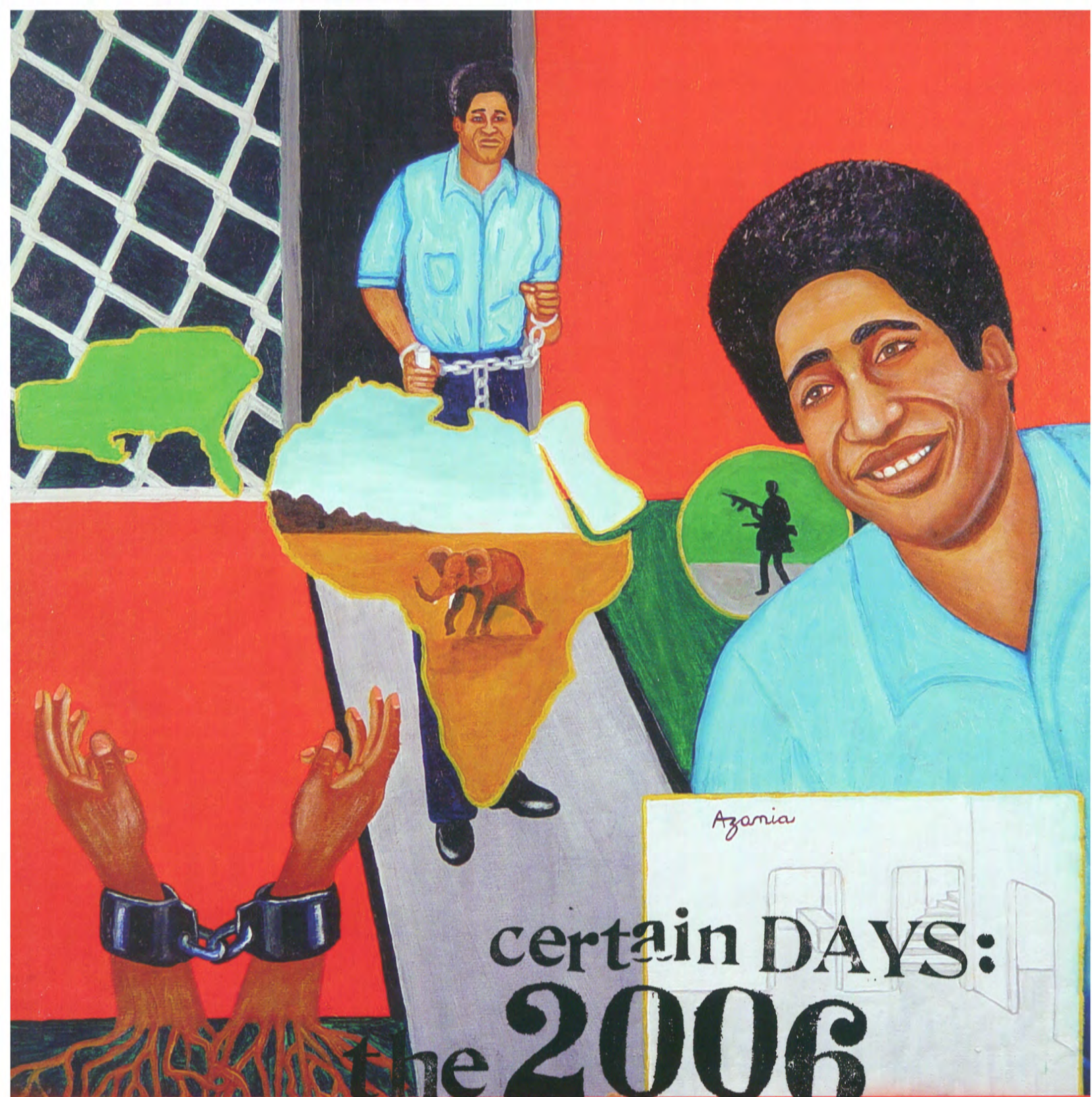




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Calendar

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the calendar: The calendar is a joint fundraising and educational project between outside organisers in Montreal and NYC, and 3 Political Prisoners being held in maximum-security prisons in New York state. The initial project was suggested by Political Prisoner Herman Bell, and has been shaped throughout the process by all of our ideas, discussions, and analysis. The outside collectives compile, edit and produce the calendar; and throughout the process, we seek the input and guidance of the 3 Political Prisoners: Robert Seth Hayes, Herman Bell, and David Gilbert. All of the members of the outside collectives are involved in day-to-day organising work other than the calendar, on issues ranging from Palestinian solidarity to gender-based violence to prisoner justice. We work from an anti-imperialist, anti-racist, anti-capitalist, feminist, queer and trans positive position. For more about the prisoners' history and current political organising, please refer to their bios, on this page.

the context: Today's anti-war, anti-globalisation, and anti-colonial movements are rooted in the history of earlier struggles for justice, including the mass movements of the 60s and 70s. Many of the Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War featured in this calendar were organisers during that period: members of the Black Panther Party, or the American Indian Movement; Puerto Ricans fighting for their homeland, or white anti-racist allies working in solidarity with oppressed peoples. Many of the Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War featured in this calendar have been in prison SINCE THAT TIME – 30 years or more. Yet these prisoners are not relics of past movements, they are still active in their political work, and despite the hardships of organising in prison, they continue to organise for justice in the present day; justice behind bars and justice on the streets. This calendar is our tribute to them.

Free all Political Prisoners!

Free all Prisoners of War!

Herman



David



Seth



Herman Bell is a Black Liberation Army (BLA) Political Prisoner. He joined the Black Panther Party and was involved with political community work until 1971, when he went underground because of relentless FBI and police attacks on the Party. Herman was captured in 1973 and railroaded, along with two co-defendants Albert Nuh Washington and Jalil Muntaqim, to prison on charges of killing two cops. There is little evidence connecting Herman to the death of the two cops but much evidence pointing to the fact that Herman was targeted for his acts on behalf of Black liberation. He is serving a life sentence and is being held at Eastern, a maximum security prison in Napanoch, New York. He is a core group member of the Victory Gardens Project, which is a collaboration between inner city and rural community groups in the Northeastern U.S. to promote community self-determination using food production as an organising tool. His first bid at parole was denied in February of 2004. He will appear again before the board in 2006.



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Robert Seth Hayes was arrested in 1973, after police opened fire on his apartment while he was home with his wife and children. This occurred as a product of the U.S. government's COINTELPRO, in a climate dominated by portrayals of Black militants as murderers and cop-killers. Seth, a former member of the Black Panther Party, was convicted for the death of a NYC transit cop and for the attempted murder of the cops who stormed his apartment. He received a sentence of 25 years to life, and is being held at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, NY. In 1999, Seth was diagnosed with diabetes, and has been struggling with prison administrations to get decent health-care for his disease. Despite an excellent prison record, Seth's fourth bid for parole was denied in July 2004.

David Gilbert is a longtime anti-imperialist. He became active around the civil rights movement in 1960, and later organised against the Vietnam War. He spent 10 years as part of an underground resistance to imperialism, working as an anti-racist ally of the Black Liberation Army. In 1981, David and others were captured in connection with an attempted expropriation (theft for political reasons) of a Brink's truck in Nyack, NY. David was sentenced to 75 years to life and is currently being held at Clinton, a maximum security prison in upstate New York. David became active as an advocate and educator around AIDS in prison after his codefendant Kuwasi Balagoon died suddenly, while in custody, of AIDS in 1986. A skilled and prolific writer, he has recently published his first book - "No Surrender"; writings from an anti-imperialist political prisoner. It can be ordered from Abraham Guillen Press, C.P. 48164, Montreal, QC, H2V 4S8, Canada or by email at abrahamguillenpress@yahoo.com.

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The New York State Task Force on Political Prisoners

is an ad hoc group of former Political Prisoners, attorneys, and activists dedicated to winning the release of Political Prisoners in New York prisons. All but one of these seven prisoners are past members of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army and have spent about 30 years in prison. The Task Force includes representatives of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, New Afrikan Liberation Front, Jericho Movement and Resistance in Brooklyn. Please send donations or correspondence to: NY State Task Force on Political Prisoners, c/o Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, 1195 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY, 11216, USA (all cheques should be made to Malcolm X Grassroots Movement with NYSTFPP in the subject line).

ALL OF US OR NONE

is a (U.S.)national organizing initiative of prisoners, former prisoners and felons, to combat the many forms of discrimination that we face as the result of felony convictions. After serving time in torturous conditions, we were met at the gate with prejudice and discrimination that made our re-entry into society difficult and in some cases impossible. Many of us recognize that our prison sentence never ends as long as the discrimination against us continues. All of Us or None will also strengthen the voices of people currently incarcerated so they can speak about the horrendous conditions that we face while we are in custody of juveniles jails, INS detention centers, and prisons. For more info check out the website: www.allofusornone.org or email info@allofusornone.org



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MIDWINTER HARVEST FOOD PROGRAM

check out the february write-up page for more information about this organization.

NO ONE IS ILLEGAL-MONTREAL

The No One Is Illegal campaign of Montreal is part of a worldwide movement of resistance, struggling collectively for the self-determination of migrants, refugees and indigenous peoples. We are in active confrontation with a colonial system built on the dispossession and genocide of indigenous peoples, as well as racist anti-immigrant laws. We maintain that there are no illegal human beings, only inhumane laws and illegal states. We recognize that struggles for self-determination, and for the free movement of people against colonial exploitation, are led by the communities who fight on the frontlines. The No One Is Illegal campaign lends tangible support to these struggles in our capacity as allies. In doing so, we seek to contribute to building a global movement for justice and dignity, while building links between communities of resistance locally and worldwide.

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intro- ductions

Welcome to the fifth year of the Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar, *Certain Days*. With the focus of our content on inspiring work being done at home and abroad, we think of radical change and better days as *certain days* to come. There have been a few changes to the calendar this year, from our new title, to our new design (we've gone upright!), to a bigger print run (2,500 copies instead of 2,000). On the suggestion of Political Prisoner David Gilbert, we have a theme for this year's calendar – summed up, the theme is "Internationalism". Though not all of the submissions we received were on this topic, many of them were, and these were the ones that we prioritized for printing. (Thank you to everyone who submitted writing!) Pieces by David and by Sundiata Acoli, printed on this page, serve as a more thorough introduction to the theme. As with the past few years, the month artwork has a corresponding piece of writing in the calendar. Be sure to check out the writing, author and artist bios and facts in the front and back of the calendar! Last, a reminder to buy copies of the for all of your friends. The more copies sold, the more money goes to support fabulous groups doing direct prisoner support or anti-imperialist work. With the revenues from the 2005 calendar, we were able to donate \$5700 to groups doing this work, but we'd like to be able to give a lot more this year. We hope you enjoy this year's edition!

**in solidarity,
the calendar crews**

Southern Breezes

You out there know the situation better than I do, but it feels like the very promising new radical movement that emerged after 1999 has suffered some recent setbacks. First, instead of the needed synergy between anti-globalization and antiwar (after all, brutal invasions and deadly structural adjustment programs are two edges of the same imperial sword) the first got absorbed into the second. Then, following the strong demonstrations of August, 2004, all too much of the antiwar energy and focus went into the presidential election (even though a strong, independent antiwar movement was needed regardless of who won).

It is very upsetting (even if Bush's "majority" may have come from voter suppression and possible fraud) to see tens of millions in the U.S. vote for a man so clearly exposed for telling crass lies to justify a bloody invasion. But upsetting is one thing, demoralization is another.

Please remember that the vast majority of people in the world see Bush for who he is. One way to reenergize our efforts is to feel a stronger connection with the global South. Long before Seattle, people were out in the streets and countrysides to stop the ravages of neoliberalism in places like Chiapas, India, Nigeria, Venezuela and Bolivia. Those struggles have been more massive, militant, and sustained than our efforts here so far. We can break out of our sense of isolation by learning about and building solidarity with them. We can show concretely that there is a living, humane alternative to an endless "war on terrorism" in the fight for global justice. At the same time, we can

challenge the unconscious racism that is so corrosive even within progressive movements here by recognizing and learning from people of color both globally and within the U.S.

A better world is possible.

David Gilbert
5/9/05 (John Brown's 205th birthday)

On Creating Global-Local Synergy in Struggle

For, although the [people] of Wu and Yueh mutually hate one another, if together in a boat tossed by the wind they would cooperate as the right hand does with the left.

-Sun Tzu

Obviously Sun Tzu is speaking to cooperation between hostile forces but his maxim gets to the core of the matter. It shows that the key to creating cooperation, or synergy, in struggle is to place the different people, or forces, together in confrontation with a common enemy. And it follows that the main principle for creating Global-local synergy revolves around placing friendly people or forces, from outside and inside the country, together in confronting the enemy.

It presupposes that they have a common enemy, that the enemy of my friend is my enemy or vice versa, and that levels of struggle vary from country to country. The higher the level of struggle in a country, presumably the greater the degree of synergy, or cooperation, between the different forces confronting a common foe.

Building cooperation or alliances between different progressive, or friendly, forces usually hinge on whether one or each side is willing and able to provide a needed or wanted service to the other. Also latest trends seem to imply that the higher the level of struggle against imperialist forces in a country the more sympathetic outside people tend

to become involved either by entering the besieged country as individuals or groups to participate directly or by providing material support from afar.

Class oppression, racial, creed and sexual oppression are universal problems. They exist throughout the world in every country and within each some are oppressed more than others.

Almost all oppressed people understand their local struggle best and what they need to succeed; particularly those who are most oppressed. Often their understanding conflicts with what outside forces feel needs to be done, how it's done and even who should determine what's to be done. And therein lies the problem, especially when the outside forces are rich in resources and the most oppressed are poorer and in need.

The creation of synergy between the two is basically a matter of conforming to the needs of the host and those most oppressed; and I suspect the same principle holds true as well whether one is concerned with creating synergy in either the Global or Local arena, or both.

Sundiata Acoli
USP Allenwood
White Deer, PA June 1, 2005



Political Prisoners:

A Political Prisoner (P.P.) is someone who is held in confinement for actions, support of, or membership in a group struggling for freedom from oppression, an oppressive government, oppressive governmental policies, or exploitation of peoples, animals and the Earth. P.P.'s were politically conscious and active in liberation movements prior to their imprisonment. Some examples of P.P.'s held by the United States include Virgin Islands Political Prisoner Hanif Shabazz Bey, Black Political Prisoner Veronza Bowers, and North American anti-imperialist prisoner Marilyn Buck.

