



Gonna Rise Again Graphics

Free Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk Stop All Attacks on Indian People

Indian People, and in recent years the American Indian Movement in particular, have been under constant attack by all levels of police agencies. These attacks have been increasing since the occupation of the Wounded Knee Village in South Dakota by the Oglala Nation, together with AIM, in 1973. The Wounded Knee occupation lasted 73 days, and the U.S. government's military apparatus was mobilized to the point of full scale war. The occupation, like other protests by

Indian people, stemmed from demands for Indian control of their own lands and the right to choose their own way of life away from the enforced control of the U.S. government. **The case of Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk is yet another example of the government's attempt to destroy and discredit the Indian movement.**

Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk, both active in the American Indian Movement, have been in jail in Ventura, California, since October, 1974. They have been held without bail in solitary confinement. They are charged with the murder of a cab driver, George Aird, on the night of October 10, 1974, at an Indian camp in Ventura County, California.

Three other people—Marvin Red Shirt, Holly Broussard, and Marcella Eaglestaff McNoise—were arrested at the scene of the murder. The cab driver had driven them 20 miles from Los Angeles to the camp. He had tried to give a warning over his cab radio that he was in danger. Their fingerprints in blood were found on the taxi. One carried the murder knife. All three had Aird's blood on their clothing. Red Shirt, McNoise and Broussard were charged with murder, robbery, kidnap, and conspiracy.

Police arrested Skyhorse and Mohawk ten days later in Phoenix while they were attending an Indian education conference. Not charged at the time of arrest, which is illegal, they waived extradition rights and willingly returned to California, believing they were being held as material witnesses. By January, 1975, Red Shirt, Broussard and McNoise were granted immunity and released. They were given probation, jobs and financial support in exchange for testimony against Skyhorse and Mohawk. Skyhorse and Mohawk were then charged with the murder and robbery of

George Aird. The only evidence implicating these two activists is testimony from Red Shirt, Broussard and McNoise.

THE ROLE OF THE FBI

The FBI played a crucial role in the events leading up to the arrest of Skyhorse and Mohawk. Douglass Durham, then an FBI operative posing as an Indian, worked in the national office of the American Indian Movement. Durham had dubbed the Indian camp as "AIM Camp 13" and had often publicized it as a guerrilla training camp. In fact, camps 1 through 12 never existed. Immediately after the murder, Durham took control of AIM's reaction to the case. He falsified news releases, persuaded AIM leaders to "disavow" Skyhorse and Mohawk, and discouraged lawyers from taking the case. Durham perjured himself at a sanity hearing for Paul Skyhorse. He posed as an Indian psychiatrist from Iowa and testified that Skyhorse was irrational and dangerous. He also wrote a phony leaflet that was found tacked to a post at the camp with some of Aird's hair (a "scalp"). This was used by the media as an example of AIM's so-called "savage revenge" that was to be an anti-white rampage throughout the Bicentennial year. **Paul Skyhorse, Richard Mohawk and the defense team have been denied access to the prosecution files on Douglass Durham's role in the case and testimony about it.**

Another FBI operative posing as an Indian was Virginia "Blue Dove" Deluce. At the time of the murder, she was treasurer of the Los Angeles chapter of AIM. She gave false and inflammatory information about activities in the camp, and she was actively disrupting AIM activities. She planned what turned out to

"They're a conquered nation," he says. "And when you're conquered, the people you're conquered by dictate your future. This is a basic philosophy of mine. If I'm part of a conquered nation then I've got to yield to the authority . . ." Consequently, he says, the FBI has to function as a "colonial police force."

**FBI supervisor on Pine Ridge Norman Zigrossi,
as quoted in Rolling Stone magazine**

A.I.M.

is a military operation.

