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**Park marauders call it WILDING**  
... and it's street slang for going berserk

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**Drifter Gets Life Terms for Slayings**  
■ MINNEAPOLIS—A drifter who sometimes posed as an American Indian was convicted of murdering and sexually mutilating three Indian women and sentenced to life in prison.  
"I'm not the serial killer," Billy Glaze, 45, told Hennepin County Judge Jonathan Lebedoff. But the judge said he was not swayed by Glaze's denial and sentenced him to three life sentences to be served consecutively.  
Glaze was convicted of three counts of first-degree murder and three counts of second-degree murder in the slayings of Kathleen Bullman, 19, Angeline Whitebird-Sweet, 26, and Angela Green, 21,

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i am thinking about all the racist crap that has been written since the April evening when some New Afrikan teenagers beat and raped a white woman in central park; a park which rolls from Harlem through the richest white neighborhood in new york city. Everything from "she shouldn't have been there" to "they shouldn't have been there" to "more cops should have been there". All of that doesn't mean jack shit to me. central park says it all, raises all the questions that we failed to answer in a movement that stretched from 1960 to 1989.

What makes the central park gang rape a national media event is absolutely that it involves a white yuppie woman and New Afrikan teenage boys. Don't let anyone tell you different. Just ask the millions of women and children whose rape never caused one tear to be shed or one drop of ink to be spilled. If you are a white man raping white women you have to be Ted Bundy to get the kind of publicity the teens got.

Well, i am a white woman, a lesbian, a mother and a woman who's been raped. i am also an amazon, a bottomfish who needs to bring my understandings together on a whole different level. i can't go out there without a framework that makes sense.

What is an Amazon understanding of rape? How does it differ from the understanding of white women who want to remain in amerikkka?

To begin with rape is about territory and property. It is now and always has been.

Back before the dawn of "civilization"—that is before classes and private property and patriarchy—rape was non-existent, was in fact, unthinkable. There were peoples that didn't even have a word for it. RAPE CAME WITH THE FIRST PATRIARCHAL SOCIETIES. In Matriarchal societies no man could have remained with the tribe if he raped someone. And to be expelled from the tribe was to die. Some how men had no trouble controlling themselves when to mess-up meant no warm fire, no shelter, no food and no friendship.

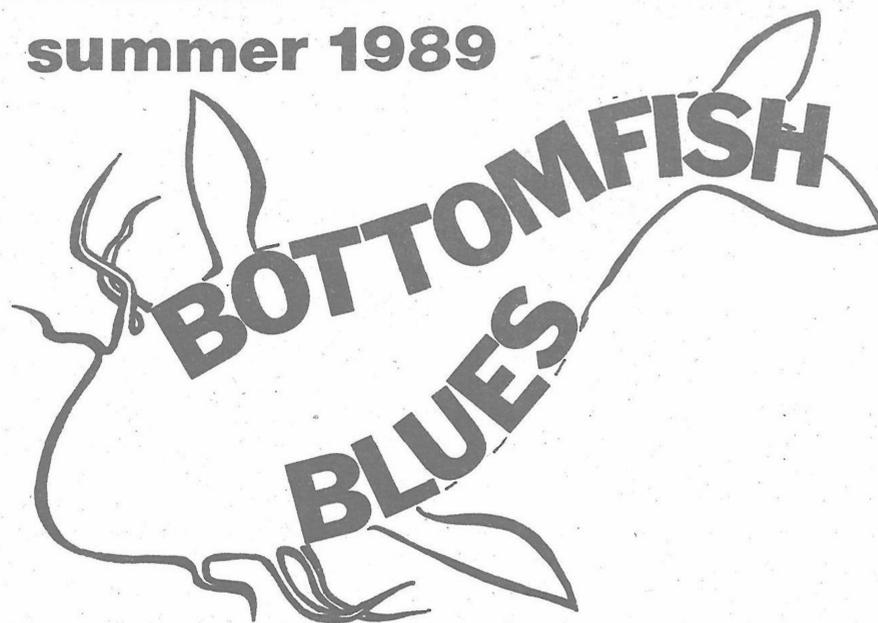
SO HOW MUCH CONTROL WOMEN HAVE OVER OUR BODIES IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HOW MUCH TERRITORY WE CONTROL. TO HOW MUCH OF SOCIETY WE CONTROL.

When men rose to power by enslaving women and children, rape and child abuse appeared on the scene. Cause what a man does to his cattle, woman and children is his business. If he can extract profit from their bodies he can extract sexual pleasure.

So the idea of superior and inferior

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people entered history. The world ain't been the same since. Other people's land and possessions were seized, used and abused. The women and children of other tribes were valuable labor to accumulate even more wealth, were badges of how big a shot a man really was.

Slavery started with women and children. Started within the family. No wonder men made the family a holy thing.

Men of other tribes were enslaved too, but usually adopted into the conqueror's tribe to provide more soldiers.

Now when all this really got going these lords joined forces in combination and created nations. And then nations enslaved whole tribes, whole other nations, all the men, women and children. The further from home these enslaved peoples were, the more different they looked, the easier it was to say they were inferior, non-human. And truth be told it became easy to convince the original slaves that the new slaves were inferior. In fact it became possible to ease the burdens on the family slaves. So long as we behaved. It pays a big dividend to belong to these strong lords, doesn't it? Get beat less, get raped a little less. Get to be straw boss. At least sometimes.



But you know dialectics turns the wheel of history and even the strongest lord & and the strongest nation doesn't rule forever. Enslaved peoples unite, become new nations—and begin to fight back. We've reached a point in history where our white lords can no longer assure their control and our privilege. Twenty-five years ago the struggles of New Afrikan people raised

the ancient memory of our freedom, too. Stirred our blood a little..caused us to begin to see what we were, but we didn't see where we were.

The sixties wasn't about woodstock, you know. It was about New Afrika, Vietnam, NATIONAL LIBERATION AND FREEDOM. It was about the beginning of the new and the ending of the old. A nodal point in history where something's gotta change.

White men saw it coming. They knew where they were. They understood empire and colonialism. Knew enough to kill Malcolm and the panthers. Knew enough to defeat the Black Liberation Army. And most important they knew enough to make war on New Afrikan women. Everyone knows New Afrikan women play a much larger role in their nation than white women have ever played since the dawn of patriarchy in europe. During the Vietnam War the movement spoke bravely about bringing the war home to amerikkka. But what we failed to do, the White Lords did.

The Lords saw in the armed rebellions of the sixties and seventies that they could no longer directly control New Afrika, but they knew enough to promote a neo-colonial pseudo leadership. And they knew enough not to defeat or kill off the war-lords who replaced the revolutionaries.

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WHITE OAK, MARYLAND

## Public Housing Aides Push to Evict Drug Users, Sometimes Violating the Rights of Other Tenants

By JOE DAVIDSON

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL  
The nationwide push to oust drug users from public housing recently swept up Mabel Coleman, a 65-year-old grandmother in Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Coleman, who is raising several grandchildren, got an eviction notice after one of her grandsons was arrested on drug charges. She says she tried to control the behavior of the teen-ager, a high school wrestler, but couldn't. Finally, she put him out of her apartment because, she says, "He didn't abide by my rules."

But because his name was still on the lease for Mrs. Coleman's unit in the Pleasant View development, the Omaha Housing Authority tried to evict her and four other grandchildren, ages two through 18, living with her.

Government officials, backed by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, are using tougher and speedier evictions to fight drugs at many of the nation's 12,000 public housing projects. Many tenants applaud the moves. But the anti-drug drive also shows the difficulty of walking the fine line between protecting residents and violating the rights of some. Sometimes that line is crossed; in Mrs. Coleman's case, a court decided she had a right to remain in Pleasant View.

Officials are "going to hurt some innocent people if they do it [evictions] in a haphazard way," worries Herman Holloway Jr., a housing activist and former vice chairman of the Wilmington, Del., housing authority. "Be tough as you want,



Jack Kemp

but be fair."

### Entire Household

The crackdown is being pressed on several fronts. A federal law passed late last year allows the eviction not only of drug users, but a tenant's entire household if any member of the family or a guest "engages in" drug-related activity "on or near public housing premises." Omaha officials cite the law for justification of their action against Mrs. Coleman.

Earlier this year, Mr. Kemp also began giving localities the authority to waive federal requirements for a grievance hearing before securing a court-ordered eviction. He acted after an Alexandria, Va., policeman and his assailant were killed in a drug-related shootout at a public housing development there in March.

"I'm not interested in abusing anybody's rights," but "I've tried to cut down on the cumbersome process of eviction," Mr. Kemp told applauding Flint, Mich., tenants.

Some local authorities have gone further. In Chicago's Operation Clean Sweep, police began inspecting every unit of a public housing building without warning, the ground-level open-air corridors are fenced in, and photo identification cards are issued to tenants.

Many tenants say the sweeps have made the projects safer. During one inspection of her unit at the Cabrini Green project, 58-year-old Henry Lee Johns was frisked, but she says she didn't mind the search, which didn't turn up any drugs. Because of frequent drug-related shootings before the sweeps began late last year, "you could not sit in the kitchen without falling to the floor to eat," Ms. Johns says. "Now we sit where we want. Now we look out our windows. It's a big deal with us."

### 'Restoring Some Rights'

Vincent Lane, the Chicago Housing Authority's executive director, says residents tell him "I am restoring some of their rights that were taken from them years ago by the gangs and drug dealers. We're taking these buildings back and we're holding them."

But at least one Cabrini Green resident wasn't so pleased. At about 9 a.m. Dec. 8, she says, housing officials and police knocked on her door and announced "we have a clean sweep."

The officials ordered everyone to the front room, and "before I could get out of bed, they was under my mattress, under my bed, in my shoe box, in my purse," complains the woman, who filed a lawsuit against public housing authorities under the name Jane Doe. "I feel they treated me unfairly," she says in an interview.

Her Jane Doe lawsuit, brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, has prompted the housing authority to make changes. While the ACLU hasn't any problem with many of Clean Sweep's procedures, its suit has ended the no-warrant searching of apartments and individuals by police, and a policy barring guests after midnight.

Elsewhere, some ousted tenants contend they weren't informed of their rights. Martha Harris was evicted from her public housing unit in Wilmington, Del., because her 22-year-old son Edgar was arrested for cocaine use. He wasn't on public housing property, but he was near enough that officials evicted everyone living in his unit. Mrs. Harris, who had rented in the project for 23 years, says she knew nothing about her right to challenge the eviction in court until it was too late. "I moved because I really didn't know the law that well," she says.

### Heavier Burden

Housing authorities say the head of household must take responsibility for the actions of everyone included in the lease. One Wilmington tenant twice tried to get her cocaine-using son to treatment centers and even locked him out of the house. That wasn't enough, says Mary Ann Russ, the Wilmington Housing Authority's executive director. The tenant should have removed her son from the lease, she says, then it couldn't have been terminated.

Ms. Russ agrees some unsuspecting residents are victims, "but they aren't victims of us [housing officials]. We are enforcing the law. They are victims of their own children." A state court recently blocked three evictions sought by Wilmington authorities, however, because they hadn't shown the tenants had reason to know of illegal activities.

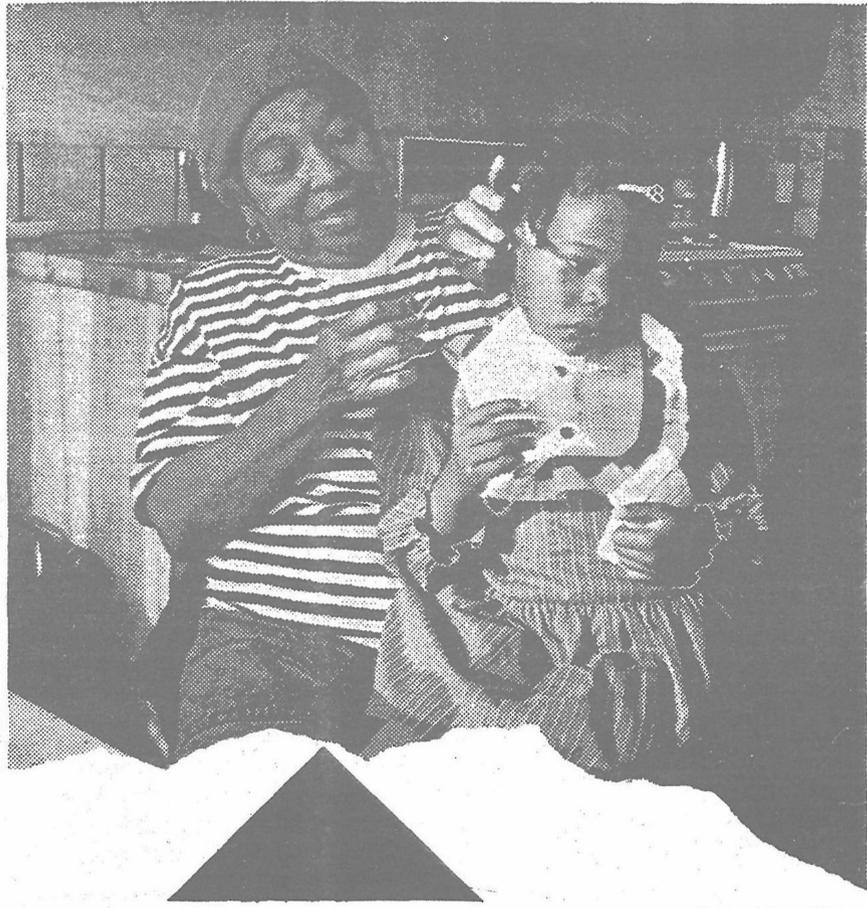
Roberta Youmans of the National Housing Law Project argues that federal and local policies increasing the responsibility of public housing tenants for the actions of others put a heavier burden on them than on private renters at the same time officials are cutting back on tenant grievance procedures.

Frank Keating, HUD's general counsel designate, says the department is simply waiving duplicative procedures that "have paralyzed in many cases the ability of public housing authorities to rid their projects of the criminal element." He says the expedited waivers are granted only if court eviction procedures guarantee certain due-process standards.

Local officials say strong steps are needed to protect the tenants who don't use drugs. In Alexandria, Va., "We're using young kids many times," some as young as 14, to make undercover drug buys using marked money, says Mayor James Moran. The intelligence from the buys is used "to build up justification for the search warrant which gets information for eviction," he says.

Mayor Moran says tenants are told that if they are evicted for drugs, "the city shelters will not accept them. They're supposed to move to another jurisdiction and get help from family or friends and start life anew. I know it sounds like banishment [but] I want public housing residents to feel I'm the meanest, most uncaring son-of-a-bitch imaginable. I want them scared to death."

# Grandmothers Bear a Burden Sired by Drugs



By JANE GROSS

Special to The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8 — Already exhausted by age, poverty and heartache, the grandmothers of the drug-ravaged inner city are emerging as the quiet victims of the cocaine crisis.

Louise Vaughn is raising two grandchildren, Stacie, 5 years old, and Sherrie, 2. "It's not a fond thing, a joy thing," she said. "Starting all over again, with the P.T.A., Girl Scouts — I don't look forward to that."

To an extent that even hardened child-welfare workers find shocking, these grandmothers have become the parents of last resort, forced into a second round of child-rearing because their own children are lost to crack cocaine.

There are no official tallies, but family court judges, teachers, doctors and nurses in cities like San Francisco, New York and Chicago say they are seeing an astonishing number of children in the care of grandmothers. At day care centers, after-school programs and municipal hospitals in neighborhoods ruled and ruined by crack, officials estimate that as many as 70 percent of the children they see are being raised by older relatives.

After all, someone had to control the streets of New Afrika. And they knew they couldn't suppress the new women's movement either. Too many wars, too many fronts. Besides they had a use for us, a role in the destruction of New Afrika. They knew enough of our weaknesses to buy us off. Knew our weaknesses better than we knew them ourselves.

A women's movement that was supposed to be about world freedom, ended up being about a career for Liz Holtzman and a promotion for Sandra Day O'Connor. Ended up being about deputy this and chairman that.

And that brings us to central park at the close of the eighties. A New Afrika dominated by warlordism and the huxtables. A white amerikkka where white women play on wall street and bemoan the defeat of the equal rights amendment.

Central park was a happening thing where one blind group crashed into the other at our unfenced but very real inner border. Our sister of patriarchy, working off her nervous high from wall street deals, her walkman turned up, didn't see she was in any trouble. She ran into some junior warlords in basic training, who also didn't see that they were in trouble.

Up until the New Afrikan struggles of the sixties white women depended on our lords, the kops and klan to control the New Afrikan Nation. We've not only always oppressed New Afrikan people but counted on New Afrikan women to raise their sons and daughters not to attack us on the few occasions we came into vulnerable contact with each other.

We, of course, never raised our sons and daughters not to kill & attack New Afrikan women. Or New Afrikan men and children either. We were the mistresses of the lord of the land. We can't even get enough control in white amerikkka to raise our sons not to rape us. And we sure don't care if they rape New Afrikan women.

Warlordism is a society without any real civil government, a chaos where gangs and armies of armed men not only have a free run but are the only true authority. It's what you see in much of the Third World, say in Beirut or Colombia--or, increasing-

ly, in New Afrika. Warlordism is created in the social vacuum when an oppressed people have thrown off colonialism or made direct colonial rule impossible, but do not yet have national liberation and effective self-rule. It is a natural form for neo-colonialism.

White settler amerikkka can no longer patrol & control the daily activity of millions of New Afrikans. It gets harder and harder for them to police the giant New Afrikan cities (can you see a few dozen klanners or skinheads coming into overtown or bed-stuy and trying to intimidate folks--would they last five minutes?). What imperialism does do is to zero in on all attempts at New Afrikan self-government, to stop New Afrikans from reorganizing themselves into a stable society of their own. And to do that it targets New Afrikan women & their children.

The practical result is no government for New Afrikans, only a neo-colonial vacuum in which posses and drug gangs of men and boys take over any block or project they can temporarily hold. Alternating with the cops. These armed gangs are foster-parented by imperialism, in the same way that the c.i.a. pumped millions of dollars in modern arms into warlord armies that would destabilize & terrorize Afrikan nations such as Mozambique.

There's all the people trying to pin it on the kids gone abnormal. The real deal is that these boys aren't abnormal (nor was the white gang that raped the retarded girl in N.J. just a deviation). Normal doesn't mean healthy, it just means what's usual, the standard. And this is all normal. You know what they say: "amerikkka--love it or leave it."

New Afrikan children can buy a 9mm browning or a colt.38 in NYC cheaper than a white man can in a Miami gunshop. And wholesale dope is easier to get than that. Posses and drug gangs are our backyard equivalents of Jonas Savimbi and UNITA. Just 'cause neo-colonialism is indirect rule doesn't mean there's anything non-violent about it.

We've all heard that the Schomberg boys who did Central Park had been protected by the NY cops up til then. For several years they'd been harassing and beating up people

at the Tres Unidos housing project. Not just other kids, but older women, too. This was encouraged by the NY police, who wanna see New Afrikans and Latins mess over their people. Cops refused to arrest the Schomberg boys despite many women's complaints, but kept reminding the Tres Unidos tenants that they would be arrested if they harmed the posse. You could say mayor Crazy Ed & his cops set up the central park gang rape. Their only accident was that the victim was supposed to have been a New Afrikan woman or a Latin woman (sorry, they'll do better next time).

Everyone says the kids are out of control, gone wild, but it isn't true. These are only children responding to what's out there, learning to solve their wants and problems according to the social culture. And warlordism is the dominant culture out on the streets. And cops and posses and drug gangs and crimies are the main players. If you're an Arab boy in Beirut you wanna join one or another militia, get your own AK-47 and be a player. Fact, a lotta girls wanna do that, too. Not too dif here. Everyone's going to solve hers or his problems some way, going to find their answers with what's out there. They aren't going to just go sit in the deep freezer 'cause that'd be more convenient for white folks.

central park isn't something strange that we have to figure out. It's just how it is, because white people set it up that way. White people stripped New Afrikan women of the power to raise their children their way, to control much of anything beyond their apartment door. Mothers say they can't even control their hallway. At the same time, everyone says New Afrikan women are at fault if they don't keep pulling their role of raising more kids and instilling good values--somehow.

Lots of young New Afrikan women are just saying "fuck it." This has really shocked the older generation, that there's New Afrikan women who are blazing away out there, partying and doping, ripping and running, leaving their kids to grandma or no-ma. It's equality. It's their share of the same warlord culture. If the boys are in 1989, the girls aren't going to be in 1960.

It all comes down to what's out there. Because men have organized the world into their territories, their systems of con-

## CHA checks charge of sex for services

The CHA may launch an investigation to determine if its employees are demanding sex from tenants in exchange for services and goods, CHA Chairman Vincent Lane said Wednesday.

He said he has no proof of a sex-for-services scheme but said numerous residents have complained to him about it.

"We have heard charges that our employees have extorted sex from women who need work done in their apartments," said CHA spokeswoman Katie Kelly. "Vince wants to find if what we hear is indeed true."

Another allegation is that tenants have been asked for sex in return for appliances.

No particular employees or developments have been cited, Kelly said.



trol, their solutions. Having created warlordism, white people take advantage of it to push their solutions to the problems New Afrikan children and women have. Schools are becoming more regimented & there's more kids in foster-care, group homes, homeless shelters, welfare hotels and juvenile prisons. A growing concentration camp subculture for New Afrikan children.

This system is the training camps for warlordism, all run by white people. And they are drafting the youngest New Afrikan children into this army of genocide. Or do you still wanna call it "social work"?

Many New Afrikan women have been terrorized by warlordism into going along. Just as many New Afrikan parents endorse Joe Clarkism, with its baseball bat mentality, as the best hope for their children. Or the new program of turning public housing projects into "protected hamlets," as the u.s. army called them in 'Nam, where all the New Afrikan residents need ID cards around their necks to move around & no outsiders or political activity is allowed.

## Tenants Cheer After Shooting Of 2 Guards

OAKLAND, Oct. 9—Residents of a crime-ridden public housing project cheered when the body of a security guard was carried to an ambulance after he was gunned down.

"When they brought [him] out, people started clapping and saying, 'Hurrah,'" said Acorn housing complex resident Gustina Hamilton, 51.

Residents of the 673-unit complex have been complaining for a year that guards hired by Prostaff Security to chase out drug dealers have instead brutalized residents.

The comparison to the infamous South African passbooks for Afrikans is obvious. This trend began with Chicago's "Operation Clean Sweep" at the Rockwell Gardens project, which h.u.d. secretary Jack Kemp says is his government's "model for the rest of the country."

