

An Evening in Solidarity With the Pontiac Brothers

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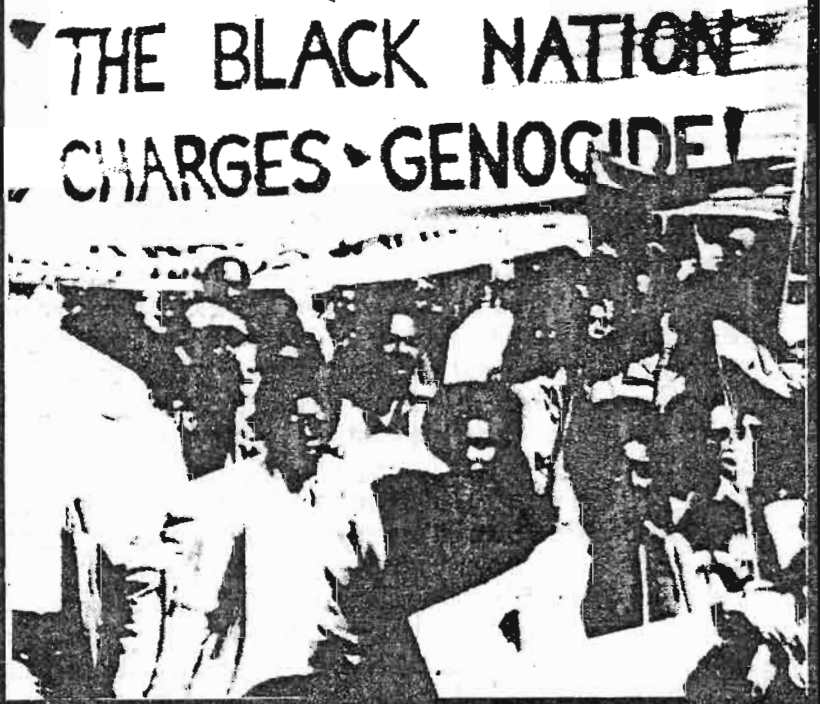
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"The Pontiac case is merely a camouflage for genocide. It's a master strategy, in the courtroom, because it's the type of strategy where right wing, white terror takes the line of least resistance... The Pontiac case is what is needed to legalize the terror that now exists in Chicago and throughout the U.S., because those who are attacked are prisoners, Black men... If these 16 Black men can be marched to the same chair. The Pontiac case is in the scheme of right wing, racist terror which is sweeping the U.S. right now. And we must fight it."

Chokwe Lumumba

Free the Pontiac Brothers
Free All Political Prisoners and
Prisoners of War
Keep Assata Shakur Free
Death to the Klan

In Chicago, 16 Black Pontiac prisoners face the death penalty in the largest mass murder trial of Black people in u.s. history. All thirty Black and Latino Pontiac Brothers face the government's all-out attack against them for their participation in the July 22, 1978 Pontiac Rebellion. The planned mass lynching of the Pontiac Brothers is part of the government's full scale mobilization of white people in the 80's to support racist murder and terror. This trial is a major issue in Chicago and part of a major genocidal assault nationally against Black people at the same time as cops and snipers murder Black people with impunity and a 16th child is abducted in Atlanta.

The Pontiac trial is a battleground between the forces of white supremacy and the forces of the Black Liberation struggle which has raised the unconditional demand to free the Pontiac Brothers. After weeks of jury selection, during which the defense has not been allowed any direct questions, a jury has still not been selected. The state is attempting to pick many Black jurors who would convict the Pontiac Brothers and thus, is attempting to divide the Black community and camouflage the real issue of white supremacist terror and genocide. In front of Judge Miller, a hanging judge specifically selected by the Illinois Supreme Court, the trial is being staged to pave the way for genocide and warn oppressed people that the death penalty is the punishment for fighting for human rights and liberation in Amerikkka.

In the Pontiac trial, 16 Black men face over 255 charges for the death of 3 guards killed during this rebellion against basic inhuman conditions; 2000 men are stuffed into a prison built for 600 inmates, an institution which the u.s. government itself was forced to sue because it failed to even meet u.s. prison standards. Over 1100 prisoners joined the rebellion, burned down large parts of the prison, and caused 4 million dollars in damage.

From Chicago to New York, the movement to reinstitute the death penalty by the mass media, the Justice Department and the police is a response to the threat posed by intensifying struggles waged by oppressed peoples fighting for liberation in Amerikkka and around the world. As part of the counterinsurgency attack by the government in its attempt to win this trial, the media is portraying the rebellion as a fight between rival gangs. During jury selection, front page stories appeared in the Chicago Sun Times and Newsweek Magazine about the supposed threat to the Chicago community from gangs, tying these stories to the trial. At the same time the media has put forward fictitious stories of state's witnesses allegedly being shot by supporters of the Pontiac Brothers.

As white people we cannot allow this terror to go on in our name. At this critical time of rising genocidal violence, we must act to build a movement that fights white supremacist terror when and where it happens and fully supports the struggles being waged by Black and all oppressed people for basic human rights. All over the u.s., the government is conspiring to stop human rights struggles with counterinsurgency warfare. In Atlanta, a pressure cooker situation is being fomented and war plans are being laid to turn Black housing projects into concentration camps, totally controlled by the police. In Washington D.C., Yulanda Ward, a Howard University student, who was struggling to build a student arm of the Black United Front and a leader in the struggle against urban removal of Black people was assassinated this past November 2nd with a .357 magnum at the same time that young Black leaders were attacked in a similar manner in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Cleveland. This is government warfare against the growth and consolidation of the Black Liberation movement. It must be stopped.

Chokwe Lumumba, lawyer for the Pontiac defense team and Midwest Vice-President of the Republic of New Afrika will speak at the Moncada Library. This is part of the national tour to build support for the struggle to free the Pontiac Brothers and to expose the government's strategy. Join the Moncada Library, the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee and May 19th Communist Organization on January 31, 1981. We are co-sponsoring this forum as part of the struggle to build a movement to defeat white supremacy and genocide and free the Pontiac Brothers. The struggle to build this movement is a dividing line issue for all progressive white people. The Pontiac Brothers must be freed!