

## PART's Perspective:

# The Three-Way Fight, the Third World War, and the End of the American Way of Life

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Robert Reich, a former cabinet officer in the Clinton administration recently posed the question, “When will the economic recovery begin?” and answered it, “Never.” Reich, no anti-capitalist, nevertheless rightly understands that the economy can’t “recover,” because it can and will never return to where it was before the collapse. He suggests that a new economy must be developed. But few establishment political figures are so far-sighted. Economic contraction aside, the threat of global warming certainly necessitates a new economy to replace the unsustainable carbon-based industrial system. But Obama’s “environmentalism” has been limited to some nostrums about “green jobs,” and squeaking a climate and energy bill through the House that is too little, too late at best, and may actually worsen matters with its cap-and-trade free pollution licenses, and its embrace of so-called “clean coal.” The Obama administration, with broad congressional support, is similarly committed to a patchwork of finance bail-outs, stimulus, reform, and minimal re-regulation as the way to muddle through the current economic crisis.

This only makes sense in the context of an unyielding strategy to pursue US economic hegemony and revival through war. Obama’s “withdrawal” from Iraq would leave a semi-permanent US military garrison there, and his escalation in Afghanistan has spilled over into Pakistan. Despite this, Obama has launched a world-wide propaganda offensive in support of US imperialism in speeches in Europe, Africa and to the Muslim world. But the anti-war movement has been disgracefully quiet, and international public opinion polls assert that Obama enjoys unparalleled international popularity and esteem. This represents the corrupting power of the imperialist bribe and the hegemonic grip that identification with the Empire and the oppressor still maintains over the minds of the oppressed and exploited. Joe Biden, during the campaign, predicted that Obama would be ‘tested’ by some major foreign policy crisis within months of his election, yet this has

The mullahs as a whole, despite their factions, are a new, corrupt and self-enriching ruling class in Iran, that despite its occasional anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist rhetoric, oppresses and exploits the people of Iran and in fact accommodates itself to imperialism and Zionism.

A little history is in order. Most people recognize that the overthrow of the Mossadegh government and installation of the Shah in a CIA-orchestrated coup was a triumph for US exploitation of Iran’s oil resources and use of secret police repression to maintain Iran as a bulwark against Soviet expansion. But fewer in the west are aware of the role the mullahs played in undermining Mossadegh and ushering in the US-backed Shah. Fewer still recognize that when the Shah’s regime began to collapse under challenge from clandestine secular and Muslim social-revolutionary guerrilla forces and moderate pro-Soviet socialists, as well as mass street actions, the US carefully vetted Ayatollah Khomeini. They ushered him back into Iran as they ushered the Shah out, and okayed the mullahs’ theocratic regime as the best mechanism for throttling the authentic Iranian revolutionary forces in the name of the “Islamic Revolution.” The US approved the transfer of the Shah’s CIA-organized SAVAK secret police to the service of the mullahs’ regime.

Subsequently, Khomeini carried out a bloody and torturous repression of the Iranian left and instituted a repressive regime that has repeatedly used torture, imprisonment and exile to stamp out opposition. Periodically various forms of ‘reformism’ and ‘populism’ have been authorized by the mullahs and legitimized via controlled elections, where all candidates must have the mullahs’ approval, to provide the system with a new lease on life despite its contradictions with the Iranian people’s real aspirations. Simultaneously, the regime has actually worked with the Zionists in Israel and the US Empire (as was fairly thoroughly exposed in the Iran-Contra affair under Reagan).

The backing of Khomeini, first by Carter and later by Reagan-Bush, was part and parcel of a general imperialist strategy in the late 1970s and early 1980s to support Muslim fundamentalism as a counter-insurgency mechanism against secular, social revolutionary and ‘liberation theology’ forces. It was paralleled by support for the Saudis, bin Laden and the Arab/Afghan mujaheddin, and for Hamas as an alternative to the PLO (particularly authentically anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist elements like the PFLP) in Palestine.

The recent split in Iran between factions of the ruling mullahs somewhat unexpectedly allowed a real revolutionary current to emerge among the Iranian populace (particularly the youth, 70% of the Iranian people being under the age of 30 and having known no other regime but the Islamic Republic). In the outpouring into the streets, obviously many ideologies and political opinions manifested themselves, ranging from supporters of Mousavi and ‘reform,’ to monarchists, and pro-westerners. But probably the largest current was

not materialized. Instead, the administration has been able to talk out of both sides of its mouth on Honduras, where a military/political coup has exiled the president and proclaimed a counter-offensive against the Latin American left. Obama has similarly been able to portray himself as “reigning in” the excesses of the Israeli right while actually allowing Israel to stonewall on its genocidal tactics in Gaza and threaten Iran with bombing and cyber-warfare.

Meanwhile, through the mainstream media and the manipulation of “new media,” US imperialism has been fishing in troubled waters itself in Iran. The emergence of a serious split within the Islamic Republic regime of the mullahs led to charges of a stolen election. Obama’s “hands off” rhetoric on the unrest and repression in Iran contrasted with an aggressive neo-con campaign for regime change, and clandestine corporate and National Endowment for Democracy-style efforts to shape and spin the Iranian resistance. Unfortunately, some of the left responded to the unrest in Iran with an uncritical glorification of Mousavi and the protestors as the latest “color revolution” in the mold of the ‘movements’ to restore capitalism in the former socialist Eastern Europe. Others responded with a glorification of Ahmedinejad (and the Islamic Republic) as a “nationalist/populist” bulwark against US imperialism and Zionism, dismissing the protests as ‘pro-West.’

The inadequacy of both of these responses brings to the fore the necessity for anti-racists, anti-fascists and anti-imperialists to embrace the perspective of a “three-way fight.” As PART sees it, this entails uncompromising opposition to US imperialism and the corporate state, as well as counter-action against two inauthentic allegedly revolutionary ideologies of fascism and fundamentalist Islamic theocracy. That means that an analysis and position on what has been happening in Iran must commence with opposition to US imperialist and Zionist aggression against Iran, while simultaneously supporting the people of Iran in their revulsion against and resistance to the repressive theocratic (and capitalist) Islamic Republic.

a brave, militant cross-class opposition to the repressive, theocratic nature of the regime, and to corrupt self-serving among the mullahs and thuggery by its ‘militias.’ Even before the election and the subsequent street protests, there was a strong fight-back against repression of the labor movement and the arrests of union leaders involved with an independent May Day labor rally.

Some left supporters of the regime denounced the protesters as “secularized” students (as if “secular” were a dirty word). Others defended Ahmedinejad as a ‘populist,’ or boasted that Iran had, within the first 30 years of its revolution, held more presidential elections than the U.S. had. This willfully ignores the fact that the US had no president for many years after commencing its “revolution” for independence. The counter-revolution of the U.S. Constitutional Convention imposed a much stronger and more highly centralized state and executive authority and created the imperial Presidency. Presidential elections are no measure of people’s power. ‘Populism’ is not an authentically revolutionary politic, but a demagogic method of attaining or retaining power by elites. What has emerged in Iran is a protracted struggle by a new generation. Its authentically social-revolutionary ideals, and opposition to the actually capitalist regime of the mullahs (which is in fact well-integrated into the global imperialist system) should be embraced and supported as a breach in the hegemony of the Empire.

Authentic anti-imperialists are anti-Zionist, but that does not mean embracing the phony anti-Zionism of either the Islamic Republic of Iran or that of the racist and neo-nazi right. Thus the question of a three-way fight emerges. Anti-authoritarian anti-racists, anti-fascists and anti-imperialists must oppose the Empire while simultaneously opposing reactionary and repressive ideologies and movements which claim to oppose the empire while they reserve their true fire for anti-capitalist social revolutionaries. Zionism is a form of settler colonialism allied to imperialism, but it is not the principal contradiction in the world today. The Zionist state operates according to its own interests, but it’s a client of US imperialism, which can occasionally yank its leash. Arab reaction is a form of neo-colonialism equally aligned to imperialism, particularly US imperialism, and enjoys similar US support and military subsidies.

