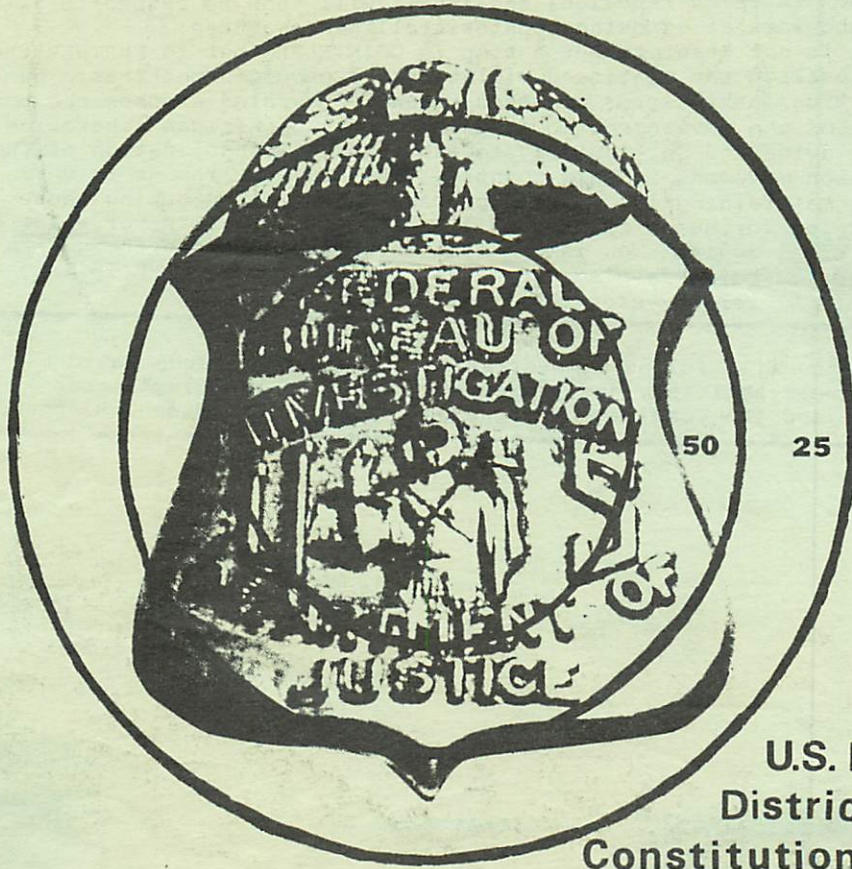


DEMONSTRATE AGAINST FBI COVERUP!



Thursday
October 16
12:30 pm

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia
Constitution Ave, entrance

For the past few weeks in Washington, ex-FBI officials Mark Felt and Edward Miller have been on trial for their role in COINTELPRO (illegal counterintelligence) operations carried out against people involved in human rights struggles and anti-imperialist movements in the United States. But instead of trying the FBI for their crimes, this trial is being used to lay the legal and political basis for the continuation and escalation of COINTELPRO operations--the program responsible for murdering and imprisoning hundreds of Black and Third World revolutionaries and carrying out sabotage and terror against progressive individuals and movements that build solidarity with these struggles. Far from trying the FBI, this trial has put political activists and movements on trial, calling us terrorists in order to justify the enactment of outright fascist legislation and continuing FBI terror. After 2-1/2 years of deliberate delays and secret negotiations designed to protect the government, the FBI, and the highest elected officials of this country, this trial continues to be used to hide the truth. In the name of national security and a supposed search for the Weather Underground, the FBI tried to stop our political activities against the war and in defense of political prisoners. When they admitted our homes were broken into, our phones were tapped, and our mail opened, we filed a \$100 million lawsuit, Clark v. USA, against Richard Nixon, John Mitchell, L. Patrick Gray, and others to stop these activities and expose the true depth of COINTELPRO attacks.

Since then, one of our homes has been burned down, the break-ins continue, and our legal team has been harassed. The Justice Department, which is defending Nixon and the U.S. government in our suit, is prosecuting the FBI criminals in Washington, a clear conflict of interest. The FBI's defense is that Bureau policy since the Hoover years mandated these activities. On the one hand, they argue, agents and officials who carried out these policies operated with agency approval and therefore should never be held liable for the crimes they committed or the damages they incurred. On the other hand, Richard Nixon (America's elder statesman of the right) will testify as to America's continuing need for these domestic counterinsurgency programs and his approval of them while president. No one has ever denied these crimes took place.

The Committee for the Suit Against Government Misconduct is calling on all progressive people in Washington to demonstrate against this trial, a key part of the U.S. government's strategy to consolidate a fascist counterinsurgency apparatus. We are witnessing a political climate worse than the

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days of the McCarthy era as both political parties push for more repressive legislation in this election year. The new Republican FBI charter promises to arrest anyone who is a "potential threat"; the Freedom of Information Act is being repealed; and a bill will soon be passed to jail journalists who work at exposing counterintelligence abuses.

This trial is not meant to put a stop to COINTELPRO but to FURTHER the coverup and legalize the continued violations of people's most basic human rights. The Brzezinski-Carter document recently revealed exposes the continued effort of the government to stop the growth of African liberation struggles worldwide and particularly to sabotage the consolidation of the Black liberation movement in this country. The U.S. government is very serious about maintaining its white supremacist control, stopping these leading struggles for human rights and liberation. It will never allow the FBI to go on trial again. Now is the time to actively oppose the government's strategy to build fascism. Come to the demonstration--help expose the coverup of FBI terror--stop the growth of fascism!

(Press Conference will follow demonstration: Speakers include David Truong, Vietnamese activist, and representatives from the Black liberation struggle and the Committee for the Suit Against Government Misconduct.)

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