



Governor Davis,

Jose Luis Avina (#J86625) is a Mexican political prisoner of war, imprisoned for defending himself from an attack by a white drug dealer. He is currently at Corcoran State Prison where he is being held in the Security Housing Unit (SHU) in response to participating in a non-violent, collective Hunger Strike and exposing the denial of democratic rights for Mexican people in the California State Prison System. While imprisoned, he has been transferred within the system without the legally required 48 hour notification, subjected to extreme isolation and denied visitation with his family.

As Governor, you represent the state of California for the United States government. Therefore, we are holding you accountable for the actions taken against the Mexican community and Jose Luis.

We are calling on you to openly investigate the undemocratic denial of human and civil rights, to transfer Jose Luis to a facility closer to his family and to take him out of the SHU immediately.

Signed _____

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A LAWYER WHO LIVES OFF OF THE ATTACKS AGAINST
RAZA BY THE GRINGO WHITE POWER SYSTEM

Victor Haltom

Jose Luis Aviña's mother went to Victor Haltom in Sacramento, Califas, thinking this lawyer would get her son out of the S.H.U. Security Housing Unit. Jose Luis was sent to the death Corcoran SHU Prison for participating in the Nov. 1999 New Folsom Prison hunger strike. 68 Raza courageous men participated in a hunger strike for one month to protest the conditions Gov. Gray Davis and its lynch wardens have our Raza in these prison concentration camps in California.

When Jose Luis' mother talked to this lawyer, she asked him if he knew how to fight the prison validations (setups to give life time prison to Raza) and if he could get Jose Luis out of the SHU. He said yes. She told him to move quickly because Cal Terhune, the Director of Prisons in Calif. and Gov. Gray Davis wanted to kill Jose Luis. This was in early January 2000. Jose Luis was rushed without notice from New Folsom Prison on Dec. 17th., 1999 and stuffed in

Corcoran Prison

Haltom asked for a retainer of \$1500 in which Jose Luis' grandmother sent. Jose Luis' mother asked for a contract but he strategically never sent one. Knowing the urgency, Victor Haltom sat on Jose Luis' case until April. Phone calls from San Jose and San Francisco were made to this lawyer and letters were sent to him. Finally, in May 2000, Jose Luis' mother went to Sacramento to speak to Haltom. She found out Victor Haltom did not know where Jose Luis' prison file was (whether it was in Sacto or Corcoran), did not know who to call in Corcoran Prison, did not have a plan as to what he was going to do, did not know where Corcoran was, did not communicate with Jose Luis (after four letters of information from Jose Luis). While Jose Luis' mother was in his office, she gave him the phone number to the prison, she already had his name on the prison list as Jose Luis' attorney, he called the prison for Jose Luis' file on that day. Victor Haltom did not know he needed to see the file at the prison.

When he found out he needed to go down to Corcoran, he immediately said it was going to cost \$1,000. 3 weeks after, Victor Haltom went to Corcoran only to see Jose Luis for 10 minutes. Jose Luis rejected him because this lawyer was asking him questions he could have gotten in the four letters he sent him and was wasting time. While Haltom was there he did not know any of the procedures -- the guards manipulated him giving him the run-around. The only thing he did was make copies of Jose Luis' file -- he did not do an analysis, no plans of action, no strategy, no contract and he kept Jose Luis' grandmother's pension money of \$1500. Jose Luis' mother complained to the State Bar of California and they covered up and protected him saying they did not find any wrongdoing. Yet, Corcoran Prison has succeeded in stripping away Jose Luis' will to live and struggle. He has no one to defend him in these parasitic courts, Corcoran Prison stopped his mother from visiting him and they have terrorized Jose Luis and have isolated him from the world.

This gringo is a typical parasite that lives off of the attacks by the U.S. govt. against our gente. He is protected by every institution of the white power system. What are parasites? They are worms that live off of the life of a human being. People like Haltom are parasites. The government attacks la Raza by creating institutions such as the police, prisons, courts, prosecutors and defenders. These institutions thrive off of the attacks against la Raza and become filthy rich while our beautiful gente rot in these graves of hell. The case of Haltom is a proven fact.

