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Winter 2006 *"Any movement that does not support their political internees is a sham movement."* - O. Lutalo Issue #44

iPresente!

To honor the life and struggle of Richards Williams, the ABCF has dedicated this issue of the Update as a tribute to him.



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WHAT IS THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION?

The Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) began shortly after the 1905 Russian Revolution. It formed after breaking from the Political Red Cross, due to the groups refusal to support Anarchist and Social Revolutionary Political Prisoners. The new group, naming itself the Anarchist Red Cross (ARC) began to provide aid to those Political Prisoners who were refused support by the PRC.

In the early decades, the organization had chapters throughout Europe and North America. These chapters worked together to provide assistance to prisoners only in Russia. Soon other groups, such as the Latvian Anarchist Red Cross, emerged to provide aid in other Eastern European countries. Armed with the ideas of *mutual aid* and *solidarity*, these groups worked tirelessly to

provide support to those who have suffered because of their political beliefs.

In 1919, the organization's name changed to the Anarchist Black Cross to avoid confusion with the International Red Cross. Through the 1920s until 1958, the organization worked under various other names but provided the same level of support as the other groups working as Anarchist Black Cross.

After 1936, the ABC expanded its aid to places like Greece, Italy and Spain.

In 1958, the organization collapsed but reemerged in 1967 in London, England. Once again ABC chapters spread throughout the globe providing support for imprisoned comrades. Sadly, by the end of the 1970's only a handful of ABC chapters still existed.

Bit in the 80's, the ABC began to gain popularity again in the US and Europe. For years, the ABC's name was kept alive by a number of completely autonomous groups scattered throughout the globe and grew to support a wide variety of prison issues.

In May of 1995, a small group of ABC collectives merged into a federation whose aim was to focus on the overall support and defense of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War.

Various groups have since merged in numerous networks throughout the globe working on various prison issues. The Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) has continued its mission to focus on the aid and support of Political Prisoners. We take the position that PP/POW's demand our top priority. We strive to continue with the same dedication and solidarity to our fallen comrades as those before us have shown.

Introduction:

"Crucially important to maintaining the anarchist integrity of this organization is the fact that Branch Groups and Support Groups are freely autonomous to take on whatever initiatives they can to further the Unity of Purpose of the ABCF. So long as these initiatives do not contradict any preexisting agreements (Tactical Unity) that have been made by the ABCF, it is not necessary for all groups to approve of and/or agree with programs, projects or work of other ABCF collectives." [from the ABCF Constitution and Structure]

The following definitions are used to describe the below terms whenever they appear in the ABCF Update or any other ABCF literature.

Political Prisoner (PP): A person incarcerated for actions carried out in support of legitimate struggles for self determination or for opposing the illegal policies of the government and/or its political subdivisions. [Special International Tribunal on the Violation of Human Rights of PP/POW's in U.S. Prisons and Jails, Dec. '90]

Prisoner of War (POW): Those combatants struggling against colonial and alien domination and racist regimes captured as prisoners are to be accorded the status of prisoner of war and their treatment should be in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Conventions Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August, 1949 (General Assembly resolution 3103)

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ABCF 2006 Federation Council Meeting

After nearly 3 1/2 years since the last conference, the ABCF held a Federation Council meeting in Philadelphia on February 3-4. Members from Los Angeles, Philadelphia, New Jersey and Montreal came together to discuss the present status of the Federation, as well as, the future of the organization. Some of the agenda items ranged from the drug policy, prison council and the status of new PP/POW's to much needed constitutional and structural changes.

As we begin the eleventh year of the Federation, we are committed to strengthening the organization, ensuring another eleven years of dedicated non-partisan support. We are dedicated to improving the financial stability of the Warchest and the Subsistence Fund. Most importantly, we are committed to building a movement of resistance against the continued oppression of those who have struggle against colonial and imperialist forces. We have a renewed dedication towards our Unity of Purpose and are ready to get back to work!

Los Angeles ABCF



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NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Looking Cloud Transferred

According to our brother Bill Dunne, Fritz Arlo Looking Cloud has been transferred to USP Atwater.

For those unaware of Looking Cloud, he was accused and convicted of the murder of Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash in 1976. Looking Cloud's conviction rested mainly on his own confession, during which he admitted being under the influence.

Twenty-three witnesses called by the Prosecution gave testimonies that contradicted Looking Cloud's confession. The majority of evidence they did provide was less about Arlo Looking Cloud and more about prominent members of the American Indian Movement. Some witnesses were paid-off by the FBI for their testimony.

Looking Cloud's new address is:

Fritz Arlo Looking Cloud

#07609-073

Box 019001

Atwater, CA 95301

Freeman Ordered Back to US



On November 25, 2005, the Canadian Court approved an order for extradition for Gary Freeman (aka Joseph Pannell.) A former Panther, Freeman, is suspected of shooting a Chicago cop more than 35 years ago.

Freeman was arrested but fled the country after he was freed on bail in 1973. He apparently lived in Montreal for several years before moving to Toronto.

Immigration officials caught up with him in July 2004, acting on a request from the FBI. It wasn't immediately clear where he was being held or how quickly the extradition order could be carried out.

After the Toronto court ruling, Freeman's wife and four children stood in protest outside the downtown U.S. Consulate.

Freeman and his supporters claim he is innocent of the crime he is accused of.

ABCF Mbr. Banned from Jail

Tim Fasnacht, member of the Philly section of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation has received news that he has been permanently banned from visiting New Jersey State Prisons.

This recent development is part of the increasing political repression against Ojore Lutalo, currently being held in Trenton State Prison.

Recent charges against Lutalo include his association with the BLA, American

Friends and Service Committee and the ABCF, all of whom have been considered by the New Jersey Prison system as prison threat groups.

In addition to this action, donations being sent to Ojore by the ABCF are all being seized. These funds are viewed by the Trenton prison as part of Ojore's "illegal business practices" the authorities are accusing Ojore of practicing.

The banning of visitation by supporters and the seizing of funds is an obvious attempt to break Ojore's spirit. We ask for all supporters to write Ojore and let him know he is not alone. Write him at:

Ojore Lutalo

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The End of Break the Chains

Break the Chains (BTC) has decided it was time to throw in the towel. BTC was an organization known for its consistent support of political prisoners and prisoners of war in North America. Many collective members have still committed themselves to the support of their imprisoned comrades. We wish them all the best of luck and thank them for their years of friendship and commitment.

Jalil Still Faces Harassment

Jalil Muntaqim #77-A-4283 continues to be harassed by prison authorities. Recently he was arbitrarily moved from C Block to E Block at Auburn Correctional Facility without any notice or warning. In E Block he is subjected to conducted tours by visitors like an animal in a zoo. Despite his complaints at these violations of his privacy they continue.

Jalil has filed an official complaint against the warden asking for return to his former cell block, where he lived for 2 1/2 years without any complaints where he is eligible for transfer to the honor block.

All are urged to protest this act by writing or calling the authorities whose address and titles are listed below. Please demand that Jalil is returned to his previous location at once.

State Commissioner of Corrections

Alan J. Croce

4 Tower Place

Albany, NY 12203

Telephone (518) 484-2346

Warden, Auburn Correctional Facility

135 State Street

Auburn, NY 13021

Telephone: (315) 253-8401



Running Down the Walls

is back!

5k run/walk



May 21, 2006

LA-ABCF is proud to announce the return of Running Down the Walls (RDTWs), 5k run/walk for Political Prisoners/ Prisoners of War.