A Rockwell Gardens tenants group that opposed the new police station faded away, because most New Afrikan women there went for it as the best of the bad choices they were offered. Yoletta Woodard, 33, told reporters that the gangs "used to be outside your door all the time. They'd be drinking, smoking reefers. If you had somewhere to go, too bad. You stay inside. It's a lot better now." Freedom wasn't a choice, only a choice between two kinds of male regimentation over you.

In Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Berry and federal drug czar William Bennett kicked off "Operation Take Charge" (even sounds like 'Nam, doesn't it?) at the Arthur Capper housing project. There the new rules forbid even immediate family from visiting or entering at all without a photo ID card, or from staying more than two weeks a year.

The contradictions that powerless women have expressed by one resident:

" 'I think it's beautiful,' resident Barbara Hunter said on the ID system. Complaining of crowds of youthful drug dealers who keep her up all night, she said the only snag is that city officials hadn't explained the mechanics of how her grandchildren can visit her. And touching the new laminated photo ID card on a chain around her neck, she added, 'It does remind me of South Africa.' "

Women have no influence or power unless you join one patriarchal system or another. That's why Gloria Williams, that New Afrikan sister in Los Angeles, was hanging out with her children's gang. She was the first woman arrested under the Street Terrorism Enforcement & Protection Act, which makes it a felony for New Afrikan and Latino mothers to "permit" their kids to do crimes. Her arrest came after her 17 year-old son was arrested as part of a gang rape of a 12 year-old girl.

Prosecutors dropped charges when her lawyer proved that she had completed a white settler government "parenting class" for underclass women. This is all the way deep, think about it. (and are the mothers of all the white boys who sexually assaulted that retarded girl in N.J. going to be arrested?)

But wasn't Gloria Williams just doing what the 28 year-old Central Park jogger did, joining one or another of men's systems to be a player, to get a role, resources or influence?

I'm not thinking about the boys right now, I'm thinking about the mothers. Men go on about the "Black matriarchy," but New Afrikan women have much less power to raise their children than they did 25 years ago. Less control of their community. While white people have more say and power in the raising of New Afrikan kids than they did 25 years ago.

It's about solutions. New Afrikan boys smashing and raping a woman as part of their basic training, while somewhere else New Afrikan women sit in the living room of a house or apt, many in their seventies. In rooms are children, some under five and some in their teens. These are her grandchildren & great-grandchildren. She is their No. 1 caretaker, the bedrock of the house. But she's afraid to go to the store after dark, to go out there. But they will have to go out there, that's life. It's all one string, all part of the chaotic warlord culture that the captive New Afrikan nation has been plunged into.

It's all about whose territory, about whose systems of gov't, about whose solutions. There is no way within white peoples' system for New Afrikan women to deal with warlordism, with being occupied by alternating currents of cops and gangs. This is reality whether anyone likes it or not.

So when we wanna know what's happening, we should first ask ourselves who we are, where we are, and what time it is? And before we call for more protection from our white Lords, it's good to be able to tell our friends from our enemies.

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# Rote Zora



Until last Winter's unprecedented raids on the public West German women's movement by the BKA, West Germany's FBI, trying to find Red Zora, few women in the u.s. had ever heard of Red Zora's revolutionary feminist urban guerrillas. In West Germany, however, they are well known to aware women as leaders in the fight against sex-slavery of Third World women and the fight against the development of new white master race bio-technology. As German women, they feel a special call to fight against the development of Nazi-like genocide in new and disguised forms.

And they warn German women that without underground armed resistance, the situation there will inevitably deteriorate to the level of the u.s.a., where covert bio-genocide programs against Indian, New Afrikan and Puerto Rican women are going on. Red Zora is fighting our fight as well as their own. Is fighting a war we don't want to admit is going on.

The male world has reluctantly become used to women fighters in Third World liberation armies or women revolutionaries in male-dominated left parties, but Red Zora is something different. It points to a fresh page in world politics, as one small forerunner of the amazon army.

In West Germany there is an active and legal trade in Asian women for sexual purposes, what is called sex-slavery. Under the fiction of arranging marriages brokers import poor "Thai-girls" for German men who are willing to pay (\$500-\$700 each plus airfare). Men are allowed to first "test" the women, who are isolated in a strange country and pressured to go along. Many of the women, primarily from Thailand and the Philippines, are later forced to work as prostitutes.

Sometimes a group of men, a drinking club of sports team, will chip in a few bucks each and buy a "thai-girl" to share. All legal so long as one man marries her and acts as her keeper. The police have said that under democratic laws there is nothing they can do. There are believed to be thousands of Third World women being held in semi-slavery in West Germany.

Der Spiegel, the newsweekly that is like TIME or Newsweek here, commented that because the government is unwilling to act "These women traders have only the 'Red Zora' to fear." For the women guerrillas of Red Zora have been the ones taking the fight to the enemy, targeting the women traders and encouraging German women to resist. In one widely-publicized action in August 1983, Red Zora found and fire-bombed the van of Gunther Menger, one of the biggest of the women traders, right outside his vill. And warned him that bombs could get even closer.

In October 1986 they attacked the offices of Lufthansa, the West German national airline, to publicize its role in sex-tourism (packaged vacations for men in Southeast Asia, where the men's tour group is provided each day with Asian women and children for sex).

The same abuses happen in the u.s.a. (i've noticed some classifieds advertising Asian women by women traders in liberal magazines like the mis-named Mother Jones), but here it isn't yet an issue. For there's no issue where there is no struggle. Unlike West Germany, where Red Zora has attacked not only women traders, but countless porn shops, doctors' offices and genocide laboratories under the slogan, "FIGHT THE IMPERIALIST PATRIARCHY!"

The mass witchhunt by West German cops shows that Red Zora's small success has become a big emergency to the authorities. Last year the feminist guerrillas were credited with helping women factory workers in South Korea win a strike against the Adler corporation. One of the major German clothing manufacturers and chain retailers, Adler had moved its production facilities to low-wage sweatshops in South Korea and Sri Lanka. Instead of \$700 a month, as it had been paying women workers in Germany, Adler was paying South Korean women only \$30 or \$40 per month (for 48 hour weeks) to keep its chain of stores stocked with discount clothing.

In the Summer of 1987, women workers in South Korea went on strike against Adler, calling on West German women to support them. The women's community held public meetings and protest rallies outside Adler stores. On the evening of August 15, 1987, Red Zora struck with fire-bombs. As their communique humorously said:

"Even we couldn't pass by the attractive discount markets of Adler: on August 15th nine Adler shops were burned."

When Adler tried to assert itself by punitively laying off 1700 Korean women and firing twelve women strike leaders, Red Zora used "burning arrows" on September 9th, destroying an Adler store in West Berlin. The corporation gave in, rehiring the striking women, promising not to interfere in free union elections, and raising women's wages by 25%. Well done, sisters!

## THE WOMEN'S ARMY

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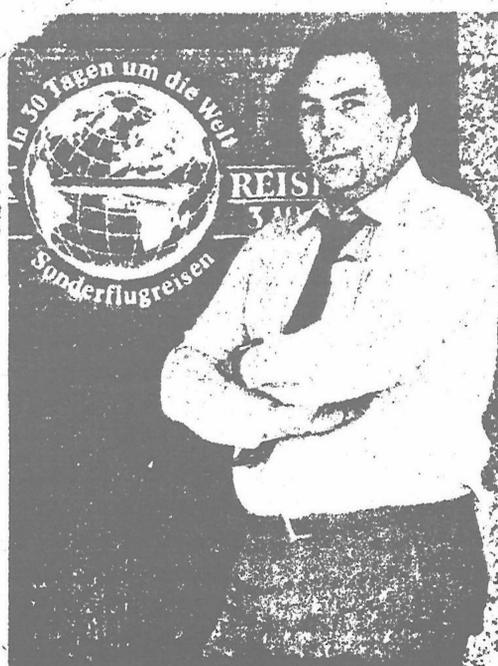
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We don't struggle for women in the Third World, instead we struggle with them. For example, against the exploitation of women as a commodity. This modern slave trade has its equivalent in the conjugal possession conditions here. The forms of oppression are different but they all have the same roots. Nobody can play cards with us as chips any longer.

its ultimate goal as the replacement of capitalism by a communal society without stratified economic classes and without a patriarchal State. In other words, a communist society where all who do the work make the decisions in common. This, needless to say, is a far jump from the choices women have today--the imperialist non-welfare State or patriarchal socialism.

"The separation between men and women has its equivalent internationally in the separation between people of the First and Third World. We ourselves profit from the international division of labor. We want to break our involvement with this system, and understand our common interests with women from other countries."

Red Zora doesn't believe in hierarchical left political parties, either of the old stalinist model (which among other things have always used women and repressed women) or tame models of middle-class legality, such as West Germany's pro-white ecology Green Party. They think of themselves as part of a revolutionary network sharing

Emma, West Germany's glossy liberal-feminist monthly (much like MS. magazine here), two Red Zora women explain their underground:

"Q. Let's start with who you are?

"A. ZORA 1: If this is a personal question then we are women between the ages of 20 and 51. Some of us sell our labour, some of us take what we need, and others are 'parasites' on the welfare state. Some have children, some don't. Some women are lesbians, others love men. We buy in disgusting supermarkets, we live in ugly houses, we like going for walks or to the cinema, the theater, or the disco. We have parties and cultivate idleness. And of course we live with the contradiction that many things we want to do can't be done spontaneously. But after successful actions we have great fun!

"Q. What does your name mean?

"A. ZORA 2: 'The Red Zora and Her Gang' [a children's book]--that is the wild street kid who steals from the rich to give to the poor. Until today it seems a male privilege to build gangs or to act outside the law. Yet particularly because girls and women are strangled by thousands of personal and political chains this should make us masses of 'bandits' fighting for our freedom, our dignity, and our humanity. Law and order are fundamentally against us, even if we have hardly achieved any rights and have to fight for them daily. Radical women's struggles and loyalty to the law--there's no way they go together!

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"Q. How important is the connection to the Third World, the exploitation of women there, for you?

"A. ZORA 1: In all our attacks we've declared this relationship, as when we attacked the women traders and the Philippine embassy last year [1983].



GSC9 stormtroopers in raids on women's movement

The revolutionary feminist guerrillas first came together in 1974 during the women's movement struggle for the abolition of the repressive patriarchal abortion law "Article 218", and for right of abortion on demand. That campaign failed like the defeat of ERA in amerikka. Even a modest revision of the old law was rejected by the West German Supreme Court. The very next day Red Zora women struck for the first time, bombing the Supreme Court building in Karlsruhe.

Since then these sisters have never stopped fighting to build a women's culture of resistance to patriarchal imperialism. As revolutionaries, Red Zora sees

and spreading:

"...the concept of building illegal structures and a network which is not controlled by the State apparatus. This is so we can carry out our subversive direct actions. 'We strike back!'--this slogan of the women of May 1968 is no longer as controversial today regarding individual violence against women. But it is still very controversial--and most of the time taboo--as an answer to the power conditions that steadily produce this violence against women... Therefore, we think it absolutely necessary to tear the oppression of women as sexual objects and as producers of children out of hiding in the 'private domain,' and to show our anger and hate with fire and flames."

A word of caution: Red Zora is not simply an evening activity of sisters from your local anti-rape center or Third World solidarity group. If you think that's all it is & just jump out there yourself and do something spontaneously, you're gonna get in over your head. So consider yourself warned.

Red Zora grew out of the early political experiences of another radical underground, the male/female Revolutionary Cells ("Revolutionäre Zelle"), with which it still shares common principles and a working alliance. Both networks use the initials "RZ" to mark their commonality. This has been controversial with some parts of the women's movement. Red Zora

tions. Together with the Revolutionary Cells, we printed up 'pirate' public transit fare-cards, and handed them out in the Rulo district to introduce a little 'tax-free income'."

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"ZORA 2: ...But there are also stressful discussions. Sometimes men who otherwise transform their radical break with the system into real practice are at the same time alarmingly far away from realizing what anti-sexist struggle means, and what meaning it has for the perspective of revolutionizing society. Between us women there is also controversy where the limits are, when a cooperation [with mixed groups] strengthens or paralyzes our women's struggle. But we think

ist fringe. The Nazi Party's ideas on race were the main ideas of the patriarchal German ruling class, the ideas of the leading industrialists and scientists. While in prison young Adolph Hitler had read the university biology textbook Eugenics and Race-Hygiene, written by Germany's foremost professors of genetics and anthropology. He took their imperialist master race theories for his own book, Mein Kampf, the bible of the National Socialist movement. These very same leading scientists had prominent roles later in the Nazi extermination system.

Even in the 1930s these genocidal German scientists were being funded and sponsored by the Rockefeller interests, which after the War helped them to inconspicuously resume their deadly work in "democratic" West Germany. It is this genocide science which is today potentially more powerful than ever in the form of new bio- and genetic-technology. Red Zora women guerrillas and feminists in "legal" women's groups have been fighting to expose imperialist bio-technology, which masquerades as only a humanitarian research to improve crop yields and help women prevent birth defects, for the intended weapon that it is.

Imperialist science now believes that it is on the brink of achieving what the Nazis merely fantasized, of true population control. Reshaping and culling out the human race must like a breed of livestock or a hybrid strain of vegetables. As many women have warned, we are the target center of this thrust. For imperialist biogenetic technology needs to recapture women's bodies to control and cull out as their living breeding machines.

The relationship to Nazi genocide is simple to trace, since men's genocide is a family affair. West Germany's Institute for Human Genetics was led in the 1950s by Dr. Otmar Von Versucher. While we are certain that Dr. Von Versucher prayed before bed each night to remain undiscovered another day, he was really a historic figure in patriarchal science.

Already a department head at the elite Kaiser Wilhelm Institute of Anthropology when the Nazis came to power in 1933, Von Versucher and his colleagues built the Nazi system of race-classification. Every German was eventually screened by this system, which decided who would be killed and who would be permitted to live for their labor, according to what degree of "sub-human" (i.e. gypsy or Jewish) genes they supposedly had.

That it was crazy and unsci-

In Hamburg gingen Frauen aus Protest auf die Straße.



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Foto: Marilyn Stroux

women cooperate with the Revolutionary Cells to carry out some projects (such as the protest bombings that greeted President Reagan's visit to the Nazi cemetery at Bitburg). They told Emma about the relationship:

"ZORA 1: We don't limit ourselves only to the most obvious women's oppression. As women we are also concerned about social power conditions...We don't like the left 'division of labor' under the motto: the women for the women's question, the men for the general political themes. Nobody can take away from us the responsibility for changing our everyday life. Therefore, for example, we have set fire to the fancy cars of the lawyers of the slumlord Kaussen, who were responsible for a series of brutal evic-

our feminist identity unites us with some women of the Revolutionary Cells."

#### AGAINST GENOCIDE

When the feminist guerrillas of Red Zora staged a midnight raid on the files of the Institute of Human Genetics at the University of Muenster, on August 5, 1986, it went unreported here, not causing a ripple. It was an important women's action against genocide, however. It was the kind of action that no one took in the 1920s to stop the rise of fascism then.

In Germany imperialist science and genocide have always grown from the same root (not that it's any different here). Nazi genocide wasn't "unimaginable" excesses by a scummy rac-

entific made it not one bit less powerful. Dr. Von Versucher's star pupil, a certain Dr. Joseph Mengele, became known as "the Angel of Death" at Auschwitz concentration camp, where he personally sorted out the arriving trainloads of prisoners as to who would live a little longer and who would "go to the gas" at once. As the death camps reached full capacity, a proud Dr. Von Versucher told the German people: "The politics of National Socialism [the name used by the Nazis] have finally put an end to the last threat to the race--that which comes from the Jews."

Dr. Von Versucher was cleared after World War II by the u.s. military authorities despite his crimes against humanity, because our own country wanted his work to go on. Although Nazi science was slaughterhouse mumbo-jumbo, it was like Christopher Columbus' geography or the Pope's laws on sexuality. It was a primitive reaching for the socio-technological population control that capitalism has always wanted.

One small part of Nazi science involved the elaborate study of European Gypsies, a population small enough so that German researchers believed that they could make breakthroughs by analyzing them in their entirety. So at Auschwitz all Gypsies had their eyes removed after being killed, with thousands of bottles of preserved eyes piling up for study back at the Institute.

This part of German bio-technology escaped public understanding until the 1960s, so effective was the coverup by the NATO Powers and Israel. Nazi researchers had believed that subtle biological characteristics would positively identify a person's "race" for the police. That's one reason Gypsy eye color was being studied. At Auschwitz, Dr. S. Erhardt of the Reich Section for Research on Race-Hygiene and Population Biology, Department of Health, had systematically finger-printed all Gypsies. Her theory was that a tendency toward certain finger-print of palm-print patterns could identify Gypsies and Jews who appeared "aryan" or white. When Auschwitz fell, Dr. Erhardt managed to escape with her grisly research collection.

In 1966, a respectable professor at the University of Tübingen, Dr. Erhardt received a grant from the West German Institute for the Advancement of Science, to at last finish her Auschwitz finger-print research in the "sub-human" peoples. But news of this grant prematurely brought her to public attention, and protests by the Central Council of the Sinti and Roma Gypsies forced the

West German government to seize Dr. Erhardt's genocide souvenir collection.

The West German government was quietly going ahead with biological research--literally Nazi research--to be able to screen Gypsies and Jews from European whites. Whether it's even scientifically possible, the thing is that they want to do it. And we know why, too.

The current director of the Institute, Dr. Widukind Lenz, assumed his post after Von Versucher's death. Widukind Lenz is the son of Dr. Fritz Lenz, who was Von Versucher's boss in the Nazi science hierarchy. Lenz has sworn that neither he nor his father knew anything at all about the death camps--"that was all kept secret," he claims. Isn't that a familiar white story? Nobody knows anything about the genocide they did. It's all in the family.

The West German feminist campaign against this bio-technology has shown that Dr. Widukind Lenz and the Institute for Human Genetics are actually planning for mass sterilization of "anti-social" women, to reduce and eventually eliminate unwanted sectors of the population. There the term "anti-social" is understood to mean the lower working-class, primarily Turkish and other Third World immigrants (and Gypsies, of course), just as the phrase "inner city" means New Afrikan and Latin here in the u.s.

Those who say that mass sterilizations could never happen, should recall that the Nazis carried out forced sterilizations as a routine measure, against all "anti-social" elements. Not only Gypsies, mental patients and the disabled, but also the mass sterilization in 1937 of all Afrikan children then residing in Germany. Today, Dr. Lenz says that new mass sterilizations would be a "eugenic solution," that is a biological improvement to the human race. Just what the Nazis said. Lenz argued:

"We all know the anti-social areas on the edges of the bigger cities. Here, women have already had seven or eight children before they are 30, even though economically things are bad for them and their strength is deteriorating; they are largely helpless in the face of childrearing problems. These mothers have children not just because they're incapable of practicing birth control, but also because the family practically lives from Family Allowance payments. In such a case I believe that the solution of sterilization, suggested by the social situation, is at the same time a humane and eugenic solution."

fighting this bio-technology know that the horror of genocide didn't end in 1945--or 1963--but lives on in new and not-so-new imperialist programs. Red Zora's struggle against genocide of necessity includes the general defense of oppressed nationalities. Their work here is parallel to the Central American Sanctuary movement, although much bolder in its view of the world.

The two "RZ"s, Red Zora and the Revolutionary Cells, wage what they name the Open Borders campaign. Their concept of Open Borders essentially denies that West Germans "own" Germany. Open Borders asserts the sweeping right of all oppressed nationalities to freely move in any numbers into the developed nations of the metropolis, to demand jobs or adequate welfare as a right, and to be free to use West Germany and other oppressor nations as bases to carry on their liberation activities safe from deportation or police repression.

After all, the "RZ"s say, it was the imperialists who broke down the borders by their corporate looting and support for death squad governments. It is only morally right, therefore, that Western Europe and north amerikkka become open campgrounds for the millions of Third World refugees we have created. And it's happening anyway, as they point out.

Obnoxious officials, such as Harald Hollenberg, the Berlin chief of immigration police, who got his kicks from deporting Turkish revolutionary women back to the torture rooms of the Turkish security police, have been "knee-capped" (shot in the knees) or had their cars bombed. One, as a notice to their colleagues to think before being so eager-beaver, but also to push West German women to resist and not go along with genocide once again.

#### WOMEN'S POLITICS

The natural question is why a Red Zora in West Germany but not here? There is not only the post-60s social bribery of white women by the patriarchy. In West Germany some women, perhaps only a few, have confronted the reality of genocide and we have not. Here we pacify ourselves that progress is coming bit by bit anyway, that we can't do anything because our truths are so unpopular.

In West Germany, because of the heritage of Nazism, more women have admitted to themselves both sides of the harsh truth: that under patriarchal imperialism the exploitation and genocide of "others" can be met with mass lack of interest and even approval; that nothing sanctifies our self-protective inaction. After all, for some-



Bourke-White, Margaret/1945  
Victims of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

one to have struggled against the Nazi death system would have meant not only building an "illegal" underground, not only doing armed struggle, but also challenging the disapproval of most German women, who would have called your acts treason. And isn't that how it is now?

And here we are, still lying to ourselves, still wanting to be approved of, still paralyzed because the things we know we should do are absolutely forbidden by white male society. Instead, we should be out having a good time!

Complicity is something that Red Zora women talk about, for in their understanding the previous women's movement made big strides but reached a dead end:

"ZORA 2: For us difficulties start when feminist demands are used to demand 'equal rights' and recognition in this society. We don't want women in men's positions and reject women who make their career inside the patriarchal structure under the guise of women's struggles. Such careers remain an individual act from which only some privileged women can profit. Women are only allowed to de-

sign and manage power in this society if they advocate the interests of men.

"ZORA 1: Of course, the women's movement achieved a lot, and for me the most important is the development of a broad consciousness about women's oppression in this society. Also women no longer experience their oppression as an individual case or think they themselves are responsible for it. Instead women come together and experience their common strength...It was as important first step to create a public consciousness about violence against women, but it didn't lead to its prevention... It is a tolerance which exposes male parasitism. This 'typical situation' is connected to the fact that there is not much resistance. Therefore we sabotage, boycott, damage, and take revenge for the experience of violence and humiliation by attacking those who are responsible."