**THIS IS A CALL-IN CAMPAIGN
AGAINST VICTOR HALTOM AND
A DEMAND THAT HE RETURN ALL
OF THE MONEY TO JOSE LUIS'
GRANDMOTHER, NOW!
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

WRITE TO:

Victor Haltom
428 J Street, Suite 350
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 444-8663
FAX: (916) 444-1546



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Defend Jose Luis

A Mexican Political Prisoner of War



Jose Luis - POW-288

Jose Luis Aviña was sent to prison in 1994 for defending himself from an attack by a white drug dealer. The San Francisco District Attorney protected the drug dealer and attempted to convict Jose Luis of first degree murder. Since his unjust imprisonment, Jose Luis has been targeted by the state of California because of what he represents: The growing resistance of the Raza youth in struggle for our democratic rights as the indigenous peoples of these lands.

Currently at Corcoran State Prison, where guards were recently acquitted of murdering 39 men in fights that were set up for their amusement, Jose Luis has experienced brutal treatment and a denial of his human and civil rights.

Jose Luis was one of the 68 New Folsom Prison hunger strikers that protested in Nov/Dec. 1999 the inhumane conditions inside the prisons. Gov. Davis ordered Jose Luis and six other hunger strikers to be put in the mortal SHU, a torture program.

What can you do?

Please call/write/fax to:

Steven Cambra, Director
Calif. Dept. of Corrections,
P.O. Box 94283
Sacramento, CA 94283
(916) 445-7688/ FAX (916)
445-0864

Warden George Ortiz
Corcoran State Prison
P.O. Box 3481
Corcoran, CA 93212
(559) 992-8800 EXT 5184

Governor Gray Davis
State Capital
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 445-2841/ FAX (916)
445-4633

Tell them:

- To end all harassment of Jose Luis and his family/supporters;
- Transfer him to a facility close to his family; and
- Take him out of the SHU now!

Write letters of support:

Jose Aviña #J86625
CSP/Corcoran SHU 4B-3R-#24
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Corcoran, CA 93212

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In fear for his life, Alvaro eluded police. Days later, Alvaro returned to his mother's house. A heavily armed law enforcement contingent converged on the home. Without identifying themselves, police began shooting indiscriminately at the house, cars parked in front and at the public streetlights. At trial, witnesses described the police shooting as a "war zone." Alvaro returned fire in self-defense but never shot nor injured anyone. Alvaro dialed 911 (emergency) and alerted other officials that police were shooting at him and would not allow him to surrender. Eventually, the situation deescalated and Alvaro was taken into custody.

Alvaro was charged with two counts of aggravated assault - one count for disarming the sheriff and one count for a wound suffered by Sgt. Curtis Hines from a ricocheting police bullet. Alvaro's elderly mother was charged with "hindering apprehension" and jailed.

Protests demanding Alvaro's release were staged outside the courthouse in Odessa during the trial. Other protests were held in El Paso, Texas; San Diego, California; and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. On June 2-9, 1997, Alvaro was convicted of "threatening" the sheriff, but acquitted on the charge of shooting Sgt. Hines. He received a 50-year sentence. His case is currently on appeal.



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De Reos Hispanos en California

Protestan por Violación de los Derechos



ARRIBA: Ismael Vuittonel (izq) y su madre, Carolina Triviño protestan por los derechos de reos hispanos.

Por Adriana Frederick

SACRAMENTO — El pasado martes 6 de febrero los manifestantes pertenecientes al Grupo de la Defensa del Barrio de las ciudades de San Jose y Sacramento se reunieron en frente del Departamento de Correcciones de esta última ciudad con el fin de protestar por la violación de los derechos humanos de la cual han sido víctimas sus propios hijos en las distintas cárceles del estado de California. De esta manera, ellos esperan que el Director de Prisiones, Steven Cambra traslade a varios de estos hispanos confinados en Unidades de Máxima Seguridad a prisiones en donde los reclusos tengan más acceso a visitas familiares y para que su estadía en ese recinto sea un poco más llevadera.

