

Briefly

# LATVIA

## JAPAN

As the world economic crisis begins to bite in Japan, the old nazi strategy of blaming everything on a "world Jewish conspiracy" is gaining ground.

Japan's tabloids are increasingly running articles like the one that appeared on the front page of "Shukan Gendai" under the headline: "The Jewish Capital that Controls Clinton and its Strategy for Japan".

Jews are also being scapegoated in best-selling novels on the same theme.

## HUNGARY

Istvan Csurka, vice president of Hungary's main political party (MDF), has been demoted after months of government inaction over articles and leaflets he published containing blatantly nazi views.

However, Czurka remains in the party's executive, where his followers hold a significant portion of the seats, reflecting the mass support they have on the streets. Csurka has in fact created his own movement within the party, the "Hungarian Way". He is in a position to hold the government hostage as his tendency represents, in the present climate of rampant nationalism, the only section of the party that is gaining in popularity.

## SWEDEN UPDATE

Last November anti-fascists who came out in force to break up a nazi march in honour of King Karl XII were the targets of an attempted bomb attack in Stockholm. The bomb, which fortunately did not go off, is thought to have been a highly powerful device which could have inflicted massive casualties.

In both Stockholm and Lund, (where a similar fascist march was due to take place), the nazis found themselves heavily outnumbered and had to rely on the protection of the police. The demonstrators included members of Stoppe Rasismen, the Swedish branch of Militant, and left autonomes, among others. Many in the crowd wore masks. Though the massive police turnout in the capital prevented anti-fascists from breaking up the nazis' march, in Lund, the anti-fascist victory was very decisive as the group of 100 nazis fled from a 2,000 strong demonstration.

A camp housing asylum seekers on the Baltic island of Gotland was the site of an explosion from a home-made bomb. Fortunately no one was hurt.

A man nick-named 'the Laser-Killer' has been charged in Stockholm with the murder of an immigrant and nine more counts of attempted murder. Though not known to be a member of any organised fascist group, he was well known to be a racist.

When Guardian journalist John Goetz visited Latvia recently, he found ex-SS veterans happy to boast to him of their careers.

Latvia, like many of the former Soviet republics, declared its independence amidst a tide of ultra-nationalism in which old Nazi collaborators were "rehabilitated" as "good patriotic-Communists". Today the Latvian army has two units staffed by SS veterans. On their uniforms they proudly wear their old Nazi medals emblazoned with swastikas.

Since Latvia became independent, nine-teen monuments to the SS have been erected.

The Latvian president, Gorbunovs, (a former Communist), announced on the 50th anniversary of the wartime massacre of 85,000 Latvian Jews, that the Jews should take responsibility for their own role in the massacre.(!)

He has also referred to South Africa as a model for Latvia to copy in race relations.

During the war, Latvia, like other countries of the Baltic region, was the scene of massive collaboration with the Nazis, who were seen as liberators from Soviet domination. The Nazis rewarded this devotion by declaring that Latvians, unlike other East Europeans, were part of the Aryan "master race".

Today the Latvian government is putting in place citizenship laws aimed at driving out the 45% of the population who are of immigrant origin (mainly from other parts of the former Soviet Union). Latvians of Russian origin have returned from holidays abroad to find themselves required to pay the equivalent of four months wages for visas to re-enter the country where they were born.

One thing is certain - the fascist revival in Latvia is not in isolation. Lithuania, another Baltic republic, on gaining independence immediately pardoned tens of thousands of war criminals. All over Eastern Europe it is becoming an honour to have been an SS man.



One of the many SS Latvian fascist organising open fascist units as part of official Latvian Army

## DANISH TAMILGATE

Throughout the mid-eighties, Tamils fleeing the bloody civil war in Sri Lanka found a safe haven in Denmark. 2,381 Tamils received resident permits in 1987.

However all was not well, with the refugees not being informed of their right to have their families join them. It was left to 'Danish Refugee Help' to acquaint the Tamil refugees with their right to the reunification of families.

Reunification of families was suddenly stopped in September 1987, bringing in a succession of complaints which eventually led Hans Gammeltoft-Hansen, Parliamentary Ombudsman, to launch an investigation.

It was during the course of this investigation that Prime Minister Paul Schluter and H P Clausen, parliamentary speaker, misled the house. The Ombudsman Report, when it was released, revealed that their statements to the house were "directly inconsistent with the truth." The release of this report led to the resignation of Prime Minister Schluter.

The delay in dealing with applications led to the death of at least four Tamils who died in communal violence in Sri Lanka. Many think this figure is probably as high as 250 but no precise figures are available. The justice minister responsible for the decision to de-prioritise Tamil cases now faces being prosecuted by the Danish parlia-

ment for acting illegally.

The report has led to the collapse of the Conservative/Liberal government which as been replaced by a government led by the Social Democrat Poul Nyrup Rasmussen. This change in government has allowed a bill to be presented to prevent any delay on children's applications for asylum.

It is encouraging to see a European country liberalising asylum laws when the rest of Europe is making these laws more stringent. However, even in Denmark, racist sentiment is increasing. A poll last December showed 60% of Danes believe there are too many asylum seekers. The campaign against racism in this most tolerant of Western European countries must go on.



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# NAZIS OUT!

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# BOSNIAN REFUGEES BETRAYED!

We are witnessing scenes in ex-Yugoslavia not seen in Europe since the dark days of Nazi power. Despite increasing UN intervention in the war-torn provinces of ex-Yugoslavia, and numerous attempted ceasefires, a peaceful solution seems as far away as ever.

Serb, Croat and Muslim armies butcher each other, whole areas find themselves under siege, and literally thousands of innocent civilians face starvation and death. There is growing evidence of both Serbs and Croats setting up appalling prison camps, evidence of torture, and of rape being used systematically as a weapon of terror, as part of that most terrible of crimes, "ethnic cleansing" - some horrors of which we can see in our newspapers and on our television sets.

