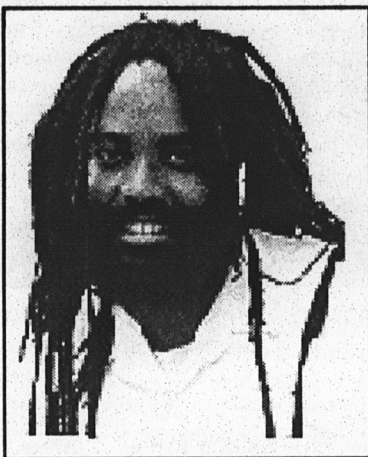
March For Freedom April 24th

Over the winter break, activists in the College Voice spent time studying revolutionaries of the past such as Nat Turner, Malcolm X and the Black Panther Party. In doing so, we came to the realization that although it is crucial that we understand the actions of those that have come before us, we also have our own battles to fight. One such battle, perhaps the most important one, is the struggle to defend the life of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. Mumia is not a political prisoner, he is OUR political prisoner. Fighting to win his freedom, is the responsibility of our new generation of revolutionaries and we cannot fail him.

Beginning as a teenager in Philadelphia, Mumia joined and assumed leadership in the Black Panther Party. Serving as Minister of Information, he spread the party's message of revolutionary justice for the masses. Land, bread, housing and justice was the cry of these militants and their demands have a resonance that exists even to this day. While Mumia carried out the work of the people, the government began their surveillance of him as part of

the Counter Intelligence program run by the Federal Bureau of Investigation against the Panthers.

Despite the breakup of the party, many of the activists in the party continued to participate in community organizing efforts. For Mumia this meant working with the MOVE community as well as his award winning journalistic efforts focused on uncovering the illegal actions and brutality of the Philadelphia police force. As a freelance journalist and radio announcer, Mumia became well known as a "voice of the voiceless" and a ferocious critic of the Philadelphia police force. After his show gained widespread appeal, police groups like the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of the Police applied enough pressure on politicians to get his radio



Political Prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal

show canceled.

As a result of this, Mumia was forced to take a second job as a cab driver. Driving a cab brought him into contact with new sets of oppressive relations which forced him to arm himself for his own protection. While driving his cab one night, Mumia viewed his brother being beaten by two Philadelphia police officers. After coming to his brothers assistance he woke up on the ground with a bullet hole in his chest and a dead police officer at his side. After being abused by the police in his hospital bed, Mumia would be forced to face a judicial system just as vicious towards people of color as any Philadelphia cop.

The "hanging judge" Albert Sabo pre-

pared the gallows for Mumia. Despite rampant inconsistencies in his case including the fact that the gun he had was a .38 caliber while the gun that the officer was shot with was proven to be a .44 caliber, Mumia was convicted and sent to death row. On death row, Mumia's accusers fell one by one. Two witnesses came forward and claimed they were coerced into testifying against Mumia by the police. A new trial was the least that could be expected.

Instead, Mumia's appeal for a re-trial was denied and ultra-Conservative Governor Thomas Ridge is prepared to sign his death warrant. The only thing that stands between Mumia and his death are the

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masses of people who are willing to sacrifice themselves in the struggle for justice. Together we stand for the principles of democracy, justice and equality and regardless of the power of those trying to keep these things from us we will be victorious. All out for Mumia April 24!

20/20, ONLY SEES THE RIGHT WING SIDE

BY IMAN EL-SAYED

On December 9th, ABC-TV's 20/20 (better 20/200) aired an episode on the case of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. It was the most one sided, carefully edited piece of deadly propaganda ever made. It serves to fill this racist capitalist government with more innocent blood on their hands. Mumia was portrayed as a cold blooded killer who has lied to his supporters. Everyone who supports him are either idiots or just young radical crazies. The airing of this one-sided show makes the effort to free Mumia much more difficult. Now people will say, "Oh I'm not supporting that cop killer. Yeah I saw him on 20/20," hearing only the racist side.

This program was timed to air on the anniversary of the death of Daniel Faulkner the cop Mumia was accused of killing in 1981. Sam Donaldson, who acted as the Grand Wizard of the proceedings, said 20/20 had investigated this case for four months. It seemed like he just called Faulkner's wife Maureen, the Philly District Attorney Joseph McGill and other officers, talked to each one for 15 to 20 minutes wrote down what each said, video taped them a little and aired this biased show. Even if they did investigate for four months they had just listened to one side of the story. Here are just a few

corrections that Sam and his good old boys left out:

* Donaldson had cited the three eyewitnesses who supposedly saw Mumia shoot Faulkner. Only one claimed they saw Mumia with a gun in his hand and that was the prostitute who repeatedly changed her story in response to police bribery, coercion and threats. The truth is, at least five witnesses from five different vantage points told police that they saw a black man flee the scene, including one who identified this fleeing black man as the shooter. Obviously, this could not have been Mumia because he was lying on the floor bleeding badly after being shot in the chest by Faulkner.

Another thing that Donaldson, and everyone else who wants Mumia dead, point to is the "hospital confession" which was added to the case after two months and was allowed, they say, because the officer who heard the confession had forgot it and then finally remembered it after two months. What kind of fools do they think we are? They discount the fact that an officer on the scene of the shooting claimed in a report that the "black male made no comment."

*Donaldson dismissed out of hand the medical examiner's report that Faulkner

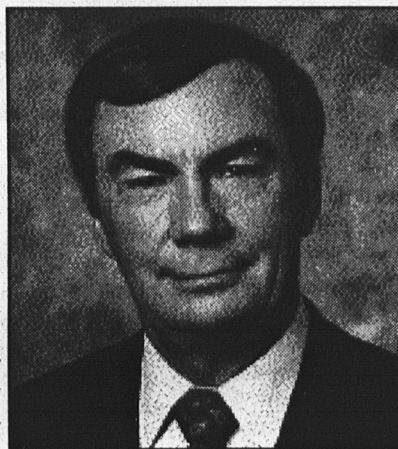
was shot with a .44 caliber, while Jamal's registered gun was a .38 caliber. In fact, there is no evidence that Mumia's gun was even fired. Mumia should be released just on the account that the cops didn't check if his gun was fired or not.

The main attraction of this show was the heart broken widow and the superhero Joseph McGill who sent Jamal to prison in 1982. Just the fact that McGill was the center piece of this show how poorly this investigation was conducted. What they left out was that McGill once secured a murder conviction by waving a shotgun in the courtroom claiming it was the murder weapon. 12 years later, the person who McGill locked up was released when it came out that the coroner's report showed that the victim was stabbed not shot.

The only honest thing that Donaldson said was that Mumia refused to be interviewed because of the lockout of the

NABET workers. What Sam conveniently left out was that Mumia said "I'd rather face death than cross that picketline" and that he would rather be on the strikers side than the side of the millionaires. This shows Mumia's courage and how he will support other people who are victims of this capitalist society even if it means not airing his side of the story and letting people know what really happened that night of December 9, 1981.

What Mumia and all the supporters of Mumia want to tell people is that even the airing of this show won't effect the truth. MUMIA ABU-JAMAL is INNOCENT and he should be freed and we urge everyone to support Mumia by showing up at the big rally on April 24 in Philadelphia. If we all show up and show support not just for Mumia but for everyone being oppressed we can help make a change so please try to show up and for more information just contact the College Voice at 1C room 230.



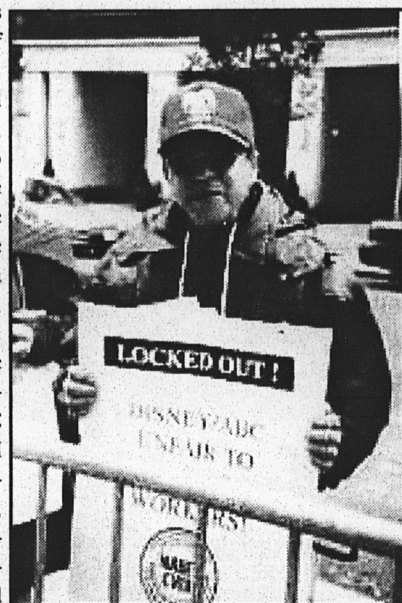
Nasty Sam Donaldson

ABC Workers Back on the Job

BY RENEE MARHONG

ABC Inc., the national broadcasting subsidiary of Walt Disney Co., decided to lock out 2,700 National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians and Communication Workers of America (NABET-CWA) union employees who decided to walk off their jobs November 2, 1998. The strike involved employees in New York, San Francisco, Chicago and Washington. The workers actions were due to the fact that they have been working without a contract since May 31, 1997.

The labor dispute affects network programming as well as WABC television and WPLJ-FM radio. The union represents camera operators, desk assistants, technicians, telecommunications personnel, and couriers. Among the programs that are hurt are "Regis and Kathie Lee" and the highest rated sports program on televi-



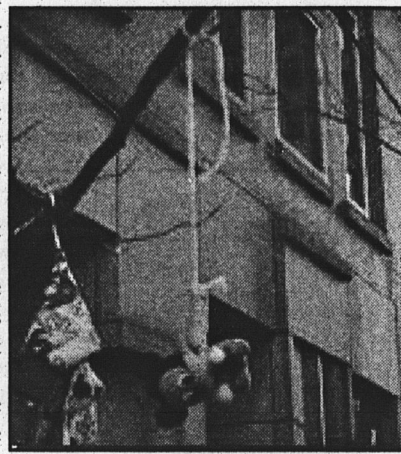
sion, "Monday Night Football". These workers also help bring you and your family programs like Wide World of Sports, The View, Port Charles, All My Children, One Life to Live, General Hospital, World News Tonight, 20/20, Eyewitness News and Nightline. With replacement workers ABC is destroying itself with "black holes, audio bloopers, and other embarrassing flaws", Tom Donahue the union spokesman said. The two year negotiations started over ABC's refusal to share details of "Disney Select" health plan with employees. ABC management wants the union to join the plan. However, management has not told the union important details such as the price to visit a plan doctor. Union employees need information like this to evaluate their health plan. Disney has

given the locked out employees only one choice, the workers must accept Disney's health plan or lose their jobs.

