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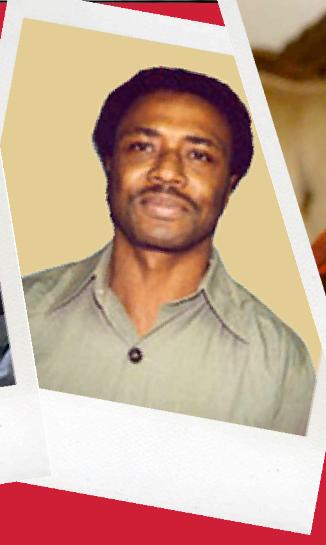
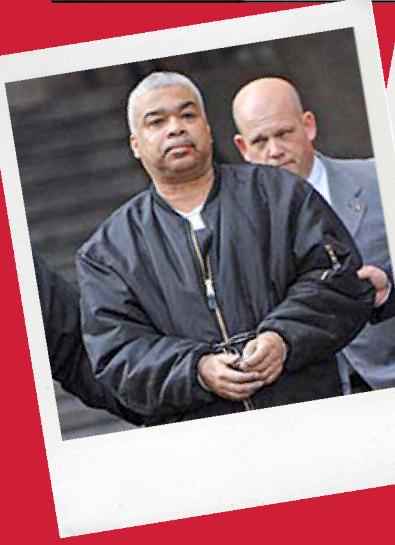
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## **SAN FRANCISCO EIGHT**



## 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 group's 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 were suffering 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 and 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 such as 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 1970s only a handful of ABC chapters still existed.

In the 80s, however, 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 supporting 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/POWs 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/POWs 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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### New Issue of 4strugglemag

Issue #8 Out Now! Writings by Political  
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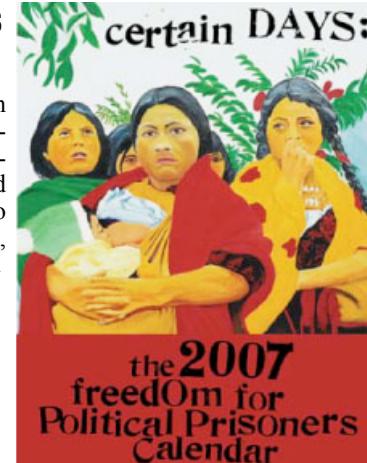
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### 2007 Freedom for PP/POWs Calendar

This year's calendar focused on the theme of immigration, and features work by many political prisoners, including Tom Manning, David Gilbert, Herman Bell, Alvaro Hernandez, Jeffrey "Free" Luers, the MOVE 9, the Cuban 5 & more..

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# Tsutomu Shiroasaki is Transferred

On February 12, Political Prisoner Tsutomu Shiroasaki was notified by prison authorities to pack up his belongings for a transfer to an unknown location. Shiroasaki was then transferred to Oklahoma City FTC- which is a transfer center. For several weeks Tsutomu was kept at Oklahoma City instead of transferring to his permanent location.

It was not until early March that Tsutomu was once again transferred- ending up at USP Terre Haute in Indiana.

For those unaware of Tsutomu Shiroasaki, he is accused of being a member of the Anti-Imperialist International Brigade (AIIB)- a group the authorities claim is associated with the Japanese Red Army (JRA). Shiroasaki was accused of an attack against British, Japanese and US

embassies in Rome and Jakarta. He is currently serving a 30-year sentence for the attacks against the US embassies.

Tsutomu Shiroasaki claims that he was not a member of either the AIIB or the JRA. The false claims of his membership in either group or the attacks are nothing more than retaliation by the Japanese government and their allies for the liberation of revolutionaries by the Japanese Red Army - Shiroasaki being one of those revolutionaries.

Tsutomu's current address is:

**Tsutomu Shiroasaki**  
20924-016  
FCI Terre Haute  
P.O. Box 33  
Terre Haute, IN 47808



# Judge Reopens Omaha Two Case

On January 3, 2007, a ruling published by the Douglas County District Court Judge Richard Spethman has effectively reopened the 35-year-old wrongful conviction of Ed Poindexter and Mondo we Langa [formerly David Rice].

The ruling was made on a petition filed by Ed Poindexter's attorney, Robert Bartle of Lincoln, Nebraska. The petition requested an order from the court to compel a voice exemplar [sample] from Duane Peak, the then 15 year-old who testified at trial that he made the 911 call that lured police to a vacant home at 28th & Ohio Streets in 1970 where Omaha Police Officer Larry Minard was killed when a booby-trapped suitcase exploded. At trial, the Omaha Police Department testified that the 911 tape was not available. It was

later learned from an FBI document obtained under a Freedom of Information request that the 911 tape had been suppressed as part of the effort to frame both Poindexter and we Langa for the murder.

Mondo we Langa has exhausted his "post conviction relief," and Ed Poindexter is now in the early phases of his post conviction relief efforts. Poindexter and we Langa have maintained their innocence for the past 35 years and have maintained that Duane Peak did not make the 911 telephone call that night. People who have heard the tape have said that the voice on the tape is not that of a juvenile. Assistant Douglas County Attorney Brent Bloom argued against Bartle's petition, saying that any voice comparison would not be admissible in

court. Judge Spethman disagreed with Broom, saying, "That determination is reserved for future proceedings."

The Douglas County Attorney's office is considering an appeal of Judge Spethman's order. Bartle says that he thinks the voice comparison will set his client free. Bartle is now faced with the considerable task of getting a court in Spokane, Washington, to compel Peak [who has changed his first name to Gabriel] to provide the voice sample. Peak has refused to return reporters' phone calls seeking comment.

If Poindexter prevails, it could not only free two more political prisoners, but also once again show the extent the U.S. government will go to frame revolutionaries for actions they are innocent of.

# Food Not Bombs Targeted by Nazis

On February 4th, a small time bomb exploded in 4:20 PM in Vladimirskaya square of St. Petersburg, a location that is known for Food Not Bombs servings.

The bomb was hidden near a kiosk selling flowers. Because the device was small, it just damaged the kiosk, causing no injuries to people in the square. The obvious purpose of the bomb was not to kill but to terrorize.

Luckily, that day Food Not Bombs was late from the schedule and activists showed up in the spot few minutes after the explosion. Food was given to homeless without any problems. Usually 4:20 would be the moment with most people gathering in the square for food.