Los antecedentes de la discordia comenzaron cuando un grupo de reclusos fueron trasladados a un severo confinamiento en las prisiones de Pelican Bay y Corcorán después de haber realizado una huelga de hambre pacífica en noviembre de 1999 con el fin de comunicar a las autoridades penitenciarias del maltrato al que eran expuestos debido a la falta de atención médica, la negación de visitas familiares, la imposibilidad de utilizar la biblioteca y la dificultad de ver la luz del sol.

"Nuestra esperanza era que

Cambra permitiera a 7 de los hispanos salir de las prisiones de máxima seguridad a penitenciarías más humanas, pero como ya lo esperábamos, la respuesta ha sido negativa. Cambra ya les ha dicho a los reos que deben permanecer allí hasta que cumplan su condena", expresó Quetsa Osclusiua, coordinadora del Comité para la Defensa del Barrio.

Para algunas organizaciones como Amnistía Internacional las cárceles de máxima seguridad constituyen una violación internacional a los derechos humanos.

En 1998 existían sólo 18 prisiones en California. Hoy son más de 70 y el Gobernador Gray Davis aún planea seguir construyendo Aproximadamente 200,000 de los reclusos que se encuentran en las cárceles del Estado Dorado son mexicanos y africanos.

"A pesar de que no logramos que nuestros hijos cumplieran su condena de una manera más llevadera en su reclusorio, estamos aquí para divulgar los abusos de Departamento de Correcciones. Mi hijo está amarillo, está perdiendo la vista y se ve muy delgado", afirmó Quetsa.

Uno de los objetivos del Comité es hacer un llamado a las familias que tienen hijos en las cárceles del estado para que reaccione

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nen, defiendan a su gente y no los dejen morir confinados en el olvido.

"Aun no puedo creer que mi hijo salió un día cualquiera con su novia en su auto. Fue asaltado y sus atacantes intentaron hacerle daño, entonces su novia reaccionó y la mataron al instante. Por supuesto, lo culparon del homicidio y ya lleva tres meses en prisión", comentó Gloria Romero, madre de un prisionero.

Después del ataque, según afirma Gloria, su hijo Gilberto logró escapar y escabullirse de sus asaltantes y se lanzó al río. Allí fue baleado, pero logró sobrevivir.

"Aunque mi hijo fue acusado injustamente le pagamos a un abogado más de 1,000 dólares para que lo defendiera, con la gran sorpresa, que éste ni se presentó en la Corte el día de la citación", afirmó Gloria.

Otro dramático caso que expu-

so uno de los manifestantes fue su reclusión en un sanatorio mental al ser acusado de golpear a un empleado que trabajaba en una agencia de autos.

"El señor parecía como drogado, sin embargo yo lo saludé y en instantes me estaba acusando de agresión física. Estuve recluido por 4 años y medio", dijo Ismael Vuittonel.

Desde que salió del centro hospitalario, Ismael no ha podido conseguir trabajo, además según afirma su madre, han incrementado sus nervios y su desconfianza.

"En el sanatorio me negaron hasta los calmantes. Cuando sufría de fuertes dolores de cabeza no tenía acceso a la medicina y lo peor, hasta el momento no he conseguido trabajo", expresó Ismael.

En la manifestación también la comunidad filipina se hizo presente. Kawal, consejero juvenil en la ciudad de Oakland, protesta por la

injusticia que existe cuando los menores son tratados como adultos en las penitenciarías y hasta son candidatos de la pena de muerte.

Sin embargo, el mediador de las relaciones entre los reos y las autoridades penitenciarias, el abogado Ken Hurdle, ha tenido la difícil labor de ser la fuente más poderosa de comunicación entre los prisioneros y autoridades carcelarias.