ABC's response to the strike was a lock-out which union leader Tom Donahue ruled illegal. He said the union would not provide ABC with the assurances it wants, so the lockout will continue. "Pursuing the legal front was only one aspect of this dispute," he said. "The central objective has been and will remain securing a fair contract for our workers".

The strike was not only limited to the front of ABC studios but strikers were out as ABC covered the Kentucky Derby and PGA Golf Tournament. Union members

were reported leafletting and protesting. Also many celebrities including Vice President Al Gore, Adam Sandler, Tony Bennet and Whoppi Goldberg have refused to appear on ABC shows.



Mickey Mouse hangs in effigy at the picket line

Jeffery Ruthizer, a union representative noted that on December 11 1998, the locked out workers presented NABET with a proposal plan, which they received no response to. Again on December 18, 1998 the employees presented a "return to work package". After almost a month the finally received a response on January 6, 1999. NABET-CWA and the locked out employees have concurred that they will hold a negotiations meeting in hopes that ABC will offer them a fair contract and stop their wrongful practices. Hope and direct action are however, two entirely different things

Sins Of The Father Rev. Lyons, Bernice Edwards and the Holy Ghost

BY TARA L. MARTIN

The Bible is filled with men falsely accused and persecuted, and the Rev. Henry Lyons, minister of St. Petersburg Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church and the head of the powerful National Baptist Convention, USA, says that he is one of them. Lyons, currently faces 56 federal charges including extortion, bank fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering.

Many board members of National Baptist Convention have forgiven him for the adulterous affair with his staffer, Bernice Edwards, but after these events, they are calling for his resignation. "At this point, if Dr. Lyons had any love left for himself and the National Baptist Convention, he would step down," insisted the Rev. Charles Kenyatta of New York.

Lyons and his mistress have both been charged with taking more than \$1 million dollars actually intended for the Convention and placed it into a secret account in Wisconsin, where some of the funds were used for personal purchases. Lyons misdeeds became public after his wife, Deborah, set fire to a \$700,000 home believed to be purchased with church funds. He was on a "mission trip" with Edwards at the time of the arson. The luxury home that Lyons purchased with Edwards may have been paid for with funds from Raymond L. Loewen, head of the world's second-largest funeral company, the Canadian-based Loewen Group. Lyons reportedly claimed to represent more than eight million black Baptists, and offered to help market funeral services to members of his denomination in exchange for a 33% commission to be paid to the church. Lyons, 56, allegedly swindled Loewen out of \$2 million, and used it to support a luxurious lifestyle, rather than to market funeral services to black families. Prosecutors say Lyons also

pocketed funds donated by Loewen for a "Christian Education Fund".

Lyons exaggerated convention membership, putting it at 8.5 million rather than the more likely 500,000, then selling companies the inflated mailing lists. Globe Life and Accident Insurance Co., for example, received a list that included an Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. Meanwhile, after the 1996 church burnings, the National Urban League and the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith gave Lyons and the convention \$244,500 for rebuilding. Only \$30,000 made it to the churches; the rest went to Lyons and Edwards. Edwards faces 25 counts of fraud, tax evasion, conspiracy, and money laundering. Church employee Brenda Harris has also been charged with eight counts in connection with the case.

State prosecutors in Florida have thoroughly examined Lyons' bank records and financial dealings. These documents contained information that there was a connection between Lyons and another woman — Earlene Battle of Jacksonville — who claimed Lyons seduced her and abused her verbally and physically after they became romantically involved in the late 1980s. The records obtained showed that Lyons or organizations affiliated with him paid her \$1,700 in the months after she threatened legal action. The Rev. Alvin Miller, Bethel's associate pastor, refuses to share the Bethel pulpit with Lyons. "When you've done wrong, the Lord is going to forgive you, but if you get caught taking cookies out of the jar, you've still got to suffer the consequences."

Controversial Lawyer Advises North Carolina NAACP Branch

BY TARA L. MARTIN

The North Carolina NAACP is taking steps to distance themselves from a shuttered local chapter seeking legal advice from an attorney who has connections to right-wing and Southern heritage groups, the state chairman said recently. Asheville branch president, H.K. Edgerton stated in a news release that the chapter was requesting the help of the Southern Legal Resource Center to mount a legal challenge against the city's Fair Housing Plan.

The attorney in question and leader of this group, Kirk Lyons is the founder of the now-defunct CAUSE Foundation, which has been described as a civil rights organization for right-wing activists, specializes in litigation involving Southern heritage issues. He has received attention for defending clients such as Louis Beam, the former Texas Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan. He also defended Douglas Sheets, a former White Patriot Party associate, who was acquitted of killing three men in a local North Carolina adult book store frequented by homosexuals.

Chairman of the North Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Melvin Alston, referred to Edgerton as "... a loose cannon". Money problems have

shut down the Asheville chapter. Alston stated that he was dispatching a state official to Asheville to remind Edgerton the chapter was no longer in business. "Any lawsuit by a local chapter of the NAACP must be approved by the state office," he said. "We need to make sure that our name is not connected with this," Alston stated in a telephone interview from Greensboro. "He does not represented the NAACP." Edgerton has said financial troubles forced him to close the local office in August and pull out the telephones. No telephone listing was available for the local branch. A message left at the building where the NAACP office was located was not returned.

Lyons defended the alliance between his organization and the local NAACP branch. "It's not a strange marriage at all," he said. "If you believe all the propaganda people are writing about me, I suppose you would think that we're incongruous. But, if you take away all the prejudice, it's not strange at all." Lyons has defended Tony Strickland of Hendersonville, NC, who was beaten by the police when both the American Civil Liberties Union and the NAACP declined to assist him.

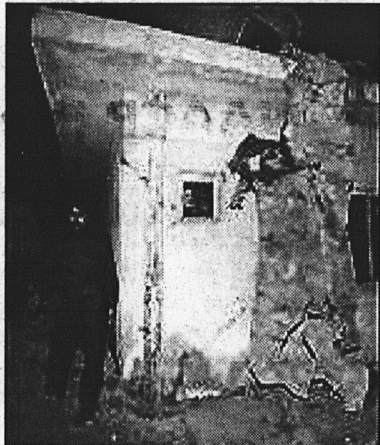
U.S IMPERIALISM STRIKES AGAIN

BY IMAN EL-SAYED

U.S. imperialism has struck again further asserting its dominance over Iraq and control over the world's most important oil producing region. This December's bombing of Iraq has shown the governments total disregard for human life and its goal of ruling and having power over all of humanity to ensure huge amounts of profits no matter what the cost is and whose lives are being taken for it. The history of the United States shows that all it ever cared about was expanding its power and control over the world. Take a look at domestic examples like the Native Americans or African Americans. Arabs are the next victim of this genocidal history and this has been particularly true since the creation of the state of Israel and the "success" of the Gulf War.

AFTER THE GULF WAR

The Gulf War brought U.S. President George Bush's murderous "New World Order" to Iraq and caused the massive destruction of infrastructure - water purification facilities, electricity plants, pharmaceutical companies - and the loss of thousands of lives. After this, the Iraqi people should have had the right to get back on their feet and live their life again. Instead, the U.S., using their puppet the United Nations (UN), put up an economic embargo - one of the worst weapons of mass destruction ever created.



Bombed out Ministry of Social Affairs

This embargo was a war in and of itself for the Iraqi people. 1.7 million people have died since the 1991 Gulf War and still die at a rate of 250 per day. Most of these casualties are children. 40,000 kids under the age of five die yearly from basic diseases that can be simply cured with proper care and over 50,000 people over the age of five die yearly from slightly sophisticated diseases and illness like childhood leukemia. An Iraqi doctor told the media that if he had access to any normal pharmacy in US he could cut the childhood death rate in half.

U.N. SANCTIONS

The sanctions on the people of Iraq are probably one of the worst and heartless things this government has done. They are preventing Iraq, a country which has the third largest supply of oil, from selling its oil on the world market. Ever since the sanctions were imposed on Iraq the whole economy has collapsed and the value of life in Iraq is now crushed. The living conditions in Iraq have become very bad, people who were once strong and healthy are now homeless and starving. Begging, prostitution and crime have risen tremendously.

The sanctions, combined with the damage inflicted during the Gulf War, have caused breakdowns in sanitation, inadequate diets and a dangerous internal health situation. The medical care in Iraq has been decimated. There is no proper lighting, heating or medical supplies. Almost all the hospitals in Iraq have leaking sewage pipes, no working toilets, shortages of anesthetics and surgical materials. Since the medical care is so bad the UN has reported that 1.7 million people have died since the Gulf War. Infection rates have risen from 5% to 25%-30% on regular wounds, there are shortages of dressings, burn ointment and antibiotics.

40,000 children under the age five die yearly from Diarrhea, Pneumonia, Malnutrition while over 50,000 kids die yearly from Heart diseases, Cancer, Liver and Kidney problems. Before the sanctions, childhood cancer attained a 80% survival rate but now without the right care and medical supplies the survival rate of these same cancers is 0%. According to UNICEF

(the United Nations Children Fund), the infant mortality rate has risen from 25 per 1000 births, to 92 per 1000 births. In comparison, the infant mortality rate in the US is 8.4 deaths per 1000 births.

Hospitals that used to do about 60 x-ray examinations a day are now restricted to 8. Out of 1500 asthma patients registered each month, only 50 can get inhalers. All of these problems exists because of the sanctions. As the US government is in the grips of

what Republicans call the great moral crisis of the presidency, the blood of hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi children stains their hands. What is the real moral crisis in Washington, the one seen or unseen?

The sanctions haven't been confined to medical but have taken a damaging tool on working people in Iraq. Average wages (for the few who are lucky to have jobs) have fallen to less than \$5 a month, while products prices soar. This is a real big problem for Iraqi families because 80% of their income is spent on food. An average monthly salary of 5000 dinnars buys only 2 chickens. UNICEF estimates that 4 million people live in extreme poverty. Children have no choice but to stop going to school and try and find a job to get money to help feed their family. Attendance of students in primary schools has fallen and it's not only the children who have to leave schools but also teachers and doctors and other important professionals who must quit their studies or get another job to keep up with daily price increases on food.