At the end of the interview, the Red Zora women are asked about the criticism that their actions "scare away" straight women from the movement:



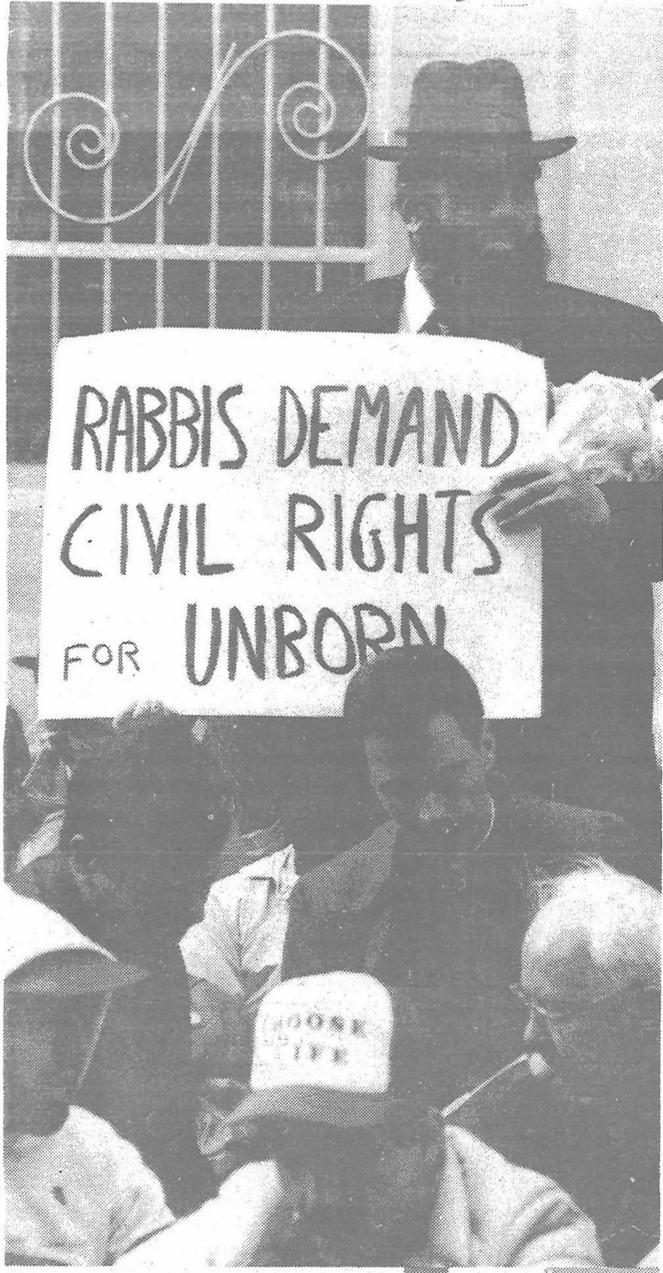
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"ZORA 2: Why doesn't it have a 'scare away' effect if a guy sells women, but it does if his car burns? Behind it is the fact that traditional social violence is accepted, whereas similar reprisals 'scare away'. Maybe it is scary if everyday reality is questioned. Women who get it pounded into their heads from the time they are little girls that they are victims get insecure if they are confronted with the fact that women are neither victims nor peaceful. This is a provocation. Those women who experience their powerlessness with rage can identify with our actions. As every act of violence against one woman creates an atmosphere of threat against all women--our actions contribute--even if they aim only against the individual responsible--to the development of an atmosphere of 'Resistance is possible!'"



# THE RED, WHITE & BLUE OF

## "Black Anti-Semitism"



support one or the other of the more vicious patriarchal states to erect in modern times. No, instead we should fear and focus on "Black anti-semitism," as if it weren't just another amerikkkan plot to confuse and abuse.

There are two or three different questions about this latest & greatest. What is "Black anti-semitism"? Who practices it and just how real is it? Why is it an issue now, and who proclaimed it a crisis? What should revolutionary women do about it?

The key link in the talk of "Black anti-semitism" is putting down the New Afrikan nation as an army of racist anti-semites that Jews (i.e. u.s. white people) should fear, just like the Israelis say the Palestinians are "beasts on two legs" (that's what they say) that must be crushed or all Jews will be wiped out. I.e. "The oppressed of the world are anti-semitic."

We're getting a mirror image. It's the reverse of what's true. It isn't New Afrikan people who are the oppressors and racists, it's us. Jews are now part of the community of oppressor nations. It's true that for centuries Jews used to be oppressed. The ruling class tries to use the image of the Jewish past as an oppressed people for its own white racist propaganda, to say that white people are victims of "racism" and to cover up today's genocide. That's what all this "Black anti-semitism propaganda is about.

Really, it's the other way around. It's us who are doing the oppressing, and doing it not only in Gaza and Jerusalem, but New York also. Not on our own, no, but doing that genocide as the disposable pawns of euro-capitalism. And Jewish women haven't a clue as to what's happened or that surprise that might be waiting for us at the end of the tunnel.

"Black anti-semitism" is part of a complex strategy by the euro-patriarchy. "Naturally," we should all be saying, "it isn't what it appears to be." Because the ruling class fights to control A Man's World not only with threats and violence, but with misdirection and manipulation. "Black anti-semitism" and zionism are complimentary parts of one strategy, of one system.

If we don't see that, it's only because we really don't want to. White women still wanna be fooled, 'cause that way we can avoid taking responsibility for what we wanna go along with. Jane still wants to be Dick's favorite little sis, living in the suburbs of genocide.

We have to start with the fact that white women can't deal with zionism. Even the women's community and Jewish feminists can't oppose Israel or Jewish men's violence. i was thinking about that after the Karen Straw trial. She's the New Afrikan sister who killed her husband in self-defense & won a big murder trial last year over Queens d.a. John Santucci. While Karen Straw saved her own life and maybe her child's life, it was only white feminists who kept her out of prison. i mean, Bedford Hills is full of New Afrikan women serving long sentences for killing a man in self-defense. Conviction is almost automatic, since it's doubly illegal for New Afrikan women to defend themselves.

What made Karen Straw's ordeal unusual is that a dozen white feminists, some of them Jewish, decided to use her case to dramatize the need for battered women's services. Their impromptu group, the Battered Women's Defense Committee, publicized the injustice, raised funds at a celeb cocktail party for Karen Straw to have a lawyer, marched outside the Queens courthouse, and successfully got the newspapers to feature the trial. Most New Afrikan women

"If you want to bet the horses and spend your dough, Don't come to me when they don't show. It's your red wagon, so just keep waggin' along.."

Jimmy Witherspoon

i wanna talk about the failure of white women--not only straight women but the women's movement, feminists, lesbians, all of us--to fight patriarchal genocide. That deep within the heart of our women's communities is the wish to be accepted by the patriarchal oppressor. The problem is the failure not of individual women, but of our women's communities overall to oppose genocide. Which must mean that we're getting something out of it all.

Why can't we oppose Zionism or the extermination of the New Afrikan communities?

Now we got a new thing to deal with. Something white men and the sisters of patriarchy say we should fear and tremble from. Some new ghostly diversion. It's called "Black anti-semitism." They say we should forget dealing with pro-zionism in the women's community and the anti-semitism of white men. They say forget putting in check all those white women who demand to be called sisters while they

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### GIRL'S FAMILY CHARGES DELAY IN ARREST OF HASIDIC SUSPECT

## Black-beating probe

By MIKE SANTANGELO

Police yesterday reopened an investigation into the alleged beating of a 15-year-old black girl by a Hasidic man in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Ironically, the victim, Yarvilah Fulcher, is an Orthodox Jew and a student in a special high school program at Yeshiva University. The girl's mother, Adinah Fulcher, said police initially declined to arrest her daughter's alleged assailant, Avraham Greenburg, 27, by explaining: "It is not our policy

to arrest Hasidic Jews. The last guy who arrested a Hasidic is walking a foot post in the South Bronx." The girl's father, Hashim Fulcher, a senior program analyst for Chase Manhattan Bank and one of the founders of Congregation Beth Elishama David, a black synagogue in the neighborhood, said he called the police bias unit after Sunday night's incident. "They wouldn't listen—I tried to tell them my daughter was attacked because she was black," he said. Capt. Jesse Peterman, com-

mander of the Empire Blvd. stationhouse, denied police acted improperly. He said that because of the bias allegation he will "start all over again" and reinvestigate. He denied there is a policy against arresting Hasidim. Police said the incident grew out of an argument between children playing ball shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday in the courtyard of 1650 President St., where the Fulchers live. Fulcher's cousin, Cecil Bailey, 8, who comes from a black Orthodox Jewish fam-

ily, was allegedly pushed to the ground by Greenburg after the cousin took a ball from Greenburg's 2-year-old son. When Yarvilah Fulcher came to her cousin's defense, Greenburg, of Cleveland, allegedly pushed and punched her. One of her teeth was knocked out and two others were fractured, her mother said. Emergency Medical Service medics confirmed she had a broken tooth. Yarvilah Fulcher is the granddaughter of Bill Tate, vice president of United Auto



Yarvilah Fulcher

Workers District Council 65 and chairman of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp. Said Tate last night, "What is wrong here is the double standard of justice applied at the 71st Precinct."

who kill men in self-defense get arrested, get their quick "day in court," and go straight to jail without passing Go, unknown and unreported except to their families. Sharpton and Jesse aren't too interested, if you know what i mean.

What that group of white feminists did was fine, something that needs to get done much more. But would they have done it if Karen Straw had killed a Jewish man on the street? No way! That's a different story. Every day New Afrikan women are the victims of zionism in New York City. But white women look the other way, and really are supporting the Jewish patriarchy in its violent aggression.

#### WAKING UP IN ISRAEL

There's a whole white stereotype that Jewish men aren't violent. That they're schemers rather than fighters. It's an anti-semitic macho put-down and cover-up all in one. Right now, amerikkka has given Jews a free pass to go after New Afrikans and Palestinians. No one wants to say it, but it's real. When 15-year-old Yarvilah Fulcher was beaten up in Brooklyn by a Jewish man, who punched and kicked her to the ground & knocked out one tooth and fractured others, the police refused to arrest him. Unarmed, Fulcher was defending her 8-year-old cousin from the man.

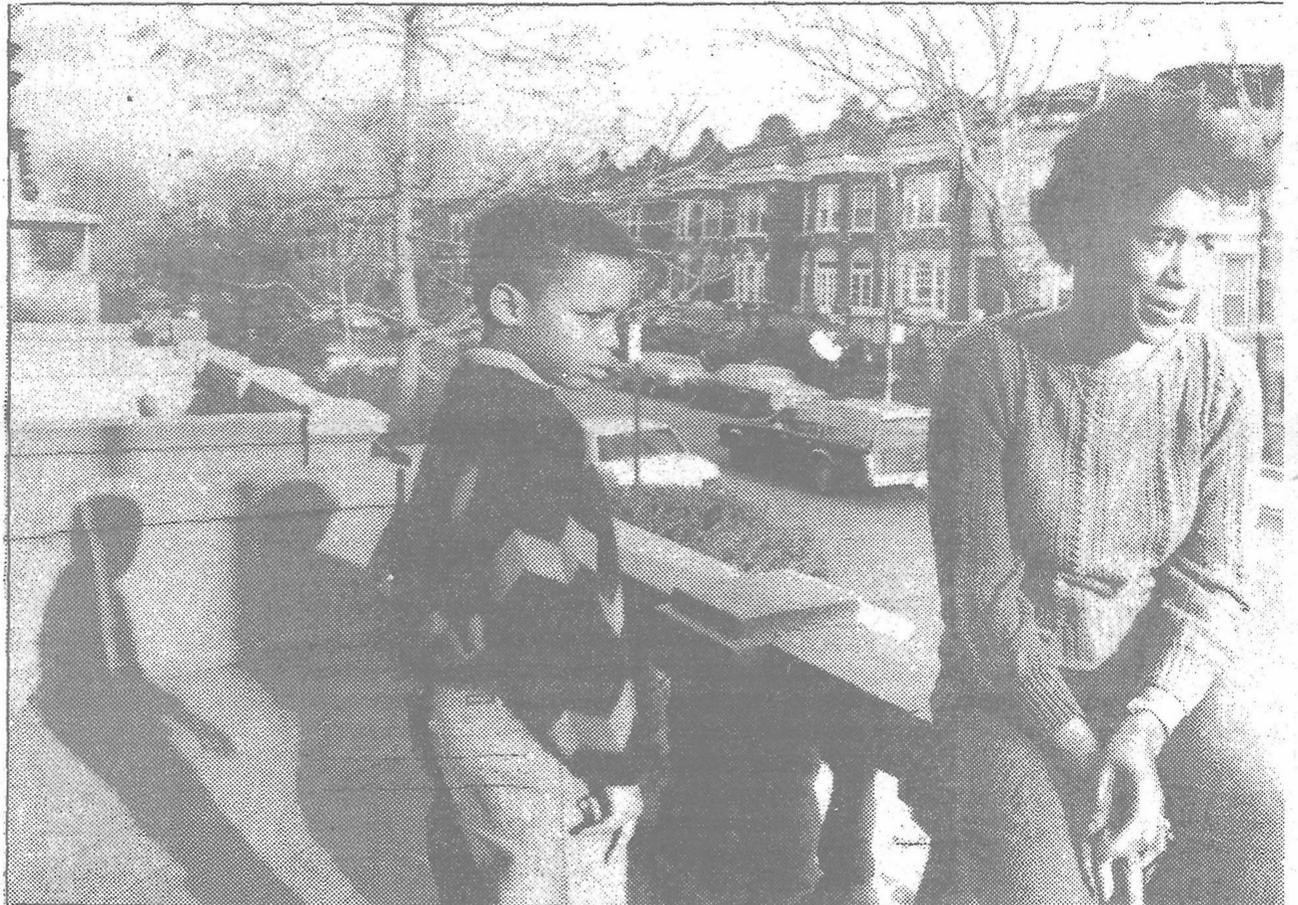
Her mother was even told up-front by the cops: "It's not our policy to arrest Hasidic Jews. The last guy who arrested a Hasidic is walking a foot post in the South Bronx."

It isn't a mistake, it's a policy. Only a few years ago, remember, our mayor Crazy Ed told the public that in Crown Heights Jews never used violence. Koch said only Black people were attacking others. And the police had their orders to make it look that way.

What's going on in Crown Heights isn't unimportant, because it's a pattern, a would-be Israel. Right-wing Jewish settlers, led by the Lubavitcher Hasidic religious cult, are trying to drive out all New Afrikans (who are 80% of the area's residents). They want "lebensraum," depopulated space for their patriarchal tribe to expand. They plan to take over a New Afrikan community, buy up the land bit by bit, set up white control of the streets (New Afrikans will have to show i.d. to white patrols to be permitted in the area), force Black families to become refugees once again, and remake the neighborhood into a segregated Jewish dictatorship. One New Afrikan woman, Emeline Nisbett, whose family has lived in their brownstone for 38 years, says that Jewish men keep pressuring her to leave:

"When we first moved here, there were both whites and blacks. Then the whites moved out and it was a nice middle-class black neighborhood. Then 13 or 14 years ago, the Hasidics started moving in. Now, they just want us out... We allowed them in, thinking we could live together, and now they want the whole thing."

Just like Israel itself, this little zionism here is really a ruling class project, with the Jewish settler invasion protected by the banks, city government and police. Last year, when Stacy Walton, a student at Wagner College, was attacked at night by a Jewish patrol, the City slapped them on the wrist for getting bad publicity. Brooklyn d.a. Liz Holtzman saw to it that the three Jewish settlers were only charged with misdemeanors, not felony charges. Despite having tried to murder the 19-year-old Walton.



Willie Mae Reddish with her son DeShaun outside her home in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

Only Moach Holzman, who led the patrol, was given jail time—a mere 60 days. Moishe Natic, who tried to kill Walton by chasing him down the sidewalk with his car, was only fined. Even that whitewash drew official protests from the Jewish leaders. Rabbi J.B. Spielman, head of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council, said "Moach Holzman did not merit two months for a misdemeanor" (conveniently overlooking the attempted racist murder). Isn't that the job of patriarchal religion, to bless and justify their men's crimes of oppression?

In fact, the closer New Afrikans are to the Jewish religious centers the more danger they're in. Willie Mae Reddish and her family, who live down the street from a dormitory for Jewish re-

ligious students, had their house firebombed at 1:30 am, after refusing to move. Witnesses heard chants of "burn, burn, burn," and saw two white men run from the house to the student dormitory.

Just their final exam in zionism 101. Police say they have no leads.

New Afrikan families who live near the cult headquarters on eastern Parkway get harassing phone calls and false fire alarms. One Jewish man, seen by police placing a harassing telephone call to a Black physician, escaped into the Lubavitcher headquarters. Police chasing him were blocked and physically detained by a mob of over 50 Jewish men. The police say that they have no leads and expect no arrests.

Jews have threatened New Afrikans living nearby that they

must obey and not drive cars or run businesses on the Jewish Sabbath. Again, police and Brooklyn d.a. Liz Holtzman say that nothing can be done. A New Afrikan woman who lives across the street from the Jewish headquarters, Marie Desroaches, who now gets harassed by Jewish men, summed it up: "They want us out because they want it for themselves, they want the Blacks out."

i guess these Jewish men must be more our "sisters" than the New Afrikan women, 'cause we sure don't fight for the sisters.

Patriarchal religion is all mixed up in this, giving an ideology to justify and organize Jewish men's crimes. Remember

# The Role Of Women & Children In The Armed Struggle



## Chapter One

Among women who want change there is a deep and underlying confusion. White women are uncertain not just about strategies, but even about what the goal is. Change is what it's all about. Change is a constant, and change is what women want and need. But we are women in amerikkka, women trapped in amerikkka, loving amerikkka and hating amerikkka, staying on in amerikkka, still talking shit in amerikkka.

In the seventies, white women talked of liberation, talked of socialism, sisterhood, solidarity with Third World sisters. Hey, we talked of women loving women and separatism and leaving men to drown in their own shit. But we stayed on in amerikkka and gained favor in amerikkka and we continue to produce for amerikkka. And our movement became an increasing ally of patriarchal amerikkka. Now we are confused and disillusioned with what we set out to do.

Meanwhile, patriarchal socialism did what it could, spread out the income a little, evened out the distribution of health care and literacy and nutrition, but it couldn't produce freedom and is now collapsing back towards capitalism. And we are confused and disillusioned with what we set out to do.

Well, there's nothing wrong with our disillusionment. "Disillusion," my dictionary says, is "to free from that which deludes or is illusionary." So what's wrong with that?

The first question isn't what we should do, it's who are we and where do we come from? For our confusion comes from not knowing who we are, where we are, and what time it is.

We have an unspoken fear, a fear that we have no culture of our own, no

culture that can defeat patriarchal violence. That whatever we had before patriarchy came was erased so long ago, was so primitive, that it has no practical meaning anymore. That the only really modern way of life is the culture that white men made, patriarchal imperialism, with its command of science and industry.

"Why is capitalism so superior?" we ask ourselves, when we see even Third World socialist nations humbly turning to imitate the West. Is our only destiny to live out white men's culture, playing roles in their rules, seeking an ecological niche in their nations & corporations?

Our unspoken fear that women have no culture resonates below words through everything white women do, no matter how much feminists try to pretend otherwise.

The question of why patriarchal imperialism is so successful as a civilization has its polar opposite question: where does a revolutionary women's culture begin?

We need to know that these two questions are interrelated. Patriarchal imperialism is the only so-called civilization that has always used genocide as its primary fuel, its primary harvester. It aint hard to spread the goodies on the banquet table and invite friends to dinner when you steal and kill the producers. And revolutionary women's culture begins when we leave the table.

One school of feminist thought is the spiritualist-feminist stonehedge mystic school, who advocate a basic pacifism (armed struggle is male) while rome burns. The other school of thought says

women gotta make men do their job by us, gotta lobby em and march em until men equalize us and protect us like they shoulda. The exasperated housewife syndrome. Neither is responsive to genocide, which is the determining question for everyone. Literally, how we deal with genocide determines in the end who we will be.

This is a crucial time because a social restructuring of some kind is about to happen in the u.s.a. For the present cannot hold. Not for New Afrikans and not for us either. Imperialism turned loose its civil rights and its equality and its drugs, but it isn't holding. The light at the end of their tunnel is only Afrika burning. Where's it going? Who's going to lead it?

The restructuring will determine the ground that the next generation fights on. Right now white women are becoming increasingly patriarchal. There is a vigorous competing and sweating by white women to get in with the patriarchy or as close as possible. The women's movement is pale and timid by comparison.

And now we must know who we are.

Women accept amerikkka as a large & wealthy nation, successful, the most highly "developed" on earth. And we think without thinking that this white life is what's normal, natural, the standard other peoples must try to reach and become.

i say none of this is true in the bones. This most unnatural of nations is large only in stolen lands ( which Third World peoples are insideously reclaiming, smudging and redrawing borders), is rich only in stolen labor

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& stolen lives. amerikkka is really an artificial nation, an empire that makes its living by looting and destroying other nations and peoples in ceaseless cycles of genocide.

amerikkka is driven to do genocide every day, because if it ever stops killing their whole top-heavy Babylon would come crashing down. Bob Marley & the Wailers only sang what's truth:

"Babylon system is the vampire, yeah. Sucking the children, day by day.."

Genocide is itself a basic economic activity, what lies behind commodity production under the capitalist system. Genocide, i say, begins with the global wiping out of women's society and women's economy, and the resulting slave labor of hundreds of millions of women and children.

euro-capitalism first arose through the era of the Witchhunt--the institutionalized terror against women in Western Europe that lasted over 500 years, from the 12th through the 17th centuries. Women accused of being witches were arrested and tortured by the authorities until they confessed to being agents of satan.

### A LOVE AFFAIR THAT BEGAN WITH RAPE--AND GAVE BIRTH TO AN EPIC PASSION

Mary Elisabeth was young and innocent when she was abducted, wed, and ravished by handsome, arrogant Diarmid MacLyon. She should have hated this man. Instead she loved him. And when the British threw him into prison, Mary Elisabeth vowed to save him with the only means at her disposal--her lovely young body...

Of course, not confessing was also taken as a sure sign of guilt, since the priests (the cardinal o'connors of their day) proclaimed that only satan's magic would keep a woman from confessing while her bones were being crushed. Only made sense to them. The "witches" were then burned alive at the stake.

The total number of women imprisoned, tortured and/or killed by the Witchhunt was in the millions. One German prosecutor alone, Benedict Carpzov of Saxony, signed 20,000 death sentences of accused women in his career. In the patriarchy's history books all this is trivialized as a bit of religious hysteria or merely a colorful case of how ignorant people were back then.

What is real is that the Witchhunt was a *social institution*, in which the killing of women was tied to the birth of euro-capitalism. This is where our amerikkka began, in the first "Right to Life" movement.

