

Let your motto be...

RESISTANCE

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STOP THE RAILROAD OF ABDUL MAJID AND JAMES YORK!

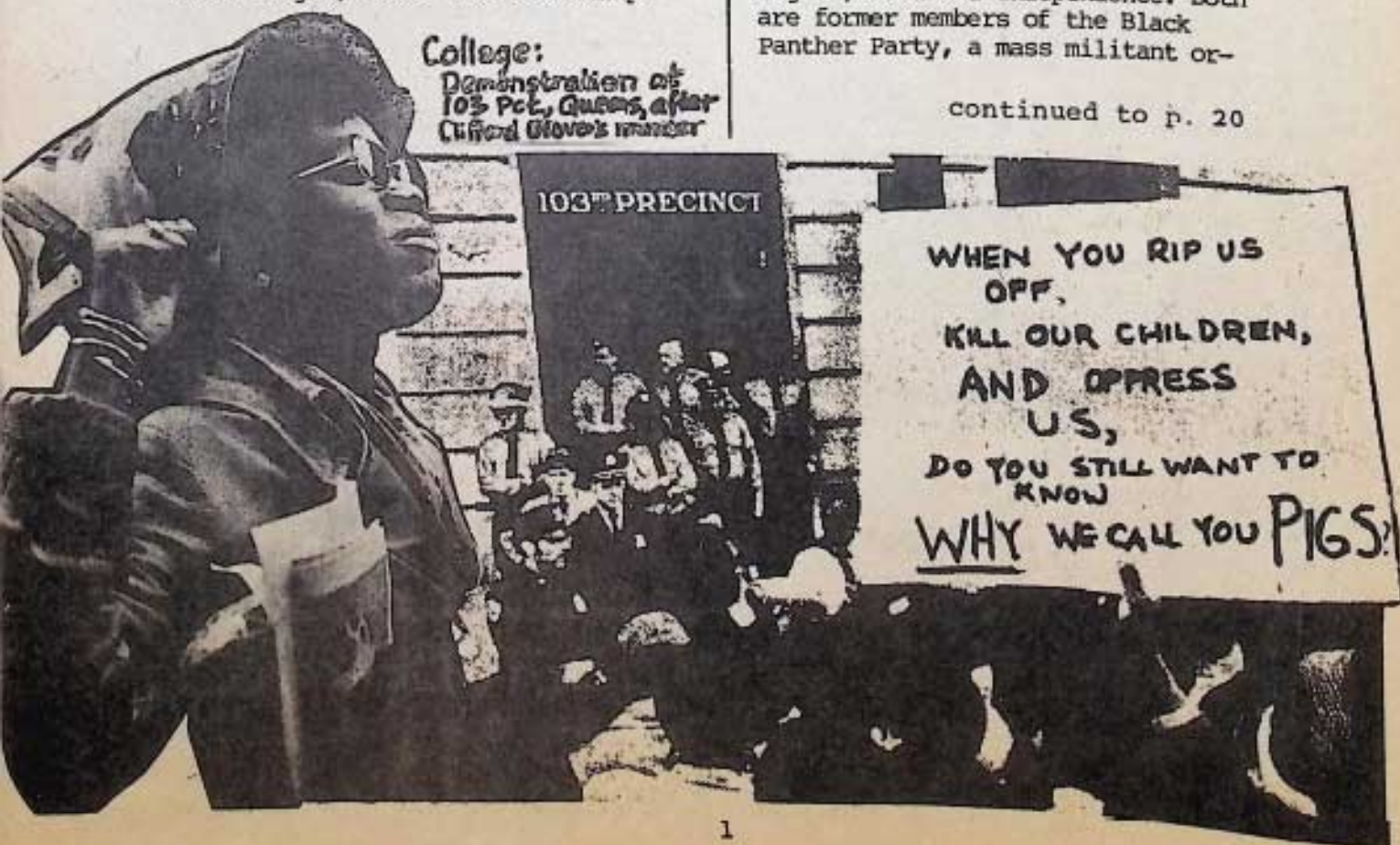
New Afrikan freedom fighters Abdul Majid (slave name: Anthony LaBorde) and James York are currently on trial in Queens Criminal Court, charged with murder and attempted murder in the shootings of two police on April 16, 1981. On that day, the newspapers and TV began blaring bulletins about an "execution" carried out by the Black Liberation Army. Arch-racist Mayor Koch made his infamous statement about "mad dogs." A nationwide hunt for James York and Abdul Majid, under the leadership

of the Joint FBI-NYPD Terrorist Task Force, and accompanied by a massive racist media campaign, succeeded in terrorizing Black communities throughout the country, and in convicting these brothers before they ever came to trial.

They are being framed because both are longtime activists in the Black liberation struggle, dedicated fighters in the struggle of the New Afrikan (Black) nation for human rights, land and independence. Both are former members of the Black Panther Party, a mass militant or-

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College:
Demonstration at
103 Pct, Queens, after
Clifford Glover's murder



"ROCKLAND"

The following poem was written by Kuwasi Balagoon,
New Afrikan Freedom Fighter.

Up in Rockland
they like to believe
that they can get up in the morning in their mortgaged homes
eat breakfast at McDonalds
drive down to Hill Street
sit on each others desks drinking coffee
pack their state issued revolvers, bullet proof vest, heads and tales in state issued cars
and ride around Harlem, the South Bronx, the Lower East Side, Bedford Sty,
Brownsville, Jamaica
looking for trouble, shaking down suspects, chasing "Niggers and puerto Ricans" around
maybe git some overtime
and drive back up to Rockland, across the tappanzee bridge to manicured lawns,
fresh air, space, HBO
Eat pizza, soak up suds and shoot the shit about the "Animals"
and go back to the jungle
as if nothing had happened
and nothing will happen
Up in Rockland county
they like to believe
that they can go on some shift at a crowded concentration kamp
count the blacks, latins, Indians, an whites who for some reason couldn't get a job
and add up the total.
complain about the fuel they feed the "inmates"
watch them
take them to Kangaroo court
maybe get some overtime and thum through a couple of cunt books
and Gang up on some "Animal"
and drive back up to Rockland, across the river, Aw! feeling better already,
unwind, lossen up, curse "fucking scum bags"
& "go back to work" maybe taking a coupla weeks off in the Caribbean
As if today was yesterday
Up in Rockland
they like to believe
that they can come to the city
collect rents, make their commissions, sell their tax credits, do the wall street hustle
take in a couple of shows, a couple of drinks, some entertainment on the company card
and drive back up to Rockland, across the tappanzee bridge, surrounded by loyal cops
and firemen, a boat on the river,
year round swimming and tennis at the spa
the good life maybe invite the boss over to dinner, cocktails
and maybe when the economy is better, God
Up in Rockland
they like to believe
that they can count money indefinitely with no interruptions
because the Criminal Law and Natural Law are the same, because the guys on the legal tender
look like
them, and either made a killing in slaves or Government
And plus the cops, punch drunk viet veterans will would rather die than look for a job
they are really strange up there
Not that there ain't merchants, paper boys, waitresses, gas station attendants, nurses,
teachers, housewives, bartenders
Nuclear plant workers, domestics, students, unemployed, butchers, bakers, candle stick
makers, labourers — if i was a laborer, and you were in labor, and you had a
daughter of mine, would you let them enslave her
But who ever hears of these folks, or us, we could be the same for all we know
but they could never be the same
Up in Rockland
they like to believe they could.