There is much talk about the generosity of the UN "Oil for Food" resolution but out

of the 120 million barrels of oil exported, Iraq received only 29% of the food expected under the deal. Of the 2 Billion in Iraqi oil sold under the plan 30% is for war reparations, 5%-10% covers pipeline maintenance and repair, and 15% is for humanitarian supplies for Northern Iraq. Only about 800,000 has been made available in Central and Southern Iraq for food and medicine which amounts to approximately 25 cents per person a day. As we can see, all these programs and resolution are nothing more than public relations campaigns, they are made for the people outside of Iraq to see how good, helpful and generous the UN and the US are when in fact the UN is just another one of America's subjects. It does what America says and works for America's benefit in spying for it and giving false reports, thereby giving the legal cover of a supposed humanitarian organization so the US can carry out its terrorism.

DESERT FOX

Desert Fox had nothing to do with UN violations, except for Human Rights viola-

write the report before submitting it to the U.N Security Council to make it look good and like the Iraqi's violated every single law.

Iraq had been deliberately provoked many times by the U.N. inspectors. They wanted to check ridiculous sights, for example: they demanded access to the Ba'ath party political headquarters, inspectors entered a kindergarten frightening the kids while searching the school and they demanded access to Iraqi buildings even though intelligence reports already said they were empty and nothing was found.

Throughout Desert Fox, the U.S had said that it was only bombing military sights which were relevant to the con-

struction of biological and chemical weapons. If this is true, why is it that thousands of civilians are dead and wounded? Let's take a look at some of the sights which were bombed:

-Most government owned factories

-Qurnah hospital in Basra

-a cotton factory in Baghdad- the main supplier of cotton and bandages to Iraqi hospitals.

-an oil refinery in Basra

- a communications center in Basra

- a n agricultural school in Basra

severely damaged the water purification facilities which supplies clean water to 300,000 civilians in Baghdad.

-a grain storage building in Salahiddin

These places are regular civilian sights that provide aid and food storage. With results like this, it appears as though the U.S is carrying out a war against the normal everyday people not Saddam Hussien like they say they are. The U.S shows its international double-standard by always accusing Iraq of violating the U.N resolu-



College Voice activists and community members march in protest against bombing of Iraq

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tion which the U.S seems to be proud of carrying out against the thousands dead, starving and homeless. The U.S spin masters lied and said the cause of the bombing had to do with Saddam Hussien violating the U.N resolution by not allowing the U.N to check for weapons of mass destruction. In fact, Iraq did provide access to inspectors and did not violate the U.N resolution. Richard Butler's, the leader of UNSCUM, report is what the U.S government used as its rationale for the bombing. In fact, Butler had conferred with the Clinton administrators on how to

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THE COLLEGE VOICE

WHO WE ARE

The College Voice (CV) is a publication committed to the interests of working people. The working class is composed of all those people who own nothing but their ability to perform manual or mental labor and are forced to sell it for a wage. As students at CUNY, we recognize that we are a part of the multi-racial, multi-national working class of New York City. The severe attacks that CUNY has undergone are mirrored by the endless assaults on the jobs, wages and living standards of working people, as well as by the attacks on trade union, democratic and civil rights.

We oppose the poisonous divisions fostered on the basis of race by the bosses, who make black and white workers fight each other for the crumbs off their table...even though it is the workers who produce all the wealth.

We oppose the systematic attempts to reduce women to a defined "feminine" status, that serves to legitimize the special oppression they face as women and the additional exploitation they undergo as workers.

We oppose the vicious attacks on immigrant workers, who are the most vulnerable victims of the bosses job market, and who are thus used to drive all workers wages down.

We oppose every form of bigotry, on principle, as unbefitting our species and recognize that the fight for human liberation will be achieved only in the course of combatting these divisions.

We oppose the use of the environment as a source of short-term profit and plunder by the ruling rich regardless of the consequences for the majority of the world's population.

The CV recognizes that it is the capitalist system, based upon the private ownership of the means of producing the wealth, that is fundamentally responsible for the fantastic hardship and misery that the vast majority of our species undergoes across the globe...in the midst of plenty.

The CV recognizes that this contradiction, far from being some "natural" condition, is one maintained by the armed power of the capitalist state (army, cops and courts) and ideological apparatus (media, church and schools) of the capitalist class that insures the domination of the few over the many; of the bosses, who produce nothing and appropriate everything over the workers, who produce everything but appropriate nothing.

The CV recognizes the possibility and the burning necessity for creating a society in which the productive forces are democratically organized through the cooperative association of workers and production is based on human needs instead of private profits in harmony with the environment.

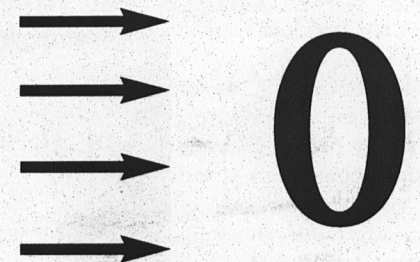
The CV recognizes the necessity for creating a revolutionary party of the working class, based upon a program of militant mass action and class struggle politics, that will organize internationally against world capitalism and its multi- and transnational corporations and fight for a socialist revolution against them.

The CV seeks to engage all those who are committed to fighting exploitation and oppression in common action against the common enemy...capitalism.

Letters to Editor

English Dept. Update!

Number of African and
African-American Professors
with Tenure



To The College of Staten Island Community,

My name is Joseph Mario Jean Louis. I am a Haitian student with a disability referred to as legal blindness. I would like to tell you about a news story which is true, I know that it is true because I have lived this story.

Last semester a professor from the English department by the name of Professor Daniel Fuchs said to my mother and I on the phone, "Is this the blind man, I would like to speak to the Blind student." I took the telephone from my mother and he said to me, "Is this the blind student?" I said, "Yes I am blind." Fuchs then told me, "I don't want you in my class because you are blind. You cannot do my work. I don't want you in my class because you are blind and you are black."

I spoke to Dr. Audrey Glenn about this matter because she is the head of the Students with Disabilities Department at CSI. Instead of being sensitive to both issues, my disability and my race, she was sensitive to the fact that I was legally blind but was not sensitive to the racial discrimination I faced. Instead she said, "I can't understand why black people are so angry over the kinky hair issue, because that book was written by a black woman." The reason that people are angry is that the book which a certain teacher was reading to the black students was insulting.

In the Office of Students with Disabilities, they are more prone to take care of students needs who are white then black.

They attempted to play head games with me in terms of providing me with a reader who is patient, polite, responsible and soft-spoken. I require a reader to read my textbook material to me. That person would also help me write and type my term papers and essays. That person would proof read my material for me before I submitted it to the professor. This reader must be provided by law, under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Chancellors Regulations for the City University of New York system.

Instead, the Office of Students with Disabilities chose not to assist me appropriately because I am black and handicapped. Even the counselor for the disabled, a woman by the name of Mary Murphy, became insensitive to my needs as a black person with a disability.

I want to tell all of you that a black person with a disability has to deal with the racial problem combined with the disability problem. This is as opposed to a white person who is legally blind that only has to deal with the disability problem.

I want to put this problem on the front pages of the paper. I will provide you with the names of the people to contact who caused these problems. I am meeting with Dr. Carol Jackson today. If Professor Fuchs does not apologize to me, I plan to sue CSI in Federal Court.

To: President Marlene Springer

From: M.E. McMorrow

504/ADA Compliance Officer

Date: September 17, 1998

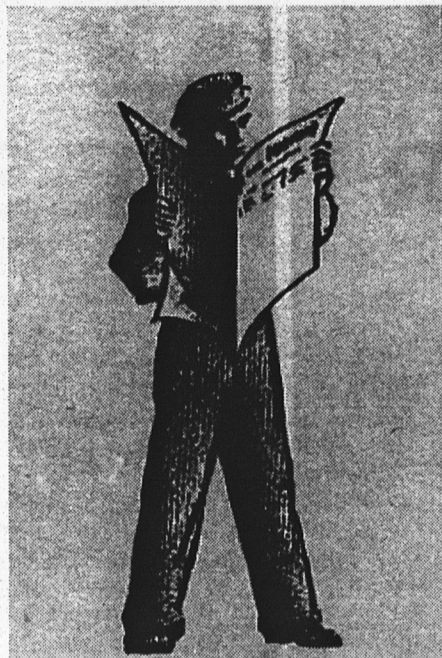
Re: Complaint submitted by Joseph M. Jean Louis

On September 9, 1998 I received under my door the attached letter from Joseph Jean-Louis. Mr. Jean-Louis is legally blind and has registered with the Office of Disability Services. As recommend in the Handbook for Students with Disabilities, Mr. Jean-Louis notified Prof. Daniel Fuchs that he had registered for his course (see attached letter to Prof. Fuchs). This letter identifies the accommodations needed by the student.

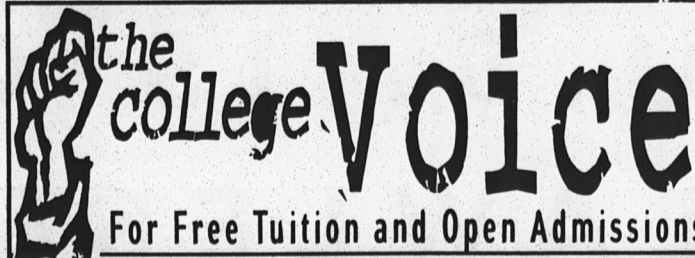
On Friday, September 11, 1998 I spoke with Mr. Jean-Louis, who restated the events recorded in the letter. In addition, when asked if he could remember exactly what Prof. Fuchs said, Mr. Jean-Louis stated "Prof. Fuchs said he didn't want me in class, because I can't do the work because I'm legally blind." In addition, Mr. Jean-Louis reported the teacher was "nasty to me."