Women were attacked in so violent a way not because of feudal backwardness, but because of the needs of the new capitalism gradually being born within the old European society. The patriarchy's Witchhunt was in the first place directly economic, a means of unwaged capital accumulation. Special bodies of armed men seized women's property to help finance the growth of nation-states.

There were many independent women in feudal society. Craftswomen weaving silk and other fine textiles, small street

merchants selling produce and handicrafts, women farmers. In some cities women had their own guilds (early form of unions) of artisans. Endless royal wars over land and trade routes had left numerous widows with small houses, perhaps a shop or other property. And peasant families, unable to feed all their children, sent their girl-children away to the cities to find their own livelihoods as artisans, prostitutes or peddlars.

It was independent women who were the main targets of the Witchhunt. When Catherine Hernot, postmistress of the German city of Cologne, was burned at the stake as a witch, it was because a powerful family wanted a monopoly on the lucrative postal business. Unmarried women, who were not owned by a man, were a majority of those burned as witches, with widows being 40-50% of the victims.

In the Witchhunt all the property of arrested women belonged to the State, with the court system taking part of the loot as fees to the male lawyers, bailiffs and soldiers. But the lion's share of this wealth minted from slaughtering women went to the State treasuries. It paid for the armies of men who produced nothing useful, for highways to carry trade, for expeditions

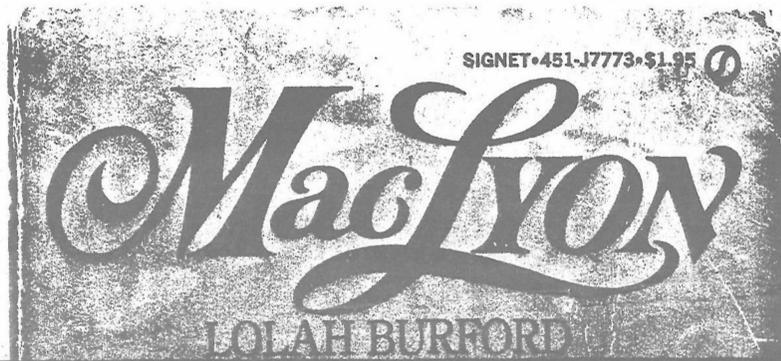
as ollie north or ed koch and you'll know him):

"If only your Lordship would be willing to start the burning, we would gladly provide the firewood and bear all other costs, and your Lordship would earn so much that the bridge and also the Church could be well repaired.

"Moreover, you would get so much that you could pay your servants a better salary in the future, because one could confiscate whole houses and particularly the more well-to-do ones."

It wasn't just that cash, however. No, they had to do it. The Witchhunt was real to them because there really were "witches" they had to hunt down--radical women and women seeking knowledge forbidden to us.

You gotta keep in mind that religion was the main medium of ideology in feudal Europe. That everything was explained or justified by religion. It was all "God's Will" this and "Divine Revelation" that. Political and social issues were dressed in religious drag. Like those "Crusades to free the Holy Land," which were just 'bout invading and looting the Arab world.



to "discover" the Third World--in short, the pre-conditions for capitalism to grow.

In unwaged capital accumulation from the looting of outlawed and marginalized people, Europe was learning the methods that it would use in colonialism. Women were euro-capitalism's first colony, the "inner colony" as European radical feminists have termed it.

The Witchhunt was also kin to the anti-semitic pogroms against the Jews. They, too, were said to be servants of satan and the "Christ killers" themselves. In fact, until the 16th century the authorities called illegal women's meetings "synagogues" to associate them in the public eye with the Jewish pariahs. Then such meetings were called a "Witches Sabbath" (now they're called "terrorist conspiracies").

About the only thing most of us remember from grammar school is "1492," which was drummed into our heads as the wonderful year that Columbo "discovered" the Western hemisphere. But in Spain, 1492 is better known as the year that the Spanish nation-state entered the modern age by simultaneously ousting the Moors (Afrikans) and financing itself by expropriating all Jewish property. Oh, and all the Jewish women who didn't convert to the pope were killed or driven out of Spain.

It wasn't superstition, then, but cold, cold business that led one German official, bailiff Geiss of Lindheim, to write his lord for permission to kill a new batch of women (just think of him

When the rulers said "Satan" they really meant communism or communalism. When they hunted "witches" they meant hunting down women who might be out of control.

Just as those lords and merchants and cardinals needed armies to put down the peasant revolts that broke out, so they needed the Witchhunt to search out and destroy women's resistance. Young Joan of Arc had to be burned alive because she was a bad example. i mean, looking like a dyke and winning all those battles, too. During the Middle Ages there were lots of radical women, probably many more than there are today among white women in amerikkka (did you just assume it was the other way around?)

The need for an elaborate institution to loot and slaughter millions of women grew out of material changes in the feudal mode of production and distribution. Beginning in the 12th century, the growth of a pre-industrial capitalist activity began to transform feudal Europe from within. The merchant and money-lender class swelled on the trade in spices, dyes, silk and other new luxury goods from other continents. Shipping fleets, large navies, ports, shipyards, and other new industry all appeared.

On that economic basis modern nation-states began to emerge, uniting by sword and cannon the crazy-quilt of little patriarchal domains--duchies and church estates and principalities--that Europe had inherited from its white tribal past.

Peasants were being pushed off the land to make way for the capitalist agriculture of commercial wool and livestock production. Because of that, as early as the 16th century Northern Europe (Britain, France, Holland) was no longer self-sufficient in food, but had to import wheat and other grains from Eastern Europe.

More people became "free" wage workers, which is a capitalist relationship, rather than tilling the land in hereditary service for their feudal overlord. Cities kept growing in size. Not only from commerce and the many workshops of skilled artisans (weavers, spinners, cabinet-makers, goldsmiths, dressmakers and shipwrights) but from the new phenomenon of dispossessed poor that capitalism had introduced.

Class divisions had become wider as feudalism matured. The vagabonds, who were wandering masses of homeless kids, women and men ousted from the land by their former lords, swelled the labor market.

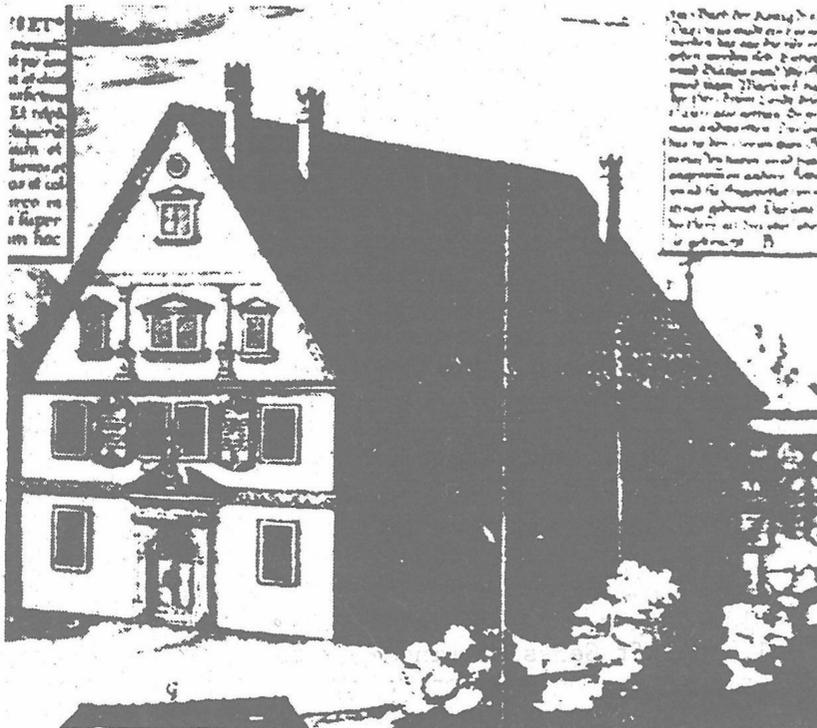
Wages by the 15th century began to go down, not year by year, but generation after generation. Meanwhile, the ruling triumvirate of the noble courts, the church hierarchy, and the rising merchant class competed with each other in a lavish lifestyle not seen by Europeans since the days of imperial Rome a thousand years before.

Rebellion against the corruption took many forms. One that involved many thousands of women was the movement of voluntary poverty. That was a social and political struggle in religious form.

Beginning in the 13th century women called Beguines appeared, living communally in groups of women's houses and wearing hooded robes of grey or black. They supported themselves by handicrafts or begging (from the Beguines and their male counterparts, the Beghards, come our present words "beggar" and "begging"). Some wandered from town to town as vagabonds, preaching a kind of liberation theology to other women.

Voluntary poverty was not a renunciation of the world to Beguines as it was to many medieval nuns, but a means to revolutionize the world for women escaping the patriarchal family. Beguines

The special prison for witches, or *Hexenhaus*, erected in 1627 by the Prince-Bishop of Bamberg, Gottfried Johann Georg II Fuchs von Dornheim, who burned a minimum of six hundred witches.



Three feminine dames attached were. Whom Satan did infect With Belial's spirit, whose sorcery did The simple so molest.

Title page of contemporary pamphlet on the third Chelmsford trial of 1589, showing Joan Prentice, Joan Cony, and Joan Upney, hanged on the gallows. From the unique copy in Lambeth Palace Library.

said that the acquiring of material wealth was an absolute evil. Owning any individual property, even jewelry or numerous changes of clothing, was considered wrong.

Beguines didn't marry. In fact, many of them upheld the right of people to freely have sexual relations without sin. That was a radical idea for women in that age. As was their insistence on women educating themselves and writing their own religious doctrines.

Those women were not just critics of the feudal order, but were trying to organize women and men into an alternate culture against the encroaching capitalism. As part of the heretical socio-religious movement of "the Free Spirit," they said that no one who was in the upper classes was without sin, while the oppressed classes were the sole bearers of righteousness.

A religious historian writes that this alternative culture was a thorn in the side of the authorities:

"The voluntary poor formed a mobile, restless intelligensia, members of which were constantly travelling along the

trade routes from town to town, operating mostly underground and finding an audience and a following amongst all the disoriented and anxious elements in urban society. They saw themselves as the only true imitators of the Apostles and indeed of Christ...

"From the second half of the twelfth century onwards these multitudes of itinerant 'holy beggars' of both sexes showed themselves ready to assimilate any and every heretical doctrine that there was."

Beguines numbered in the hundreds of thousands, primarily in France, Belgium and Germany. In the German city of Cologne alone there were 2,000 Beguines by the 13th century. They came to this culture of voluntary communalism and poverty from every class, craftswomen and widows of merchants, urban workers and former peasants.

In some medieval cities a certain neighborhood would become the women's quarter, with most houses occupied by Beguines and other independent women. One historian estimated that the Beguine community in the city of Strasbourg, France, was at least 10% of the total population.

Beguines were a non-hierarchical people, with each house making its own rules, electing its own leaders, and deciding its own finances. Many Beguine houses were led by peasant or working class women, in contrast to Europe's growing class barriers. The Beguine women's communities were really the only democracy anywhere in Europe. Some married women sent their daughters to be educated among the Beguines, while Beguine houses also took care of elderly Beguines in their last years. It was a way of life, a fragment of what we don't know that we lost.

While the Roamin' Catholic Church tried to co-opt the Beguines, by 1259 they began to be excommunicated. For a priest or monk to enter a Beguine commune, or speak to a Beguine on the street without a Church witness, were grounds for his own expulsion from the Church.

"An east German bishop complained that these women were idle gossiping vagabonds who refused obedience to men under the pretext that God was best served in freedom."

Women street orators, writers and theologians, conceded by even their Catholic accusers to be brilliant and unorthodox, were produced by the Beguine communities.

That was more trouble for their ruling classes than it would seem to us in amerikkka. 'Cause all that religious b.s. was the philosophical guide for medieval social relations, for how folks were supposed to behave (like in Iran or white South African society today). Religious b.s. was the legal code of the courts. And the whole bag was an official monopoly of the church. All the writings were even kept in the dead language of Latin, readable only by the elite. To simply interpret the bible into common language, something first done by penniless Beguine scholar-outlaws, was to risk being burned at the stake for her-esy (as many were).

The Church had been put on the defensive by the growth of this women's communality, which was the mass base for the radical movement of voluntary poverty. Remember that the Church was itself a ruling class institution, with its own soldiers and plantations. Many bishops and priests lived the kind of decadent patriarchal lifestyle that television evangelists are famous for. Even nuns were usually from the upper classes, since they had to put up a large cash dowry to be "married to Christ" and live in the nunnery.

A counterattack used not only the Inquisition, the torture chamber and the stake (the separate but parallel "Beguin" movement in Spain was wiped out by 1330 A.D.), but co-optation. Rome had already approved the founding of begging orders, such as the Franciscans, who wore coarse robes and lived simple lives as Beguines did, but who were loyal to the ruling classes.

The Church gave protection to those Beguine houses that put themselves under the supervision of the Dominican friars, as lay associates. All others were outlawed. Beguines became co-opted, permitted to live by themselves without men so long as they avoided illegal activity or her-esy.

While the Beguines still contained a radical underground, hidden behind the cover of submission to the Church, they gradually died out. Not only because they became a privileged group of women separated from the masses of women, but because patriarchal capitalism took away their economic base of independent women's production of textiles.

The Witchhunt was an institutionalized terrorism of women. Not only to extract unwaged capital accumulation to build euro-capitalism from our slaughter, but to compel our political conformity.

No, not to compel our allegiance to this ruler or that, or to this government or that, for those were men's decisions. But to compel our submission to the nation-state's ownership of our bodies, and our conformity to euro-capitalism's rules for women. That is why millions of us were arrested and tortured and killed.

The Witchhunt was aimed at all women in Europe, was meant to be felt by each one, with the intent of wiping them blank by generations of terrorism. The authorities, however superstitious and sadistic they were as men, knew that the larger issue was the elimination of women as a people.

In 1486, two monk-torturers of the Dominican order wrote the book "Malleus Maleficarum" (or "the hammer of witches"), the Catholic Church's basic text on witchcraft. "Malleus Maleficarum" explained why satan's servants were mostly women: We are by our basic nature as cunts inclined to evil, and are weaker in loyalty to God the Stepfather ("He steps on you, He steps on me...yah,yah,yah"). The very word "femina," they wrote, can be broken down into the Latin "fe" and "mina," or "less faith."



Methods of torture in Germany in 1527, including burning, hanging, beheading, disemboweling, breaking with the wheel, trussing, gouging out the eyes, cutting off the ear or hand, and flogging. From Cornell University Library.

A big part of that burnable flaw in us, the two Fathers continued, is that women are more sexual and lustful, which leads us straight to you-know-who. They concluded in deep-down satisfaction: "Blessed be the Most High who has preserved the male sex from so great a crime."

amerikkka's so-called "Right-to-Life" movement has its ideological forerunner in the mass burnings of women healers and midwives, who were a major target of the Witchhunt. Being suspected of helping in abortions was an automatic death sentence for a woman. In fact, any woman who seemed knowledgeable about the traditional peasant women's medicine or who refused to marry was a suspect.

Now we can see why women's sexuality was so dangerous. For women's bodies were not ours but were property. Not primarily now of individual men, but property of the competing nation-states, which commanded women's bodies to reproduce ever larger numbers of new workers and soldiers.

Jean Bodin was at one and the same time a leading French mercantile economist and a government consultant on torturing and executing "witches." In his euro-capitalist mind these were one unified concern. For the French nation-state to prosper, Bodin said, the new economy needed a more abundant supply of workers. Remember the de-population common from plagues and wars. It was women who used contraceptive methods and caused abortions who betrayed the new national economy, he said. In Bodin's doctrine all such women must first be

tortured to learn their accomplices, and then executed as "witches".

While early feudal society, like Rome and Greece before it, saw women as lesser beings and the rightful property of one man or another, the emerging euro-capitalist order categorized women first as a natural resource of the nation-state. Biological factories like forests of timber and herds of meat. And this was as capitalist development itself was causing chaos, forcing migration and abandonment of the old ways, and as more women were rebelling. The Witchhunt was meant to destroy women as a people, so that the capitalist nation-state could rise up.

White women still take all this with a grain of salt, as the saying goes. These are merely tales of the bad old past, which can be safely appreciated as comforting proof that "You've come a long way, baby!" 'Cause it's so different for us now. In one generation we got women astronauts and women execs, women paratroopers and women mayors. Not only sex discrimination lawsuits, but Gerry and Martina, too.

What's it mean, then, to talk about the Witchhunt and genocide against women? White feminists today like to identify with the "witches." That's what i mean, we don't know who we are. *We aren't the "witches."* We are the ones on the other side: the loyal sisters and wives of the euro-men doing the policing and burning. The sisters of patriarchy try to protect themselves from the terrorism by submitting, trying to be the unthreatening helpers.

We were taught to join Dick in doing

genocide, lest we, too, be his victims. After generations of conditioning and bribing, we follow Dick's rules as a reflex, without even noticing.

One big rule is cover up genocide: never see it, never admit it.

We have to go back for a moment, back before patriarchal euro-capitalism reformed the world in its own image. White women don't understand who we are because we've blocked understanding the specific civilization that we belong to. We have to go back to that contact between semi-feudal Europe, with its wooden sailing ships and musket-bearing soldiers, and the rest of the world. That meeting was not like we think it was.

The impact of expanding Europe on what is now called the Third World was supposedly a collision of advanced whites and undeveloped colored people, of euro-capitalism's superior science and economic power overwhelming primitive tribes. But in 1492, when Christopher Columbus' expedition ran into the Caribbean islands, Europe was not advanced over the nations of Asia, Afrika, the Middle East and the Western Hemisphere. It's technology and economy were *different*, but not advanced or superior. It's that difference that we gotta focus on.

In many respects, euro-civilization was both technologically and economically backward. Europe was known as a poor barbarian region isolated on the periphery of the trade routes between the world's main civilizations.

The level of development of the world-spanning islamic trading civilization of the Turkish Ottoman empire, the Han empire of China, the Moghul empire of India, the many Afrikan nations and the indigenous nations of the Western Hemisphere easily surpassed backward Europe. This is to say that Europe was not the center of knowledge and progress.

Most Europeans had no idea of what sanitation was. The English, for example, seldom washed (their medicine-men said that bathing was unhealthy). Euro-men were backward compared to the rest of the world in the applied sciences/technologies such as medicine, textiles, nutrition, metal-working and agriculture, had an elaborate system of SM patriarchal superstitions which were enforced by a parasite caste of men who tortured and murdered women, and had the lowest standard of living of any region on the face of the earth. i mean, this was a poor civilization. What we did have (or what had us) were the beginnings of euro-capitalism.

i know this is hard to believe, because everyone just "knows" that for whatever reasons, modern science and industry first came into being in Europe and settler amerikkka. Let's fast forward from the start of the Witchhunt to check this out, say a century and a half after Columbus hit the Lotto, to colonial settler amerikkka of the mid-1600s.

There are British-trained physicians, men representing the most advanced medical science that euro-capitalism had. But they didn't seem to be able to do anything about smallpox, the most feared contagious disease of the times. Not only did smallpox, a viral infection,

exterminate whole Indian communities, but it continued to kill and disfigure thousands of white settlers.

White people did notice, though, that many of their Afrikan slaves didn't get smallpox even in the midst of epidemics. This was puzzling to the white doctors. It was accounted for by the supposed "beast-like" nature of the Afrikan race, which was thereby less vulnerable to the human diseases that afflicted the higher and more sensitive white race. En-slaved women merely nodded and said nothing.

Of course, the reason that some Afrikan slaves didn't catch smallpox was that they had been immunized as children in Afrika, or had been secretly immunized in the slave quarters. For in the region of West Afrika that most slaves came from, smallpox was known and a crude inoculation against it was already known (using pinpricks to transfer some clear serum from a smallpox sore to the body of an uninfected person; what resulted was a milder infection producing the antibodies that gave lifelong immunity to smallpox, although some still died from the crude inoculation). All slaves who knew were sworn not to tell Europeans.

*The Wonders of the Invisible World:*  
Being an Account of the  
**TRIALS**  
OF  
**Several Witches,**  
Lately Executed in  
**NEW-ENGLAND:**  
And of several remarkable Curiosities therein Occurring.  
Together with,  
I. Observations upon the Nature, the Number, and the Operations of the Devils.  
II. A short Narrative of a late outrage committed by a knot of Witches in Sweden-Land, very much resembling, and so far explaining, that under which New-England has laboured.  
III. Some Councils directing a due Improvement of the Terrible things lately done by the unusual and amazing Range of Evil-Spirits in New-England.  
IV. A brief Discourse upon those Temptations which are the more ordinary Devils of Satan.

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So who was backward and who had the advanced medical technology? Just because they were captives, laborers kept in rags, didn't mean that Afrikans had no science. Even though their science had to be practiced as a conspiracy.

Afrikan slaves here were party to scientific knowledge that was shared by most of the world: with the Han empire in China, with Arab civilization, with Greece and Turkey, with the physicians of the Moghul empire in India (who are thought to have used smallpox inoculation since 1000A.D.). Except in areas where the disease was rare, such as in the Western Hemisphere, the major civilizations of the world knew—but not backward Europe.

Afrikan slaves had been secretly using smallpox inoculation for almost

a century, before amerikkans found out how to do it. And again, it wasn't any white male physician with his degrees and bank accounts who learned. It was a woman to woman transfer of science. British feminist Mary Wortley Montagu learned about inoculation from Turkish women (she was married to the British ambassador to the Ottoman empire, though for her it was only an escape from an arranged marriage). In 1717 she wrote her friend, "Mrs. S.C." :

"I am going to tell you a thing that will make you wish yourself here. The small-pox, so fatal and so general amongst us, is here entirely harmless by the invention of ingrafting, which is the term they give it. There is a set of old women who make it their business to perform the operation every autumn, in the month of September, when the great heat is abated..."

In that same year Mary Montagu demonstrated smallpox inoculation on her son, and by 1721 it was being tried, with great controversy, by the medical patriarchs of England. There was much fear and superstition about this vaccine among white society, ordinary as it was to the rest of the world.

Public fears about smallpox inoculation reached the point of hysteria in the amerikkkan colonies. amerikkka is always in a state of hysteria. There was even white mob violence by settler men. Even though the campaign for smallpox inoculation was led by Cotton Mather, the greatest of the New England Puritan ministers and the man who had earlier led the campaign to root out the hidden nests of "witches" among white women.

Mather himself was attacked, and his home firebombed, during the inoculation controversy of 1721. Mather stuck to his guns because his Afrikan slave, "Onesimus," had advised him that all the slaves knew that inoculation did work, and that he, "Onesimus," had been inoculated himself as a child in West Afrika.