It is a foreign army using guerrilla warfare to destroy America. A.I.M. terrorists have stashed dynamite on the Rosebud Reservation, and in Wisconsin, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa!

be a phony "Free Sarah Bad Heart Bull" rally on October 10, 1974, the day of the murder. (Sarah Bad Heart Bull was indicted for an incident in Custer, South Dakota, where she had protested the murder of her son.) "Blue Dove" insisted that Skyhorse and Mohawk go with her to the rally which was attended by more police than participants. National AIM directors had asked for support rallies for Sarah, but in early November, not October. Police photos taken that day were used by Phoenix police to identify Skyhorse and Mohawk for arrest. Following the murder she gave numerous interviews as a material witness. The activities of both Durham and Deluce imply deep involvement by the FBI in engineering situations to discredit AIM. Yet the full story cannot be used by the defense because all pertinent FBI files have not been made available.



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DOUG DURHAM

Former A.I.M. Leader

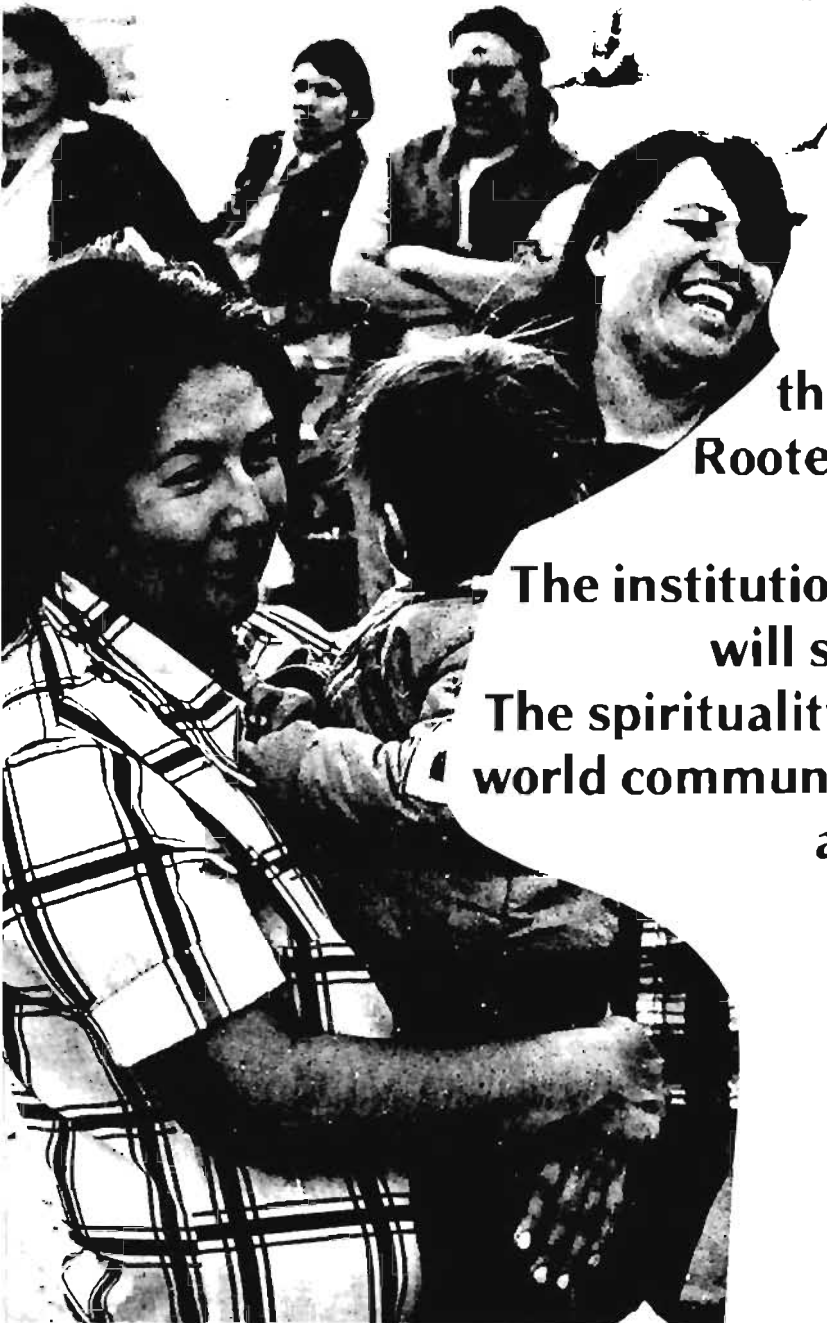
tell what he learned while "Inside A.I.M."