I called Prof. Fuchs and he returned my call on Monday, September 14, 1998. I identified myself as the 504/ADA Compliance Officer and informed Prof. Fuchs of the complaint. I tried to discuss with Prof. Fuchs the rights of students with disabilities to have reasonable accommodations made. Prof. Fuchs stated that he would not change his teaching style nor would he do a whole different course for this student. When I tried to discuss the student accommodation request as stated in his letter, Prof. Fuchs asked me if I knew what an impromptu quiz was. Further attempts to discuss accommodations were cut short by Prof. Fuchs, who stated he was not going to change what he was doing and then he hung up.

Based on my conversation with Prof. Fuchs, I have determined that Mr. Jean-Louis' complaint is valid. Prof. Fuchs did not follow college policy. As the Faculty Handbook clearly states "It is the policy of the College and of the University, in conformity with Federal guidelines, section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990), that reasonable accommodations be made in the instructional process to ensure educational opportunity." The students request for extra time to prepare and take exams, because of the need to have his notes enlarged by the Office of Student Disability Services is reasonable.



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U.S. IS COMMITTING LAWLESS WAR CRIMES

BY NOAM CHOMSKY

The US and its increasingly pathetic British lieutenant want the world to understand — and in particular want the people of the Middle East region to understand — that "What We Say Goes," as Bush defined his New World Order while the missiles were raining on Baghdad in February 1991. The message, clear and simple, is that we are violent and lawless states, and if you don't like it, get out of our way. It's a message of no small significance. Simply have a look at the projections of geologists concerning the expanding role of Middle East oil in global energy production in the coming decades.

I suspect that the message is understood in the places to which it is addressed.

A very conservative assessment is that the US/UK attacks are "aggression," to borrow the apt term of the Vatican and others. They are as clear an example of a war crime as one could construct. In the al terrorism, and violence have sometimes been cloaked in at least a pretense of legalism — increasingly ludicrous over the years, to be sure. In this case there was not even a pretense. Rather, the US and its client simply informed the world that they are criminal states, and that the structure of binding international law and conventions that has been laboriously constructed over many years is now terminated. It is still available, of course, as a weapon against designated enemies, but apart from that it is without significance or value. True, that has been always been operative reality, but it has rarely been declared with such clarity and dramatic force.

As for the moral level, if the word can even be used, it is hard to improve on the pronouncements of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Two years ago, when

asked on national TV about her reaction to reports that the sanctions she administers have killed half a million Iraqi children in 5 years, she responded that it is "a very hard choice," but "we think the price is worth it." We know well enough on what page of history those sentiments belong. Today, suggesting a reversal of Washington's policy since 1991 of seeking a military dictatorship to replace Saddam Hussein's in name at least, she explains that "we have come to the determination that the Iraqi people would benefit if they had

a government that really represented them." We need not tarry on the plausibility of this sudden conversion. The fact that the words can be articulated tells us more than enough.

It costs the US/UK nothing to keep a stranglehold on Iraq and to torture its people — while strengthening Saddam's rule, as all concede. There is a temporary oil glut, and from the point of view of the oil

major (mainly US/UK and clients), it's just as well to keep Iraqi oil off the market for the moment; the low price is harmful to profits. That aside, competitors (France and Russia) are likely to have the inside track when Iraq, which has the world's second largest known energy reserves, is brought back into the international system, as it will be when its resources are needed. So it might not be a bad idea to bomb the refineries too, while dismantling further what remains of Iraqi society.

The region is highly volatile and turbulent. Alliances can quickly shift. Though the fact is carefully suppressed, we would do well to bear in mind that the US/UK were highly protective of their admired

friend and trading partner Saddam Hussein right through the period of his worst crimes (gassing of Kurds, etc.), and returned to support for him right after the Gulf War, in March 1991, as he turned to crushing a Shi'ite rebellion in the South that might have overthrown his regime. Alliances are likely to shift again. But fundamental interests remain stable, and the two warrior states are making it as clear as they can that they are dangerous, and others should



beware. It might also be recalled that a recent high-level planning study, released early this year but scarcely reported, resurrected Nixon's "madman theory," advising that the US should present itself as "irrational and vindictive," flourishing its nuclear arsenal and portraying itself as "out of control." That should frighten the world properly, and ensure submissiveness, it is hoped. The most ominous aspect of all of this is, perhaps, that the openly declared contempt for the law of nations and professed norms of civilized behavior proceeds without eliciting even a twitter of principled comment among the educated classes. Their position, with impressive uniformity, is that the criminal stance of the US and its client are so obviously valid as to be beyond discussion, even beyond thought. If such matters as international law or the opinions and wishes of the population of the region intrude at all, which is very rare, they are dismissed as a "technicality," with no bearing on the decisions of the global ruler. Not only are the warrior states officially declaring (not for the first time, to be sure) that the foun-

dations of international order are an absurd irrelevance, but they are doing so with the virtually unanimous endorsement of the educated classes. The world should take notice, and it surely does, outside of narrow sectors of privilege and power.

The manner and timing of the attack were also surely intended to be a gesture of supreme contempt for the United Nations, and a declaration of the irrelevance of international law or other obligations; that too has been understood. The bombing was initiated as the Security Council met in emergency session to deal with the crisis in Iraq, and even its permanent members were not notified. The timing is interesting in other ways. The bombing began at 5PM Eastern Standard Time, when the three major TV channels open their news programs. The script is familiar. The first war crime orchestrated for prime time TV was the bombing of Libya in 1986, scheduled precisely for 7PM EST — which is when the major TV news programs aired then.

Personally, I doubt that all of this has much to do with the impeachment farce. From Clinton's point of view, the coincidence mainly serves to undermine his credibility further, though Democrats are plainly hoping to construct an issue for later campaigns, establishing the basis for much passionate rhetoric about how these evil Republicans attacked our Commander-in-Chief while our brave sons and daughters were putting their lives on the line fighting for their country, and so on. The posture is familiar not only here, but also in the long and ugly record of warrior states generally.

ed against this violence and genocide. We know who we should really fear. We should fear the number one country in possessing weapons of mass destruction, also the only country who ever used a nuclear weapon. The military that dropped depleted Uranium weapons on Iraq in 1991 that increased childhood Cancer, Leukemia, Hodgkin's disease and caused many birth defects and abnormal babies being born. Millions of people from Asia to Africa to the Middle East and even people on this soil have died and still die from American imperialism and aggression. Unless we fight, try to make change and tell this government to get its bloody imperialist hands off other countries, there is always going to be war, death and suffering all around the world.

70 HOUR CAMPAIGN

Targets hit

30 Weapons of mass destruction sites

27 Air defence sites

20 Command, control and communication sites

10 Republican Guard bases

6 Airfields

650

Aircraft missions

325+

Sea-launched cruise missiles

90+

Air-launched cruise missiles fired from B-52 bombers

Imperialism Strikes Again

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The US itself has violated many resolutions during the embargo like the Geneva Convention, UN Charter, Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duty of States.

THE INTERNATIONAL DOUBLE-STANDARD

According to many other nations in the world, the blockade on the people of Iraq is an act of international terrorism. The US is not alone in enforcing the international double-standard. How many resolutions has Israel violated in partitioning the land of Palestine into two? Israeli troops also occupy southern Lebanon and the Golan Heights. This shows that when the US and its racist imperialist allies break a law or violate a resolution, it doesn't matter.

When someone else does it, particularly someone who refuses to give in to US imperialism, the US feels justified in bombing it back three generations to show who is the dominant military set to enforce "the rule of law."

What is particularly sickening is Bill Clinton's phony excuses of protecting Saddam's neighbors and the Kurds and Shi'ite in Iraq. These people, the Kurds and Shi'ite, do live in Iraq so don't forget the Hitler-like sanctions also affect these same Kurds and Shi'ite the US supposedly cares about so much. What you don't hear about is all the Shi'ite who die in southern Lebanon and all the Kurds who were massacred by the Turks with US support and weaponry. How about the Iraq-Iran war? Was the US protecting "Peace in the Middle East" by supplying Saddam with weaponry? Look at the hypocrisy, the gov-

ernment wants to play us for a bunch of fools. The US could care less about Saddam's neighbors or the Kurds and the Shi'ite, they just use them as an excuse. The only reason this country ever cared about Iraq's neighbors is to maintain control over the oil and the big, big profits that come out of the Middle East.

THE REAL WORLD OPINION

People all over the world know what is going on and how America victimizes and brutalizes other nations. Most of the world sometime or the other has been the victim of this "Big Bully" who wants to police everyone. In fact, people and governments all around the world protested and said no to both the bombing and the embargo. People from around the world, even in the US, have stood up and protest-

An Incitement to Revolt

BY EDWARD SAID

Bill Clinton's two-day visit to Gaza, Bethlehem and Israel was intended to save the peace process and to make him look more noble to his impeachers. It's too early to tell about the second mission, though I must say that his speech to the Palestinians for the first time expressed a humane sympathy for what they have endured; the first was a dismal failure, despite the media-hype (more misleading than usual) and the super-ignorant gushing by media commentators. As soon as Clinton arrived, Benjamin Netanyahu announced that there would be no further Israeli army troop re-deployment as stipulated by the Wye River Plantation Accords of last October. Since in any event Israel was to re-deploy from a minuscule amount of land (five per cent from Israeli-controlled Area C to jointly-controlled area B, which is under Israeli security anyway), the snub was just that, designed to humiliate both the Palestinians and Clinton.

The "unrest" reported in the Occupied Territories for the past several weeks was provoked both by Israeli cynicism in releasing only about 100 car thieves and common criminals (the agreement having been that 750 political prisoners would be freed), and by Palestinian anger at Arafat's limitless appetite for concessions and a careless, not to say heedless, negotiating style. Several members of his team in the past weeks have threatened to resign for that reason). Far from peace being assured, therefore, the combination of Netanyahu's arrogance, Clinton's vulnerability, and Arafat's by now non-existent support wasn't alleviated by the picturesque, hokey ceremonies patched together by the Americans and Palestinians, bagpipes, flower maidens, Mrs Arafat and all.

What puzzles me is how many times Arafat can bring himself and some of his people to go through the motions of repealing the notorious Charter just to satisfy Israeli demands. There was of course no real PNC meeting, since in effect that body lost its legitimacy and independence when Arafat returned to Gaza in 1994. He brought a bunch of people together in 1996 to change the Charter, but this time only made a perfunctory effort to round up officials, businessmen, and some hangers-on for the great occasion.

