

Point Man for Reagan's Racist Class Terrorism

Edwin Meese III says openly that a person who attends a political demonstration in opposition to government policy deserves to be shot. Can such a man become attorney general of the United States? You better believe it.

Last year after his nomination was foiled by Democrats in Congress who focused on financial chicanery, Ronald Reagan's top adviser, the head of the White House kitchen cabinet, was kept out of sight for the duration of the '84 election campaign. But following the Reagan landslide in November, Meese reappeared as point man for the New Right in Washington. This time, however, after the Senate judiciary committee did a quick once-over on the ethics of influence peddling and cronyism, Meese's nomination was a sure thing. The democrats certainly didn't want to uncover the real crimes of this roly-poly racist witchhunter in a grey flannel suit.

It was logical, even inevitable, that the Reagan administration would want Meese as the U.S. top cop. He is certainly the man for the job they want to do on blacks, leftists, unionists and minorities. Here is a man whose idea of "democracy" is more appropriate to a banana republic. It was Meese who goaded hungry Americans a couple of Christmases ago, saying they were in souplines to get something for nothing. And it was Meese who pioneered and fostered the technique of setting up political opponents as "terrorists." His solution for dissenters is quick and simple: shoot 'em, literally.

Edwin Meese is the architect and political whip for the government's most racist and reactionary legal policies. Meese participated in the nine-volume Heritage Foundation report, the "New Right" blueprint for Reagan's war on labor, blacks and democratic rights. This report called for eliminating post-Watergate restrictions on the secret police and emphasized targeting individuals and groups engaged in lawful activities. With slight modification the Heritage program has been adopted in near entirety. Meese most adamantly pushed for the 1983 FBI Guidelines which legitimate and lay the basis for a massive COINTELPRO-type operation against political opponents, branding them as "terrorists."

When Meese was nominated for attorney general last year, liberal Senators led by Ohio's Howard Metzenbaum went after Meese not for his "impatience with cumbersome constitutional protections" (*Washington Post*) but over the "sleaze factor." The hard questions for Meese were about unreported loans, home mortgages, payoffs and cronyism. This is the kind of hanky-panky that is standard practice for this type of "self-made" millionaire politico. The Democrats were not going to touch Meese for his crimes against blacks and workers and social justice, for in these crimes they are all accomplices. Columnist Richard Cohen caught the spirit of the Senate hearings when he wrote:

"Al Capone, may he rest in peace, knows exactly what Ed Meese is going through. After a career as a bootlegger, a murderer



Meese represents the desire and active impulse to bonapartism in capitalist America. His police-state solutions appeal to this regime which is planning World War III against the USSR, yet has been unable to mobilize the population for war, or for its anti-Soviet military adventures. The Reaganite reflex is to call out the cops. And a supercop is exactly what Edwin Meese is. The Reagan regime wants and needs Meese to beat back democratic rights they see associated with the "Vietnam syndrome," and not just "war powers resolutions" or Congressional "oversight" of the CIA's dirty tricks and covert wars. For the Reaganites, protest in the street is "lending comfort and aid to the enemy," i.e., treason to be met with military measures as they prepare for their Armageddon with the "evil empire."

and even a mass murderer (St. Valentine's Day massacre), old Scarface finally went to jail for evading his taxes. The man who lived by the gun was ignominiously mowed down by the adding machine."

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California J. Edgar

Edwin Meese is the closet thing to a J. Edgar Hoover to come along in some time. For the left, Meese's history has a special and chilling interest. Meese is a cop on the prowl for his victims, consolidating an arsenal of national power. Riding in his White House limo recently, the proposed U.S. attorney general remarked that it "really isn't very different" from the old days when he used to ride around in the cops' cars when he was district attorney in Alameda County (Berkeley/Oakland).

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Class Conscious Educators Organize for Class Struggle in S.D. Community Colleges

There are 107 community colleges in California; and, today, these are divided into 70 distinct districts, each governed by a publicly elected Board of Trustees who are responsible for contract negotiations with the district employees. The San Diego Community College District is governed by five board members and the community college chancellor, Garland Peed, a rising star in the California capitalist constellation.

Recently, Chancellor Peed told a *San Diego Union* reporter, "I have been accused of many things, but never of being inept." Peed's philosophy is very simple: "We (the community college district) are a service industry, and we provide what the students want." This young and dynamic administrator (his salary is \$81,000 a year and climbing) has read the Agenda for capitalist "development" in California. He has grasped the significance of Gov. Deukmejian's efforts to court industry into California with promises of: 1) a ready and willing cheap labor force, 2) significantly reduced work safety standards, and 3) the virtual elimination of corporate taxes. All of these benefits for capitalist "developers" entering California will, of course, translate into increased underemployment, degenerate working conditions, and vicious cuts in all social services.

The Blind leading the blind

Peed's tunnel vision betrays his narrow capitalist ideology: "In times of unemployment students want to learn how to get jobs and that is what we provide. At present, we have waiting lists for students wanting job training classes and empty places in the arts classes. That is what drives our priorities."

