

Communist Workers Party 5 Died Fighting the KKK/Nazis Rather Than Live as Slaves

On November 3, the Communist Workers Party 5, among the finest leaders of the working people of North Carolina, black and white, were gunned down by the Klan and Nazis in Greensboro. In plain sight of TV cameras, skilled assassins selected out their victims from the crowd at an anti-Klan rally, and then shot them in the head or heart. Why did they kill the Communist Workers Party 5? Who was behind the murders?

Some newspapers have claimed that the killings were provoked and were the result of a "shootout between two radical groups." But the evidence that has piled up since November 3 is overwhelming—the Greensboro massacre was set up by the Greensboro police department and the FBI, who have both been secret supporters of the Klan for a long time.

The Greensboro police disarmed the demonstrators, gave the Klan a copy of the parade permit, escorted the Klan caravan to the rally, and let most of the Klan/Nazi murderers go free. Klan leaders later admitted that "one person" brought the weapons to Greensboro and told the Klan who to kill. The murders were planned by the government.



COMRADE CESAR CAUCE



COMRADE BILL SAMPSON



COMRADE JIM WALLER, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CWP
PRESIDENT, LOCAL 1113-T, ACTWU



COMRADE SANDY SMITH



COMRADE MIKE NATHAN

The Communist Workers Party 5 were shot down in cold blood because they were leaders. Dr. Jim Waller, CWP Central Committee member, was president of ACTWU Local 1113-T and led a strike at Cone's Granite textile mill in Haw River, N.C. Bill Sampson was to be elected president of ACTWU Local 1391 at White Oak, Cone's largest plant. Sandy Smith was chairperson of the organizing committee at Cone's Revolution textile mill and a founding member of the Youth Organization of Black Unity. Cesar Cauce helped organize the Duke Hospital Organizing Committee, and headed the union drive newsletter. Mike Nathan was a people's doctor for many in Durham, N.C.; he helped coordinate the shipment of tons of medical supplies to the freedom fighters of Zimbabwe.

Remember the CWP 5 — Prepare for the 80's

The murder of the CWP 5 at the dawn of the 1980's is no accident. The 60's brought a massive upsurge among students, blacks and other oppressed minorities—urban rebellions in cities like Detroit and student uprisings like Kent and Jackson State, and A&T, rocked the nation. The 70's was the decade of deepening capitalist crisis— Inflation and unemployment—along with the rise of independent leadership like Jim, Cesar, Sandy, Mike and Bill.

At present, the U.S. economy is in its deepest crisis ever—13% inflation and cut-backs and layoffs are causing suffering for many. The temporary stabilization since World War II is ending. Most families, long denied the right to decent education and health care, are now finding it difficult or impossible to put meat on the table and heat their homes. People are searching for a way out. The 80's will most likely see a developing revolutionary situation, and a rise in the danger of World War and fascism.

And a key part of the capitalists' plan for fascism is to try to divide and confuse the American people. Using scapegoat politics, they blame the Iranians, blacks, or communists for the crisis—just like the Nazis blamed the Jews in Germany. The capitalists promote the Klan on the front pages of their newspapers because the Klan are masters of scapegoat politics.

But most of all, the handful of rich who run this country need to divide the working class from its revolutionary leadership. In the past, heroic leaders like Malcolm X were killed for educating the people about the real nature of this vicious system. To split the working class from its leadership, the capitalists have launched especially vicious campaigns against communists: the Palmer Raids of 1920, the execution of the Rosenbergs, the McCarthy Period, and now the CWP 5 assassination.

And that's why the owners of Cone Mills and the handful of capitalists who run North Carolina and the whole country wanted to see Jim, Cesar, Bill, Sandy, and Mike dead. The CWP 5 were teaching their friends and fellow workers about how to destroy the whole capitalist system, which makes us suffer every day, and how to build a bright future under socialism.

Not just in North Carolina, but in cities all across the U.S., the CWP is providing leadership to the U.S. people. The capitalists can see that CWP members and supporters are moving into the forefront of struggle after struggle in unions, communities, and campuses.

The assassination of the CWP 5 was the beginning of a wave of death threats, red-baiting, and firings aimed at CWP supporters all over the U.S. But the Communist Workers Party, instead of selling out, has stood strong. The pointed bayonets and armored cars of 1,000 police, state troopers and National Guard couldn't stop 1,000 friends and supporters of the CWP from holding an armed funeral march in Greensboro.

Beat Back Redbaiting

Likewise, the capitalists have unleashed a major red-baiting campaign against leaders of the working class: Cathy Scolieri, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE), Local 853 in Oakland, Calif. may be expelled from the union for her support of the CWP by the International and the company. Dori Blitz, Teamsters Local 22 shop steward, was red-baited to such a degree that the sheriff called a state of emergency and 150 state troopers were mobilized for the union meeting where she was to be ousted. Workers successfully beat back an attempt to expel John Spearman, a key organizer of a militant caucus within the Wichita International Association of Machinists (IAM), who was being red-baited by the misleaders for his support of the CWP.

These workers, including the CWP 5, are among the best the U.S. people's struggle has produced in the last decade. They are unchallenged leaders of the U.S. working class. The red-baiting against them is more than an attack on their political beliefs. It is an attempt to get rid of the actual leaders of the U.S. workers and oppressed. And an attack against this leadership is an attack against all working and oppressed people in the U.S.

The CWP is calling for the prosecution of the Klan and initiating a major civil rights suit against the Klan, the Greensboro police department and the FBI. We are asking concerned lawyers for their help. Progressive groups and individuals, attending forums and conferences throughout the country, have begun to rally behind the cause for which Jim, Cesar, Bill, Sandy and Mike died. Most important of all, revolutionary fighters are rising to take up the struggle against the entire capitalist system, which breeds groups like the Klan and Nazis. Take a stand! Death to the Klan and Nazis! Avenge the CWP 5!

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