Kuwasi

SEKOU ODINGA - LIVE LIKE HIM!

On June 4, the Coalition to Defend the October 20th Freedom Fighters held a demonstration at the Brooklyn House of Detention to protest the increasing life-threatening attacks against Sekou Odinga by the Department of Corrections and the FBI. The state has been escalating its attacks on this heroic freedom fighter because since the day of his capture, he has led in a stance of total non-collaboration and has remained defiant and combative in the face of every attempt by the state to break or destroy him as a freedom fighter.

Jose Lopez of the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional, at the National Conference Against Repression and Fascism in Denver, occupied Mexico, stated in his address to the plenary that Sekou's consistent stand has made clear to the state that they aren't dealing with just anyone but that they are dealing with "the New Man, the New Afrikan Freedom Fighter."

Sekou's leadership in his stand of total resistance and non-collaboration has inspired revolutionaries and anti-imperialists for 15 years -- since the time he eluded the police raids in April, 1969 and escaped out the back window when the NYPD came to arrest him on the fabricated Panther 21 indictment. Sekou had for years been a member of the Black Panther Party and a well-known community organizer.

Sekou was captured on October 23, 1981, in a police ambush in Queens when Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata was murdered by the NYPD/FBI Terrorist Taskforce. He has resisted every form of physical and psychological torture and refused to become a traitor. In answer to these fascist attempts to break him and destroy the Black Liberation Army, Sekou maintained his stance as a New Afrikan Freedom Fighter and refused to enter a plea at his arraignment in February.

In June, Sekou was forced to appear in a line-up in Rockland County. In refusing to collaborate with yet another part of the state's investigation of the Black liberation struggle, Sekou resisted the government's efforts to frame him through using this line-up. As a result, he was hit repeatedly in the groin and on his knees with blackjacks and was finally shackled, chained and tied with rope to force his participation. His stand set the terms for every freedom fighter to resist -- an example taken up by Abdul, Judy and David when they too were forced into line-ups.

Recently the state has escalated the offensive against Sekou. They know they cannot break him, but try instead to isolate and destroy him. He is being held in segregation at the Brooklyn House of

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"LET YOUR MOTTO BE RESISTANCE"

DENMARK VESSEY

From its earliest beginnings to its ultimate defeat, Black people — Africans and New Afrikans alike — resisted slavery in every way possible. They fought the slavers in Africa, threw themselves overboard during the Middle Passage, rebelled on the plantations and escaped on the Underground Railroad. By the early 1800s the issue was not just ending slavery, but liberation — the freeing of all Black people from the yoke of white oppression. The Haitian Revolution — with its defeat of Napoleonic France and the establishment of the first Black Republic in the Americas — proved to the world that national liberation for African people was an attainable goal. The point was not lost on Black people in the U.S.

Denmark Vessey spent the first 30 years of his life in slavery — in St. Thomas, Haiti and finally South Carolina. He bought his "freedom" for \$600 in 1800 and by 1820 was a successful carpenter with a thriving business in Charleston, S.C. But Denmark Vessey knew that as long as one Black man, woman or child was enslaved, he could not be free. Indeed, his own wife and children were slaves who could be taken from him at any moment. Therefore, the insurrection which Denmark Vessey planned in Charleston in 1822 had the total liberation of Black people as its goal.

In 1821, Vessey and a number of his closest friends — Peter Poyas, Ned and Rolla Bennett, Mingo Harth, Gullah Jack, Monday Gell — began meeting, discussing, plotting. They studied the Haitian Revolution and previous slave rebellions. They analyzed their situation relative to the white population and came to unity around a common goal:

"To overthrow the government if need be. To liberate [themselves] by any and every means that come to mind and hand. Even if it comes to killing every white man in the Charleston district and for miles and miles around."



With this as their goal, they made a plan — a carefully thought out, highly organized, bold plan. They realized that their greatest strength lay in their numbers (Black people outnumbered whites in the Charleston area 3 to 1) and that their greatest problem would be keeping their plan secret. They recruited literally thousands of Black people — free and slaves — to join the rebellion. Regular secret meetings were held to struggle about the plan — about the necessity to kill all the white people in the area, about the possibilities of success, and about the reasons for undertaking it even if it were to fail.

The date was set for July 14, 1822 — "The Day of Reckoning" as Denmark Vessey called it. Everyone was organized in units. A cavalry was formed. Blacksmiths forged weapons. Slaves from the Sea Islands prepared to come in by canoe. And all the while more and more people were recruited.

Then on May 30th a house slave named Peter was approached about joining the conspiracy. But his loyalty was to his oppressor and he immediately informed his master. The white power structure was alerted, spies were sent out and interrogations began. But they still did not really know anything of the plan and panic spread throughout white Charleston. Responding to the breach in security, Denmark Vessey decided

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FROM THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Judy Clark & David Gilbert:
**"Take up the struggle from
the front lines..."**

We send our solidarity to the Conference Against Repression and Fascism taking place this weekend in Denver -- occupied Mexico. Our greetings go to the organizations from the Puerto Rican, Chicano-Mexicano, and New Afrikan liberation struggles who have given leadership to this endeavor, and to the forces from the anti-imperialist movement participating in it. We are most excited by the prospects of the conference because we understand it not as an end in itself, but as a working conference to develop plans and strategies to build true anti-imperialist struggle against the growing fascist drive in the u.s. and its attempts to quell the indomitable forces of national liberation waging war in amerika. Because this conference is rooted in the principles of anti-imperialism and the struggle for self-determination and socialism, the heart of the programs emerging from it is support for the development of armed struggle and people's war as the only strategy to defeat imperialism and destroy this empire.

It is in this context that we want to speak to the importance of building support for the October 20th Freedom Fighters. This case arises out of the attempted expropriation of monies from a Brinks truck by the Revolutionary Armed Task Force, made up of New Afrikan and white combatants fighting under the leadership of the New Afrikan freedom fighters. That action must be understood and supported for what it was: an attempt to take back an infinitesimal proportion of the wealth stolen by the imperialists from the

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Judy Clark:
**"Consciousness and will are
our greatest weapons..."**

The Coalition to Defend the October 20th Freedom Fighters is printing the following excerpts from a letter sent by Judy Clark, one of the October 20th Freedom Fighters and a member of the Revolutionary Armed Task Force under the leadership of the Black Liberation Army, to a comrade on the outside. We are printing this letter because we believe that Judy and the other freedom fighters who are resisting the state's line-ups and other "legal proceedings" attacking revolutionary forces, offer us clear leadership in what it means to resist u.s. imperialism, and how a movement can be built that will resist by fighting to defeat imperialism. We want to express our unconditional support and solidarity with all revolutionary freedom fighters waging war in amerika -- those behind bars, and those in the field.

...We just came back from our battles over the line-ups. Interesting. I could not say that we completely succeeded in nullifying them, but we definitely resisted and thus exposed them as farces. And I learned some stuff, of

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FROM THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

SEKOU ODINGA

Peace and Power to the righteous People.

I send my sincere revolutionary love and greetings to all those struggling to defeat this racist, imperialist capitalist monster known as the u.s.a.

Today like every day since the first African slave was brought to these shores called america, the main concern of the Africans and other third world and poor people is survival. The question is how can we survive Reagan's america and keep our self-respect and humanism?

In 1982 the economy will not allow for full employment. Can a man or woman live as a slave to anyone or anything other than God and still maintain self respect? I think not. But this country (usa) system of government is organized in such a way that man is forced to be a slave to either his or her job, welfare, drugs, jail or something. Most men or women cannot control their own lives.

