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Throughout history the police have enforced the laws of whatever state they serve under whether communist dictatorships or capitalist representative republics, fascist states or social democracies. In our case those with power in a capitalist system are those with money and property, the bosses and the rich. Therefore, it is easy to see that the cops remain dangerous to most of us because of what their fundamental role in society is, that of acting as the guard dogs of bosses, the rich, and their property.

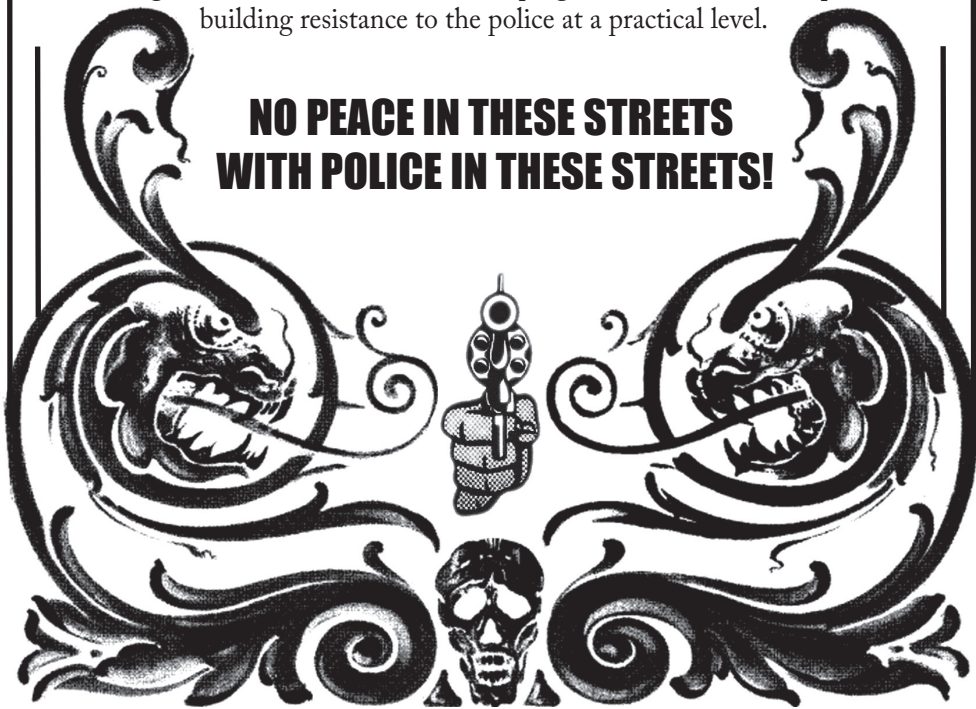
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