- Donations through RDTW 2006 will be divided between the ABCF Warchest and the New Panther Vanguard sponsored program, Growing Healthy.
- We are looking for locations in cities and prisons for RDTWs solidarity runs. For info contact LA-ABCF.

New Issue of 4strugglemag

Issue #6 Out Now! Writings by Political Prisoners and edited by Bill Dunne. Available online at: www.4strugglemag.org.

Articles by Jaan Laaman, Ray Levasseur, Kevin "Rashid" Johnson, Netdahe Williams Stoddard, Kazi Toure, Ben Evans (Boston Jericho)

Paper copies are available (four dollars, free to prisoners) by emailing montrealabcf@gmail.com or writing to:

4strugglemag

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Tributes to Richard



A Statement issued by LA-ABCF

With a heavy heart, we are saddened by the news that political prisoner, Richard Williams has passed away. Many of Richard's supporters agree with his friend and comrade, Diane Fujino, that his problems stemmed from the 15-months of isolation he faced after 9/11. The State was tireless in its efforts to break his spirit and his will. His body, no longer able stay as strong as his spirit, began to weaken under the pressure of captivity.

For those who are not aware of Richard, his death ended 26 years of imprisonment. He was sentenced to life for actions carried out in support of those who suffered under apartheid regime and the paramilitary death squads in Central and South America. He targeted those responsible for the death and torture of the innocent. His love was so deep for the people of the world; resistance was the only option against those who oppressed. He lived in resistance so that others can experience a moment of life.

His life was defined by his continuous struggle. The flame in his heart burned bright for the oppressed and colonized. His spirit, dedicated to the struggle for freedom and humanism in every corner of the world, inspired us all to follow his lead. His sacrifice for the struggle of liberty and resistance everywhere, humbled those of us who found ourselves in his shadow. We, who knew him, count our blessings for the moments we shared.

Our sadness is only relieved by the knowledge that our comrade will be met by the likes of Steven Biko, Bobby Sands, Pedro Albizu Campos and others who struggles against oppression. We have to accept that such a man could only walk among us for brief moment in time. A candle can only burn so long before the light is forced to go out.

Richard went through life with open arms but closed fists; prepared to embrace the world but fight for what is right and just. Richard can now relax his fists. It is time for us to close ours.

Amandla,
LA-ABCF

A Statement Issued by Askatasuna

Dear Comrades and Friends,

Upon hearing of US Political Prisoner Richard Williams' death, the Basque Pro-Amnesty Organization Askatasuna wishes to state the following:

We are saddened by news of Richard's death and send our condolences to his family, friends and comrades.

The Basque people knows what it means to have sons and daughters die in distant jails. Only weeks ago, our comrade, Basque political prisoner Jose Anjel "Kotto" Alzuguren, was driven to death by the oppressors of our people. We know suffering and can relate to yours.

The penitentiary system is designed to destroy a political activist, in physical, mental and political terms. Political prisoners in our country and around the world are given a clear choice: renounce, surrender, or every instrument at the State's disposal will be used to try to break you.

Nevertheless, political prisoners continue to resist and be part of national and social liberation struggles around the world. They are an example of human and political dignity and commitment.

This is why, despite the sadness at this time, we must never lose sight of the fact that Richard remained committed to his principles and his struggle to the very last. Despite his death and the terrible conditions imposed on him by the penitentiary system, he was never defeated. In his own words, they were "unable to crush his spirit".

FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
AGUR ETA OHORE (WE SALUTE YOU AND HONOR YOU), RICHARD

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(issued 12/12/05)

From Ray and Jamila, for Richard

The first time I met our comrade Richard Williams was in a safehouse, underground. For the next decade we engaged in a common struggle to provide whatever support we could muster to the downpressed—be they victims of apartheid in South Africa, or slaughtered in Central America—and to defend ourselves. It wasn't until the last hour of the last trial that we were consigned by our enemy to different prisons. I would never see him again.

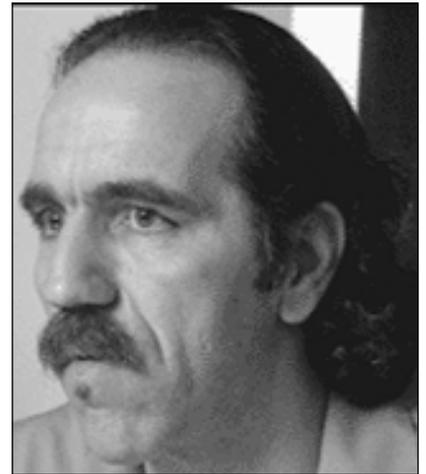
Richard, like many political prisoners, has never received the recognition and respect he deserves. He has been vilified in the media and ignored by the left—a shared experience by many political prisoners. But then, Richard never sought accolades. The brother I know is not ego driven nor laden with grandiose ideas about what others should march to. He has at his essence that uncommon quality of a revolutionary—feeling every injustice done to the poor and working people of this planet.

I know Richard well, having risked our lives together time after time. He never wavered when confronted with danger, and didn't disappoint when demands upon us were critical. I've seen him act decisively when it took courage to step up, and step down in situations that required defusing. He's all of that—a people's soldier and friend.

A man of deep commitment and fiery passion, he dedicated his life to others. The fallout from that was not being able to see his own children during the most dangerous years. He made that sacrifice, but the longing for his kids was intense and it laid heavy in his heart.

Sacrifice. How deep the sacrifice for what we believe true and necessary? When the U.S. killing fields in Central America were littered with the bodies of compañeros and their children, Richard did not stand idly by. When apartheid drenched South Africa in the blood and suffering of African people, Richard chose to act. The lineage from prison and antiracist activist to underground guerrilla is not difficult to figure—Richard has the heart, consciousness, and political perspective to take it to a brutal enemy.

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- Ray Levasseur



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-Jaan Laaman

Jaan Laaman Remembers Richard Williams

My Friend Richard Williams

Richard Charles Williams, my dear brother, my comrade, I could write a book or maybe a screen play about you and your life. It would be a righteous movie, action packed, principled, some real humor, and all built around a life of struggle and hope. Of course between revolutionary “need to know” principles, and Hollywood’s comic book propaganda movies, it’s not too likely your real movie is going to get made just yet. But your revolutionary life, your warm, good heart, and your determined Spirit of Resistance will continue to inspire and guide those of us who know you and all those who will yet come to know you.

From our earliest days, 34-35 years ago, working together, struggling and having each other’s back, I remember how seriously you took the words of Che Guevara and how you admired his life. You know I’ve always thought of you as embodying the true living spirit of Che. While you have consistently been reasoned and practical in strategic outlook, you have always been willing to pick up the struggle of oppressed nations and peoples anywhere in the world. You are a true anti-imperialist and humanitarian. Your entire adult life is a solid expression of the real meaning of Proletarian Internationalism. And if anyone is not familiar with these terms—go do a little investigating. It’s not only to see what kind of man Richard has been his whole life, but this world needs new and more socialists and revolutionaries in the 21st century—you could be one.

Besides the labels and “isms,” if I had to briefly tell you about Richard, I’d say he is a very nice and regular person. Someone you would want to be your friend and fellow worker.

For me personally, I have no dearer friend or closer comrade than Richard. We were there for each other’s children’s’ home births, and we put in some hours on pinball machines in quite a few clubs and pubs. Yeah, you mostly were the pinball champ! From construction sites (Richard’s a good carpenter) to picket lines, and yes, battle lines too, I feel proud and honored to have shared these with you, my comrade, my brother, my friend.