The Serbian leadership of Slobodan Milosevic bears the main responsibility for the current atrocities, though no party is with-

out blame. Some Serbian units are referred to as "Chetniks", after the extreme nationalist Serbian forces which collaborated with Hitler in World War Two. Their horrific crimes against civilians, especially Bosnian Muslims, include such practices as going into a village and deliberately shooting all the inhabitants in the leg, then butchering them with knives and bayonets as they lie on the ground. Camps where mass rape takes place have been described by women who were told "Now you will have our Serbian babies".

The answer, we have been told by the press and government, is to keep the Bosnian Muslim population where they are, even though they are threatened with annihilation. The Serbs, designated as the chief and only "bad guys" of the region, are punished with sanctions while some Western leaders call for military intervention against them and/or arms to be sent to Croatia. Yet Croatian president Franjo Tudjman is potentially the other side of the same coin. His brand of extreme nationalism means that he is ideologically far

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closer to Milosevic than to any progressive force in the region.

Milosevic claims to be speaking for 'Yugoslavian nationalism' and the Stalinist

# LEAGUE THREATENS

The viciously racist Northern League party has emerged the undisputed kings of the North of Italy after December's local elections. In the towns of Varese and Monza they finished first, trampling the ruling coalition Christian Democrat and Socialist parties. They are now in a position to hold mayor's seats and run the local government in a whole range of northern towns.

The success of this party, whose leaders have attended international fascist gatherings, showed that they have made massive gains since the general elections last April. At that time, their national score was 9%, (very high for a regionalist party which originally called for

secession of the North). This time they polled 16% nationally, capitalising on the misery of the ruling parties who have been battered by one corruption scandal after another.

Meanwhile in the South, Alessandra Mussolini's MSI scored a major success in Reggio Calabria, dominated for years by the coalition parties. The fascists trebled their vote, finishing with 17%.

Although historically Mussolini's Italy, unlike Hitler's Germany, did not make racism its main focus, today's Italian fascists have moved with the times. They can build on the groundswell of racism as shown by recent polls which found, for example, that 42% of Italians think Jews should "stop seeing themselves as victims of the Holocaust"; that 15% of immigrants (Africans, Albanians etc.), have suffered a racist attack, while widespread prejudice has made it impossible for Italian gypsies to find a place to stay.

# STOP PRESS:

Italy's government is threatened with collapse as Prime Minister Giuliano Amato tries to pick up the pieces after his disastrous attempt to pardon politicians facing corruption charges. The move sent the lira crashing and calls were made for Amato to resign. The fascist Northern League, which has made opposition to corruption in Rome a central point of its campaigning, has declared its readiness for immediate elections.

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# AUSTRIA: HAIDER GAINS

*In November last year, in the town of Eisenstadt, south of Vienna, fascists daubed eighty Jewish graves with swastikas and "Heil Haider". Jorg Haider is the leader of the neo-nazi Freedom Party, which is the second party in Vienna.*

In Austria support for Haider and his Freedom Party is increasing and a "people's petition" which called for the immediate end of all immigration, the immediate return of all illegal immigrants, and for segregation of non-German speaking children in Austria's classrooms gained 417,000 signatures.

Haider launched his petition on the 25th January this year and predicted that it would draw 1,000,000 signatures and cause a debate in parliament which would lead to a change in immigration law, and aid his schemes to become Chancellor by the year 2000.

The Catholic Church became increas-

ingly concerned about Haider's petition and the Austrian Bishops conference produced 750,000 leaflets containing a public statement condemning the petition. Even here however opposition was not unanimous, and the popular conservative bishop Kurt Krenn advocated signing the petition.

250,000 people marched on the 23rd January to show their opposition to the petition, however this did not stop the Freedom Party increasing its vote from 11% to 20% in the election held the following day in the city of Graz, Austria's second largest city.

When the signatures on the petition were counted on the 1st February the total of 417,000 signatures fell far short of the 1,000,000 that Haider had predicted. Indeed Haider had said that if the petition failed to gather 500,000 signatures he would resign. This however seems unlikely and privately Haider must be pleased that despite the opposition of parliament and church he still managed to collect over 400,000 signatures. A terrible accomplishment if one considers that during the week signatures for the petition were

collected, the daily popular newspaper 'Neue Kromen Zeitung' wrote "If we sign the petition we are nazis; Haider equals Hitler."

Racist sentiments are running high in Austrian society. According to a poll in November 1992 one in three Austrians do not want a Jew as a neighbour. Haider is using this situation to build his Freedom Party, which is hiding its fascist ideology less and less. Recently Haider addressed a meeting of Austria's senior police officers, and none of them objected when he proclaimed the following piece of racist propaganda: "We've got the Poles who concentrate on car theft. We've got the people from former Yugoslavia who are the burglary experts. We've got the Turks who are superbly organised in the heroin trade. And we've got the Russians who are experts in blackmail and muggings."

Haider must be stopped; passive marches and leaflets from bishops will not do this. We need a mass anti-fascist movement which will physically stop the Freedom Party from holding meetings, rallies and selling its propaganda, while opposing them ideologically, exposing their true aims.

## .....BOSNIA REFUGEES CONTINUED

traditions of Tito, but in reality stands for a Greater Serbian nationalism (characterised by the horrors of "ethnic cleansing") which is backed up by the might of the Federal Army.

Tudjman leads a populist movement which encompasses a whole spectrum of opinion from the liberal centre to the fascist right; he is an apologist for the collaborationist/fascist Ustashi regime which ruled Croatia on behalf of Nazi Germany during the second world war and which carried out some of the most horrendous atrocities during that period, including setting up and running the notorious Jasenovac concentration camp in which between 120,000 and 200,000 Serbs, Jews and gypsies were murdered.