At time of the action, activists did not pay much attention to damages but consid-

ered timing as a coincidence - it could have been some conflict between organized crime, for example. But later in the day it was revealed that bomb had been set with a timing device. People now believe that Food Not Bombs may have been the target.

Russian Nazis have used explosives against anti-fascists in the last few years. On December 22, 2006, in Moscow, a bomb was used to target local anti-fascists, wounding a number of police who attempted to neutralize the device. In August 2006, another bombing in Moscow killed 11 in Cherkisovskiy marketplace.

Food Not Bombs has directly been targeted by Nazis. On January 14, 2007, a St. Petersburg activist, Ivan Elin, suffered 20 stab wounds when returning home from action, but he is recovering. On November

13th, 2005, a Food Not Bombs activist, Timur Kacharava, was believed to have been murdered by Nazis.



# Bashir Hameed Cell Raided Over "Political Contraband"

On January 19th, while Bashir Hameed was at prayer, guards raided his cell and seized various items which the prison claims to be "political contraband." Despite the obviously political nature of the harassment, the US government refuses to recognize Bashir Hameed and the hundreds of other prisoner like Bashir as political prisoners.

Since the raiding of his cell, Bashir has been placed on lockdown. Although he is permitted to have visits, he cannot make any phone calls. In addition to these restrictions, the prison has shut off the lights in his cell, so he spends his days and nights in the dark.

The lockdown has also limited Bashir's access to medical checkups and blood-work needed following his open-heart surgery. He is also not receiving necessary medical attention for his diabetes.

The "political contraband" found in his cell includes some pictures from the 35th Anniversary Reunion of the Black Panther party and some writings by the New Black Panther Party. Of course, all of this had already gone through the prison mail system before Bashir received it.

This is the third time since Bashir has been in Comstock prison that the prison administration ordered a raid on his cell and charged him with having "Political Contraband" in his cell.

Please give Bashir your support at:

## Bashir Hameed/York

#82-A-6313,  
Great Meadow Correctional Facility  
Box 51  
Comstock, New York 12821

**Bashir Hameed**  
**U.S. Political Prisoner**



# Update on Daniel McGowan's Court Case

*The following statement was issue by Family and Friends of Daniel McGowan on March 6, 2007. For those unfamiliar with McGowan, he is one of the eco-sabotage defendants from the "Operation Backfire" case.*

*The case against McGowan and three other defendants (Jonathan Paul, Joyanna Zacher and Nathan Block) rested on the testimony of six other defendants who turned state's evidence against each other. With the threat of life imprisonment, McGowan and friends were forced to plead out. As part of the agreement, the government will ask for eight years confinement. Daniel and others will not be forced to inform on others.*

*However on May 15, there will be an oral argument on whether a terrorism enhancement should be added to all of the defendants in the case. This could add an additional 20 years to the sentences.*

*It is important to note that Daniel has been active for years in the political prisoner support community.*

Friends,

We just wanted to give you an update on the March 2nd court hearing held in Eugene last week.

The dates for the terrorism enhancement hearing as well as all sentencing dates were set by Judge Aiken. The hearing to determine whether the defendants in the case get the terrorism enhancement will take place on May 15, 2007 in Eugene Federal Court. Daniel's sentencing is June 4th at 9AM. Daniel's non-cooperating defendants' sentencing dates are as follows:

Joyanna Zacher and Nathan Block: June 1st

Jonathan Paul: June 5th

There were some other matters discussed in court on March 2nd related to the restriction of people attending the court hearings for some defendants and the sealing of sentencing briefs. We are in support of all sentencing hearings being completely open to the public, as they should be. We are also in support of unsealed sentencing briefs filed with the court as well.

The past two months have been a whirlwind on our end. Daniel's property bond was reduced to \$800,000 and the court removed the residency requirement that had Daniel living with his sister's family since February 2006. Daniel and his partner moved to a separate residence and shortly after found out that he was accepted into a Master's program that will allow him to earn a graduate degree while he is imprisoned. Our fundraising efforts are shifting to making that happen and we will soon be announcing a matching donation campaign to pay for Daniel's tuition.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who wrote a letter to the Judge for Daniel's sentencing. The response was overwhelming, as well as, an amazing display of solidarity. Last Friday was the deadline and we received nearly 250 letters in Daniel's defense. It is a testament to the level of support for Daniel and against these prosecutions.

Thanks for all you do.

**Family and Friends of Daniel McGowan**

# Joe-Joe in Need of Financial Assistance

Long time Black Liberation soldier Joe-Joe Bowen is in need of legal assistance to aid his battle to win his release from solitary confinement. The judge has rejected his case and he now needs to file an appeal. This next step in the legal action for Joe-Joe has depleted the little money he had. The appeal is going to cost Joe-Joe over \$455.

In a recent phone call with an ABCF member, Joe-Joe stated, ""You are to tell all the soldiers on your end that I said to send me a piece of money because the fed-

eral courts want me to pay 455 dollars to them to file my federal appeal into the federal courts down there in Philadelphia in a few weeks. Do not ask me why they want this type of money from me. But they want it and I must send it to them. So tell all the revolutionary soldiers on your end that the old man needs a piece of money on this end. HELP."

Joe-Joe has been on in solitary confinement since 1981, after an attempted self-liberation and standoff with prison authorities. As part of his solitary confinement,

his access to books and other reading material has been severely restricted. Attempts to send Joe-Joe requested legal books have also been reject as part of his confinement.

We are asking for all supporters to send money orders to Joe-Joe at the following address:

**Joseph Bowen**  
AM-4272  
1 Kelley Drive  
Coal Township, PA 17866-1021

# Two Freedom Fighters Mark Over 40 March Birthdays in Prisons

by Kiilu Nyasha

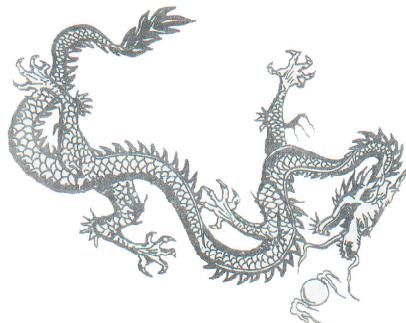
Hugo L. A. Pinell, affectionately known as Yogi Bear, was one of six brothers who became known as the San Quentin Six in the 1970s following the assassination of George Lester Jackson on August 21, 1971. Yogi turned 62 years old on March 10. Forty-three of those years have been spent in California gulags.