I was invited (by mistake) to attend when a fax from the Arafat-run Palestinian Commercial Services Company came to my office asking me to present myself at Amman Airport at a given time, then to link up with a special charter flight to Gaza, to attend the meeting, then to come back by charter the same evening. I had resigned my membership in 1991. So

much for the idea of a legitimate quorum and roll call. At the same time, I was also invited to a meeting of the opposition led by George Habash and Nayef Hawatmeh in Damascus; through the ever-efficient rumor mills (one of the few things that still work in Palestinian politics), it was widely reported that I was in attendance.

The low comedy of the Gaza proceedings — which elicited a rapturously ill-informed piece by the Times's new Israel correspondent Deborah Sontag about how much nicer and more democratic life

up including hundreds and hundreds of acres." A chilling account of how one such settlement, Efrat, near Bethlehem, is expanding and choking off every Arab village in its vicinity is found in Ha'aretz (27 November); I filmed there last February, but villages like Wad Rahal and Khadr have since lost most of their land.

Second, the economics of peace have driven Palestinians into poverty, as Sara Roy shows in an impressive new study just published by the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies, "The Palestinian Economy and the Oslo Process: Decline and Fragmentation". At all levels of society, productivity is down, markets have shrunk, there is greater dependency on Israel. Unemployment is now at an all-time high yet Arafat's Authority, with its 14 or so security services, its bloated bureaucracy, its thousands of informers and enforcers is the largest, and the least productive, employer. Each ministry now employs hundreds of managers and directors who do absolutely nothing except draw down handsome salaries. The World Bank figure for Arafat's labour force is 120,000 people, which, multiplied by the number of

dependents, accounts for almost half the Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza directly in thrall to Arafat. But discontent rages anyway. Thousands of refugees demonstrated in Syria and Lebanon. Four Palestinians were wounded by Israeli forces when the latter made a group of Palestinian labourers crawl on

national unity and forbid incitement". Obviously the result of Netanyahu's remorseless obsession with Israeli security (and Arafat's reciprocal neglect of Palestinian security), the decree states that its legal references and precedents derive, among others, from "the Palestinian penal code number 74 for 1936 and its amendments".

For the uninitiated, this code is nothing less than the Emergency Defence Regulations issued by the British Mandatory Authority as a way of punishing Palestinian resistance; it was then adopted by the Israelis after 1948 for the same purpose. And now Mr Arafat uses it to threaten his own people. For what? To interdict incitement to violence, insults, racism. The decree also forbids "illegal organizations" as well as "undermining the quality of life, agitating the masses to bring about change by illegal methods of force, incitement to civil strife, incitement to violate agreements made between the PLO and Arab and foreign countries". Implementing this remarkable new law will be a committee made up equally of Palestinians, Israelis and (the number varies according to reports) one or more Americans who might, or might not be members of the CIA. Their mandate is nothing less than every utterance — written, spoken, printed or broadcast — made by Palestinians and, as a West Bank friend explained it to me, his voice alternately sad and cheerful, school text books, newspapers, and magazines.

This bizarre document has yet to be noted by the US, Arab, or European media, who are falling all over each other in prophesying the advent of Palestinian statehood. Never mind of course the total

absence of territorial contiguity for areas of Palestinian self-rule. Never mind that

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Capitalist Leaders l. to r.: Arafat, Clinton and Netanyahu sign Wye Accord

is for Palestinians than for other Arabs — was belied by what was going on outside. In the first place, the expropriation of Arab land through Israeli colonization continues at a furious pace as old settlements grow and new ones expand rapidly. About 40 per cent of Gaza is held by settlers and the Strip itself is surrounded on three sides by an Israeli electronic fence (side four is the Israeli-patrolled sea). Clinton seems not to have noticed how his security was assured.

According to the authoritative Washington-based Report on Israeli Settlement, "diplomacy fails to address Israel's transformation of the Occupied Territories"; thus Israel's settlement policy all through the peace process "is well on its way toward achieving an objective pursued by a succession of Israeli leaders during the last three decades: to obstruct the creation of an independent, truly sovereign Palestinian political entity west of the Jordan River. Israel's objective, on the face of it, is the antithesis of popular notions about the goal of the negotiations begun at Oslo in 1993." (September/October 1988).

Each time one of the much touted summits occurs, the Palestinians fail at curtailing Israeli settlement drives; Wye was no exception, as Lamis Andoni shows in Middle East International (11 December 1998), since there the negotiators failed to grasp that "Israel only agreed not to carry out the expansion of settlements until all current construction had been completed, which means that 'contiguous areas' [accepted by the Palestinians] could end

the ground. And the Palestinian rock-throwing and Israeli shooting with "rubber bullets" continue. Still, Netanyahu rants on about incitement when a Palestinian holds up a sign demanding free access to holy sites in Jerusalem, which is off limits to West Bank and Gaza Palestinians (as described by Ha'aretz, 14 December).

The main burden of the Wye Accord, therefore, was neither to give Palestinians more freedom, nor to allow the US and Israel to "help" Palestinian independence, but quite the contrary: with the Authority's help, to increase the restrictions and conditions under which Palestinians live so that they remain docile and taken care of in the best colonial manner. A perfect symbolic example of this is the promulgation on 19 November of a presidential decree by Arafat entitled "to strengthen

COUNTER MARX-OTICS

US-COLOMBIAN MILITARY CONNECTION RESUMES

BY WILLIAM WHARTON

The United States (US) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has a long and blood soaked history of intervention in South America. Spending almost 6 billion dollars to train and fund counter-revolutionary right wing death squads in El Salvador in the 1980's the government has demonstrated a consistent disregard for national sovereignty, human rights and even the most fundamental principles of democracy. Colombia has been a hot spot for the implementation of CIA counterinsurgency programs.

Right wing death squads and the Colombian military, notorious for their use of torture on rebels and civilians, have received millions of dollars of US military aid. These high levels of aid were cut in the late 80's and early 90's after Government officials suddenly became aware of human rights abuses by the Colombian military. In actuality the cut in military aid had everything to do with the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. Without the countervailing threat of the Stalinist regime, the State Department was convinced that the global Marxist threat had been eradicated and attempted to distance themselves from the dictatorial regimes they had constructed in the past.

In addition to the human rights violations of the Colombian military, the previous government headed by President Ernesto Samper had a direct connection to the Cali drug cartel, which contributed \$6 million to his 1994 election campaign. In total Colombia supplies more than 80% of the cocaine and 60% of the heroin sold on the US market. The Washington Post reported that "Drug-related corruption has long reached into the highest ranks of the Colombian officer corps."

Spreading Democracy Throughout the Globe

The triumphant proclamation of a "New World Order" by U.S. President George Bush in 1991 ushered in a new era of repression in Colombia. While it seems as though the direct funding decreases of the post-Cold War period would tend to enhance the possibilities of democracy the exact opposite has proven to be true. A combination of ever increasing pressure on workers and peasant farmers by international and national capital has led to a sharp deterioration in living conditions. In addition to this, many of the dictatorial monsters that the US constructed continued to receive a particularly sinister type of aid.

The School of the Americas (SOA), a CIA run training camp for right wing counterinsurgency forces continued to actively train Colombian forces in meth-

ods of repression. The Latin American Working Group (LAWG), a project of the National Council of Churches, released a report in 1997 in which they analyzed the training manuals used by SOA trainers.

These manuals had originally been constructed in the 1960's during the height of revolutionary upsurge in South America. In a section entitled "Human Resource Exploitation", the manuals encouraged the use of "prolonged constraint, extremes of heat, cold and moisture, deprivation of food and sleep, hypnosis and use of drugs or placebos" with political prisoners. An update manual written in 1983 encour-



FARC Rebel Leaders and Colombian President Andres Pastrana. As the CV went to press, peace talks had broken down.

aged the use of electric shock on prisoners.

A January 1997 Freedom of Information Act, filed by the Baltimore Sun, under threat of a lawsuit for non-compliance, produced updated manuals which continued to advocate the same tactics. New manuals included a section entitled "Combat Intelligence" which provided the indicators that revolutionary groups were conducting psychological operations. These indicators include "accusations of government corruption, circulating petitions, calling government leaders US puppets, demonstrations or strikes, or accusations of police or army brutality."

The LAWG felt that "their (the manuals) entire framework is a direct contradiction to democratic values. In the name of defending democracy, these manuals trained Latin American militaries in profoundly anti-democratic methods." Indeed the signs of rebel "psychological operations" are, in actuality, the basis of any democratic society. Attributing their existence to some type of Marxist hypnosis, demonstrates the regard with which the US government relates to the will of citizens in Latin American nations.

Revolutionary Uprising Spreads In Colombia

As the economies of most South American countries have deteriorated rapidly following the collapse of the South Asian economies. Currency devaluations in Venezuela and sharp selloffs in the Brazilian and Mexican equity markets have

thrown hundreds of thousands of subsistent wage workers into the depths of poverty. This turn has created the conditions for the rapid growth of revolutionary left organizations. In Colombia FARC, the Armed Revolutionary Forces of Colombia, has extended its influence rapidly spreading the message of land reforms and equitable distribution of national wealth.

FARC, in operation since 1966, is one of the oldest armed revolutionary groups in South America. The organization was formed as the military wing of the Communist Party of Colombia and was able to recruit membership among the Colombian peasantry. During an upsurge in the struggle in the late sixties, FARC grew to 500 and carried out a series of attacks on military posts and facilitates. The U.S. counterinsurgency campaign of training and funding ultimately put down this rebellion and FARC went into a long period of dormancy. In the late 70's the struggle against the U.S. backed Colombian government served to revitalize the ranks of FARC and by September 1980 it was considered by the U.S. State Department as the largest group in Colombia.