Since Yugoslavia fell apart neo-nazis have flocked to Croatia from all over Europe to fight as mercenaries for Tudjman, and for his ally Dobroslav Paraga, leader of the HSP, who do not hide the fact that they are inspired by the Ustashi. Many of these neo-nazis are ensconced in a military camp in Klek, over which flies the swastika flag.

Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the French covertly nazi Front National, has met with representatives of Tudjman, while Filip De Winter, leader of the Belgium fascist party, Vlaams Blok, has visited Paraga's paramilitaries and declared: "politically they are very close to us".

We can therefore conclude that any intervention which aims to knock out Serbian power while allowing the Croatian military to carry out its expansionist aims is likely to

lead to a situation as bad if not worse than the present one. The Croats have already launched several attacks on Bosnian Muslim villages, proving that the Croat-Muslim alliance is a fantasy.

As the television screens daily show the plight of this war's tragic victims, western capitalist leaders come out with noble words and humane sentiments, but their deeds stink of hypocrisy and totally callous indifference to the suffering of those they talk so nobly about, as they steadfastly refuse to allow refugees from the area to enter their countries.

Germany, which took the bulk of the refugees fleeing the area, is now seeking to pacify its own neo-nazi thugs by drastically curtailing the right of asylum. Other countries are doing likewise. Britain has accepted only 4000 refugees from the whole of ex-Yugoslavia and only 450 from Bosnia itself. Of the 9,800 Bosnian survivors of Serb concentration camps resettled by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, only 39 have been granted refugee status.

The fact of the matter is that the advanced capitalist countries, via the intermediary of the United Nations, are intervening in ex-Yugoslavia for their own reasons and not for humanitarian ones. Why has the Vance-Owen so-called 'Peace-Plan' so far been acceptable only to the Croats? The western powers hope; to see the area stabilised so that it can be opened up for massive profit-making - and they don't mind if this stabilisation

is achieved at the expense of whole populations. The last thing they are interested in is taking in large numbers of refugees from the area.

But for Bosnian Muslims facing annihilation, *there is no time to wait.*

CAFE calls on the anti-racist, anti-fascist movement and workers' organisations to come together so that we can launch a campaign that will:

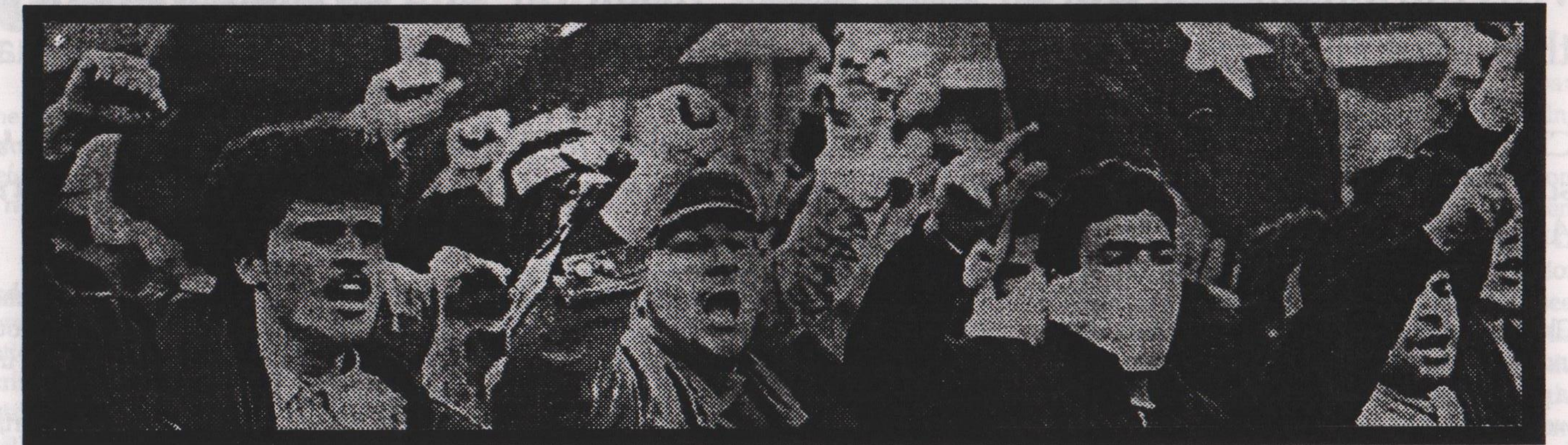
1) Demand the immediate lifting of all restrictions on refugees fleeing the area - force the government to open the asylum doors!

2) Form links with and support progressive, democratic ex-Yugoslavian organisations, and in particular those of the working class, fighting against the tyrannies of Milosevic and Tudjman.

We hope that eventually such a call would be taken up not just in Britain but internationally. Western governments who have justified their intervention on the basis of "humanitarian concern" would be embarrassed by a militant campaign for the same people they have been claiming to be so concerned about. The time is ripe for such a campaign which, if successful, would also set a precedent for future victories on behalf of other groups of asylum-seekers.

*Please contact CAFE if your organisation is interested in supporting such a campaign.*

# BANS & PASSIVE DEMOS FAIL AS GERMAN NAZIS GROW



*As racist murders continue: Turkish workers are arming in self-defence!*

*In the last issue of "Nazis Out!" we reported how Turks and other targets of the fascists were beginning to arm themselves following the latest wave of nazi violence in which, among others, a Turkish woman and her two grand-children were killed. On 5th December 3000 Turks and anti-fascists fought with police during a protest over the murders. And when nazi thugs tried to storm a refugee hostel in Neustadt, Bavaria, the occupants used clubs to drive them away.*

*But by far the largest protests were peaceful, symbolic rallies and candlelight vigils.*

All in all hundreds of thousands marched in several cities across Germany in December and at New Year. Rallies in Munich, Berlin and Essen were 2-300 000 strong. However many of these demos appeared to be serving the purpose of improving the government's image more than anything else, especially when representatives from Chancellor Kohl's CDU and its even more right-wing sister party, the CSU, attended. Kohl's programme up till now has been one of tacit encouragement for nazi attacks, coupled with a harsh crackdown on asylum-seekers. (The opposition Social Democrats have recently joined him in the latter.)