The "cult of efficiency" to which Peed is firmly wedded is filled with false premises. First, "times of unemployment" is not like the weather and beyond our control. For a leader of an institution of higher education to utter such fatalistic nonsense is nothing short

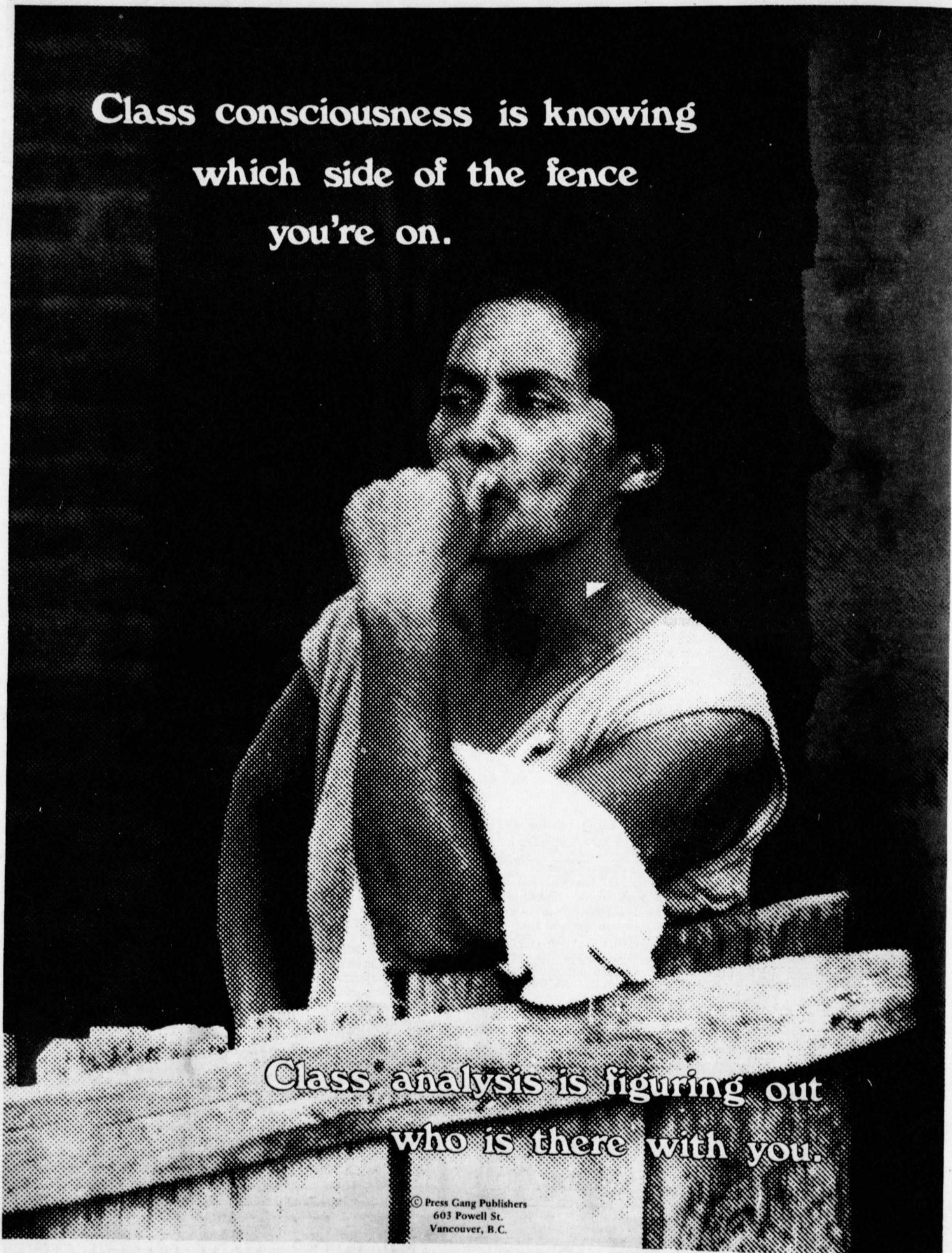
of irresponsible. It was "in times of unemployment" that Germans wanted to expand Germany; that was the "demand" which Hitler "supplied". No, it is simply not good enough to abandon responsibility by uncritically "supplying the demand" of the moment. This is not the role of progressive leadership, which should be to inform public opinion and not humbly bow to it.

Furthermore, "the job training classes" which Peed tells us that students are waiting in line to attend, speak a lot more to capitalist needs for competitively cheap and docile labor than it does to the public interests of the San Diego community. Education, unlike "Training", is for the personal enrichment of the self. We become educated not so that we can become individual members of some cult or institution, but to become individual members of the human species. Such auspicious goals for San Diego educators fly in the face of "the managerial revolution" and the neo-conservative/liberal cabal that tries to rule this city.

consciousness

On the other side, struggling against the reductionist strategies of Chancellor Peed and Co. are the organized teachers, who are represented by the California Teachers Association (CTA). Affiliated with the National Education Association, the CTA dates back to 1907, when the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State at Sacramento. The stated purpose of the CTA is "to represent employees of public school employers in their employment relations with such employers", and "to further the educational interests of the State of California." In San Diego, both of these traditional goals of the CTA are under attack.

Before the turn of the century, a common management technique to



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Class analysis is figuring out who is there with you.