This is not to say there are no contradictions among imperialist and pro-imperialist forces. The contradiction that has emerged among factions in Iran is only one example of the many unresolvable and irreconcilable contradictions that plague the Empire. Another is the clash between the US and China. Both are preparing for war, because both know that sooner or later, contradictions under capitalism and imperialism manifest themselves in war. The US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and its hostility towards Iran and North Korea, must be understood in the context of a long range strategic effort to achieve the encirclement and isolation of China.

The Chinese are engaged in their own military planning for such a conflict and their own counter-strategizing, including the economic penetration of Africa and Latin America, and military and diplomatic maneuvering with Russia, Pakistan, India and other international actors. The best way to avert that approaching war is to overturn the system of colonial-capitalism that requires endless war to survive. Its survival is our death and that of the planet itself.

Left forces in the US are not doing an adequate job of exposing these realities and contradictions or of developing our own independent strategy of overcoming them. We need direct action, political education and the building of a fighting capacity among oppressed, exploited and colonized people on many fronts simultaneously. We need anti-corporate and anti-statist action to protect the environment and develop a grassroots, cooperative, sustainable, ecologically-sound agriculture and economy. We need community self-defense capacities that can resist police state repression, daily brutality, and paramilitary operations that seek to supplement repressive state power with fascist activity.

In the six months since Obama came into office, we have seen a major increase in white nationalist, anti-semitic and reactionary violence, ranging from the killing of Dr. Tiller, the abortion provider, to racist violence against Mexicanos and migrants by Minuteman-type groups, to the deadly attack at the Dc Holocaust Museum, to lone wolf violence against Black people and other people of color, including Muslims, by white supremacists influenced by neo-nazi propagandists on the Internet whose rhetoric is increasingly being embraced, magnified and mainstreamed by establishment right wing politicians and corporate media hacks. This entails building revolutionary solidarity with anti-colonial forces inside the US as well as around the world, on the basis of respect for self-determination and of building alliances against a common enemy.

For people of European descent within the largest and most exploitative empire in the history of the world, that means making a break with privilege and the unsustainable “American Way of Life” (AWOL). The Empire is bleeding the life out of the planet and the vast majority of its people, destroying the atmosphere and the oceans. In the name of humanity and of life itself, the Empire, capitalism and colonialism, must be brought down once and for all. To do so, all revolutionary-minded people must examine and overcome our own weaknesses and past failures, our identification with the oppressor and complicity in our own oppression, and understand the world as it exists today. Iran is not alone in having the vast majority of its people born subsequent to the defeat of the revolutionary upsurge of the past and the imperialist counter-offensive that brought us to the present critical moment. The hope and prospect of the future is in a new generation inheriting this world and intent on freeing themselves and preserving the planet.

*Editor's note: TTT* is reprinting here an opinion piece from the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist Movement-Denver in the interest of promoting further discussion and debate of their perspective, not in full agreement with it. On the one hand, RAIM-D has a pertinent criticism to make of Jensen and other critics of white privilege who are trapped within the ideological bonds of allegiance to the US and Empire more generally, often self-described as "progressives." On the other hand, RAIM-D seems to fall victim to the error of seeing imperialism as in a sense something entirely external to the U.S., and seeing the U.S. itself as an undifferentiated whole. Either of these perspectives leads to a kind of despair about the prospect of revolutionary change emerging in the belly of the beast itself. *ARA-LA/PART* takes a different view, based on the reality and history of anti-colonial and anti-imperialist struggle inside the U.S. itself, and the irreconcilable contradiction between the Empire and the land and people it exploits, oppresses and colonizes. This colonialism exists not only in the so-called Third and Fourth Worlds, or "South," but inside the U.S. itself, which is a patchwork of stolen lands and conquered, colonized, enslaved and imported peoples, who continue to resist. The sovereign rights to the land of Turtle Island by the First Nations of North America, the independence struggle of Puerto Rico, the Hawai'ian sovereignty movement, the struggle to liberate occupied northern Mexico, the movement for New Afrikan/Black self determination, and other similar phenomena, including struggles inside the gulag of prison colonies around the U.S., are inextinguishable anti-colonial struggles inside the entrails of the "homeland" of the Empire. Just as class allies of the Empire exist within the so-called South or Third World, fighting forces of anti-imperialism have a material base inside the so-called North or First World. Putting anti-colonialism and internationalist and inter-communal solidarity at the heart of anti-imperialism, anti-racism and anti-fascism gives us the basis to dramatically crack open the contradictions of the Empire and move forward. Such struggles will weaken the Empire from 'within' and make the struggle outside the borders much less costly. What is necessary is for forces committed to liberation inside the current borders of the US to *overcome* defeatism and despair through a thorough-going analysis and self-criticism of our past weaknesses and losses, and to regain a sense of our own power and vitality. We invite response.—*Editor*.

## Review of 'The Old Future's Gone: Progressive Strategy Amid Cascading Crisis,' a talk by Robert Jensen

by the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist Movement Denver (RAIM-D)

Last month, author and activist Robert Jensen spoke in Denver at an event sponsored by Argusfest. His speech was entitled "The Old Future's Gone: Progressive Strategy amid Cascading Crisis." It was based on a writing that has circulated among left-liberal websites. A professor of journalism at the University of Texas in Austin, he also has written many books and articles on topics such as imperialism, capitalism, white privilege and patriarchy. He doesn't quite go to our line, but he at least asks the right questions and approaches the right topics. Because of this, a few members of RAIM went to check out the event.

At best his talk could be summed up as eclectic with a sub-reformist emphasis. Jensen also carries a sense of honest despair, admitting he sees little in the way of widespread, fundamental change. Rather than seeking out revolutionary means to revolutionary ends, he instead prefers to deal in ways in which he feels he's made a more immediate (though irrelevant and fleeting) impact.

When prodded by a RAIM comrade, Jensen admitted that the First World benefits from the exploitation of the Third World. When asked how this phenomenon of entire populations benefiting from others related to and could perhaps be overcome by local projects, he didn't have an answer. When asked about a solution in putting local projects to tackling this global issue of exploitation, he said the question was too big and too complicated to solve.

Jensen's inability to answer straight questions was illuminating as to the level of confusion within the Amerikan left, even among its intellectuals. Jensen is one of the better intellectuals on the left, as he critiques metaphysical liberal ideas in favor of more radical analyses. Jensen's desire for revolutionary change is in some ways genuine, though Jensen himself is unable to come up with an effective model for widespread fundamental change. Instead he promotes feel-good sub-reformism in the form of local projects, something he himself admits won't work all the time. As once stated by Stokely Carmichael (later known as Kwame Ture), "Confusion is the greatest enemy of revolution."

Much of this confusion can be seen in the trappings of left First World-ism. Many on the left nominally go against imperialism while simultaneously campaigning

to make Amerikans even better off. Jensen falls into this camp: he wants a better world but doesn't want to alienate Amerikans. The truth is, Amerikans benefit from the global capitalist economic system as it is and have little material interest in working to create a new one. This in part explains why revolutionary change seems so untenable within Amerika, even to those who genuinely desire it.

Unlike Jensen, we at RAIM apply global class analysis fully. Doing simple math, Amerika is only 5 percent of the world population but the consumer of over 25 percent of the world's resources. The poorest half of the world lives on less than \$2 a day, and the bottom 1.3 billion live on less than \$1 a day. Although Jensen admits this, RAIM-Denver plainly says the obvious truth and takes it to its logical end: Amerikans are part of the problem. They are a force which must be overcome during the course of progressive change.

Unlike Jensen, who is fruitlessly engaged in various forms of pandering to a population of petty exploiters and polluters, RAIM champions the cause of the world's exploited and oppressed majority as the most direct route to creating a new world.

In talking about strategies for change, Jensen sees the Amerikan left engaged in three types: electoral politics, movement politics and local projects. He sees no use in electoral politics. Movement politics have their limits also, especially in their emphasis on protest marches. Bringing up the February 15, 2003 worldwide marches against the invasion of Iraq, the largest coordinated protests in history, which the *New York Times* said made world opinion 'a second superpower,' he noted that they did nothing to stop that war.