Doug Durham joined the "American Indian Movement" in March, 1973, at the request of the F.B.I. As an undercover operative, he became National Security Director, National Administrator and Director of National Offices. As the right-hand man to Dennis Banks, Doug attended secret strategy meetings and wrote policy-making papers. During the Wounded Knee trial of Banks and Means, Doug acted as A.I.M.'s Security Chief.

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Douglass Durham infiltrated AIM for the FBI. Now he's on the lecture circuit, telling Birchers that AIM aims to destroy America.



Brothers and Sisters, as we stand
in the proud warrior tradition
Our spiritual one-mind
Central to the understanding of
fact that we are all part
that are very much interdependent
Rooted in imperialism and flourishing
is indeed a cancer to the uni
The institutional, social, and moral oppression
will surface, finally, as the generating
The spirituality taught us by our elders will help
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Let it be known that our ancestors

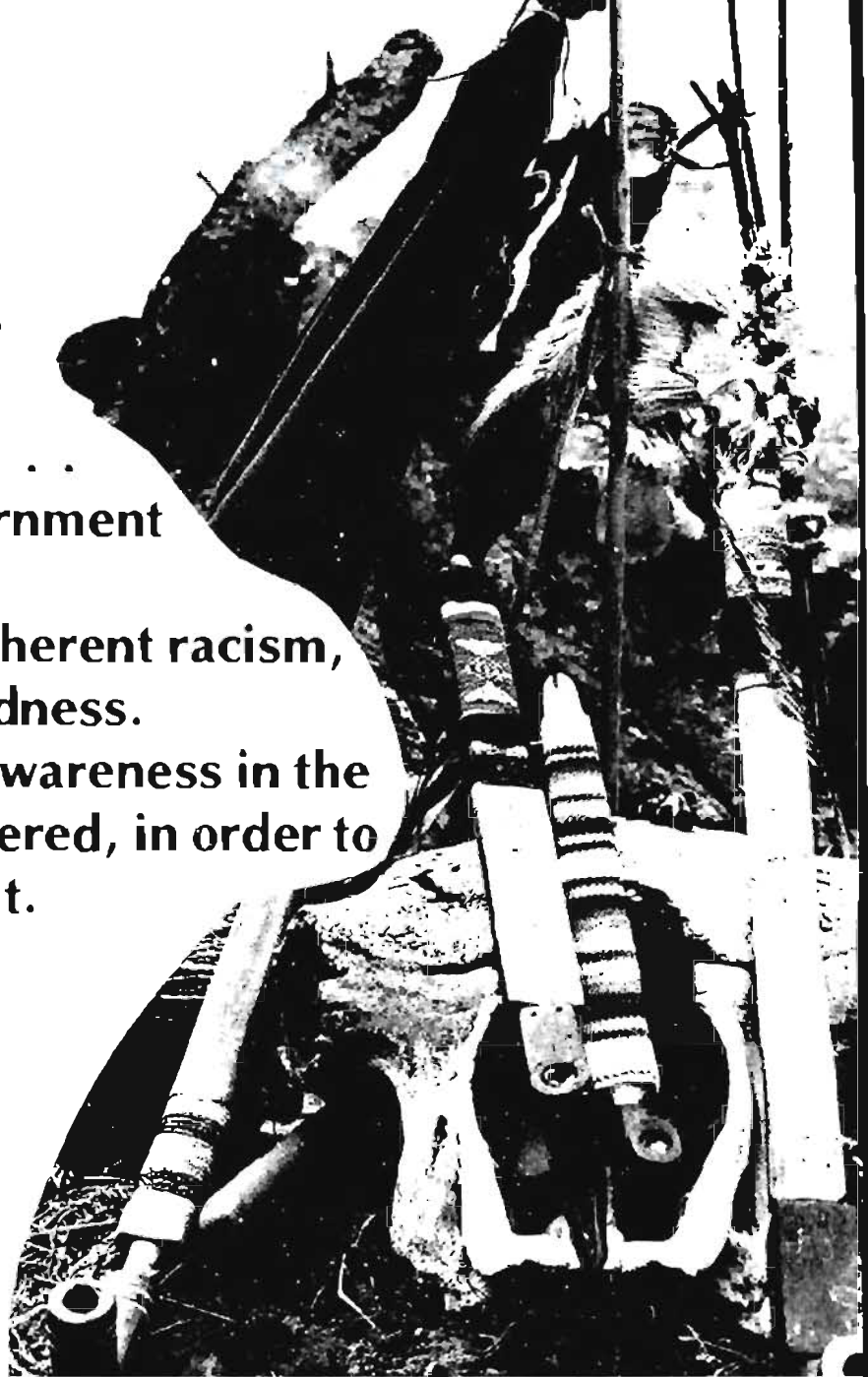
Richard Billings Mohawk is a Tuscarora-Mohawk from the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy of upstate New York. He has been active in most of the major Indian Rights actions of the past several years, and is a follower of the Traditional Longhouse religion. He was an organizer of the 1971 Chicago Indian Village camp and has worked for the ecology-oriented Indian Tree Service. He has worked for Native rights in Arizona, and was active in mobilizing support for Wounded Knee and the resulting legal battles. He was one of the founders of Chicago AIM and signed the articles of incorporation for it.