We must change america from what it is today (a fascist state) to a country that is responsible and responsive to all its people. How can this be done?

I think we must first identify who we are and what it is we want and need. For some "americans" this might not be so easy, but for Blacks it is a relatively simple thing to do. We are the descendants of Africans kidnapped from Africa and brought to the americas and forced into slavery. Some would say that we should not separate ourselves from others struggling for a better life. I would agree if that was possible, but it isn't. The plain fact is that we have always been separated and treated differently than any other people in this country. Not that other third world and poor people haven't been exploited, oppressed and repressed also. But they haven't (outside of the native americans) been enslaved and/or oppressed as a people, but we have. And it is as a people that we have to come together and struggle for our freedom and self determination. As an oppressed people we must identify our friends and our enemies and treat them accordingly. We must also decide what methods and tactics we should use to win our freedom and self determination.

I say like Hajj Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X) said, that we must use any and every means at our disposal. In the past we have used almost every way we could think of to force this government to give us our just due. We have begged, prayed, voted, boycotted, sat in, layed in, been jailed in, organized large demonstrations, rioted and used isolated guerrilla attacks to try to get what we need as a people in this country. The one thing that we haven't done that we must do, along with all the other things is to wage a protracted organized armed guerrilla war against the powers that be in this country. The reason that this has not been done in the past is because we have not been able to organize a real guerrilla army. So one of our top priorities must be to organize a real Black Liberation Army, capable of carrying out large scale attacks on multiple targets at the same time. This cannot be done over night. The building of an army is like the building of anything else, it must be done in steps. The first step is to build a strong foundation. This foundation must be made of strong guerrilla units and groups that have been tried and tested in their different local areas.

We must call on our youth to stop fighting, robbing and killing each other for nothing or some small capitalistic gain. We must get them to see and to accept their righteous continued to p. 18



...and the GRAND JURY RESISTERS

Shaheem Malik Jabbar:
"No amount of harassment and terrorism will change my position of no collaboration..."

On May 14, 1982 I, Shaheem Malik Jabbar, was sick in bed with acute rheumatoid arthritis. My wife, Urayoana Trinidad Jabbar, who is a doctor of acupuncture was giving me a treatment when there was a strange phone call. Someone asked for Jaba, when my wife asked them to identify themselves, the party said, "J.W.", the nickname of an acquaintance from the Black Acupuncture Advisory Association of North America (B.A.A.A.N.A.), a group that was illegally raided, terrorized and subpoenaed on March 26, 1982. Knowing that this was not his voice she told them that they had the wrong number.

At 8:30 a.m. our front door, which was left unlocked by my 9 year old daughter, burst open with a shout of, "This is the police." My wife went downstairs and was told that they had a subpoena for me. She asked them to step outside but they refused. She explained that she was giving me a treatment and that I wasn't dressed. They allowed her to come to the bedroom to cover me with a warning "Tell your husband not to do anything foolish." When she came back to the front door two FBI agents had joined the detectives. She requested that only one person come into the bedroom, but detective Douglas, the spokesperson, insisted that he had to be accompanied by the other detective.

They found me lying in bed on my stomach since the pain in my joints did not permit me to turn on my back. The covers were loosely thrown over my body covering one hand, both of which were above my head palms down. Before detective Douglas entered the room he roughly asked, "Do you have any weapons?" As he

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Credit: New Afrikan Freedom Fighter

Alan Berkman:
"We will not be paralyzed by fear of repression..."

May 26, 1982

During the past 6 months, one of my major responsibilities for the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee has been to educate and mobilize people around the country to actively combat the government's use of the grand jury as a tool of political repression. We have particularly focused on the RICO grand jury before which I just appeared and with which I refuse to collaborate.

We focus on it because its explicit purpose is to destroy the Black

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RICO Indictments

On March 26, at the same time as the predawn raid on the Harlem Acupuncture Center (BAAANA), the police and FBI raided the homes of Chui (Cecilio Ferguson-El) and Jamal (Eddie Josephs).

Chui and Jamal, two longtime activists in the Black liberation struggle, remain incarcerated in MCC on the fabricated federal conspiracy indictment coming out of the special RICO grand jury in New York City. Their indictments were brought based, in part, upon testimony presented in sealed, secret affidavits. The source of these affidavits are the FBI's "CS-1" and CS-3" informants. CS-1 recanted his statement. CS-3 is a woman with a documented history of mental illness, medically diagnosed as schizophrenic, who has been hospitalized at least six times over the last year. She is currently being hospitalized again, this time under constant police "protection" in Georgia. Even though this information has been presented to the court, Judge Weinfeld continues to refuse to drop the indictment.

Jamal now faces charges, along with Kuwasi Balagoon, stemming from a Bronx Brinks expropriation last year. Chui is being held only on this federal indictment. When Chui appeared before Weinfeld for a bail reduction hearing and presented the documentation about the FBI's "source" of information, the judge was forced to lower his outrageous \$1 million bail to what still constitutes a ransom amount of \$500,000.

In an unusual proceeding, and in the face of strict federal regulations guaranteeing a "speedy trial," Judge Weinfeld last month granted a 45-day extension to the government before they would have to be ready to go forward with the case. The U.S. Attorney's request was, as always, made in a sealed, secret memorandum. The 45 days have expired as of the

third week of June. Chui and Jamal are scheduled to appear in federal court on Tuesday, June 29, to push forward the case and gain discovery information.

The frameup of Jamal and Chui has already been exposed by the unreliable nature of the government's "sources." The struggle to exonerate them and to smash the grand jury go hand in hand. This grand jury, and the investigation overall, have been defined from the very beginning by corruption, bribery and threats — offering to pay off possible informants, torturing Solomon Brown to elicit a false, signed statement implicating other people, imprisoning seven people thus far who have refused to collaborate with this grand jury.

It is only by maintaining and fighting for a principled and consistent stand of non-collaboration that this grand jury will be smashed and that this and any future RICO indictments will be defeated. □



Credit: Breakthrough

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STOP ALL GRAND JURY ATTACKS!

Since the last issue of Resistance, three additional people have been jailed for refusing to collaborate with the RICO grand jury: Alan Berkman on May 26, Shaheem Jabbar on June 2 and Bernardine Dohrn on May 24. Alan is a member of May 19th Communist Organization and a national leader of the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee (representing JBAKC in the Coalition), as well as being a medical doctor who has treated political prisoners and Prisoners of War for many years. Shaheem is a supporter and activist of the Black Liberation Movement, a close friend and associate of medical and community workers at BAAANA, and brother-in-law of Chui, Cecilio Ferguson-El. Bernardine is a long-time anti-imperialist activist. Their subpoenas flow directly from the highly unreliable information given this grand jury through the use of "confidential sources", such as Solomon Brown's statement coerced under torture and subsequently repudiated and the statements of Yvonne Thomas, a 20-year old woman with a diagnosed history of paranoid schizophrenia.