While a huge New Year's Day demonstration in Essen saw anti-racists forming a protective chain around some of the buildings that were targets of nazi attack, nevertheless no permanent, effective defence of those under threat has yet been organised. Firebombings, shootings and other types of murder are continuing at an alarming rate, despite an apparent media blackout on the violence. An attempt to set a Turkish worker on fire in Wiesbaden, the razing of a hostel for refugees from former Yugoslavia in Westerkappeln, the murder of an anti-fascist and wounding of 2 Turks by parcel-bombs (see 'Euro-Shame' p.6) are just a few examples of the continuing catalogue of Nazi terror.

Fascist attacks on disabled people

prompted the latter to organise a 50,000 - strong anti-nazi demonstration.

The 60th anniversary of Hitler's coming to power on 30th January 1933 was marked by further huge anti-fascist demos. Once again these were mainly peaceful protests, often with government figures such as President Von Weiszacker allowed to take centre stage.

Kohl's government has tried to pacify international outrage at the German situation by announcing new "tough" measures against the fascists. Four groups have now been banned; the Nationalistische Front (NF), Deutsche Alternative (DA), Deutsche Kameradschaftbund (DKB), and Nationale Offensive (NO) - all of them openly neo-nazi parties with relatively small memberships. The huge "respectable" fascist parties like the Republicaner and the DVU are untouched. Already members of the banned groups have been making a laughing-stock of the new laws by simply holding their meetings under another name, or by entering one of the many nazi parties that escaped the ban.

Other measures announced by Kohl included an "investigation" to find out whether the fascist Republicaner Party was unconstitutional. The party, led by ex-SS officer Franz Schonhuber, who wrote a book boasting of his wartime role is unlikely to suffer very much from Kohl's "investigation".

Today the vast majority of anti-fascist organisations, not just in Germany but throughout Europe, look to government bans and tighter anti-racist laws as the answer in the fight against the nazis. This shows a fundamental error in understanding what fascism is. As a weapon nurtured, and eventually used, by the barons of industry and finance to protect their profits during times of economic crisis and political instability, fascism is unlikely to be vanquished by any government under the present system. Power in our "democratic" system lies not in the hands of MPs, but with the same industrial and financial barons who pull the economic strings.

A ban, without the presence of a mass movement that can enforce it, physically, by defending the targets of nazi attack and by going on the offensive, breaking up nazi meetings and rallies, (as well as fighting ideologically against fascism) is meaningless. Therefore we can predict that Kohl's new "initiative" against fascist terror will be about as effective as the

German government ban, in 1932, on Hitler's SA and SS.

- One small sign of hope emerging from Germany has been the refusal by Lufthansa airline staff to participate in the deportation of Roman gypsies. The Romanis, who are boarded handcuffed onto planes, are the first in Kohl's announced plan to deport tens of thousands of gypsies to Romania immediately as a "solution" to the problem of racist violence. In Romania anti-gypsy racism is rampant, with one-in-three parliamentary seats now in the hands of openly racist parties.

- International protest has forced the resignation of former SS man Dr. Hans Sewering, who was set to become head of the World Medical Association. Strongly backed by figures at the head of the German medical establishment, Sewering defended himself by saying that Germans of his generation did not understand Hitler's aims at the time. This is in stark contrast to the evidence that he knowingly participated in the Nazi policy of extermination of the sick and disabled, a programme in which over 100,000 men, women and children were murdered.

## STOP PRESS

Local election results in Hesse showed the fascist Republicaner Party making large gains at the expense of the Social Democrats. In Frankfurt, the fascists got nearly 10%, giving them ten representatives on the city council in Germany's financial capital.

As a similar percentage in next year's national elections would mean that the Republicaner would have seats in the Bundestag for the first time. Local SPD leader Bjorn Engholm warned that the results called into question the future of political stability in Germany.

While much of the mainstream press internationally expressed surprise over these election results, in view of the fact that they occurred during a government "crack-down" on racism, this should come as no surprise to readers of "Nazis Out!"



# MEDIA AIDS REVISIONISTS

Review of the Reviews of "Churchill - The End of Glory" - a political biography by John Charmley.

Why did tons (literally) of far-right/ fascist "historical" and revisionist baloney top the bill of the British newspapers, TV and radio for almost two weeks last January?

Charmley writes that: "Churchill stood for the British empire, for British independence and for an 'anti-socialist vision of Britain. By July 1945 the first of these was on the skids, the second was solely dependent upon America, and the third had just vanished in a Labour victory."

Presenting himself as more patriotic than Churchill, more for the Empire, more for British independence and more anti-socialist, Charmley (a potential fascist) is well to the right of the anti-working class, strike-breaker Churchill.

The first book review was published by renowned wealthy aristocrat, Alan Clark (an incipient fascist and admirer of Thatcher; promoted to ministerial positions in her governments). Clark stated: "David Irving would have made peace with Hitler in 1940 because he wanted Britain to be a German satellite. I would have made peace in 1941 because that would have saved the British empire."

Between odd luncheons with Irving, and eating from swastika-topped cocktail sticks at Irving's Mayfair residence, Clark is trying to distance himself from Irving who for the last year has been organising openly in Britain with the brazen nazis of Tyndall's BNP, whilst continuing his world speaking tours (banned in many countries) speaking to numerous right-wing meetings, often openly nazi.