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It was in California that Meese earned his spurs, and perfected his witchhunting methods against civil rights and antiwar activists.

Becoming assistant D.A. in 1958, Meese got his chance to really begin his lifelong career as McCarthyite cop with the Free Speech Movement (FSM) at Berkeley in 1964. The demands of the FSM, an early expression of the '60s student radicalization, simply for the right to assemble and for political advocacy, were met with massive police power. And Meese was the state's contact man on the spot, on the phone with Governor Pat Brown when the cops came in to bust up and arrest more than 700 students sitting in at Sproul Hall, deliberately dragging them down stairs on their backs. Already in this early confrontation with radical and liberal protesters, Meese labeled his political opponents as violent terrorists. At the trial of the Free Speech activists, for instance, he argued that the sit-in was a "paramilitary operation," and thus the demonstrators deserved to be arrested and manhandled.

In a two-part series on Meese, the *Oakland Tribune* (26-27 February 1984) wrote the "60s Top Cop" in California. When Jerry Brown took over the governor's office from Ronald Reagan in 1975, Brown's secretary of legal affairs reports they found a whole operations room left behind by his predecessor Edwin Meese: "There was a little unit in the governor's office with about 800 phone jacks and something that looked like an AP wire machine in the closet." Meese set up secret "intelligence" operations, infiltrating black and antiwar groups, connected to seven different state agencies through the governor's office. You could run a war out of there, and Meese did—a war on the left, blacks and labor.

It was during the so-called "People's Park" incidents in 1969 that Meese's killer cop mentality was clearly expressed. During the cops' attack on demonstrators, James Rector, one of a group standing on a rooftop, was brutally murdered by a shotgun-toting Alameda County deputy sheriff. When asked by a *Los Angeles Times* reporter in 1980 about this cold-blooded killing, Meese replied simply, "James Rector deserved to die." Meese confirmed the statement in an interview with the *Washington Post* in 1981. He had a political point to make. "My feeling is that if a guy was trying to kill a policeman, he should expect to get shot." When the *Washington Post* reporter pressed him on his blatant fabrication, Meese replied, "Well, he wasn't up there as a spectator." Rector, you see, was a protestor and therefore, according to Meese, a potential cop-killer. For the Reaganites there are only two political categories: innocent "spectators" and "terrorists" who deserve to get shot.

Meese and COINTELPRO

As then California governor Reagan's special assistant for "law enforcement" Meese oversaw the state's campaign to wipe out the Black Panthers through racist victimization and murder. One of the principal targets of that campaign is former Black Panther Geronimo Pratt. When the state did not succeed in taking Pratt's life in the 1969 pre-dawn massive raid and bombardment by hundreds of LAPD Metro Squad and SWAT team commandos on the L.A. Panther headquarters where he lived, the state put Pratt in jail in a vicious COINTELPRO murder charge frame-up. And that racist victimization continues as Pratt has courageously fought for his vindication and freedom from behind bars for 14 years, including six in solitary! Most recently, he took that fight into an L.A. federal courtroom last week in a hearing for a new trial.

And Ed Meese's legacy of racist victimization is still alive in the Alameda

County D.A.'s office, which was at the center of the government's war on the Panthers. This office has supplied the present Reagan administration in Washington not only with Meese, but also with Lowell Jensen, currently U.S. deputy attorney general. During the 1983 national phone workers strike, the Alameda County D.A.'s office engineered a sinister frame-up on multiple felony charges of phone workers Lauren Mozee and Ray Palmiero for defending their picket line and themselves from the assault of a racist scab manager. Lauren and Ray were victims of politicized racism because they were an interracial couple, labor socialists, and Lauren was a ten-year member of the Oakland Panthers. In classic COINTELPRO style a year-old mug shot of Lauren was flashed on Bay Area TV in an attempt to depict Lauren as a dangerous criminal and to intimidate other phone strikers. After a vigorous and widely supported class-struggle defense campaign by the Phone Strikers Defense Committee, all felony charges were dropped and Lauren and Ray did not go to jail. This victory for labor and black rights was a direct blow against the Reagan/Meese program to cast picket lines as "criminal activity" and those who defend themselves from racist assault as "terrorists."

As California's top cop, Meese was a leading participant in a nationwide mobilization of the military, feds and local police forces to crush antiwar and ghetto protest. The full extent to which these police-state master plans were implemented has never been revealed but in 1966 Meese testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities about his leading role in COINTELPRO activities.

According to Ron Ridenhour, an investigative reporter from the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* (29 January) whose inquiries sparked the investigation into the My Lai massacre, in the late '60s and early '70s, Meese was up to his eyeballs in a secret Pentagon operation code-named GARDEN PLOT. This little-known domestic espionage and provocation operation was the military's counterpart of the FBI's COINTELPRO and the CIA's Operation CHAOS. It not only included the usual widespread spying on antiwar, left and black activists, it was centered on joint training exercises of military, police and "intelligence" forces to put down political demonstrations. Ridenhour reports that in the scenarios of this "National Master Plan for Civil Disturbance Control":

"The contingency plan invariably moved from some minor incident through a steadily escalating series of confrontations between police or soldiers and political demonstrators or racial antagonists until a declaration of 'martial rule' was issued and the military stepped in and assumed control."