Prisoners Who Have Become Political While in Prison:

Many prisoners - such as Ruchell Cinque Magee, George Jackson, and Alfred Woodfox and Herman "Hooks" Wallace of the Angola Three - were not initially imprisoned for their political actions but became politically conscious and active while in prison. These prisoners deserve recognition for their contributions to movements inside and outside the prison walls. The political activity of these politicised prisoners is accompanied by harsh state repression.

Prisoner of War:

A Prisoner of War (P.O.W.) is a national combatant who is held in confinement for acts in support of people struggling for freedom, self-determination or independence from an oppressive, colonial or racist governmental regime or its policies. Jalil Muntaqim, Sundiata Acoli, and Antonio Camacho Negrón are three examples of P.O.W.s currently held in the U.S. prison system.

INS Detention Centers:

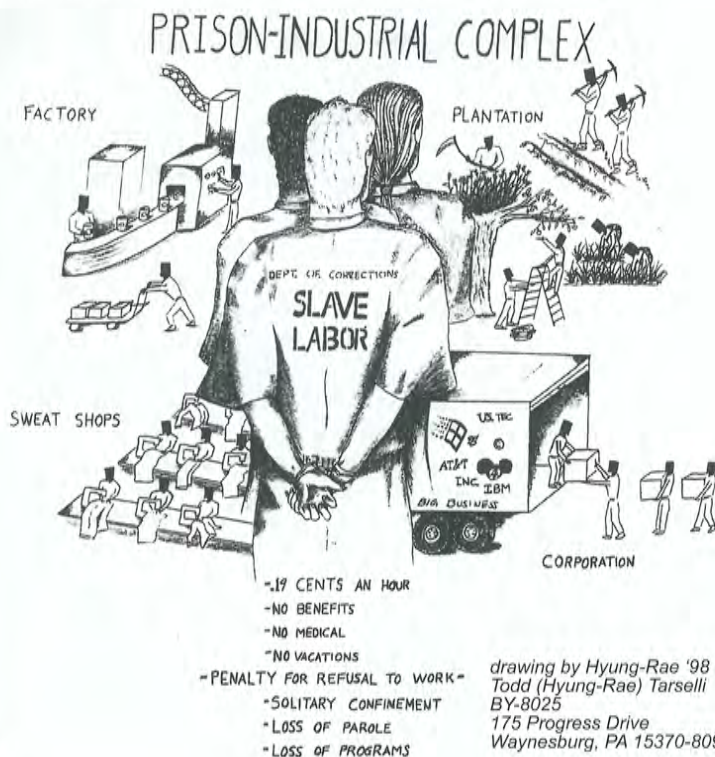
in the U.S. and Immigration Prevention Centers in Canada imprison racially profiled immigrants, refugees, and Canadian and U.S. citizens to varying degrees depending on the current social, political and economic situation. From the imprisonment of citizens of Japanese origin in both the U.S. and Canada during WWII to the current systemic targeting and imprisonment of Arabs, Muslims and people of South Asian descent, imprisonment targets people who are deemed "undesirable" or politically threatening to the current social order. "Anti-terrorist," Islamophobic, and anti-immigrant State propaganda is being used to garner public support to justify the wars at home and abroad on Indigenous Peoples, immigrants, refugees, people of colour, workers, poor people and social movements. In America's ongoing interventions in Iraq, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Colombia, etc.

Political Imprisonment:

We believe that all forms of imprisonment are political. The so-called "justice" system and its prisons are used as weapons of social control of the state. In Canada and the United States, people are targeted by the police and sent to prison in the context of capitalism, white privilege and patriarchy. Native people, people of colour, youth, poor people, and poor women are disproportionately represented in prison.

Women in Prison:

There are well over 100,000 women in prison in the US today. The majority are in prison for economic crimes. The most typical convictions resulting in imprisonment for women are property crimes, such as check forgery and illegal credit card use. Of the women convicted of violent crimes, the vast majority were convicted for defending themselves or their children from abuse. In California alone there are 600 women in prison for killing their abusers in self-defense. Average prison terms are twice as long for killing husbands as for killing wives. 54% of women in prison are women of colour, and women of colour are the fastest growing population in U.S. prisons today.



BRAZIL'S LANDLESS WORKERS MOVEMENT

www.mstbrazil.org

Brazil's Landless Workers Movement is one of the the largest social movement in Latin America with an estimated 1.5 million landless members organized in 23 out 27 states. The MST carries out long-overdue land reform in a country mired by unjust land distribution. In Brazil, less than 3% of the population owns two-thirds of the land on which crops could be grown. Since 1985, the MST has peacefully occupied unused land where they have established cooperative farms, constructed houses, schools for children and adults and clinics, promoted indigenous cultures and a healthy and sustainable environment and gender equality. The MST has won land titles for more than 250,000 families in 1,600 settlements as a result of MST actions, and 200,000 encamped families currently await government recognition. The MST's success lies in its ability to organize and educate. Members have not only managed to secure land, therefore food security for their families, but also continue to develop a sustainable socio-economic model that offers a concrete alternative to today's globalization that puts profits before people and humanity.

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BOLIVIA'S WATER WAR

In 1999, following World Bank advice, the government of Bolivia granted a 40 year privatization lease to a subsidiary of the Bechtel Corporation, giving it control over the water on which more than half a million people survive. Immediately the company doubled and tripled water rates for some of South America's poorest families. Following massive protests against the privatisation of the nations water supply, the Bolivian government had declared martial law. The good news to emerge from this skirmish in South America's poorest nation (and one of the worlds most poverty-stricken) is that the people of Bolivia won their battle through the power of nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience.

AGAINST DAMS IN INDIA- SAVE THE NARMADA MOVEMENT

www.narmada.org

The Indian government plans to build 30 large, 135 medium and 3000 small dams to harness the waters of the Narmada and its tributaries in the Narmada Valley and Gujarat. The proponents of the dam claim that this plan would provide large amounts of water and electricity which are desperately required for the purposes of development. Opponents of the dam question the basic assumptions of the Narmada Valley Development Plan and believe that its planning is unjust and inequitous and the cost-benefit analysis is grossly inflated in favour of building the dams. The Narmada Bachao Andolan (Save the Narmada Movement) argues that the government exaggerates the benefits and underestimates the costs, this nonviolent people's movement since the mid-1980s has focused attention on the human suffering and environmental damage that comes with "big dams." These dams flood vast areas and displace hundreds of thousands, mostly peasants and adivasi (tribal) people, while promises of relocation and resources usually prove to be illusory. Just one of the dams, Sardar Sarovar, could uproot as many as a half-million people.

FARMERS UPRISING IN SAN SALVADOR ATENCO, MEXICO

After successfully facing down a federal eviction order which would have eliminated the town to make way for a hugely oversized international airport and tourist village, the residents of the town of Atenco declared their municipality an autonomous zone. In other words, the residents of Atenco have asserted their right to control local affairs in the arena of health care, education, resource management, and above all, in the execution of democratic processes. With the exception of the town of Tepoztlan in Morelos, Atenco is attempting to become the only autonomous municipality in Mexico outside of the Zapatista zones of the state of Chiapas.

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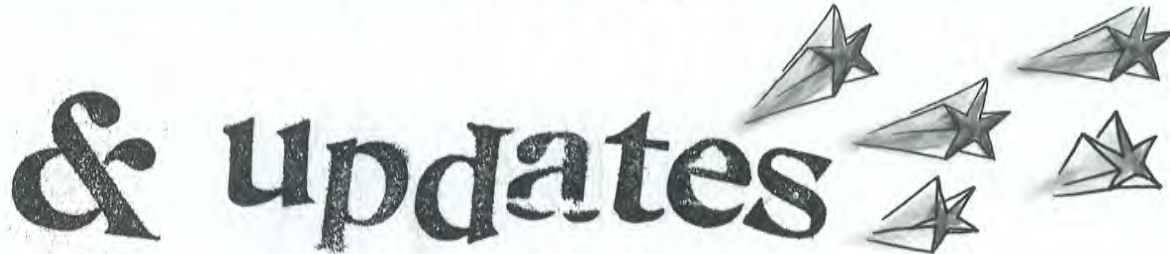
I spent 4 weeks in the Philippines, hosted by the progressive peoples' movement. I was immersed in the struggle of several sectors of society; one week with the women's federation Gabriela, one week with the labor federation Kilusang Mayo Uno (May First Movement) KMU, and two weeks with Migrant who organizes the 10% of the Filipino population that is forced to work overseas. These organizations and hundreds more organize for the issues of their specific members, and they all work together under the BAYAN flag. BAYAN (Bagong Alyansang Makabayan) or New Patriotic Alliance is an alliance of the progressive movement of the Philippines committed to establishing a new democratic society based on economic and social justice. This organized opposition has enabled the people of the Philippines to oust two corrupt Presidents, force the U.S. bases out of the country and put up real opposition to the anti-poor and anti-worker policies of the World Bank and the IMF. As a Filipina-American, such a strong, organized, vibrant progressive movement is a priceless inheritance. This is a movement of veterans, women and men in their 70's and 80's who have been in the struggle their whole lives and continue to march in the streets. I imagine what it would be like to grow up there with activist grandmothers and grandfathers to raise me up, nurture my activism, and pass on their wisdom. Every year, NISPOP organizes a "Reality Tour" like the one described above where participants stay in communities that are actively organizing. See www.nispop.org. written by Terri Nilliasca

GUATEMALA ANTI-CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

www.cnoc.org.gt, www.stopcafta.org

¡¡Con o Sin el TLC la Lucha Indígena y Campesina Sigue!!

On March 14, 2005, Guatemala's "Movimiento Indígena Campesino, Sindical y Popular" (MICSP) organized a national strike to protest the Central American Free Trade Agreement, which had just been ratified by the Guatemalan congress despite widespread opposition. CAFTA (or TLC in Spanish) is expected to: Destroy small farms and damage Central America's agricultural self-sustainability by flooding markets with imports of cheap, highly-subsidized US beans and yellow corn; Accelerate the privatization of essential public services, making those resources and services unaffordable; Cripple the ability to enforce national health, safety, environmental and labor protections; And increase the price of essential medicines by forcing recognition of US pharmaceutical companies' patent rights. The Guatemalan government responded to widespread organized resistance against CAFTA with violence and repression, and On March 15, 2005, the army shot and killed demonstrator and campesino leader Juan López Velásquez in Huehuetanango in an attempt to clear a street blockade. The Coordinadora Nacional de Organizaciones Campesinas, a MICSP member organization that fights against free trade, privatization and exploitative mining companies, has published a complete plan for sustainable rural development and food production as well as agrarian and labor law reform in Guatemala.



Secwepemc defenders update

On Friday, July 15, 2005, Mayuk (Niki Manuel) was released from the Alouette Correctional Centre for Women where she was imprisoned for defending her Aboriginal Rights to Secwepemc territories against the corporate mega-development project of Sun Peaks Resort.

Mayuk, a Secwepemc mother of two and member of the Secwepemc Youth Movement, served 30 days of a 45 day sentence for standing up for her Aboriginal Rights during a road block at the Sun Peaks Resort near Kamloops, BC in August, 2004. Roseann Jack, Trevor Dennis, Mark Sauls and Rod Anderson also served 45 days for participating in the Road Block to Sun Peaks Resort but are consecutively serving an additional 45 days for stopping an excavator Sun Peaks Resort.

Mohamed Cherfi update

After more than one year and a half...

Mohamed has been released!

24th July 2005

Mohamed's was made possible when the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals granted him political refugee status in June, 2005, a status which has yet to be granted him by the Quebec and Canadian authorities. For more info: www.mohamedcherfi.org

basque prisoners update

Basque political prisoners Eduardo and Gorka extradited. Despite the efforts of a committed support committee in Montreal, Eduardo Plagaro Perez and Gorka Perea Salazar were extradited to Spain in June 2005, where they risk torture. Canada's Supreme Court is implicated in this violation of international human rights law--despite the fact that this government claims not to deport people to torture. From Montreal ABCF



CUBAN 5 update

In August, 2005, it was announced that a federal court overturned a verdict from 2001 against five Cuban patriots arrested by the U.S. for monitoring far-right terrorists in Miami. Members of some of these far-right groups were responsible for terrorist bombings and the downing of a Cuban airliner that killed 73 people in 1976.

Instead of doing something about this U.S.-borne terrorism, the U.S. arrested the five. With no evidence for the charges, they received severe and unprecedented sentences, including one double-life sentence. However, great pressure by activists and lawyers in solidarity with the five and a recent UN human rights organization's condemnation of the handling of the case made this Miami verdict too embarrassing for the U.S. and the federal court was forced to throw it out.

Now, the struggle to free Gerardo Hernandez, Antonio Guerrero, Ramon Labanino, Rene Gonzalez and Fernando Gonzalez remains. In addition, they must also be allowed long-overdue visits from their families.

For more info see: www.freethethefive.org.

Zolo Agona Azania Update: Death Penalty Wrangle

On May 1, 2005, Judge Steve David granted Zolo's motion to bar the State of Indiana from seeking the death penalty for the third time. This is a wonderful victory for Zolo, his legal team, his supporters, and all those who oppose the death penalty!!

The Court found that the more than 24 year delay between the offense and the scheduled sentencing hearing in January, 2006, "has significantly compromised Defendant's Constitutional protections and as a result prejudice will result in allowing the State to proceed with the death Penalty after so much time has elapsed."

The Court went on to state that "fundamental principles of fairness, due process, and speedy justice warrant this court prohibiting the State to seek the death penalty against this Defendant in this case under these circumstances." Although the State has the right to appeal and probably will, we must now urge the State not to appeal this historic and unprecedented ruling.

Contact Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter and urge him not to appeal. Phone 219-755-3720 or fax 219-755-3642

Zolo's artwork can be seen in the "September" month, and a more detailed biography appears in the corresponding writing section.

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january

"Thank You Cuba"

In the spring of 2005, Fidel Castro made a speech, proclaiming Cuba's trajectory towards the future: Cuba would never again grow sugar cane for export. The Cuban people, announced Fidel, are done with the virtual slave labor that comes with a one-crop plantation economy. Cuban land will no longer be held for ransom, against the national will.

Notice that this announcement occurred 46 years after Cuba's revolution, and despite the U.S. blockade. Forty-six years is a long time: at least two generations of Cubans had to wait for their country to escape its World Trade bankers and imperialist pimps. We, in the imperial United States, with our culture of instant gratification, need to look at Cuba and consider the nature and time span of protracted struggle. We need to understand these regenerative processes.