He sees more hope in local projects, things like community gardens and such. According to Jensen, the potential for dialogue and debate among others is increased in local projects, though he didn't specify to what concrete end. The example he raised, as his own effort with local projects, was a worker-owned cafe in Austin, though he admitted this effort failed to get off the ground.

While we understand the frustrations in observing the seemingly immovable state of Amerika and the world, the lack of radicalism in Amerikan mass politics, and the inability for radicals to act effectively in a minoritarian context, there were limits to Jensen's insights beyond this.

At one point, Jensen said that he struggles to identify as part of humanity and not as Amerikan, white or male. In reality, to stand with humanity is to stand against Amerika and the First World.

The First World is destroying the planet and exploiting its people. On a structural level, this means that the principal antagonism is between imperialism and the people of exploited nations. Exploitation-driven consumption and related environmental destruction affect the Third World the most, while benefits, even indirectly, trickle up to the First World.

The solution for this problem isn't for those in the First World to engage in local projects. Rather, real change will come when Third World peoples wrestle stolen wealth out of the hands of First World imperialists. While this includes worker-owned industry on the part of currently exploited people, history has proven that this itself requires a fight and involves actual confrontations. Amerikans are not simply going to stop being exploiters: unlike the fluffy revolution of values Jensen dreams up, revolutions actually require revolution.

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# Portland Anti-Racists Raise Awareness about Local Neo-Nazis

by Rose City Anti-Fascists

Nearly eight months have passed since Rose City Antifa “out-ed” four local neo-Nazi organizers associated with a white supremacist group called Volksfront (see article here: <http://portland.indymedia.org/en/2008/08/379057.shtml>). Since that time, Volksfront leader Randall Krager and his wife Abbie have abandoned Portland and moved across the country -- our condolences to the state of Florida. Neo-Nazi thugs Justin Martin and Nick Scheel were exposed at their residences and employment. As a result of local people stepping up and showing these bigots the door, our communities are safer, smarter, and welcoming to a wider variety of people.

But it isn't time to celebrate yet. In April Volksfront helped organize two national white power events--an East Coast gathering hosted in conjunction with the group East Coast White Unity (which was booted from its initial venue due to the vigilance of anti-racists), plus a VF/"Blood & Honour American Division" gathering held on Volksfront-owned land in Missouri. While Volksfront was founded in Portland, the organization now operates on a national and even international basis. When they recruit and organize, we respond.

Rose City Antifa is now pleased to bring you further information on local Nazi organizers. You may remember Nicholas Alton Scheel, AKA “Nazi Nick”, from our last campaign. Nazi Nick is a violent hate-monger who has a long history of disgusting behavior, including domestic violence, racial intimidation and assault, possession of illegal firearms, and threatening the life of a multi-racial baby. He is now sharing a residence with Nick Cheshire, AKA “Young Volksfront Nick”, a newer member of Volksfront that recently moved here from California. The two are currently

living at 3420 SE 57th Ave, just north of Powell Boulevard and about three blocks south of Franklin High School. Their landlord, who recently passed away, was James Copp, who had previously rented to other Nazis. As it turns out, Copp's daughter Patty used to date Kyle Brewster. She was with him on the night that Brewster was involved in the attack that killed Ethiopian immigrant Mulugeta Seraw in 1998. In fact, it was James Copp's baseball bat that Ken Mieske used to land the fatal blows.

Volksfront remains one of the most significant neo-Nazi organizations in our state, and has an explicit mission to turn the Pacific Northwest into a white-only “homeland”. The organization preys on disenfranchised youth that are looking for answers. In this time of economic crisis and uncertainty Volksfront provides a clear and easy solution: blame it on the “other”.

We feel that Volksfront will have a much harder time actively organizing if the community is made aware of their presence. The organization thrives in secrecy, and trades in ignorance. Rose City Antifa sent a mailing to two hundred addresses in the immediate vicinity of Nick Scheel and Nick Cheshire's home. Alongside a flyer about these two neo-Nazis, we included a poster with an anti-racist message, which we hope local businesses and residences will display, to show community solidarity across racial lines.

We encourage anyone with further information on Volksfront or other white supremacist groups in Oregon to contact Rose City Antifa. Our voicemail number is 971.533.7832 and our email is [fight\\_them\\_back@riseup.net](mailto:fight_them_back@riseup.net). For help in identifying local neo-Nazis, see the photo albums here: <http://portland.indymedia.org/en/2008/11/381963.shtml>

## Rose City Antifa: Statement on Anti-Semites and their Collaborators

Recent events have highlighted the fact that anti-Semitic organizers in Portland, Oregon are relying on “Leftist” spaces and groups to tolerate their efforts and ideology. On Wednesday, June 10, Valdas Anelauskas, a self-described “white separatist” who is involved with Holocaust-denial circles, gave a presentation to a group of sympathizers in Portland, Oregon. The event was sponsored by the Portland 9/11 Truth Alliance, and was initially scheduled to take place at the Laughing Horse Book & Video Collective.

Members of Rose City Antifascists (“Antifa”)—the Portland affiliate of the Anti-Racist Action Network—were among those who contacted Laughing Horse Books about the scheduled event. The Laughing Horse collective canceled the anti-Semitic event within 48 hours of being notified about its true nature. Subsequently the Portland 9/11 Truth Alliance moved Anelauskas' talk—on the topic of “The Frankfurt School and Cultural Marxism”—to a secondary venue, which was also discovered by Antifa and then persuaded to cancel on the day of the event. Unfortunately, Anelauskas' talk then went ahead at a third venue, a restaurant obviously booked at the last minute.

Valdas Anelauskas is a “racialist” (read: racist) activist currently based in Eugene, Oregon. This Lithuanian immigrant has assisted the World Anti-Communist League, an organization that supported Latin American death squads and has harbored former Nazi collaborators. Anelauskas is now active in the Pacifica Forum, a Eugene, Oregon organization which hosts Holocaust-denial speakers such as David Irving plus Mark Weber of the Institute for Historical Review. Anelauskas himself claims that the evidence for the Holocaust is “shaky”, that Jewish people are responsible for “Bolshevism”, and that the infamous Protocols of the Elders of Zion are credible. Anelauskas' position on Jewish people is clear: “Only from people of that peculiar tribe can we expect such Talmudic hatred for humanity. There is even a famous saying that wars are the Jews' harvest.”

While Portland 9/11 Truth Alliance activist Tim Titrud was one organizer for Anelauskas' talk in Portland, Titrud appears to have been assisted by a cast of several others, especially Tim Calvert, who is well-known in Portland as a co-founder of Laughing Horse Books as well as the Citybikes Workers' Cooperative. Calvert's conspiracy theories about Jewish power, and his denial of the Nazi genocide against the Jewish people, have been an open secret in Portland for years.

Footage of Anelauskas' speech, including an introduction by Tim Calvert, is available at the following link: <http://www.mefedia.com/entry/pdx-9-11-truth-on-frankfurt-school-cultural-marxism-in-america/19360151>

The anti-Semitic, racist and fascist nature of Anelauskas' presentation is obvious. We would like to note, however, Tim Calvert's insinuation during the introduction that his critics are actually state agents—an extremely dangerous claim to make in the absence of any evidence. Rose City Antifa strongly opposes attempts to make excuses for anti-Semitism, or to pretend that it is any less poisonous than any other form of racism. Anelauskas' speaking event in Portland took place on the same day that white supremacist James von Brunn opened fire at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, murdering a security guard there.

By making its anti-Semitism explicit, and by organizing in association with racists, fascists and Holocaust-deniers, the Portland 9/11 Truth Alliance has shown its true colors. It has cleared up any confusion in anti-fascist ranks about how we should consider the organization.

With all this stated, we applaud the Laughing Horse Books collective for its brave decision to cancel the Anelauskas event at the store. We have now received information that Tim Calvert has retired from Laughing Horse Books, although this may or may not actually be the case. Needless to say, we believe that Laughing Horse should not host any future events of the Portland 9/11 Truth Alliance. We also believe that most of the Laughing Horse Books collective have acted commendably so far.

Rose City Antifa calls for the Citybikes Workers' Cooperative to remove Tim Calvert from the co-op, and to thereby stop putting food on his plate. We believe that those

pushing organized Jew-hatred and pogrom politics should be collectively resisted. If a collective or co-op can't deal properly with an anti-Semitic activist within its ranks, then it does not deserve to be supported.