Ruchell Cinque Magee, sole survivor of the Marin Courthouse Rebellion of August 7, 1970, turned 68 on March 17. He has now been incarcerated for 44 years.

## Trophies for Black August:

On August 7, 1970, after seven years, two trials and countless petitions filed against his illegal incarceration, Magee joined the guerrillas in California's Marin County Courthouse, when Jonathan Jackson stormed the court armed to the teeth and tossed guns to William Christmas, James McClain (on trial for assaulting a guard), and Magee (testifying for McClain). Militants of the Black Movement behind bars, the brothers took the judge, prosecutor and three jurors hostage thinking they would be insurance in their plan to drive to a radio station to announce the murderous/racist prison conditions and demand the release of The Soledad Brothers (John Clutchette, Fleeta Drumgo, and George Jackson, Jonathan's older brother) -- facing trial and a possible death sentence. The four revolutionaries never got out of the parking lot. The San Quentin guards got there in time to shoot up the van killing all three guerrillas and the judge, seriously wounding the prosecutor and Magee, and slightly injuring one of the jurors. Angela Davis was hunted down and captured for having legally purchased the guns (Jonathan Jackson had been her body guard in her

defense activities for the Soledad Brothers in a dangerous climate.). Although Ruchell was unconscious at the scene having been shot, the State tried to pin the murders on him, but had to drop those charges. Nevertheless, he was convicted of simple kidnap and remains in prison to date.



Magee's own jailhouse lawyering got him released from the Pelican Bay SHU back in the early 1990s and he is currently on the Corcoran Prison mainline. As brother Willie Sundiata Tate has often stated, "Ruchell never hurt anyone." Nevertheless, he was denied parole again last year, and is now enduring his 44th year of incarceration.

August 21, 1971, was the day Soledad Brother, George Lester Jackson, was murdered on the yard of San Quentin State Prison, in addition to three prison guards and two inmate trustees. Six prisoners were singled out and charged with various counts of murder and assault.

Fleeta Drumgo, Willie Sundiata Tate, David Johnson, Luis Talamantez, Johnny Spain, and Yogi. Spain was the only one convicted of murder, and has been out of prison since 1988. Yogi was convicted of assault and has spent the last 35 years in soli-

tary confinement (no contact, no phone calls). He has been in Pelican Bay's torture chamber since 1990.

Pelican Bay's supermax control unit is located in the Northwest corner of California on the Oregon border in pristine, redwood territory. The prison is solid gray concrete and the SHU (Security Housing Unit) is completely windowless. It looks like a large tomb. It's hi-tech with automatic doors and gates, only artificial light, and the so-called yard is nothing more than a "dog run" or outdoor closet with 20' high walls covered on top by Plexiglas. SHU prisoners are locked down 24/7 except for a possible hour on the dog run where they can exercise alone with no equipment whatsoever, not even a ball. They are permitted no arts or crafts materials, and only a very restricted number of books and property. They're chained hand and foot whenever they leave their cells escorted by two guards. Visits are no contact and limited to weekends and holidays for less than two hours.

One way we can let these righteous soldiers know they are loved and appreciated, while sending a strong message to their jailers, would be to flood their cells with cards and letters (a money order may be included).

They can be reached as follows:

**Hugo L.A. Pinell**  
A88401, D3-221  
Box 7500  
Crescent City, Ca. 95531

**Ruchell Cinque Magee**  
A92051,  
3A2-131  
Box 3471 CSP  
Corcoran, Ca 93212

# Court Decision May Reduce Luers' Sentence

Oregon, U.S. - The Oregon Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that Jeffrey Luers' case will be reversed and remanded back to the Circuit Court for re-sentencing. The decision could possibly shave 15 years off of the original 266-month sentence.

Luers was sentenced to 22 years in prison for the arson of the Romania car dealership in Eugene, OR, and an attempted arson of Tyree Oil. The total damage amounted to burned tires on 3 SUVs, the tires were replaced and the SUVs were resold. It's possible that he could be

released from prison as early as 2008.

Despite the possible good news, his support community remains cautious yet hopeful. In the coming months supporters will be finding out more about Jeff's re-sentencing – the court date and possible outcome, etc.

In the meantime, Jeff's supporters have made a call for financial assistance. Jeff's legal costs and attorney fees, on top of ongoing daily expenses, are just something that can't be covered with their current bank account and financial support.

Go to the following address to donate:  
<http://freefreenow.org/donate.html>

The website has various options ranging from paypal, to sending in a check to his support team, or a money order directly to Jeff's commissary account in prison (this last option will not help pay legal costs).

Contact Jeff Luers at:  
**Jeff Luers**  
#13797661  
2605 State St.  
Salem, OR 97310  
Oregon State Prison

# San Francisco 8 Arrests

Eight former Black Panthers were arrested January 23rd in California, New York and Florida on charges related to the 1971 killing of a San Francisco police officer. Similar charges were thrown out after it was revealed that police used torture to extract confessions when some of these same men were arrested in New Orleans in 1973. Richard Brown, Richard O'Neal, Ray Boudreaux, and Hank Jones were arrested in California. Francisco Torres was arrested in Queens, New York. Harold Taylor was arrested in Florida. Two men charged have been held as political prisoners for over 30 years – Herman Bell and Jalil Muntaqim are both in New York State prisons. A ninth man -- Ronald Stanley Bridgeforth – is still being sought. The men were charged with the murder of Sgt. John Young and conspiracy that encompasses numerous acts between 1968 and 1973.

Harold Taylor and John Bowman (recently deceased) as well as Ruben Scott (thought to be a government witness) were first charged in 1975. But a judge tossed out the charges, finding that Taylor and his two co-defendants made statements after police in New Orleans tortured them for several days employing electric shock, cattle prods, beatings, sensory deprivation, plastic bags and hot, wet blankets for asphyxiation. Such "evidence" is neither credible nor legal.



L-R) Hank Jones, John Bowman (deceased), Ray Boudreaux, Harold Taylor, and Richard Brown



Richard O'Neal being arrested by the SF police

## Profile

**Herman Bell**, 59, of Mississippi, a political prisoner since 1973. Cointelpro's "pattern of manipulation and lies, continuing into the present, indicates something more than the ordinary corruption and racism of everyday law enforcement. It can be understood only in terms of the power of the political movement that [we] were part of, and the intensity of the government's efforts to destroy that movement and to disillusion and intimidate future generations of young activists." Write to him - #79C-0262, Sullivan Correctional Facility, Box 116, Riverside Drive, Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116.