Reconstruction is no simple task, especially when a nation's every footstep is dogged by capitalism's con men -- from the CIA to military mercenaries. Colonialism and neocolonialism leave their former captives wracked with the cancer of the plantation economy, the ravages of mental illness and human degradation (well documented by Franz Fanon) -- as well as amputations of national culture and natural development. The task to become free is a monumental one; success should be celebrated and marked by all who advocate socialism, the right to self-determination and human liberation. Cuba kept its eye on the prize, without getting corrupted with promises. The Cuban people have endured invasions, lack of commodities, and attempts at subordination.

Yet Cuba has been gracious to its

friends: solidarity workers and fellow anti-colonialists and socialists. Cuba has also acted in solidarity with other former colonies. She provides education, doctors, technicians, and courage to stand up against those who have sold their countries into the bondage of neo-liberalism and CIA-supported military dictatorships.

In 1985, when Fidel called for repudiation of the foreign debt, he created a spark. This spark smoldered for 20 years, and has now begun to spread into a forest fire, as South America democratically throws off the chain of neo-colonialism and neo-liberalism. Ecuadorian and Bolivian workers, campesinos and indigenas, are on the march. There is no collective amnesia for the dispossessed and hungry. Amnesia exists only for the aggressors and the usurpers. Presidents are being driven out for procuring oil and gas bargains for imperialist pawnbrokers, transnationals, and their national bodyguards.

Venezuela is beginning to thrive through the democratic will of the masses of people, after defeating the "vendepatrias" and their privileged class followers. Uruguay and Chile are recovering and have begun to vindicate the torture and assassinations of their companeros by the U.S. masterminded Operation Condor. And Brazil. And Argentina.

More than 75% of South Americans now live in democratically-elected states; the U.S. is no longer able to corrupt the electoral process with dollars and bullets. Other Latin American peoples are gaining strength. Mexico is stirring. And Cuba flourishes more, as Latin American nations open to possibility and economic and social development.

Perhaps we citizens of the world are

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seeing the crossroads appear before us. Perhaps this is not a mirage or a trap, where international bandits lie in ambush in all directions. Yes, the rapacious U.S. military-financial inquisition still feeds on the blood and oil of Iraq and Afghanistan in hysterical and deadly wantonness; U.S.-sponsored vice lords and minions slash the throats of democratic partisans in Haiti. But human will is rising. May it spread to those countries that remain in servitude to the neoliberal underlords and robber satraps.

Let us sing canticles for Cuba. Canticles for the living. Songs for the survival of this nation of former African slave plantations, which also ensnared Chinese and other peoples in cruel servitude. Cuba has dared to move forward. Let us defend her and her sister nations who expand the possibilities of human liberation and social justice, millimeter by millimeter.

America, presente! Your sisters, brothers and children have survived and strive to create the new world we have been waiting for! When all is said and done, Cuba has prevailed against the greatest, most seductive murder machine on the globe.

Thank you Cuba.



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This is a poetry CD created across razor wire through prison bars and over censored telephone lines. It is a gathering of 27 poets/activists celebrating the work of Marilyn Buck who has spent more than 20 years in US prisons for her anti-imperialist politics and actions.

author

Marilyn Buck



Marilyn Buck is a northamerican anti-imperialist Political Prisoner who was targeted by COINTEL-PRO particularly for her support of the Black Liberation Movement. She began doing anti-imperialist work in the 60s, supporting struggles for national liberation and social/economic justice worldwide. She was found guilty of participating in the escape of Assata Shakur among other things and sentenced to a total of 80 years in prison.



artist

Zolo Agona Azania

see october write up page for his complete bio

february

The Midwinter Harvest Food Program

In 2001, the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority put out an emergency request for food for 2,100 people – including 1,900 children – who they said would face imminent peril without intervention. Midwinter Harvest emerged in response to this ongoing crisis. Using food, and the traditional practices around its harvesting and provision as a focal point, Midwinter Harvest extends its influence into the wider social, political and economic needs of First Nations communities. As a grassroots initiative, we have demonstrated a capability of encouraging a sense of pride and purpose in our young people in communities across the province. We believe that hope, pride and the ability to exert control over one's life are the cornerstones from which health and balance can be restored to lives choked in grief and chaos. We are cognizant of the experiences of communities like Kahnawake who saw a marked turn around in suicide rates, depression and apathy immediately following the closure of the Mercier Bridge and battle with police in 1990. We operate under the same principle in Tyendinaga and resist outside intervention and incursion by Government, police and military on a daily basis. Ultimately we strive for sovereignty and self-government, however we understand that First Nations self-government is spoken of so often in abstract terms that it has lost much of its meaning. We understand it to mean both self-sustainability and self-determination on the social, economic and political issues that affect us as a people.

On Tyendinaga, we have worked consciously for the cultural, social and political development of our people for the last 15 years. Midwinter Harvest is a part of that initiative that is ongoing. Our food stores have been drawn on to supply a weekly meal program, to fill family freezers, for community gatherings, ceremonial purposes and school functions on Tyendinaga, and elsewhere across the province. Our people take pride in our ability to reach out and assist other communities in need. However, we make it a point to expand our operations beyond those of a strictly charitable model. We are ever cognizant of the fact that regardless of how we may be able to increase our harvesting and distribution capabilities, the existing crisis is simply too large for us to handle. Nor do we believe such an approach is sustainable, or even helpful in the long run. It is from personal experience that we know fundamental and far-reaching positive change will not come from any charitable source, from Government grants or programs, nor will it come from any other outside body.

There is an unfortunate tendency on the left to view the provision of food strictly in charitable terms. We recognize food as fundamental to the building of strong and powerful resistance movements and understand that the way in which it is provided can itself be a political act. The fish and meat that we are able to make available is due to the uncompromising assertion of hunting and fishing rights throughout Mohawk Territory, irregardless of reserve boundaries, non-native hostility, Canadian government and Quebec Ministries intent on curtailing and obstructing us at any opportunity. Whether in practice that means the animals are harvested in the field of a farmer known for prejudice and intolerance or in a provincial park, they are acts that animate and strengthen Mohawk Nationalism specifically and the ongoing struggles for sovereignty and liberation among First Nations people generally.

Many of the resistance movements, past or present, that have been able, with any degree of success to have impact on the systems that oppress them, understand the vital importance of

developing components within their organizing that can deal with the daily hardship that is the result of poverty and injustice. Providing good food serves not only as a means of alleviating some of that burden, but it also provides tangible evidence that the organization does more than just talk. It diminishes the legitimacy of governments that have long since abdicated any real responsibility for feeding, clothing and housing vast segments of the population, and offers a greater credibility to those who would confront them. Midwinter Harvest will no longer allow the Government to starve out our people or use hunger as a means of oppression. With ready supplies of food that can help sustain families engaged in conflict, food will no longer used as a weapon against us.

for more info see the complete article at :
www.ocap.ca/1stnations/midwinterharvest



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Sue Collis and the Midwinter Harvest Food Program

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march

Editorial: Repression of Sex Workers in Montreal

This article was originally published as the editorial for the "Prison Issue" (Winter 2005) of *Constellation*, a magazine published by Stella, an organization created and run by and for sex workers, located in Montreal

Partout sur la planète, la répression contre les travailleuses du sexe est à la hausse et fait des ravages. À Montréal, alors qu'en 2001 on comptait 38 arrestations pour sollicitation sur le territoire de la ville, en 2004 il y a eu 715 pour les neufs premiers mois de l'année seulement! Un record! Que ce soit au nom de la gentrification des quartiers, de la lutte anti-traffic, de la dite réhabilitation, les travailleuses de sexe, celles qui travaillent sur la rue surtout, sont toujours celles qui paient le plus cher le prix de la répression. Les tactiques des policiers ont changé. L'impact de la criminalisation, les conséquences néfastes elles, demeurent. Nos vies sont souvent dévastées par ces entrées et sorties constantes d'en d'dans. Par les quadrilatères aussi, la 'nouvelle punition pour les putes de rue'. On nous restreint le droit de circuler, nous coupant ainsi, l'accès aux services essentiels comme les services de santé, de soutien, de garderie, etc. Il y a aussi bien sûr la perte de nos revenus, parfois celle de notre logement. Sans parler de retrait de la garde de nos enfants. On nous renvoie dans nos pays d'origine ou on nous force à aller dans des centres sous prétexte de nous sauver. Et quand, comme c'est le cas de Chayna que vous pourrez lire dans ces pages, on cherche un refuge, on vient nous chercher pour dénoncer Untel, sans compassion, sans délicatesse, au prix de notre sécurité.

Les prisons sont pleines. Et, 'qu'esse ça donne?' Le nombre de femmes incarcérées du VIH est de 8.8% comparativement à 2.3% chez les hommes! Au Canada en 2001, 42.4% des femmes incarcérées au fédéral vivaient avec l'hépatite C! Et c'est encore pire pour les femmes autochtones.

Pourtant, nous ne sommes pas moins nombreuses à faire du travail du sexe.. On a besoin d'argent, d'explorer, de s'éclater, de vivre! Mais quand on travaille sur la rue, on a doublement peur : des fous furieux et de la police. Alors qu'elle est censée nous protéger, la police nous harcèle et nous fout en taule! Y a vraiment quelque chose qui cloche. Non seulement nous sommes 20 fois plus victimes d'agressions que d'autres femmes, nous sommes aussi la cible de l'acharnement des policiers! Et ensuite, qui? Les danseuses migrantes, celles qui travaillent dans des salons de massage, les escortes, le web? Ça va faire!

Ailleurs dans le monde, les travailleuses du sexe sont également l'objet de répression accrue. Et partout, nous réclamons le respect de nos droits fondamentaux et nous luttons pour la décriminalisation.

TRANSLATION (by Helen Hudson):

Repression against sex workers is on the rise across the world and is having devastating effects. In the city of Montreal the number of sex work-related arrests totaled 38 in 2001, yet by 2004 there had been 715 in the first nine months of the year alone – a record!

Whether due to gentrification; the campaign against 'trafficking' or so-called rehabilitation; sex workers, especially those who work on the streets, pay the highest price of repression. The police tactics have changed, but the criminalization with its disastrous consequences, remains. Our lives are often destroyed by frequently going in and out of jail. 'Quadrilateres' [ed: A 'Quadrilatere' is a condition imposed on sex workers restricting us from circulating in a named neighborhood or city zone] are being used frequently as a new punishment for street prostitutes. Our ability to circulate while working on the street is restricted, and our access to essential services is cut off – such as health care, support, childcare, etc. There is also the loss of revenue, often resulting in the loss of our homes. Not to mention losing custody of our children. We are deported to our countries of origin, or forced into rehabilitation centres on the pretext of saving us. And when we seek refuge...they come after us...without compassion, without scruples, at the cost of our safety.

The prisons are full. And to what end? The number of women incarcerated with HIV is 8.8% compared to 2.3% among men! In Canada in 2001, 42.4% of women incarcerated in federal prisons were living with Hepatitis C! And it is even more difficult for Native women. Nonetheless, the number of us doing sex work is not decreasing. We need to make money, to explore, to have fun, to live! But those of us working on the streets face a double fear: raving lunatics and the police. They are supposed to protect us, but instead the police harass us and throw us in jail! There's something very wrong here. Not only are we 20 times more likely to be victims of violence than other women, we are also relentlessly targeted by the police. Who will be next? Migrant dancers? Those working in massage parlors or on the web? Escorts? It's coming!

In other countries, sex workers are also facing increased repression. And everywhere, we are demanding respect of our fundamental rights and we fight for decriminalization.



The art was originally used as the cover page of the "Prison" issue (Winter 2005) of "Constellation". The text shown on the cover was taken from a banner that was unveiled on the St. Nizier church in Lyon, France in June 1975, as part of an action by prostitutes. Stella installed a similar banner on the building of our locale for the World March of Women in 2000. For the "Prison" edition of "Constellation," we wanted to reaffirm this powerful statement.

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ConStellation

Par et pour les travailleuses du sexe • By and for sex workers.

Stella est un organisme mis sur pied et géré par et pour les travailleuses du sexe et s'adresse aux femmes, travesties et transsexuelles qui pratiquent le travail du sexe. Nous avons des activités et services diversifiés tel qu'un local ouvert durant la semaine, du travail de rue et de milieu dans la rue, les bars, les salons de massages et les clubs de danseuses, le magazine ConStellation, ainsi qu'une variété de publications qui s'adresse aux travailleuses du sexe afin qu'elles puissent vivre et travailler en sécurité et avec dignité.

Stella is an organization created and run by and for sex workers. We are an organization for women, transvestite, and transsexual sex workers. We have various services for sex workers including a drop-in centre, our magazine, Constellation, outreach to bars, clubs, massage parlours, and the street, and a production of various other tools to help sex workers work and live in safety and dignity.

april

Radiation Nation: Reopening of niocan mine has residents nearby worried

EVER SINCE THE "OKA CRISIS" OF 1990, THE Mohawks of Kanehsatake and Quebecois from surrounding towns and farms wanted little to do with each other. Both sides nursed grudges over rock throwing crowds and wrecked homes, lost jobs and ruined lives. Until recently, that is. "We're working together now," says Pearl Bonspille, a band councillor. "The farmers' associations, local environmental groups, people from the area, we're working to stop this mine."

The mine in question has been closed since 1976, but Montreal-based Niocan has obtained a provincial permit to re-open it. That has residents worried. For the 15 years it was in operation, locals endured constant explosions, rattling windows and endless lines of heavy machinery clogging the roads. On once fertile farmland, a small mountain of mine tailings grew; rock and silt piled near the main highway between Oka and Montreal. When the wind blew, it carried dust from the tailings over miles of apple orchards, cornfields and cabbage gardens.

That would be bad enough, but the tailings – which local construction companies had been using for landfill and the foundations of hundreds of new homes – were radioactive. "There isn't a home or well on the reserve that isn't contaminated," says Bonspille.

That's because the niobium that the miners had been extracting was embedded in an ore body that contained radioactive materials. When exposed to the air, it released radon gas – which has been known to cause lung cancer since 1931. Today, the area registers the highest levels of radon emissions in Canada, and digging into the ore body again will release more radioactive material.

Niobium is used to harden metal alloys for use in everything from spaceships to artificial hips. It's still a rare and profitable commodity. The only other large-scale niobium mine is in Brazil. Niocan says it hopes to extract \$1 billion worth of the mineral over 15 years, spend \$1 million training people for hundreds of jobs, infuse millions more into local business, even increase land and housing values. The company says it has satisfied environmental concerns and has the

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approval of – and financial backing from – the Quebec government. Although all provinces offer subsidies to mining companies, only Quebec makes equity investments in these projects. The government holds a \$427,000 stake in the \$6 million project.