What we have to ask is: why, today, have the national media given immense credence to Charmley and to the so-called difference that signing a peace pact with Hitler, whether in 1940, '41 or '42, would have made? It is blatantly obvious that Hitler, who broke virtually every treaty and agreement he made (not least the Hitler-Stalin Pact), would not have sat back and allowed Britain to thrive as a "neutral" world power. The only "peace" Hitler would have accepted would have been one in which Britain was completely subjugated by Nazi dictatorship.

Typical was Brian Cathcart (Independent on Sunday 10/1/93): "Dr. Charmley is no crank, nor is he an extremist historian like David Irving, or a provocateur like Alan Clark, he is highly regarded by his colleagues both as a teacher and a scholar."

Charmley's arguments are not new. British Union of Fascists' leader, Sir Oswald Mosley, 25 years ago wrote, "the loss of the British empire and reduction of Britain to the position of an American satellite remain the only clear results of the second world war." David Irving has written much the same numerous times. Charmley's own 'Chamberlain - the Lost Peace', reiterates many of the arguments. But none have received the type of mass publicity and credence we find with Charmley today. So, why now?!

Ben Pilmott of the Independent on Sunday and Searchlight magazine are wrong to blame an individual, Alan Clark, for the large scale media furore over the issue, and the credence to Charmley's ideas.

It is the rapid lurch to the right in European politics over the last few years that lays the ground for the popularity of Charmley's well known line.

The collapse of the Berlin wall and of Stalinism; the inability of the left to provide any effective working class or socialist response; alongside the continuing economic slump in Europe, and Britain - these are the reasons for the media's interest. More and more sections of the ruling establishment are taking up far-right and fascist solutions to their economic crisis - they need theoretical justification for their policy shifts. CAFE states again: **fascism is inherently bound up with the capitalist system we live under. This is the only way fascism can be understood.** Those who argue it is a question of 'democracy' (ie the present system) against fascism play into the hands of big business and the fascists.

## Fascinated Audience at £30 a time

When Neal Ascherson (Independent on Sunday 10/1/93) says that for Charmley, "there is plainly a fascinated audience which feels that something suppressed is being said at last", he is referring to the new needs of sections of the ruling establishment and middle class in the present economic situation. Is it any wonder in the midst of all this publicity that Charmley's book publishers announced a second edition, even before its first edition was out. At £30 a time we know which layers of this society were buying it up.

Charmley is part of that bridge between Thatcherism and fascism that can become very narrow in times of dire economic crisis. Other young Tory historians such as John Adamson (Cambridge) and Jonathan Clark (Oxford) also apply similar "New Right" approaches to history. They say historical change derives exclusively from individuals and leaders, not from class and social forces, not from developments in industrial technology, etc.

That Charmley is a potential fascist we have no doubt. In another of his books, 'Chamberlain and the Lost Peace', he attacks "shadowy" Jews who backed anti-fascists. In it he gives credence to the idea of "why should Britain have fought for the Jews?" The fascist "Friends of Oswald Mosley" have referred to Charmley as "a brilliant young historian". Charmley says he "admires Mr. Irving's assiduity, energy and courage."

What of Alan Clark, the renowned wealthy aristocrat who lives in a castle and has

just failed to get nominated as a Tory candidate in the Newbury by-election? Clark could be described as an incipient fascist, fitting into the Buchanan (US Republican) camp.

His big mouth puts him in the firing line regularly, from: "No truly objective historian can refrain from admiring Hitler", to "You cannot come into this country because you are not white", or, as he said in 1981, it was unfair to ban the National Front while "blacks damage shops, terrorise the white population, shout objectionable slogans at the monarchy and try to provoke the police." Clark's "bongo-bongo land" description of Africa is well known. Despite all this, Thatcher promoted him as a minister in her government. And, now, Clark backs up Mosley, Irving and Charmley by saying that European Jews and Gypsies should have been completely annihilated by making peace (alliance in reality) with Hitler in the early stages of the war.

Despite the mountains of articles currently being written on Charmley and Clark, no one has yet tried to understand them their real inter-relationships to each other, to fascism, and to conservative politics.

In times of capitalist economic crisis the ruling establishment out of necessity deepens divisions in the working class to great degrees: hence rabid racism, sexism and homophobia. This is when fascism, the most barbarous form of the capitalist system, is brought from the sidelines, and, as is happening now on the continent, is funded and given support in numerous ways (including military) by increasing sections of the ruling establishment. Remember, fascism has always come to power through the mechanism of the democratic system itself.

Those who believe that the central fight is one of "democracy" pitted against fascism point to the crimes and terrorist acts committed by fascists and conclude that it is a problem for the police and the Justice system to deal with. Yet in practice fascists are dealt with very leniently, if at all, by the courts, while anti-fascists who come out to oppose them are convicted and locked up. Black people, immigrants, gypsies and refugees are treated as criminals in most European countries. In France prominent intellectuals have been fined for calling Le Pen a fascist. In Germany anti-fascists are treated as terrorists.

It is precisely because fascism is bound up with the capitalist system (or "democracy", as some call it), that the police and courts will never give fascists the treatment they deserve. The police and magistrates, as agents of the ruling establishment, will never be given pow-

# FRANCE

## UPDATE

In a shocking verdict, French courts ruled that the murder of North African Ali Rafa by a baker for stealing a loaf of bread was "legitimate self-defence". The FN publicly took up the baker's cause, raising money for her via their publications.

French president Mitterrand has proclaimed the 16th July as a national day of commemoration for victims of the wartime Vichy collaborationist regime. The move has to be seen as hypocritical in light of his recent refusal, despite protest demonstrations, to cancel his annual Armistice Day tradition of laying a wreath on the tomb of Marshal Petain, leader of Vichy. He has justified this shameful act on the grounds that he is honouring Petain's role in the First World War, not the Second.