The 80's signaled the beginning of rebel attempts to negotiate a settlement with the government to end the civil war. A cease fire was signed in May 1984 but a FARC spokesperson claimed that, "the accords committed the government to moving ahead with a number of economic, political and social reforms that were subsequently never fulfilled." Failed attempts at negotiation from 1990-1994 provide the backdrop for the latest round

held the town for three days but were eventually repelled by government forces. Despite this recent setback FARC has expanded its control to over 40% of the countryside and have also begun to grow in influence among sectors of the urban population. Control over a particularly important road leading to the Colombian capital of Bogota has allowed FARC to enforce control over food and petroleum shipments into the city.

Colombians Demand Peace-U.S. Funds Repression

While the majority of Colombians search for a peaceful end to more than 35 years of war, the U.S. continued training and new funding of counterinsurgency operations signals further repression. 35,000 deaths, an economy in ruins and the success of the Marxist movement have forced the Colombian government into negotiating for its very survival. According to report issued by Amnesty International (AI) the war has also resulted in the internal displacement of over one million people or one in forty Colombians. What AI termed "illegal paramilitary organizations" are responsible for 35% of these displacements. The report also stated that, "the displaced are frequently stigmatized by local and regional authorities in the reception areas, who often label them 'guerrillas' or 'guerrilla sympathizers' merely because they have fled from areas of guerrilla presence." AI called displacement "a crucial tool in the strategy of armed forces and their paramilitary allies."

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of talks. Current President Andres Pastrana was elected on platform that expressed his commitment to a negotiated settlement of the war. FARC spokespeople called the elections, "a festival of corruption an impunity...(which) have nothing to do with democracy."

This urge to negotiate is also predicated on the goring strength of FARC itself. In just six months the group has grown from a force of 6,000 to over 20,000 at years end. On November 2, 1,000 rebels carried out a successful assault on the city of Mitu, killing 150 soldiers and police. FARC

Meanwhile, a recent Washington Post article uncovered a CIA plan to provide a special line of funding for the creation of a 1,000 man elite "counter-narcotics" brigade and a high tech listening station to be positioned in the Amazon jungle. U.S. government officials called the action a move to "cautiously re-engage" the Colombian military. In addition to this officials said that, "we are committed to maintaining the line between counterinsurgency and counter-drugs. But to the

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Reactions to the Bombing of Iraq

The Effects

Onica Jackson

For quite some time, the confrontation between Iraq and the United States has been violent, even more so when the



Anti-Bombing Demonstrators burn American Flag in Hong Kong

embargo was implemented. During this crisis, there has been something that has been swept under the carpet. This issue that I am talking about is the Iraqi people, the men, the women, the children and the babies. The embargo has had the greatest negative effect on these people.

We all know the main problem is Saddam Hussein and his lack of respect towards the rules of the world. The embargo was put there to punish Saddam, but it also punishes the people. One way which the people are affected by the embargo is by being cut off from medicine that used to be imported into Iraq. Simple things such as cuts, flu, fever, disease etc.. go untreated because they lack the basic medicine. Surgeries are performed without antibiotics to help calm the pain. Worse still is that innocent children die, because there isn't any cure for

their illness. Still the bombs go off, and more people are injured only in turn to die from their injuries. The embargo restricts exportation and importation of goods between Iraq and United States, Great Britain just to name a few. It affects them on an economical basis. Once, Iraq had a thriving economy courtesy of their oil exports. If you look at their economy now, it is a major mess and the future looks grim. As we see on the news, people who once had jobs working in factories and high office positions are jobless. Parents struggle to feed their families and make it day by day.

In a sense what I'm trying to say is that all the concretion is based on who is going to win or lose this feud that has been going on for years. No matter who wins, the Iraqi people will always lose.



Russian Nationalists Burn American Flag in Moscow

From: "Peter Simpson" <CSIMAIL/SIMPSON>
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>From: "Louis Blois" <CSIMAIL/BLOIS>
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> Dear Friends,

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>I find reprehensible and categorically impeachable the notion of sacrificing innocent Iraqi civilian lives and property for the sake of boosting approval ratings, delaying impeachment hearings, and in the long term, keeping Iraqi oil off the international market. Today's favorable opinion polls already indicate an American public taken in by deception.

Dear Louis,

I have an Iraqi brother-in-law whose family in Iraq has suffered horrendously under Saddam Hussein and who has been prevented from returning to Iraq to see his family, or to show them his wife and children, by Saddam's merciless tyranny. He is lived with the US, for fighting or bombing Iraq, but for not fighting and bombing Iraq enough so that his fatherland might finally be rid of that wretched butcher. Your own opinions are very one-sided and your denigration of the intelligence of the American people is not to your credit. As for impeachment—, well my brother-in-law would have impeached Bush and courtmartialled Scwarzkopf for not continuing the war into the heart of Baghdad and destroying Saddam (or forcing him to commit suicide a la Hitler) in his bunker. I am not a little inclined to agree with him.

By the way there is nothing in the impeachment articles against Clinton about his immoral treatment of foreign countries. His attack on Saddam is irrelevant to those articles, on which alone Congress will and should vote. If you think Clinton does not deserve impeachment on those articles, you should still think so and you should tell Fossella the same—if you want to be consistent, that is.

Yours,
Peter Simpson



Counter Marx-otics

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degree counter-drug efforts bring us into conflict with the guerrillas so be it."

1998 U.S. military funding expenditures in Colombia include \$289 million for the police and \$40 million for the military. According to the Washington Post report, Colombian military troops that use U.S. arms are currently restricted to an area known as "the box." This area was pre-selected as a strategically important sight for drug smuggling. In the new deal created by U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen, the "counter-narcotics" brigade will be given free access to the entire country. The Post reported that Andy Messing, head of the National Defense Council Foundation and advisor to several conservative members of Congress, has advocated much broader U.S. engagement in Colombia. Messing sent a report to both Con-

gress and the Pentagon warning them about the growing strength of FARC and their increasing potential for toppling the government.



FARC Controls 40% of Colombia

A Challenge To Capitalist Domination

Capitalism is seemingly safe and secure in its "New World Order" from the FARC rebels whose program of land and wealth redistribution is rooted in the needs and aspirations of the Colombian people. In turn, the U.S. government is attempting to turn their suppression of this movement into a moral issue for Americans. Counter-narcotics is merely a State Department cover for counter-insurgency, a policy which has led to some of the most blatant abuses of human rights in the history of humankind. The continued operation of the School of the Americas provides enough evidence for the notion that while Capitalists globalize the market system, the U.S. government globalizes their anti-Democratic military tactics.

This dual process has resulted in the death of 35,000, displacement of 1 million and the creation of an economy solely based on delivering cocaine and heroin to

U.S. markets. Of course FARC is engaged in the transport of drugs to the U.S. market but there is a very important difference between them and the government. FARC offers the working people of Colombia, urban workers and peasants, a road away from this dependency. Land reform and wealth re-distribution are key elements in transferring societal power away from groups like the Cali cartel and placing it in the hands of those who produce all of societies wealth. The road offered by Pastrana and the CIA is one that Colombia has traveled for the last 35 years, repression, poverty and death. Colombia offers the hope for all of humanity that the seeds of a real New World Socialist Order are being planted in soil that will prove to be quite fertile.