Other organizations involving Tim Calvert, such as the Cascadia Education Project, are also advised to take notice. This statement is a beginning; other fascist collaborators should not consider themselves to have been let off the hook in any way. No compromise and no half-measures!



**The future is anti-racist!**

Note: The Citybikes Coop issued the following statement in response [excerpts]: Response to charges brought forth by Rose City Antifa regarding Tim Calvert by Citybikes Workers' Cooperative, 734 & 1914 SE Ankeny St., Portland, OR 97214, 503-239-6951/503-239-0553

This letter is being presented in response to the allegations leveled at Tim Calvert by the organization calling itself Rose City Antifa. Tim Calvert was one of the people responsible for transforming Citybikes from a sole proprietorship into a worker-owned cooperative in 1990. Tim is well known in the Cooperative for his years of political organizing and for his political and social points of view on a wide range of topics, some of which appear quite controversial to the casual observer. The beauty of working in a cooperative business structure is that no one here gets away with being a casual observer for very long. Sooner or later, members of a cooperatively run business MUST find a way to grow their maturity to a level that insists on and welcomes diversity of thought and belief, inclusion of multiple perspectives and creative, cooperative problem-solving. Sexism, racism and other forms of personal oppression have no place at Citybikes. Tim has always respected the diversity of thought, belief and religious observance that is to be found here. We have never heard him say anything that could be construed as anti-Semitic, or really anti- anything else, for that matter. Several members of Citybikes' Workers Cooperative are of Jewish heritage and at least one is a religiously observant Jew. None of us has ever felt that Tim did not accept us for our heritage or religious practices. The one thing we know Tim to be firmly against is any organization, institution or ideology that requires lockstep thought and action; we applaud this sort of thinking as the natural by-product of embracing a cooperative structure and learning to work with its many nuances, agreements and disagreements. ... We would like to point out that the RCA's insistence that Citybikes vote Tim out of the Cooperative is, firstly, illegal. A person cannot be fired from his employment for his political, religious or philosophical views. Finally, we find it more than a little ironic that a self-labeled “antifascist” organization would resort to harassment and intimidation to achieve their ends. We support Tim Calvert as a member of the Cooperative. Sincerely, The Board of Directors, Citybikes Workers' Cooperative

[**Editor's Note:** Citybikes seems to go out of its way here to provide cover to Calvert, with the classic “some of his best [co-workers] are Jewish” line, while discounting the specifics of his organizing an anti-semitic event. This seems to contradict their claim that sexism, racism and “other forms of ...oppression have no place” there.]

# Shut down One Life Crew!

## No Racists, No Homophobes in Our Scene!

By Jay, Philly ARA

On June 6th, the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia was scheduled to play host to One Life Crew; a racist, homophobic hardcore band from Cleveland, Ohio. The band has an extensive history of racist, sexist, and homophobic lyrics, as well as a record of extreme violence at their shows. One Life Crew was dropped by their record label Victory Records after a show in Cleveland where the singer “Mean” Steve Murad leaped from the stage to attack an audience member who took exception to the band’s racist lyrics.

Making matters worse, One Life Crew has a rabid neo-Nazi following, most likely attributed to their split 7” record with white power band Empire Falls. Here in Philadelphia, there is no doubt that the Keystone State Skinheads (KSS) - whose members have been convicted on various assault and weapons charges - would have attended the show in force. KSS had been talking about this show on their online forum since it was first announced, and Keith Carney, their Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Director, lists One Life Crew among his favorite bands and has made it clear that he would be attending the show.

Philadelphia Anti-Racist Action asserted that One Life Crew had no right to spread

this event to happen on their property. Eventually the community education effort had the desired effect. The show was canceled.

On Saturday May 30th, members of Philadelphia Anti-Racist Action and One People’s Project met with Reverend Walker, representatives of the church’s Board of Trustees, congregation members and two representatives from the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations. After introductions were made, all parties were given a chance to air their grievances face to face. There was an overall agreement that there had been a breakdown in communication between ARA and Reverend Walker, resulting in ARA’s decision to issue a national statement asking those concerned to call both the local church and its national leadership in Boston.

While Reverend Walker disagrees, ARA maintains that while One Life Crew, R5 Productions, Friends Stand United (FSU) and even Keith Carney - the local head of the neo-Nazi group Keystone State Skinheads (KSS) - were all “invited to the table” to discuss this show, attempts were made to marginalize ARA as an “extremist” group. It was not until after ARA issued its call and the pressure mounted on the First Unitarian Church to cancel the show that we were also invited to dialogue with Reverend Nate. Reverend Walker was taking KSS and FSU at face value - going so far as to believe Keith Carney’s story that he is not a neo-Nazi without any evidence supporting such an insane claim. ARA believed it was time to inform the larger UU community, and proceeded to contact other congregations and ministers across the country as well as national UU leadership.

## David Irving’s Holocaust-Denial Speaking Tour: The Show that Must Not Go On

This July, David Irving, a British neo-fascist and fraudulent historian, goes on the road in the United States, planning to hold approximately one and a half dozen speaking engagements over the course of a month. As militant anti-racists and anti-fascists, we are making a public call for resistance at each stop along the way of this tour. David Irving is a British writer of histories who has been involved with the fascist political scene since the 1960s. Always known for the pro-Hitler bias

of his books, approximately two decades ago Irving made the transition to being a fully-fledged Holocaust-denier, when he testified at the trial of neo-Nazi Ernst Zündel in Canada, and also arranged the publication of Fred Leuchter’s widely-refuted report on gas chambers at Auschwitz.

v. Penguin Books and Lipstadt, the final ruling in favor of the defendants confirmed that Irving “is an active Holocaust denier” and that “he is anti-Semitic and racist and that he associates with right-wing extremists who promote neo-Nazism.” In 2006, Irving was jailed in Austria after pleading guilty to a charge of “trivializing the Holocaust”, which is a crime in that country. Since his release, Irving has been marketing himself as a former “political prisoner”.

Irving’s current tour focuses on “Re-writing history, using the decoded Nazi messages” (see: <http://www.focal.org/speaks/index.html>). The re-writing of Third Reich history-especially in relation to the Nazi “Final Solution” for Europe’s Jewish population-is a major preoccupation for modern neo-Nazis and neo-fascists, who correctly believe that memory of the Holocaust is a significant barrier to the mainstreaming of their

We see nothing extreme about wanting a band with a history of lyrical and physical attacks on people of color and persons from the LGBTQ community shut down! We also see nothing wrong with informing community members at large - many of whom obviously shared our concerns - about this scheduled event. We say this because in all initial communication, Reverend Walker stated that while he could cancel the show, he had no intention of doing so. Instead he claimed that dialogue with One Life Crew - a group who chooses to engage in hate speech - was the correct tactic. ARA respects the fact that different people and groups have different tactics. However, we will make no apologies for our tactics. Further, we believe that the fact that One Life Crew will not be playing in Philadelphia proves that our tactics do work and that our decision to take our case about One Life Crew outside the walls of the First Unitarian Church was a solid one. In fact, some of the church’s own Board members and congregation members who were in attendance at Saturday’s meeting agreed with us that the UU should never even have considered hosting this show, and thanked ARA for ultimately bringing it to their attention.

Reverend Walker and some congregation members have expressed concern that ARA had hurt the “good name” of the church. ARA reiterates its position that at no time was our goal to harm the reputation of the church. We wanted to bring immediate, direct attention to what we believe was not only a hesitancy to shut down the show, but an indication that the show would go on as planned, to the detriment of what is supposed to be a safe space.

We express our desire to count both the Unitarian Church

and Rev. Walker as our ally - not as our enemy. However, as we made clear to him at Saturday’s meeting, we maintain that in this instance we believe his decisions were part of the problem. Philadelphia ARA will continue to organize around these important issues and hope to be able to work with the church’s progressive community in the future. We also hope that Rev. Walker will continue to investigate the information we provided that not only do neo-Nazis regularly attend shows at the church, but that they regularly engage in recruiting and violent acts. No matter how innocent R5 Productions and FSU try to make these white supremacists’ continued attendance at shows, the fact remains that people have been violently attacked outside R5 shows on several occasions. We implore Rev. Nate to join us in doing something before this problem gets even worse.