Proceedings will re-open against war criminal Paul Touvier (see Nazis Out N°5), head of Lyon Milice (the Nazis' French auxiliary police). Last year the magistrates' verdict cleared not only Touvier, but the Vichy regime itself, of crimes against humanity on the grounds that it was not a totalitarian government practising "ideological hegemony". This is nonsense - the Germans installed the Vichy Government rather than rule directly because they knew they could trust the loyalty of its leaders to the Nazi cause. Mitterrand has consistently refused to acknowledge the French responsibility for its co-operation with Nazi atrocities.

Over 100 North African youth battled with police in the streets of the southern town of Beziers after a 17 year old Moroccan was "accidentally" shot dead by officers trying to arrest him for alleged car theft. This was the second such "accident" in two months.

A Paris appeal court has drastically reduced the 100,000F fine originally imposed on fascist "historian" Robert Faurisson. He, like his colleague David Irving, claims the gas chambers never existed. Faurisson will now have to pay only 30,000F. The director of the FN front magazine which published Faurisson's views was also fined.

ers to destroy something that is being deliberately nurtured by that same ruling establishment.

Unless we fully acknowledge that fascism is bound up with our system (the mass movements of Hitler in the past and Le Pen, Schönhuber, etc. today were built making use of our "democratic system"), then we will inevitably end up relying on tactics such as calling for state bans against the nazis. These bans, if they ever materialise, are rarely enforced and in fact are often turned against us as history has shown. Without a proper understanding of what fascism is, we end up appealing to and relying on local councils to stop the fascists meeting; urging racist police or judges to go against their real nature, then hurtfully complaining when they don't. We face a political fight. Unless we fully

## ELECTIONS

In recent months respected journalists and even anti-fascist organisations have referred to Jean-Marie Le Pen's fascist Front National as a declining force, predicting his resounding defeat in March's legislative elections, and offering the view that the FN have "peaked electorally".

While it is true that the government's decision to use the two-round system means that Le Pen will get nowhere near the 50 + MP's predicted under proportional representation (PR), nevertheless such an artificial containment of the fascist vote does not in any way signify that Le Pen's mass movement is on its way out. While there have been internal rows within the FN and, for the first time, the beginnings of a direct physical resistance to the nazis, (in the run-up to last year's elections), nevertheless nothing significantly dramatic has occurred either inside or outside the party to suggest that the FN is breaking up.

The economic crisis is worse than ever, unemployment is rising and the credibility of the old established parties is shrinking fast. Europe-wide plans for racist legislation are increasing the "respectability" of FN rhetoric, and the continued successes of fascist parties in Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium and Eastern Europe, whether on the streets or in the ballot box, aid Le Pen's credibility even more. Anti-fascists should see little cause for comfort.

The most probable outcome of the elections will be a decisive defeat for the Socialist Party, weakened by a strong independent Green movement and by the collapse of their old allies, the Communist Party. The conservative UDF-RPR coalition will most likely swallow up the majority of seats. This situation in itself could engender a crisis, because Mitterrand still has two more years of his presidency to serve which would then co-incide with a right-wing National Assembly and Prime Minister in power. This co-habitation could result in a complete

acknowledge fascism is accepted as legitimate by the existing ruling establishment, and that its violence against us is a political attack, then we cannot mobilise the battalions of the working class, the unions, and the oppressed to smash the 'human dust' of the nazi parties.

This is why CAFE and others call for a working class united front against fascism. We must not focus our limited energies on winning over "public opinion", but specifically the working class and the oppressed, and their organisations.

With this outlook, we can then see that Charmley, Clark, etc; all form part of a bridge towards the fascist ideas of Irving, Le Pen, and Hitler. The mass media (also controlled by the ruling establishment), are treating their views as legitimate, and form a natural part of that bridge.

stalemate of government from which both parties emerge discredited, providing an opening for the "alternative" of Le Pen.

As the political and economic crisis continues to grow, a strong anti-racist movement with the correct strategy becomes crucial if Le Pen is to be stopped. If the current situation continues, with one wing of the movement seeing Le Pen's rise as less dangerous than the policies of the present government, and the other recognising the threat but avoiding the tactic of direct physical confrontation to deny the nazis a platform, hoping instead that mass peaceful protest will force the government to get tough on the fascists, then we will probably see the continued rise of the FN. In this context, false re-assurances about Le Pen's imminent downfall are more dangerous than ever, serving to de-mobilise the anti-fascist movement.

It is worth remembering that in the 1988 legislative elections, when the removal of PR caused Le Pen to lose 34 of his 35 MP's, the press rushed to proclaim then that he had "peaked electorally" and that the Le Pen honeymoon was over. Only four years later the FN were at 14% nationally, finishing second place in the Paris regional elections.

The rise of fascism in France and in Europe will only be halted by an opposition that recognises the threat, understands where fascism comes from, and is not foolish enough to believe that you can legislate today's mass fascist movements out of existence.

## Royalist Demo

This January, 10,000 people attended a monarchist rally in Paris to commemorate the bicentenary of the execution of Louis XVI. The political flavour of the occasion could be gathered from the strong Front National presence, with FN number two Bruno Megret on stage, as well as that of Le Pen's allies in Action Francaise.

This pre-war fascist and pro-monarchist movement, whose followers collaborated with the Nazis during the Second World War, has recently enjoyed a revival with the rise of Le Pen.

The activities of the monarchists were given a huge boost by the overwhelming media attention they received. Forty religious services were held in commemoration of the King's death, as well as a special Mass in ten cathedrals. The climate was such that Prime Minister Pierre Berezogovoy felt obliged to state, regarding the King's execution, that he had "always been against capital punishment, especially for political prisoners". And the US ambassador saw fit to attend the rally at the Place de la Concorde.

The monarchist campaign was reminiscent of the one launched in protest at Mitterrand's commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution, in 1989. At that time mass demonstrations condemning the revolution were organised by an "Anti-89" committee headed by a top Le Pen aide and extreme right Catholics.