The Coalition waged a particular campaign against Alan's subpoena, both among anti-imperialists and the progressive medical community. Alan's subpoena was clearly punitive, issued in response to his having played a critical role in exposing the government's torture of New Afrikan Freedom Fighters Sekou Odinga and Solomon Brown, and as part of the government's attack on and attempts to discredit May 19th Communist Organization. The Coalition held several demonstrations in front of the federal court, bringing over 75 people to protest this grand jury witch-hunt and attack on public political activists who support the right of oppressed people to fight for liberation by whatever means are necessary. As Alan said in his statement to the grand jury, which he was prevented from giving but did deliver to the press just before he was jailed

"if collaboration is the price that the U.S. government and this grand jury is demanding for my continued freedom, I refuse to pay. I will continue to place

myself on the side of those who resist, of those who are struggling for liberation and not on the side of the oppressor. The forces of liberation are winning around the world and are growing inside this country. There is no question in my mind that we will win and build a new society that eliminates oppression forever. And if my refusal to collaborate makes any contribution to that growing resistance and eventual victory, prison would be a very, very small price to pay. "

Shaheem made it clear in his statement as well what the political and repressive nature of this grand jury is: "I feel that because of my friendships and association with the Black liberation struggle that I am a target of a dragnet designed to discredit, terrorize and intimidate whoever is a supporter of this struggle to ensure the survival of Black people in this country — I ask anyone — how could I collaborate with this illegal use of the grand jury in this Brinks investigation? How could any Black person not be a supporter of the Black liberation struggle under the conditions that Black people are forced to exist in this country."

The struggle to resist the grand jury is waged at every level. Grand jury resister Eve Rosahn has been imprisoned since March under unheard of repressive restrictions: no visitors other than her mother and legal visits, and a constant guard escort wherever she went inside the prison. Because she was not granted a protective order when she was jailed, she has refused to be processed or sign any document at MCC. (Since it is her fingerprints and handwriting that she was subpoenaed for, unless the prison was prevented by a court protective order from giving them to the FBI, then being processed would amount to collaborating.) As soon as we began to raise a fight about her punitive conditions, the prison backed down and she can now receive regular visits from her friends and supporters.

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Detention and restricted to three visits a week. These visits are denied if visitors are even a few minutes late. No other inmate is subject to such restrictions. Because he has refused to submit to "strip searches" and "squat searches" he has been refused visits with his lawyers as well.

Within a week of the Coalition's launching a letter writing campaign and holding the June 4th demonstration, prison officials came to meet with Sekou to answer these demands. But the harassment and other restrictions still continue. We must escalate the campaign to defend Sekou and all the freedom fighters. Protecting the freedom fighters is critical to our movement to fight for their leadership and the advancement of the strategy they are part of and represent. We have a responsibility to protect our freedom fighters for we know that their lives are in constant jeopardy when in the hands of the state.

We are continuing the letter writing campaign to demand: 1) the same rights for Sekou as for other prisoners; 2) stop the 'squat' searches; 3) normal visitation rights; and 4) an end to all abuse and physical harassment in the jail. Letters should be sent to:

Benjamin Ward, Commissioner
Dept. of Corrections, 100 Centre St.
New York, N.Y. 10013

John Cunningham, Warden
Brooklyn House of Detention
275 Atlantic Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Jacqueline McMickens
Chief of Operations
Dept. of Corrections
100 Centre Street
New York, N.Y. 10013

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to take another bold step and move the date up to June 16th. But two days before, a Black spy was able to find out details of the plan and informed his master. Thus, when thousands of Black people massed at the appointed hour, they found thousands of armed white men waiting. Outnumbered and with the crucial element of surprise eliminated, the uprising was called off.

Mass arrests, torture and general terrorizing of Black people followed. One hundred thirty-one Black people and four white people were arrested. On July 2, 1822, Denmark Vesey and the other main leaders were hanged. In all, 37 Black people were hanged, the others receiving various punishments. One reason that more people were not arrested was that, with one exception, all the leaders went to their deaths "silent" -- that is, without informing on anyone to the authorities.

From the perspective of history, the Denmark Vesey conspiracy was not a failure. It was a bold plan, involving thousands of Black people. And the fact that it could have succeeded is attested to by the panic of the white population. It was based in a tradition of resistance and is part of a continuum leading to the full-scale development of a people's war for the liberation of New Afrika.

Credit: Herbert Aptheker's A Documentary History of the Negro People in the United States and Great Gittin' Up Morning by John Oliver Killens for the information contained in this article.

This column will be a regular feature of Resistance. It will highlight important parts of the history of the Black liberation struggle, and white anti-imperialists who have fought in solidarity with that struggle.



BREAK THE CHAINS

FREE THE ANTI-SPRINGBOK-5!

A victory for the anti-imperialist movement has been won in the acquittal/withdrawal of all assault and felony charges against the Anti-Springbok 5. The 5, Tim Blunk, Donna Borup, Mary Patten, Margot Pelletier, and Eve Rosahn, were arrested at a militant demonstration at Kennedy Airport, called to confront the Springboks, South Africa's apartheid rugby team, at their scheduled departure from this country last September. This was the last of an international series of demonstrations and protests which had been sparked by the worldwide condemnation of the illegal, fascist settler regime of South Africa, and its strategy to use the tour as a way to break the isolation it faces. Here, as well as in New Zealand, the representatives of the African liberation movements of Namibia and Azania struggled with the movement to take up our responsibility of building real solidarity with their peoples' struggles for land, liberation, and socialism, and to intervene in the u.s. government's partnership with the white supremacist regime.

The u.s. and New Zealand broke international law by issuing visas to the Springboks. The tour was a joint strategy of the South African regime and u.s. to reach into the hearts and minds of masses of people to build support and legitimacy for white supremacy, genocide and imperialism.

Thousands of people took action to confront the Springboks and to defeat this strategy in the u.s. The Black Liberation Army led in fighting for the unity of African liberation struggles worldwide by bombing the offices of the Eastern Rugby Union, which accepted \$70,000 from South Africa to host the tour.

Because we went to the airport to confront the Springboks, the demonstration was attacked by the police. We defended ourselves and became the target of a concerted strategy by the government

to criminalize the anti-imperialist movement. Understanding that the fight would not be won in the court-room, we took on a nationwide tour. We collected over 2,000 signatures on petitions exposing the united states' alliance with the south african regime.

From the pre-trial hearings to the trials themselves, the state's case was exposed as nothing more than police lies and counterinsurgency. However, we were denied access to an 800 page document detailing FBI and police infiltration of the anti-Springbok movement which had been exposed in the trial of anti-Springbok activists in Albany, N.Y.

A major blow was dealt to the state's strategy when Donna Borup did not appear for trial. To try to compensate for lack of evidence against the 5, the D.A. set up her case to be the "lynch pin", fabricating the highest felony charges against her. Her decision not to go to trial derailed this strategy. We support our comrade wholeheartedly wherever she is.

Nor could the state substantiate any charges against Mary Patten, the first - and only - anti-springbok to go to trial. Their attempt to portray support for national liberation struggles as a "vicious conspiracy" failed. The state then was forced to withdraw assault and felony charges against Timothy Blunk, Margot Pelletier and Eve Rosahn.

The only thing the Anti-Springbok 5 have been "convicted" of is resisting arrest, criminal trespass and participating in a militant demonstration. For this, the government is trying to imprison these activists who have already spent several months in illegal political detention. They are trying to set a precedent to make it illegal to show solidarity with African liberation. Sentencing is July 8. We can and must defend our movement NO MORE JAIL FOR THE ANTI SPRINGBOK 5! COME TO COURT! July 8,

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Richard Thompson-El

The ruling class through its control of the media distorts the true role of armed freedom fighters. They portray freedom fighters as senseless terrorists while glorifying the real terrorists as "defenders of freedom." They never say where freedom fighters come from, or why they appear. Even the most shallow investigation of history shows that it's the long term oppression of a people that creates freedom fighters. They are the first sign of a people's will to resist their oppression with weapons in kind, and lest we forget, our oppressor is armed. He has the guns and has already proven that he will use them indiscriminately to spread fear and terror to keep a people suppressed. Armed freedom fighters are necessary to counter this terror by the oppressor and to liberate ourselves from him.