Jaan Laaman, Ohio 7 anti-imperialist political prisoner
(Issued from Walpole state prison on December 2, 2005)

Ruchell Magee Responds to Article

Article "Release Ruchell Cinque Magee" did me justice and I thank all standup people who still support my fight, our fight against injustice.

As to the jury acquittal on the kidnapping count, the jury are with my litigation currently pending in the U.S. Supreme Court, entitled: Ruchell Cinque Magee vs. California, number 05-8103, showing imprisonment for something twelve jurors acquitted me in 1973.

On December 27, 2005, the California Court of Appeals, First Appellate, issued an order directing the Board of Prisons Terms to show cause as to why it should not be compelled to comply with Penal Code 1170.2, (site time and release my person). This means the Board must reschedule hearing and release me.

Sentences by the courts on kidnap convictions expired in 1988 at 17-years under the law which I was sentenced.

I have served 44 years in the California state prisons for kidnap convictions based on false records that are in need of correcting.

The courts need only to review these

records in need of correcting.

What is thought to be a Board of Parole is an organized crime ring practicing slavery- under the color of the law.

The board invents a charge referred to as "suitability." From there, they sentence prisoners to life without parole without a jury.

The same board members receive a fat pay salary at the taxpayer's expense, and for year have gotten away with practicing slavery by use of organized crime influence.

Called up in the federal court where Board members are charged with organized crime activity, the Board members failed / refused / to show by subpoena where their attorneys claim they are immune to civil and criminal action.

Under civil right law (1983), all state agents are liable where violating people's rights.

Under California state law (penal code 1170.2) the Board of Parole have a mandatory duty to hold Determined Sentence Law hearings and fix time in all lifer-sentences issued before July 1, 1977 and 1978.

By failure to fix time, the Board made up some kangaroo-court madness-talking about more punishment than 44 years for kidnapping, because "Magee, if released from prison would pose a threat to the public."

"That the gravity (nature) of Magee's case stem from his role in the Marin County shootout, which left four persons dead, one including a Superior Court, Judge Haley;" All this was heard by a jury of twelve who found me not guilty.

The Board claims it cannot accept evidence of innocence supported by the jury's acquittal, unless order by the court,

Under PC 1170.2, the Board does not need a court order to comply with the law made for it to comply.

I want the public to see the Board's response in a court order to be filed by January 23, 2006 by 4:00 p.m.

My Intention is to keep all of my supporters informed on the court action.

Public hearings give us a chance to expose corruption in need of correcting,

I remain,
Ruchell Cinque Magee.

Gay Activist Faces USA Patriot Act

On December 4, 2005, Jason Robbins, a 26-year old member of the Philadelphia Chapter of Anti-Racist Action, was arrested at a peaceful demonstration in support of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Trans-gender rights and reproductive freedom in Phoenixville, PA. According to supporters, Robbins was badly beaten by police and was hospitalized.

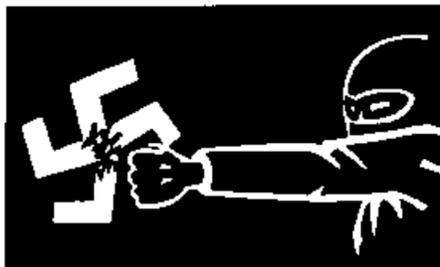
The arrest took place at a demonstration outside the home of two organizers with the notorious queer bashing and anti-reproductive freedom organization, Repent America. The organization regularly harasses and intimidates members of the L/G/B/T community and disrupts events such as AIDS fundraisers and pride festivals. It is known to have links to the White Rose Society, who advocate for and support the bombing of abortion clinics.

Robbins has been charged with violating a provision of the USA PATRIOT Act, ostensibly a set of anti-terrorist laws, which have instead been used to target nonviolent political activists. His violation of law, you may ask, consists of peacefully protesting against a violent organization that has terrorist links.

Since being released from police custody, Jason and his supporters have seen a consistent increase in harassment.

The other two arrestee, originally

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charged with disorderly conduct and assessed a \$50 fine, have seen these charges nullified, only to receive two additional notices in the mail recharging them with disorderly conduct and setting the maximum penalty of a \$300 fine. In addition, they are now also being charged with harassment. In total, these activists are facing upwards of \$800 in fines, plus court costs and legal fees - all for participation in a peaceful and legal demonstration.

Brian Leach, a participant in the demonstration and the person who police on the scene decided was the "leader," received charges of harassment - a summary offense - and also of making terroristic threats - a misdemeanor.

Supporters of Robbins anticipate further harassment and charges against the L/G/B/T activist and his supporters. They are attempting to make an example not only out of Jason, but of all the activists associated with his case and the campaign against Repent America and other right-wing ideologues.

The misuse of the USA PATRIOT Act is only one tactic used by law enforcement agencies in the war against dissent. Jason had been violently thrown to the ground and then slammed into the side of a car before being taken away. He was charged with aggravated assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and reckless endangerment; none of the four charges relate to the original justification for his arrest: refusing to supply ID.

On a positive note, Jason is in discussion with new counsel for his case. This attorney has experience in the activist community and in cases that are politically motivated, like Jason's. He has also expressed interest in working as a team with the attorneys defending the other GLBT and pro-choice activists facing charges stemming from the same demonstration. If retained, Jason's new attorney is asking for half of what his original attorney wanted for the case.

Major Court Victory for Mumia Abu-Jamal

by Jeff Mackler

In a decision that will likely stun the Pennsylvania legal establishment that has been trying to railroad innocent death row political prisoner and award winning journalist, Mumia Abu-Jamal to the execution chambers for 24 years, the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Third Circuit, reversed two critical Federal District Court rulings.

The Third Circuit's December 6 rulings granted "certificates of appealability" to Jamal to challenge alleged race and judicial bias in the 1995 Post Conviction Relief Action proceedings overseen by Mumia's original 1982 trial court "hanging" judge, Albert Sabo. Sabo went to extreme lengths to keep evidence of innocence out of the court record.

The court also allowed Mumia to challenge the trial summation remarks of the state's lead prosecutor, Joseph McGill, who told the jury, "If you find the Defendant guilty of course, there would be appeal after appeal and perhaps there could be a reversal of the case, or whatever, so that may not be final."

Mumia's lead attorney, Robert R. Bryan, told this writer that McGill's summation had the effect of qualitatively lowering the historic burden of proof regarding reasonable doubt and presumption of innocence. Similar remarks by Pennsylvania prosecutors have resulted in new trials in other cases.

The Third Circuit's decision was all the more remarkable in that under the provisions of the reactionary 1996 Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, the court had no obligation to even consider defense challenges to the Federal District Court's denial of certificates of appealability.

The court called for an initial January 17 defense brief on these two issues as well as



on the single issue that had previously been certified for appeal, that is, the defense insistence that the exclusion of 11 of 14 Black jurors constituted an unconstitutional violation of the Supreme Court ruling on this issue in the famous case of *Batson v. Kentucky*.

The Third Circuit's decision was not all in favor of Mumia. It denied certificates of appealability on a number of other important points raised by the defense including the right to self-representation and it allowed the State of Pennsylvania to challenge a Federal District Court decision that had ordered the State to hold a new sen-

tencing hearing based on constitutionally flawed jury instructions issued by Judge Sabo. While legal analysts doubt that Pennsylvania prosecutors will be successful in pursuing this "victory" for reaction, if they are, Mumia may be once again be subject to an order for his execution by lethal injection.