**SPAIN**

An outcry has forced the government to act after a Madrid hospital refused a gypsy boy the liver transplant he needed to save his life on the grounds that his family would not be capable of looking after him properly after the operation. Spain has recently seen an upsurge in racist attacks. In November a Dominican woman was brutally murdered; this was followed by rallies commemorating the fascist dictator Franco in which thousands participated.

**GREECE**

The Orthodox Church is determined to fight European Parliament pressure on the government to reverse a law brought in over a year ago requiring citizens to state their religion on ID cards. Jews, Catholics, and Jehovah's Witnesses fear discrimination.

In the 30's and 40's Hitler made use of existing censuses to determine who was Jewish. The policy of forcing Jews to wear a yellow star on their clothing and ID cards was one of the first steps that made the Nazis' programme of systematic genocide possible.

**FISCHER**

Multi-millionaire chess champion Bobby Fischer has claimed he is being victimised by a "world Jewish plot". The US wishes to extradite him for breaking anti-Yugoslav sanctions and for not having paid tax for 15 years.

**DAVID IRVING**

In our last issue of "Nazis Out!" we reported that fascist "historian" David Irving would be visiting Munich on 13th January. He was due to appear in court for his appeal against a £4000 fine for having denied the Holocaust during a rally at a nazi training camp. Irving's efforts were not very productive, however. He lost the appeal and had his fine trebled instead. He has since been banned from his speaking tour in Australia.

CAFE's mass demonstrations against Irving's seminars in July and September last year appear to have paid off, as Irving seems to have been driven back to organising underground in this country. His threats to publicly organise a third seminar in January never materialised.

**ROHIT DUGGAL**

Greenwich Action Campaign Against Racist Attacks reports that police have refused to take action against one of the participants in the racist murder of teenager Rohit Duggal in Eltham, S. London last July, even though he has admitted in court that he was involved. Furthermore the prosecution has refused to treat the murder as racist, even though one of Rohit's attackers admitted to using racist language at the time. The youth who stabbed Rohit to death was released on bail shortly after being charged. Further information: GACARA 081-855 4343

**CZECH**

*Tensions are rising in what was formerly Czechoslovakia, now split earlier this year into independent Czech and Slovak republics.*

In Slovakia, the 600,000-strong ethnic Hungarian minority is complaining of discrimination by the fiercely nationalist Slovakian regime. An independent Slovakia, like Croatia, has only ever existed in modern times as a Nazi puppet state. However, the situation is not one of clear-cut racism by a powerful state against a vulnerable minority. The Hungarians have been calling for autonomy in parts of the country where they form the majority, and fascist politicians within the mainstream Hungarian government have been calling for an expansion of Hungary to its pre-1920 borders (which would

practically swallow up the whole of Slovakia).

Meanwhile gypsies are suffering widespread discrimination and racist violence. There are estimated to be over 800,000 Romanies in the former Czechoslovakia, and many of these have recently crossed into the Czech Republic where the chances of making a living are a bit better. There they are faced with bars on entering clubs, restaurants, and shops and more and more frequently, deportation to Slovakia. At present the Czech government is bringing in new legislation aimed specifically at keeping them out. Anti-gypsy racism is such that Romanies are forming self-defence groups, arming themselves with batons and axes against skinhead attacks.

In elections called after independence, the openly racist Republican Party got 14%.

**EURO-SHAME**

Last year's annual 'Lesbian and Gay Pride' march paraded under the racist banner of "Euro-Pride". This was despite the opposition of 600 lesbian and gays who to disassociate themselves from the name "Euro-Pride" arranged an anti-racist, anti-fascist contingent on the march.

This year, "Euro-Pride" is to be held in Berlin, and already lesbians and gays in Britain and Germany are beginning to show their opposition. After complaints to the 'Berlin Pride Committee' (called the Christopher Day Street Committee), it has now been agreed to change the name to "INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE, fighting racism, sexism and fascism".

It is good to see that Lesbians and Gays in Germany are aware that the fascists jeopardise their very existence as a community.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, fascists murdered Kirsten Winter, a lesbian activist and anti-fascist organiser. Kirsten died when shrapnel entered her

skull and chest when she opened a parcel containing a splinter bomb.

In South Africa on the 31st January the AWB, a fascist organisation, fire bombed a lesbian and gay restaurant in Midrand, a suburb of Johannesburg.

Meanwhile in Mexico the far right are being held responsible for the murder of Neftali Ruiz, who was shot dead on the 6th February, this adds to the total of 23 gay men murdered last year by the far right in Mexico.

What is needed is not only an International Lesbian and Gay Pride March against racism, sexism and fascism, but an international lesbian and gay offensive against fascism, an offensive which will unite with Jews, Blacks, Gypsies and all other groups that are being targeted for extinction. The oppressed must join forces with workers internationally, who in turn must champion the oppressed in the fights ahead.

**ANTI-FED RALLY**

In the last issue of Nazis Out!, we warned that the anti-Maastricht lobby may not be receiving enough attention from anti-racists. As both right-wing Conservatives and fascists are fiercely anti-federalist, we posed the question that the two forces might be linking up. This January members of the NF were openly in evidence at an 800 strong rally in Hyde Park, organised by anti-federalist Tory MPs and intellectuals.

Perhaps most shameful was the sight of some Labour MP's, such as Benn, happily sharing the platform with openly racist right-wing Tories, while apparently undisturbed by the NF's serious involvement. It's not CAFE's job to take a position for or against a federalism per-se; but if Benn wants to campaign against Fortress Europe, he should organise with the left and not the far right - who want a Fortress Britain, if not a fascist one.

But a lot of strange alliances seem to be

forming around this issue. A publication called "The Democrat", produced by the "Campaign Against Euro-Federalism", for "trade unions, socialists... pensioners..." etc, advertised the Hyde Park Rally as well as declaring support for a "Counter Summit" to December's Edinburgh summit, at which Labour's Bryan Gould and Peter Shore were to share the platform with Monday Clubber Teddy Taylor and others of the racist far right.