The science of what is now called the Third World was still leading and teaching the backward European civilization.

Now, let's fast-forward three centuries after Columbus. The euro-capitalist empire in north amerikkka is breaking away from Great Britain, becoming a new world power. DR. BENJAMIN RUSH of Philadelphia was the foremost u.s.physician. Educated at Princeton & Edinburgh University in Scotland, Rush became a successful surgeon, teacher of chemistry, researcher, patriot, and a professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He personally trained 3,000 white men as doctors (isn't that a war crime of some kind?), and is best-known today as the founder of u.s. medical science. The patriarchy has named hospitals and medical schools in his honor.

Benjamin Rush was also one of the founders not only of the u.s.a. as a nation, but of white liberalism. He was a signer of the u.s.declaration of independence, and served as the surgeon-general in his friend George Washington's army. It was Rush who found a

talented new immigrant, Thomas Paine, and persuaded him to write a pamphlet for the rebel settlers attacking royalty. Rush edited the pamphlet, the famous "Common Sense," and arranged its publication.

As a liberal, Dr. Rush advocated teaching women how to read. He was one of the supporters of the first Afrikan Free Church. Rush went so far as to argue that slavery should be abolished. Afrikans, he said, were fully as human as white people.

In fact, Dr. Rush developed the theory that Afrikans were white people. There was no such thing as Afrikan peoples or civilization, he said. Rush had "discovered" that Afrikans were only white people whose distant ancestors had wandered too far south into the unhealthy Afrikan tropics. There, these lost European tribes had all become infected with a virulent type of hereditary leprosy, which gave them their "diseased" look of dark skin, "big lip," "flat nose," and "woolly hair."

Until euro-capitalist science discovered how to cure their poor, diseased Afrikan relatives, Dr. Rush sadly concluded that Afrikans would have to stay segregated as a public health measure. And at all costs, he warned, white women must be prevented from having sexual relations with slaves, since he had also "discovered" that those white women who did so became infected themselves, and grew thicker lips and darker skins! This was the blastoff of u.s.patriarchal medical science.

He told a special meeting of the American Philosophical Society on July 14, 1792:

"A white woman in North Carolina not only acquired a dark color, but several of the features of a negro, by marrying and living with a black husband. A similar instance of a change in the color and features of a woman in Buck's county in Pennsylvania has been observed and from a similar cause."

While Dr. Rush was experimenting with "medical" cures, such as using strong lye to repeatedly bleach a slave man's skin, the only sure remedy he said he knew of was hard labor. Pointing out that Afrikan skin color was lightest on the hands and feet, Rush said that was proof that the "pressure" of physical labor had worn or squeezed the darkness out. So for humanitarian reasons, he urged his fellow slaveowners to keep Afrikans at hard labor, long as possible, to help them over their unfortunate condition. What heart, what a real man!

That white women who got down with Afrikans would lose their precious whiteness and become "diseased" Afrikans themselves, was a telling fantasy. Oppressor nightmares offered up as biological fact, as science. More telling was that Dr. Rush never thought to question if white slavemasters who raped Afrikan women might suffer from this fantasy infection also.

Don't trivialize this as old history. For this kind of theory is more widely-believed by white men in 1989 than it was in 1750. Because it doesn't come from men's ignorance, but from the world-view of a genocide civilization.

Similar scientific theory was cooked up by the German Nazis after all, who were no strangers to modern technology. In 1935 Julius Streicher, Nazi party boss in Nuremberg & their chief propagandist against Jews, said:

"For those in the know, these are the established facts: One, the seed of a man of another race is a 'foreign protein.' During copulation, the seed is, in part or in whole, absorbed by the fertile mother-soil and thus passes into the blood. A single act of intercourse between a Jew and an Aryan woman is sufficient to pollute her forever."

Am i saying that there's an ideological similarity between the Founding Fathers of u.s.science and the Founding Fathers of the Third Reich? That's the facts. Don't most white men in the u.s. today believe that if a white woman has sex with Afrikans she is "soiled" or even "diseased"? If Dr. Rush could be dug up and dusted off tomorrow, his ideas would still be perfectly in tune with amerikkkan culture. Only if he came back now he'd be a professor of ob-gyn.

While Benjamin Rush entertained the settler elite with his colonialist-sexist theories, he and his white medical colleagues couldn't cure a damn thing. Outside of crude, non-sterile, chop-it-off surgery, white "sawbones" knew nothing at all about healing. Rush's favorite treatment for disease was blood-letting, the classic European remedy used for over a thousand years with no success.

When an epidemic of Yellow Fever struck Philadelphia, settlers hurried to flee the city and scatter to the countryside, where the chances of contagion were less. Dr. Rush publicly urged people to stay, promising them certain cure through his three-times-a-day blood-letting treatments.

By cutting open the veins and drawing a pan of blood three times a day, Rush believed that the disease would be "weakened." Yellow Fever need not be feared, he told the press; greeting his patients with the line, "Don't be afraid, there is nothing wrong with you but the Yellow Fever."

The scandal over the hundreds of deaths, at last forced the shaken Rush out of medicine. His friends in the patriarchy took care of him, of course. President Adam gave him a patronage job as treasurer of the u.s.mint. This is the man that the patriarchy names *medical schools* after, and honors as the Founding Father of u.s.medicine. It all fits, doesn't it?

We've detoured through this story to get beyond the euro-capitalist reflexes drilled into us as our culture, to strip it away and see our civilization with fresh eyes. "Doctor" Benjamin Rush "M.D." was all patriarchal trappings, liberalism and all, but there wasn't anything inside. Like those TV doctors who sell us stuff on the commercials ("I'm not a doctor, but I play one on television").

Three centuries after Columbus, euro-capitalism had managed to create a highly patriarchal, institutionalized and profitable medical profession which

had no "medical." Dr. Rush and his colleagues were backward by the world standards of the time. In Afrika or in Tibet, women woulda handed him a hoe and told him to find another way to support himself.

There's a barbed point inside all this.

When we strip away the mystique of euro-capitalist technology, we find that it runs on genocide. And it had its origins in conquest, not in the throw-out musings of Greek philosophers. euro-capitalism didn't colonialize the world because of its superior sciences and industry. That proposition has things upside down. Only from its ever-expanding conquests and genocide of other peoples and nations, did euro-capitalist civilization slowly gain the scientific and economic superiority that we now assume is only right and natural.

Everything that we have (or that has us), from birth control pills to this nation itself, comes from doing genocide, and in particular from doing genocide against other women.

The concept of a world economy came from the islamic mercantile-capitalist civilization, which for the first time brought much of the world into one trading system. At Great Zimbabwe, the capitol of the Rozwi federation in Afrika during the 1500s, people ate from fine Chinese porcelain and the guards carried German firearms (crude muskets). All over three centuries before they ever saw a white man. This was possible because Great Zimbabwe was tied into the world-spanning islamic trading system.

Even the second of those capitalist systems, that developing within the belly of the Moghul empire in India, was in advance of Europe in many ways. Contrary to its own propaganda, the white men of Europe were not so successful economically compared to what is now called the Third World.

Expanding Moghul industry threatened European trade, not only in Asia but all the way around the world in Europe itself. England had to erect higher and higher tariff walls to protect its own textile industry from superior Indian products, finally banning their importation altogether in 1701. British merchants still had to buy Moghul goods, not only cloth but superior Indian high-strength steel, for without them they would have lost customers in other countries.

Most of what Europe produced then was inferior or inappropriate in the eyes of other civilizations, so the main British export to Asia was money. Having little that Asians wanted, British capitalism had to ship tons of silver each year to purchase Asian cotton, silk, coffee, tea, steel, dyes, teak, medicines and other goods in one-sided trade. Sixty-five percent of British cargoes to Asia in 1730-1750 was monetary silver alone. This smoked the British lords of commerce.

Under the mythic rules of "free enterprise," in "fair trade," white people were not the winners. The British empire's countermove was to send its

warships and soldiers to gain what its economy could not.

As Sir Josiah Child, director of the East India Company, said during Britain's first, unsuccessful war with the Moghul empire in 1688:

"The subjects of the Moghul cannot bear a war with the English for twelve months together, without starving and dying by the thousands for want of work to purchase rice; not singly for want of our trade, but because of our war, we obstruct their trade with all the Eastern nations which is ten times as much as ours and all the European nations put together."

Hijacking and international terrorism was invented by euro-capitalism. It was their No.1 Big Business. Bigger than steel, bigger than farming, it paid for

looted the economy, taken the food, and ransomed the farmland back to the Indian peasants for exorbitant rents.

The British government's Select Committee reported in 1783:

"When account is taken of the intercourse, for it is not commerce, which is carried on between Bengal and England, the pernicious effects of the system... will appear in the strongest point of view. In that view, the whole exported produce of the country, so far as the Company is concerned, is not exchanged in the course of barter, but it is taken away without any return or payment whatever." \*

Instead of tons of silver shipped to Asia each year before 1757, the British then took the wealth of India without sending even a single silver coin.

signalled the rosy dawn of the era of capitalist production. These idyllic proceedings are the chief momenta of primitive accumulation. On their heels treads the commercial war of the European nations, with the globe for a theater ...

"...In England at the end of the 17th century, they arrive at a systematic combination, embracing the colonies, the national debt, the modern mode of taxation, and the protectionist system. These methods depend in part on brute force, e.g., the colonial system. But they all employ the power of the State, the concentrated and organized force of society, to hasten, hothouse fashion, the process of transformation of the feudal mode of production into the capitalist mode, and to shorten the transition. Force is the midwife of every old society pregnant with a new one. It is itself an economic power.



Indians pouring molten gold down Spaniards throats as retaliation against the manhunting conquerors. From Benzoni, 1572.



Indians committing suicide rather than be enslaved by the Spaniards. From Benzoni, 1572.

industrializing Europe by *de-industrializing* and looting the rest of the world.

Europe's advantage was not technological but social, cultural. Military hardware was not the decisive factor. Older empires, such as Han China, could easily have matched these weapons. After all, Europe first learned of cannons, gunpowder, steel, and the mathematics needed for navigation at sea, from China, North Afrika and the Arab world. Indian Moghul cannon in the 17th century was as good as English cannon.

No, euro-capitalism's true advantage was in its social system, whose life was ceaseless capital accumulation through higher and higher levels of social violence, to which technology was driven as a mere servant by its master.

After the British East India Company and its army defeated the Moghul empire at the Battle of Plassey in 1757, occupying Bengal, the British simply looted everything they could use from the region. Precious metals, textiles, all manufactured goods, rice and other crops and finally the land itself. Western history calls this the Rape of Bengal, in which British capitalism killed eight million Indians by famine, having

Their trade with the rest of Asia was paid for by what was taken from the people of Bengal. What could be more profitable than that?

It was an inevitable by-product of the looting that one-third of the population of Bengal disappeared. And India was but one colony in the new economy of genocide that powered-up euro-capitalism.

Although the white male Left is voluntarily enthralled by the fiction that euro-industrialism came from exploiting white labor, the truth is otherwise. Karl Marx, in his writings on "The Genesis of the Industrial Capitalist," pointed out that the industrialization of Europe came directly from genocide:

"The discovery of gold and silver in America, the extirpation, enslavement and entombment in mines of the aboriginal population, the beginning of the conquest and looting of the East Indies, the turning of Africa into a warren for the commercial hunting of black-skins,

\* We see that the most violent crimes of colonialism are like "intercourse" between men and women.

"Of the Christian colonial system, W.Howitt, a man who makes a specialty of Christianity, says: 'The barbarities and desperate outrages of the so-called Christian race, throughout every region of the world, and upon every people they have been able to subdue, are not to be paralleled by those of any other race, however fierce, however untaught, and however reckless of mercy and shame, in any age of the earth.'

"The history of the colonial administration of Holland--and Holland was the head capitalistic nation of the 17th century--'is one of the most extraordinary relations of treachery, bribery, massacre, and meanness.' Nothing is more characteristic than their system of stealing men, to get slaves for Java...Wherever they set foot, devastation and depopulation followed. Banjuwangi, a province of Java, in 1750 numbered over 80,000 inhabitants, in 1811 only 18,000. Sweet commerce!...

"The treatment of the aborigines was, naturally, most frightful in plantation-colonies destined for export trade only, such as the West Indies, and in rich and well-populated countries, such



*Ovando, governor of Hispaniola during Columbus's fourth voyage imported negro slaves to work the gold mines. From Theodore de Bry, 1595.*

as Mexico and India, that were given over to plunder. But even in the colonies properly so-called, the Christian character of primitive accumulation did not belie itself. Those sober virtuosi of Protestantism, the Puritans of New England, in 1703, by decrees of their assembly set a premium of £40 on every Indian scalp and every captured red-skin; in 1720 a premium of £100 on every scalp; in 1744, after Massachusetts Bay had proclaimed a certain tribe as rebels, the following prices: for a male scalp of 12 years and upwards £100 (new currency), for a male prisoner £105, for women and children prisoners £50, for scalps of women and children £50...

"The colonial system ripened, like a hothouse, trade and navigation. The 'societies Monopolia' of Luther were powerful levers for concentration of capital. The colonies secured a market for budding manufactures, and, through the monopoly of the market, an increased accumulation. The treasures captured outside Europe by undisguised looting, enslavement, and murder, floated back to the [father]-country and were there turned into capital."

Genocide is itself a material economic force; not mere racism, but the productive center, the heart of the new euro-capitalist world order. It took all the wealth violently squeezed out of the European laboring classes for centuries just to keep the ruling aristocracy, the Church, and the rising merchant-capitalists going; to pay for their luxurious lifestyle, their waste and speculation, and the always high cost of their wars and their parasitic State apparatus. On top of that, to build factories and finance new industries was only possible by *additional* super-profits from genocide.

Ernest Mandel shows how without such super-profits, Europe would have not had the capital to industrialize:

"a) E.J.Hamilton estimates in 500 million gold pesos the value of the gold and silver that the Spanish took to Europe between 1503 and 1660.

b) Colenbrander calculates 600 million gold florins for the treasure that the Dutch East India Company took out of Indonesia between 1650 and 1780.

c) Father Rinchon estimates as almost 500 million gold florins the profit on only the slave trade of French capital during the 18th century, without counting the profits obtained from the work of the slaves in the plantations of the West Indies, which was several times this amount.

d) According to H.Wiseman and the *Cambridge History of the British Empire*, it is considered that the earnings obtained with the work of the slaves in the British West Indies were at least some 200 to 300 million gold pounds.

e) Finally, in the pillage of India in the period of 1750 to 1800 only, the ruling class in Great Britain obtained between 100 and 150 million gold pounds. If these sums are added up, we get more than 1,000 million gold pounds, that is, more than the value of all the capital invested in all of the steam-operated industry of Europe around the year 1800."

And Mandel does not even include the great profits from the Afrikan slave trade by the British, the u.s.settlers, the Dutch and the Portuguese.

The cost in human lives is beyond comprehension, particularly when we want to pretend that it isn't happening ("I never knew anything about the gas chambers. How could we know what was happening to the Jews?"). Christopher Columbus led the first European invasion that occupied Hispaniola, the island containing both Haiti and the Dominican Republic. By his fourth trans-Atlantic

voyage in 1502, he discovered that the once-large indigenous "Indian" population was being exterminated:

"Columbus was shocked by the change since his last sight of the island, and he was right in saying that the fortunes of Espanola [Hispaniola] depended on the natives. Las Casas was of the opinion that between 1494 and 1508 more than three million souls had perished on the island—slain in war, sent to Castile as slaves, or had been consumed in the mines and other labors. 'Who of those born in future centuries will believe this? I myself who am writing this and saw it and know most about it can hardly believe such as possible...' "

Columbus was stunned at the magnitude of the genocide he had witnessed, which he thought almost beyond belief. Yet, what he saw was only a warm-up. In Mexico within one century the Spanish occupation had depopulated the land, reduced the indigenous population from 25 million to 1½ million. And had burned the great Mayan library, killed the priest-scientists, and deprived the de-urbanized slave survivors of most of their culture.

Together, the u.s.settlers, British, French, Dutch, Portuguese and Spanish co-invaders killed some 100 million natives in the Western Hemisphere. And still the genocide goes on. It has, in fact, never even paused.

From Afrika, the Atlantic slave trade sold 900,000 young women and men into captive labor and death in the 16th century; 2.75 million Afrikans in the 17th century; 5.5 million in the 18th century; 4 million in the 19th century. Add to these millions the uncounted millions who died, packed like wood side-by-side in the stinking holds of the slave ships during the rough "middle passage" across the Atlantic; another 15-20% or more. Add to this total an equal number of Afrikans killed in the wars in the interior to get the slaves in the first place, or from the famines caused by these wars.

Finally, add onto all those millions of deaths the millions of Afrikans who were killed by the colonial powers to extract the mineral and agricultural wealth of the continent. Belgium, for example, industrialized itself from the super-profits gotten out of the great slave-labor mines of Zaire, killing over 7 million persons according to their own historians. We know that the slave trade and euro-colonialism cost Afrika as many as 100 million lives over four centuries. Isn't it hard to picture 100 million deaths?

Walter Rodney said that genocide in Afrika was more than body counts, just as it was among the Mayan. Afrikan society was distorted, thrown into social chaos by the slave trade wars and the selective kidnapping of the young and able-bodied, with forced migration of nations, loss of economic roots, breakup of culture, and the bloody feeding of new oppressive and hierarchical Afrikan political empires (the forerunners of today's neo-colonial Afrikan nations). The negative effect was so great, he pointed out, that the population of Afrika as a whole stagnated for centuries:

*Comparison of Population (in millions)*



	1650	1750	1850
Afrika	100	100	100
Europe	103	144	274
Asia	257	437	656

The true cost of industrializing Europe and the u.s.a., the cost of powering up Western consumer society, was genocide on a world scale. Hundreds of millions of persons were consumed, whole societies burned up in the process.

The patriarchy has long conditioned us on pain of prison or death to look the other way unthinkingly, to never see the genocide. Without breaking this lock, without confronting genocide, we can never know who we are and what we must become.

What produces a system that bases its daily life on doing genocide? The answer is, a commodity civilization that formed itself through centuries of repressing and terrorizing its own "internal colony" of women, killing millions of us. How could sane Afrikans or Indians guess what this strange euro-capitalism would ultimately do? To white men, who were "made" by a social process in which they shared in the torturing and killing of their mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, doing genocide to other peoples was no big deal at all. Just another day at the office.

Genocide against women cannot be separated from euro-capitalism, for it is both the father and the son of genocide against the colonized nations and peoples of the Third World. It is what led up to euro-colonialism, and what is the transformed and continuing wave of that genocide.

euro-capitalism pretends to be the bringer of modern enlightenment—education, careers, and equality—for downtrodden Third World women. The white missionary lady of the 19th century has been updated by u.s. for-aid and foundation feminism. Always, patriarchal imperialism says that the

oppression of women is worse the darker the skin color, because it comes from the barbaric nature of less-developed, pre-industrial stages of human society that white people are nobly leading away from. Don't you agree that the sexism of Third World nations comes from "traditional native culture," "tribal backwardness," or "primitive religions and beliefs"?

Most of the oppression of women in the world is not primitive but modern, caused by the rise of class society in general and euro-capitalism in particular. Women's oppression didn't begin with euro-capitalism, of course (it was the other way around). All class society began with the fall of womankind, and our condition exists to lesser or greater degree throughout the world. There are few, if any, idyllic societies in history. Walter Rodney found that:

"It is interesting to note that while the *Oba* (king) of Benin was willing to sell a few female captives, it took a great deal of persuasion and pressure from Europeans to get him to sell male African prisoners of war, who would otherwise have been brought into the ranks of Benin society."

Women began in equality, in primitive communism or communalism thousands of years ago. The development of male class societies is also the development of the oppression of women, not the answer to it. Which is why the only societies that have rivaled euro-capitalism in the oppression of women have been *other capitalisms*—such as islamic mercantile capitalism—or other well-developed, hierarchical class societies such as feudal Japan. It isn't any coincidence that both the islamic model and the feudal samurai model have real attraction for Third World men who want what white men have.

The equality that euro-capitalism tells us to jump for is the so-called right to play an equal role in men's class society. In some societies before the hijacking of the world by euro-capitalism, women had their own economy and women's society alongside that of

men. Two societies in one, with different and complimentary roles and tasks. Of course, euro-capitalism tends to dismiss this as "native women doing their laundry together in the river."

But it's a powerful fact that for many women in the past, marriage was a social obligation to have children, but one worked and lived in some real part in a women's society. How tangible and near in time this is, has been buried by our own colonialization.

We should understand the implications of Judith Van Allen's research on the 1929 Women's War (*Ogu Umunwanyi*) waged by tens of thousands of Igbo women in what is now eastern Nigeria, against the British empire:

"In November of 1929, thousands of Igbo women from these provinces converged on the Native Administration centers—settlements that generally included the headquarters and residence of the British colonial officer for the district, a Native Court building and a jail, and a bank or white trader's store (if such existed in the district). The women chanted, danced, sang songs of ridicule, and demanded the caps of office (the official insignia) of the Warrent Chiefs, the Igbo chosen from each village by the British to sit as members of the Native Court. At a few locations the women broke into prisons and released prisoners. Sixteen Native Courts were attacked, and most of these were broken up or burned. The 'disturbed area' covered about 6,000 square miles and contained about two million people. It is not known how many women were involved, but the figure was in the tens of thousands. On two occasions, British District Officers called in police and troops, who fired on the women and left a total of more than 50 dead and 50 wounded. No one on the other side was seriously injured.

"The British 'won', and they have imposed their terminology on history; only a very few scholars have recorded that the Igbo called this the 'Women's War.' And in most histories of Nigeria today one looks in vain for any mention that women were even involved. 'Riots,' the term used by the British, conveys a picture of uncontrolled, irrational action involving violence to property and persons, or both. It serves to justify the 'necessary action to restore order,' and it accords with the British picture of the outpouring of Igbo from their villages as some sort of spontaneous frenzy, explained by the general 'excitability' of these 'least disciplined' of African peoples..!"

Those Igbo women were trying to kick out British imperialism, but they were also acting, as was their right and duty in their Afrikan society, to defend their women's economy and women's society. For among the pre-imperialist Igbo, women shared an equality that went beyond anything women have in even the most industrialized nations today.

Each woman farmed her own plot of land, processed the palm seeds that men grew into palm oil (receiving the palm kernal as her payment), marketed their own agricultural surplus, as well as the baskets, pots and prepared foods they

made, keeping whatever payments they got. To protect themselves from the slavers, Igbo women always travelled to market in pairs, carrying the stout wooden pestles used for grinding which were also each woman's personal weapon.