Most Black people understand this because we are among the most oppressed in this society. We serve as the basic source of cheap labor in this society; also as a large consumer market for dumping cheap overpriced goods, and as a bargaining tool to keep all wages at a minimum by exploiting the differences in color, class, sex, etc. Because we have no control over the major economic, political, social or military institutions that determine our lives, we are powerless and are constantly at the mercy of outside forces, administrations, etc., who use us for their own benefit. We are in fact a scattered internal colony within U.S. borders with each separate community having its own colony of us to exploit. Racism and police terror have proven to be the main tools used in maintaining our colonial oppression.

Through these tools the oppressor has solicited the aid of many, and the silent consent of most, whites in maintaining our oppression. In every major city the streets are

saturated with the oppressor armed police agencies. Outside these saturated areas the slack is taken up by their reserve armies of White vigilante groups such as the Nazis, K.K.K.'s, right wing para-military groups and similar Fascist groups. Institutionalized racism, discrimination, zoning laws and mass poverty still restrict most Blacks to living within a certain locality just as if segregated housing codes still existed, similar methods are used to prevent Blacks from getting a fair representative share in jobs, schooling, politics, health care and higher advancement. The same holds true for other oppressed nationalities.

Armed freedom fighters are necessary to counter the racist violence aimed at unarmed Blacks, and to protect our communities against the trigger happy racist police agencies so that the masses of Black people can begin to organize themselves to gain control over their own lives. Only we can liberate ourselves from the colonial domination of this system. The ruling class cannot and will not meet our legitimate demands for political, economic and social freedom, because to do so would collapse the blood sucking nature of this system. Armed freedom fighters are the advanced guard of a people moving toward armed resistance. They are the People's Army in embryo. Their main duty is to defend the people, and fight for them while educating and organizing the people for mass armed resistance and self-liberation.

Freedom fighters are also confronted with the problem of building and maintaining an infrastructure, or support network, throughout the dominated territory. This is necessary so that armed resistance can be sustained throughout the protracted struggle. It requires the support of the people. To gain this support,

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the freedom fighters must direct more of their actions toward clear acts of defending the oppressed, fighting for the oppressed, and retaliating against the oppressor for those injustices committed against the people. This educates the people on the true role of the freedom fighter, and it gives the people a better understanding of the necessary expropriations required to sustain armed struggle.

True liberation requires the destruction of the present colonial system that oppresses Black people. It is the only way Black people can gain control over their lives and become politically, economically

and socially free and independent. National independence is essential for the consolidation of political independence and for providing an affluent material and moral life for our people. Self-reliance is indispensable for safeguarding national independence. Then, with our own means and national institutions, we can begin solving the problems placed on the agenda by the general historical situation.

Sundiata Acoli is a Black Liberation Army POW confined at the United States Federal Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois. Richard Thompson-El is a Moorish-American imprisoned also at the U.S.P., Marion. □



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labor and emiseration of oppressed and exploited peoples, to be used to build the liberation struggle of the New Afrikan Nation. It was not an isolated event, but part of the protracted process of the Black Liberation Struggle to build an armed clandestine movement, which is an absolute necessity in order to progress towards a successful strategy to win land and liberation. Just as the process did not begin on October 20th, it did not end with the losses incurred. And just as the armed clandestine movement of the New Afrikan liberation movement continues today to build and fight from clandestinity, so, too, white anti-imperialist freedom fighters of the Revolutionary Armed Task Force are struggling to draw the lessons of this period and build their clandestine forces. They are forging the path toward proletarian internationalism by

fighting in the front lines under New Afrikan leadership. We call for support for the October 20th Freedom Fighters as part of our total commitment to the growth and development of the Revolutionary Armed Task Force and all that it stands for. The Revolutionary Armed Task Force grows out of the leadership and strategy of New Afrikan revolutionaries: in order to lead a truly revolutionary movement among white working class people, white anti-imperialists must take on, as a key task, building armed struggle and participating fully in war in amerika.

Opportunists who argue that armed struggle will alienate the working class deny the reality that white working class people have no problem with violence and are armed to the teeth. But it is imperialism that is mobilizing them to wage war against Third World people for empire. Our timetable and terms of struggle cannot be determined by the

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"PORTRAIT OF
EMILIANO ZAPATA"
by Elizam Escobar
-one of the Eleven
Puerto Rican
Prisoners-
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most backward elements of the white oppressor nation, but by the leading forces of national liberation. In so doing, we both fight for the highest level of solidarity with those struggles, and give leadership to white people by clarifying the principle of proletarian internationalism and the necessity to organize for illegality. It is this call that we heeded and continue to stand by, and it is on those same terms that we call for continuing support, not just for ourselves, but for the fighting forces of the New Afrikan struggle, all national liberation struggles, and the anti-imperialist movement, who continue to build the struggle from clandestinity.

We believe that it is critical for the anti-imperialist movements to organize and fight that we are not criminals nor terrorists; that we are freedom fighters who are part of the worldwide struggle of proletarian forces fighting to defeat the system of u.s.-led imperialism. As freedom fighters around the world are waging the struggle, we are taking up our positions from within the belly of the monster. The New Afrikan freedom fighters captured on October 20th and since are revolutionary leaders and fighters who have participated in their peoples' struggles for human rights and liberation since the decade of the '60s. New Afrikan revolutionaries like Sekou Odinga have maintained their combative commitment, fighting from clandestinity for over a decade. It was the accumulation of those years of fortitude and resistance that he brought to the fore in his unwavering resistance in the face of terrorist torture after his capture. Support for these freedom fighters is a bottom line of support for the right of

the New Afrikan Nation to fight for liberation by any means necessary.

By the same token, we believe all anti-imperialists must support the captured white combatants and the Revolutionary Armed Task Force as a leading revolutionary development. It poses the challenge to all white anti-imperialists to take up the practice of revolutionary struggle from the front lines; to foresake the dreams and corruption of empire; to participate in and support the waging of armed struggle against imperialism under the leadership of national liberation struggles; and to apply these political principles to organize a revolutionary mass movement.

Because the Revolutionary Armed Task Force is a new, though not a unique, development, it has created a particular panic and disorganization both among the imperialists and the opportunist white left. The media has tried to portray the Black people as criminals and the white people as either the "brains behind the scene" or as unwitting dupes. Much of the white left has echoed that position, fostering a view of the white people as either victims of Black militarism or fosterers of it. This is a blatantly racist attack on the New Afrikan liberation struggle and its leadership in the anti-imperialist movement. It is a desperate attempt to hold out for a separate white strategy that in essence seeks peace with imperialism by upholding the system of white supremacy.