"The Third Circuit decision opens the door to a new trial and freedom for my client," said Bryan. "The case is now on the fast track," he added. The next several months will see defense and prosecution attorneys meeting stringent deadlines for a series of briefs and counter briefs. The 10-person court will then issue a decision or set a date for a hearing and oral arguments.

There are several possible outcomes, from the worst, but least expected scenario where Sabo's unconstitutional sentencing instructions are upheld and Mumia faces execution, to a decision of Third Circuit to either order a new trial or to remand the case to the Federal District Court to re-hear the issues where it had previously ruled without regard to Mumia's constitutional rights.

While Mumia has won yet another victory on the road toward his freedom, the powers that be are far from conceding any errors and remain intent on his execution. Mumia's freedom will be a product of both his legal efforts and a mass political movement exerting its will and making the price of his execution and continued incarceration too high to pay. In Philadelphia contact: International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal at

215-476-8812. In San Francisco contact: The Mobilization to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal at 415-255-1080.

Eleven Arrested for ALF/ELF Actions

Federal prosecutors have indicted 11 people in a series of Earth Liberation Front (ELF) and Animal Liberation Front (ALF) actions throughout the west. The eleven have been accused of 17 environmentally-motivated incidents in Washington, Oregon, California, Wyoming and Colorado that occurred between 1996 and 2001.

The indictment unsealed on Jan. 21 listed 65 charges, including arson, sabotage and conspiracy to attack government facilities, research centers and private businesses. Some of the targets include a meat-packing company in Deschutes County, OR; a ski center in Vail, CO, and a timber

company in Douglas County, OR. The indictment also accused three of the suspects of being involved in the firebombing of the University of Washington's Urban Horticulture Center in May 2001.

The Defendants

Six of those indicted were arrested on other federal charges during various raids throughout the U.S. on December 7th; two others were arrested in late February. Authorities are looking for the remaining three defendants, who are believed to be outside the United States.

The six defendants arrested in December were Kendall Tankersley (for-

merly known as Sarah Harvey); Daniel Gerard McGowan; Stanislas Gregory Meyerhoff; Darren Todd Thurston; Chelsea Gerlach; and Kevin Tubbs.

The defendants arrested in February were Jonathan Mark Christopher Paul, and Suzanne "India" Savoie. The three still remaining underground are Joseph Dibee; Josephine Sunshine Overaker; and Rebecca Rubin.

On Dec 22, 2005, William Rodgers, who was named as an unindicted co-conspirator, was found dead in his prison cell after being detained by the police. Police claim his death was a suicide. Rodgers was found with a plastic bag placed over his head.

Snitches

The only evidence in the indictment comes from the testimony of five "confidential sources," which includes 35 CDs of recorded conversations and 40,000 pages of transcripts, police reports and photographs. Investigators say that they expect to be making more arrests in the case soon.

Support has been withdrawn for three following co-defendants, after it came out at other defendant's bail hearings that these people have decided to cooperate with the FBI by giving information on other activists, in exchange for the possibility of reduced sentences: Kevin Tubbs, Stan Meyerhoff, and Sarah Harvey.

Also providing evidence is a woman by the name of Jen Kolar in Seattle. Information provided by Kolar has lead to the arrest of at least one of these activists. It is the word of law enforcement speaking under oath that has been the source of this information on who is co-operating.

Sacramento Arrests

With the help of another snitch, the police were able to arrest three more in California for involvement in ELF actions.

Eric McDavid, Lauren Weiner, and

Zachary Jensen were arrested on Jan. 13 for allegedly conspiring to blow up US Forest Service buildings and cell phone towers on behalf of the ELF. According to the criminal complaint, the group considered bombing the Nimbus Dam on the American River near Sacramento, a cellular telephone tower, a power station, banks, trucks, mountaintop-removal mine sites in West Virginia and Communist Party offices.

The complaint went on to claim that the three "scoped out" the US Forest Service's Institute of Forest Genetics building in Placerville, CA, on Jan. 10. The following day they allegedly purchased ingredients for a homemade bomb at an area Wal-Mart store. Agents say that they recovered a notebook from McDavid that contained a diagram of the Forest Service Institute and pictures of pipe bombs.

Information in the complaint comes from a paid "confidential source (CS) who is deeply imbedded within the subjects' cell. The CS has worked for the FBI since early 2004. S/he has agreed to testify in court." Supporters of those arrested identified the CS as a young woman named "Anna" who "went to Auburn" with the defendants shortly before their arrests. The

document says that she has provided information in at least 12 anarchist cases since 2004. She has traveled to and infiltrated various anarchist gatherings and protests across the country including the Biodev 2005 demonstrations in Philadelphia, a CrimethInc. convergence in Indiana and the Feral Visions green anarchist gathering in Madison County, NC.

The defendants are also being linked to a police officer who suffered a fatal heart attack during a confrontation at the Philadelphia protests.

FBI Special Agent Nasson Walker testified that the CS wore a hidden recorder and that the FBI financed the source's renting of a house where the four stayed for a short time this month. The agent said that the house was rigged with hidden sound and video equipment and that the CS has been paid about \$75,000 plus expenses over the past two years to infiltrate the ELF and gather information.

Walker acknowledged that some of the money used to buy bomb-making materials came through the CS from the FBI. He also acknowledged that the CS authored part of the plans referenced in the notebook.

In Memory of William Rodgers 1965 - 2005

Bill Rodgers, an Arizona environmentalist and bookstore owner died in his prison cell just two weeks after his arrest. Rodgers was one of six activists picked up by the FBI on December 7. They were all accused of several actions in the Pacific Northwest that had been linked to the Earth Liberation Front.

Rodger was arrested after a raid of the Catalyst Infoshop in Flagstaff, AZ. Agents spent over seven hours in the store seizing various materials in the process. Since his arrest, he remained in custody.

Prison officials claimed they discovered Rodgers' body on December 22. They determined his death as a suicide. A medical examiner say Rodgers died of asphyxiation after a plastic bag was placed over his head. We find this death to be suspect at best.

Rodgers was 40 years old. He was best known in Prescott, Arizona for running the Catalyst infoshop. He has been described by his friends as a "gentle and peaceful" man. Most importantly, they claim he was innocent of the crimes he is accused of by the federal authorities.

Our hearts go out to the friends and family of Bill. This situation is nothing short of tragic. Unfortunately, Bill has followed in the footsteps of too many warriors who have died under mysterious circumstances when in the custody of the authorities. We hope that his friends and family finds justice and peace.

We ask people to support Bill's memory by supporting the Catalyst Infoshop. Make a donation to help this important community resource and information center remain open. Checks or money orders made out to The Catalyst can also be sent to:

The Catalyst Infoshop
109 N. McCormick St.
Prescott, AZ 86301.



Message from Jeff Luers

Earlier this week it was reported that William Rodgers, accused of Earth & Animal Liberation Front arsons, committed suicide in his jail cell.

I know very little other than that. However, I find the circumstances suspicious and strongly encourage people to push for an investigation.

The news is incredibly sad. If William did in fact take his own life it is the first time an earth/animal liberation prisoner has done so.

It is a devastating precedent.

I cannot begin to guess why. I can relate to the desperation and readily admit thoughts of taking my own life entered my head as I awaited trial. I think it is likely a common experience when people are facing a lot of time.