Now, Igbo society as a whole was organized into patrilineal clans, and was to outward appearances at least nominally a patriarchy. We could say that patriarchy had appeared but only in embryo. Men grew in their economy the most profitable crops and controlled the long-distance trading, while women controlled the local markets. Formal political leadership was held by men, although any women who wished to could take part in meetings of the village council (they had a saying: "Wisdom does not have a sex.").

This is in a different context than amerikkka. The Igbo didn't have the civilized conception of political leadership as control of the State, with a central authority enforcing decisions on the people, but governed by persuasion in a process of face-to-face discussion and consensus. Posts of leadership were honorary status and not positions of command.

More importantly, the Igbo women had their *mikiri*, or village women's meetings, which existed as a parallel women's government to the mostly-male village assemblies. In the *mikiri*, Afrikan women shared their thoughts and troubles, coming together to defend women's self-interest as a people for the good of the larger society. Men who abused women or women's property (such as by letting their livestock fatten up on women's land) were stopped by the *mikiri*.

The *mikiri* wasn't like a women's group in the u.s. It was a form of women's self-government, with real powers. Coming together in the *mikiri*, Afrikan women would make rules, both economic and social, that were binding on the whole village—men as well as women. Violators were subject to the women's strike, whereupon all women would refuse to trade with the man, cook food for him, have sex with him, or care for his small children. In a close-knit Afrikan village, such a sentence was much heavier than it would be in our mass-anonymous society, like a sentence of social death. Such ultimate punishment was rare, since men recognized the *mikiri*'s authority.

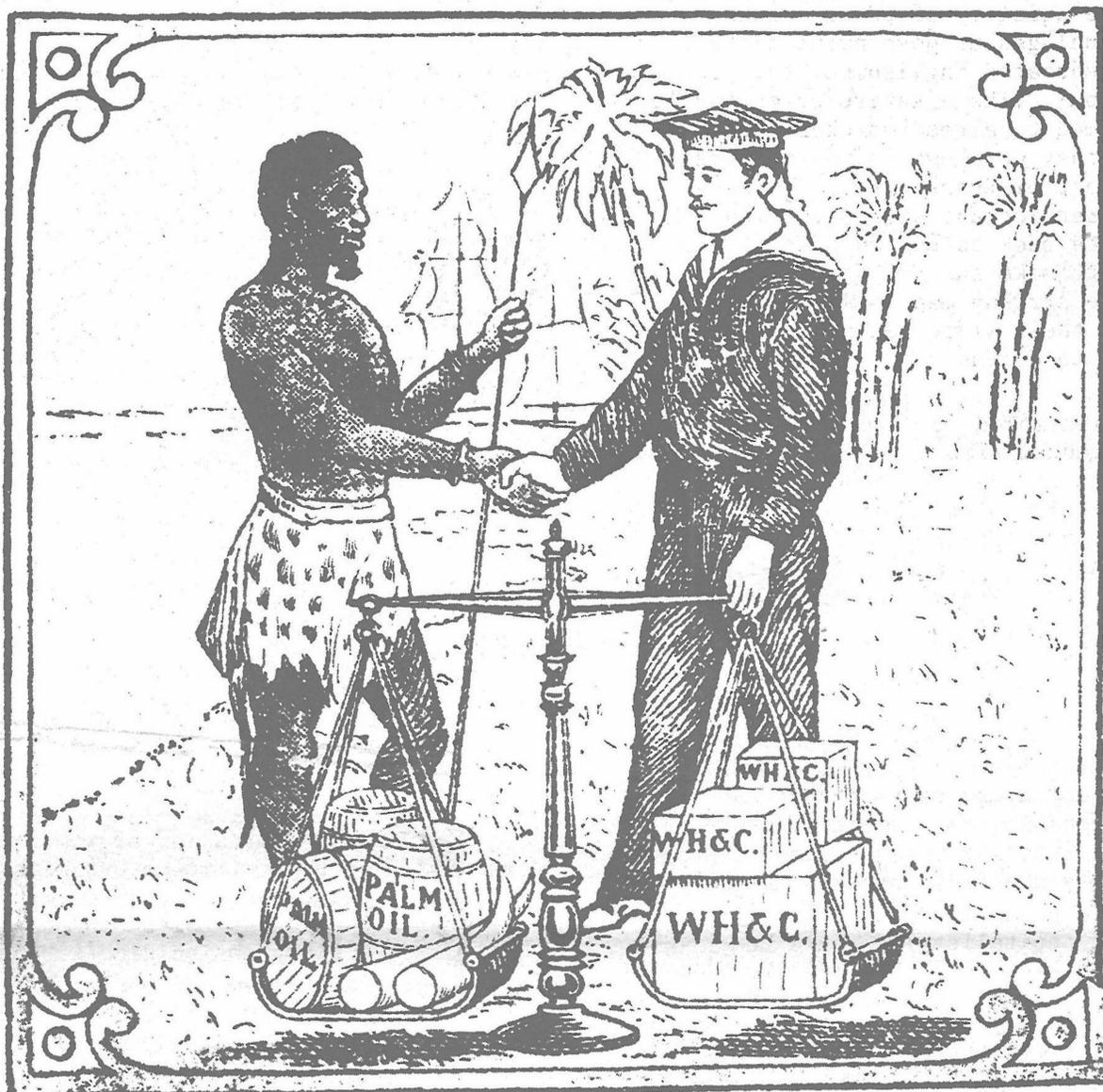
More common was the *mikiri* acting "to sit on a man," usually one who was beating a woman. All the women would surround his house, their faces decorated with ashes and carrying ferns and ceremonial sticks invoking the power of their women ancestors. Chanting insults and demands, singing ridicule, they would wear the angry man down. Any physical resistance by the man would be beat down by the massed women. If necessary, the women would pull his house down and destroy its contents.

It could go on for days. Only after he gave in, criticizing himself and promising to act differently in the future, would the women leave. This is the mechanism, named women's war by the Igbo, which many *mikiris* acting together invoked against the British in 1929.

The British colonizers, products of centuries of euro-capitalist terrorism and conditioning of women, knew nothing about Igbo women's self-government. In 1900 they had swallowed Northern Nigeria, where the Afrikan communal culture had been weakened by islamic capitalism, and where Afrikan women were therefore already stripped of their freedom and identity. So the British expected no trouble from Igbo women when they conquered the rest of Nigeria.

District Office and succeeded in getting written assurances that they were not to be taxed. After several days of mass protest meetings, they also succeeded in getting Okugo arrested, tried, and convicted of 'spreading news likely to cause alarm' and of physical assault on the women. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

"News of this victory spread rapidly through the market-*mikiri*-*ogbo* network, [ *ogbo* were women's associations based



*Palm Oil and Liquor: Staples of Pre-colonial Southern Nigerian Commerce—Illustrative Lithograph.* Source: a label from a bottle of trade gin consumed in Southern Nigeria in the late Nineteenth Century, CO/554/59. The cases marked "WH&C" are cases of gin manufactured by the firm of William Hasekamp & Co., of Scheidam, Holland. The message of the label seems to be that the exchange of liquor for raw materials is fair, equitable, and just.

What at long last provoked the Women's War in 1929 was the rumor that the British, having already laid a heavy tax on men's livestock and produce, were planning to do the same to the separate women's economy. In a *mikiri* of Oloko area, the three women leaders there decided, with general agreement, that any woman approached for taxes must spread the word so all could deal with it collectively.

"On November 23, an agent of the Okolo Warrent Chief, Okugo, entered a compound and told one of the married women, Nwanyeruwa, to count her goats and sheep. She replied angrily, 'Was your mother counted?' at which 'they closed, seizing each other by the throat.' Nwanyeruwa's report to the Okolo women convinced them they were to be taxed. Messengers were sent to neighboring areas, and women streamed into Oloko from all over Owerri Province. They 'sat on' Okugo and demanded his cap of office. They massed in protest at the

on lineage or natal village] and women in many areas then attempted to get rid of their Warrent Chiefs and the Native Administration itself. Nwanyeruwa became something of a heroine as reports of her resistance spread. Money poured in from grateful women from villages scattered over a wide area but linked by kinship to Nwanyeruwa's marital village. Nwanyeruwa herself, however, was 'content to allow' leadership in her area to be exercised by someone else. The money collected was not used for her but for delegates going to meetings of women throughout southern Igboland to coordinate the Women's War.

"The British ended the rebellion only by using large numbers of police and soldiers—and, on one occasion, the Boy Scouts. Although the shootings in mid-December and the growing number of police and soldiers in the area led the women to halt most of their activities, disturbances continued into 1930. The 'disaffected areas'—all of Owerri and

Calabar provinces—were occupied by government forces. Punitive expeditions burned or demolished compounds, took provisions from the villages to feed the troops, and confiscated property in payment of fines levied arbitrarily against villages in retribution for damages."

Igbo women had laid the formal demand that "all white men should go to their own country." At the very least, they demanded that women be appointed as District Officers, in accordance with the equality of power customary to their dual-gender government system. To Oxford-educated Englishmen, this sounded irrational, like a satire or an insult. Accustomed to already-broken European women, they were unable to understand the extent of those Afrikan women's self-assertion and self-government. One man wrote back to London that it was all a hoax to make fun of the British Crown, that the Afrikan men had probably coached their wives behind the scenes on what to do and say.

British moved to wipe out the *mikiri* and to reduce Afrikan women down to the powerless and dependent state of white women. Their colonial administration created an oppressive patriarchal machinery where none had existed before the 20th century. Native courts and native government and native police were created—all male, in European uniforms, structured on Western lines, and under imperialist command.

Use of force by women was outlawed; "to sit on" a man or to call a women's strike against him was made illegal. In the euro-capitalist way, all women's complaints had to be submitted to a Native Court of men, whose verdicts based on capitalist law would be enforced by other men carrying rifles. So among the Igbo, while patriarchy was already visible in embryo form, its full, sickening rise didn't come from any traditional culture. It was done as government policy by white men, graduates of Oxford and Cambridge, from offices in London during the 20th century.

i doubt that Igbo women thought they were in paradise, or that Igbo society was anything remotely like a utopia. Yet and again, they had—and fought to keep—something that we don't even remember we lost. In the u.s.a., "equality" and "equal justice under law" (those mythical beasts no one has ever seen) are understood as women becoming lawyers and plaintiffs in the patriarchal legal system. Demanding that Dick's system should protect us and our children from Dick—please? 'Course we know how well that works. Igbo women had a different concept, their own communal justice system. All women personally joined in making women's laws and enforcing women's justice. No cops, no lawyers, no judges, no Dick. Of course, that's kinda communistic.

Heavy taxes sucked the life out of the traditional women's farming for use, while the new imperialist economy of wage-labor, exploitative as it was, was largely reserved for men. Women's commerce lost ground as the new industrial products came in, sold by Western companies and their male Afrikan employees and partners. For most Igbo women in the new economy there were at first only two choices of wage-labor:

domestic servant and prostitute. This was for Afrikan women who once had a self-government rooted in women's economy that women in amerikkka today don't even know is possible.

There was one ray of hope permitted in the system, that of a better individual life through Western education. This was provided by English women missionaries, the forerunners of foundation feminism, who demanded as a condition that each Afrikan family whose girls entered school give up "pagan" customs such as the *mikiri*. Christianity, like its brothers islam and judaism, was the enemy of women's community, not merely in theory but in fact.

If the white soldier was the "stick" to smash Igbo women's society, white women were used to dangle the "carrot" to lure desperate women away from their culture. Girls school had a different curriculum than boys, blending the same christian indoctrination with "home economics" training on how to be a good housewife for an upwardly-educated Afrikan man. Just as in the long centuries of the Witchhunt, euro-capitalism intended to wipe out "women" and replace them with "wives," if we understand the difference.

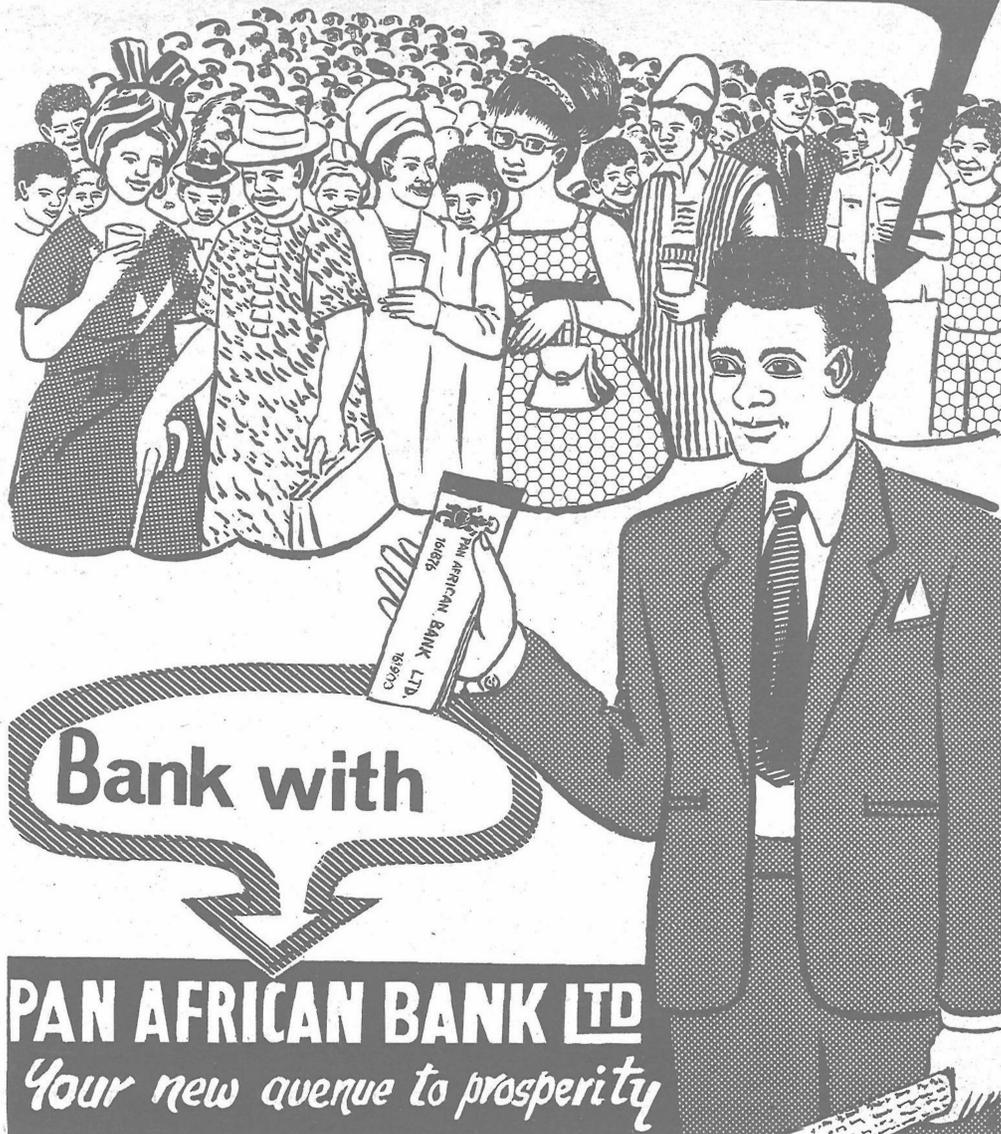
Again, i ask, who was backward and who was advanced?

It was euro-capitalism that was the bringer of backwardness, the destroyer of women's economy and land. Accelerating and force-feeding all the patriarchal and self-destructive elements that exist within each society it overruns.

Many Igbo women were surprised that any men, even savage Europeans, could be so perverted as to shoot into women's rightful demonstrations, which had been called by the full women's authority. To them this violated the most basic social compact that held the human race together. But then, Afrikan women knew nothing about the Witchhunt, didn't know that white euro-civilization had already tortured and executed millions of their own women to lay the foundation for this new social order. Genocide against women is intrinsic to the rise of capitalism as a world social system, just as it is intrinsic to neo-colonialism today.

euro-capitalism didn't simply occupy a nation or people militarily. It dug in and expanded its rule by invading the culture of the oppressed nation, like the HIV virus takes over the command center of a healthy cell, altering its class structure and culture to mimic the oppressor. Everywhere, euro-capitalism continued the Witchhunt in new forms, taking land away from women, destroying the women's economy and independence, raising up a native

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A teen-age Mexican girl was walking a street's center line, collecting coins in a tin can from motorists, when a U.S. quarter came sailing down from the balcony of a trendy Baja bar called Papas & Beer.

The coin bounced off the can's rim, and the margarita-drinking Southern Californians on the balcony got into the spirit: Let's see who can make a basket.

As a Political Officer, Hall supervised—with much personal satisfaction—the stamping out of Burmese women's independence and the remolding of Burmese culture: "In Rangoon the large English stores are undermining the bazaars where the women used to earn an independent livelihood. With her power of independence will disappear her free will and her influence."

Hall then says that "it is inevitable" that women should lose their influence, for "the nations who succeed are not feminine nations but the masculine."

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Which brings us here and now. A newspaper story poked me in the eye yesterday: "U.S. RANKS THIRD AMONG 99 NATIONS IN STUDY OF EQUALITY FOR WOMEN." But isn't settler amerikkka the most "masculine nation" of all? For no other major nation has been built so purely on world genocide. Our whitelife has no history, no identity, no culture, no economy without genocide. Outside of genocide we are a blank.

amerikkans want to distance themselves from genocide. Ya know, it's always something long ago ("You can't change the past!") or far away ("There's never been anything like the Jewish Holocaust"). But genocide is running, right now. It's not far away. You see, we are the genocide. i mean that literally and precisely. Everything we are, our bodies and our education, our careers and our plans for our children, has all been made of genocide.

That's why we don't want to know who we are.

You can't re-form amerikkka. Oh, you can give things to white people or give a little more to some people and a little less to others. Ya' know, more IRAs & coke, or more civil rights and less housing. You can't really change this nation. For if you removed the blood and dirt, removed the genocide from it, then the u.s.a. as an artificial nation would cease to exist. Which is why history, inexorable as a glacier marching down, is starting to break up amerikkka no matter what anyone says or does.

Women have to prepare to leave amerikkka. We have to prepare the amazon nation & withdraw from amerikkka as a nation and as a way of life. For the u.s.a. not only must be broken up, but its gradual breakup as a nation has already begun. *Beirut is the model for our own future.*

A new way of life is essential if we wanna do something about genocide. Right now we need a program to end our own unspoken genocide jones, our addiction to a way of life dependent upon genocide. i mean, we can't have it all different ways. Women who want liberation instead of equality have to build from jump street in a way that can crush genocide. In a long-term, armed political-military way. Not the rose but the cactus.

TO BE CONTINUED

**amazon nation  
or aryan nation**

patriarchy ("We'll make a man of you, son") which got addicted to capitalistic values, including the oppression of women.

This was done consciously, since the imperialists knew very well (much better than socialists did) that their system was impossible without the destruction of women as a people. They succeeded so well that even the very idea of genocide against women is missing from our minds.

Nayar women in India's Kerala province had never personally experienced patriarchy or class exploitation until the British conquest in the 19th century. Nayar lived in the *taravad*, their large matrilineal joint households, where land and its products were used in common. Nayar women could have more than one husband in their household (i.e., polyandry), so there was no individual fatherhood in the way amerikkans are used to. Family identity was only in the motherline. Men bequeathed personal property not to their biological children, but to their sist-

er's children. Households passed from mother to daughter.

British capitalism roughly broke all this up. New colonial marriage law replaced the "promiscuous" Nayar women-centered household with the patriarchal monogamous family, just as new British-imposed inheritance law instructed Nayar men to leave their property to their first-born son instead of their maternal family. And the British made sure that Nayar men had private property of their own. The Nayar were not a primitive people, and the British occupation recruited Nayar men as white-collar clerks in their colonial civil service. This gave Nayar men a cash income. None of this was on accident, of course.

"Men and women are not sufficiently differentiated yet in Burma," warned Fielding Hall, the Political Officer for Burma in the British colonial service in 1887-1891. "It is the mark of a young race. Ethnologists tell us that. In the earliest peoples the difference was very slight. As a race grows older the difference increases..."

## Ed's sorry over arrest of woman

Mayor Koch issued an extraordinary public apology to a prominent 71-year-old Queens woman who said she was roughed up by cops who mistook the peanuts she was eating for drugs.

The woman, Anne Hamilton, is married to the Rev. William Hamilton of the Bethany Baptist Church in Jamaica — who happens to be a friend of Koch's.

In fact, Koch said he was "ever grateful" to Hamilton for inviting him to last year's Martin Luther King Day ceremonies in Harlem after an anti-Koch group of ministers tried to block the mayor's appearance.

Anne Hamilton was arrested and handcuffed on Nov. 18 after she visited her son's house on 139th Street in Jamaica and stopped her car a few blocks away to eat some peanuts.

As a diabetic, she said she always carries the nuts in case she feels dizzy.

Plainclothes cops, who had followed her from what they described as a suspected drug area, moved in to arrest her for swallowing potential evidence.

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## Leading Islamic jurists permit birth control

KUWAIT — A leading body of Moslem jurists ruled yesterday that birth control is permissible "in order to separate periods of pregnancy ... provided that the spouses consult and consent in accordance with Islamic law."

The Islamic Fiqh Academy, which represents jurists from 46 Islamic nations, issued the ruling at the end of a six-day conference on ethical issues.

## Big Deal!

## Female urban guerrilla gets life in France

PARIS — Pretty, middle-class Joelle Aubron was a normal teenager, psychologists said. But on Saturday, now aged 29, she was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder as a member of an urban guerrilla gang.

With three other leaders of the Action Directe group, Aubron has embarked on a minimum of 18 years in prison for the murder of Renault motor company chairman Georges Besse in 1986

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when businessman Victor Einhorn got sentenced in federal court last Spring for using two Brooklyn girls, ages 11 and 12, as prostitutes, his rabbi was there to support him? Guess that's his job, that's what they pay him for. Einhorn, who owned two local bus companies, was arrested by Ft. Lee, N.J. police after a cleaning woman saw him leaving the motel with the two children-New Afrikan children.

In court his lawyer had a list of reasons why Einhorn wasn't to blame. Because the two girls allegedly "looked 18"; because they were allegedly "professional prostitutes"; because it was really his wife's fault for not satisfying him sexually (never fails, sicko man abuses girls & it's all women's fault). Then rabbi Abraham Neiman of Khal Toras Chaim congregation asked the judge not to send poor Einhorn to prison, because by the Jewish religion Einhorn had already earned "forgiveness" (i think he should be forgiven with a 9 mm). No kidding, this man's spirituality is being wasted in Brooklyn, this rabbi should go right on television with Jimmy Swaggert and Jim Bakker.

