

Editor's mailb

Flagpole hitter

On April 29, I climbed a flagpole in Civic Center a third time, and on behalf of the Spartacist League and the Labor Black League for Social Defense, put up an exact replica of the historic Fort Sumter garrison flag as a donation to San Francisco.

The next day, April 30, Mayor Dianne "Jefferson Davis" Feinstein, in yet another act of political racism, ordered this proud Union flag taken down. After I had taken down and burned that hated (Confederate) flag of slavery, racism and the Ku Klux Klan the first time, Dixie Dianne quickly ordered it to fly again. These actions are despicable and deeply insulting to all decent people and especially to black people. By her actions she has put herself on the side of the slaveholders defeated in the Civil War. The last time the Fort Sumter garrison flag was forced down was by the Confederate forces in 1861.

It is a victory that the mayor has been forced to accept a recommendation to fly the California Hundred flag, the banner of the first 100 California volunteers who paid their own way east to fight against the slaveowners. Flying this flag will put California back on the right side, the Union side, in the Civil War.

We have donated the Fort Sumter garrison flag to the city of San Francisco. Because of its historic significance it should fly side by side with the California Hundred flag in Civic Center.

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