Richard Faucher, Niocan's president, told one newspaper that opposition to the mine is "politically motivated." Mohawks have a claim on the land. He dismisses concerns about safe drinking water, saying Niocan will install a new water system. Worries of additional radioactive contamination? Faucher says the slag "will be no more, no less radioactive" when treated and sealed in old, unused mine shafts.

Health Canada sent a letter to the Mohawk band council. "It said everything is fine, the mine won't affect the flora, fauna or the health of the people here," says Chief Steven Bonspille. "What's really disgusting is the role of the federal government," says Joan Kuyek of MiningWatch. "We're talking about uranium, which should come under the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, and fisheries, which is supposed to automatically trigger the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, but they're just washing their hands of the whole thing."

Pearl Bonspille says the federal government is avoiding an independent environmental review, claiming "it's a provincial matter," while the Quebec government refuses to consider one, "because they're shareholders in the mine." Running out of options, she predicts only demonstrations and roadblocks by a wide coalition of people – Mohawk and non natives – will get governments to act.

for more information go to:

www.miningwatch.ca



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Ambrose Bierce 1842-1914

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Doug Minkler

's posters are a form of self defense. The corporations want artists to glorify their wars, their products and their Philosophies. Doug's art opposes their lies, toxic products and imperial wars. Many of his silkscreen prints were created to illuminate perspectives forbidden by the us media. More of Doug Minkler's images can be down loaded freely at dminkler.com (.com stands for communism). Other Important traveling locations to see my work and other like minded artists is at www.yowhathappenedtothepeace.org and www.drawingresistance.org.

Dan David

is a writer from Kanehsatake Mohawk Territory near Oka, Quebec. He is based in Ottawa which he considers a form of capital punishment.



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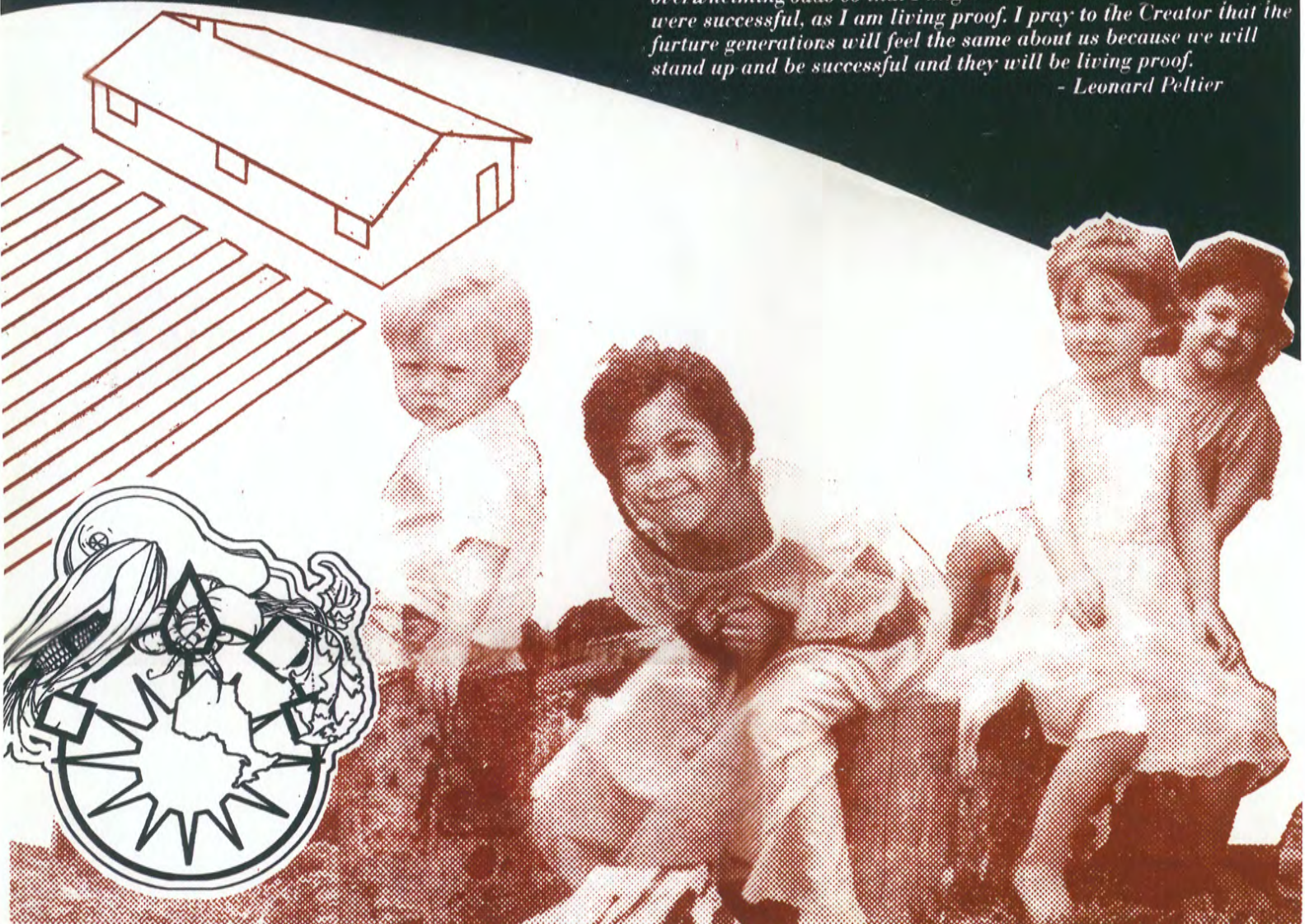
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1 New Year's Day Last day of Kwanzaa 1959 - Cuban revolution victorious 1994 - Chiapas, Mexico, NAFTA signed, Zapatista uprising begins	2 1973 - San-Quentin prisoners strike	3	4 Eidul-Adha, begins	5	6 first quarter	7
8	9 1911 - South Africa: ANC founded	10	11	12	13	14 full moon 1970 - California: W.L. Nolen, C. Edwards and J. Miller murdered by Soledad prison guards
15 1983 - BPP member Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin released from prison	16 JANUARY GENERAL	17 Martin Luther King Day 1991 - U.S., Canada, and other Imperialist U.N. forces attack Iraq	18 1969 - Los Angeles Panthers Bunchy Carter and John Huggins murdered by police	19	20	21 2001 - U.S. anti-imperialists, Linda Evans and Susan Rosenberg released
22 last quarter 2001 - Teddy "Jah" Heath, former BPP member, one of the NY 21, dies of cancer in prison	23 JANUARY JANUARI	24	25 1787 - Shays rebellion Massachusetts farmers revolt against imprisonment for debt	26 1944 - African American Revolutionary Angela B. Davis born	27 1974 - Minnesota Prisoners Union formed at Stillwater	28
29 new moon	30 CHINESE NEW YEAR 1972 - Bloody Sunday in Derry, Ireland	31 MURRAN NEW YEAR	The Cuban 5, arrested in Miami in September 1998, were working to try to stop ultra-right terrorist groups from carrying out violent actions against the people of Cuba. Since 1959, U.S. based right-wing organisations made up of Cuban exiles that oppose the Cuban government have terrorized the killed countless Cuban civilians, with the implicit support of the U.S. government. The Cuban 5 infiltrated these groups, and used the information they gathered to tip off Cuban authorities and prevent needless injury and death. They were charged with conspiracy to commit espionage, and received sentences ranging from 15 years to life in prison. www.freethethefive.org			



MIDWINTER HARVEST

I am proud because my people before me stood up against the overwhelming odds so that I might have a chance to exist. They were successful, as I am living proof. I pray to the Creator that the future generations will feel the same about us because we will stand up and be successful and they will be living proof.

- Leonard Peltier



The Midwinter Harvest Food Program will provide healthy, culturally appropriate foods to First Nations, poor and homeless people; will defend our Territories against environmental destruction; will be on the land and appreciate its natural power and will seek to raise the fighting spirit of our people and give direction and purpose to the generations who will come after us. For more information e-mail: midwinterharvest@kos.ca

Poster designed & printed by punchclock

january

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no olympics
on stolen land!
reject and resist 2010
in Vancouver!

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1913 - Rosa Parks, civil rights activist, born

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1976 - Canada:
AIM member
Leonard Peltier
captured by police

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1997 - California: Native
American Norma Jean
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1971 - Raiford Prison, FL:
63 peaceful hunger
strikers shot

Valentine's Day

2003 - Oakland: after 35
years, Lil' Bobby Hutton's
grave site receives a
tombstone

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last quarter

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1942 - 120,000 Japanese-
Americans sent to intern-
ment camps under racist
U.S. policies

President's Day (US)

1965 - NY, NY:
Malcom X
assassinated

1976 - South Dakota:
American Indian Move-
ment activist Anna Mae
Aquash found dead
Día de la Bandera in
Mexico

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new moon

1973 - South Dakota: Oglala
Sioux and American Indian
Movement seize the town of
Wounded Knee



Alvaro Luna Hernandez is a Chicano Mexicano prisoner of war who was sentenced in 1997 to 50 years in prison for defending himself by disarming a police officer who was drawing a weapon on him (Alvaro was unarmed). Alvaro, a longtime community organizer, was instrumental in winning Texas death row prisoner Aldape Guerra's freedom. He also spearheaded the National Movement of La Raza, the Stop the Violence Youth Committee, and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee in Houston.

For more on information, see to www.freealvaro.org

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We don't want our sisters, our mothers, our daughters, our friends,
our girlfriends, and our lovers in prison anymore.

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1954 - Washington, D.C.: Puerto Rican Nationalists attack US congress

International Sex Workers' Rights Day

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International Women's Day

1970 - NYC: Three members of the Weather Underground die in an accidental explosion

1971 - Media, PA: anti-war activists raid FBI office exposing the counter intelligence program, COINTELPRO

1976 - Washington: George Jackson Bridge member John Sherman liberated

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1976 - Washington: George Jackson Bridge member Mark Cook captured

1988 - 500 Palestinian police resign in protest of Israeli policies

1973 - North Carolina Prisoners Union formed

International Day Against Police Brutality

2003 - Palestine: ISM volunteer, Rachel Corrie killed in by Israeli forces

1992 - Escaped Puerto Rican political prisoner Luis Colon Osorio is recaptured

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Spring Equinox

Human Rights Day (ZAF)

1977 - New Jersey: Assata Shakur found guilty of murder and sentenced to life + 33 years in prison

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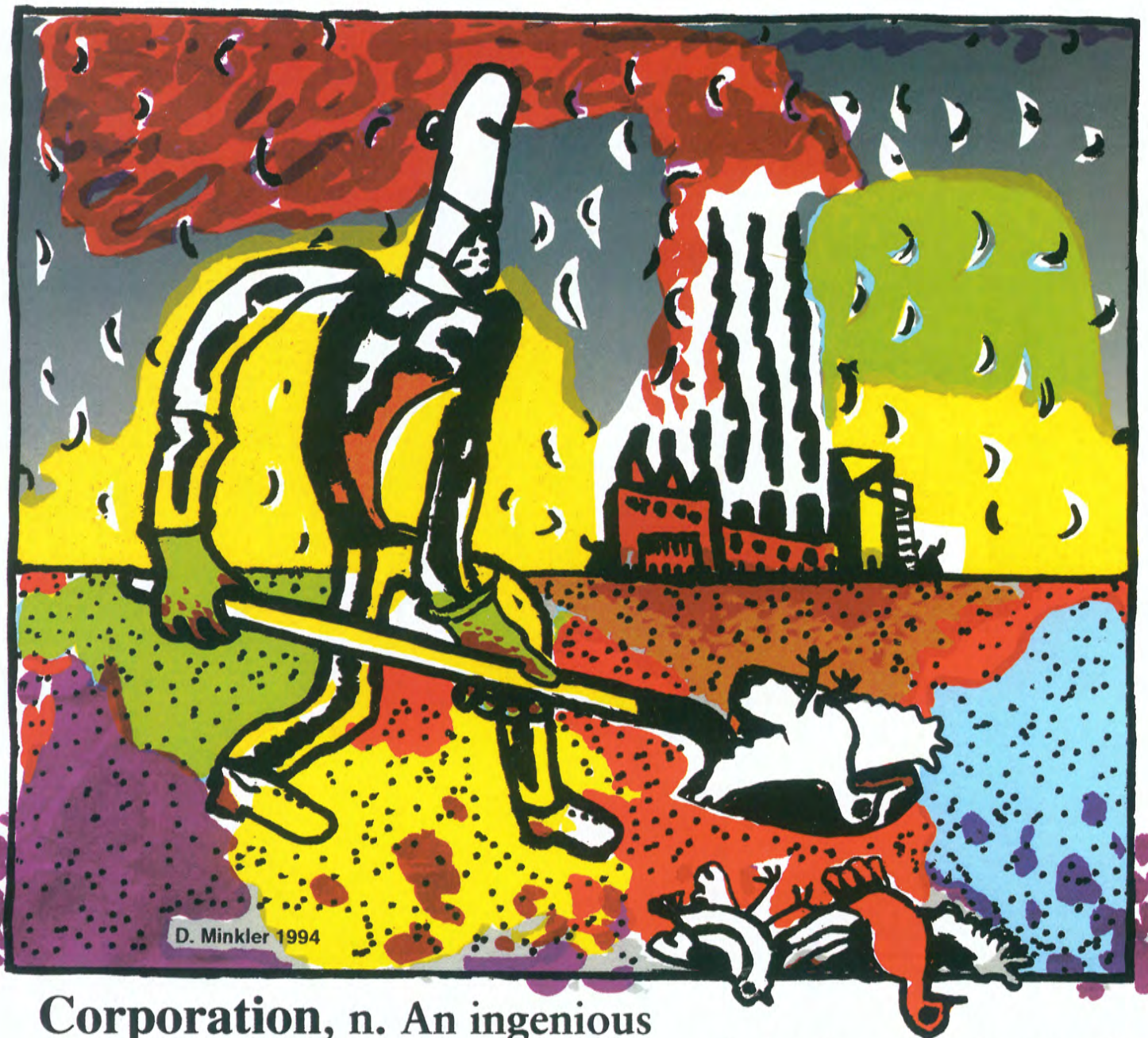


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Cesar Chavez day in CA and TX



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U.S. Attack on Outspoken Advocate for Immigrants

Manlin Chee is a nationally (U.S.) recognized lawyer for her work with immigrants, some of it pro bono, and much of it for Muslims. Soon after she appeared on a panel arguing passionately that the PATRIOT Act violated the Bill of Rights and threatened the civil rights of immigrants and U.S. citizens, the FBI began investigating Chee. The FBI had no record of complaints against her, but the agency began combing through thousands of Chee's case files even going back to her own citizenship application. The agents interviewed her clients and employees for over a year, until they indicted Chee for immigration fraud on June 26, 2004. Chee never went to trial. The federal prosecutor suddenly dropped all remaining charges against her, after she decided to plead guilty in an attempt to keep her family together. In March 2005 Chee was sentenced to a year and a day in prison.