**Ray Boudreaux**, 64, of Altadena. "Actually for the last 25 years I've lived a pretty peaceful and quiet life. My politics are still the same. It's just that I'm not active. People come to me sometimes as a peace-maker. And all of that has to do with all of my experience." Write to him - 2301300, 850 Bryant Street, San Francisco CA 94103.

**Richard Brown**, 65, of San Francisco. "For the past six years I have been a Community Court Judge Arbitrator working with the San Francisco District Attorney's office. We place a lot of emphasis on restorative justice, so most of the community service done will be done in our own community where the offender can give back to the community." Write to him - 2300819, 850 Bryant Street, San Francisco CA 94103.

**Henry W. (Hank) Jones**, 70, of Altadena. "I [have lived] under the constant threat of another ... incarceration. In essence I have been robbed of peace of mind, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am therefore compelled to resist these tactics and inform the public of my recent experience, feeling that something similar could happen to anyone given the climate of fear, paranoia, and abuse of authority that is rampant in our country today." Write to him - 2301301, 425 Seventh St, San Francisco CA 94103.

**Jalil Muntaqim (Anthony Bottom)**, 55, of San Francisco, a political prisoner in New York since 1978. "The United States does not recognize the existence of political prisoners. To do so would give credence to the fact of the level of repression and oppression, and have to recognize the fact that people resist racist oppression in the United States, and therefore, legitimize the existence of not only the individuals who are incarcerated or have been captured, but also legitimize those movements of which they are a part." Write to him - #77A4283, Auburn Correctional Facility, 135 State Street, P.O. Box 618, Auburn, NY 13024.

**Richard O'Neal**, 57, of San Francisco. Richard works as a custodian for the city. He had previously worked at the city's Hall of Justice and has been a city employee for more than 25 years. Write to him - 2300818, 850 Bryant Street, San Francisco CA 94103.

**Harold Taylor**, 58, of Panama City. "In 1971, two brothers and I were set up by the FBI. We didn't learn about COINTELPRO until years later. In 1973 I was arrested in New Orleans and was beaten and tortured for several days. In 2003 the detectives that were responsible for my torture came to my house to try and question me. I have not been the same since." Write to him - 2305584, 850 Bryant Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

**Francisco Torres**, 58, of New York City. Write to him - #349071576, 1515 Hazen Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11370.

# Interview with Herman Bell's Attorney, Stuart Hanlon

by Minister of Information JR

On January 23, 10 Black Panthers were indicted for the alleged killing of a police Sergeant inside of a Ingleside police station in San Francisco. Many believe that much of the main evidence in the case is the tortured confessions of some of the defendants and another individual, who is expected to testify for the state. If the people don't stand up against this, then we are giving a validation to the government to torture people in our name. People stood against the torture that was going on in Iraq, in Guantanamo, Israel, and in Eastern Europe in CIA prisons, its time for us to look at Amerikkka's torture of its own domestic prisoners.

The Panther 10 defendants are also being indicted on conspiracy charges, which means that the government doesn't have to prove that you exactly committed a crime. This is a continuation of the Counter Intelligence program of the FBI in today's form known as a Department of Homeland Security operation. For those who may not know, the Counter Intelligence supposedly was born in the 60's to wage the domestic war of terror that it did, in the interest of the United States government, against the Black Panther Party, the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, the American Indian Movement, as well as the Weatherman Underground, the Crips, the Bloods, and other militant formations, but we know it has existed in Amerikkka at least since runaway Africans teamed up with Natives to fight slave-catchers, its just today we call these two opposing interests the revolutionaries versus the state aka the police/military. People such as Harriet Tubman, Nat Turner, Marcus Garvey, Ida B. Wells, Paul Robeson, El Hajj Malik El Shabazz, the Black Panther Party, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr, and Muhammad Ali are just a few of the many people who were enemies of the state, in which the state used everything that it could to neutralize them. Today the lists continues with people like



1968- six arrested for shootout with police. Brown (third from left)

Mutulu Shakur, Veronza Bowers, political exile Assata Shakur, the Move 9, the Angola 3, the Queens 2, Chip Fitzgerald, Hugo Pinell, Ruchell Magee, and Aaron Patterson just to name a few.

We have to realize that if we don't stand against this type of repression, then soon it will be coming to our front doors. Conspiracy laws can me enacted on people who know a drug dealer or somebody who may have committed any crime. It is not just implemented against freedom fighters. With conspiracy laws, if you refuse to snitch or really don't know anything about the situation but they think that you do, you can be indicted and sentenced as a codefendant.

In this POCC: Block Report Radio interview check out San Francisco Attorney Stuart Hanlon, the lawyer for political prisoner Herman Bell, one of the defendants in this case, as he talks about the ongoing government assault that is going on to this day against members of the Black Panther Party, as well as this particular indictment of the Panther 10.

MOI JR: Can you tell us what this indictment is about that these Black

Panthers have been brought up on?

Hanlon: The indictments have two parts - one of their charges was killing this precinct sergeant Young, who was shot in the Ingleside (San Francisco) station in '71, but then their charged with conspiracy to kill policemen, and that conspiracy goes from 1968-1973; and basically it's a broad-based attack on what they call the BLA (Black Liberation Army), but what is really the Black Panther Party in a lot of ways. Its an attack on the organization, on the history, and the politics of it. And they go through 6 or 7 events which they allege these people (were involved in) a conspiracy to kill policemen. So it is going to be a really multi-faceted prosecution.

MOI JR: I know that you also represented former political prisoner Geronimo Ji Jaga aka Geronimo Pratt, how do you relate this case to the Geronimo case from a few decades ago?

Hanlon: Well I think the thing that relates them together is a couple things; you could start with the Cointel Program, which was started by the F.B.I. and J. Edgar Hoover with local law enforcement to get rid of dissent, and especially the Black



(L) Jalil Muntaqim mug shot photo, (R) Herman Bell mug shot photo



79C0262  
BELL, HERMAN  
5'11" 190lbs  
DATE 9/29/98



Ronald Bridgeforth Mug Shot

Panther Party. They targeted Geronimo, and they targeted many of the people who have been charged here, and part of that targeting was to create false cases against them like they did Geronimo. And I think that we're going to see in this case how we've been dealing with evidence that has been fabricated and manipulated. And then it is also to continue the hatred of the Black Panther Party members by law enforcement who were there, back then and now; and they hated Geronimo and they're out to get these people now.

