

The struggle against forced busing again reared its ugly head as schools reopened this fall. In Boston, Massachusetts the massive boycott against busing by the Anglo-American section of the working class in the South Boston neighborhood erupted into bitter violence against the Negro national minority students coming to school there for the first time. The picture of mobs of Anglo-Americans attacking Negro national minority children has kindled the disgust and anger of people throughout the USNA. We must expose this attempt of the bourgeois state to foment our already divided class. We must protect and defend our children by demanding quality education for all working class children.

The desegregation plan in Boston involves some 18,000 Negro national minority and Anglo-American students. But the boycott of Anglo-American students assigned to Negro national minority neighborhoods, like Roxbury and Dorchester, has been almost completely successful. Because of the bitter propaganda that has been carried on against busing over the summer, many Negro parents have kept their children at home also, out of fear of violence. And, as expected, those Negro students who went to their assigned schools in South Boston were met with mobs of adults and students throwing stones and bearing clubs.

The boycott was urged on by such arch fascists as the infamous former Congresswoman Louise Day Hicks and School Committee Chairman John J. Kerrigan who have both worked for years to prevent any attempts to de-

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segregate the schools. The decision by U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr. to finally institute busing after years of procrastination by the courts came right before the Supreme Court decision to prohibit busing across city lines based on the situation in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Why are these decisions coming now - at a time when the whole of our class is already uptight about inflation and rising unemployment? The bourgeoisie knows that the class is disunited, having created these conditions through years of playing the "game" of "divide and conquer". Bringing the busing issue to a head at this time only exacerbates the already existing hatred and mistrust that many Anglo-Americans and Negro national minorities have towards each other. All of the frustration caused by working harder and harder trying to "make it", but always slipping further and further back, is now being turned inward on ourselves, rather than on our class enemy, the bourgeoisie.

Anyone who saw the pictures and film clips of the violence that has taken place in Boston knows that we have a lot of work ahead of us to unite our class. This incident is an example to the whole of the USNA that a section of the proletariat can be the vanguard of the counter-revolution, as well as, the revolution. This the fascist well know. Pitting

one section of the working class against another section is a common tactic to build a social base for fascism.

And one of the best areas for the bourgeois state to pit us against each other is around our children. When grown men attack defenseless children, most everyone is angered. But the whole of the working class suffers from poor education, some sections worse than others. Through the PTA's and other community organizations we must use this issue of busing to enter the struggles around the schools to help build the united front of the working class against fascism. We must raise this question of busing especially in the Anglo-American communities for it is here that the bourgeois state has been most successful in dividing our class around this issue. The question of integration has been used as being synonymous with a good education and the CPUSA has played a major role in helping the bourgeois state push this line. We are not opposed to integration, but we must point out to the whole class that a good education does not necessarily come through integration. We are not for or against busing, but demand a quality education for all working class children no matter where they go to school.

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