Coordinated GARDEN PLOT action was taken against the mass protests after the May 1970 announcement of the bombing in Cambodia. All over the country phalanxes of cops met protesters with clubs and mass arrests. When GARDEN PLOTters from across the country—local cops and secret police, provocateurs and spies—met in Sacramento that May 27-28 to trade "war stories," Edwin Meese was the keynote speaker who congratulated them on behalf of Reagan and Nixon. Meese called for even more police power on the streets and pointed to the courts to join in more forcefully, "to make sure that those people who have been convicted of revolutionary activity...are given punishments, penalties that are consistent with the degree of public disorder."

Fight the New McCarthyism!

Meese not only set up leftists as some kind of "terrorists," he also organized

the police agencies to gun them down. Meese was vice chairman of the commission which turned out the first California "Organized Crime Report." These reports went on to list left-wing political groups, including the Spartacist League, as "terrorists" and "organized crime" outfits to open them up to the use of the government's RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) "conspiracy" net with its grand jury probes and legal witchhunting measures. The successful Spartacist League lawsuit against then attorney general of California "Joke" Deukmejian forced the attorney general's office to publicly retract its smear of the SL. This campaign struck a blow against the new McCarthyism of Meese et al., as they campaigned under the banner: "Workers Party Has a Right to Organize!"

Today the mobilization of the secret police and legal apparatus against enemies portrayed as "terrorists" has found sinister expression in the 1983 FBI Guidelines on Domestic Security/Terrorism and Reagan's National Security Decision Directive 138. Under these surveillance disruption programs, suspect ideas become the basis for increased investigation by the secret police in the name of "anti-terrorism," and then the hit squads move in for "preventive action." Meese had a special understanding of how effective COINTELPRO was in setting up and gunning down the radical Black Panther Party. For Meese and his ilk what was wrong with COINTELPRO was that it was exposed as illegal. This is where they want to make the political fight: to reestablish COINTELPRO on an open basis. Thus the successful Spartacist League lawsuit challenging these new FBI Guidelines was also a campaign against this shoot-first-ask-questions-



ATTORNEY GENERAL MITCHELL

later McCarthyism and its foremost representative, Edwin Meese.

The Reaganites look back with nostalgia to the post-World War II period not only out of longing for unchallenged nuclear blackmail. Reagan wants to return to the days of McCarthyism and together with Meese they have been setting up the machinery for a new witchhunt. But the world has changed significantly in the meantime. The Soviet Union has achieved rough nuclear parity, while the U.S. defeat in Vietnam produced a dread among the ruling class for yet another losing war. The "Vietnam syndrome" is alive and well today, despite Reagan's railing.

Edwin Meese's appetites for police/military dictatorship in this country are still far from realized. But in appointing Meese chief of imperialism's political police, the rulers of this country—Republicans and Democrats alike—want to send a dangerous message to the feds and the cops: that black militants and labor socialists can be shot down, murdered in cold blood. We look forward with impatience to the day when Edwin Meese is tried for his real crimes, when a proletarian revolution in America ensures such venal criminals receive the justice they so richly deserve.

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dominate employees was simply to hire different ethnic groups with different languages, different religious beliefs, different customs, etc. at a uniformly low wage. Today, management has stratified the labor force in capitalist institutions to such a degree that wages in a single institution can vary up to 1000% and more. In the San Diego Community College District today teachers are paid anywhere from \$500 to almost \$3,000 a month. Under a new contract proposal the size of these crumbs will be further adjusted, not toward a rational system of "parity" (i.e. equal work for equal pay) but toward further fragmentation (more numerous categories of crumb sizes to fight over.)

Managerial tactics remain 'divide and rule'

You don't have to have taken an upper-level course in Differential Calculus in order to understand that the time-tested technique of "divide-and-rule" is operating effectively in the San Diego Community College District. The traditional liberal ideology (the "nice guy/bad guy" dichotomy) serves as a fig leaf to cover the real power relationships on community college campuses. (It's pretty hard to be "nice" when your needs are not being met, and it's pretty stupid to be "bad" when you can enjoy everything you want!)

This week "reality" at the community college level has become still more perverse. Prior contracts between the CTA and the board considered two classes of teachers: "hourly" and "full time." After two years of negotiations the board has offered a contract which includes "an experiment" creating yet a third class of teacher: all "future hourly instructors" not yet employed in the district. Now, the unspoken desire of all

hourly instructors is, of course, *contract* and, ultimately, parity with their full-time colleagues. The proposed contract, however, would instead bring more disparity, this time between the hourly and all future hourly. As one full-time teacher put it, "The whole thing is immoral! How can we conduct 'an experiment' on a future generation of teachers who have no say in planning this experiment? Maybe they wouldn't want to be subjected to a separate, *third class pay schedule!*"

Currently, the faculty pay scale ranges from \$35,000 a year to less than \$5,000 a year. (Some hourly who have other jobs actually feel they are providing a community service in exchange for pocket money.) Caught in this mixture of professional and hobby teachers are the devoted "Freeway Flyers," those hourly teachers who are so devoted to teaching that they subject themselves to torturous routines hussling classes on campuses all over San Diego county, in order to earn a livelihood and perform the job they want.