MOI JR: I know that you represent Herman Bell, who is now being held as a political prisoner, and I also know that Jalil Muntaquim is also on this indictment. These two have been locked up for over 30 years already on vague charges, which many of us believe are falsified charges, I should say, why are they attacking someone who is already locked down?

Hanlon: It's hard to tell because they can't get the death penalty. They can't punish these people more than they're being

punished - Herman and Jalil. I can't answer that, you know it just seems like continued harassment and oppression of people who were connected to the Panther Party, in the 60's and 70's, in an attempt to make sure that they never see the light of day.

MOI JR: Who are the defendants?

Hanlon: There's Herman Bell, Anthony Bottom aka Jalil Muntaquim, Ray Boudreaux, John Bowman, Ronald Bridgeforth, Richard Brown, Henry Watson Jones, Richard O'Neal, Harold Taylor, and Francisco Torres.

MOI JR: And John Bowman just passed, right?

Hanlon: Right, John Bowman would have been charged but he died of cancer about two weeks ago.

MOI JR: Where do you see this case going? I know that these men are in their 50's and 60's. Do you think that the government has a case?

Hanlon: Well it's going to be going to trial. And whether the government has a case...they haven't had a case in 35 years, it's hard to imagine what could be new. So it's going to be a war, and we're going to fight every way that we can to keep these people from either spending more time in prison or going to prison, so it's hard to tell if anything is new. It doesn't seem like there's anything new because the evidence has been there for 35 years, and the science to figure it out, the scientific evidence has been there for 25 years. So nothing should be really new. And what I want to make clear is that you know that this case started in was torture. Some of these people were tortured in Louisiana, in New Orleans by the police to give up information. There were two cases that were already thrown out because of that torture, and it was tortured statements that led to this prosecution, so I don't think that people in San Francisco are going to convict people where the evidence began with tortured statements from people.

MOI JR: I've been watching the news, and I know that the government claims that



Hank Taylor Mug Shot

they have new scientific technology, and as you just stated, the technology has been there for over 25 years. Can the government just harass people like this with impunity?

Hanlon: No . There's legal issues that we could raise to that. If they cause a delay, the same as with people remembering, as well as with evidence that has passed through time, then the case is not going to go forward. We really have to see what they come up with, and their explanation of what it is.

MOI JR: I know that Ray Boudreaux, John Bowman, Richard Brown, and I believe two of the other defendants were arrested in 2005, do you know anything about that case?

Hanlon: Yes. They were arrested as grand jury witnesses, because they refused to testify at a grand jury regarding this crime, and they were put in jail for a period of time because they refused to testify.

MOI JR: And that was this same case?

Hanlon: That was investigating this case.

MOI JR: Do you have anything that you would like to say to the readers about this case?

Hanlon: People should pay attention to this case. They should watch what is going on. You know, there is a message that the government is putting out, "if you ever cross us, we'll never give up on punishing you. If you're politics are different from the politics of the ruling regime, we're never going to give up on punishing you." And people should watch this case, because the government calls it "criminal", but we think that it is a political case, and people should watch it and see the ramifications of what happens here.



Francisco Torres Arrest in 1971 and then in 2007

# FBI Hunting the Dead: Can John Bowman Ever Rest in Peace?

by Soffiyah Elijah

February 22, 2007

John Bowman is a former Panther who was arrested in New Orleans in 1973 and was tortured by a task force of law enforcement officers from several jurisdictions. In 2003, some of those same agents came to his home in Oklahoma City and confronted him about an unsolved 1971 police murder in San Francisco. So began a several year journey of resisting interrogations and Grand Jury subpoenas.

Shortly after getting out of San Francisco County Jail in October of 2005 for refusing to cooperate in a modern-day COINTELPRO investigation, John was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He persevered and continued to organize resistance along with four other former Black activists, formed the Committee to Defend Human Rights, and educated people about the responsibility to stay true to the precepts of the 10-Point Program of the Black Panther Party. Despite the pain of his illness and the ongoing suffering caused by his 33-year post-traumatic, post-torture pains, John Bowman educated and gave his soul to his people, community and the struggle.

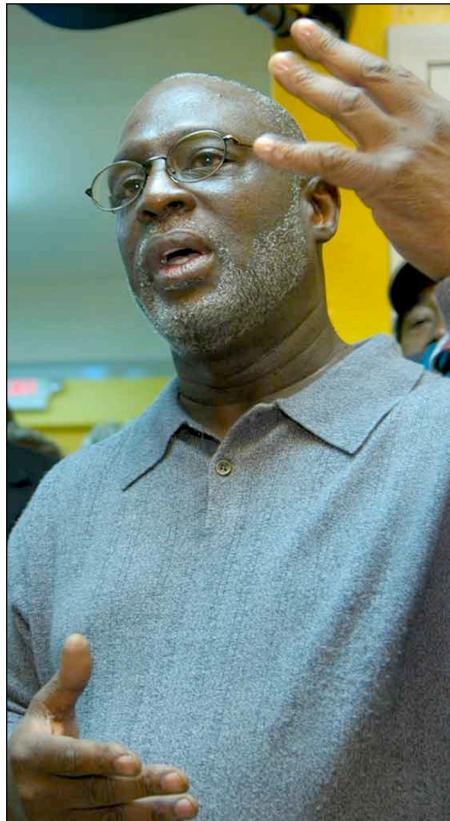
## Resisting to the end

Just weeks before his death, the same California Attorney General's office that tried to force him to cooperate with his tormentors and jailed him for contempt of the Grand Jury, knew he was in terminal pain, and called his attorney, Douglas Parr, in Oklahoma City to ask if he might have a change of heart and now wanted to cooperate. Naturally John refused this inhumane request, said he was not interested and resisted until his transition on December 23, 2006.

But the torment doesn't end at his passing. On Tuesday, February 13, 2007, two local FBI agents, one who identified himself as John Coyle, visited a funeral home in Oklahoma City and interrogated the owner and two staff people regarding the services it provided for John Bowman's cremation and memorial. They displayed their badges and one left his card. It was clear from the tone and nature of their questions that they suspected that John had not actually died, and perhaps one or more people had participated in a scheme to feign his death.