This is an on-going problem, not only in Philadelphia but nationally. The One Life Crew show in Philly was stopped, but they planned a show the next Friday in Cleveland OH and threatened to make the show a rally for their beliefs. They have been online attacking ARA on several hardcore music message boards and have just used their racist hype to get signed to a major label, a subsidiary of Eulogy records & Warner Brothers. Check it out at [www.doubleornothingrecords.com](http://www.doubleornothingrecords.com) These guys are serious about spreading their hate; even the Double or Nothing Records website promotes it as “16 years of HATE.” We need to get Warner Brothers to not sell One Life Crew cds and to stop profiteering off racism and homophobia!

beliefs. The Holocaust is denied so that, paradoxically, genocide can be repeated. Wherever Irving appears, he is backed and promoted by virulent anti-Semites and fascist organizers. Irving’s bogus history is both blatantly offensive and incorrect. However, we oppose Irving not for what he thinks, but rather for what he does. As the name of his own publishing project suggests, Irving serves as a “focal point” to bring Jew-haters and goose-steppers together.

He is part of a political tendency that is actively organizing for ethnic and racial hostilities, and in particular to persecute Jewish people. (James von Brunn’s murder of a Black security guard at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is one recent example of where this anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi tendency can lead. Von Brunn moved within many of the same circles that promote Irving’s work.)

Reverend Nate Walker of the First Unitarian Church told Philly ARA in a phone conversation that the church would not “cancel its tenants.” In the face of this statement and apparent blatant hypocrisy of everything the Unitarian Church claims to stand for, we asked all Philadelphians to express their concern and anger about this show directly to Reverend Nate. We also encouraged concerned community members to contact various church departments and members of the Board of Trustees, as well as Sean Agnew of R5 Productions ([sean@r5productions.com](mailto:sean@r5productions.com)) and Joe Hardcore ([joehardcore@gmail.com](mailto:joehardcore@gmail.com)) to express disgust at trying to bring One Life Crew to Philly. We urged people to call and email the First Unitarian Church and R5 Productions: be angry, be firm, but be legal.

In response to this campaign, Rev. Nate issued a pastoral letter defending his decision and accusing ARA of “binary thinking.” Due to concern for keeping the First Unitarian Church a safe space for all, dozens of people from across the country - including members of other Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations and their ministers - contacted Rev. Nate Walker and the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia church. In the end, the story was picked up by several media outlets and even more pressure was mounted against Reverend Walker’s church for considering to allow

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We believe that fascist activism and movement-building should meet with organized resistance. We invite you to help this effort along, by organizing in your own community. As we go to press, remaining dates for Irving’s speaking tour are as follows:

July 16: Spokane, July 18: Seattle, July 19: Portland, July 22: Sacramento, July 23: San Francisco, July 25: Costa Mesa, July 26: Sherman Oaks, July 29: Denver, July 30: Omaha, July 31: Chicago.

The exact location of Irving’s talk in each city has not been made public, due to Irving’s fear of encountering the opposition he so richly deserves. Any determined group of individuals ought to be able to pinpoint the event location in their city, however. Many of these events are probably booked under false pretexts, and venue owners may not necessarily know whom they are hosting.

# Nazis Not Welcome: Anti-fascist Victory in Houston

by Brad, Houston ARA

On June 27, 2009 in Houston, TX, white supremacists intended to hold a memorial for a dead nazi creepball, David Lane. Lane was a member of an armed white supremacist group called the Order, also known as the *Bruder Schweigen* (Silent Brotherhood). He kicked the bucket in federal prison in 2007, where he was serving time for the murder of Jewish radio host Allen Berg of Colorado. Lane was the author of the so-called “14 words” slogan of neo-nazis, often used in nazi numerology along with “88” (code for “HH” – Heil Hitler!). Many messages on nazi boards end “14/88” as a sign-off.

When the so-called “Aryan Front Line Skinheads” [sic-boneheads] declared their intention to distribute copies of Dave’s racist rants in the Houston area, antifascists immediately went on the alert. The boneheads tried to be clever by waiting until 11:00 PM the night before to post an actual location, but antifa were already standing by. The call went out, and in the morning our scouts were on location at the downtown federal building where the fascist goons planned to gather. Antifascists from around the city began gathering in a downtown park at 10 am. By eleven there were over 40 of us, and still no sign of the nazis.

With the boneheads beginning to look like a no-show, we marched to the nazi gathering spot to commemorate David Lane’s death in our own way - with a large banner reading: “The only good fascist is a dead fascist!” We stood in the pounding Texas sun ready and waiting, the different groups who had answered the antifa call chatting and bonding with each other. With noon approaching and still no sign of the ‘fash,’ we began to disperse, leaving scouts posted.

About ten minutes after the large antifa demonstration dispersed, a blue pickup truck pulled up and a woman with various swastika tattoos was spotted getting out with three klansmen in goatees. We recognized the woman from our intel files as Kensa Chandler, a nazi bonehead who moved to Houston from Los Angeles several years ago. The scouts sounded the alarm and antifa began to reconvene around the corner. Now about 25 strong, we rounded the corner and descended on the fascists before they even had a chance to finish unpacking. Still sitting on their truck preparing literature, the white supremacists were completely surrounded by antifascists chanting “Nazis go home!”

As they began to cross the street, we split into two groups and kept them completely surrounded. For about ten minutes, Kensa tried to give a speech about her murderous hero to an empty street, while more and more of the antifascists made their way back to the scene. All the while, our spirited chants of “No nazis, no KKK, no fascist USA” echoed off the tall downtown buildings. Finally, the understanding that they had been completely outmaneuvered penetrated the thick skulls of the nazi goons. They got back into their truck and made a quick exit, without having handed out a single flier.

Houston Anti-Racist Action would like to thank everyone who answered our emergency callout and helped stop these cretins in their tracks. By confronting the fascists now, while they are scattered and disorganized, we keep them from growing to the point where they are bombing and murdering like their sociopath “hero” David Lane. Shout outs to Houston ISO, Progressive Workers Organizing Committee, Texas RASH, Sedition Collective and all the courageous individuals who helped keep Houston’s streets nazi-free!

## ARA calls demonstration against Aryan Guard in Calgary

by Lev, ARA Calgary

Anti-Racist Action (ARA) Calgary is calling on residents of the Kensington, Sunnyside and Hillhurst neighborhoods and other concerned people to take a stand against racist violence in their community. There’s been a definite increase in violence and recruitment efforts by the Aryan Guard in the area, especially in and around Riley Park. ARA Calgary recently announced a peaceful anti-racist rally outside the Plaza Theatre (1133 Kensington Road NW) to take place between 1-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 at Riley Park to demonstrate that Calgary won’t tolerate racism and violence of the neo-Nazi gang in their communities any longer.

The Aryan Guard’s recruitment effort, which is aimed specifically at turning teenagers into virulent racists, is only one of the disturbing aspects of the gang’s increased presence in the area. At least three people, including a homeless man, have recently been severely beaten after members and associates of the Aryan Guard were seen prowling the area armed with baseball bats. The attacks, which often occur in broad daylight and on busy streets, seem to demonstrate that the gang does not fear

repercussions from city police. Aside from one hollow comment by Mayor Dave Bronconnier when the Aryan Guard formed almost three years ago, both the Calgary Police Service and City Hall have been ominously silent regarding the gang’s activities despite repeated and blatant illegal activity. As ARA says in its points of unity, we can’t rely on the cops and the courts. Members of the Aryan Guard have repeatedly been accused, and sometimes convicted, of numerous race-related crimes in the city, including assault and attempted murder.

But despite this long history of violence, police insist on ignoring the threat to the community presented by the gang, even trying to justify their lack of action by smearing ARA in an attempt to delegitimize the group. “Calgarians” can’t count on police or elected officials to deal with the problem of racism in our city. It’s time for members of our community to come together in the spirit of solidarity and mutual aid to confront the threat presented by the Aryan Guard at the grassroots level. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact ARA Calgary at [antiracistcalgary@gmail.com](mailto:antiracistcalgary@gmail.com).

