

The Women's Committee Against Genocide  
invites you to a slide show & discussion on—

**A FREE AND INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE!  
A DEFEAT FOR U.S. IMPERIALISM AND WHITE SUPREMACY  
A VICTORY FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION WORLDWIDE!**



**National Tour in Solidarity with the  
Republic of Zimbabwe  
Speaker: Silvia Baraldini,  
May 19th Communist Organization**

During the February campaigning and elections in Zimbabwe, a delegation from the Black Liberation Struggle and anti-imperialist movement went to Zimbabwe as international observers in solidarity with ZANU(PF) (Zimbabwe African National Union --Patriotic Front). A representative from this delegation from May 19th Communist Organization has just returned from the Independence Day celebration of the Republic of Zimbabwe with a first hand account of this critical phase of the Zimbabwean Revolution, the role of women in the struggle, and what the tasks of solidarity are in 1980 -- which ZANU(PF) has named the Year of the People's Power.

**Tues., May 20th 8 P.M.**

**at WOMANBOOKS  
201 West 92<sup>nd</sup> St.**

**suggested donation \$2<sup>50</sup>**



On April 18, 1980, the Zimbabwean people celebrated independence and for the first time in history a white settler colony, Rhodesia, was destroyed. Through 17 years of people's war, and the mobilization and full participation of the entire nation at every level of the struggle, people fought to defeat genocide perpetrated by imperialism. Masses of Zimbabwean people overwhelmingly elected Robert Mugabe, president of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU-PF), to be Prime Minister of the new government. Faced with the defeat of white supremacy, American, British and South African imperialists are mobilizing to overturn the victory through counter-insurgency and military raids in Zimbabwe. In the U.S. the government is re-instituting the draft as part of its racist mobilization and war mongering against Iran. It is a critical time to give unconditional support to Zimbabwe and the National Reconstruction of the new Republic.

10,000 women freedom fighters of ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) participated in defeating the genocidal strategy against their nation by defeating imperialism and white settler colonialism. Faced not only with the system of imperialism and white supremacy, but a whole tradition and culture which viewed women as property without rights, the Zimbabwean women fought to overcome these barriers to participate in the fight of their nation to be free. The Zimbabwean women proved in practice that their liberation as women could only be realized through their participation in the armed struggle to free their nation. Throughout the war, women not only fought, but played key roles in the political education of the people and laid the basis for Reconstruction in the liberated zones. The revolution continues as Zimbabwe defends its independence from imperialism and begins to build a country free of exploitation and oppression.

Black and Third World women fighting for the liberation of their nations against imperialism and their own liberation as women lead the worldwide struggle for women's liberation. The 400 year history of Black women fighting genocide has always forged the only basis for all women to struggle for our own liberation. By defining imperialism as the enemy and fighting to destroy white supremacy, Black and other Third World women are participating in ushering in an era that will end women's oppression. When our movement has refused to follow this leadership to fight white supremacy and genocide, when women allow the state to define our struggle at the Houston Conference, we actively attack the very strategy that will win our liberation. As imperialism suffers major defeats worldwide and at home, as Black and Third World peoples intensify their struggle for human rights, imperialism responds by intensifying its genocidal attacks against Third World people and heightening oppression against all women. The few hard won gains of the last decade are being eroded or have virtually been destroyed. Today we experience the daily reality of being exploited in our work, battered at home by our husbands, elimination of childcare services, and the increase of violent attacks aimed at lesbians.

Assata Shakur (slave name Joanne Chesimard) has played a central role in the consolidation of her nation's struggle for full human rights and total liberation. A former Black Panther and leader of the Black nation's struggle against genocide, she was hunted down, shot and held captive for 6½ years. On November 2, 1979, Assata Shakur, aided by the fighting forces of the Black Liberation Movement escaped from maximum security at Clinton Prison. The liberation of America's number 1 Prisoner of War strikes a decisive blow against white supremacy and imperialism. In response, the U.S. government has increased genocidal attacks against Black communities throughout the country. The police and the FBI are using terror tactics including murder in the hunt for Assata and in an attempt to destroy her support network.

On April 19, 1980, the day after the independence in Zimbabwe, an army of police and FBI agents armed with machine guns and shotguns, cordoned off 4 blocks in Harlem, broke into 92 Morningside Drive, and held the Black community hostage at gunpoint. The Harlem community immediately responded to this attack by fully mobilizing to expose the gestapo tactics and stop them. To defend the decisive victory of the Zimbabwe revolution and the continuing freedom of Assata Shakur are critical issues for all women. As we rebuild an anti-imperialist women's movement which can win our full liberation, we must recognize and follow the leadership of national liberation struggles which define the enemy as imperialism and wage people's war to defeat it.

**LONG LIVE THE ZIMBABWEAN REVOLUTION!**  
**DEFEAT U.S. IMPERIALISM**  
**SMASH WHITE SUPREMACY**  
**BUILD AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST WOMEN'S MOVEMENT!**