Richard Mohawk

and before the enemy's tribunal
in addition, be not alarmed.
Our oneness shall prevail.
This concept is recognition of the
interdependence of the life-giving forces
of one another for sustenance . . .
In the face of oppression, this [US] government
violates universal principles of mankind.
If practiced on our people with inherent racism,
we must use force to solidify our one-mindedness.
We must bring about a collective awareness in the
realm of equal co-existence must be considered, in order to
curb the power of this [US] government.
Our ancestors have not died in vain.

Excerpt from a letter by Paul Skyhorse



Paul Skyhorse

Paul Durant Skyhorse is an Anishnabe Chippewa from Minnesota, active in Native Civil Rights movements of the last decade. He was director of Indian House in New York and coordinator of an Indian Cultural Center there, as well as serving as liaison for "Akwasasne Notes" Indian newspaper in New York. He was a representative to the Ecumenical Indian Task Force of Chicago, made up of 10 Indian groups and 4 major religious denominations — Catholics, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians. He was one of the original founders and incorporators of the Chicago Chapter of the American Indian Movement.



Skyhorse and Mohawk with their lawyers. Now they are not even allowed to see their lawyers face to face in the same cell.

THE COURTS

Skyhorse and Mohawk face not only the FBI, but a judicial system that has historically denied Native American people their rights. Due to the bizarre circumstances of the case, the defense has been seeking legal access to important evidence the government has been withholding and has also been trying to suppress inflammatory, circumstantial evidence the government wants to use. This pre-trial motion by the defense — in legal language called “A motion for discovery of evidence and suppression of evidence” — has been the longest in California history.

The Ventura Bar Association saw fit to make fun of this motion and the whole defense in a macabre skit entitled “The People vs. Tonto” at their annual banquet. The skit mocked the self-defense work of Skyhorse and Mohawk and depicted the “People” as victims of a costly, over-dramatic and long trial. Because of the racism in the skit, the California Bar Association has said it will investigate the ethics of the Ventura Bar. All the Ventura County judges have been disqualified as prejudiced. One ex-“judge”, Floyd Dodson, who had been removed from office by Santa Barbara County voters in November, 1976, was called out of “retirement” and appointed to preside over the trial. Now a change of venue has been granted and the defendants are expected to go to trial in Los Angeles.

Marilyn Skyhorse, wife of the defendant, faces jail herself for refusing to testify against her husband. The State of California refuses to recognize her right not to testify against her husband because they were married according to Indian law and not California law. Marilyn stands firm with her husband and with her people and contests any ruling against her marriage as an attack on Indian sovereignty. She has been continually harassed, briefly jailed and threatened with the possibility of the State taking custody of her children.