To find out how you can help, contact the Manlin Chee Defense Committee/NC Blue Triangle Network at 336-272-2155 email: triadbtcn@aol.com

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Daylight Savings

1968 -Memphis, TN:
Martin Luther King, Jr.
assassinated

1980 - Chicago, IL:
11 Puerto Rican
Nationalists of the
FALN captured

1968 - Oakland, CA:
BPP member Bobby
Hutton murdered by
police

1999 - 3,000
unarmed Zapatistas
retail San Andres
from Mexican Army

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Mawlid al-Nabi

1988 - New York: Japa-
nese American anti-
imperialist Yu Kikumura
captured

Passover, begins

Good Friday

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last quarter

Easter Sunday

1977 - Leonard Peltier
convicted of killing 2
FBI agents

1981 - Sekou Odinga
sentenced to life impris-
onment for the Brinks
robbery

Last day of Passover

Earth Day

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2000 -
Coxsackie, NY:
Black Panther,
Albert Nuh
Washington dies of
cancer in prison

1899 - Warner,
Idaho: 1,000 miners
dynamite their mine
protesting working
conditions

...st Recruiting into the Military:
...ple of color make up 24% of the population.
...OTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp)
...recruits 54% students of color. During the Gulf
...war, people of color made up 50% of the
...frontline.

With cutbacks in social services and public
education, the military is pushed as an
alternative for young people of color.

U.S. Government Spending:
The U.S. government spends 10 times more on the
military than on education. One F-22 fighter costs
million. This could pay for 16 new inner city high schools.



WAR TARGETS

POOR PEOPLE OF COLOR

WE SAY – NO MORE LOST LIVES! Peace will only come when all people are treated with respect and dignity. The tragic events of September 11, 2001 have taught us that for peace and security at home, we must support peace and justice abroad. The War on Terrorism is not the answer.

Civilians killed in Afghanistan:
Over 4000 civilians have been killed in the U.S. bombing of
Afghanistan, more than those killed in the World Trade Center.

1.5 Million Afghani women, men, and children
have been killed in the two decades of U.S.-
sponsored civil war.

Racial & Immigrant Profiling:
Over 1100 Arabs and Muslims have been detained since 9-11 without
charges connected to the attacks. Non-U.S. citizens are subject to
detention camps, torture, military tribunals, and unlimited
imprisonment without charges. This discriminatory targeting has
fueled the explosion of hate crimes against people of color who are
perceived to be Arab or Muslim.

This poster is a project of Movement Rising, a national network of young people's organizations
working for justice in their communities. Movement Rising connects young people nationally and
internationally to build a movement for global peace and justice among oppressed communities.
Movement Rising is a project of JustAct: Youth Action for Global Justice. www.justact.org

For more information about the War on Terrorism and its impacts on communities
around the world, see www.politicaleducation.org and www.war-times.org

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<< www.certaindays.org >>

1886 - International Workers' Day founded (May Day)

1973 - New Jersey Turnpike: BLA member Zayd Shakur killed by police, Assata Shakur captured

1973 - NJ Turnpike: BLA member Sundiata Acoli captured

Holocaust Remembrance Day
Cinco de Mayo



1985 - Philadelphia: Police drop bomb on MOVE home, killing 11 people

2004 - Poet and activist Gloria Anzaldúa dies

1890 - Ho Chi Minh's birthday
1925 - Malcolm X's birthday

1996 - Abdul Haqq released from prison

2001 - North Carolina: Eddie Hatcher sentenced to life without parole

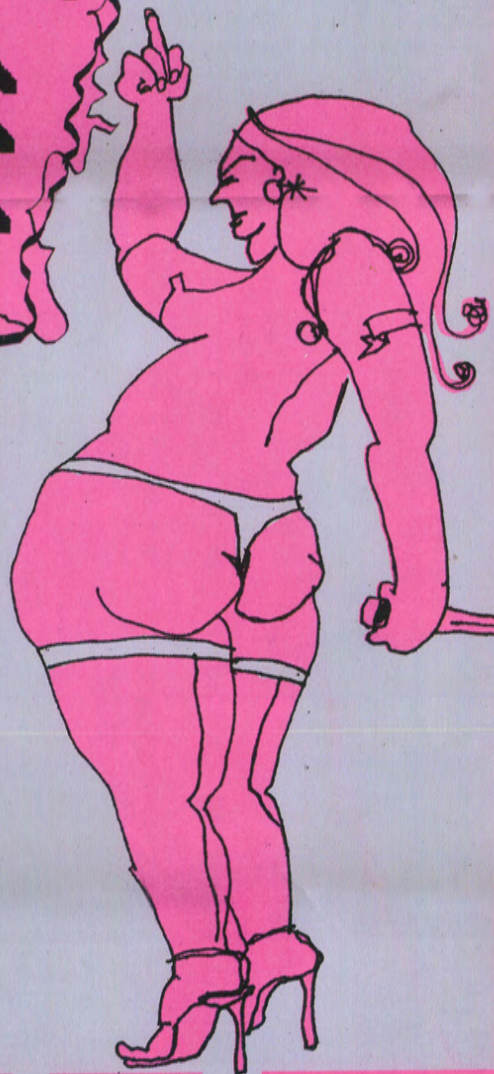
Memorial Day

« We don't have to look far to see a fascist state taking place. We're living in the middle of it right now in American society and inside her prisons. Prisons all across Amerikkka are here to detain those whom society deem are unworthy, dangerous, uncompromising or criminally insane. They don't look to see the bottom line as to what drove a person into prison, or whether that person is in prison for political or social beliefs, or even, if they have been railroaded by a broken criminal [in]justice system... »

from an open letter for political discussion by Ali Khalid Abdullah

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1975 - Washington:
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Brigade bombs DOC
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1972 - Angela Davis
acquitted of murder and
kidnapping charges

1989 - China: Tianamen
Square massacre of
protestors

1997 - L.A., CA:
Geronimo ji Jaga
Pratt is released
after 27 years in
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last quarter

1983 - Toronto:
"Bulldozer" anti-prison/
prison abolition journal
raided by police

1976 - Soweto,
South Africa: 700
students killed in
uprising against
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Father's Day

Summer Solstice

St. Jean Baptiste
(QC)

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1959 - San Quentin
prison: Francisco Lallo
leads a mass breakout
of Chicano & Indian
prisoners. 40 escaped
and 10 were killed.

1969 - NYC:
Stonewall - led by
queers of colour, drag
kings and queens and
working class lesbians
and gays resist a police
raid and fight back

¡El Agua es nuestra Carajo!

Celebrate People's

"The water is ours damnit!"
under pressure from the World-Bolivian government, sold off system of it's 3rd largest city behind closed doors, to multi-investors including the Bechtel over night people were asked to pay 25% of their income for water including collected rainfall and backyard wells. Months of protest ensued. The country was declared under martial law but thousands took to the streets. This combined with international activist pressure forced Bechtel to flee the country. Despite subsequent attempts to sue Bolivia for \$25M. in loss of "potential profit", the people of Cochabamba succeeded in defeating a corporate giant and regaining control of one of life's most necessary resources.

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excerpt from SOLITARY CONFINEMENT TORTURE IN THE U.S. by Bonnie Kerness

...The development of control units can be traced to the tumultuous years of the civil rights movement, during which time many activists found themselves in U.S. prisons. We believe this use of isolation stems directly from the brain-washing techniques used during the Korean War. Sensory deprivation as a form of behavior modification was used extensively for imprisoned members of the Black Panther party, members of Black Liberation Army formations, members of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, members of the American Indian Movement, white activists, jail house lawyers, Islamic militants, and prison activists. At one time or another, they all found themselves living in extended isolation, sometimes for years on end. Many political prisoners still live in isolation, not because they have received charges for infractions, but because of who they are and what they believe. The goal of these units is clearly to disable prisoners through spiritual, psychological and/or physical breakdown....

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Canada Day

1977 - South Dakota: Leonard Peltier receives 2 life sentences for the deaths of 2 FBI agents

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1963 - CA: Soledad prison food strike

1977 - Washington: George Jackson Brigade plants bomb in main power substation in state capitol in support of striking segregated prisoners Independence Day

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1971 - Terre Haute, Indiana: prisoners stage three-day strike

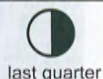
1978 - NY: women at Bedford Prison hold a strike to protest beatings and harassment by guards and administration

1990 - Quebec: 500 police attack Mohawks in Kanehsatake (Quebec). At a roadblock in opposition to the expansion of a golf course onto Mohawk territory

Bastille Day

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1981 - New Afrikan Freedom Fighter Day

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1898 - U.S. colonization of Puerto Rico begins



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first quarter

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1990 - start of U.N.
economic sanctions against
Iraq

1945 - Hiroshima: U.S.
drops atomic bomb killing
millions

1999 - Dublin, CA: white
anti-imperialist PP Laura
Whitehorn released

1970 - Marin County, CA:
Jonathan Jackson,
William Christmas and
James McClain killed
during a liberation attempt

1977 - NY: Napanoch
Prison Rebellion
against klan guards

1945 - Nagasaki, Ja-
pan: U.S. drops 2nd
bomb, killing more
millions

Prisoners' Justice Day

1970 - Tombs Prison,
NY: prisoners stage
rebellion

1968 - Ohio
Penitentiary: convicts
take over prison for
3 days

1985 - Ohio: prisoners
take over J1 super-max
unit to air radio grievances
over radio

1955 - New York: strike
at Comstock prison

2003 - NY State: anti-
imperialist Kathy Boudin is
granted parole

1971 - Soledad Prison,
CA: George Jackson
assassinated by prison
guards

1831 - Nat Turner slave
rebellion begins

1989 - Black Panther
Party founder Huey
Newton killed

2003 - Queens, NY:
Black liberation fighter
and supporter of Po-
litical Prisoners, Safiya
Bukhari dies at 53

1970 - Chicano Morato-
rium Against the War.
3 killed by LAPD in
anti-war protest.



In Those Times

It was a time when yesterdays dreams are preferred; a period where personal sacrifices was not abandoned, but was regarded as doing one's part.

It was a time when young women and men had faith and sought to realize their truths for the future. They knew it was not a matter of peace while at war, but rather peace after the revolution.

They understood Jimmy Hendrix's "Purple Haze" was a diversion, where the memory of being a slave is washed away in acid, tripping down the steep abyss of conformity to racist oppression.

It was a time when the target oinked in the masquerade of law and order. But the only order it knew was to ensure corporate supply and demand continued to exploit the community.

In those times, young Black men and women matriculated in the lessons of street warfare, in the art of survival while building survival programs, fighting battles wearing the uniform of black leather jackets and berets. Their slogan's was Power to the People, and Black Power to Black people!

Yet, they knew the revolution would not be televised, except when one of them was murdered or captured or ran into exile. COINTELPRO would permit this broadcast in order to distort the reality of revolution.

It was a time when Black love reigned supreme, and the babies were held in esteem, make babies for the revolution and before I die, was the war cry, and all had caught the infectious dream - that if you believe it, then you should be it, and live it, or let it be!

And, we believe it, we live it, and what we let be - had no relevance in those times...

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From The Prison Industrial Complex and the Global Economy by Linda Evans and Eve Goldberg: ...Like the military/industrial complex, the prison industrial complex is an interweaving of private business and government interests. Its twofold purpose is profit and social control. Its public rationale is the fight against crime. The omnipresent media blitz about serial killers, missing children, and "random violence" feeds our fear. In reality, however, most of the "criminals" we lock up are poor people who commit nonviolent crimes out of economic need. Violence occurs in less than 14% of all reported crime, and injuries occur in just 3%. In California, the top three charges for those entering prison are: possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for sale, and robbery. Violent crimes like murder, rape, manslaughter and kidnaping don't even make the top ten. As with the building and maintenance of weapons and armies, the building and maintenance of prisons are big business. Investment houses, construction companies, architects, and support services such as food, medical, transportation and furniture, all stand to profit by prison expansion. A burgeoning "specialty item" industry sells fencing, handcuffs, drug detectors, protective vests, and other security devices to prisons.