## Anti-Racist Action Network International Anti-Fascist Gathering, October 9-12, Pittsburgh PA

Across the U.S. and Canada, racist and fascist violence is on the increase. Anti-immigrant, anti-Black, anti-gay, anti-Jewish, anti-Mexican, anti-woman forces have stepped up from racist and sexist rhetoric to murder. Recent incidents abound. A racist anti-Semite killed a Black guard at the US Holocaust Museum. A racist militia offshoot of the anti-immigrant Minutemen killed a little Mexicana girl in a home invasion. A racist former “Freeman” militia member turned anti-abortion zealot murdered abortion provider Dr. Tiller. Racist radio host Hal Turner was busted for threatening the lives of judges. Klansman and White Aryan Resistance member Dennis Mahon and his twin brother were charged in the fatal bombing in AZ. In San Bernardino, a Muslim was killed in an arson attack while cleaning up swastikas and other racist graffiti at his vandalized home. Activists suspect the involvement of racists stationed at a nearby military base, as nazi organizing inside the US military has increased. A 22-year-old man carried out a racially motivated rape and murder spree in Brockton, MA the day after Barack Obama was inaugurated as the first Black president of the US. He told cops he was inspired by the white nationalist website Podblanc, which encourages “lone wolf” nazi killings and racial attacks.

Meanwhile, the new figurehead for the Empire has renewed and extended imperialist war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Racist police violence and killings have reached a

crescendo in the US and Canada. Now more than ever, we need an organized anti-racist and anti-fascist response and counter-offensive.

This fall, anti-racists and anti-fascists from across the US and Canada will be meeting up at the annual ARA Network gathering in Pittsburgh PA for several days of political discussion, training, unity-building and strategizing. If you identify with or are interested in the type of direct-action anti-racist and anti-fascist action, education, and organizing that ARA is involved in, come join us. This is an opportunity to meet face to face, to assess the state of our work, and to advance to meet the challenges that face us. The conference is being hosted by the ARA-affiliated Greater Pittsburgh Anarchist Collective (GPAC). Contact GPAC for more details on registration, housing and other issues related to the conference. Write to 5001 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224, check out [www.gpacattack.org](http://www.gpacattack.org), or email [info@gpacattack.org](mailto:info@gpacattack.org) for more information, or check out the ARA network website, [www.antiracistaction.org](http://www.antiracistaction.org) for up-to-the-minute details. The ARA Network wants to make this conference an opportunity for unaffiliated ARA chapters, like-minded organizations, and independent anti-racists and fascists to come together with network-affiliated ARA chapters to build the strong movement necessary in these hard times. ARA has an anti-authoritarian political structure of autonomous chapters and includes various political tendencies that unite in a non-sectarian fashion around our principles of unity. Here they are:

### ANTI-RACIST ACTION NETWORK FOUR POINTS OF UNITY

**1) WE GO WHERE THEY GO:** Whenever fascists are organizing or active in public, we’re there.

We don’t believe in ignoring them or staying away from them. Never let the nazis have the street!

**2) WE DON’T RELY ON THE COPS OR THE COURTS TO DO OUR WORK FOR US:** This doesn’t mean we never go to court.

But we must rely on ourselves to protect ourselves and stop the fascists.

**3) NON-SECTARIAN DEFENSE OF OTHER ANTI-FASCISTS:** In ARA, we have lots of different groups and individuals.

We don’t agree about everything and we have a right to differ openly.

But in this movement an attack on one is an attack on us all. We stand behind each other.

**4) We support abortion rights and reproductive freedom.** ARA intends to do the hard work necessary to build a broad, strong movement against racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and discrimination against the disabled, the oldest, the youngest and the most oppressed people.

We want a free classless society.

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# Hypocrites on the Hill

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As politicians rush resolutions through Congress supporting the protesters in Tehran, defending the principle of freedom to protest, their hypocrisy is even more blinding than their own myopia. For, it takes only a moment's reflection to recognize that they don't give a tinker's damn about the protesters. This is about using resolutions as a weapon to further mark Iran as the enemy, the dangerous other which "threatens" U.S. hegemony.

As proof of political hypocrisy, one can cock an ear to hear the hiss of silence when protests erupt here in America, and demonstrators get beaten, locked up and prosecuted for practicing their alleged rights under the First Amendment.

Think back to the massive street protests against the police murder of Oscar Grant in Oakland, California. People were beaten, busted and had their cell phone cameras confiscated by the police. Did Congress support these protesters? Well, not yet. State and local politicians, when they said anything, called for calm, an end to protests -- and some dissed the protesters as "animals."

Sound familiar?

I don't speak Farsi, but it's my guess that they don't sound too different in tone from Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei -- in other words, 'the system works -- trust the system!' Why? Because that's what states always say.

Protesters here in the U.S. have had their butts kicked for years -- yes, years -- in spite of so called guarantees in the constitution to free expression and the right to protest. Indeed, we need look no farther than the hallowed halls of Congress itself, specifically Rep. John Lewis, (D.-GA), whose head still sports the scars from the police batons that battered him in Selma, when he protested against American apartheid.

A half a century later, and protesters still get beat downs, from coast to coast, for demonstrating -- and if they don't get beat down physically, they get beaten economically, by lawyers, judges and DA's, who squeeze them -- as they pay for the right to practice the freedom to demonstrate. The U.S. Congress, which just a few generations ago, supported the brutal, savage reign of repression over Iran under the Shah (Mohammad Reza Pahlavi), and also supported his nuclear ambitions, could care less about the Iranian people.

This is politics -- pure and simple -- and about using these protests as pretexts for other, more nefarious goals.

Because of the brutish, bone-headed policies of the Bush Regime, Iran emerged from the carnage of the Iraq war period as the strongest player on the board. That's because the U.S. took down their deadliest enemy, Saddam Hussein. The U.S. wants to reset the wheel, by sparking internal conflict, and thereby weakening the Iranian government. We have been here before -- and it didn't turn out well the last time.

## Partial Victory in SF8 Case Drop the Charges on Francisco Torres; Free Herman, Jalil and all Political Prisoners

by Free the SF8

After 38 years, the government's case against eight former Black Panther Party members and supporters has almost completely unraveled. The eight were arrested January 23, 2007 in California, New York, and Florida on charges related to the 1971 killing of a San Francisco police officer. Similar charges were brought in 1975, but a California judge tossed out the charges, finding that they were based on statements made by three of the men after police in New Orleans tortured them for several days employing electric shock, cattle prods, beatings, sensory deprivation, plastic bags and hot, wet blankets for asphyxiation.

Francisco Torres, Ray Boudreaux, Richard Brown, Harold Taylor and Hank Jones of the SF 8 and supporters Wanda Sabir, Kiilu Nyasha, Soffiyah Elijah and Nadra Foster emerged from the courthouse Monday, July 6, after hearing the prosecution admit there is insufficient evidence to sustain nearly all the charges.

Last week, Herman Bell and Jalil Muntaqim were sentenced to probation and time served, after Herman agreed to plead to voluntary manslaughter and Jalil to conspiracy to voluntary manslaughter. All charges were then dropped on Richard Brown, Hank Jones, Harold Taylor, and Ray Boudreaux, with the prosecution admitting it had "insufficient evidence" against them. Charges had already been dropped against Richard O'Neal last year.

Francisco Torres of NYC is the last person still with charges; he maintains his innocence and will appear in court on August 10. (See profiles on Who Are the SF 8? on [freethesf8.org](http://freethesf8.org)).

Herman Bell and Jalil Muntaqim have been in prison in New York for almost 40 years on similar charges based on the US Government's COINTELPRO actions to disrupt and destroy radical organizations, especially the Black Panther Party. Showing the weakness of the prosecution's case, Bell and Muntaqim were given no additional prison time, and will be returned to NY where they will continue to fight for parole.