"La gran mayoría de las demandas y necesidades de los prisioneros se han venido negociando. En cuanto al estado de salud de ellos, en particular el de José Luis Aviña, se puede observar que su visión se encuentra un tanto deteriorada, como le ocurre a todos los seres humanos con el pasar de los años, pero en general su estado de salud es estable", expresó Hurdle.

Todas las semanas Hurdle revisa los expedientes de los prisioneros y verifica que ellos tengan acceso a los servicios médicos que

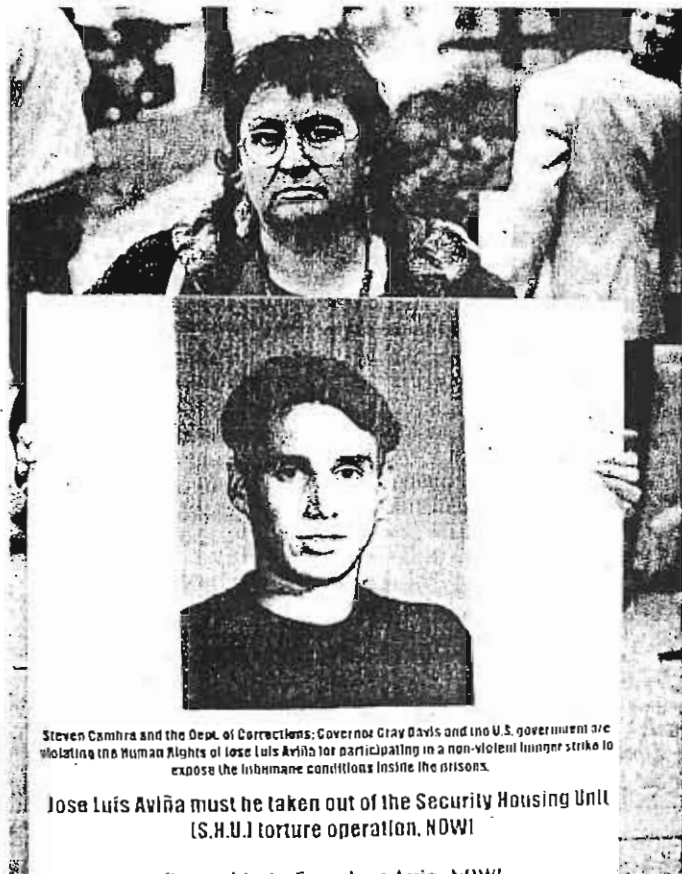
demanda la ley, su comida de una condición física estable.

Para José Galván los esfuerzos para que su hijo fuera trasladado de Pelican Bay a un centro traumático han sido infructuosos.

Entre las contadas cartas José recibe de su hijo Iván la siguiente: "Tengo buena salud gracias a Dios y trato de mantener espíritu saludable leyendo la Biblia. Hace poco me realizaron una cirugía de ADN donde utilizaron una aguja muy gruesa. Temprano mañana veo las noticias, hago ejercicio, leo y me alimento", escribió Iván a su padre.

Aunque Cambra decidió tener a los hispanos en las cárceles de máxima seguridad, el Comité para la Defensa del Barrio se defiende los derechos de los hispanos de la raza hispana y afirma que bien saben que aunque la justicia es una utopía, la ley de compensación si existe.

Protestan por Maltrato a Reos Hispanos



ARRIBA: Quetza Oseluasua, coordinadora del Comité de Defensa del Barrio, porta un cartel con la foto de su hijo José Luis Aviña, preso hispano.



ARRIBA: Dos manifestantes protestan por los presos hispanos que han sido castigados por haber organizado una huelga de hambre en diciembre de 1999.