The fact that he followed through on the thought breaks my heart. And my sympathy goes out to his family & friends.

I am left wondering if there is something we could have done to stop him. Was this an entirely personal decision based on the prospect of doing a lot of time? Or was this an act of desperation from someone who felt completely alone?

There are four people left who desperately need your support. Daniel McGowan, Sarah Harvey, Kevin Tubbs, and Chelsea Gerlach. Write to them.

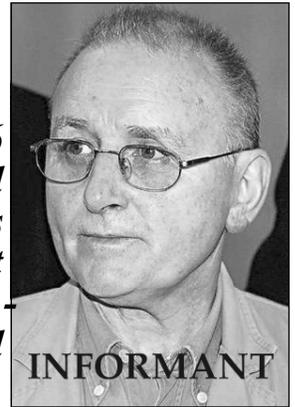
Support them. Let them know they are not alone. Let them know there are people who will stand by them until they are released. Be there for them.

Write to:

Jeffrey Luers #13797671
Oregon State Prison
2605 State Street
Salem, Oregon 97310

A Shiner Becomes a Snitch

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Donaldson subsequently met two Sinn Féin officials at the party's Falls Road offices where he admitted working as a paid informer for the British state for the past two decades.

"I was very, very suspicious when the events of 2002 unfolded, when we saw this hugely orchestrated operation up at Stormont because we knew that there was no Sinn Féin spy ring in Stormont," Adams told the media.

"When I saw people getting arrested and charged, I knew instinctively that there was something wrong. More recently, when this case collapsed, when the British did not proceed, that suspicion deepened," said Adams.

Adams said it was around this time that Denis Donaldson was approached by the PSNI and informed that his life was in danger and that he was going to be outed as a British agent. "This was within the last three or four days," said Adams.

"Denis Donaldson went to the Chairperson of our Six County Cúige and said to him 'the police were at my door, they told me that my life is in danger'. He was advised by our Chairperson to get in touch with a solicitor," said Adams.

"I instructed two party members to see Denis and ask him if there was any truth to this allegation that he was an informer. He was interviewed in Sinn Féin offices in Belfast and admitted he worked for the British as an agent. He was advised to get a solicitor and dismissed from the party," said Adams.

Denis Donaldson (55) came from the republican Short Strand area of East Belfast and served time as a republican prisoner in the 1970's. In 1983 he stood as

a Sinn Féin candidate for Belfast City Council. In 1998 Donaldson was appointed Sinn Féin's Head of Administration at Stormont.

Stormontgate Exposed Further

Speaking to RTE on 17 December, Denis Donaldson publicly admitted he worked as a British agent for more than 20 years. He confirmed he worked for RUC and PSNI Special Branch as well as British Intelligence as a paid informer. Donaldson also admitted that claims of republicans operating a spy ring at Stormont were false.

"I was not involved in any republican spy ring in Stormont. The so-called Stormontgate affair was a scam and a fiction, it never existed, it was created by Special Branch," said Donaldson.

"I deeply regret my activities with British Intelligence and RUC/PSNI Special Branch. I apologize to anyone who has suffered as a result of my activities as well as to my former comrades and especially to my family who have become victims in all of this," Donaldson said.

Speaking during an EU summit in Brussels Taoiseach Bertie Ahern expressed his bewilderment. Ahern said he had always been "totally skeptical" about the Stormontgate affair.

"It never added up," said Ahern. Commenting on the staged nature of the Stormont raid in 2002, the Taoiseach recalled the bizarre images of, "the storm troopers charging up the stairs with heavy armory to collect a few files."

"Last week when I asked Tony Blair why did the trial of the three men charged collapse, he couldn't understand it either. I've never been happy with it. And it created enormous grief for us because all the institutions were brought down, it created huge difficulties," said Ahern.

Stormontgate was "a huge case" said Ahern, "it doesn't get bigger than bringing down democratically elected institutions."

Hain Rules Out Inquiry

Irish Foreign Minister Dermot Ahern called on the British government to make

public as much information as possible following a meeting with British Secretary of State Peter Hain. "The public needs to be told as much as possible," said the Irish Minister.

Responding to a question in the House of Commons, Blair admitted "it would be helpful if we were to give more information but it can only be done if the consent of the proper authorities is given," said Blair.

Meanwhile British Secretary of State, Peter Hain ruled out any public inquiry into the affair.

Commenting after meeting Peter Hain, Sinn Féin's Martin McGuinness said it was time for the British to answer questions about their agents, and about their approach to the peace process.

"We are calling on them to declare that their war against republicans and the peace process is finally over," said McGuinness.

McGuinness said there was a determination within Sinn Féin to move forward beyond the controversy of the last few days and challenge others to accept their responsibilities in moving the peace process forward.

"Republicans are obviously very disappointed that someone like Denis Donaldson would effectively betray his community and betray republicanism in the way he did," said McGuinness.

"I am around the struggle long enough to know that you always work on the basis that opponents of the process will continue to try to undermine those who are spearheading the struggle to bring about fundamental change in our society."

"You would be very foolish to ignore the possibility that the British have got agents working throughout the entire process. But equally I know that for every informer or agent, there are thousands of people who aren't," said McGuinness.

Media Speculation

McGuinness dismissed media speculation about the level of British infiltration. If it were true, republicanism would have been defeated long ago. The fact that Republicanism remains a vibrant and

growing political force "clearly shows that these people haven't the level of infiltration that they would like to have within the leadership and generally throughout Sinn Féin's organization," said McGuinness.

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams said elements within the British system have been involved for many years in a planned

systematic campaign to undermine the peace process.

"The onus to stop this lies with the British government. It has to take whatever steps are necessary to rein in the wreckers, who are opposing British government policy. There has to be an end to political policing," said Adams.

"If we are really in a process in which everyone is committed to purely peaceful and democratic means then that must also apply to the British system. If the war is over for the British government then it has to end the activities of elements in its own system," said Adams. (Article written by Laura Friel from the *Irish Northern Aid*)

A Letter from Shoatz to Richard Williams

(This letter unfortunately didn't reach Richard in time before his passing and was returned to me by the prison.)

November 24th, 2005

Dear Richard,

Just this evening I learned of your worsening health condition and even as I hope for a recovery, I await word of whatever will come, knowing that it has been an honor to have been able to live and struggle in solidarity with an individual like yourself.

Moreover, I pledge to you that I will do everything in my power to assure that others also recognize and remember your work, ideals you struggled for and your total commitment.

Finally, you must take heart in knowing you've produced a son (Netdahe) who will carry on in your footsteps...and know that your comrades will from here on out embrace him as "our son" in your absence.

Ever onwards to victory!

Your comrade and brother,

Maroon

Inhumane and Degrading

by *Russell Shoatz*

"In 1978, the European Court of Human Rights confronted a similar technique employed by Britain in the early 1970's against Irish detainees...the so-called five techniques, scientifically developed interrogation practices...wall standing, hooding, sleep deprivation and withholding of food and drink"...it labeled it, "inhumane and degrading." - Pop Torture, R. Kim

Over and over, the leaders of the U.S., swear they do not tolerate any torture or inhumane and degrading treatment in "any" U.S controlled prisons.

Yet, right in the state of Pennsylvania, prisoners at the State Correctional Institution at Greene (SCI-Greene) are daily, being subjected to just that.