## A fugitive?

According to the agents, they were investigating John as a fugitive. They wanted to know about all the events leading up to his memorial service. The agents asked for the name of the crematorium, the doc-



tor, the medical examiner, where John died, who picked up the body and who handled the service. They also questioned how the owner could be certain that it was indeed John's body that had been cremated. The agents wanted to know if they had seen the body and if they could verify from a photo that it had been John who died. They were told that the body had not been viewed at that funeral home by anyone because it had already been cremated.

Near the end of their visit the agents asked one of the funeral home administrators for their full name, date of birth, home address, home phone number, social security number and any other numbers where they could be reached. When asked why they needed all the personal information, the agents responded that it would be entered into the FBI data base. The funeral home owner said that in all the years they have been in business, this was the first time that anything like this had ever happened. They couldn't believe that a question was being raised as to the identity of the deceased.

Today, Ann Moorman, John Bowman's attorney, confirmed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been actively questioning whether her client is in fact dead.

"It was clear from the tone and nature of their questions that the agents suspected

that John Bowman had in fact not died and that the Funeral Home had participated in a scheme to feign his death," said Moorman.

She added, "Setting aside the insult to the Bowman family and John's numerous friends by this inquiry, I am astonished law enforcement is questioning his death. John Bowman spent months in a local hospital suffering from cancer. Before his illness he demonstrated his willingness to face these baseless allegations by appearing numerous times during the course of various grand jury proceedings. The authorities know that if John Bowman were alive today he would stand up to these allegations and vigorously defend himself and the other men also facing the charges."

After their interrogation at the funeral home, the agents went to the crematorium to interrogate the owner of that business. Again they asked if the owner had seen the body and if he could identify a photo. The owner explained that the body arrived wrapped in a sheet and that he hadn't seen it. The agents had photos they wanted him to view but he insisted that he had not seen the body and therefore would be unable to identify any photos. They requested to see the log records for the body. They went on to ask the owner if he knew John personally, if he had heard of John, how it was that he was asked to do the cremation and what had been done with the ashes! At the close of their interrogation they asked the owner for the same personal information they had asked for from the funeral home administrator. When he asked why they needed it, they responded that they needed it for their records. The crematorium owner said that in his 24 years of operation, this was the first time that anything like this had ever happened to him.

"The whole case just does not pass the smell test" Moorman emphasized, "John Bowman was a proud man and would not hide from the FBI. Instead of questioning his death, they should instead be investigating why many court records favorable to the defense are missing. Or, why various items of physical evidence have also turned up missing. They overlook those obvious suspicious developments that bear directly on the credibility of this prosecution and instead go looking for a dead man. The whole case just does not pass the smell test and this just further confirms it."

Can John Bowman ever rest in peace?

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# Los Angeles ABCF Chapter Report

LA-ABCF has been expanding. We would like to welcome two new members, Tim Hearin and Will Su. These new members have brought with them the rejuvenation of study groups within the local chapter. These study groups have so far focused on the history of the Black and Puerto Rican Liberation movements.

With the recent arrests of the eight former Black Panthers, LA ABCF has joined up with other local groups in a support organization for the new defendants. This new group, called "the Unity Mission for the Panther Eight," has been busy organizing several events to raise awareness about our imprisoned brothers.

On February 14, the organization held a demonstration in LA to coincide with the hearing for four of the San Francisco Eight. There was an estimated 100 people in attendance. Three days later, the group presented a video showing of "Legacy of Torture." Among the estimated two hundred attendees was Phyllis Boudreax, the wife of one of the San Francisco

Eight.

In addition to our involvement in with the new support group, our collective recently held an event at the Southern California Library to advocate for Jaan Laaman and Daniel McGowan, and their current legal battles. The event was a success, with speakers from various communities and causes transcending traditional boundaries to support both anti-colonial and Green Scare political prisoners.

Speakers represented the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, the Black Liberation Movement, Asians for Jericho, the Anarchist Black Cross, and Friends and Family of Daniel McGowan. Performances included hip-hop from Sherman Austin of Cop Watch and Excentrik and Rag Top, spoken word from Sadiki Bakari of FTP and Mark Gonzales, and hardcore punk from Destruction Made Simple—captivating audiences to raise a few hundred dollars. After expenses were paid, we were able to send Jaan and Daniel \$120 each to help free these dedicated brothers!

## State for Benefit Show by Jaan Laaman

Hey- how's everyone doing in Los Angeles? Needless to say, I'd love to be out there with you right now?

I do want to let you know, that it is heartening, nice and helpful to be remembered and recognized by solid activists and people like you. I am in my 23rd year of captivity and it is important for me and all political prisoners to keep our connections to the struggle outside and to build new ties to new generations of activists and revolutionaries.

I welcome your awareness and support and salute your rebel spirit and work.

One way to interact with and hear the views of U.S. political prisoners is to check out [www.4strugglemag.org](http://www.4strugglemag.org), which is work I have a lot to do with.

One pressing political prisoner situation right now, that I would urge everyone to help with, is the new Black Panther-BLA 8 case. It is just outrageous that these life long Black Liberation fighters for justice and freedom have been falsely charged in a case that is over 35 years old. These are noble and good people. The government's intention to railroad these men is deadly serious. I know some of these brothers well and I support all of them and ask you to support all of them also.

I hope this is an interesting, informative and good evening for everyone.

Freedom is a constant struggle!

So lets all of us kick it up a little harder, louder and stronger!

Jaan Laaman

## Jalil Continues to Face Harassment

On March 9, members of the New York Jericho chapter received a call from Syracuse Jericho regarding an attempted visitation with Jalil. The day prior, a member of the Syracuse chapter visited with Jalil, who they described as in "good spirits." The next day another supporter went to visit Jalil Muntaqim only to be told that he is no longer there.

With the recent San Francisco case, supporters expected that both Jalil and his co-defendant, Herman Bell, would be transferred to California. So it was no surprise that he would be moving.

However it seems that the information was not exactly accurate. Supporters contact Attorney Bob Boyle, who informed them that Jalil is still in Auburn. Jalil has

appeared in court on March 8 in Cayuga County Court for an extradition hearing. Jalil did not waive extradition and the judge gave him until March 22, 2007 to file papers.

Jalil is currently on keep-lock with no phone privileges for a bogus disciplinary charge, but at this point in time, Jalil is still at Auburn and not in California.

## A Letter from Hanif Bey on His Parole Denial

In a letter dated January 9th, 2007 Hanif writes.....

I guess that it is time that I pick myself up and get back in the race. for the last 2 months it has been hard for me to focus on anything other than contemplating being free again on the outside.