The Ethics of Capitalist Logic

Do the members of the Board of Trustees in the San Diego Community College District know of these hardships? Do they care? Is there a sadistic element involved in their current policy? These questions deserve to be examined because there is much suffering among community college teachers in this district, which has the lowest pay scale in all of California, as well as a grossly lopsided ratio of hourly instructors to full-time contract teachers, not to mention the salary differentials between teachers and administrators. While a reign of terror keeps the mouths of the hourly effectively shut (after all, they have no

job security and their livelihood depends on the whims of administrators) the full-timers must look worriedly over their shoulders. Are the hungry wolves at their heels?

Gene French

Gene French, who will be up for re-election in November 1987, is Vice-President of the SDCC Board of Trustees. He was elected for a third term



Pressure and strain can lead to occupational diseases of psychosomatic origin (hypertension, heart disease, etc.) or even psychological problems. An uncaring management indifferent to these problems would be mean enough; unfortunately, the question is raised whether management might indeed care—but in the opposite direction, towards a sadistic pleasure in causing discomfort and pain. A scientific approach to identifying *situational neuroses* (as distinct from *character neuroses*) and uncovering evidence of "sadistic gratification" is beyond the scope of this column. However, it wouldn't hurt to take a peek at the people running the district.

There are five trustees sitting on the board. These trustees have been elected for a four year term, each from their own district; and each trustee receives a salary of \$9,000 a year. It is the California Teachers Association which sits across the table from these district administrators to negotiate a new contract on behalf of all community college faculty. CTA also represents the public school teachers, K through 12, who recently won a significant pay increase in their new contract settlement with the Unified School District. But the Community College District Board of Trustees seems determined not to allow San Diego educators a decent contract.

Dan Grady is president of the Community College District Board. He was first elected to the board in 1973 and will be up for re-election in November 1985. Grady has a B.S. degree from M.I.T. and has been a real estate broker in San Diego for many years. He is also president of Sanfic, Inc., which is a management consulting firm specializing in the development of moderate-income housing. He is director "for life" of the National Association of Home Builders, a trustee of the National Housing Center and a founding member of the San Diego Housing Center.

Grady's 1981 campaign for the SDCCD Board was organized around "two primary goals" according to the League of Women Voters: 1) improved training in computer usage "just as they offer similar courses in typewriter usage." ("I intend this to be my primary goal in the field of education improvement," Grady confessed to the League); and 2) to reverse the power shift to state control and make the "preservation of local control my number one priority in the field of governance." Grady won the 1981 election in District A over Mary Christian-Heising who ran on a platform of "fiscal conservatism," by a vote of 70,679 to 37,623.

In November 1983, He, like Grady, has served on the Board since it was established in 1973. Also, like Grady, French is a real estate broker and is president of Harvest Investments.

French ran for re-election in 1983 on the promise to promote "our new private Foundation" and "to keep this new source of money coming in to help fund our growing needs." In human relations he promised "to strive for harmony, cooperation, and professional appreciation between management, staff and students." He also promised "to work hard to resist growing attempts to take local control out of the hands of this board." In terms of education, his main interest is "High Technology Growth and providing 'state of the art' instruction in the fields of high technology...to make certain we stay up with the demand." Gene French has been described as "a leader in programs for vocational training and dedicated to unite industry, vocational training and students in an attempt to eliminate unemployment for all our people." In the 1983 primary, French defeated Vernon Yoshioka, an aerospace engineer at Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical Co., by 54.2% of the vote in District B.

Richard Johnston

A third trustee, Richard Johnston of Hillcrest, is up for re-election in 1987. Johnston also has served on the board since its inception in 1973 and was re-elected in November 1983. Johnston is a retired chief executive officer of the Children's Hospital and Health Center. His campaign platform in 1983 included the following planks: a)to seek alternative funding for colleges, "like taxes on cigarettes and alcoholic beverages"; b)to create standards of "operational and educational expectancy"; c)to improve remedial programs; d)to educate the state legislature about community colleges' services and needed support"; e)to gain more local control of community college operations and funding; f)to seek more "input from the community regarding community needs and concerns" and to distribute information about services offered eiby the community college system.

Johnston won the District D primary with 100% of all votes cast, and went on to win the election. His philosophy of education seems to have been summed up in an interview with the *Tribune*: "We must provide open access to all persons who want to attend, despite our financial problems, because that is our mission."

Louise Dyer

Louise Dyer was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1981 to represent District C. She is the only teacher on the board. Her

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S.D. Birth Control Center Torched by Right

Abortion is legal; abortion is a woman's right. Abortion allows women to redefine the terms of motherhood giving women the ability to control their sexuality, their employment possibilities—their lives. Reproductive control is essential to women's emancipation. And, simultaneously, women's independence is a threat to male control of the nuclear family structure. By calling abortion murder, by making women feel guilty for having abortions, the men and women of the New Right put pressure on women to return to what they see as women's proper sphere—domesticity and motherhood. And when words and pictures are not getting the message across, the New Right resorts to violence in the name of "truth," "humanity" and "justice."

