

ARA — ON THE PROWL !

Sept. 29, 1992: The Heritage Front organized a march on the courthouse to defend their operation of a telephone HATEline. With 40 hours notice a counterdemonstration was organized, far outnumbering the racists, many of whom fled the scene in panic. ARA was born.

Week of November 9, 1992: On the anniversary of Kristallnacht, ARA protested against the German government's inaction against the rising tide of neo-fascism there. Similar actions took place around the world, responding to a call by Germany's anti-fascist movement.

Nov. 13, 1992: The Heritage Front sponsored a secret rally in Toronto, hosting several prominent international neo-Nazi speakers. But ARA was there to shut 'em down! Their meeting hall was surrounded and pelted with eggs by an angry crowd demanding an end to racist organizing in our city. Over a hundred humiliated racists were forced to slink out of the building under police escort.

Dec. 19, 1992: ARA responded to the rise in queer-bashings carried out by young KKK and Heritage Front thugs in Toronto and Montreal. Hundreds of people marched in Toronto's gay neighbourhood to show our defiance: we will not be intimidated by fascist homophobes.

Jan. 19, 1992: ARA launched its campaign in Toronto highschools with a mass rally and march beginning from Riverdale Highschool in the east end of Toronto. Young anti-racists joined forces to show fascist organizers that they have a bigger fight on their hands than they anticipated.

When they come for our brothers and sisters,
ARA will be there. **WILL YOU?**

GET INVOLVED!

Your involvement is the key to ARA's success! Whether in educational campaigns, "Rock Against Racism" gigs or out in the street, ARA needs you!

ARA has been helping high school students to build their own independent ARA groups in their schools. ARA also meets as a large body to coordinate actions and campaigns that bring together concerns from various schools and communities.

If you want to join Anti-Racist Action, start an ARA group in your school or just get more information, contact us at our mailing address (listed below) or leave a message for us on the KLANBUSTERS HOTLINE (416) 968-2127.

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THE FASCIST THREAT TODAY?

The experience of the Holocaust and the defeat of Hitler's Nazi Germany led many to believe that the world had learned its lesson and fascism was dead. But in 1992 we witnessed once again an alarming resurgence of fascism throughout Europe. In Germany we have seen racist assaults, firebombings of refugee hostels, mass fascist rallies and riots and an increasing identification with fascist ideology among young people. The popularity of fascism has spread through France, Italy, Greece, Belgium, England, Austria, Spain, Poland and other European countries. It is happening here too.

Fascist groups have also been growing across Canada. Now, spurred by the "successes" of their European counterparts, they feel strong enough to begin to organize publicly.

Toronto's own fascist movement is the "nerve centre" for Canadian white-supremacists of all stripes. The Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator, the Aryan Resistance Movement and the KKK are networking and building their ranks in this city. The Heritage Front, which acts as the main recruiting front for Toronto's neo-nazi/white supremacist movement, has been leafletting neighbourhoods, posting and recruiting in highschools, hosting international neo-nazi speakers, holding rallies, making bomb threats, vandalizing community centres, and promoting their particular

brand of hate. They have also been linked to the bombing of the Morgentaler abortion clinic. Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege is a former leader of the Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He was convicted by a U.S. court of an attempted armed invasion of the Caribbean island of Dominica (as well as cocaine trafficking) for which he served 2 years in prison. Despite their infamous leader and explicitly racist platform, the Heritage Front have attempted to present themselves as a legitimate political movement, committed to "equal rights for whites".

We have seen the brutal results of fascist ideology. We have seen millions executed at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust. We cannot plead ignorance. Called "fascism", "neo-naziism" or "white supremacy" these ideas equal racism, hatred and violence. We have learned from history that fascism doesn't disappear by just wishing it away. It must be confronted by an overwhelming majority of people standing up and refusing to allow it to grow. We can prevent the far-right from taking root in this country, but we must act before it's too late.

The rise of fascism relies on our fear and our silence. We cannot turn a blind eye while they poison our youth with their lies and hatred, instill fear in our communities, assault and murder our brothers and sisters. We cannot allow them to organize in our city and march on our streets. We must act up and fight

back. The power to defeat fascism lies in our hands. We will educate and mobilize our communities, stop their organizing in our schools and take back our streets!

WHAT IS ANTI-RACIST ACTION?

Anti-Racist Action (ARA) came together to bring people out onto the streets to show the strength of our opposition to fascism as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse, equal and fun society. ARA is an open group. Our meetings are wheelchair accessible and childcare is provided. Born in late September, 1992, ARA has already mounted several successful actions and will build on our successes with your participation.

The Heritage Front have singled out Toronto's high schools for intensive recruitment drives through leafletting, posting and an increasing presence. This attempt to peddle their racism and lies to our youth is outrageous, offensive and will not be tolerated.

ARA has been meeting with students, community leaders, teachers and the Toronto Board of Education. ARA has launched a campaign of counter-leafletting and counter-postering in schools targeted by the Heritage Front. We have been organizing in the schools, supporting and developing anti-racist initiatives to raise awareness and develop strategies to drive the nazis out of our schools and off our streets.