Never in my 34 years on the inside, have I felt that close to being free and I have allowed myself to dream of being out there and visualizing of how I would have met the challenges.

Last week, we received word that the outgoing Governor left office on January 1st and released 7 of the 108 applicants, who had submitted requests for commutation.

None of the Virgin Island prisoners housed here were released, though several family members in the Islands had been lead to believe that several prisoners were about to be released.

I spoke to the attorney fighting on my behalf and he was quite stunned, as the person he was closely working with to get us out, is a cousin to the Governor and worked in his administration.

The person working with the attorney was also under the impression that the Governor would commute the sentence of his

son, whom is also serving a lengthy sentence. However, the Governor left us all in the lurch and decided to please the ruling class.

I guess most of the people in the Islands who felt confident that this Governor would do something for the lumpen class, was the fact that he is only the second Governor of the last six that have recently been elected that came from a lowly background.

This was quite a blow for me since I felt strongly that he was the right man, as he was my principal in high school and I remember him as having great compassion for his people.

We have been on institutional lock down for the past 4 days, so the little bit of solitude helps recharge the batteries, so all is well.....

**Hanif Shabazz Bey**  
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Wallens Ridge State Prison,  
P.O. Box 759,  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# RAF Leader Released After 24 Years

On February 12, A German court ordered the release of Brigitte Mohnhaupt, a leader of the Red Army Faction, who has been imprisoned for 24 years for her participation in various revolutionary actions in 1970s.

Ms. Mohnhaupt was a leader of the Red Army Faction, also known as the Baader Meinhof gang named for its founders, Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof. It began with the 1968 student protest movement but evolved into an armed struggle against capitalism. Its activities included bank robberies, bombings of government buildings and United States military sites in Germany, kidnappings and assassinations.

She had petitioned for early release, but the court, in the southern German city of Stuttgart, stressed on February 12th, that she was not receiving a pardon. "Rather, it is a decision that is based on specific legal considerations," the court said in a statement. "The decision for probation was reached based on the determination that no security risk exists."

Ms. Mohnhaupt, 57, was given five life sentences plus 15 years in 1985 for her involvement in the 1977 political assassination of Hanns Martin Schleyer, a leading industrialist, Jürgen Ponto, chairman of Dresdner Bank, and Siegfried Buback, a federal prosecutor, and in several kidnappings and bank robberies.

Born into a comfortable bourgeois family in June 1949, Ms. Mohnhaupt studied English and history at Munich University. There, she joined a commune, participated in student protests and later joined the Red Army Faction.

Her pending release increased speculation about the fate of another Red Army Faction member, Christian Klar.

Mr. Klar, 54, wrote to President Horst Köhler last year seeking a pardon.

Under normal circumstances, Mr. Klar, who has also served 24 years, would be scheduled for parole in two years.

Köhler is not expected to make a decision for several months, according to his office.



## FREQUENTLY USED Acronyms/ Terms

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

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

**ABC-SG:** Support Group - ABCF group with fewer 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 whose members are committed to the teachings of John Africa. Their belief is in "life."

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

**PP/POWs:** Political Prisoners and/or Prisoners of War.

(See page 1.)

**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 peoples are entitled freely to determine their political status and 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 their own means of subsistence.

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

**The Update:** This is a quarterly 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 RevolutionaryPolitical Dictionary with these and other expanded definitions of political terms. Available from Los Angeles ABC for \$1 and two 39 cents stamps.)*

# Frame-up! Colombian Rebel Sonia Convicted

Washington DC - Sonia, a Colombian revolutionary and political prisoner of the U.S. government, was found guilty in a U.S. Federal Court here, Feb. 20. Sonia's trial is part of a Bush administration plan to criminalize Colombian freedom fighters.

Sonia, whose full name is Anayibe Rojas Valderrama, is a soldier for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and a woman of high moral character. A poor peasant who joined the revolution to end poverty and oppression in Colombia, she is now awaiting sentencing. Her whole life has been dedicated to changing society and to ending poverty and misery.

There was nothing fair about Sonia's trial and a guilty verdict was nearly certain from the start. There was no physical evidence presented. Her trial mainly consisted of the testimony of four U.S. government paid informants who lied. There were no defense witnesses and Sonia was never called to defend herself or explain the political situation and U.S. intervention in Colombia. The jury had little chance of ever understanding the case due to ignorance about the 42 year Colombian civil war, the growing revolution led by the FARC and the deepening military intervention of the U.S.

Tom Burke of the National Committee to Free Ricardo Palmera states, "The

Bush administration is conducting a dirty war in Colombia and Sonia's trial and imprisonment violate the sovereignty of Colombia. The U.S. government already runs the Colombian military and their paramilitary death squads. Now Bush is using the U.S. courts to try to criminalize freedom fighters, like the FARC, who are gaining popularity and strength in Colombia."

Concerning the conviction Burke said, "Sonia's drug conviction is completely phony. How can U.S. spy satellites take photos of your dog in your back yard, but there are no pictures of the FARC with

drugs? The FARC running drugs is like weapons of mass destruction in Iraq - a big, big lie so an illegal war can continue. Bush's friend, Colombian President Uribe, is the one connected to the paramilitary drug runners and he is close to being taken down for it."

Another Colombian revolutionary, Ricardo Palmera, a peace negotiator for the FARC will face a retrial in March. His last trial ended with a hung jury. The National Committee to Free Ricardo Palmera will be protesting at the first day of the retrial of Ricardo Palmera on March 26th in Washington D.C.



## Eta Political Prisoner Ends Hunger Strike

Iñaki de Juana Chaos, Eta political prisoner has abandoned a hunger strike after 115 days. The hunger strike was called off after the Spanish government agreed to allow de Juana to finish his sentence at home.

De Juana was sentenced in 1987 to 3,000 years in jail for his part in an attack that resulted in the killing of 25 people, mainly soldiers and policemen. The attacks included an machine-gunning of a car containing three soldiers, murdering a rear-admiral, and planting a car bomb that killed 12 military policemen.

Under sentencing guidelines, then in forced, he had to serve only 18 years and was due to be freed in 2004. The Government, fearing a public outcry, unearthed two opinion articles that he had published in a Basque newspaper and charged him with making terrorist threats. Juan Fernando López Aguilar, the Justice Minister, promised to do "whatever is in our power to prevent these releases", adding that the Government was working to "construct new charges" against Eta prisoners "like we did with de Juana Chaos".

