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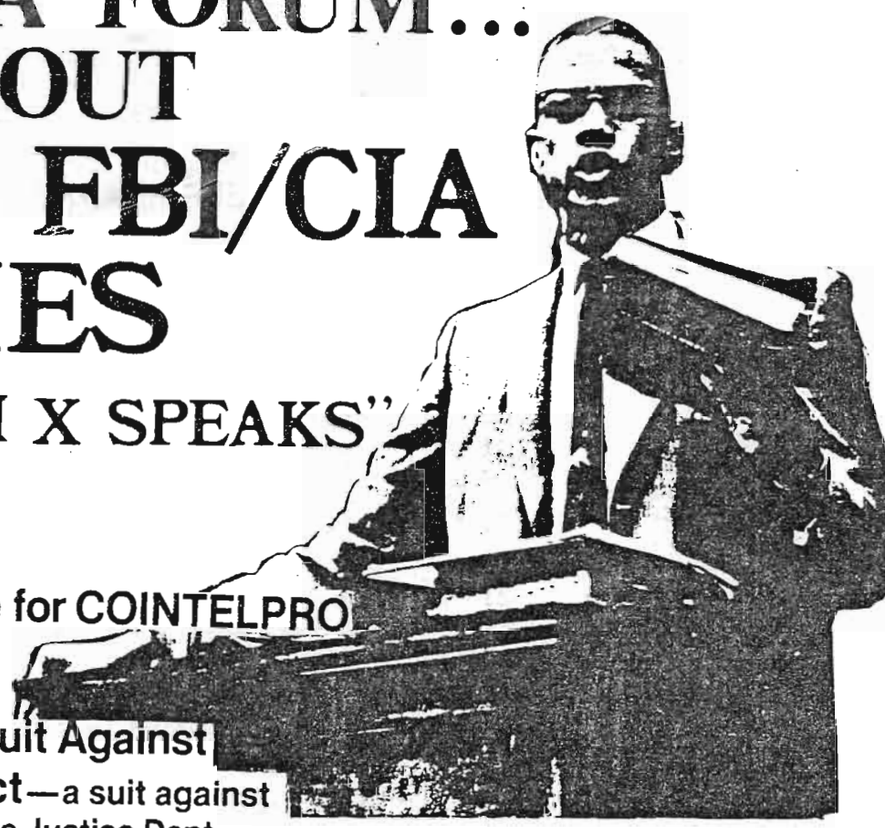

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speakers from:

- The National Task Force for COINTELPRO Litigation and Research
- The Committee for the Suit Against Government Misconduct—a suit against Richard Nixon, the F.B.I., and the Justice Dept.
- A course on the Black Liberation Struggle —held at the Moncada Library

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WHAT IS COINTELPRO?

COINTELPRO is the technical term for the counterintelligence program of the 1960's and 70's, directed by the FBI working in conjunction with the CIA, Secret Service and other intelligence agencies, which has endeavored to "disrupt, misdirect and otherwise neutralize" the resistance of oppressed peoples, in particular the movements of Black, Native American, Chicano/Mexicano and Puerto Rican people. But the strategy of counter-insurgency which COINTELPRO represents has been and is much more than one program. COINTELPRO is Terrorism -- the use of any and every tactic by the U.S. government and its police apparatus to defend U.S. imperialism.

COINTELPRO IS:

-- the use of a paid government informant to frame, jail and deport Marcus Garvey, Black leader of the largest mass movement of the 1920's.

-- the assassination of Malcolm X in 1965 for daring to predict and work for the end of white world supremacy.

-- the "neutralizing" by use of torture and murder of 20,000 Vietnamese, through the CIA Phoenix pacification program.

-- the jailing or killing of literally thousands of members of the Black Panther Party between 1967 and 1971.

-- Operation Rosebud, a military invasion of the Pine Ridge reservation particularly aimed at terrorizing women and children, among them Anna Mae Aquash, a Native American woman found murdered in a ditch with her hands cut off.

-- the blowing-up of two carloads of Chicano activists in Denver in the early 1970's and then the use of a Grand Jury to harass the murdered activists' family, friends and supporters.

-- the direct involvement of Gary Thomas Rowe in the murder of white civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo and his participation in the bombing of a Birmingham church in which four young Black girls were killed, while he was working for the FBI as an active member of the Ku Klux Klan.

-- the police set-up and murder of Black community leader Arthur Miller and the subsequent stomping of Black youth Victor Rhodes by white vigilantes in Crown Heights this past June. For both crimes no one has been charged, tried or jailed. Yet at the same time former Attica brother Eric "Jomo" Thompson is being tortured and held without bail for the murder of a police officer in Brooklyn.

HOW DOES COINTELPRO AFFECT YOU?

COINTELPRO is part of U.S. imperialism's strategy to maintain control in a period when Third World movements for independence and freedom from U.S. domination are on the rise. Primarily aimed at the national liberation struggles, the government has been forced to use counter-intelligence tactics against white people when we have acted in support of those movements. During the Anti-war Movement this meant keeping tabs on and targeting literally millions of white people who supported the Vietnamese and opposed the war. Faced with the growing "new Left" threat, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover issued orders to "destroy this insidious movement".

-- the FBI has collected files on hundreds of thousands of people within the U.S., many of whom did nothing more than sign a petition or go to a demonstration. Now, when people are demanding that this information be released, the FBI is burning and shredding these same files.

-- programs like the "listening post" and Ghetto Informant Program have been employed to pay thousands of people in Third World communities to spy on their neighbors for the FBI.

-- Grand Juries have been used to compel people to testify about activities of their families, friend and associates (most recently about the Puerto Rican independence movement) and when they resisted, the Grand Jury has been used to jail people who refuse to collaborate.

-- hundreds of people engaged in lawful and legitimate political activity, like 11 governmental workers of the Republic of New Africa have been targets of FBI and local police conspiracies which have resulted in expensive legal battles and long prison terms.

-- when Black freedom fighters like Assata Shakur or Geronimo Pratt have been branded "criminals" and held as prisoners-of-war through FBI frame-ups, not only these individuals, but all people who belong to or support the movements they represent are attacked.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT COINTELPRO?

Historically the national liberation movements have borne the brunt of COINTELPRO attacks. These movements are now leading the struggle to expose and destroy COINTELPRO. The National Taskforce for COINTELRPO Litigation and Research is leading in the struggle to expose FBI attacks on the Black liberation movement. In particular through law suits and educational campaigns they are fighting to free political prisoners who are COINTELPRO victims. Supporting the Taskforce is one way to support the struggle against COINTELPRO.

Through a 100 million dollar law suit against Richard Nixon, the FBI and Justice Department, white people who have been targets of COINTELPRO are contributing to the fight to expose it. This suit is based on particular attacks such as break-ins, wire-taps and physical threats directed against them as activists in the anti-imperialist movement and at the same time further exposes government attacks on Third World struggles by attempting to undermine support from white people.

We all can educate ourselves about COINTELPRO and through this understand more about the true nature and history of the U.S. For people taking a course on the Black liberation struggle held at the Moncada Library, education led to sponsoring this program as a way to support the struggle against COINTELRPO.

By coming to this program you can learn about COINTELRPO. You can also become part of exposing COINTELPRO and join with the growing movement of people dedicated to its total destruction.

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