The thirty-third attack against abortion clinics nation wide in the last three years occurred Saturday night

when Birth Control Institute, a Southeast San Diego family planning and abortion clinic, was bombed by a Molotov cocktail thrown through a side window. This is the second attack on the clinic in the last six months. The first attack occurred last September when the clinic was almost destroyed due to arson.

An alarm system and outdoor floodlights had been installed after the first attack which caused \$200,000 in damage. But this did not deter the latest attackers who threw the bomb into the reception room of the clinic causing an estimated \$10,000 worth of damage.

Since last July Birth Control Institute, along with Womancare in Hillcrest, had been picketed by the Bible Missionary Fellowship of Santee led by Reverend Dorman Owens. The picketers verbally harassed patients entering the clinics and created an atmosphere of guilt, hate and violence. And although both clinics

obtained injunctions against the picketers the fundamentalists still continued their Wednesday night and Saturday morning trips to fight 'the evils of abortion and abortionists.' Fines and probation did not inhibit them from violating the court order.

Although he claims he does not advocate arson said Reverend Owens of the bombing, "such tactics are very effective and serve as a public outcry against the murders that go on in there. We're hoping the laws will be changed, but if not, it's a question of how far Americans will go to save human lives." Those who set fire to the clinics are "normal, outraged San Diegans who feel their hands are tied in this time of urgency."

As Saturday's fire was contained to the reception area the clinic will remain open for business. Said Director Carol Roberts, "Our exam rooms and

everything else was spared, so if they were trying to put us out of business, this hasn't really accomplished a thing.

But it has reinforced the truth for women that even though abotion is legal the fight is still not over. Since the passing of Roe vs. Wade in 1973 there have been 70 attacks nationwide against clinics. On January twenty-second, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, women and men gathered together, marching through the streets of San Diego, to celebrate and show support for reproductive choice. This march was not in vain. The bombing that occurred Saturday night is just one more example of the types of violence against women that occur in a society that does not view women as independent and autonomous beings. And unfortunately, it is proof that not only abortion but all aspects of reproductive choice must continue to be on the political agenda of persons who believe in equality for women.

Moments in the Life of a Phallocentric Male

The early withdrawal of Soviet missiles from Cuba in October, 1962 marked the end of my relationship with Sylvie. Upon hearing from her that I was a "bum fuck", I spiraled downward into an emotional depression. Slowly I pulled myself together by playing with my cock. But no sooner was I out again looking for pussy, than I heard on the radio that John "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country" Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963, and once again I felt doomed to eternal impotence.



I began to study the phallus in history, sociology and psychology. In anthropology I learned that many cultures performed a symbolic castration ritual as an initiation into civilized society. Sometimes, mothers would titillate their infant sons til they got a hard on then spank and pinch and scold them for having an erection. In other literature, I read descriptions of ritual teasing and tormenting of younger boys by pubescent girls who had sexually excited them before hand. PRICK TEASING COMES TO AN END: "THE BIG FUCK"

But just as I was learning to accommodate the desires of my other senses, Lyndon "My fellow Americans" Johnson decided he would penetrate North Vietnam, in August 1964. Through a process which only dialectical materialism can explain, the Peace Movement gave new opportunities for budding Phallocrats. (We seemed eager to take on the characteristics of our enemies in the Pentagon, the White House, and in private industry. Norman Mailer called himself LBJ's "alter ego.") On campuses we heard "scientific" descriptions of how "nature deplores a vacuum", and we practiced finding and filling gaps—all elbows and knees, we pushed our way to the frontlines to be seen, to be followed, to be fucked.

Young male barbarians tore off a piece of the prize, then fell to the side to be trampled by other barbarians, also encouraged by the Empire which is constantly seeking "new talent". The

next wave of barbarians fell, and so on and so forth. But this, of course, is not revolution nor even revolutionary. Our ruling class masters and their mercenaries cannot understand revolution, they cannot explain it. Their capitalist revolution was made too long ago, and, after all, it was supposed to have been "the revolution to end revolutions". Besides, they have no interest in promoting revolutionary activity; although they do have an interest in tolerating it—if for no other reason, than to prove its "ineffectiveness".

With the invasion of Grenada, in 1983, I felt a familiar throbbing in my crotch. The description from Washington D.C. was "a pre-dawn vertical insertion on Oct. 25." This thing is bigger than all of us! The character of our lives is derivative of the political economy, and almost entirely, made up of "re-runs", of old values and relationships over which we have little or no control.

THE PENIS GROWS SOFT

Eventually my attention wandered, first to my knees then to my belly button. After a while, I discovered my nose, then my tongue, my eyes and my ears... what new delights could be discovered in these other organs! Pleasant smells, delicious foods, charming sights, delightful sounds, a cocophony of sensations which disrupted my "hard driving" phallocentric life style. The phallus in capitalist society is a weapon and symbolizes dominance. In our



civilization which is literally based on "bad faith" and "labor-exploitation", satisfactory loving is all but out of the question. The body of the frustrated male becomes a tool of imperialism and no longer an integrated organism, strange and wonderful. He is not allowed to become the voluptuous multi-faceted potential he embodies. He must be reduced (all extraneous desires amputated) then controlled (by a more rational intelligence).

Imperialism is more than just a problem, it is a way of life and at the core are the terribly reduced phallocrats, reproducing themselves endlessly in dull anticipation of more *deja vu*.