You may recall that SCI-Greene is where Abu Ghraib torturer, Charles Grainer worked in civilian life and where Mumia Abu Jamal is being held. Well, SCI-Greene, which should be called State Concentration and Internment Ground, since no correction (in a positive way) takes place there, has a prison within a prison, called the Restricted Housing Unit (R.H.U-Control Unit)...A veritable hell on earth! It is where most of the five techniques are practiced, along with other "no touch" torture and some physical brutality for good measure.

There's close to 500 men there

and most of them are subjected to sleep deprivation, because their cell lights stay on 24 hours a day. Also, there's the withholding of food, showers and cell water at the whim of the guards. The withholding of food and water is very hard on the prison-

ers because all cells are fully enclosed, preventing any passing to the victims.

Yet, other "no touch" torture techniques are even harder to deal with. They revolve around keeping prisoners on 23-hour lockdown, hundreds of miles from their families, for years and decades! The author has been in prison for close to 34 years and has been held on lockdown for 25 of those years, 11 at SCI-Greene.

Within the bathroom size cells, you're allowed 3 sets of underclothes and socks,

"All prisoners are made to undergo a full strip and body cavity inspection, including examining your penis, testicles and rectum, on going to the yard, showers, visits, hospital etc.."

shower shoes, jumpsuit, canvas slides and a single "record box", to hold legal and other papers and 10 soft cover books.

Now if you're "good", they'll allow you to buy a TV and radio, as well as a limited amount of food items from the commissary.

Outside of that, you're "suppose" to get one hour of outdoor exercise, in a dog cage, 5 days per week, three 10 minute showers and a one hour "no contact" visit, every seven days...if your family can afford to travel for hundreds of miles on weekdays, the only time you can see them.

Does years and Decades of Such Treatment Sound Inhumane to You?

Furthermore, degrading strip and cell searches are carried out daily! All prisoners are made to undergo a full strip and body cavity inspection, including examining your penis, testicles and rectum, on going to the yard, showers, visits, hospital etc., despite being handcuffed and escorted by two guards, presenting no physical threat...except maybe spitting...which will cause you to be hooded and strapped to a rolling contraption, like Hannibal Lechter.

The intense and degrading regular cell searches are exercises in pure sadism, where guards go out of their way to read, comment on and provoke you, concerning your personal mail, photos, books and reading material, while afterwards, leaving your cell looking like Hurricane Katrina ran through it!

If that don't beat all, some of the more sociopathic one will go as far as to even leave you without any toilet paper, toothbrush, pens or comb. The author has repeatedly complained about Officer's Lynch and Peters, who have subjected him to most of the above, only to be "retaliated against" each time. And worse things are happening to other prisoners here...

We need your help! We need for you to circulate this message far and wide, as well as, to ask people to call or write to make the superiors of the SCI-Greene staff, listed below, aware of this treatment and demand they put a halt to it!

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Anarchists Arrested in Spain

Barcelona, Spain - Three anarchists, two Spanish and one Italian-born, were arrested by anti-terrorism police agents. The three youths are facing charges in connection with the December 15th firebombing of the Department of Justice of Catalonia and other attacks against CIRE, a prison labor company. The bombing was done in support of Italian-born anarchist prisoners, Alberto Maria Bettini and Francesco Gioia. The two were among the seven demonstrators police arrested at a 300 person strong June 25th protest in solidarity with anarchist prisoners in Italy. In Barcelona, following the arrests, bombs exploded at the Italian Cultural Institute, killing a police dog and wounding an officer, and a Fiat (Italian) car dealership.

Police claimed that the three individuals arrested were prison activists who have been supporting the release of the arrested demonstrators. Both Alberto and Francesco are accused of belonging to Il Silvestre, a group that publishes the radical environmental anarchist magazine Terra Selvaggia.

The publishers, many of whom are under house arrest, are accused of promoting sabotage and participating in direct action. Francesco Gioia was recently extradited to Italy to face charges of promoting sabotage and participating in direct action and additional charges for escaping house arrest.

Police have not yet released the names of the three anarchists who were arrested most recently in Spain, the oldest of whom is 25. One of three was later released. No incendiary devices were confiscated by police during the arrests.

Anarchists Attack in Greece

Athens, Greece - Anarchists are believed to be responsible for yet another firebomb attack that destroyed a central Athens bank on January 30th, 2006. Greek anarchist groups have claimed responsibility for more than a half-dozen arson and bomb attacks against various targets in the past month.

Police attempting to catch the bombers have tried to draw a connection between anarchists and a gang of bank robbers known as the "Thieves in Black." This group has been accused of expropriating funds from a branch of the National Bank in central Athens.

The connection between the anarchists and the "Thieves in Black" is allegedly found in Yiannis Dimitrakis, an admitted bank robber and accused member of the gang. The Greek government claim they have proof Dimitrakis is connected with the anarchist movement. However, Dimitrakis has refused to give investigators any information about his accomplices or their motives and political affiliation.

Police believe the bank-expropriations are part of the anarchist attacks against symbols of the state and capitalism. Despite their claims, there is no proof, as of yet, that there is a connection between the two.

Scrocco Held in Amsterdam

On January 16, anarchist Rose Ann Scrocco was arrested in Amsterdam after being on the run for nearly 15-years.

Rose Ann Scrocco was sentenced to 30 years in jail as part of the "Marini Trial", in which anarchists were accused of belonging to a fictitious armed organization in Italy. According to Italian authorities, Scrocco was in the list of the 30 most dangerous absconders and was wanted since 1991 for kidnapping, subversive association, homicide and armed band.

FREQUENTLY USED**Acronyms/ Terms**

ABCF: Anarchist Black Cross Federation - anti-authoritarian federation of ABC groups who support and defend PP/POW's.

ABC-BG: Branch Group - ABCF group with more responsibilities than a SG.

ABC-SG: Support Group - ABCF group with less responsibilities than a BG.

AIM: American Indian Movement - above ground revolutionary organization of Native Americans.

Anarchism: Free or libertarian socialism. Anarchists are opposed to government, the state, and capitalism. Therefore, simply speaking, anarchism is a no government form of socialism. Types of anarchists include: Anarcho-Communist, Anarcho-Syndicalist, Autonomist, Collectivist, Individualists, and Mutualists.

BLA: Black Liberation Army - revolutionary Black clandestine formation formed to defend the Black community and the BPP, inactive since the '80s.

BPP: Black Panther Party - above ground Black revolutionary group seeking Black political power, disbanded in the mid-'70s.

FALN: *english translation:* Armed Forces of National Liberation - revolutionary clandestine group fighting for Puerto Rican independence.

FC: Federation Council - decision making body of the ABCF.

MOVE: Not an acronym, the name of an organization based in Philadelphia who are committed to the teachings of John Africa. Their belief is in "life."

PC: Prisoner's Committee - rotating body of 5 PP/POW's on the ABCF's FC.

PP/POW's: Political Prisoners and/or Prisoners of War.

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Self-Defense: The legal act of protecting one's life or the life of another with the idea/purpose of self determination and independence. Armed self-defense is relative to the ABCF, specifically in the U.S., in that as the organization grows, so too grows the need to protect ourselves from the armed aggressor of the state, right wing, and other ideological opponents. (Firearms training as preparation for self-defense are legal activities within the confines of the U.S.)

Self Determination: The right by virtue of which all people's are entitled freely to determine their political status and to pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. All peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic cooperation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit and international law. In no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence.

SDS: Students for a Democratic Society - left student group founded in the '60s.

The Update: This is a bi-monthly publication of the ABCF.