The abuses, cover-ups, and racist outrages go on and on in this trial — part of the historical U.S. treatment of Native Peoples. Flimsy and altered evidence, FBI operatives, police harassment, court irregularities, etc. all serve to undermine the Indian struggle and to railroad two organizers into prison for crimes they didn't commit. Prisons are a tool of repression against all Indians as well as other oppressed peoples.



From behind bars Skyhorse and Mohawk have exposed FBI agents, fought the death penalty, police brutality and racism in California. They continue the struggle for liberation behind brutal walls. Their resistance, along with massive public pressure, can keep this conspiracy from arriving at the government's predetermined conclusion.

WHY DO THESE ATTACKS GO ON?

For more than 400 years, nations of Indian People had to defend their lives, homes, and way of life, actively resisting colonization. Sovereignty — the independent control of Indian land by Indian People — has been constantly under attack. The people were massacred, their fertile land and natural resources were taken. As a result of this European expansion, the U.S. government and its capitalist system was established on stolen Indian land and off the backs of African slave labor as well as the labor of other peoples.

Forced on to land rejected by westward-moving settlers, Indian nations were surrounded and confined. Treaties between sovereign Indian nations and the United States were often agreed to by the U.S. government as one tactic to ensure "peace." But they were readily broken by the U.S. whenever more land or resources were needed.

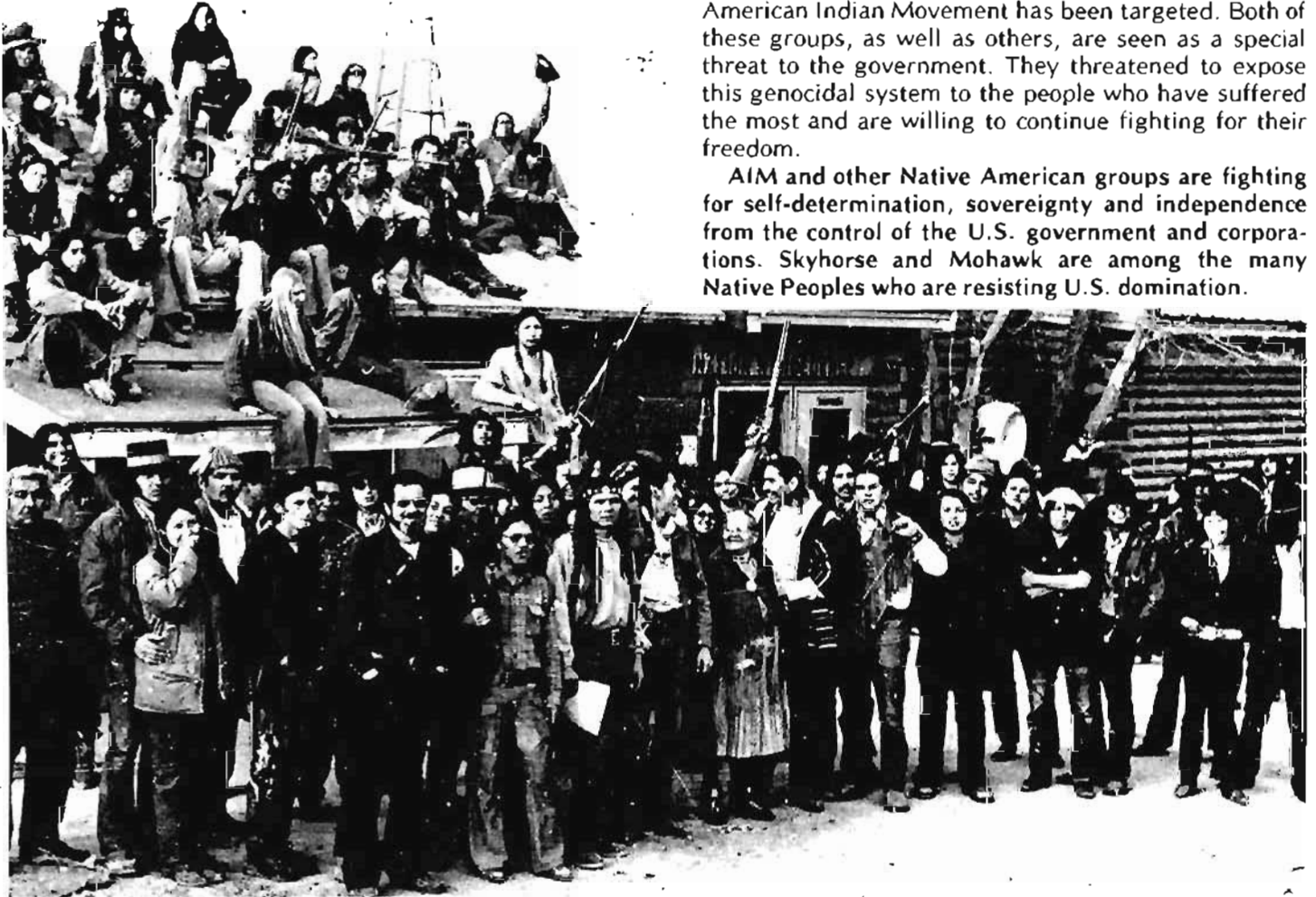
Now, as capitalism has reached the stage of imperialism, giant monopoly corporations seek raw materials and energy for industrial production at forever increasing profits. More than half of the known oil, coal and uranium within the U.S. borders is on Indian land. The success of National Liberation struggles abroad has restricted the ability of corporations to exploit natural resources in the Third World, particularly energy resources. Consequently, corporations most look within U.S. borders. The Federal

government, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and other federal agencies, has been leasing the mineral extraction rights to corporations such as Peabody Coal and Exxon, despite strong Indian protest. The money paid for these energy resources is only a small fraction of the true value. While the corporations get richer, the people remain poor, and the land is left barren and polluted. Reservation land and other Indian lands exist as exploited colonies within the U.S. today.

Under imperialism today, other means of control have been added to the use of brute armed force. Federal agencies, corporate businesses, FBI and local police, state and local governments, all serve to control Indian people. Moreover, public schools with racist textbooks and programs try to destroy Indian identity. Many churches attempt to undermine traditional religions and ways of life. The famous "melting pot" of America means theft, poverty and forced assimilation for Indian people. Still, Native Peoples are fighting against all forms of cultural, political and physical annihilation. They are fighting against genocide.

The FBI created a Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) in the late 1960's to spy on and destroy groups and individuals who resist the unjust practices of the U.S. government. Activists who have gained the support of the people are singled out for harassment, frame-ups, and murder. In the late 60's, the Black Panther Party, and the entire Black Liberation movement, was the focus of such attacks. Today the American Indian Movement has been targeted. Both of these groups, as well as others, are seen as a special threat to the government. They threatened to expose this genocidal system to the people who have suffered the most and are willing to continue fighting for their freedom.

AIM and other Native American groups are fighting for self-determination, sovereignty and independence from the control of the U.S. government and corporations. Skyhorse and Mohawk are among the many Native Peoples who are resisting U.S. domination.



WHAT IS THE NATIVE AMERICAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

The Native American Solidarity Committee is a national organization with over 20 chapters around the U.S. We see that Indian struggles are a part of the common struggle for a new society in this country; a society which allows all people to live productive, meaningful lives — a society which respects the sovereign nations of Indian People. Our work is to educate and organize non-Indian people to support the struggles of Native Americans for sovereignty, self-determination, and independence.

NASC is currently involved in an anti-repression program that includes 1) exposing the role of the FBI in attacking Indian People; 2) ending the use of forced sterilization as a tactic of genocide against Indian People; 3) defending the sovereignty of the Oglala Nation, in particular, and presently supporting the case of Leonard Peltier; and 4) helping to document legal repression against Indian People as part of bringing the case of Indian oppression to the United Nations Committee on Decolonization and Racism in September 1977.

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Native American Solidarity Committee

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP SKYHORSE AND MOHAWK AND PROTEST THESE INJUSTICES?

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Los Angeles, Ca. 90017

Write to your congressperson and other public officials to protest this trial and to force the FBI to disclose all attempts to destroy the American Indian Movement. Demand the release of all COINTELPRO files.

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