Por Adriana Frederick
 SACRAMENTO - El Centro Correccional de Sacramento fue testigo de una protesta en la que familiares de los diferentes presos de las cárceles en California se quejaron del continuo maltrato, abuso

y quebrantamiento de sus derechos humanos.
 La manifestación fue organizada por el "Comité de Defensa del Barrio", en donde su coordinadora Quetza Oseluasua expuso el dra-
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ma que ha vivido desde que su hijo se encuentra en la prisión.

"Fue capturado por autoridades al actuar en defensa propia y matar a su atacante. Hoy está tras las rejas", expresó Quetza.

La organización se creó cuando el Estado pensaba darle la pena de muerte a José, hijo de Quetza, pero la organización intervino logrando la anulación de la orden y salvarle la vida al joven.

José Luis lleva en el reclusorio seis años y el Comité sigue su lucha de manera activa, incentivando a las familias de los presos a unirse con un fin común y defender los derechos de sus hijos. De esta forma y con el propósito de hacer pública su inconformidad, 68 presos de la cárcel de New Folsom realizaron una huelga de hambre pacífica por 45 días para protestar por las violaciones de sus derechos humanos.

"Les negaban el acceso al servicio médico, a la biblioteca legal, porque ellos tienen que defenderse solos. También las visitas fueron restringidas", expresó Quetza.

Después de esta huelga en diciembre de 1999 el gobernador

Davis dio la orden de enviar a 7 de los mexicanos que habían participado en la protesta a las prisiones de Pelican Bay y Corcoran, siendo estos centros de máxima seguridad y donde son llevados los presos más peligrosos de California.

"Estas prisiones son aparatos de tortura, mi hijo está allí sin atención médica, sin una alimentación balanceada, casi muriéndose de inanición", comentó Quetza.

La coordinadora afirma que la táctica que utilizan las autoridades carcelarias es decir que los nortños y surños son delincuentes y pandilleros peligrosos con el fin de encerrarlos, construyendo cada vez más prisiones y vigilando sus pasos muy de cerca.

En 1980 habían 18 prisiones en California, hoy son 70. Existen 200,000 presos en los reclusorios estatales de California donde la gran mayoría son mexicanos y africanos.

El Comité piensa reunirse con Steven Cambra, Director del Departamento de Correcciones de California para exponerles sus múltiples inquietudes y quejas.

Por otra parte Margot Shinnam-

mon, Oficial de Información del Departamento de Correcciones declaró que en ningún momento se están violando los derechos humanos, ni se infringe la ley.

Shinnamon aseguró que la comida de los reclusos es coordinada por un nutricionista que se encarga de realizar el menú. "Lo único que no les damos son frutas cítricas, pues por su carácter de acidez, sirven para preparar bebidas alcohólicas cuando se mezclan con otros componentes", declaró la oficial.

Asimismo dijo que cada preso tiene diariamente una hora para salir de su celda, caminar y ver el sol, aparte de tener como mínimo una ventana en su aposento.

"Durante la huelga de hambre los presos no ingirieron la comida que la cárcel les daba, pero si lo hicieron de la cantina de ésta correccional", dijo Shinnamon.

Adicionalmente existe un "Ombudsman", quien se encarga de ser el intermediario entre los reclusos y las autoridades con el fin de verificar la situación real de los presos.

El hijo de otro mexicano, Ivan

Galván, también se encuentra confinado a cadena perpetua.

"Después de que mi hijo participara de la huelga fue llevado a una celda de máxima seguridad totalmente aislado, donde casi ni le alimentan y hace un frío atroz", expresó Galván.

Aunque Galván no tiene contacto físico con su hijo, la única manera de verlo es a través de un cristal.

"El me habla del infierno que vive allí adentro y me escribe unas cartas muy dolorosas. Hace un año que no tiene ningún compañero de celda, se siente muy solo. Además la violencia psicológica es lo que más le ha afectado a mi hijo, pues lo hacen enojar, les niegan su correspondencia y los insultan con el fin de que él conteste a los oficiales y ellos tengan un motivo para masacrarlo", expresó Galván.