So we want to make ourselves clear: we are neither criminals, nor terrorists, nor victims. We are freedom fighters who stand firmly in solidarity with the oppressed nations in their fight for liberation, and look to the armed clandestine movement as our

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leadership. We stand in total opposition to the imperialist state and will never collaborate with it. That is why we have struggled in the months of our imprisonment for a continuing stand of resistance and non-collaboration. Every time we have resisted -- from the hunger strike demanding medical care for Solomon and Sekou, to our recent resistance to the state's attempt to criminalize us by putting us in line-ups -- we have grown stronger in reasserting our revolutionary principles. We learned an important lesson from our recent experience: even when faced with the enemy's overwhelming physical force, revolutionaries can exert the strength of our consciousness and commitment to maintain our stand and neutralize the enemy's threats. Revolutionaries can never relinquish responsibility for our actions. We can never assume that the enemy can force us into doing what we are unwilling to do, or stop us from doing what we believe is correct. Rather, we must struggle to define our actions by the needs and interests of the liberation movements. In so doing, we expose the illegitimacy and weaknesses of the imperialist state, and strengthen the resolve and combative capacity of our movements.

FREE ALL PRISONERS OF WAR AND
POLITICAL PRISONERS!

SUPPORT THE ARMED CLANDESTINE
MOVEMENTS!

LONG LIVE THE VICTORY OF
PEOPLE'S WAR!

BUILD A FIGHTING ANTI IMPERIAL-
IST MOVEMENT!

DEFEAT U.S. IMPERIALISM!

-- Judy Clark & David Gilbert □

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course. Let me tell you about it. We got taken to Rockland County jail in the middle of the night, on Monday -- the line-ups were scheduled for Tuesday evening. I was, as always, put in isolation in a cell block that is cleared of the women who usually live there; with a guard specially stationed to watch me every minute. No books, no papers, with 12 hours to hang out and wait for this scene to happen. So I exercise -- many sets of push-ups, sit-ups, leg lifts, stretches, pacing through the day. Finally at 6 in the evening, Tip comes, with Judy H., and tells me that they are doing David that night and me the next -- what a bummer -- I feel the adrenalin swoosh out of me -- more waiting. There is a certain irony in it though -- since the next day is May 19! -- and also the day of the grand jury -- so thinking of all that helped me chi into it. The next day of waiting was easier. At 5 that evening Tipograph came and we talked for an hour. I found out more what happened with David; and about court that day, etc. At 6, they had her leave; strip-searched me and came to get me. I refused to go; was half lifted, half dragged to the elevator, where I was shackled hands and legs. At first I was more just not cooperating; then it became more resisting. By the time the "legal" formalities were over and I was being dragged into the line-up room, it was a fight -- uneven, to say the least. Their strategy was to use overwhelming force to enforce their position; not to particularly beat up -- but to use the ropes, chains, neck brace to tie me up such that I was completely immobilized, unable to breathe, in pain, with my limbs going numb -- and leave me there for an hour or two to break down my will and stamina. My strategy was to use the only thing I had -- I screamed, yelled, threatened. It was definitely a fact that the prolonged discomfort and pain was much harder than being kicked around or punched -- I was most worried about the fact that all circulation to my arm was cut off; my hand was numb and swollen in 5 minutes and I didn't know how long it would take till that could have more permanent damaging effect. I did two things -- I made myself stop thinking about my body and I visualized

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Haydee* in court that time and thought about what Ashraf** says about even when the enemy has the physical advantage, that we must exert our moral advantage. So I started to scream, "I want my lawyer informed that you have deliberately cut off my circulation and breathing and that my hand is numb," etc., etc. I figured either they would get uptight and do something; or at least that my yelling gave me more strength and sense of resistance. Finally they came in, poked my hand which had indeed lost all sensation, and finally loosened one rope around it, tightening the others. I felt like I had forced them to relent; rather than them giving me anything, so that made me feel stronger to keep it up.

By now I'd been tied up close to an hour. Finally the other women were brought in for the line-up and they set up the scene -- When it looked like they were getting ready to send in witnesses (you can't actually see what's happening on the other side of the wall), I turned my head to the side (the only way I could still move), made faces, etc. The pigs came back and brought more of them -- one guy went behind each of us and then the one behind me grabbed my head, forcing it forward and pressing pressure points below my ears. I started screaming; he pressed harder; I screamed louder... we kept this up for a while, everyone looking more and more freaked. Then the d.a. came in to say to take a break. One of the women on the line-up started to faint. After a while, we re-commenced; only this time

when I started screaming and making faces, the pig choked me. My scream became a gurgle; but I kept it up and he kept choking till I started to pass out; he loosened; I revived and started screaming and we did that round a couple more times. After that it was basically over, except for a few kicks and shoves. Tip said the witnesses were completely freaked out (of course they still identified me) ... Anyway, I would love to find out more about Haydee's -- and how she actually stopped the line-up. But it was good to have some confrontation. I came out of it feeling stronger and more combative and understanding more where our strength comes from. And hopefully it can contribute to the fight for non-collaboration, which is obviously on-going and fierce in this case.

It's so strange being here -- in the country -- I have watched the seasons flow through the window, each day. This incredibly beautiful, subtle unfolding of spring; as the winter snows melted; first unlocking the flowing of the creek; then the greening of the fields; then the trees. Incredible beauty, right outside these concentration camp walls -- so close to the season, yet so far...

My visit is here -- so I will end for now. One other thing I realized from the line-up was that whatever power I had in that situation came from really struggling to think and be conscious; not panic and react. It was another lesson in how much consciousness and will are our greatest weapons. □



*Haydee Beltran Torres, Puerto Rican revolutionary, one of the 11 Puerto Rican Prisoners of War.

**Ashraf Deghani, Iranian revolutionary woman, member of the OIPFG (Organization of Iranian Peoples Fedayee Guerillas).

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responsibility to help free themselves, their people and the american people in general from the yoke of the racist, fascist ruling class. We must show them how four or five brothers and sisters can close down an airport with a couple of well placed bombs. That will cost the big businessman millions of dollars. We have to show our youth how the bringing down of a bridge on a major trucking route will cost the big bosses millions. We must show them how they can close down and disrupt the stock markets, ship and freight yards and other economic and communication strong points in this capitalistic system causing billions of dollars to be lost.

The one thing the ruling class fear most is the loss of profits. The ruling bosses cannot stand to lose too much. So we must hit them where it hurts them the most, i.e. their bank accounts. They will do everything within their power to find and totally destroy all opposition and resistance. But when we have become too strong and too well organized for them to stop us they will then be ready to talk about our demands.

When attacking their economic and communications systems we will be forced to deal with the protectors of those systems i.e. their armed guards and different police and military departments. We must infiltrate and organize within their systems also.



We must learn the art of guerrilla warfare because it is the one military strategy that this fascist military state cannot successfully deal with as proven by the war in Vietnam.

Along with the military aspect we must organize ourselves to survive the political and economical repression that will get as bad as the pigs that control this fascist state can make it. We can look for a lot more of the kind of political and military repression that we see in the wake of the attempted brinks expropriation of Oct. 20, 1981 in Nyack, N.Y. Whenever an oppressed people make righteous bids to throw off that oppression the oppressor state always heightens its repression. We must expect it, prepare for it and overcome it if we are ever to be free.

We must build strong aboveground political structures to interpret the underground military actions. There must be a clear distinction between the above political organization and the belowground B.L.A. The aboveground and belowground structures must make principled coalitions based on clear working agreements with other struggling peoples and organizations.

The main priorities of the aboveground political organization must be the people whose interest they are working for. They must organize around the many problems the people have. Community survival programs must be the name of the game, i.e. free breakfast, lunch and dinner programs, free clothing drives, welfare and tenants rights organizing. Organizing around the rampant police brutality. Organizing the people into community patrol groups, to drive out the muggers, burglars, the drug pushers, the pimps and prostitutes and any other undesirables in the communities.