Fascists up and down the country are becoming active in anti-federalist campaigns. Some like Mark Cotterill, former leading NF man, are organising in the Tory Party; others work outside.

While we can be thankful that this rally got far less than the 10,000 people they boasted, we can only regret the fact that the support of such figures as Margaret Thatcher and Tony Benn ensured that the demo received massive media coverage totally out of proportion to its size.

**Mass Arrests on Bloody Sunday**

*The London Bloody Sunday march is threatened with attacks by fascists every year. Normally a dozen or so scum-bags turn up hiding safely behind police lines, 'bravely' waving their union jacks. This year was very different.*

The National Front (NF) produced a leaflet calling for all "patriots" to stop the Bloody Sunday March by all means possible. The British National Party (BNP) and NF rallied over 500 fascists and loyalists to their cause. This was the biggest mobilisation organised by fascists here for a long, long time. It is a dire warning to all anti-fascists and others that Britain is not immune to nazi ideology, and with the deepening recession we can expect to see the fascists grow.

The Bloody Sunday march commemorates the cold blooded murder of fourteen Irish people by the British Army, on a peaceful Civil Rights March.

The march on 30<sup>th</sup> January found itself unable to move off because the police would not let it. The fascists, 5-600 of them, were up the road. Eventually police arrested 376 of the fascists who were grouped together, almost all of whom were released very shortly. Some anti-fascists called this a victory. We say no! It was in some ways a victory for the fascists because it was obvious that if they had attacked the march with those numbers of street fighters, the march would have been stopped in the midst of a big riot.

There are numerous possibilities as to why the police introduced mass preventative arrests against the fascists:

- So that when such a method is used against anti-racists, blacks, strikers, etc, in future, police can 'prove' they are not anti-worker, anti-left, etc. This form of "prevention" has been happening for some time with, for example, the

police surrounding recent anti-fascist demonstrations with vans and dogs, holding the crowd caged-in, sometimes for hours.

- So that the Irish Government would be appeased in midst of present discussions.
- So that Britain's image abroad would not be tarnished and investment and tourism hit, as has been the case in Germany after Hoyerswada and Rostock.

Whatever their reasons we must understand that the police, who are notoriously known for their anti-Irish racism and attacks against Irish people, were not interested in defending the marchers - of this we can be sure.

The fascists are confident that they will soon be able to take over the streets and decide who may or may not march. If we in Britain are to mount an adequate response to this increase in fascist activity we must unite our movement.

What is needed is a delegates' conference of all anti-fascists to plan together how to demobilise the fascists. Small groups of squads will not be able on their own to stop nazi growth.

The fascists have already made threats against the IFM's Internment March taking place this summer. Anti-fascists must organise now to defend that march in conjunction with the Irish community and the organisers.

**UK & OK NAZIS**

During the Second World War, the only part of Britain which suffered Nazi occupation was the Channel Islands. Now files released by the Home Office after years of being unavailable to the public paint a picture of widespread collaboration by the Island authorities. Jersey and Guernsey policemen helped to round up the thousands of Islanders deported to concentration camps.

The Government has always denied that there were any British witnesses to the atrocities which took place in the Nazi slave camps on Alderney (where at least 1000 Jews, Slavs and others died as a result of brutality). However, as the papers reveal, British intelligence did have information about these atrocities at the time. Islanders were known to have taken jobs voluntarily in the camps themselves.

After the war, the Government was reluctant to prosecute either Islanders or Germans for war crimes. Allegations that leading Island officials collaborated willingly with the Nazis were ignored, and after the war, two of them were

knighted. Evidence showing, for example, bailiff Victor Carey's name at the bottom of a newspaper notice offering cash rewards for those willing to turn-in to the police any Islander who wrote on a wall "any word or words calculated to offend the German authorities", has been publicly available for years. Yet Carey was knighted.

Further information on the Occupation of the Channel Islands is still being withheld by the British Government - who claim to be anti-nazi!!! Because of both the Hitler era and today's resurgence of nazism in Germany, many people blame the "German character" and relax in the illusion of "it could never happen here".

We now know that it could - and it did. Had the Nazis conquered the British mainland there is no reason to believe that the British authorities would have behaved any differently to those on the Islands, or that ordinary British citizens, lured by the prospect of better wages, would not have volunteered to help staff the Nazi war machine like those Islanders who flocked to work in Alderney during the War.

**LOST LOSG & C°.**

British fascists, unable to duplicate the success of their brothers on the continent, are getting desperate. The League of St. George (LOSJ), and nazi bulletins Target and Redwatch have recently been trying to sow divisions within the anti-fascist movement in a variety of ways - all clumsy and ineffective.

For example, the nazi LOSG, hoping to play on disagreements and divisions within the anti-racist movement, have published an article in their journal "League Sentinel"

claiming that CAFE is passing information to them about other anti-fascists. Has it never occurred to these bone-brains that organisations which have a mole in their enemy's ranks don't normally publish articles advertising the mole's name?

**PINOCCHIO'S NOSE**

However, it seems that having dreamed up a spy, like Pinocchio's master, they had to make it come true. They therefore wrote CAFE a very polite letter saying that, although they realised that we were "poles apart politically" from themselves, that nevertheless in view of our criticisms of Gerry Gable (editor of the anti-fascist magazine Searchlight), perhaps we would agree to send

them information about him? Sorry to disappoint you, scumbags. However serious our disagreements with other activists on the anti-fascist scene, we will never betray our colleagues. You stormtroopers do it to each other all the time - so keep the mail coming, boys!

*As a serious note: we warn all anti-fascists to be more vigilant when it comes to people claiming to come from our movement, and in giving information, names, etc. At times this can be a life and death question.*