

Busing march misses target

Over 10,000 people marched in Boston Dec. 14 to oppose "racism" in that city whose schools are under court-ordered busing.

The march had two aspects to it. The positive was that it united thousands of people who wanted to fight against national oppression. The negative aspect was that the leadership of it directed its fire against white workers rather than the ruling class which is responsible for national oppression.

Among those who marched were revolutionary organizations, tenant unions, trade unions and community groups as well as various opportunist leeches and representatives of monopoly capital who played a big

role in misdirecting the fire of the march.

PIECE OF THE PIE

Black State Senator William Owens, main organizer of the affair, proclaimed at the rally following the march that the way to "stop racism" is that "Black people must have a piece of the power pie in this country." The whole tone and direction of the day was to carry out the line of the "liberal" monopoly capitalists that Black people should fight white workers to re-divide the pie and get a few more crumbs.

This line was echoed by some who claim to speak in the name of

the working class. For example, the leading organization in the "Fred Hampton Contingent" to the march, refused to drop their slogan "oppose the white boycott" (which brands all whites involved in it the enemy) and replace it with "oppose the racist-led boycott." The contingent, which drew several hundred people, did involve a number of honest revolutionaries and did raise some correct demands.

Another contingent which drew several hundred people was the "Unite to Fight" contingent that united around two main demands: "Fight the Ruling Class Divide and Rule Attacks" and "Fight for Decent and Equal Education." In addition some of the groups raised the following additional demands 1) Stop the School Committee's Policies of Racism, Discrimination and Segregation 2) Oppose the current Boston Busing Plan 3) Stop attacks on oppressed nationalities and 4) Fight all police attacks.

This contingent later led a march to the State Department of Education where an effigy of Louise Day Hicks was burned. Then this march went onto the headquarters of the Boston School Committee. In this way the point was made that both open reactionaries ("conservatives") like Hicks and the so-called "liberals" (represented by the State Department of Education, Judge Garrity and the like) represent the same ruling class, and are twin heads on the same monster.



"Unite to Fight" Contingent in Boston march against racism.