Two and a half years of mass support for the Brothers, including resolutions from the San Francisco Central Labor Council, the Berkeley City Council, and several San Francisco Supervisors, have almost broken the back of a vindictive prosecution organized by Homeland Security, the FBI, and California Attorney General Jerry Brown. The defense committee has vowed to keep up the pressure until charges are dropped against Francisco Torres and Herman and Jalil are back with their families and community. See also reports in IndyBay Media and the SF Bay Guardian and photos at [www.flickr.com/photos/freethesf8](http://www.flickr.com/photos/freethesf8).

### Statement by Jalil Muntaqim on the S.F. 8 Plea Agreement

First, I would like to thank all my friends and supporters for their tenacious and tireless work in support of the S.F.8, especially the San Francisco 8 Support Committee, Committee in Defense of Human Rights,

### The Power of Truth is Final -- Free Mumia!

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Mumia Abu-Jamal's new book -- JAILHOUSE LAWYERS: PRISONERS DEFENDING PRISONERS V. THE USA, featuring an introduction by Angela Y. Davis -- has been released! It is available from City Lights Books: <http://www.citylights.com/book/?GCOI=87286100448090>

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Asian-Americans Committee for the S.F. 8, Freedom Archives, and many others. I wish to thank the excellent legal team whose unwavering commitment to the task was inspiring. I especially want to thank the lawyers who did the majority of the behind-the-scenes legwork by name: Soffiyah Elijah, Jenny Kang, Julie de Almeida, Heather Hardwick, Rai Sue Sussman, and Lori Flowers. This team of women suffering the testosterone of as many as ten male lead attorneys, plus the eight men accused, truly had their feminist code tested. Naturally, I want to thank the most noted private investigators, Adam Raskin and Nancy Pemberton, whose investigative technique and services were outstanding.

Today we were to start the preliminary hearing but because of our strong legal defense team and growing public support, the California prosecutor offered plea settlements that could not be ignored. The entire group discussed whether I would plead no contest to conspiracy to manslaughter. After some discussion, I reluctantly agreed to take the plea and be sentenced to 3 years probation; 1 year of jail time, credit for time served, concurrent with New York State sentence, dismissing 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Also, because of my plea, four other defendants would have all charges dismissed for insufficient evidence. This was a *no-brainer* especially considering the elder brothers suffered a variety of health issues ranging from high blood pressure, chronic respiratory problems, diabetes, PTSD, and prostate cancer. Although I have my own health issues, in my near 38 years of imprisonment, I believe I am in better shape than all four combined (Ha).

In the last 25 years prior to these charges being lodged, the brothers had been living peaceful and productive lives raising their families, and offering community services. During the period from their release on bail to this date, they had been running themselves ragged across the country telling the story of COINTELPRO destruction of the Black Panther Party, the Legacy of Torture, and building support for the case. While I would have liked to have continued the legal fight to what I believe would have resulted in complete exoneration of all charges, I know the jury system is fickle. I have seen too many innocent men in prison who fought with the conviction of being innocent after a reasonable plea bargain was offered, and they ultimately lost due to prosecutorial misconduct, defense attorney errors, improper jury instructions by a judge, and/or a fickle jury. Unfortunately, their loss results in spending decades in prison fighting for a reversal or waiting to be released on parole, or in the worst cases, death row DNA exonerations. The American judicial system is nowhere near being without flaws, as the overwhelming number of Black men in prison sorely attests. Given these circumstances, my taking this plea is a bitter-sweet win-win.

Finally, I would like to thank with profound appreciation my attorneys Daro Inouye, a 30+ year veteran of the San Francisco Public Defenders Office, whose trial experiences and skills are incomparable; and Mark Goldrosen, a remarkable, selfless trial technician and writer whose understanding of both State and Federal law brought the court (and some of the attorneys) to task.

### A luta continua - Jalil

FAX Gerry Brown, demonstrate Aug. 10 to free Cisco Torres

Check out [www.thejerichomovement.com](http://www.thejerichomovement.com) for petition to free Jalil and Herman!

# Survival Guide For The New Millennium

By the Black Riders Liberation Party (BRLP)

The Black Panther Party became mostly known in the news for confronting and shooting it out with the racist police forces across Amerikka. This was mainly a sensationalized deception of the Panther organization largely put out by the racist media corporations working hand in hand with the United States Government to justify targeting the Black revolutionary groups with massive Military attacks led by the wicked FBI. Although initially Panther leaders pushed forward the idea that the group represented Black armed self-defense to uplift the Black community's dignity and security, the reactionary media strategically and systematically froze and still-framed the Panthers in a gun-toting posture. This was also done to diminish, distort and belittle the Panthers' other programs to help educate and raise the consciousness of the community. These programs were originally referred to as the "serve the people" programs but were later officially called the Survival Programs.

These Survival Programs consisted of many different programs that were designed for the most oppressed Black Masses who shouldered the full-blown wrath of the exploitative capitalist machine and its racist ruling circle. The brilliance, discipline, and commitment of the Panther rank and file membership was expressed in these action-motivated programs. Panthers usually woke up in the wee hours of the morning after a tremendously stressful night of bracing for unjust police raids on their homes to operate these survival programs.

One of the first programs was the Black Panthers openly displaying legal guns while patrolling in the racist Oakland police to defend the Black community from harassment and vicious brutality. The Breakfast for Children program fed thousands of children

the genocide of Black people without openly appearing to be involved. This high tech deceptive strategy and disguised intent has fooled many people to believe that racism doesn't exist anymore in this country. We have been manipulated, misled, and scientifically brainwashed to think that we are each other's worst enemy and the fascist white system is our benevolent savior from total Black on Black self-destruction.

We ultimately have been convinced that it is better to call on the racist system to save us from each other instead of solving the problems ourselves. The gigantic turn for the worse has allowed the evil enemy to openly act as our 'friend' and don a near-perfect disguise behind our back against us. This distorted camouflage is perpetually reinforced by unaware mis-educated youth armed to the teeth with fully automatic weapons and tons of black self-hatred in their hearts, carefully smuggled into the ghetto by every element of the racist Amerikkan government and its ruling class. There are no poor ghetto dwellers with the capability to get large cargo planes to fly to Russia to get AK-47's or to Israel to get Uzi's to Amerikka.

This Black on Black violence has made it increasingly dangerous for anyone to go into the community to raise consciousness and educate people because of this government created crisis. This hostile situation combined with the racist system use of extreme poverty caused unemployment, chemical (crack) warfare, and biological (AIDS)warfare are nothing but deliberate preemptive attacks to prevent another mass Black Movement from gaining momentum. Other new issues like a new token Black Middle Class rising in the police force, political office, corporate managerial heads, and military service, have helped the wicked enemy to solidify the myth that America is no longer in the business of Black extermination. When in fact, the biggest growth industry business in America is locking up and imprisoning Black people for the government-created Black on Black crime in the community. Even Nazi Germany's Adolph Hitler failed to mastermind a final solution scheme to make billions of dollars by wiping a whole people off the face of the planet earth.

This evil wolf in sheep's clothing extermination plan has pushed the Black Riders to upgrade our ancestors' old Panther Survival Programs to cope with the emergency of the rapidly deteriorating community and develop modern counter measure Survival Programs. We are in a desperate crisis a hundred times worse than when we were first kidnapped as a people and drug here on slave ships at gunpoint from Africa. During chattel slavery there was at least a distinct line separating the oppressor from the oppressed. Today we have been purposely mixed up and confused by the enemy who made the victim look like the criminal and the criminal look like the victim. This mass illusion has been sending us one by one on a full speed conveyor belt into a doomsday pit. Our Survival Programs have had to come to terms with the situation where Brainwashed Black brains were using their Black hands to fling Black bodies into racist white-dug mass graves and government built gas chambers!

The Watch a Pig program was created to patrol the police with numerous different types of weapons to defend the community from a new paramilitary police terrorism and to direct the attention of the youth towards the real racist enemy. Since the police were also the main force used by the white power structure to break up and smash any organized cease-fire or gang truce from manifesting. We set this Survival Program on our high priority list for over 13 years. It is our most successful program to awaken the youth out of their apolitical slumber and shock them into an electrified political frenzy in Los Angeles, the heart of all gang lands. We have helped to develop the B.O.S.S. gang truce football games to build tolerance in the youth to settle disputes in a peaceful sports-like manner. Our comrade Duade Sherills developed that program and was also one of the many founders of the gigantic Watts gang truce. Many "hoods" have traveled from all over Southern California to play in the peace treaty games.