WUO: Weather Underground Organization - first the Weathermen, later known as the WUO, evolved out of the SDS as an underground formation of primarily white anti-imperialist revolutionaries from the student movement.

(The Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) produces the Revolutionary Political Dictionary with these and other expanded definitions of political terms. Available from Jacksonville ABC for \$1 and two 37 cents stamps.)

Former Black Panthers Considered Terrorists

-Group wants torture used against American citizens to cease

Undaunted by what they call “unconstitutional” methods used under the guise of the Patriot Act, three former Black Panthers are touring the country to bring awareness to their recent interrogation by anti-terrorist law enforcement.

Former Black Panthers members John Bowman, Hank Jones and Ray Boudreaux held a forum, Dec. 8, at the Washington, D.C. office of Trans-Africa. They have in common the suffering they endured in 1971 under interrogation concerning a police shooting in San Francisco.

They were indicted by a grand jury, but the court rendered a decision stating the methods used to obtain information were unlawful and the Panthers members were freed from jail.

Thirty-four years later Bowman, Jones and Boudreaux along with many Black Panthers members once again faced their interrogators from the ‘70s who are now serving as agents with the Anti-Terrorist Task Force, a special division formed under the Homeland Security agency to apprehend suspected terrorists.

“I was quite surprised when I opened the door to see the same two detectives involved in beating me [34 years earlier] standing there. It brought back memories that I will never forget,” said Bowman, the former Panther organizer. “This is very difficult for me to discuss in public.”

According to Bowman, in 1973 he was stripped naked and beaten with blunt objects, wrapped with blankets soaked in boiling hot water, shocked with electric probes in his “anus and other private parts,” punched, kicked and slammed into walls by investigators. The process lasted until investigators got the murder confessions they wanted.

“These stories are not available in the public domain. These stories are hidden in the framework of the American justice system. We want to put this in the forefront of the public dialogue and let people hear the truth about what is happening,” said actor and human rights activist Danny Glover, who was on hand to stress the importance of exposing the covert tactics being used by the Bush administration to interrogate and arrest law-abiding citizens by labeling them as “terrorists.”

“We must talk about the current attempt to reopen these cases against those members of the Black Panther Party who were tortured more than 30 years ago,” said Glover, who also serves as chairman of the board, Trans-Africa Forum.

The detectives, Frank McCoy and Edward Erdelatz, retired members of the

San Francisco Police Department, now special agents with the Federal Prosecutor’s Office, Anti-Terrorist Task Force have repeatedly interrupted the lives of many former Panthers to gain notoriety with the Bush administration by targeting individuals labeled as “terrorists” who were never convicted of wrongdoing.

“Once upon a time, they called me a terrorist, too,” explained Boudreaux. “To expedite something in the system, they put a ‘terror’ tag on it and it gets done. Terror means money. These people [government] have a budget and they are working it.”

Bowman said when he watched the World Trade Center towers come down in New York on September 11, somehow he knew the government might approach him as a suspect after listening to the language being used to describe the investigation.

“They were freedom fighters against police brutality in the community, but they were branded terrorists. These men were charged for a crime, which they did not commit.”

“This is a broad general investigation going on under the current COINTEL-PRO (Counter Intelligence of the FBI) grown up into the USA Patriot Act, an extension of what was going on back then. The same violations of our human and constitutional rights, totally unjust - done in secret and quietly. We’ve chosen not to be quiet about this,” said Jones. “They are destroying democracy with this Patriot Act. It’s not just confined to us. It’s other activist organizations as well.”

Jones pointed out that under ‘70s FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover all civil rights organizations were under major surveillance. The Black Panther Party was considered by Hoover as the “greatest threat of national security to the nation.”

Trans Africa President Bill Fletcher expressed the forum’s concern about the erosion of civil rights. “It is ironic that instead of having a press conference in which apologies are being offered to the individuals who were tortured and the many other victims of COINTEL-PRO, instead we are to call attention to the prosecution of people who were freedom fighters and continue to be.”



Bowman, Jones, and Boudreaux

A coalition of well-known intellectuals has also joined the Forum and the defense committee to enlighten the public about the covert activities being used by agents authorized by the Patriot Act.

“We condemn the persecution transpiring against these individuals. We wish to bring it to light when the word “terrorism” is in the air,” said Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights. “The anti-war movement and the civil rights movement had effectively checked the national security state in relationship to surveillance. Many of the forces particularly on the extreme right had been bristling and eager for an opportunity to impose new measures. The Patriot Act had already been on the drawing board. The terrorist attacks provided an opportunity for them to impose them.” Daniels adds that “Before former Attorney General Ashcroft left, he issued a broad ranging edict that all the cases that involved any incident where a police officer had been killed and the case had been closed be re-opened...And if these men and women can be indicted or harassed, it sends a chilling effect,” said, Daniels.

Professor Charles Ogletree, founder and executive director of Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard law School, said the community should protect the rights of these individuals with their lives.

“These gentlemen, Ray Boudreaux, Hank Jones and others have been victims of the most vicious forms of American terrorism and torture,” said Ogletree. “It takes a village to protect its elders. We tell them today, through our presence here and through our commitment that we will provide a protective blanket over them. They will not come in this village and take these elders, except over our dead bodies.”

Founded in 1966 by Bobby Seale and Huey P. Newton in Oakland, Calif., the Black Panther Party grew to at least 5,000 members with chapters in more than half the country.



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He did it in his time, when time was of the essence. When he knew he had the strength and endurance for a protracted and extraordinarily difficult struggle. That time has now past.

The brother I know, who withstood 50,000 volt stun gun assaults and the rigors of solitary confinement, has fallen. This brother of such infectiously good humor, so respectful of elders, and without a cynical bone in his body, is dead. He chose to pass on in as dignified a way as possible given the inherently abusive conditions of his confinement. They never crushed his spirit.

Brother, I do not say goodbye, for there are no words for this in the language we know best. Until next time—among oak leaves, the feathers of a hawk, nurturing new life from a coral reef I love you, Ray Luc Levasseur, December 8, 2005

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Please call or write to:

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The Subsistence Program

The Anarchist Subsistence Program seeks to provide material aid to those PP/POW's who come from our own anarchist/anti-authoritarian community.

Presently, we are aware of less than ten 'Class War' PP/POW's in North America who identify themselves as part of the anarchist or antiauthoritarian community. From information provided to us by these political prisoners, we realize that Ojore Lutalo is in more financial need than most. Because of this and because Ojore has provided an immeasurable amount of time, guidance and focus to the collectives that make up the ABCF, the organization has made Ojore the focus of our first subsistence support campaign.

The two functions of this support campaign include a monthly check and forty .39 cent postage

stamps per month. Supporters of the Anarchist Subsistence Program send whatever funds they can to Philadelphia ABC (who facilitates the program) who in turn sends the total amount from all supporters to Ojore monthly. All U.S. supporters also take turns sending the stamps directly to Philadelphia ABC.

Listed here are the monthly check documentation and rotation of groups sending stamps. If you want to support this important program and help us expand the number of Anarchist Subsistence Program campaigns we run, contact Philadelphia ABC. Make checks or money orders out only to: TIM FASNACHT. Funds should be sent in the last week of the month before the month the funds will be used (i.e; send March funds in the 3rd week of February).



Stamp Schedule

April- Philadelphia

May- Jacksonville

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April- Philadelphia

Send a check or money order to Philadelphia ABCF made out to Tim Fasnacht for forty 39 cent stamps in the last week of the month before the month you are responsible for.