-R. Francis

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field is Adult Education and she has a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Iowa. In addition to serving on several state and local committees on education, she served on the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education from 1965 to 1973, when it also governed the community college district. Dyer's philosophy is "the best education at the lowest cost." She sees the community college providing "academic education" for transfer to four year colleges, vocational offerings for immediate use in the working world, and a strong adult and continuing education program.

On the financing of community college education, Dyer told the League of Women Voters in 1981 that "the district will meet increasing financial pressure... Economy and careful management can insure that money is wisely spent for good education." Dyer won the District C election in 1981 over Linda Canon by 65,669 votes to 41,380.

Charles Reid

The fifth Trustee on the SDCC Board is Charles Reid, who along with Grady ran uncontested in 1981. Reid, for whom we have very little information, is a County Administrator. He is reported to have said in Oct. 1981, that he "expected to continue to improve the productivity in all units within the Community College District, i.e. administration, faculty and classified structures. In addition, I want to work to restore the harmonious relationship with the faculty." On this campaign promise Reid received 86,408 votes in 1981.

The 1984-85 Budget and the "Self Insurance" Investments

The 1984-85 total final budget for the SDCC District is \$39,682,397. This sum is supposedly divided between four institutions: City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, and the Continuing Education Centers. Of this sum \$32.8 million will go to "certified personnel," mostly teachers; and almost \$13.9 million is designated for "classified salaries," 68 administrators, and clerical and maintenance workers.

The most interesting aspect of the 1984-85 budget is the column marked "Internal Services Fund (Self-Insurance)." Over 16% of the budget, or \$14,652,607 is not being otherwise allocated and should go to the employees in the SDCC district.

The teachers have not received a raise in compensation since the end of the last contract, nearly three years ago. The cost of living will have risen nearly 20% in this period, and the Board's negotiators are

proposing only 11% salary increase over 2 years. This reduction in real wages, applied to all teachers, coupled with the gross stratification of salaries, which go above \$35,000 a year at one end of the scale and down to less than \$5,000 a year at the other end, have caused teachers considerable anxiety. The very ecology of the community college district is in the balance. Strained by forces which originate from corporate management's greed, from the private ambitions of a few administrators, and from an arrogant employee-training schedule designed to replace traditional community college education, the quality of education in the district colleges can only deteriorate. And for this inevitable collapse the board of trustees must bare full responsibility. If they are not part of the solution, they are part of the problem!

Capitalist interests preceed Community interests

By withholding funds available to teachers and investing this money in banks, the board of trustees is helping chancellor Peed & Co. advance in their mega-bucks careers which, no doubt, one day soon will lead them out of San Diego. What they will leave behind is a weakened and disintegrating community. Many teachers are trying to survive on the edge of poverty while running from one job to another. Others must endure the pain of being abused by managers who have tried to fragment them so that the "toad stools" of managerial demands will grow where individual character once held firm. The vanity of capitalist management must, of course, prevail while the true interests of the community and its teachers are repeatedly invalidated.

The welfare of San Diego is at stake. The insulting contract proposal shoved at the S.D. community college teachers should be rejected. The SDCC board of trustees should be held accountable for the misery they have caused by holding back funds which rightfully should be used to improve salaries and working conditions for San Diego college teachers. These five board members should be replaced by more responsible citizens from San Diego who are more sensitive to the needs of the community. These board members do not represent the true interests of the community's students and educators, whose lives will not be co-terminous with capitalism. The community college environment must be protected from the destructive influence of highly paid capitalist managers seeking only narrowly trained workers for capitalist profits. A community of well educated citizens is the only viable alternative to the Deukmejian-Peed vision of capitalist "development" for San Diego. The SDCC board of trustees has been irresponsible in collaborating with their short vision, which is threatening the integrity of our community today.

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Long Stories In Short

Now Everyone Will Want One

Sexual relations with a consenting 12-year-old isn't a felony unless the minor is a virgin, according to a ruling by a panel of Florida's Third District Court of Appeal in December 1983. The court, in a 2-1 decision, stated that the circuit judge should have dismissed indecent assault charges against the 38-year-old male defendant.

—The Southern Libertarian

Voodoo Priests Are Skeptical

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti — Haitian voodoo priests recently scoffed at published reports that Swiss pharmacists have discovered the secret of how to make a zombie. According to superstition, a zombie is a corpse brought to a state of trance-like animation through the supernatural. The voodoo practitioners, responding to a news report carried by Haitian newspapers, said they do not believe the pharmacists could have gotten hold of the well guarded secret of transforming people into the "walking dead."

—United Press International

Pissed Off at Big Oil

The "bladder gap" is the latest window of vulnerability in a war between small and big business in the oil industry. The big oil companies are fighting to force full service gas stations to convert to self-serves—and restrooms are among the first casualties (as well as air for tires and water for radiators).

"If you want to see something alarming," says Don Skilling, president of the Service Station Dealers of America, "park outside one of those new superpumpers, that only have a cashier in a cage." Don did just that, and counted 12 people going outdoors in the back of the station to relieve themselves. "I wonder how many of our corporate managers think about that when they are building these units."

