

WE HONOR OUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS

It was Wed. night, Oct. 17, 1984, when 400 FBI agents and N.Y.C. police swept across New York City simultaneously arresting Coltrane Chimurenga outside a Chinese restaurant where he had been eating, Roger Wareham on his way home, Lateefah Carter and Omowale Clay at a jazz concert at Smalls Paradise. They lined up 20 cars outside a home at 80 Midwood Street, calling the two women residents who were alone with their four children to "Come out with your hands up." At the same time, they broke into an apartment at 1700 Bedford Ave., arresting Yvette Kelly and Paulette Jackson, knocking a 15 year old girl to the floor, handcuffing her and putting a gun to her head, mistaking her for 47 year old Viola Plummer, a resident of Queens. Meanwhile, they broke into the home of Viola Plummer, found her 24 year old daughter who was returning home. They handcuffed her, threw her into a police car and told her she was under arrest, also mistaking her for Viola, who was in bed. They put a shotgun to the head of the one year old baby who was in his crib.

Why were these people arrested? For no reason whatever. They had committed no crime. The only crime they committed was to be at home, at a jazz concert or on the street going somewhere. They had done nothing wrong yet they were arrested, tried, prosecuted and found guilty by the FBI, cops and media. According to all reports no crime was committed. The FBI had placed bugs in the homes of these people and said they overheard them plotting to rob armored cars, and break someone out of jail who is on trial for the Brinks incident. If this were true, why didn't they wait until these acts were in progress and arrest them then?

The FBI and cops made this sweep because they know that these are our Freedom Fighters who have been working for the liberation of the Black Nation, and they are being successful in their struggle to organize Black people to struggle against their oppressors for liberation.

Black people have been oppressed in this country since the day we were captured in Africa and brought here on the slave ships to work to build this country. And even after we won our freedom because of the struggles of Freedom Fighters such as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Nat Turner, Sojourner Truth, Denmark Vesey, we have become wage slaves working hard for the slave owners, making profits for them while we can barely afford to live. They rake in the profits and get richer and richer off our labor while we continue to live under the most oppressive conditions.

They took our Freedom Fighters away from us because they were starting to be effective in the Black community. They have been successful in raising our consciousness about our exploitation and the very fact that we can change the oppressive conditions under which we are made to live. They have taught us that we must struggle against our oppressors in the very same way they oppress us, through the use of armed struggle. We will not be stopped. The struggle to liberate the Black Nation continues. We salute our Freedom Fighters and stand behind them.

Our support for our Freedom Fighters is tireless and never ending. We must fight for our liberation until we win our Freedom or Death.

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