The aboveground political organizations must start and take these programs out into the communities, so that the people can see through their practice what they are all about. Once the people know through their practice that they are working in the people's interest, the pig press will not be able to fool the people with the slander that they will certainly print to try to discredit them.

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So let's get on with the job of freeing ourselves from the control of this racist capitalist system. To take control of our own lives and destinies we must be able to protect ourselves against racist military attacks and we must control the institutions that affect our daily lives. In short we must have political and military power. We must organize our army and political organizations to meet the need of our nation.

As my beloved Brother and Comrade in arms Mtyari Shabaka Sundiata, said

"How can we talk about a nation and not talk about an army. That's not realistic. Every nation has an army. So power to the people's army. The nation must come to fruition through revolutionary action."

All Power to the righteous People.
Let's liberate and take control of our Nation.

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At the same time the RICO grand jury in NYC has been escalating its attack on the Black liberation struggle, so has the grand jury in Puerto Rico investigating the armed clandestine organizations of the Puerto Rican independence movement. Ricardo Montes Central Committee member of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena (LSP) - a leading public revolutionary organization - was subpoenaed to appear. Not only did he refuse to collaborate in any way, but he did so without an attorney to represent him. Ricardo is the head of the Ciales branch of the LSP - a position which he took over after the U.S. government assassinated Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, Puerto Rican independentista and LSP Central Committee member in the Tallahassee Federal Prison, while he was serving a brief sentence for participating in a demonstration against the u.s. naval occupation of Vieques. The LSP has fought constantly for a position of total non-recognition (retramiento) of the authority of the u.s. government over the Puerto Rican nation.

The Coalition fully supports all grand jury resisters - and we commit ourselves to continuing the fight to gain their freedom. □



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ganization in the Black community, which came under severe repression at the hands of the FBI's COINTELPRO (counter-intelligence) program in the 1960s and 1970s because it mobilized masses of Black people to fight for self-determination and self-defense against racist attacks. Both James and Abdul have a deep history in their communities as defenders of their people against the real mad dogs: racist landlords, killer cops, etc.

The frame-up was initially exposed in the pretrial hearings. (See Resistance #3.) The state put forward identification witnesses who had been hypnotized by the police, as well as a man who could not identify either James or Abdul in the courtroom. Most of the state's witnesses are cops themselves or are associated with the police.

From the beginning the District Attorney has tried to claim that there is "nothing political about this case." Nothing could be further from the truth. The government was waging a political offensive when it declared war on the Black Panther Party. It is part of a political mobilization towards fascism for the state to perpetrate its vicious lies, targeting Black activists and leaders as "cop killers," in the attempt to cut off mass support for these freedom fighters.

The D.A. has tried to disqualify any potential jurors who would clearly not be swayed by racist hysteria or by a re-writing of history. The state, through its massive racist media campaign, is doing everything it can to organize the community of Queens to rally behind the cops and to ensure that these brothers do not get a fair trial. The defense has responded by making jury selection set the political terms for the trial. Through an almost two-month process of voir dire (which is the questioning of potential jurors about their backgrounds, opinions, etc., in order to ferret out prejudice), defense lawyers

C. Vernon Mason, William Kunstler, and Randolph Scott-McLaughlin aimed to surface people's attitudes toward the police, their own relationships to struggles for human rights, racist and white-supremacist views, etc. They concluded with a jury consisting almost entirely of Third World people, one which is already attuned to the political nature of the case, to the history of illegal COINTELPRO attacks and frame-ups of Black political activists.

The case is before Judge Browne, a Black judge, who is the same judge who tried Puerto Rican independentista William Morales in 1978. As a Puerto Rican prisoner of war, William refused to participate in the trial or in any way to accept the jurisdiction of the U.S. government over him or Puerto Rico. When William tried to make a statement to the court at the close of his trial, Judge Browne silenced him, and ordered the guards to drag him out of the courtroom. Browne then threw spectators and supporters out of the courtroom when they protested this brutal treatment. He now sits presiding over the case of two New Afrikan freedom fighters.

Opening statements began on June 21. The prosecution again asserted that this is "a strict murder case." The defense, on the other hand, presented the totally political nature of the trial, James' and Abdul's long histories as political organizers, and COINTELPRO attacks against the Black liberation movement. One witness the defense indicated an intention to call is former Idaho Senator Frank Church, who chaired the Senate hearings investigating COINTELPRO and other related illegal domestic counterinsurgency programs.

The courtroom itself exposes the reality of War in Amerika. There are extra police and court officers inside and outside the courtroom. All spectators are searched and are required to sign a list before entering. The D.A.'s office is

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clearly waging a campaign to organize people to come to court to push this railroad. Every day the courtroom is packed with people who are obviously there only for the purpose of defending and protecting killer cops. The courtroom was locked while Police Officer Rainey, who was wounded in the 1981 shooting, was testifying. And Mrs. Scarangella, the widow of the officer who was killed, is daily escorted by plain-clothes police.

As of the writing of this article, several prosecution witnesses had already appeared. Before the grand jury, and in statements to the police, Rainey has consistently testified that he didn't see the shooting because he was ducking under the wheel and dashboard. As soon as the trial began, he changed his story. Now he testifies that he saw James York shooting at the police car. And he has never identified Abdul.

While the defense is fighting to maintain the presence of the Black liberation struggle in the courtroom, in opposition to the state's efforts to totally frame these two brothers, we must understand that this is not enough. It is critical that the movement be in that courtroom, that the judge and the jury both see the strength of that movement and that the D.A.'s "spectators" understand

that killer cops will be brought to justice.

The state is attempting to use this trial to criminalize freedom fighters of the Black liberation struggle — a main goal of all the covert activities of the '60s and '70s — separating freedom fighters from the struggles and communities they have emerged from, portraying them as terrorists when it is, in fact, the police and U.S. government that are the real terrorists. The state is trying to paint the police as the "victims" and Black people as the "criminals," to deny the daily reality of killer cops and police terror in Third World communities.

The Coalition supports James and Abdul and is organizing people to court because their trial grows out of the struggle that Black people have been waging for years in New York City and across the country — to expose the cops as a genocidal occupying army. Court goes on every day, Monday through Thursday, at 10 AM. It is expected to last for two months. COME TO COURT!

Contact their defense committees and send letters of support to:

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ABDUL MAJID
P.O. Box 1261
Jamaica, NY 11432

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND JAMES YORK
P.O. Box 116
Jamaica, NY 11432

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Liberation Army and the Revolutionary Armed Task Force, clandestine organizations committed to fight for human rights and liberation of Black people in this country by any means necessary. And we know that the klan will be defeated and the system of white supremacy smashed only when Black people have power over their own land, labor and lives. And that requires an army.

It requires an army because there is a war in America. You asked Ms. Tipograph about that yesterday. The U.S. government has been waging war against Black people in this country from the time of the slave trade through the overthrow of Reconstruction to the current day. The war goes on today:

- the human cost of Reaganomics
- the 200 Black and Third World people killed by the police over the past 5 years
- the FBI's inspired growth of the Ku Klux Klan.

I experience it every day in my medical practice. Over the past 10 years the major health programs I've seen in the Black and Puerto Rican communities in which I work have been methadone, sterilization and the massive use of mind-destroying drugs like Thorazine and Stelazine.