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10	11 2001 - NYC: planes destroy World Trade Centre, Bush's "war on terror" begins 1973 - U.S. helps overthrow Allende, Chile's socialist leader, in a successful coup	12 1977 - South Africa: Steve Biko killed in prison	13 1971 - Massacre at Attica Prison: NY state troopers 39 prisoners and 10 guards killed, 80 people injured	14 last quarter	15 1982 - Lebanon: massacre at Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps, hundreds of Palestinians murdered	16 Mexican Independence Day
17	18 1968 - Mexico City: Army invades UNAM university in response to protests	19	20	21 1971 - Kansas: state prison food strike	22 new moon	23 Native American Day Rosh Hashana
24 Ramadan begins	25 1999 - U.S.A.: 11 Puerto Rican Political Prisoners granted clemency	26	27	28 2000 - Palestine: 2nd Palestinian Intifada begins	29 fuselage	30 first quarter 2000 - Pennsylvania: Political Prisoner Jihad Abdul Mumit released from prison

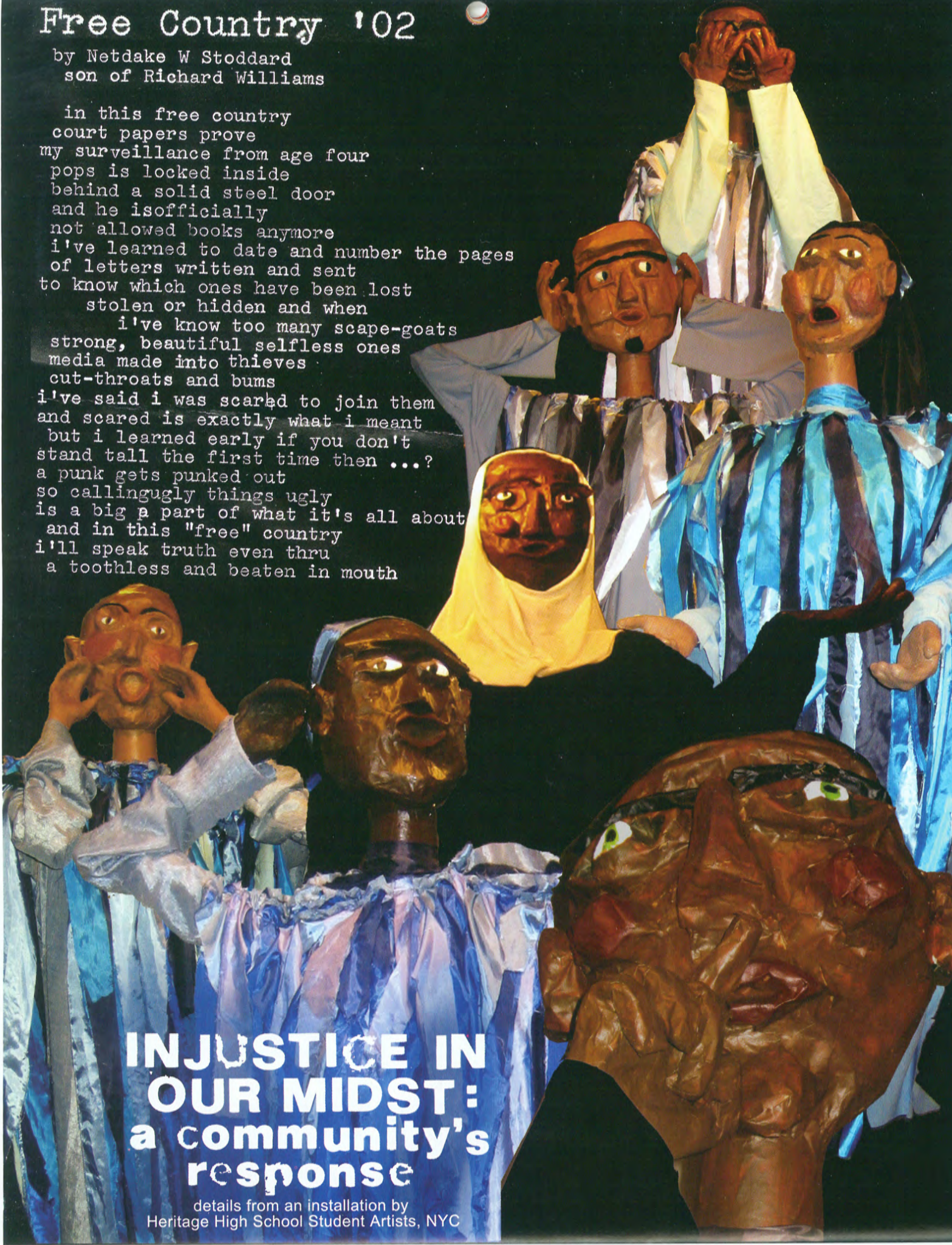
Free Country '02

by Netdake W Stoddard
son of Richard Williams

in this free country
court papers prove
my surveillance from age four
pops is locked inside
behind a solid steel door
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not allowed books anymore
i've learned to date and number the pages
of letters written and sent
to know which ones have been lost
stolen or hidden and when
i've know too many scape-goats
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media made into thieves
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and scared is exactly what i meant
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stand tall the first time then ...?
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is a big a part of what it's all about
and in this "free" country
i'll speak truth even thru
a toothless and beaten in mouth

INJUSTICE IN OUR MIDST: a community's response

details from an installation by
Heritage High School Student Artists, NYC



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Yom Kippur

1968 - Mexico City:
Tlateloco Massacre,
thousands killed during
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2001 - U.S. begins
bombing Afghanistan

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Indigenous People's
Day observed

Thanksgiving (Canada)

Columbus Day (US)

Día de la Raza in
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1970 - CA: Angela
Davis captured

1968 - Presidio
Mutiny, Military
Prisoners strike
against the Vietnam
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1966: Oakland, CA: Black
Panther Party founded

1968 - US federal court
prohibits use of whips on
prisoners

1969 - LA: BPP mem-
ber Walter Tour Pope
murdered by cops

Lailat Ul Qadr

1981 - Nyack, NY:
Brinks robbery by
BLA and allied anti-
imperialists

1963 - Folsom, CA:
strike protesting 4
cents an hour wage

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National Day against
Police Brutality (US)

Eid-ul-Fitr

1967 - Oakland,
CA: Huey Newton
arrested

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Halloween

1984 - Millhaven, ON:
Doug Stewart, of the
Vancouver 6, ends 27-
Day Hunger Strike

« What is needed is an all encompassing movement. One that is anti-war, anti-racist, anti-globalization, anti-environmental destruction, anti-destruction of animals, anti-homophobia, anti-kapitalism all in one and bridge the gaps that are currently existing in all movements so that we can uniform our efforts with those throughout Amerikkka and th south of us, like Venezuela, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Brazil etc. These people are and have been fighting a protracted proletariats war for a very long time. They are the very essence of struggle. Struggle for survival and struggle for revolutionary change. They same with the people in Afrika where old colonial rule and its practices are still having an effect on the people, and where today Europe and Amerikkka siphon the resources on the land for their own kapital gain and growth at the expense of the people. » quote from Ali Khalid Abdullah

Daylight Savings

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Election Day (US)

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1972 - New Jersey:
work strike at Clinton
Women's Prison

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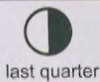
1979 - New Jersey:
Assata Shakur
liberated from Clinton
Women's Prison

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Veteran's Day (US)
1831 - Virginia:
Slave Rebel Nat
Turner hanged by
the state

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1969 - Chicago: BPP
member Spurgeon "Jake"
Winters murdered by
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1983 - Mexico:
the EZLN is born
(Zapatista National
Liberation Army)

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1969 - Alcatraz Island:
Indian occupation
demands return of the
island to its original
inhabitants

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1922 - Leavenworth
Prison, KS: Ricardo
Flores Magon
assassinated

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Thanksgiving Day
(US)

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International Day
Against Violence
Against Women

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**FREE
PALESTINIAN
POLITICAL
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From The Prison Industrial Complex and the Global Economy by Linda Evans and Eve Goldberg

One of the fastest growing sectors of the prison industrial complex is private corrections companies. Investment firm Smith Barney is a part owner of a prison in Florida. American Express and General Electric have invested in private prison construction in Oklahoma and Tennessee. Correctional Corporation Of America, one of the largest private prison owners, already operates internationally, with more than 48 facilities in 11 states, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Under contract by government to run jails and prisons, and paid a fixed sum per prisoner, the profit motive mandates that these firms operate as cheaply and efficiently as possible. This means lower wages for staff, no unions, and fewer services for prisoners. Private contracts also mean less public scrutiny. Prison owners are raking in billions by cutting corners which harm prisoners. Substandard diets, extreme overcrowding, and abuses by poorly trained personnel have all been documented and can be expected in these institutions which are unabashedly about making money.

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1969 - Chicago: Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark killed by Chicago police

1987: Palestine: 1st Palestinian Intifada begins

1981 - Philadelphia: Mumia Abu Jamal shot and accused of killing a cop

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Human Rights Day

1979 - Florida: Puerto Rican POW Angel Rodriguez Cristobal assassinated

Fiesta, our Lady of Guadalupe

1972 - Framingham, MA: women prisoners strike

1890 - Little Big Horn River, South Dakota: Sitting Bull, chief of Dakota Sioux, killed by soldiers

Chanukah begins
1972 - Wapole, MA: State Prison taken over and run by prisoners for 4 months

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Chanukah ends

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Kwanzaa begins

Eid-al-Adha

Christmas Day

Boxing Day

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MOVE, Abu Ghraib & Imperialism



AIR MAIL

The MOVE Organization surfaced in Philadelphia during the early 1970's. Characterized by dreadlock hair, the adopted surname "Africa", a principled unity, and an uncompromising commitment to their belief, members practiced the teachings of MOVE founder JOHN AFRICA.

"MOVE'S WORK IS TO STOP INDUSTRY FROM POISONING THE AIR, THE WATER, THE SOIL, AND TO PUT AN END TO THE ENSLAVEMENT OF LIFE - PEOPLE, ANIMALS, ANY FORM OF LIFE. THE PURPOSE OF JOHN AFRICA'S REVOLUTION IS TO SHOW PEOPLE HOW CORRUPT, ROTTEN, CRIMINALLY ENSLAVING THIS SYSTEM IS, SHOW PEOPLE THROUGH JOHN AFRICA'S TEACHING, THE TRUTH, THAT THIS SYSTEM IS THE CAUSE OF ALL THEIR PROBLEMS (ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ADDICTION, UNEMPLOYMENT, WIFE ABUSE, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, EVERY PROBLEM IN THE WORLD) AND TO SET THE EXAMPLE OF REVOLUTION FOR PEOPLE TO FOLLOW WHEN THEY REALIZE HOW THEY'VE BEEN OPPRESSED, REPRESSED, DUPED, TRICKED BY THIS SYSTEM, THIS GOVERNMENT AND SEE THE NEED TO RID THEMSELVES OF THIS CANCEROUS SYSTEM AS MOVE DOES."

Early in 2004, the news of the torture of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. and British soldiers was plastered all over the news. Members of the press and U.S. government officials all expressed shock and outrage. Having seen some of the more graphic footage of the torture and murder committed by U.S. soldiers on Iraqi prisoners, it is indeed extremely repulsive and unconscionable.

The only shocking aspect of this tragedy however is the public's continued acceptance of the feigned outrage coming from the head terrorists - the u.s. government. Those who order the bombing and annihilation of tens of thousands, those who continue to order assassinations, those who provide daily footage of innocent children blown to bits by u.s. bombs. All PREDICATED BY WHAT HAD BEEN EXPOSED AS A PACK OF BLATANTLY CALCULATED LIES. And continued still because of the ghouls running these reform world governments.

Bush and Blair are attempting to rape Iraq and its entire culture, its history and, of course, its resources, and replace it with the racist sham called democracy. Yet, have the gall to act repulsed by a single u.s. soldier holding a leash, when they know goddamn well it is their intention to put the ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST on a leash. Have the arrogance to feign shock at the rape of Iraqi men and women and children when they know it is the expressed intentions to rape all of Iraq, just as they have done to every culture and peoples they've been able to infect through intimidation, terrorism, murder, slavery. Put a few scapegoat soldiers on trial for abuse, while continuing to bomb and assassinate Iraqi people even after admitting the "intelligence" which linked Iraq to terrorism and weapons of mass destruction were all lies.

U.S. officials wasted no time in branding the few scapegoat guards who were charged with abusing Iraqi prisoners as "unexperienced". However it was precisely because of their documented experience of brutality, oppression, and torture of american prisoners and citizens that they were picked to go in the first place.

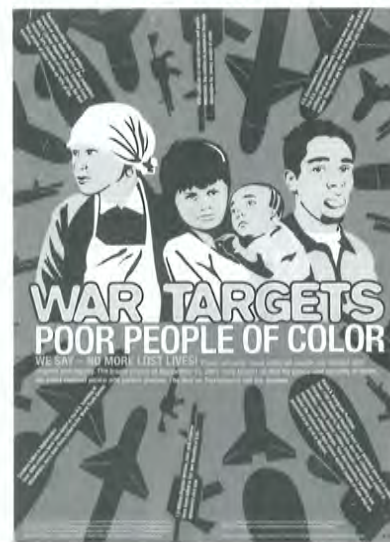
On May 13th, 1985, federal and philadelphia city officials directed their flunky cops and firemen to assault THE MOVE ORGA-

NIZATION'S HEADQUARTERS because of MOVE's non-compromising confrontations and refused to ever back down from their terrorist tactics aimed at stopping MOVE from exposing their foul asses. Hundreds of murderous cops and firemen attacked MOVE under the guise of disorderly conduct charges. They launched three bombs onto MOVE's home, shot 10 000 rounds of ammo into the house, starting a massive fire which consumed MOVE's home as well as the connecting 60 other homes, and shot anyone attempting to escape the inferno... INCLUDING FIVE BABIES!!! FIVE MOVE CHILDREN AND SIX ADULTS WERE ANNIHILATED.

THE PEOPLE must demand an end to this torture. The system only gets away with these atrocities because the public allow them to. It is THE PEOPLE who pay their salaries and who give their approval of their vile tactics by their SILENCE and it is past time the THE PEOPLE stop giving these demons their power.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
LONG LIVE MOVE!
LONG LIVE REVOLUTION!
LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!
DOWN WITH THIS ROTTEN ASS SYSTEM!

ON THE MOVE!
MICHAEL AFRICA



authOr

Michael Africa

has been in prison for over 25 years, after receiving, along with 8 other MOVE members, a 30 - 100 year prison sentence for the death of one police officer during a major military operation enacted against MOVE Police Department in August of 1978.

artist

Link to artwork and artist:

http://www.favianna.com/port_posters/posters4.php

Developed for JustAct: Youth Action for Global Justice, this poster was used for a national anti-war postering campaign targeted at young people. JustAct is a national, nonprofit organization promoting youth leadership and action for global justice. JustAct works to establish critical education activities that stimulate inner-community dialogue, analyses, and informs collective grassroots youth strategizing and action.

june

1st Annual Trans Day of Action for Social and Economic Justice: Call to Action!

New York City: June 24, 2005

Visibility of Trans and Gender Non-Conforming People:

Communities of color have histories that are rich with multiple gender identities, experiences, and expressions, but today the two-gender system is enforced against us everywhere: in health care, immigration, bathrooms, clothing, shelters, prisons, schools, government forms, job applications, and identity documents.

Gender policing has always been part of America's bloody history. State-sanctioned gender policing targets Trans and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) people first by dehumanizing our identities. It denies our basic right to gender self-determination, and considers our bodies to be property of the state.

Gender policing isolates TGNC people from our communities, many of which have been socialized with these oppressive definitions of gender. As a result, we all too often fall victim to verbal and physical violence. This transphobic violence is justified using medical theories and religious beliefs, and is perpetuated in order to preserve America's heterosexist values. Gender policing and violence denies our existence and is used to maintain control over us and keep our communities divided.

Our Struggles and the Broader Community:

The specific issues that TGNC people of color face mirror those faced by broader communities of color in NYC: police brutality and harassment; racist and xenophobic immigration policies; lack of access to living wage employment, adequate affordable housing, quality education, and basic healthcare; and; the impacts of US imperialism and the so-called US "war on terrorism" being waged against people at home and abroad. These issues are compounded for TGNC people of color by the fact that homophobia and transphobia is so pervasive in society. As a result, our community is disproportionately represented in homeless shelters, in foster care agencies, in jails and prisons.

On April 2002, the city of New York passed a non-discrimination law that included gender identity as a protected category under the city's human rights law, yet it took the Bloomberg administration two years to create and release an inadequate set of guidelines to define what this meant. Meanwhile, TGNC people continue to experience high levels of violence and harassment everywhere we go.