Rabbi Neiman also argued that Einhorn's own six children were, in effect, hostages for his freedom, since if he were sent to prison the Jewish community would then punish the Einhorn children by ostracizing them. Einhorn got the typical break: instead of a possible 20 years in prison, he was sentenced to three years (even less with parole).

Zionist feminists are always talking about saving "our" wonderful Jewish culture. Well, there it is, the real-life Jewish patriarchal culture. You want it? Then take responsibility for it.

All this has a lot to do with "Black anti-semitism." Every time New Afrikans point out how Jews, just like other white settlers, play their own role in oppression, the Jewish patriarchy screams "Black anti-semitism." And Jews near had a stroke when channel 5 news showed Father Lawrence Lucas, the priest at Harlem's catholic Resurrection parish on 151st St., telling a rally outside the bored of ed last winter:

"It seems each group of what we call caucasians has a segment to do us in. Those who are killing us in our homes, falsely arresting us in the subways, murdering us in the streets, come primarily from the Catholic persuasion.

"Those who are killing us in the classrooms, I do not have to tell you what persuasion they come from. You just have to look at the Board of Education; it looks like the Knesset in Israel."

The Jewish community and their champion, mayor Crazy Ed, attacked that as "outrageous" and "anti-semitic" (notice no one was too upset about him naming catholics). It is awkward in amerikkka when someone just up & tells the truth. Most white cops in NYC are catholic men, heavily Irish & Italian. Howard Beach and Canarsie aren't zen buddhist, that's for sure. And the NYC school system is run for the WASP ruling class by the so-called "Jewish Mafia," which is what Jewish administrators call themselves as an in-group joke. The "Jewish Mafia" runs not only the bored of ed bureaucracy but the teachers union (the seven-person Board itself is nothing but a dummy appointed by politicians for public display, and doesn't even run its own self).

The trouble isn't right-wing Hasids or right-to-death catholics. Whole communities are involved in exploiting & killing New Afrikans. It's what being amerikkkan is all about. Now Jews are finally real amerikkkans, have made it to being real white people, and just have to do their share of the oppressing, too. Novelist Alice Walker of "Color Purple" fame says that liberal critics of zionism should consider amerikkkanism in the same light:

"Many Americans will undoubtedly say that the settlement of Israel was an imperialist act... But those same Americans will have to concede the same thing about America: Am I ready to leave and give it back to the Indians?... Looking at Israel's 'settlements,' I think of all those forts that dot American plains. Israel's 'settlements' look chillingly familiar to me."

One good reason they look so "familiar and American" is that they are amerikkkan. It isn't only that Israel is a Western imperialist outpost over the



Members of the Lubavitcher Hasidim listen to Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson give his televised talk.

Arabs, it's that the u.s.a. & Israel are related white settler societies. Many, perhaps even a majority, of the settlers seizing Palestinian land on the West Bank are u.s. Jews. Some of these settlers aren't even Jews, just right-wing white men from the u.s. who emigrate to Israel for a chance to use their M-16s and push around people of color. You know, get revenge for 'Nam. Israel is "Settlerland," the white man's ultimate amusement park. The money to take Arab land and put up their racist settlements comes from the u.s. Jewish community, from all those charities Jewish women are always fundraising for.

In Jerusalem, u.s. Jews are involved in a conspiracy to completely wipe out the Arab community--New York style. Piece by piece, using christian Arab front-men, they are buying up the entire Old City, the traditional Palestinian quarter in Jerusalem. Where fraud and arm-twisting don't work, Jews are using fire-bombings of homes and violent pogroms, where their civilian street patrols beat up and harass Palestinians, to terrorize them into leaving. Familiar? Jewish feminists wanna pretend to themselves that Jewish culture is singing folksongs and telling stories about their grandmothers by the campfire. No, this is the real Jewish culture now.

Spearheading the genocide campaign in Jerusalem is the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva, or Jewish religious school, which is associated with cabinet minister gen. Arik Sharon (who masterminded the 1982 invasion of Lebanon). Avraham Shapira, the Chief Rabbi of Israel, supports Ateret Cohanim yeshiva's plan to wipe out the Arab community. In an open letter to u.s. Jews, Chief Rabbi Shapira said that the plan is a "sacred burden" that all Jews must support, to "restore the light on the Torah to within the Old City of Jerusalem."

They have already taken 10% of the Arab buildings of the Old City, and the Ateret Cohanim religious school's public relations director (who is British) boasts that soon enough no Arabs will remain: "I think within ten years we will have made Jerusalem Jewish again forever." Not to worry, each Palestinian woman evicted will get a ticket to the Bushwick women's shelter.

Ateret Cohanim's genocide project gets its funding right here, by the Jewish community in New York and Florida (and gets heavy bucks from some anti-semitic christian fundamentalists). It even has an office here, on Fifth Avenue at the Genesis Foundation, which is licensed by N.Y. state as a tax-exempt Jewish religious charity. If you were walking by the Hilton last May 27th, you might have seen



Israeli soldier is held back by Arab woman in West Bank protests yesterday.

hundreds of Jews in tuxedos and dresses pack an Ateret Cohanim genocide fundraising dinner, at \$180 per plate, with the main speaker being the Israeli U.N. ambassador. This isn't some Hasids or right-wing wierdo fringe group, this is the mainstream, what being Jewish is now. Genocide is respectable as long as you call it something else. And when the most violent settler get heat over there, they just come back to their rear-base area in Brooklyn for R&R.

#### WHY IT'S AN ISSUE NOW

The ruling class says "Black anti-semitism" is our problem, but it's really their answer. The more Palestinian teenagers get beaten and shot down, the

more white settlers here say it's open hunting season on "Willie Horton," the more anger and uprising there is after Gaza and Howard Beach, then the more the media tells us that "Black anti-semitism" is what we should worry ourselves about.

Like all of a sudden it's a big issue...but only because the media and the Jewish patriarchy says it is.

Who's being attacked anyway? Are New Afrikan radicals targeting Jews for assassination? Or attacking Jews on the streets just for being Jews? Are New Afrikans bombing temples and driving Jews out of their homes with firebombs? Are they refusing to hire Jews except as menial labor, as hewers of wood

## 2 Arab Girls Die of Israel Wounds

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14 — Two Palestinian girls died today of head wounds from Israeli gunfire, bringing to four the number of Palestinian teen-agers who have been killed in the last 36 hours.

Palestinians and an Israeli Army spokesman said Rana al-Masri, who was 13 years old and from the West Bank city of Nablus, died in Makassad Hospital in East Jerusalem this morning. She had been shot in the head during demonstrations in Nablus this month.

Merchants called a general strike in Nablus today in observance of the girl's death. In addition, six Palestinians were wounded during demonstrations in and around Bethlehem today.

The army also said 12-year-old Hanadi Abu Sultan of the Shati refugee center in the Gaza Strip died in a Tel Aviv hospital today from a bullet wound received during demonstrations in the camp on Jan. 10. Doctors said she had been hit in the forehead at close range by one of the army's new bullets, a marble-sized steel ball with an eighth-inch hard-rubber coating.

The bullets are now in general use among many soldiers on patrol in the occupied territories.

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Israeli settlers' children try weapons during West Bank military open house.

## SOUTH

### Abused teen cleared in murder of father

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The post-traumatic stress defense used by some wives accused of killing their husbands also can apply to juveniles, a judge ruled in finding a teen-age girl not guilty of killing her abusive father.

Attorneys agreed the case set a legal precedent, but 15-year-old Diana Goodykoontz said she was surprised a judge rejected the prosecution's claim that she committed murder because she was influenced by heavy-metal rock 'n' roll music.

Circuit Judge John Kuder on Friday ruled that the teen-ager acted in self-defense when she shot her father, Navy Chief Petty Officer Dennis Goodykoontz, in the family's Pensacola home.

The judge said Miss Goodykoontz suffered from battered-child syndrome, similar to the disorder that afflicts battle-shocked veterans and wives who have been abused by their husbands.

During a four-day, non-jury trial that ended May 4, Miss Goodykoontz testified that her father had made sexual overtures and she was afraid he was going to rape her. The judge also heard testimony that the father had a history of violence against his wife and three children, including a threat to kill the entire family on the day he died.

JULY 3, 1989

### Policeman charged in rape of child

LYNN, Mass. — A police officer who was acquitted last summer of sexually abusing a 6-year-old girl was charged yesterday with raping the same child, after police allegedly found a tape of the crime in his apartment.

Patrolman Warren A. Poole, 45, was acquitted in June when the girl, placed on the witness stand in front of the defendant, recanted her story of abuse.

Several months later, however, the girl told police that Mr. Poole had molested her again. After obtaining a search warrant, police raided Mr. Poole's apartment Wednesday and confiscated a videotape that prosecutors said shows the policeman having sex with the girl.

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### BOTTOMFISH RESIST

SCIENTISTS are working on a huge sex-change operation for U.S. catfish farms. They have applied heavy doses of male hormones to young catfish, hoping to convert the females into members of the meatier gender. But unlike other fish, catfish resist the transformation, apparently because of an unusual chromosome makeup. . . .

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and drawers of water, or wiping out Jewish neighborhoods with gentrification? Or staging political campaigns to get Jewish professors fired from the state university?

Who is the oppressor and who is the oppressed? So how can "Black anti-semitism" be the real issue here? Get serious!

Because what's happening is about genocide, but not against Jews. Black Genocide is the goal of this propaganda campaign. We should know by now that the first law of genocide is to criminalize the victims. Reflect on those "savage murdering redskins" that the white settlers always complained about as they lied, stole and butchered their way across this entire continent. "Oh, did we accidentally wipe you out & gentrify your lands? We're sorry now!" That's what the white patriarchy says after wards. But before they do it, they say "Black anti-semitism" and "Willie Horton."

And the patriarchal ruling class needs to push the Jews out front as amerikkka's designated whites (like the dh in baseball). If WASPS like George Bush, David Rockefeller and Henry Ford III complained of being victims of racism, it'd only touch off laughs and snickers. Who could keep a straight face? But the Jews, hey, everyone knows that prejudice against Jews is real. So the ruling class puts out propaganda that Jews, in some unknown way, are the victims of New Afrikan racism.

The complex operation of how amerikkka uses the issue of "Black anti-semitism" is something we should all know, but especially Jewish women who got driven into the wilderness somewhere by the patriarchy and



"Women in Black" demonstration in Jerusalem, January 1969. Inspired by the anti-apartheid "Black-Sash Women" in South Africa, these Israeli women hold a weekly vigil to protest Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

dumped, lost without a clue as to where they are or what time it is.

Jews have been promoted to amerikkka's designated white people, a mixed blessing at best. Just as Israel has been appointed as the West's designated white nation, to take the heat & hate from the Third World for us. And Jews don't seem to notice, as they're celebrating their new-found acceptance, that they're being edged closer and closer to the cliff. For being amerikkka's designated white people, like being stuntwomen in the movies, is to be rewarded for taking the risks for the real actors.

So Jews were pushed out front to tear down Jesse's image (both Georgie and Dukie wanted it done, but didn't want the dirt showing on their hands). Jews were pushed out front to demand that New Afrikans should support the genocide of Palestinians-- i.e. be loyal to imperialism and white settlers against the Third World. The Jewish patriarchy is just the catspaw, and the Jewish agenda of demands is really amerikkka's agenda. And if hatred of Jews arises, if they catch the blame for oppression instead of amerikkka as a whole, then that's the idea. The patriarchal ruling class actually wants there to be "Black anti-semitism," wants New Afrikans to hate Jews. To be rude & crude about it, Dick is sticking it to the world and wants Jews to be his condom.

There's several moves going on simultaneously in this set-up. The patriarchal ruling class not only is anti-semitic themselves (they're just about anti-everything), but they want to use their white anti-semitism to infect the New Afrikan nation, like a white ideological crack. To deflect anger uselessly and to substitute resenting & imitating Jews instead of the Malcolm X program of liberation from & separation from the white settler nation as a whole.

IN case you haven't noticed, the media is giving a million dollars worth of free publicity to men, a Steve Cokely or whoever, who'll get up and talk that talk--vague rhetoric that sounds militant, to momentarily scratch that itch without changing the conditions. Just like taking crack does.

Then the media and the Jewish patriarchy jump up and down, yelling and screaming that these Black leaders are threatening, a big danger. This is a second million bucks in free advertising (I hear GM is jealous and wants to be declared "anti-

semitic" too). Of course, when it looks like the power structure is singling out some Black man for attack, that only motivates people to take them more seriously, to wanna support them. It all goes round and round, like the roulette wheels at Las Vegas, where the house always wins. In this case it's the White House.

How smart do we gotta be to get the message? This "Black anti-semitism" is a neocolonial game, in which they're the only winners. It's what happens when white women don't break with the patriarchy and New Afrikans haven't broken with the white nation. And if we don't see that, if we're still fooled, it's only because we secretly want to be, like the magician's willing audience.

There are a few Jewish women who see through it all, recognize it as a patriarchal game, but they're too scared to act up. It is scary in amerikkka or anywhere else in A Man's World to place yourself in opposition to genocide.

Here in amerikkka the zionist community is actually working for the real anti-semites. That's why this "Black anti-semitism" propaganda has worked so well. Isn't real anti-semitism a white thing? Something created by euro-culture and christianity. Everyone knows that, unlike New Afrikans, the armed white right-wing has done it all: assassinated Jews, bombed temples, beaten up Jews on the streets, put up anti-semitic graffiti, and keep bragging they're going to do much more. And they've got a mass base of anti-semitic amerikkkan sympathizers, including the Republican Party hierarchy.

And yet and again, the Jewish patriarchy says that "Black anti-semitism" is the threat. Isn't that just a sophisticated version of "Willie Horton"-ism?

i mean, you don't have to be a genius to see something wrong there. Last year Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Jewish Anti-Defamation League (A.D.L.), said that based on an opinion poll his office had commissioned, Jews could feel "re-assured"--that's his exact word--about right-wing groups like the Aryan Nation. Although many reports have described the growth of armed right-wing groups in the white farm belt (and elsewhere in white settler society), Perlmutter told the press conference that "Anti-Semitism is not on the rise in rural America."

The headline says "Anti-Semitic Appeal in Farmland Is Not Taking Hold, Survey Finds." But in the small print, here's what they found after interviewing white farmers in Iowa and Nebraska:

2% said that they had attended armed right-wing meetings  
 13% put "a good deal of" blame for the farm crisis on "certain religious groups, such as the Jews"  
 15% said that they knew about the armed right-wing groups  
 27% placed the blame for their troubles on "international Jewish bankers."

losers in white sheets, they're nothing). After accepting their resignations, George Bush's advisors had him send a message back to their white ethnic communities that he still supported them and was unhappy that they'd been exposed:

"Nobody's giving in...We're not accusing anybody of anything. We're getting into a



Demonstrators yesterday at ABC television in Manhattan protest news coverage of Israeli beatings of Palestinians

How "reassured" should Jewish women feel about that?

There was a moment's fuss last year about the six christian anti-semitic officials exposed in the 'Bush for President campaign. ("Only six?" we thought.) But that wasn't the story, that was merely the coverup.

Five of the men were on the G.O.P. campaign committee for white ethnics, the "coalition of American Nationalities." They had to resign because of pro-nazi activities. Many had been personally involved in their youth in killing Jews back in Europe. One in the Arrowcross, the Hungarian anti-semitic gang that spent the 1930s murdering Jews and communists and feminists and trade-unionists. One in the Roumanian Iron Guard. Another in "P2", the Italian 1970s secret fascist conspiracy. Kinda like a "Who's Who" of international right-wing men's consciousness-raising groups.

What everybody is covering up is that none of this was any surprise to the Bush campaign. For the Republican Party has sought out and courted all the most influential white anti-semitic leaders (forget those

very peculiar deal where people are accusing people. I don't like it a bit."

#### "BLACK ANTI-SEMITISM" IN CHICAGO

What amerikkka calls "Black anti-semitism" is mainly a white thing, run by white people, for white people, out of white euro-culture. Since this fuss has been about words, about talk, we should check out the talkers.

Most notorious is Steve Cokely, who until a national controversy last spring was a special aide to Chicago mayor Eugene Sawyer. Cokely was being paid \$35,568 a year to go around the New Afrikan community making speeches saying that u.s. euro-capitalism wasn't responsible for the oppression of Black people, that it was the Jews. He said that a Jewish "secret society" was taking over the world, and even said that "the AIDS epidemic is a result of doctors, especially Jewish ones, who inject the AIDS virus in the Blacks."

That's the Real Thing, that crackhead old-time european

anti-semitism. What attracted so much interest was that it wasn't just Cokely, one man. Mayor Sawyer stalled around, didn't wanna fire him. A number of bourgy types came to Cokely's defense. Even Rev. B. Herbert Martin, chairman-designate of the city commission on human relations, said that Cokely's words had "a ring of truth" although he personally didn't agree. Other politicians came to Cokely's support. Cassettes of Cokely's speeches were being sold by his new employer, Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

It was merely a play in plantation politics. Cokely was working for Chicago's Irish, Italian and Polish "ethnic" Catholic political machine, getting very well paid to confuse & abuse New Afrikans so that the local crackers could take back upfront control of city hall. Their real target wasn't Jews at all, but former reform mayor Harold Washington and the grass-roots movement he had tapped to become Chicago's first Black mayor.

For fifty years, Chicago-- called "the most segregated city in America" by the u.s. civil rights commission--had been run by the all-powerful democratic party "Machine." Under long-time mayor Richard J. Daley they ruled the city like a small apartheid state. Chicago's banks and corporations were tightly protected by a white united front that fused together the spine of local government,

## An Officer Sues Hasidic Patrol In Assault Case

### Says He Was Beaten as He Aided Elderly Man

By DAVID E. PITT

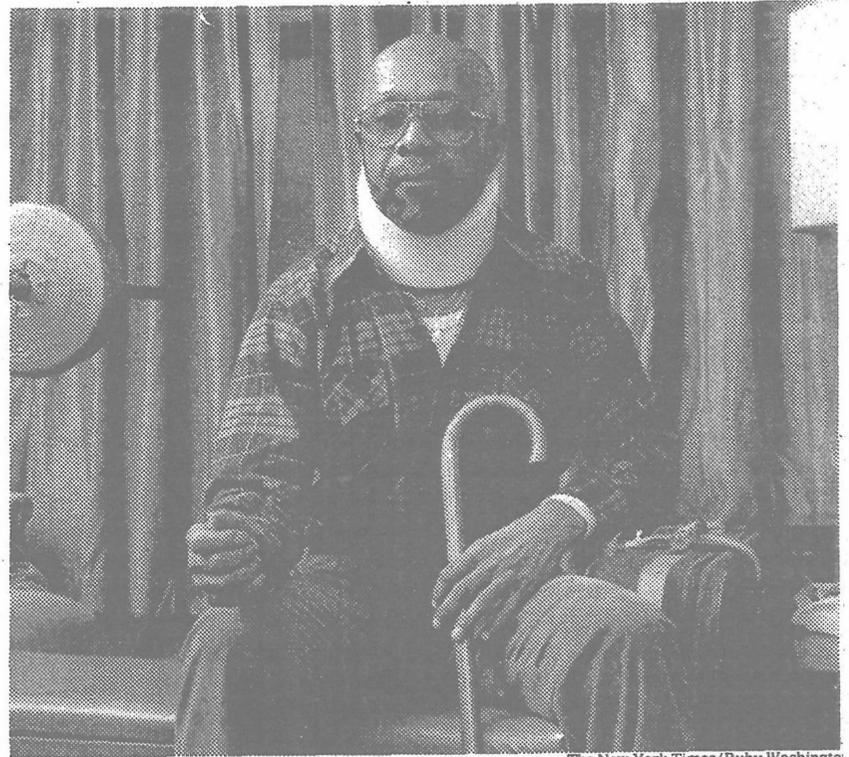
A 49-year-old officer in the New York City housing police filed a \$2 million lawsuit yesterday against a Hasidic community patrol in Brooklyn and five of its members, who he said beat him and tried to take his service revolver when he went to the aid of an elderly man they were kicking and pummeling.

The officer, Ganson M. Chambers, said the attack had left him partly disabled and unable to return to duty.

Officer Chambers, who appeared at a news conference wearing a neck brace, said he was in uniform at the time of the Dec. 6 incident, at 206 Wilson Street in the Williamsburg section.

"I told them, 'I'm a policeman,'" he said. "They said, 'We're the law around here.'"

"At that point," he said, "they started to kick and punch me," adding that the plaintiffs had tried to wrest his service revolver from its holster. "I didn't use the gun because there were too many innocent people around," the officer said.



The New York Times/Ruby Washington

Ganson M. Chambers, a housing police officer who is now partly disabled.

Officer Chambers, a twice-decorated patrolman who has been assigned to Williamsburg for 9 of his 19 years with the housing police, identified his attackers as members of the Shomrim Community Patrol, which is also known as the Shmira Volunteer Patrol.

Mr. Jordan suggested that "the powers that be"—including the Brooklyn District Attorney's office—had not acted with sufficient outrage or dispatch in the case because of what he said was the political influence of the Hasidim.

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the Catholic church, the mafia, and the white trade unions. New Afrikans couldn't set foot across the border into many white neighborhoods; it was Howard Beach every day.

In 1983, in a historic upset of the Machine, liberal congressman Harold Washington won the mayor's office. By the closing weeks his campaign had be-

come more a crusade than a mere election. Apartheid Chicago came into full daylight. When candidate Washington visited a white Catholic church one Sunday, he was forced to leave by a hysterical mob of parishioners blessed by their priest. White Catholic cops began threatening and shoving around New Afrikans on the streets who wore Washington buttons. By election day wearing a Washington button, or two or three, was a community duty, a mass defiance of the White Power.

In Jesse Jackson's hometown, Harold had become much more popular than Jesse. In his election victory, many of the Machine's old-time Black political front-men were swept away. One of the Machine survivors, alderman Eugene Sawyer, hired a charismatic young man named Steve Cokely in 1985, to help him overcome his Uncle Tom image. Cokely began attacking mayor Harold Washington for being a tool of the Jews. That was a vulnerable spot.

Like Philadelphia's Wilson Goods, Atlanta's Andy Young and John Lewis, Los Angeles' Tom Bradley, and many other Black liberal politicians, Harold Washington had made an alliance with the Jewish community leadership. In return for campaign funds and other help, these liberal Black politicians commit themselves to the Jewish agenda—public support of Israel and no criticism of Jews for exploiting New Afrikans.