—Dollars & Sense

Spartacus League Now Less Likely Victims of FBI

The Spartacus League won an "important victory" when the FBI agreed to change its official designation of the League to "a Marxist political organization."

According to League general counsel Rachel Wolkenstein, "Under the Reagan and 1983 FBI guidelines the government has tried to equate political opposition with criminal conspiracy and terrorism, thus mandating the secret police to get you."

"The Spartacus League does not believe in violence," Ms. Wolkenstein said during an interview from New York. "It is capitalism which creates the danger of violence from those committed to this system."

Wolkenstein added that the settlement is crucial because of the confirmation of Edwin Meese as the U.S. attorney general.

The new guidelines may make "victimization a little harder," she said.

—The Michigan Chronicle



I Like Ike!

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the hopes of its scientists, the hopes of its children."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

One Day at a Time

Leave it to Fortune to unearth new and arcane justifications for capitalist hierarchy. If you don't buy the idea that stratified workplaces are efficient, never fear: new research has determined that they are "natural." It all lies in the discovery that some minds are "managerial," while others are not.

According to psychoanalyst Elliot Jacques, your managerial quotient (MQ) depends on how far ahead you can plan. "An unskilled worker can get by with no more than a one-day time frame," says Jacques, but the boss must "cast his mind forward" ten or more years. Conveniently, Jacques discovered that most of the population is never capable of more than a three month time span," while "only one individual in several million" can think 20 years ahead. How lucky for all of us—otherwise everyone would want to be boss.

—Dollars & Sense

Non-Lesbian Is Fired

Kindergarten teacher Linda Conway's ouster from her job by the Hampshire County (West Virginia) School Board was recently upheld by the W. Va. Supreme Court. The board held that Conway has a "reputation in the community" for being a homosexual. Actually Conway is not a lesbian, but the fact that she had a female roommate and worked weekends at a gas station convinced the board that she should not be teaching young children.

—Big Mama Rag

Austerity Riots

Protests broke out all over this island nation of 2.1 million in January, as Black youths expressed their anger at President Edward Seaga's Reagan-type economic policies. Five were killed and over 20 were injured when Seaga abruptly raised the prices of gasoline and cooking oil by 21%. In the last year under Seaga, food prices have nearly doubled, and malnutrition stalks the land.

A tin of milk costs \$2 and chicken backs are \$1.90/lb. in a country where the average income is only \$50 per week (\$39 for women). Seaga is a favorite of the International Monetary Fund since he cheerfully implements austerity measures which they have to force other governments to do. Despite four years of economic "success" as touted by the IMF and Reagan, Jamaican unemployment stands at 25%, and Seaga plans to lay off 11,000 more government workers of the less than 100,000 remaining.

Today Seaga is faced with a new type of opposition on the streets, at the very time when his popularity has hit a new low. All of this has U.S. imperialism very worried, despite its crowing about the "famous victory" in tiny Grenada. For now Jamaica has followed the Dominican Republic and Haiti in experiencing food riots.

—News and Letters

Tax Cut Self Made

London—In an attempt to reduce her taxes by 67 percent, a London widow had workmen come in and demolish the top two stories of her Victorian home.

"The house is ruining me," explained Rose Stevenson, who shares the rambling ground floor with 16 cats. "After all, it's only bricks and mortar."

Stevenson was initially successful in persuading the local tax official to reduce her taxes from \$875 to \$305, based on the reduced amount of property involved. Unfortunately, the house happens to be situated in an official conservation area, where owners have no right to make unauthorized modifications of their homes.

As a result, the local council has since ordered Stevenson to restore the demolished two stories at her own expense—and resume paying the full tax rate when she does

—Southern Libertarian

And What About Those Naps?

On the 17th of February, after returning to the White House from a four day vacation, Ronald Reagan insisted that his many trips to his Santa Barbara ranch are justified: "You give up, an awful lot of privacy" serving in the Oval Office. The seemingly semi-retired actor/President complained that the demands of the presidency accompany him wherever he goes—and added, "I look at it in another way—at my age, how many more years do I have to go to the ranch and enjoy the ranch?"

Since taking office in 1981 (that's right, '81), Ronnie has spent a total of 171 days at his ranch, a figure which represents twelve percent of his time in office. Perhaps the President was attempting to demonstrate that 11% unemployment wasn't so bad after all.

Reagan discussed his affection for his 688-acre ranch in an interview with the Santa Barbara News-Press: "I think that particular place casts a spell on you... When you get there, it's—the world is gone." (Boom!).

The Pot and The Kettle and The Black Rolls Royce

When Mikhail Gorbachev visited England, while still a mere member of the Soviet Politburo this past winter, members of parliament took the occasion to ask him about the political and religious detainees in the Soviet union. Gorbachev told the Parliament's Foreign Relations Committee "a few facts about human rights in the United Kingdom: You persecute entire communities, nationalities. You have 2.3 million unemployed." By the term "entire communities" he was referring to the persecution of Catholic nationalists in the Six Counties of Northern Ireland; the fact that anyone with an Irish name or accent anywhere in Britain is subject to a weeks arrest under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. But Gorbachev might have looked much more impressive as a champion of Britain's oppressed if he hadn't used a Rolls Royce to drive around London.

—Industrial Worker