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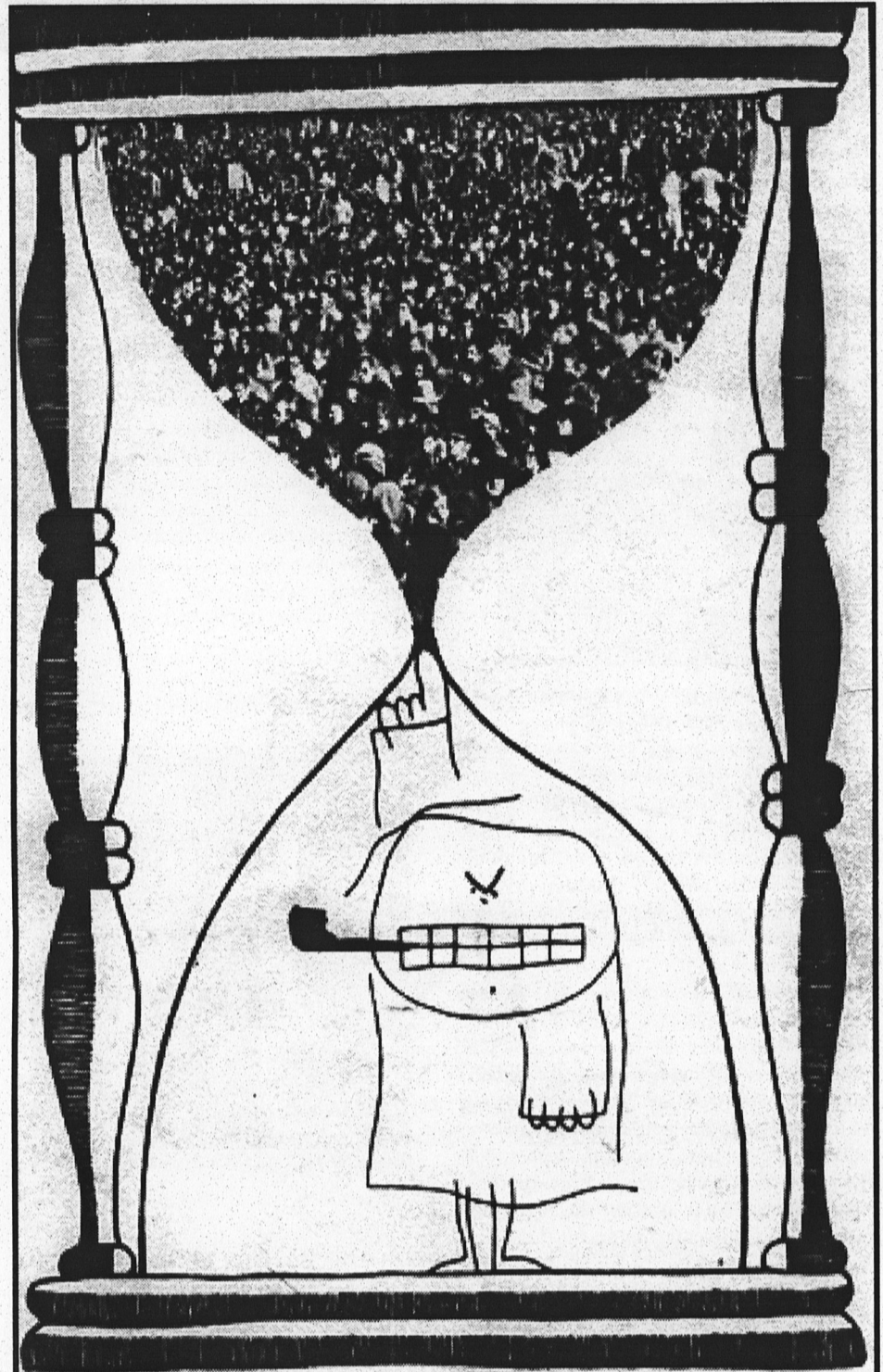
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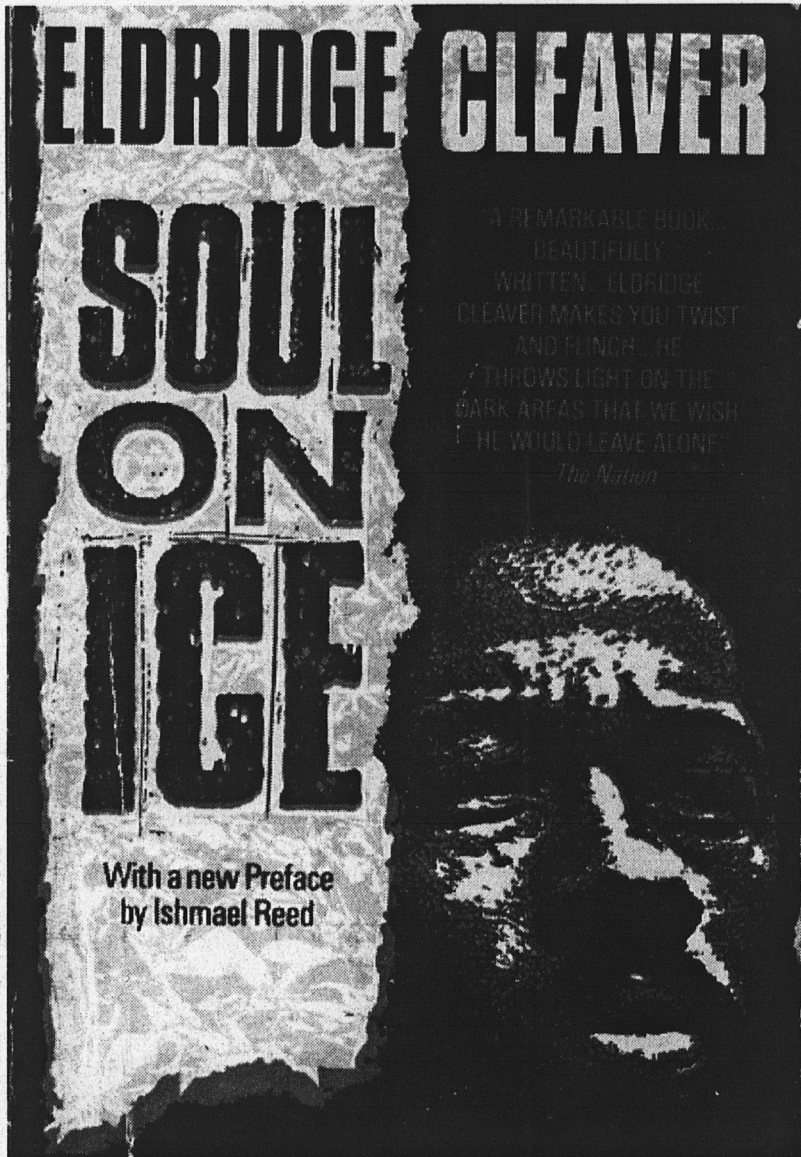
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SOUL ON ICE

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Ice written by Eldridge Cleaver. Soul on Ice is a collection of memoirs, letters and essays Cleaver wrote while in prison. Published in February 28, 1968, Soul on Ice touched edge and controversial subjects that mainstream America refused to write about. In the book, Cleaver evaluated the "white America" that he had grown to hate. He hated white America because "the white race is a race of devils. The white man

the nineteenth century."

Cleaver views the world in terms of categories, based on race and gender. There are benefits in constructing these categories; almost every one can identify with a group. It is also problematic because everyone doesn't fit into a category, it is just making a generalization which is not universal. In the book he presents the many categories the White man has placed Black men and women, and White men and Women in. The white man turned himself into an Omnipotent Administrator and established himself as a leader. Omnipotent Administrator meaning the mighty one that manages over people lives. He then turned the black man into a Super-masculine Menial which is a strong domestic servant, kicked him out of his own country, and into the fields to work. The white man turned the black women into a strong self-reliant Amazon and deposited her in his kitchen. He made the white women into a ultrafeminine, who is a weak bodied sex pot, and placed her on a pedestal.

Conditioning is a word Eldridge Cleaver mentions throughout his book. He believes that black men are conditioned to love and lust for the white women because she is white and she is a sign of purity. One of Cleaver contemporaries in the book said "there Ain't no such thing as an ugly white women. A white woman is beautiful even if she's baldheaded and only has, one tooth. I'd jump over ten Nigger bitches just to get to one white one." Eldridge's comrade continues to say "embracing a black women is like embracing slavery, while hugging a white women is hugging freedom."

I do believe that conditioning exists, during history many individuals were conditioned into believing that their lives were outstanding. For example the house Negroes during slavery. Their masters conditioned them into thinking that their lives were superior and more efficient that the field Negro. In fact that was not

the case. Both the house, and field Negroes were equal in their slavery, the only inequality was that the house Negro got to sleep in the masters house.

Another example of conditioning is my black friend Nathley who begs me to find her a white man with a car. My friend thinks that she will be the envy of all her friends, because she has a white man with a car. Nathley is conditioned by her family to get a white guy because their children would have nice hair and skin, and that a white man is the ultimate guy to have- he is groovy, good-looking, strong and he is not a black man. As Cleaver's friend said in the book "I always believed that marrying a white man, to a black woman, is like adding the final star to her crown. It's the apex of achievement in her eyes and in the eyes of her sisters."

The book main purpose is to make people aware of the consequence of being black in a fascist, always segregated, perplexing white America. "The white race is a race of devils created by their maker to do evil, and make evil appear as good; The white race is the natural unchangeable enemy of the black man, who is the original man, owner, maker, cream of the planet earth."

In the 60's Soul On Ice was received in many different ways. Some thought the book was offensive, while others thought it was great, and it would lead blacks to a more revolutionary consciousness. Soul on Ice inspired the Black Power Movement, a movement that encouraged blacks to be proud of who they are, and to be proud of their African heritage. The Black Power Movement tried to put an end to the shame and humiliation of being black.

In the 90's Soul On Ice is received as a book of fairy tales and humor. The younger generation thinks Eldridge Cleaver is a crazy old man who had noting to write about. Many myopic young people think that Soul On Ice is not in touch with reality and segregation, police brutality and inequality don't exist anymore.

"There are white men who will pay you to fuck their wives. They approach you and say, 'how would you like to fuck a white women?' 'what is this?' you ask. 'On the up-and-up,' he assures you. It's all right. She's my wife. She needs black rod, is all. She has to have it. It is like a medicine or a drug to her. She has to have it. I'll pay you." This paragraph is taken from Soul on

Ice in order to justify slavery and, later on to justify segregation, elaborated a complex, all pervasive myth which at one time classified the black man as subhuman beast of burden. The myth was progressively modified, gradually elevating the blacks on the scale of evolution, following their slowly changing status, until the plateau of separate-but-equal was reached at the close of

The Words of Eldridge Cleaver: Psychology, The Black Bible

This book, already recognized around the world as a classic study of the psychology of oppressed peoples, is known among the militants of the black liberation movement in America as "the Bible."

Written by a black man who was born in Martinique and educated in Paris, who reached the apex of his genius in the crucible of the Algerian Revolution, Fanon's book is itself an historical event. For it marks a very significant moment in the history of the movement of the colonized peoples of the world- in their quest for national liberation, the modernization of their economies, and security against the never-ending intrigues of imperialist nations.

During a certain stage in the psychological transformation of a subjected people who have begun struggling for their freedom, an impulse to violence develops in the collective unconscious. The oppressed people feel an uncontrollable desire to kill their masters. But the feeling itself gives rise to myriad troubles, for the people, when they first became aware of the desire to strike out against the slavemaster, shrink from this impulse in terror. Violence then turns in upon itself and the oppressed fight among themselves: they kill each other, and do all the things to each other which they would, in fact, like to do to the master. Intimidated by the armed

might of the oppressor, the colonial people feel that he is invincible and that it is futile to even dream of confronting him.

When the revolutionary impulse to strike out against the oppressor is stifled, distortions in per-



sonality appear. During the Algerian revolution, Fanon worked in a hospital in Algeria. A psychiatrist, there he was able to observe carefully

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The More Things Change the More They Stay The Same: The PJ's

BY DIONNE MCLAUGHLIN

Recently, a show aired on channel five called The PJ's. This show is an effort by Eddie Murphy who acts as the voice of the Claymation landlord who is in charge of one particular building. This show is viewed by some as crude and offensive and I am one of those that finds the show repugnant.