De esta manera Quetza y Galván tienen la esperanza de que Cambra tomará nota de sus peticiones y aunque sus hijos están condenados a cadena perpetua, no pierden la ilusión de que sus hijos puedan vivir su sentencia con algo de dignidad.

Cristobal Colon Simboliza Genocidio Contra la Raza!

A principios de Marzo 2001, la estatua de Cristobal Colon, en San Jose, fue golpeado por Jim Cosner, actuando solo. Jim Cosner es Mexicano, y le dieron 2 felonias. Ron Gonzalez, el Alcalde de San Jose, defendió la estatua de Colon, diciendo que la iba reparar y criminalizó a Jim Cosner por sus acciones.

La estatua de Colon simboliza la continua esclavitud de la Raza. Fue puesta en la alcaldía de San José para demostrar que los invasores europeos siguen colonizando a la Raza. Por 500 años la Raza ha estado esclavizada, cautivada y colonizada en nuestra propia tierra por los mismos invasores. Los invasores siguen torturando y exterminando a la Raza, solo que ahora usan metodos diferentes como golpizas y asesinatos de ejercitos de policias, la migra, guardias penales y otros agentes. Los invasores tambien usan caras cafes para mantener a la Raza colonizada y esclavizada.

Gente como Ron Gonzalez les dan puestos para seguir esclavizando a la Raza.

Gonzalez ha defendido el sistema europeo gringo y le ha dado el poder a los ejercitos de policias para capturar a la Raza para encarcelarla. Gonzalez ocupó a mas policias en San Jose (que solo andan en los barrios) y luego dijo que iba a construir mas casas (pero para los ricos). La estrategia es poner a gente de caras cafes en puestos para mantener a la Raza esclavizada, aterrorizada, confundida y desorganizada. Asi como guardias penales y policias de caras cafes que brutalizan y matan a la Raza, politicos, alcaldes y senadores de caras cafes que pasan leyes para atacar a la Raza.

Quien era Cristobal Colon? En 1492, cienos de millones de gente habitaban los continentes Mexica, que ellos le llamaban las "Americas". Los Mexica de Tenochtitlan, Tainos del Caribe, Incas de las altas montañas del Peru, y Iroquois construyeron sociedades colectivas y democráticas y abundaba la comida porque esta tierra es fertile y todo da. La abundancia permitió que la Raza se desarrollara cultural, espiritual y colectivamente. Tambien habia intercambio de recursos entre los pueblos Africanos, Asiaticos y otros.

Colon era uno de los muchos mercenarios mandado a buscar recursos naturales para revivir a Europa porque se moria de hambre, pobreza y enfermedades. El plan era de confiscar los recursos naturales de la India siendo no tener historia de comercializar pacificamente con otros pueblos. Los Europeos guerreaban, eran violentos y no sabian lo que era la democracia. La mayoría de ellos eran peones porque era una sociedad feudal. Reyes, reinas y amos eran los dueños de las tierras y la mayoría trabajaba la tierra para ellos. Porque Europa es una tierra elada y vacia no producía suficiente comida para la gente para vivir en paz.



Constantemente tenían guerra, robo, plaga y enfermedad. Era urgente que los amos y reyes buscaran recursos naturales.

Cuando Colon y su equipo de enfermos viajaban de Europa, no sabian a donde iban. Despues de varios meses se entropiecion con las isles caribeñas. Creyendo que estaban en la India, le llamaron a los habitantes "Indios". El equipo de Colon estaban infestados de enfermedades y mataron a la Raza con respirar. Tambien usaron sus espadas contra la Raza mochandonos las manos, piernas, pies exterminandonos por donde quiera. Capturaron algunos Tainos esclavizándolos llevándolos a Europa como trofeos junto con los recursos que se robaron. Esto fue el principio de una sociedad parásita de los europeos y el final de la libertad de la Raza. Mas invasores siguieron viniendo a estas tierras robando y exterminando pueblos enteros por todos los continentes Mexicas. Por mas de 500 años los continentes Mexicas han pasado por la muerte, destrucción y esclavitud. **Ya no podemos vivir de esta manera. Necesitamos que recuperar nuestras vidas, dignidad, tierras y auto-determinación para otra vez ser libres!**

**SI NOSOTROS, COMO PUEBLO, QUEREMOS GANAR NUESTRA LIBERTAD,
TENEMOS QUE ORGANIZARNOS!**

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Christopher Columbus Symbolizes Genocide Against la Raza!