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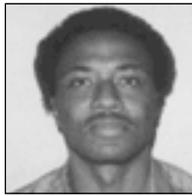
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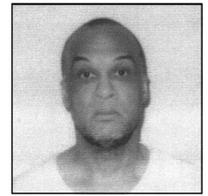
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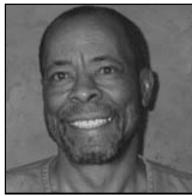
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AM-4272/ 1 Kelley Drive
Coal Township, Pa
17866-1021
Receives \$30 per month



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SBI# 0000901548
Trenton, NJ 08625
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Jalil Muntaqim
(Bottom) 77A4283
Box 618 135 State St.
Auburn, NY 13024
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Sundiata Acoli (Squire)
39794-066 / Box 3000
White Deer, PA 17877
USP Allenwood
Received Emergency Funds



Carmen Valentin
88973-024
5701 - 8th. St. Camp Parks
Dublin CA 94568
Received Emergency Funds



Jaan Laaman
W41514 / Box 100
South Walpole, MA 02071
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Thomas Manning
10373-016 /Box 1000
USP Leavenworth
Leavenworth, KS 66048
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Richard Williams
FALLEN COMRADE
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Nov 4, 1947- Dec 7, 2005
Received \$30 per month



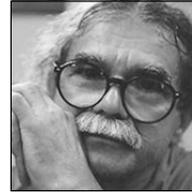
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35316-136 / Box 819
Coleman, FL 33521-0819
FCI Coleman
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Edwin Cortes
92153-024/Box 1000
Lewisburg, PA 17837
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3701 Klein Blvd
Lompoc, CA 93436
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Oscar Lopez Rivera
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Terre Haute, IN 47808
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323749-138
Box 1000
Lewisburg, PA 17837
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"Thanks much for the support you've been organizing, I really appreciate it. After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like (people) have all of a sudden realized that I am live."

~ Sekou Odinga (New Afrikan Prisoner of War)



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The ABCF has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks to PP/POW's who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no financial support during their imprisonment. PP/POW's requesting funds complete an application of financial questions. When the ABCF has collected sufficient funds to send out another monthly check, the application are reviewed by a rotating body of PP/POW's called the Prisoner Committee, who make a judgement on which applicant is in the most financial need. There is also an emergency fund designed to immediately send checks to those PP/POW's in need of one time or emergency assistance.



Founded in 1994, the Warchest has provided consistent and reliable financial aid, serving a much neglected comradley function. Since its inception the ABCF has raised nearly \$43,000 with just this one program. All funds raised go directly to the political prisoners the program is designed for. Despite our success, our comrades are still in dire needs of funds. Endorse this program by giving any monthly or one time donation to increase the number of prisoners being supported monthly. A financial report is published that documents all money received and the prisoner it was sent to. The prisoners addresses are also printed so that endorsers may write and hold us accountable.

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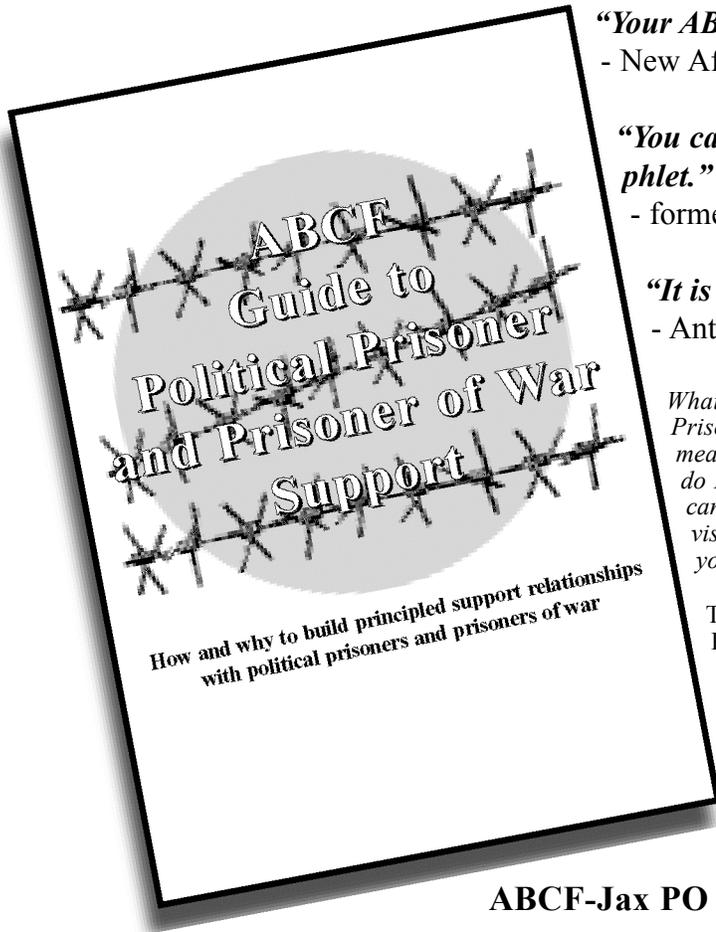
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LA ABCF	2560	0	0
MTL ABCF	150	0	0
PHL ABCF	395	55	55
JAX ABCF	140	120	0
NJ ABCF	200	20	20
CLEV ABCF	35	0	0
BONNIE/NJ	10	0	0
MIKE/NJ	20	0	0
JUP/CLEV	15	0	0
JEAP	140	0	0
FUND/PHIL	24	0	0
CHRIS/NJ	20	0	0
JIM M/PHIL	60	0	0
EZE/NJ	360	0	0
KMA/KANSAS	10	0	0
DAN/MAINE	10	0	0
Propagandi	0	113	0
SMF	0	41	0
Lindsey	100	0	0
TOTAL	4439	349	75

REMAINING: \$1912.56

FUNDS OUT	2005	JAN	FEB
SEKOU KAMBUI	410	30	30
RUSSELL SHOATZ	300	30	30
JOSEPH BOWEN	300	30	30
HANIFF BEY	300	30	30
HERMAN BELL	300	30	30
RICHARD WILLIAMS	300	0	0
SEKOU ODINGA	300	30	30
RUCHELL MAGEE	300	30	30
ALVARO HERNANDEZ	60	30	30
VERONZA BOWERS	50	0	0
TOTAL	2620	240	240

FUNDS IN		FUNDS OUT	
1994	351	1994	120
1995	3860	1995	2796
1996	4143	1996	4308
1997	3544	1997	4588
1998	7643	1998	6412
1999	5814	1999	5191
2000	3514	2000	4544
2001	5290	2001	4637
2002	2873	2002	4320
2003	1785	2003	1300
2004 UNACC*		2004 UNACC*	
2005	4439	2005	2620
2006	424	2006	480
TOTAL	43680	TOTAL	41316

(*Funds unaccounted for due to unreported funds from Jacksonville ABCF)



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“You can see many of our concerns addressed in this pamphlet.”

- former Puerto Rican POW Carmen Valentin

“It is extremely well thought out and put together.”

- Anti-Imperialist PP Tom Manning

What's the ABC? What's the ABCF? Who are Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War? Where are they? Why make a criteria? What do you mean by 'documentation' and how do I get it? What kinds of support do Political Prisoners need? How should I go about my work? What can PP/POW's get in prison? What do I need to know if I wanted to visit? Can I bring them food packages? What about clothes? What do you mean by 'principled support'? How do I get involved?

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