Across the country, people of color communities face high levels of unemployment for example. It is widely known that in 2005 the unemployment rate for Black men in NYC is was at 50%. We can only deduce that the percentage of unemployment for TGNC people of color is likely to be much higher since there is hardly any New York State employment data for our community. Due to the lack of employment opportunities, many of us are forced to accept work that is criminalized by the government, stigmatized by society and offers very little safety.

The anti-immigrant REAL ID act not only blatantly violates the rights of immigrants, but also has a direct impact in the lives of all TGNC people. This is especially relevant for people of color, who since 9/11 have experienced rising levels of policing and scrutiny from

state agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles and Social Security. TGNC people are portrayed as frauds and potential so-called "terrorists" then targeted or denied rights.

The police, as agents of the government, have brutalized and murdered multitudes of people in our communities over the past few years. Many of them are people of trans experience, who have had no recourse because the violence perpetuated against them was, and still is, state-sanctioned.

As Trans and Gender Non-Conforming people of color, we see that our struggle today is directly linked to many struggles here and around the world. We view the June 24, Trans Day of Action for Social and Economic Justice, as a day to stand in solidarity with all peoples and movements fighting against oppression and inequality. We also view this action as following the legacy of our Trans People of Color warriors, such as Sylvia Rivera, and others who with extreme determination fought not only for the rights of all trans and gender-non-conforming people, but also were on the frontlines for the liberation of all oppressed peoples. In this spirit, we as Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Peoples of Color call on all social justice activists from communities of color, lesbian, gay, bi and trans movements, immigrant rights organizations, youth and student groups, trade unions and workers organizations, religious communities and HIV/ AIDS and social service agencies to endorse this call to action and to build contingents to march in solidarity together on June 24. With this march we commemorate the lives of those that came before us, and honor the courage of all our communities that continue to struggle and fight for liberation and self-determination everyday.

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Migration, displacement and (de)Colonization

Excerpts from a talk given by Harsh Walia at Land, (De)colonisation and self-determination conference in Kanienkeh (a.k.a. Montreal) 2005:

"When we talk about having an anti-capitalist analysis and an anti-war analysis, that incorporates talking about why people migrate. When we think about war, globalization and occupation, essentially the purpose of all of those processes is linked to the forces of capitalism which is the expropriation of resources and the ability to control indigenous peoples lands, territories and resources and to be able to commodify those resources. Globalization is merely the new name for the colonialism that Indigenous peoples have been experiencing for 500 years and it's a form of colonialism that people around the Third World have been experiencing for centuries. Two examples that I would like to share are campaign specific that a group I work with in Vancouver, called the South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy is working on:

One is against DeBoers, a major diamond corporation for diamond mining and diamond production. Recently in India there has been a push to have labor standards acts to protect against the rise in child labor. The factory act in many parts of India stipulates that a factory constitutes a working environment of up to 10 people. DeBoers, and others have followed suit, has gone ahead and registered each diamond cutting table, which will have anywhere from 3 to 6 people, as a separate factory.

Another is against Coke – which in the last year and a half – has opened up a factory in Rajasthan, which is in North Western India. Coke has been able to claim the aquifers, the ground water tables under Rajasthan, and has established control and jurisdiction over it and it is estimated that by their being able to take control of all this water, over 3,000 families in the area no longer have access to basic water which is what they depend on because it is a drought ridden region.

India recently amended it's patent law so that multinational corporations attempting to have access to traditional knowledges around India – and this is going on all around Indigenous territories in Canada where there is patenting of medicine and traditional knowledges. So those are some examples and the history that we share in terms of the resources that are being expropriated and exploited around the Third World and around Indigenous territories here.

When the elections in Iraq were going on, elections were going on in Secwepemc territories, which is a nation in Northern B.C who have a struggle against Sun Peaks resort. Janice Billy, the spokesperson for the Skwel'w'elt Protection Center, was saying that when she was listening on the news about what was going on in Iraq, a few days before that there were elections going on for band council in Neskonlith territories, and they were frighteningly similar because all of the political activists who were active against Sun Peaks resort were forced at gun point to leave the election line.

Through these examples of migration and displacement it becomes apparent that it's an apartheid system that basically relegates the majority of the world's people to live without dignity, without access to basic resources. The greatest form of global apartheid in this context is the denial of people citizenship rights or status rights. When people are

forced to migrate from their traditional territories and are attempting to make a life for themselves whether they are internally displaced in Canada being forced off of reserves or even internally displaced into slum regions around the Third World or who are able to migrate to places in the First World even here they are completely denied any entitlements or any rights.

One of the myths that's commonly used against migrants to delegitimise the struggles of refugees is that they are said to be economic migrants not real migrants. All refugees are economic migrants and all migrants are essentially economic migrants. You can't separate people who are fleeing "legitimate" political violence from the capitalist forces that cause economic migration. The refugee system in Canada really tries to divide people. The convention refugee definition is that if you are economic migrant then you are not a refugee.

The Migrant labor program in Canada is a seasonal worker program in Ontario and also in B. C. with people coming from Guatemala, Jamaica and Honduras as workers on a rotational basis for 25-30 years. When the agricultural season is over they are deported back, repatriated. They come back and forth for thirty years and are not able to bring their families here. They are getting paid \$3/hour doing berry picking and agricultural work. They have no right to status and no way to fight that – the underlying racism about who is entitled to status and who is not becomes very clear.

The Indian act imposes a completely discriminatory form of status that Indigenous people have to register under to even be called Indians they have to have cards, and there is this increasing movement not to register under the Indian Act but then you have no rights, no access to anything.

The fight for the regularization of status for migrants becomes incredibly important for all people to be able to stand up for whether they are in the anti-war movement, or anti-globalisation movement fighting for the rights of Indigenous sovereigntists to determine how they want to control the land and live on the land becomes a crucial part of being able to build a decolonisation movement here on Turtle Island and in North America.

To hear the entire talk go to:

http://www.radio4all.net/index.php?op=program-info&program_id=12512&nav=&

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Iraq and More!

I extend my greetings of solidarity to all freedom loving people, and those who struggle for social justice.

It is mind boggling that in 2005 the US Government can still pose as moral leaders in the world.

The US continues to condemn such governments as China, Iraq, Iran, Cuba and North Korea for committing numerous acts of human rights violations against their populace, as this government relentlessly feigns its innocence of such acts. Even as they continue to point their fingers at these countries, they arrogantly try to justify their slaughter of the Iraqi people. Nevertheless, a review of the US track record will show that their vile covert actions committed on foreign soil only work to instigate atrocities within its own borders. Billions of dollars are poured into law enforcement to spur the terror tactics that are carried out against the many despondent souls that dwell in the inner cities, all under the pretense of fighting crime.

When in fact, the citizens deemed as criminals are actually the victims of NAFTA, where jobs are still taken from the inner cities and sent overseas to be done for cheaper slave wages. So it is fair to say that the foreign policy of NAFTA works to exacerbate crime here in the US, amongst the underprivileged. It is absurd that the same government whose CIA agency funded the contra war in Central America, by means of the proceeds gained by flooding the ghettos and barrios with Colombian cocaine, can now pose as moral leaders.

All the while, the victims of this epidemic that has been spurned by the influx of cocaine, have been systematically stored away in prisons across the US, at a cost far higher than that spent to provide a quality education for inner city youth. It is a human rights violation, as well as an act of genocide, that New Afrikan males make up 41% of the inmates in federal, state and local prison, but just 4% of all students in American institutions of higher education.

The American people must begin to hold their government accountable for all the human rights violations it is guilty of, and begin to actively demand justice for all the victims of the US government's immoral foreign and domestic policies. Pressure should also be applied to the government, in order to have them recognize the existence of political prisoners within US prisons. It is preposterous for the US government to maintain and uphold the denial of the existence of political prisoners inside its prisons, because to claim that there are no political prisoners in US prisons is to allege that we live in a flawless society.

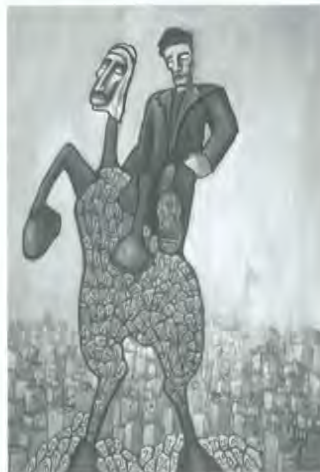
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Haniff Shabazz Bey

a/k/a Beaumont Gereau



"I am 54 years old, and have three sons and three grandchildren. I have been in prison since September of 1972, after being convicted in connection to the armed attack on the Nelson Rockefeller owned golf course in St. Croix, U.S. V.I., that same year which was a result of the political upheaval that engulfed the Islands, due to the resentment against U.S. exploitation."



" Arab countries are "led" by dictatorships that rule with an iron fist, many of them U.S. allies and serving as their local police . American "ideology" is freedom and democracy; american reality is imperialism and hypocrisy. "

--Nidal Elk-Hairy

is a Montreal-based political artist and designer.

artist

The war in Iraq is not only in the economic interest of imperialistic nations. Mega corporations like Haliburton and Bechtel have been given billion dollar contracts for development in Iraq by the U.S.

Below is an excerpt from "on globalization" by Herman Bell. For Herman's bio please see the contributor's page at the beginning of the calendar.

"...This control [corporate control] aggravates difficulties between states – empowering some groups and nations, and marginalizing others. Over-indebted nations have no defense against the heavily subsidized exports of developed nations. In this manner they are compelled to divert precious resources into the coffers of foreign banks, bondholders, and corporations as a precondition for participation in the world economy. Thus governments are rendered vulnerable to volatile market conditions and millions of people suffer as a consequence of this relationship. Because warfare is profitable, even greater profits are derived when authoritarian states become lucrative markets for arms dealers. Businesses flourish under such regimes because the labor and natural resources are "ripe for the picking" and export abroad.

Globalization will engender change; people and societies will change; a new social consciousness will emerge because of it; workers will demand better wages and working conditions; demand better healthcare and schools for their children, and they will insist that government and employers delivers. To achieve their goals they will inevitably come to realize that they must close ranks and organize with workers the world over whose political and economic interests are the same as the interests of workers everywhere.

Globalization, is a continuation of centuries of protracted class struggle between the "haves and have nots" that marches relentlessly onward towards its final resolution, which can well determine the fate of all life on the globe, and we can ill-afford to be on the wrong side of this struggle."

in an increasingly visual and corporate North American society, the need for radical political art and design is greater than ever. The strength of the arts in spreading a progressive message should not be underestimated! This call to progressive artists, written by Emory Douglas in 1970 still has relevance today.

September

To all Progressive Artists!

from "The Black Panther", August 29, 1970, page 20

TO MY COMRADES, THE PROGRESSIVE ARTISTS IN RACIST AMERICA, TO ALL OF YOU, WHO ARE FIGHTING IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST DOMINATION, ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION AND SOCIAL DEHUMANIZATION AT THE HANDS OF THE FASCIST U.S. GOVERNMENT The Black Panther Party calls upon you to unite with the revolutionary forces of the world so that the final blow can be struck in the heart of the fascist U.S. government. The time has come when all artists must take a stand against the reactionary forces in racist America or bite the dust, along with all their reactionaries.

Therefore, the Black Panther Party says, "a thing is only good when it brings real benefit to the people". The real benefit at this time would be for all progressive artists to take up their paints, and brushes in one hand and their gun in the other, attacking the foul depraved U.S. Government. The American people and the struggling people of the world will be victorious! The fascist U.S. Government will surely bite the dust! This being our major theme we won't leave any stones unturned. This theme should surely inspire you, the progressive artists of racist America, to project in your art the essence of the people's struggle, which is uncompromising. For example, our pictures must show fascist judges, lawyers, generals, pig policemen, firemen, senators, congressmen, governors, presidents, etc. being punished for their criminal act against the American people and the struggling people of the world. Their bridges, buildings, electric plants, pipelines, all of the fascist American empire must be blown up in our pictures. Our art must show the youth who will make the revolution, the mothers who have suffered so much in raising their family. We must condemn the genocidal war that the fascist U.S. Government is carrying on in Asia, and praise the NLF of Vietnam, the revolutionaries of South America and Africa. We must surely expose how the Yankees are exploiting the peoples land in Africa, Asia and South America, we must praise our revolutionary comrades here in America, those who stand in the vanguard, the Black Panther Party, the Weathermen, and all the Political Prisoners of War across the country.

The progressive Black artist, in racist America, must expose the traitors in the colony, dope dealers, bootlicking Black politicians, thieving businessmen, all the corrupt elements of the Black community, as well as project means for dealing with these elements. On the other hand, we should give strength and guidance in our art to the many Black

people who are victims of thievery and lies.

So comrades, these were just a few suggestions I project to you. I am more than confident that you progressive artist will be able to come up with a means to the end of exploitation and the racist practice of the fascist U.S. Government.

There can only be true love of humanity when class distinctions have been done away with, all over the world. Classes have split society into many antagonistic groupings; therefore, there will be love of humanity when class distinctions have been done away with, but not until then. We cannot love the fascist U.S. Government that is based on social evils. To me this is practical thinking, but some of our artists still don't understand this. If their thinking doesn't change, they are surely to bite the dust, along with all other reactionaries. Remember our major theme — the American people and the struggling people of the world will be victorious! The fascist U.S. Government will surely bite the dust!



author

Emory Douglas
Minister of Culture
The Black Panther Party

Emory Douglas became involved as a member of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California in February of 1967 until its dissolution in the early 1980s. His art was always seen on the back pages of the Black Panther Newspaper with full page illustrations that reflected the rhetoric and ideals of the Black Panther Party.

artist

for more info on Zolo's case see:
www.prairie-fire.org/freezoloazania.html

Zolo Agona Azania

is a New Afrikan Political Prisoner on death row in Indiana. Arrested in 1981, he was actively involved in the movement for self-determination of New Afrikan people. His beliefs directly influenced the way the police, prosecution and courts denied him a fair trial and fanned the flames of racism to obtain the death penalty in his case.



Hope Breathing Life: Postcards for Liberation

by Zolo Agona Azania

Sixteen postcards featuring artwork by Zolo Agona Azania, a New Afrikan political prisoner who has spent 23 years on death row, and this despite having forced the State to admit to racist improprieties in his trial and and having his sentence overturned



not once but twice. Although a judge ruled in May 2005 that the State should not be allowed to pursue the death penalty a third time as this would constitute a clear violation of Azania's rights, the prosecution is appealing, shamelessly pulling out all the stops to kill this man!