In early March 2001, the Christopher Columbus statue in downtown San Jose was slashed by Jim Cosner, who was acting alone. Jim Cosner is Raza, is now facing 2 felony counts. Ron Gonzalez, the San Jose Mayor, came to the Columbus statue's rescue, stating he would have it repaired immediately and then criminalized Jim Cosner for his actions.

The Columbus statue symbolizes the continued enslavement of Raza. It is placed in the City Hall to show that a European white power government, whose birth began with the slaughter of Raza, is still in power. For 500 years la Raza continues to be enslaved, held captive and colonized in our own land by the same European invaders. The invaders continue to torture and exterminate la Raza, only they use different methods now, such as police killings, brutalities by police armies like the migra, probation, parole and prison guards. The invaders also use brown faces to keep la Raza colonized and enslaved.

Puppets like Ron Gonzalez have been placed in positions to continue enslaving la Raza. Gonzalez has defended the European white power system and has empowered police armies and agencies to capture Raza to imprison them. He hired more police in San Jose (which are only in the barrios) and then said would build "affordable housing" (for only the wealthy). The gringo strategy is to put brown faces in positions that will keep la Raza enslaved, terrified, confused and unorganized; such as Raza guards and police brutalizing and killing Raza; Raza politicians pushing laws that attack Raza; Raza mayors and senators pushing policies that attack Raza.

Who was Christopher Columbus? In 1492, hundred of millions of people inhabited the Mexica continents they call the "Americas". Mexica people in Tenochtitlan, Tainos in the Caribbean islands, Incas in the high mountains of Peru, and Iroquois built collective and democratic societies. The indigenous peoples (la Raza) had abundant food because this land is rich and fertile. This abundance allowed the Raza to develop culturally, spiritually and collectively. There was also peaceful trade with other peoples from Africa, Asia and the Polynesians.

Columbus was but one of many mercenary scouts sent to find raw materials to revive Europe, because it was dying, hungry and diseased. The plan was to confiscate raw materials from India, but the mercenaries did not know how to get to India and had no history of trading peacefully with other peoples. The Europeans were a warring, violent undemocratic people. Most of the Europeans lived as "serfs" because it was a feudalistic society. Kings and queen and Lords owned the land and the majority worked the land for them. Because Europe is a cold barren land, it did not produce enough for its people to eat and live in peace.



There was constant war, theft, plague and disease. So there was an urgency for the lords and queens to find raw materials.

When Columbus and his diseased crew sailed from Europe, they did not know where they were going. After many months they stumbled in the Caribbean Islands. Thinking it was India, they called the inhabitants "Indians". Columbus' crew carried infectious diseases and killed la Raza just by breathing. They also used their swords against us, chopping our hands, feet, and legs off exterminating la Raza everywhere. Some Tainos were held captive, enslaved and taken to Europe as human trophies, along with the raw material discovered. This was the beginning of a new parasitic society for the European peoples and the end of freedom for Raza. More European invaders continued coming to this land plundering and exterminating entire peoples throughout the Mexica continents. For the past 500 years the Mexica continents have experienced death, destruction and enslavement. **We cannot live this way any longer. It is necessary to win our lives, dignity, land, and self-government back if we want to be free!**

IF WE, AS A PEOPLE, WANT TO WIN OUR COMPLETE FREEDOM, THEN WE MUST ORGANIZE OURSELVES!

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