But the development of organizations like the BLA mean that the terms of war are changing — that there is a serious strategy to build a capacity to fight back and eventually win. That is what

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entered he told me to take my partially covered hand out of the covers slowly. Meanwhile the two FBI agents had also entered the bedroom. My bed was surrounded. The manner in which they came in and the questions asked were aimed to terrorize us. Fearing for our safety we didn't say anything and accepted the subpoena.

Later my 9 year old daughter told me that the black detective had stopped her on the way to school. Lying to her that he was a close friend of mine and asked whether I was home. My daughter refused to give him an answer but told us that she was frightened since she knew that he was not my friend. She tried to call home but the line was busy.

Is this the routine way to serve a grand jury subpoena? Are all people subpoenaed in this manner? We felt terrorized as if they were coming to get a fugitive rather than merely serve a subpoena. Are all people's children manipulated as my daughter was?

I am a supporter of the Black Liberation Movement and have been for many years. I've helped organize and been in many demonstrations and committees. I was a close friend of Dr. Mutulu Shakur, founder of B.A.A.A.N.A. and leader in the Black community, who is now sought by law enforcement agencies. Chui, Cecilio Ferguson-El who is being framed for participation in the Brinks attempted expropriation in Nyack, N.Y. is my brother-in-law. I was a close friend of Mtayari Sundiata*, who had the deepest love for his people. I have also worked closely with B.A.A.A.N.A. helping them with fundraisers and with whatever other assistance they needed to develop their organization. I also spent time at B.A.A.A.N.A. as a patient and friend to those that work there. My wife is also a teacher at the B.A.A.A.N.A. School of Acupuncture.

I feel that because of my friendships and association with the Black liberation struggle that I am a target of a dragnet designed to discredit, terrorize and intimidate whoever is a supporter of this struggle to ensure the survival of Black people in this country. I am sure that this is just a beginning. I am not the first friend or relative to be subpoenaed, many more persons that have close association with so called "suspects" in the Brinks attempted expropriation will also probably be subpoenaed.

I believe that one of the tactics of these subpoenas is to disrupt people's lives and work by separating us from our loved ones and hoping that the stress of being in jail and seeing our children suffer will weaken someone to cooperate with this illegal and outrageous use of the grand jury.

I am a father of four children ages 3 years to 22 years. I face being in jail away from my family and work. I am still convalescing from my illness. I have lost 45 lbs., am still weak and need time to regain my physical strength. If I am not given the postponement recommended by my medical physician the terrorist tactics become even clearer. I will never collaborate with this illegal use of the grand jury through which I clearly see that I have no rights. They will not get my fingerprints, photograph or testimony. No amount of harassment and terrorism will change my position of no COLLABORATION.

I ask anyone - how could I collaborate with this illegal use of the grand jury in this Brinks investigation. How could any Black person not be a supporter of the Black liberation struggle under the conditions that Black people are forced to exist in this country. □

*Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata, New Afrikan Freedom Fighter murdered by the NYPD/FBI Terrorist Squad, October 23, 1981.

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we as a movement are protecting and defending when we resist this grand jury whether out in the street or here inside the courtroom.

The advances in the Black Liberation Struggle, the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, the Chicano/Mexicano struggle for the reunification of Mexico have set new terms for all progressive people in this country. And it is an advance that white anti-imperialists have responded by taking on the struggle against u.s. imperialism as our own, and our movement has produced freedom fighters, militant anti-Klan fighters and grand jury resisters. We've begun to understand that we must resist and fight and that our future will be made in alliance with the liberation movements of oppressed peoples and not in collaboration with the u.s. government. We as a movement will no longer be bought off by promises or privilege, or paralyzed by fear of repression. That is why I as an individual was not intimidated when Special Agent Terjeson and Detective Toro threatened to destroy my career and use informers to "get me this time", nor was I tempted when they offered me all the money I wanted and a new identity.

I can no more collaborate with this grand jury than I could help build the KKK. They both are trying to destroy the very forces which are leading the struggle to transform this society. That is a goal I have committed myself to for my entire adult life and it is the goal I will continue to fight for whether inside your prison or out on the street. □

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- We recognize that the Black Nation is waging a national liberation struggle for land and independence. We recognize that the Black Liberation Army is an integral part of the Black national liberation struggle, and its armed component. We support the right of Black people to wage armed struggle to end their colonial status. We support the BLA.
- The u.s. government is an illegitimate government that has no jurisdiction over the colonized Black Nation, its liberation forces, or allies who are participating in a just war for national liberation. We oppose the use of counter-intelligence, torture and grand juries by the u.s. government.
- We support all prisoners of war who are captured in the course of waging revolutionary armed struggle against u.s. imperialism and we support all political prisoners who are imprisoned and attacked because of their stance in opposition to u.s. imperialism.
- We welcome the formation of the Revolutionary Armed Task Force, which includes white revolutionary anti-imperialists working under the leadership of the Black Liberation Army. By their actions, they have shown the highest form of solidarity and internationalism. It is the role of progressive, anti-imperialist white people to support and defend freedom fighters and build a fighting movement under the leadership of the national liberation struggles.
- The attempted expropriation on October 20th in Nyack, New York, by the Revolutionary Armed Task Force was a revolutionary act. Resistance to colonialism and fascism is the right of all oppressed people and never premature. The combatants are freedom fighters, not terrorists. We offer them our unconditional support.

Timothy Adams - New Afrikan Freedom Fighter

Born March 22, 1948

Died June 22, 1982

Eight years ago Timothy Adams was captured in a battle with the New York City police. Though paralyzed from the waist down from the injuries he received, he never lost his revolutionary commitment and his indomitable will to fight for the liberation of the New Afrikan nation. NYC police finally succeeded in murdering him on June 22, 1982 and he was buried on June 26. Timothy Adams takes his place in a long tradition of martyred New Afrikan Freedom Fighters — from Denmark Vesey, Nat Turner and Gabriel Prosser to Zayd Malik Shakur, Woodie Green, Twyman Myers, Jonathan and George Jackson and Comrade Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata. To use Mtayari's words: "Here is to a revolutionary pillar for the future of our nation, a revolutionary declaration of our undying existence as we re-unite in totality, and let no schisms tear asunder what we have joined. We are the beginning of a new day."

THE COALITION TO DEFEND THE OCTOBER 20th FREEDOM FIGHTERS has been formed to build political/legal support for all those captured or under attack by the u.s. government as a result of the attempted expropriation in Nyack, New York. This includes the freedom fighters captured and charged with the action itself—Solomon Brown, Judith Clark, Kathy Boudin, David Gilbert, Abdul Majid, Sekou Odinga and Kuwasi Balagoon. It includes all those who refuse to collaborate with the RICO grand jury that the government is using to attack revolutionary organizations and individuals—Fulani Sunni-Ali, Gerri Gaines, Yaasmin Fula, Yvette Alphonso, Asha Sundiata, Eve Rosahn, Bernardine Dohrn, Alan Berkman, and Shaheem Jabbar. The Coalition is supporting Abdul Majid and James York in their current struggle to defeat a racist railroad in the courts. The Coalition works under the leadership of **THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND NEW AFRIKAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS**.

We urge people to write to the imprisoned comrades and combatants. Mail is a concrete expression of support for these people, and gives them some leverage in dealing with the prison authorities. Writing to people cuts through some of the isolation of being held in seclusion, and it is a major way of insuring that these heroic political prisoners and prisoners of war can continue to participate in and provide leadership to the political struggles and the work.

★ WRITE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ★

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★ WRITE TO THE GRAND JURY RESISTERS ★

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