Funds from the sale of this booklet are used for Zolo's support campaign.

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October

Anti-imperialist u.s. political prisoner Richard Williams spent nearly two years immediately following 9/11/01 in administrative detention, or lock down status, at Lompoc federal prison in California. As was the case with other political prisoners in u.s. prisons locked down at that time, Richard had committed no violation of prison rules to warrant such punishment. The bureau of prison's official response was: "you are in administrative detention status as a result of the tragedy that occurred on 9/11/01, and the nature and severity of your offence behavior." The "offence behavior" they write of was actions against u.s. imperialism and otherwise racist policy two decades earlier. Richard had never been charged with any act of violence in federal custody, and no other justification was ever given. Richard was finally put back in general population status the week before the bureau of prisons was being taken to court for cruel and unusual punishment, as well as for violating at least two of its own statutes relating to administrative detention. He was not being punished for any actual offence, but for being a revolutionary.

My father and I endured increasingly restrictive, hostile and heavily monitored visits over these months – all the while trying to figure out why we got such special treatment by the feds. In retrospect we've come to realize that the "special" attention and abuse afforded Richard was directed as much at keeping his lawyer preoccupied while she was dealing with her own indictment on bogus charges. Yes, peoples' attorney and bad-ass-wonder-womyn-granma Lynne Stewart was still fighting the unconstitutional treatment of a man two decades behind bars, a decade after his last appeal and all the while fighting for her own freedom! There are not words enough to express our gratitude toward and admiration for such a committed, caring and powerful person.

It is precisely Lynne's commitment to oppressed people's struggles and her powerful constitutionally based legal skills that put her in the government's cross hairs. Lynne's conviction on 2/10/05 has nothing to do with "conspiracy to defraud the government" or "aiding terrorism" as the government claims, but has everything to do with weakening our constitutional rights (especially to effective council and free speech), destroying our ability to legally challenge wild assertions of wrong doing. The State wants its hands and electronic ears in all aspects of communication with our defense attorneys.

Undisputed in this case was that Lynne read a statement of her client's to the press, to which no act of violence can be linked. But the government is apparently done allowing attorneys to staunchly defend unpopular clients, and sees terrorism where no act of violence has occurred. Former u.s. attorney general Ramsey Clark (also former council to Sheikh Omar Rahman) said of Lynne's conviction:

"This case would never have been brought except for the fear generated and the advantage that the Bush Administration was taking of it by the events of Sep 11, 2001. In ordinary times and circumstances, it would be recognized that everything that Lynne did was exactly what an effective attorney representing a client zealously would be obligated to do...I don't know of anything that Lynne did that I didn't do."

The indictment of Lynne Stewart came two years after any alleged acts and was announced on a nighttime talk show, raising serious questions of political motivation to indict. These two years were just enough time for Attorney General John Ashcroft to unconstitutionally bypass congress and write law himself, allowing further government monitoring of attorney-client communication. The prosecution also publicized the ransacking of Lynne's office as warning to other lawyers, and had its first terrorism charge thrown out by the judge as unconstitutional. Ashcroft had the same terrorism charge re-written and showed videotapes of Osama bin Laden at the trial – video absolutely unrelated to the charges against Lynne. All of this took place just blocks from the

Lynne Stewart: attorneys and imprisonment after 9-11

World Trade Center site and in the same courthouse the Rosenberg trials were held a generation ago. Every effort was made to demonize Lynne and her co-defendants and to prejudice the jury, as there was no factually based guilt, no crime committed in her case. Some members of the jury even wept as their guilty verdicts were read, speaking volumes to the power of fear, coercion and conformity.

Lynne Stewart was singled out because of her more than 40 years of social justice work and her genius as legal council, but she is not the ultimate target of this verdict. Lynne's conviction is meant to serve as warning to other attorneys, that legal defense will be carried out on the state's prosecutors' terms... That Lynne's conviction comes on the anniversary of Nelson Mandela's freedom should remind us all that it is our job and duty to make the conviction/imprisonment of this freedom-fighting grandmother both a public relations nightmare for the fascists, and a cornerstone of our own movement-building capabilities. As Lynne says: "we're going to fight it all the way and we will organize as we go!"

author

Netdake Williams Stoddard

is Richard Williams's son.

"I am my dad's kid and champion for his survival in these concentration camps. I am a broke-ass, working class, anti-racist agitator from rural Vermont, who'll stop at nothing short of seeing the entirety of VT as liberated territory and resource center for the movement."

artist

Heritage High School Student Artists, NYC

"injustice in our midst:
a community's response"



This piece was developed collaboratively by 10th, 11th and 12th grade students at The Heritage School, a public high school located in New York City. The students in this class decided to approach the theme of justice/injustice through the lens of an experience of one of their peers that had deeply affected our school community. In the Spring of 2005 one of our students was unjustly detained by the government on suspicion of being involved in terrorist activities. After being incarcerated for six weeks, the sixteen year-old girl was released without any terrorism-related charges having been made. In the words of one student in the class:

"It was important to us to make this artwork because we needed to put our point across. As teenagers we want people to listen to us and we want to speak out about this case and express how it affected us at Heritage. The way students and teachers acted at Heritage shows how people in the community really act when something like this happens. Some people can be really afraid and other people want to do something."

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Assata : Terrorist or Survivor of Terrorism?

Assata Shakur has been living in Cuba since 1986, after escaping from prison where she was serving a life sentence imposed in a highly disputed trial. Assata was a Black Panther then a Black Liberation Army (BLA) leader in the early '70s, so she was a target of the FBI's COINTELPRO operation. Assata was captured in a shoot-out resulting from resistance to yet another "driving while black" police action in 1973 on the New Jersey State Turnpike. This time a State Trooper was killed. Zayd Shakur, traveling in the car with Assata, was also killed.

The third person in the car, Sundiata Acoli, is still serving time over 30 years later and has recently been denied parole for another 20 years.

Assata: Terrorist, or Survivor of Terrorism?

With the news of the posting of an additional eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the return of former Black Panther and Black Liberation Army member Assata Shakur from Cuba, the U.S. government has taken another step in its ridiculous so-called War on Terrorism. They did this by New Jersey officials branding Assata with the latest libelous label "terrorist" in an attempt to justify this modern day slave bounty.

If anybody knows about terrorism it's Americans, for this nation was founded in terrorism. So deep is this truth that it lies in the subconscious of almost every American and can be unleashed with unnerving ease. Come on. Complete this phrase:

"The only good Indian is a _____." Whether we're Black, white, rich, or poor that phrase

echoes in American consciousness, an inheritance from a time when those dark thoughts were dark realities of, yes, genocide against the native peoples that fed and healed the starving settlers from Europe who survived the Atlantic crossings. Terrorism: white terrible violence against red life and black life and brown life and yellow life. That is America's truest hidden history, hidden beneath lies about "all men are created equal".

In 1973, when Assata Shakur and Zayd Malik Shakur and Sundiata Acoli were stopped on the New Jersey turnpike, they weren't stopped because the cops wanted to "render assistance". This was a car stop for the unwritten crime of Driving While Black, before we developed the term. And the cops tried to kill every Black Panther in that car, for this unwritten crime. Zayd was shot to death and Assata was shot twice. And in an act of arrogance that only American judicial terrorists can devise, she was charged with murdering both Zayd and the cop that tried to kill her.

Assata went through a devil's brew of show trials in several states, best summed up in a book by her lawyer/aunt Evelyn Williams titled "Inadmissible Evidence." These were trials that seemed more fitting for Mississippi than Middlesex County, New Jersey, or Manhattan borough, New York. But no matter where that happened, they featured all white juries, and ambitious judges who didn't even pretend to be fair and unbiased arbiters. Even despite these obvious obstructions, she was occasionally acquitted, and when she was convicted in Middlesex, it was clear this was a verdict not of

her guilt, but of her political ideas. To label this woman a terrorist, is to bleed all meaning from the word. For, during her life as an activist, during her wounding and her arrest, and during her travails as an accused in courtrooms that were more lynching posts than halls of justice, she was terrorized by a system that wanted to punish her for daring to rebel.

It is fitting that these words are written on May 13, 2005, twenty years to the day from the police mass murder and bombing of the MOVE home in Philadelphia. Today, twenty years later, only one person, Ramona Africa, ever spent a day in jail. What of those cops who shot and bombed unarmed children? What of the politicians who unleashed these dogs of urban war? Like Ramona, Assata was jailed for daring to survive.

Cuba's valiant Fidel Castro responded almost immediately to announce his refusal to recognize this modern day slave bounty. He pronounced her a political prisoner during her time in American Gulags, perhaps remembering that she was held in an all-male jail during her incarceration.

For centuries, nothing has so stirred up American fury like the escape of a slave. That ain't just distant history. For daring to slip her bonds and escape from brutal and unjust bondage, the Empire now labels her a terrorist. That's because to them, nothing is more terrifying than resistance to their imperial will.

As for terrorists, if they really wanna find some, it shouldn't be too hard to find them. Just check the White House.

www.assatashakur.org



artist

Tom Manning

is a Vietnam veteran, working class revolutionary and US political prisoner. He militantly struggled against the war in Vietnam and supports the right of self-determination of all oppressed peoples. Tom Manning was captured in 1985 and sentenced to 53 years in federal prison for a series of bombings carried out as "armed propaganda" against apartheid and U.S. imperialism. He tirelessly fought against racist, genocidal capitalism in the USA. Tom Manning was also wrongly sentenced to 80 years in prison for the self-defense killing of a New Jersey state trooper. Tom Manning has been subject to human rights violations that include physical abuse, lock-down, and solitary confinement.



author

Mumia Abu-Jamal



was a member of the BPP targeted by COINTELPRO for his political activities. He was convicted of the 1981 killing of a Philadelphia police officer and sentenced to death. In 2001, the death penalty was overturned in his case, though the original conviction was upheld. Since then, the courts have refused to grant Mumia a new trial. The prosecution in the case has appealed the overturning of the death sentence while Mumia's defense team has appealed the upholding of the original conviction. His current appeals are still pending before U.S. courts, while the state of Pennsylvania continues to seek his execution.

www.freemumia.org

Calendar Committee

Excerpts from a talk given by Palestinian ex-Prisoner Mahmoud Najar in Toronto and Montreal, April 2005:

...Israeli prison is a systematic destruction of a person. A whole system is directed to break the strength of an individual. As the Denmark-based International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) notes: "Torture is used to obtain information, or a confession, to punish, or to take revenge, or to create terror and fear within a population. The aim of torture is not to kill the victim, but to break down the victim's personality." Each prisoner must go through interrogation. Through this period the confrontation is based on solitude. The first Intifada shaped a whole generation in which Israel is seen as the occupation and all its manifestation, as the systematic destruction of the Palestinian existence. Therefore, there is no more obedience to the oppressor. The first time I threw a stone at a soldier, I was 11 years old; I reassured my existence by breaking my fear of the Israeli militants...

The struggle in prison starts at the moment when a person gets arrested. It started with me when I refused to say my name. It was in 1990, in Ramallah detention center, I was 18 years old, injured and walking on two crutches. It was my fifth time of being arrested and was my second interrogation. I said to Dani, my interrogator who was accused two years later of killing Mustafa Akawi, "if you do not know my name why are you arresting me." Then, he made fun of how I got injured and walked on two crutches. The first thing he saw is my crutches, as a sign of weakness, then crutches became for me a representation of my strength. The difference of what the crutches meant for both of us is the actual conflict. Crutches are in my own image a sign of resistance and power but the crutches in his eyes were a sign of terror and weakness. The gap between both images situated us on opposite sides. He placed a filthy canvas sack on my head and dragged me to a place known as Shabeh area. He seated me on a kindergarten chair and tied my hands with plastic ties behind my back with the chair. I was held in this position for three weeks; they let me sleep for six hours every seven days.

When I refused to say my name, there was a mutual understanding between us that I won't confess; but I won't confess not to protect secrets, rather it is the only way to free oneself from the authority of the occupation. My no to confession is no to obedience and slavery...

My parents lived Al Nakba (when 800,000 Palestinians were ethnically cleansed in 1948) thus Israel was the undefeated power. They were very authoritarian inside the house and extremely obedient to the external authority. The difference between the two sides of their images, in my eyes, was what made me throw the first stone at home at the age of six. They told me a lot of stories about the house and the land they left. Those stories were a life force; they were detachment of the camp's reality. When the first Intifada started, I was 14 years old; my father tried to convince me that I should not be involved in the resistance because Palestine won't be liberated by stones. I told him 'the fact is that I am living in a refugee camp because you did not resist the occupation. I am trying to overcome your generation's defeat'. The distance that my generation shaped with the older generation was a necessary step to resist. Later on this distance got closer, which makes me realize that my father is thirty years older than the state of Israel. He used to come and kiss me everyday before I left the house and say 'I probably won't see you after this day'. My mom, on the other hand, got really involved and was injured twice...

A rifle facing an arrow is the difference between resentment and resistance.

An expression of resentment is the death machine in North America, which erased millions of the natives' lives. An expression of resistance is a Mohawk warrior who fought against his death to death for life. The difference between a rifle and a stone is the exact difference between a settler and an indigenous person. Because, I am indigenous stones appeal to me as an expression of resistance; for the stone is a mark of a missing land and missing peasantry, but it is a self-affirmation. The stone is an expression of the Palestinian resistance as much as a bow and arrow is an expression of a native warrior. For Palestine is the unfinished project of the Mohawks, which makes man to be born for standing not hanging.

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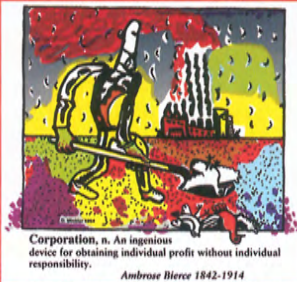
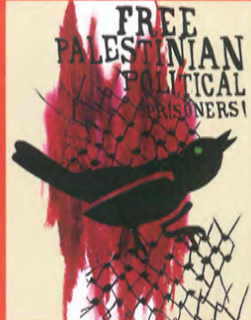
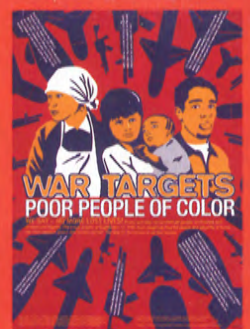
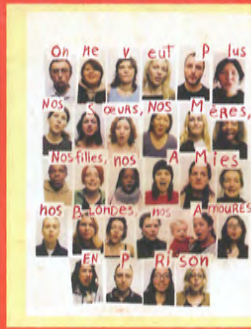
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