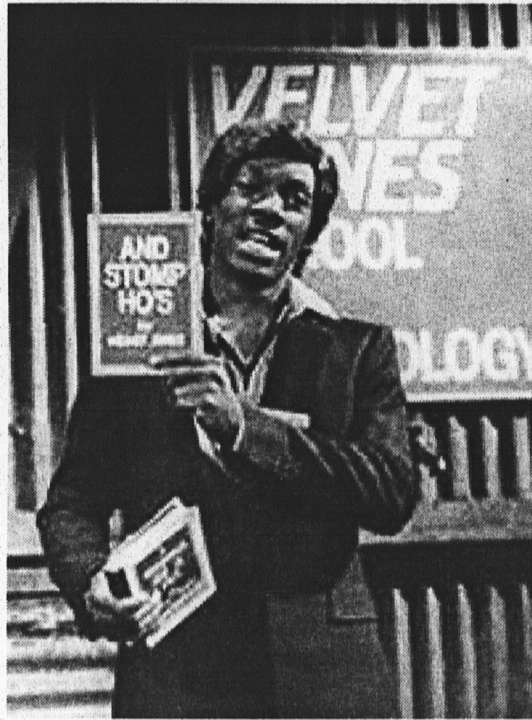
The PJ's depicts many of the stereotypes associated with African-Americans. The show is deemed funny by some because the show is put together by Eddie Murphy, an African-American man. However, if the show was put together by a Caucasian instead of an African-American many of these same people would be up in arms. Take, for example, the show "The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer." This was a show about recently freed slaves who were "working" in the White House during the administration of Abraham Lincoln. People were outraged that UPN (Channel Nine) would, even in jest, put a show like that on the air. A representative of UPN was interviewed by Tavis Smiley of BET news. A clip of the show was shown and in the clip there was a depiction of an African American man hanging from a tree and some Caucasian men were shown urinating saying every time they hang they

have to pee. When asked why they are putting the show on the air when so many people disapprove of it, the representative simply said that he knows people will watch it. UPN is a network whose primary viewership is based on members of the African American community. By him making that statement he is also saying that we are too stupid to know that we are being made fun of.

Many African-American leaders called for a nation-wide boycott of the show and UPN in general. People boycotted to the point that UPN's rating dropped so drastically that they were forced to take the show off the air. They even went so far as to say that they are happy for the publicity, now they know that people were sure to watch because they want to see what all the hype was about. I loved watching UPN but I stopped even after they took the show off the air. Any station that would denigrate my people do not deserve me as a viewer as a matter of fact they do not deserve any African American viewers.

While we agree with the successful boycott of UPN, why then do we now turn around and laugh at Eddie Murphy's misguided endeavor? The release of the PJ's with it's ample supply of

stereotypes will further fuel the bias



Eddie Murphy as Velvet Jones

against us. I fear that someone will flip the channel and see this and hold it to be

true. Also, I now fear that certain sectors of the African -American community will now feel a superiority over their sisters and brothers who live in Housing Developments. This is particularly sad because one of our own, Murphy, is the culprit. We should be uplifted, not poked fun at.

Food for thought: Many shows like the PJ's and Desmond Pfeiffer, are popping up. However, with the exception of Married With Children do you ever see Caucasian people depicted like this in shows? Even in Married with Children, the Bundy's are homeowners living in the gentile safety of the white middle class. Why? Even in movies we are shown the Housing Developments flashing guns and whatever else, far more than Caucasians are depicted in trailer parks. Why? Is this just a coincidence?

In closing I would just like to reiterate that if the show the PJ's was put on by a Caucasian it would have everyone seeing red however, since it carries the name Eddie Murphy it's okay. It is not okay! Let Fox and Eddie Murphy know that degrading our people is not something to laugh about nor to be made money off of.

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Algerians who had caved in psychologically under the pressures of a revolutionary situation. The Wretched of the Earth contains an appendix in which Fanon introduces several of these case histories, tracing the revolutionary impulse and attempts to evade it through the psyche of his patients.

Not all of Fanon's patients were Algerian colonial subjects. French policemen who were bothered by the brutality with which they were surrounded and in which they were involved, French soldiers who had inflicted despicable tortures on prisoners, were often confronted with situations in which their rationalizations broke down and they found themselves face to face with their merciless deeds.

The rare significance of this book is that it contains the voice of a revolutionary black intellectual speaking directly to own people and showing them the way to harness their forces. Fanon teaches that the key factor is to focus all the hatreds and violence on their true target - the oppressor. From then on, says Fanon, be implacable. The same point is made by Leroi Jones in his play, Dutchman, when his character, Clay, screams to the white woman who had tormented him, "A little murder will make us all sane again" [Speaking of black people vis a vis whites]. What this book does is legitimize the revolutionary impulse to violence. It teaches colonial subjects that it is perfectly normal for them to rise up and cut off the heads of the slave-masters, that it is a way to achieve their manhood, and that they must oppose the oppressor in order to experience themselves as men.

In the aftermath of Watts, and all the other uprisings that have set the ghettos of America ablaze, it is obvious that there is very little difference in the way oppressed people feel and react, whether they are oppressed in Algeria by the French, in Kenya by the British, in Angola by the Portuguese, or in Los Angeles by Yankee Doodle

Poetry of Oppression

Soul On Ice

To A White Girl

I love you
Because You're White
Not because You're charming
Your whiteness
Is a silky thread
Snaking through my thoughts
In red-hot patterns
Of lust and desire

I hate You
Because you're white
Your white meat is nightmare food
White white witch
Symbols of the rope and hanging tree,
Of the burning cross.
Loving you thus
And hating you so,
My heart is torn in two
Crucified.



THE COMMUNIST CHEF

Scrumptious morsels will be served up at the 1999 Socialist Scholars Conference. The ever dangerous Noam Chomsky will be heating up a little Anarchist stew, while Leo Panitch stir fry's the global capitalist crisis. April 9, 10 and 11 will be a cacophony of all the delicious flavors of the left. Jump in and grab a bite! Until then here is a zinger you can cook up yourself:

French Turn Fish

3 Cod Filets
Salt to taste
Parsley
Oregano
Black Pepper
3 teaspoons Olive Oil
Italian Style Bread Crumbs

Lay out filets on baking sheet sprinkle Cod filets with Olive Oil and add Salt, Parsley, Oregano and Black Pepper. Then add the Bread Crumbs covering the entire filet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes, then broil for 5-7 minutes. Serve with a glass of white wine.

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THE RACE IS COMING

BY HOLLY LENAHAN

Has enough been said on this campus about how ridiculous racism is? Former student Gabriel Lopez thinks not. It is helpful to talk about it, rally against it, hang up flyers, and wear anti-hate T-shirts. Is that enough? Absolutely not!

Playwright, Gabriel Lopez along with Dr. Laura Graham of the Drama Department, and a handful of students, decided to address the issue of racism in the form of theater. As the spring semester begins an original play entitled *The Race* will open in CSI's Lab Theater. The play, which addresses the issue of racism from many points of view, was originally performed as a work in progress at Staten Island's Cafe Verboten in October of 1997. Lopez, who is known for claiming that he attends the "University of Life" is an active member of CSI's resident acting company, The Black Box Players, and has been involved in theater as well as many other arts since

childhood. When asked why he wrote this piece Mr. Lopez stated, "My parents were civil rights activists, I wanted to follow their path, and the only way I knew how was through artistic endeavors." In this particular artistic endeavor Lopez has gained the support of CSI's Department of Performing and Creative Arts. With Dr. Laura Graham directing and producing the piece, and access to CSI's theater facilities, Mr. Lopez couldn't be happier, stating that he is "thankful for the opportunity to use such state of the art facilities, a diverse roster of actors, and a wonderful producer/director. I can not even begin to express the knowledge of the art of theater I have gained from working with Dr. Graham."

The Race tells the story of mankind through the theory of evolution. In the opening scene actors portray themselves as apes, they slowly evolve into human

beings, and eventually break off into separate races. The second act takes place in modern society. Through a series of scenes and monologues, the way in which racism effects people of all races is expressed. The play ends some time in the future when mankind has become reduced to a group of mindless beings who are basically ruled by corporate society. All morals have been eliminated, and everything is a competition, or a race. Two actors, Michelle Dym and Shawn Ramos, portray Regis and Kathlyec type television news broadcasters. They are covering an annual event in which there is a race through the cosmos to a marked planet which will be claimed by a corporation which has obviously gotten control over the minds of all citizens. Although it is a humorous scene, there is an underlying sense that this is what we are progressing towards. This is where we will

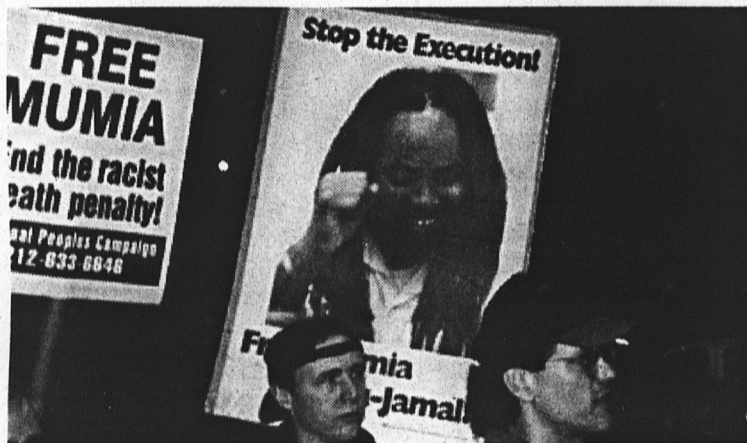
eventually be if we are not careful.

Mr. Lopez says that he "got the idea for the show from realizing all the possible uses and meanings of the word "race". And just how powerful that one word is in our society." Mr. Lopez feels that the play will open again at some other place and time. He claims that " (the CSI production) is only one variation of a central theme, which is ultimately human equality, and as our times change the script will be altered accordingly." Mr. Lopez hopes the play will provoke thought in audience members, "I want to make them think. Raise questions," he stated. *The Race* opens in the Lab Theater, building 1P, February 5th and runs through February 14th, Thursday through Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$9 general admission, and \$7 for faculty and groups of ten or more.

MILLIONS FOR MUMIA



Political Prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal in 1969



April 24th will be a day of national mobilization to defend the life of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. The effort to Free Mumia has brought together elements from across the political spectrum together. The campaign has taken on a new sense of urgency after Mumia's appeal for a re-trial was denied. Conservative Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Ridge made the immediate signing of Mumia death warrant a top campaign promise in the latest elections. We must send a clear sign to the forces of oppression that we will not stand by and allow our "voice of the voiceless" to be silenced. The only thing that stands between Mumia and the death chamber is the power of the masses of people ready to speak out against oppression, injustice and state sponsored murder.

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