

# NEW YORK COMMITTEE TO STOP TERRORIST ATTACKS

Dear Friend,

The NEW YORK COMMITTEE TO STOP TERRORIST ATTACKS (NYCSTA) has been organized to oppose the campaign of hooligan attacks being carried out by the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) against organizations of whose ideas they disapprove. These attacks started several months ago. Announcing a plan called "Operation Mop-Up," NCLC stated their intention to physically destroy the Communist Party (CP) and the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL). NCLC also threatened any other group that defended the CP's and YWLL's right to exist. The enclosed fact sheet gives a chronology of NCLC attacks on meetings and against individuals.

NCLC's attacks have consisted in armed NCLC squads breaking up meetings and in gang assaults on one or a few individuals on the street.

Two members of NCLC, Steve Getzoff and George Turner, were arrested June 11 for assaulting Daily World staff writer Ron Tyson. After charging Getzoff and Turner with assault and possession of a dangerous weapon, the court released these thugs on their own recognizance, ordering them to appear for trial June 26. At the hearing on June 26 they were granted a postponement until July 16.

Ken Shilman and Rebecca Finch, two members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) who were attacked June 9 by five NCLCers, have also identified Getzoff as one of the five who attacked them. In that June 9 attack, a third victim, Jesse Smith, was hospitalized for several days. He suffered a broken arm and head wounds requiring eleven stitches. A formal complaint was filed against Steve Getzoff with the New York Police Department on June 15. A hearing has been set for July 16 and Getzoff was released on his own recognizance for this second charge of unprovoked assault with a deadly weapon.

The city administration and the New York Police Department know that these attacks have been going on for months with alarming frequency. Yet they have done nothing to stop them.

Such attacks deny the basic democratic rights to organize, run candidates, and express ideas. Moreover, they deny the rights of people who want to hear the points of view whose expression is hindered by the atmosphere of violent attacks.

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The purpose of the NEW YORK COMMITTEE TO STOP TERRORIST ATTACKS is to focus publicity on the NCLC's terrorist activity and draw attention to the broad outcry against this hooliganism in order to prod the government into action. We demand that:

- The New York Police Department question Getzoff and Turner in an effort to determine the identity of the other four assailants involved in the June 9 attack.
- The police question known leaders of NCLC to determine the other assailants' identity.
- That Mayor Lindsay launch an investigation--in light of the Watergate revelations about police provocateurs--to determine whether or not police agents are at work within NCLC.

We hope you will read the enclosed material, giving a factual account of the NCLC's terrorist campaign. NYCSTA needs your support to help defend civil liberties and stop these attacks. Letters of protest can be sent to Mayor Lindsay, City Hall, New York, N.Y. and to Police Commissioner Donald Cawley, 240 Centre St., New York, N.Y. 10013.

Please fill out the enclosed endorser card and mail to, CSTA, PO Box 902 Stuyvesant, New York, N.Y. 10009. For further information call 982-8214.

Sincerely,

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