The Safe Passage Program provides Black Rider escorts to children on their way to school to protect children from getting trapped in the middle of gang shootings. We have developed skillfully trained Black Rider warriors to post up on dangerous high risk gang activity street corners to give political education classes to apathetic youth and provide immediate conflict resolution to stop Black on Black violence on the spot. The Cultural Mountain Boot Camp Program educates the youth, with an African rites-of-passage program. It is designed to help cultivate Black Self-esteem and Self-respect, to destroy self-hatred that breeds Black on Black criminal attacks. This program also creates discipline through Black martial arts self-defense training. It guides the youth into a true understanding of African Manhood and Womanhood deep in the mountains. The Kourt Watch program provides the community with Black Rider escorts and transportation back and forth to court. It is done to bridge the gap between the incarcerated Black people and their family support. We help the family find a lawyer or at least get legal counseling from a respected community lawyer. We have created the Squeeze the Slumlord Project, free food giveaways, provided shelter to the homeless, created clothing giveaways, counseled drug addicts, and much more, all free to the community.

In racist retaliation, the U.S government and its ruling circle has openly labeled us the number one paramilitary problem "gang" in Amerikka in many police reports. Homeland Security agency and its vicious Patriot Act guidelines were ordered to move its main operation from the New York "911" World Trade Center it was created for and redirect its resources, equipment, and secret agent forces to attack our Los Angeles Black freedom operations. Since then we have been raided by the FBI, S.W.A.T. teams, armored vehicles, bomb squad, and even with military tanks in broad daylight! We have stopped more gang-army violence with our Survival Programs than the racist U.S government's mass incarceration 'solution,' but have been rewarded with updated Gestapo violence by the fake friends and false saviors of the Black community. This is because the entire racist economy is dependent upon making its billion dollar profits from Black blood, sweat and tears of the community. It feeds

across Amerikka before school, to help them focus on learning rather than hunger in class. This was one the most successful survival programs.

There were weekly Political Education classes that helped educate adults to the political crisis of oppression. The Busing to Prison programs transported families to jails and prisons to visit their kin, to elevate family support for imprisoned Black people so they would return from prison ready to help their community instead of harm it. Health Clinics were set up to provide the people with basic medical care and sometimes tested for Sickle Cell Anemia. There were programs to escort elders back and forth to stores, and ambulance service, food and shoe giveaways, rehabilitation drug counseling and many, many more. All of these survival programs were provided to the poor black community for absolutely free. Yes, these survival programs were raising the standards of living in the community free of any charge!

During the maximum development of these survival programs, the racist transvestite FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover directed the government's Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) to use illegal tactics to attack the Panthers with white supremacist ruthlessness. He publicly declared that the Panthers were the greatest threat to the internal security of Amerikka! The original Panthers were falsely imprisoned, murdered, forced into exile, drugged with cocaine, mentally and physically tortured, divided and ultimately conquered!

The Black Riders represents the resurrected New Generation Black Panthers and we arose from totally different oppressive conditions than our original Panther comrades. The reactionary shift forced on the community towards Black on Black violent crime took center stage in the corrupt U.S government's skillful new maneuver to carry out

more on the communities' Black blood than it needs Iraqi Oil! If gang banging were to continue it would guarantee job security to those employed in the criminal injustice system, the prison business, and their hired gunslingers who love to aim at Black Heads since most of the American factories have moved overseas to exploit the Third World!

The Survival Programs are a very important feature in our struggle for liberation but we strongly disagree with our original Panther elder comrades that these programs represent "Survival-pending Revolution." This ancient incorrect idea assumes that the Survival Programs should be over-emphasized while downplaying the armed revolution, as if it is possible to create conditions of survival under Capitalism and fascism while being daily chocked out and smashed into a Black group of community-wide corpses! We believe only seizure of State power, the taking of the means of production, and the total transformation to African Inter-communalism by the peoples' armed struggle is the true way to guarantee that the people survive instead of being exterminated. Thereby making the correct distinction that the Survival Programs are a tactic to a revolutionary strategy as opposed to the survival programs being the strategy for revolution. This clearly represents the difference between passive reformism and aggressive revolution!

**All Power to the People who don't fear freedom.**

The Black Riders are the sharp pointed spearhead for the real second Black Revolution that will win!

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## CLIMATE CRISIS ACTION DAY: OCTOBER 24

**350.org** is a group of people from around the planet—young and old, scientists, writers and activists—with one thing in common. We know the most important number on earth: 350. And we know how to get global action on the worst crisis humans have ever faced. But we can only do it if you help. A year ago, climatologist James Hansen of NASA and his team produced a series of studies showing that if we let carbon in the atmosphere top 350 parts per million, we can't have a planet "similar to the one on ... which life on earth is adapted." The bad news is we're already past that number—we're at 390 parts per million and climbing, which is why the Arctic is melting, why drought is spreading across the planet, why people are already dying from dengue fever and malaria in places where they've never been seen before. The good news: that number gives us a target to aim for. When the world's leaders meet in Copenhagen in December to reach agreement on a new climate treaty, we need them to go farther than they've planned to go. We need to make sure they'll pay attention to the latest science and put forward a plan that gets us back to safety. On October 24, we need you to organize an action where you live, something that will make that most important number visible to everyone. People in more than 1000 communities around the globe have already announced plans. There'll be school children planting 350 trees in Bangladesh, scientists hanging banners saying 350 on the statues on Easter Island, 350 scuba divers diving underwater at the Great Barrier Reef, and a thousand more creative actions like these.

At each event, people will gather for a big group photo that somehow depicts 350--and upload that photo to the web at **www.350.org**. As actions take place around the world, we'll link all the pictures together electronically via the web. By the end of the day, we'll have a powerful visual petition linking together the entire planet that we can deliver to the media and world leaders.

But it can only happen with the help of a global movement—and it's starting to bubble up everywhere. Farmers in Cameroon, students in China, even World Cup skiers have already helped spread the word about 350. This is like a final exam for human beings: Can we muster the courage, the commitment, and the creativity to set this earth on a steady course before it's too late? October 24 will be the joyful, powerful day when we prove it's possible. Sign up or learn more at [www.350.org](http://www.350.org)

## Overhaul or Scrap ACESA: Too Much, Too Little, Too Late!

The Climate Crisis Coalition released a statement about the American Clean Energy Security Act, which would create a cap-and-trade system to manage carbon emissions. The provisions in ACESA's 1,000-plus pages do not add up to the steps needed to avert catastrophic climate disruption. The bill's emissions trading provisions create vested interests that would make future reforms very difficult. ACESA's "cap" on greenhouse gas emissions represents reductions of only 1-4% below 1990 levels by 2020, far less than climate scientists deem necessary. Offsets further weaken the cap. ACESA overwhelms its own cap by allowing up to two billion tons of dubious carbon "offsets" annually, with up to three-quarters from international sources. This would result in a price on carbon far too low to generate the changes in energy use necessary to avert catastrophe. Free allowances to utilities and energy intensive industries further undermine the needed shift to a low-carbon economy.

Trading combined with offsets will lead to speculative bubbles. ACESA's trading provisions would create a volatile \$2 trillion carbon pollution market with unregulated derivatives that could crash financial markets again. ACESA's Renewable Energy Standard (RES) is watered down to just 15% by 2020, barely greater than "business-as-usual." Furthermore, ACESA defines "renewable energy" to include dirty sources such as waste incineration. Through free allowances and a hidden utility tax, the coal industry would receive approximately \$150 billion over the bill's lifetime for "deployment" of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technology that presently doesn't exist and may never materialize. If feasible, CCS would require far more mining, transportation and burning of coal to produce electricity. ACESA would also give approximately \$24 billion to oil refiners under the pretext that the world's most profitable industry needs still more financial assistance. ACESA would preempt EPA's authority to regulate sources of greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act, while also overriding stronger laws at the state and regional levels. By disabling this regulatory backstop, ACESA ensures that if the bill is not changed or replaced, its failure as climate policy will be catastrophic.

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