In a humiliating display of lackey-ness this year, Philadelphia mayor Wilson Goode literally had to dance for the Jews.

## Teen Attacks Man Accused Of Sexually Abusing Her

A 17-year-old girl was arrested last night after she attacked a man who grabbed her buttocks and hit her in the face on a Manhattan subway train, police said.

The teenager, whose name was not released because of the nature of the crime against her, was charged with possession of a weapon, a razor, and possession of a toxic substance, a can of Mace, according to a transit police spokesman. She was released after being issued a desk appearance ticket.

Eric Suarez, 22, of 1139 39th St., Sunset Park, Brooklyn, also was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and one count of sexual abuse in the third degree, the spokesman said.

He said the girl and her mother were on a northbound Lenox Avenue train that was pulling into the 125th Street Station shortly before 6 p.m. when the suspect grabbed the teenager by the buttocks and punched her in the face.

The girl's mother tried to stop Suarez and she too was punched, the spokesman said.

The daughter then pulled out the can of Mace and razor and slashed and sprayed Suarez, police said.

Suarez required five stitches above one of his eyebrows and eight more near his chin, Valentino said.

—T.J. Collins

## Sheriff Gondles Settles Suit On Harassment for \$25,000

Arlington Sheriff James A. Gondles Jr. said last night that he had settled a sex harassment suit against him for \$25,000, and he apologized publicly for the first time for his part in condoning a "sexually harassing" office atmosphere.

The lawsuit, filed in March 1987, in Arlington Circuit Court by Deputy Debora Mulvey, alleged that Gondles, who is 40 and married, asked Mulvey to have sex with him, harassed her when she refused his advances, withheld her annual pay increase for two months and unduly criticized her work.

Sworn depositions taken in the case produced allegations from three former and current deputies that Gondles often bullied his top-level aides, told two of them that he had sex with female deputies and women who did business with his department, and made graphic sexual comments about other women.

Goode had to do the hora, an Israeli folk dance, and personally sang "Happy Birthday, Dear Israel, Happy Birthday to you" over the microphone at a Jewish rally to support Israel's crushing Palestinian protests (only natural by now for Mr. Goode, first you fire-bomb your own children & then you support the Jews beating and shooting Palestinian children). Harold Washington was not Wilson Goode, but he did have to make his symbolically-important first foreign trip not to Afrika, not to Mexico or Puerto Rico, but to Israel, to prove his support for the Jewish agenda.

This is all plantation politics, a patriarchal & capitalistic mess. Chicago's racist Catholic political machine hired Steve Cokely to use Jew-baiting to help them bring down their most hated enemy, Harold Washington, a New Afrikan who had beaten them badly. Cokely was also supposed to make their Uncle Tom front-men appear nationalistic.

This became even more important to the White Power boys after Washington's unexpected death, in November 1987, when the old-time Machine bloc in the city council voted their front-man, alderman Eugene Sawyer, in as interim mayor. Over loud protests from the New Afrikan community.

The White Power boys reward those who help them inflate "Black anti-semitism." Case in point: Harold Washington's former aide, Dorothea Washington, who switched sides to the Machine after his death. Dorothea Washington came out for mayor Sawyer & is a vocal defender of Steve Cokely. "I took the position that he had a right to do or say," she said. "I have nothing against him at all."

Her reward? Dorothea Washington helicoptered from a \$14,772 aide position to her \$45,481-a-year job as the Machine's security coordinator for public housing projects. Her job is to be the official liaison with the f.b.i., the u.s. attorney's office, and the other police agencies. "Black anti-semitism" keeps curious company.

Everyone wants to make this "Black anti-semitism" out to be something nationalistic, something from the streets. Like it came outa Afrika and not outa europe. But when we check it out, we find white manipulations, white goals, white patriarchal euro-culture.

In her zionist attack on New Afrikan and Palestinian women, "Anti-Semitism in the Women's Movement," former MS. magazine editor Letty Cottin Pogrebin used Black sociologist Iva Carruthers, also from Chicago, as a major example of New Afrikan women's supposed anti-semitism:

"Jewish women I interviewed mentioned certain grievances more than once. For example, this passage from Iva E. Carruthers's 'War on African Familyhood'... 'Today one of the most serious assaults to African familyhood is being forged by the white feminist movement; the theory for which is emerging from a predominantly Jewish elite group...'"

Again, who is Iva Carruthers? Her career is a creation of White Power. She is one of a clique of Black professors who were formed in the early 1970s by the top white male administrators of the Illinois state university system. They were hired because the f.b.i. was worried about New Afrikan student support there for revolutionary groups, particularly the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army.

Once, the government would have hired upfront Toms, preaching love for amerikkka and loyalty to the White Man. But by 1970 the u.s. government knew that the old-fashioned slave act wouldn't cut it. So this clique of bourgy professors were hired as posers, brought in to attack revolutionary organizations, substituting instead an Al Sharpton-like blend of "get me a grant"ism and pseudo-nationalistic rhetoric.

Carruthers believes what she says, just as zionist women do. This grouping of Black professionals criticize Jews as their main enemy precisely because they want assimilation into middle-class amerikkka. Jews are personally seen by them as rivals, because Jews are their ideal model for New Afrikans to follow in terms of using "ethnic solidarity" and "minority capitalism" to work out more profitable deals with the white power structure. In other words, the Cokelys and Carruthers want to be what Jews are.

This whole obsession with & imitation of Jews is closet euro-centrism, a secret worship of the white patriarchy's way of doing things.

For white women who've gotten confused & abused and turned all around by being mixed up in the



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Palestinian woman and little boy hurl rocks at Israeli soldiers during West Bank demonstration by about 20 women and their children.

love affair between "Black anti-semitism" and the white patriarchy, the choice is there. In or out. We still think in shallow ways, conditioned ways, like pavlov's dog hearing the bell. Zionism and "Black anti-semitism" are different faces, different fronts, for the same thing. It's our choice now to opt into the whole patriarchal mess or to opt out. To set out upon the journey of generations to fight for our own society, to build an amazon alternative to genocide-civilization.

# Killer Kops ?

## Sheriff's Deputy Held in Prostitute Killings

The dramatic arrest of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff Rickey Ross as a serial killer of women followed by his quiet release months later shows once again that today's women's movement has done zero to stop the slaughter of women. Cause we still got that call-a-cop when we're in deep shit. Just plain sisterhood ain't proved to be that powerful. Men continue to harvest women at their pleasure, whenever they feel like it.

What some feminists who deal with these serial killer cases think is that police are often the serial murderers themselves. And that their police supervisors do the coverup, the minimizing of women's death. Since it's their job to step on the oppressed anyway, cops are naturals when it comes to personal violence against the people they have been put in charge of keeping down. Getting their rocks off by shooting and beating and raping isn't too different than their work a day world. (Which doesn't stop women from hanging out with them and begging them for protection.)

Most of the serial murder cases are of women that society has defined as "loose." New Afrikan women, Latinas, addicts, prostitutes, young runaways, or male homosexuals. From their own experience police know that amerikkka wants the "loose" women to die.

Deputy Rickey Ross, 40, is a veteran narcotics investigator for the L.A. county sheriff's department. Ross was arrested while driving intoxicated attempting to evade police questioning at 1:30 a.m., Feb. 23, 1989. In the unmarked county car was a frightened prostitute. They had gotten off on coke together, but the woman, knowing that a serial killer was working the streets got scared when Ross said he wanted to get something out of the car trunk.

In the trunk police found two unregistered pistols; one that ballistics later identified as the murder weapon in the killings of three New Afrikan women: Judith Simpson, 27, found Oct. 14, 1988; Cynthia Walker, 35, found Nov. 8, 1988; and Latanya Johnson, 24, found Dec. 11, 1988.

Even on the day he was arrested, his sheriff friends were privately telling reporters that the charges would be dropped later on the grounds that the L.A. police ballistics tests were inconclusive.

Prosecutors (and the L.A. police dept. which is competitive with the L.A. sheriff's office) laughed at this rumor. But 3 months later in May that's what happened. Deputy Ross was quietly released and charges were dropped. LAPD says he's still a suspect but that they have no evidence him. Looks like Deputy Ross is off scot free.

Margaret Prescod of LA's Black Coalition Fighting Back Serial Murders, is furious that LAPD Chief Daryl Gates now confesses that the department wouldn't accept the possibility that a cop was a serial killer. Prescod says that her group had tried to pass on information from street women who had gotten away and who believed that their attempted killer was a cop of some kind: "We did try to bring the information forward through the proper channels. It just didn't get very far."

While Ross is a suspect in 12 recent killings of women, police do not believe that he did them all. Composite portraits of two men--one black and one white--are being shown to street women by police.

Asked whether any other suspects were sheriff's deputies, Distric Attorney Sterling Norris responded "I can't say."

Serial killings blur into each other, no longer unusual.

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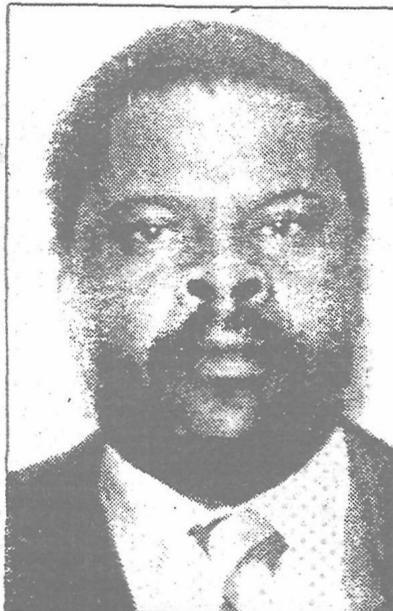
The five officially unsolved Suitland serial murders in Washington, D.C. are really closed now. It's accepted that they were done by Alonzo Best, 32, a u.s. park service groundskeeper serving a 18 1/3 years to life sentence for a sixth rape murder. But after Best was arrested for killing Janice Morton, 20, on Fan. 14, 1987, speculation began not only about the five Suitland serial murders but also about the role of Best's nephew, D.C. police officer William A Armah. And a possible police coverup.

The six murders were similar in location, method and who the victims were. All the women were New Afrikans, from 5'1" to 5'3" in height, in their 20s, who used drugs and hung out at the same clubs, and were either strangled or stabbed and sexually assaulted. The first five bodies were found in December 1986 and January 1987, in an overgrown wooded area in Suitland just across the D.C. city line. The five were: Dorothy Ann Miller, 22; Juanita Marie Walls, 26; Pamela Marcia Mal-

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colm, 25; Angela Maria Wilker-son, 22; and Cynthia Lee West-bury, 22.

Alonzo Best had used police officer Armah's black van for the sixth killing after a night of partying. His frenzied beating of pregnant Janice Morton all over her body before he strangled her was so bad that he broke his own wrist. Later that same day, both Best and Armah tried to clean up Janice Morton's blood from where it had splashed all over the inside of Armah's van. The van was found a week later hidden away in a repair shop, blood and hair still inside it.

Witnesses had seen a black van dump Janice Morton's beaten body in a D.C. alley, and police set up roadblocks stopping all black vans. Armah was with Best in the van when it was stopped by Princes George county police. Armah simply flashed his badge and he and Best were allowed to leave without the blood-splattered van being searched.

Armah said after his uncle's arrest that he had just loaned him the van, thought the blood came from some injured man, and didn't take part in the rape-murders. A D.C. police investigation cleared him and restored him to duty. Both men deny doing the first five sex murders. This in the face of the fact that Best knew at least 3 of the women and police say a witness placed one of the five in a black van like Armah's.

This might fly a little better if Best hadn't been arrested in 1981 for attacking two women. Arrested after kidnapping two New Afrikan women that he tied up and stuffed in Armah's van (yes, that very same black van). Best was driving out to Suitland! If the two sisters hadn't escaped out the rear door of the

# Ex-City Cop Charged With Assaulting Stepdaughters

By Leonard Levitt

A former city police officer who married his radio-patrol partner a month after his wife disappeared was indicted yesterday on charges he sexually assaulted his second wife's 12- and 13-year-old daughters.

The indictment charges Robert Fioretti with engaging in sexual intercourse with his 12-year-old stepdaughter "by forcible compulsion."



Rita Fioretti

He was also charged with assaulting her, fondling her and her younger sister, and authorizing the 12-year-old "to engage in an occupation involving substantial risk of danger to the child's life or health." Specifics of that charge



Hudson River two years later was identified as hers, but no charges have been filed in connection with her death. Fioretti married his second wife in September, 1986.

In January, 1987, a Bronx grand jury indicted Fioretti on charges he forged Rita Fioretti's signature on a Manhattan bank withdrawal slip for \$17,000 two months after her disappearance. Charges were later dropped for lack of jurisdiction.

In April, 1987, Fioretti was dismissed from the police department for refusing to answer questions about his former wife's disappearance.

In November, 1987, Fioretti was indicted on charges he filed tax returns. Those charges were later dismissed for lack of evidence.

At a news conference after the indictment yesterday, Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson said that the rape and sexual conduct charges were dropped because the girls' school authorities there had notified the city's social services which removed all five children from Fioretti's first marriage, the current marriage and daughters — from Fioretti's custody.

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over the past three years. The previous charges, which included forgery and false income tax filings, were dismissed.

The late Bronx District Attorney Mario Mereola also had termed Fioretti a prime suspect in the disappearance of his wife, Rita Fioretti, in August, 1986. Fioretti never reported her missing, and as a result Bronx detectives refused to accept the case when they were notified by the woman's employer, International Paper Co., that she did not show up for work.

A headless body that turned up in the

van the Suitland serial murders would have begun five years earlier. Since it was only New Afrikan women, charges against Best were dismissed.

Yo, ain't nobody as dense as Armah would have to be not to be involved. Man claims he can't add two + two.

The same distant early warning signal was true of Deputy Rickey Ross. In 1981 he too was involved in a sexual assault. There again the woman's complaint was dismissed and Ross was free to go his way. When he was on duty at the L.A. county jail, Ross and two other cops assaulted a clerical worker in the jail medical records section. They got her alone and forced her to strip, then they did a "skin search." They covered themselves with a false drug charge and she was fired the next day.

Rickey Ross was shown how easy it is for a cop to get over and get into the not so forbidden fruit of sexual violence.

Officially recognized serial murders are the smallest tip of the iceberg of men's secret life. The Seattle police say that "only" 40 killings are known to be by the Green River killer, and that the killings stopped in mid-1984. They speculate that the unknown killer, "he", might have died, might be in prison, or have moved on to

San Diego or some area where serial murders are going on. Yet and again, since the first Green River victims were found in July 1982, there have been not 40 but 120 anonymous murders of street women in the Seattle-Tacoma-Vancouver areas. One man? Ten men? Death squad?

Serial murders have drama and shoot up our attention span like some drug (though some day, like the deaths in New Afrikan communities, they'll be in small print like yesterday's baseball scores). The official press treats serial murders as some sick man's extreme, far out crime. Check your library. There's a whole shelf of books devoted to the pseudo-psychology of the minds of serial murderers. It's even a growing specialty of writers and cops. But I say no. It's a problem of men's harvesting of women. And it's not new. It's part of the social institution. Now, there are women struggling against this and yet we have no response that makes sense--won't have until we deal with nation, class and patriarchy.

Television networks like the Ted Bundy story because it was a clean-cut, white middle class killer and victims. But it's not like that. Most serial murder victims are "superfluous" women or homosexual boys. The disposable people that patriarchal society places no value on. Teen runaways, drug addicts,

prostitutes. New Afrikan, Native American and Latina women are doubly disposable. Categories of women that aren't considered worth keeping as property (or as in the case of runaways and dykes escaped from men) for any white man. Which is why they are considered "loose." And therefore some men feel free to use them up and get rid of the remains.

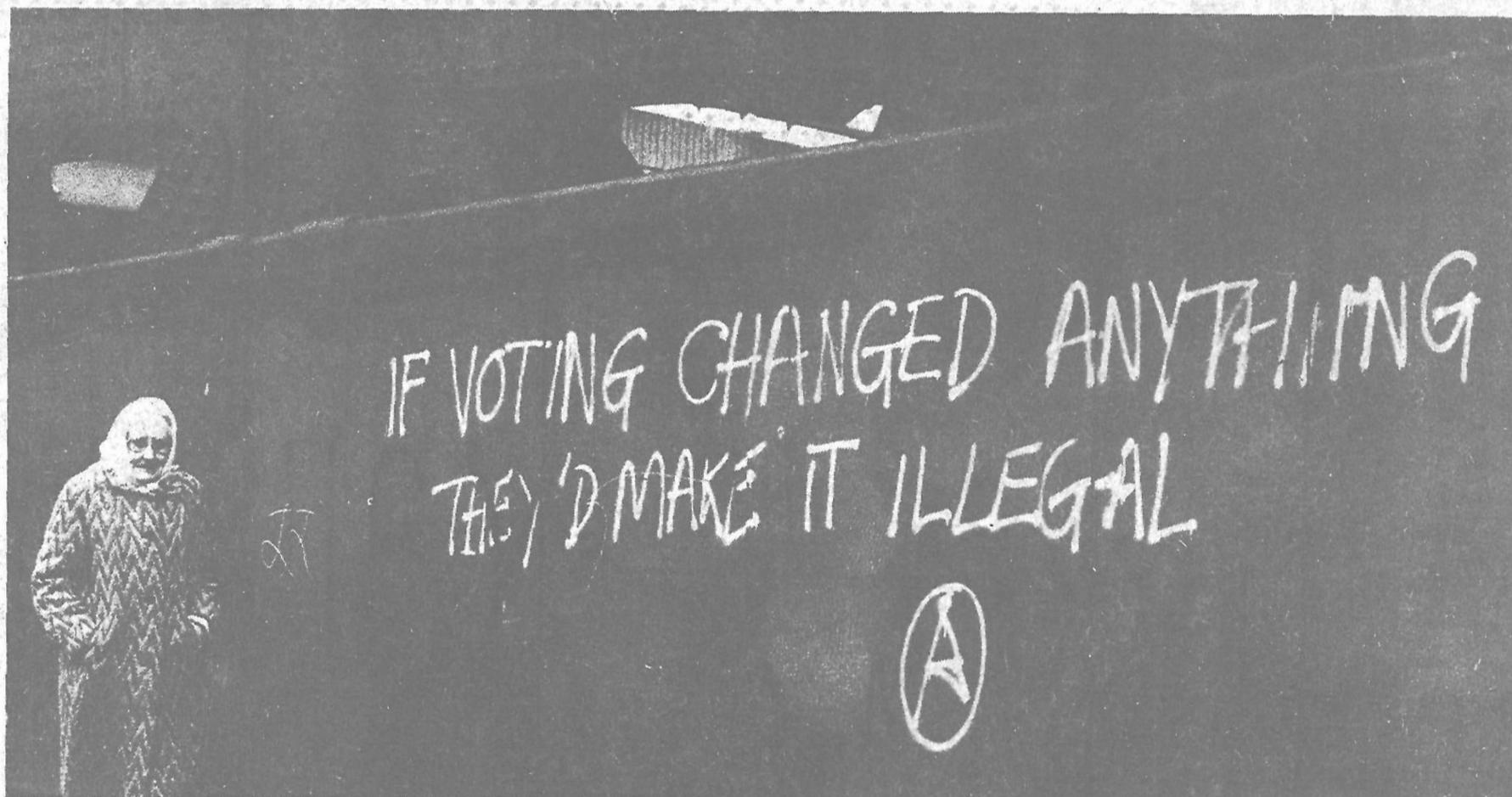
These are not simple problems. Ain't no magic answer, one that allows us to go on with our daily lives unchanged. No business as usual. No just going out to dinner, just going home to amerikkka.

"It had to be a cop!" some sister says now. "Because hookers trust cops." But what about lawyers and so on. You name it. Why does it make a difference if it's a cop doing it? Why did you think they were any different? Ya thought there were men who should protect you. No men can do that.

*Take back the night marches are nice but three hours once a year won't cut it. . . Feminist patrols won't work as long as we exist as modular units in the patriarchy. Are we supposed to start bedroom patrols of husbands and wives? Husbands and boyfriends kill more women than the Ted Bundys ever have. Or are we supposed to start feminist houses of prostitution? How can we protect a sister who insists on getting into twenty cars a night with strange men? The problem is a structural one. Many women play real close to men. They seek safety and support from men.*

Hedda Nussbaum is just like the street women who got alone with the Green River killer--she chose to run the risk of playing to a sick man. Society sanctions certain kinds of playing to men with a double standard: "battered wives" (read "white") are "pitied" as respectable victims, while New Afrikan hookers or young runaways get "You deserve to die, Bitch."

It's not an easy question, how amazons relate with women who put themselves in this situation. There's real political differences amongst us on this question. I think you can't put it all on the patriarchy, just putting it all on the oppressors. That's like saying whites are going to solve Black problems, not true. Only women can find our own answers. Asking the patriarchy for money--whether foundation grants or \$30 for a trick isn't the answer. It's the problem. Only communal amazon politics will work, allow women to solve the problem.



We have to ask ourselves if Roe v. Wade was the defeat and Webster v. Reproductive Health Services the victory? Because when we gave the Big Nine the power to say yes, we gave them the ballgame.

And now we holler about women becoming wards of the state when they say no. Well, what the hell were we when we climbed the legal ladder to the supreme court in '73? Wasn't the supreme court the state?

And get this, the National Abortion Rights Action League wants us to spend the rest of our lives chasing white boys in state legislatures all over amerikkka under the slogan "take our rights and we'll take your jobs". As if they hold our RIGHTS or those jobs should even exist. And aren't they the state? Doesn't that continue us as wards of the sons now that the fathers have deserted us?

I kinda like this Webster thing. It blows us out of the water, uncovers our bullshit. It might even make us think. Think about how we have sat silent, about the years we have gleefully participated in that state as it made one genocidal rule after another. Proud of ourselves when we elected women as representatives, judges, prosecutors over other peoples lives.

Question? What if we "win" these elections sometimes? And those white boys go on letting us have our abortions so long as we allow them to go on committing genocide in a thousand different ways? If history repeats itself i guess it won't bother most white feminists too much.

Luckily those elections take place about every two years and we aren't going to win them all. Probably not most of them. The protracted agony of chasing these assholes from state to state might make even our over-privileged souls think about how we ain't the whole world and that there is a lot of hell out there.

Another question. Could they really stop us from having abortions if we don't concede their right to do it? Be real. There are hundreds of thousands of us who could take care of that need. If we want women's culture we will build it, in our own way, in our own place. And we won't apply for a licence to do it.

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