De Juana began a hunger strike but dropped it after 63 days when it looked as though the Government would seek a much-reduced sentence. Then a court gave him another 12 years and 7 months in jail, prompting him to restart his hunger strike.

For the Spanish Government, de Juana's protest over his continued detention, two years after completing his sentence, was a growing political nightmare. With doctors cautioning that de Juana could die anytime, the government began bracing for what could be its deepest crisis since it took power in 2004.

The case, which recalls Bobby Sands' fatal IRA hunger strike in 1981, has faced the Spanish Socialist Government with a dilemma. If he died, de Juana will become a martyr to the Basque independence movement. Some feared that Eta would use his death to justify a renewed campaign and there were reports that the group had already been eyeing tourist spots for future attacks.

Some feared that de Juana's death could persuade others who remain in jail after their sentences have ended to follow suit, giving the 40-year conflict a new lease of

life. Nine republican prisoners followed Bobby Sands in 1981; their deaths triggered a surge in IRA activity, fundraising and recruitment.

On the 112 day de Juana ripped out his feeding tube, sparking fears that he is close to death. During these critical hours, the government began to make move to resolve the present and potential crisis. Finally on the 115 day of the hunger strike, de Juana abandoned his hunger strike after the government agreed to allow de Juana to complete the rest of his sentence on house arrest.



# Chip Fitzgerald Update

In the last ABCF Update, we reported about the Chip Fitzgerald Freedom Campaign. Chip, a former member of the LA chapter of the Black Panthers, has been in prison since 1969. He was convicted in the self-defense shooting of a CHP officer and wrongfully accused of the murder of a security guard. His arrest and conviction took place during the FBI's war on the Panther and the infamous COINTELPRO.

Chip was supposed to have his parole hearing before the Board of Prison Terms on February 1st, but the hearing was cancelled. Since then, Chip has informed that his parole has been rescheduled for March 29th. We are now asking for supporters to write the BPT requesting that they grant Chip his long awaited parole.

ALL letters should be sent by March 18, 2007 to allow time for arrival!

Letters should be addressed to:

**Board of Prison Terms**  
1515 K Street, Ste. 600  
Sacramento, CA 95814

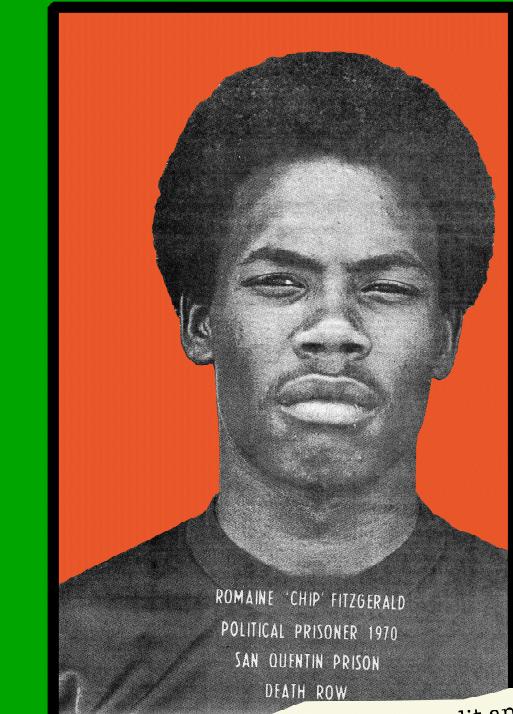
Please Send the letters to:

**Attorney Linda Buchalter**  
1011 5th Street No. 6  
Santa Monica, CA 90403

As if the stress of an upcoming parole hearing wasn't enough, beginning in early January, Chip and several hundred prisoners were on lockdown. Chip's access to the phone and other "perks" were restricted for several months. It was not until supporters began to call the prison, pressuring the administration, that they ended the lockdown in March.

You can find more information about Chip at: <http://freechip.wordpress.com>

## ROMAINE 'CHIP' FITZGERALD



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POLITICAL PRISONER 1970

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DEATH ROW

"... expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit and otherwise neutralize." - J. Edgar Hoover

## The Anarchist Subsistence Program

### Stamp Schedule

- March- Philadelphia**
- April- Los Angeles**
- May- Philadelphia**
- June- Los Angeles**

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

Philadelphia ABCF  
P.O Box 42129  
Philadelphia, PA 19101

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

As with the Warchest, this program is designed to aid PP/POWs who receive little financial aid. However, it is unique because it exclusively assists those from the anarchist/anti-authoritarian community.

Over the last few years there has been an increase of anarchist/anti-authoritarian PP/POWs. Most of these new prisoners have support committees who raise awareness and funds on their behalf. Long held anarchist/anti-authoritarian PP/POWs have had their support overshadowed by these new cases. This program is designed to ensure that support for them remains consistent.

The two functions of this support campaign include a monthly financial assistance and forty 39¢ 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 distributes the funds among anarchist political prisoners who participate

in the program. 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).

### Subsistence Report for 2007

	2006	JAN	FEB	MAR
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NJ/HAYES	30	0	10	0
LA	200	0	0	0
RYAN/ALSKA	70	0	15	0
JIM M/PHILLY	35	0	0	0
EZE/NJ	100	0	0	0
JAX	20	0	0	0
TONY/KS	0	0	25	0
TOTAL	470	0	50	0



Sekou Odinga  
05228-054/ Box 8500  
Florence, CO 81226-8500  
Receives \$30 per month



Ruchell Cinque Magee #  
A92051 / 3B-05-103  
Box 3466  
Corcoran, CA 93212  
Receives \$30 per month



Herman Bell  
79C0262 / Box 116  
Fallsburg, NY 12733  
Sullivan Corr. Facility  
Receives \$30 per month



Ricardo Jimenez  
# 88967-024  
PO Box 1000 A-2  
Lewisburg PA 17837  
Received \$30 per month



Alvaro Luna Hernandez  
255735/ Hughes Unit  
Rt. 2, Box 4400  
Gatesville, TX 76597  
Receives \$30 per month



Dylcia Pagan  
# 88971-024  
5701 8th St., Camp Parks  
Dublin CA 94568  
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Hanif Shabazz Bey  
295933 / Box 759  
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Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
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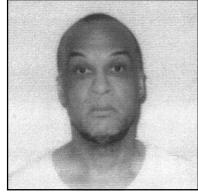
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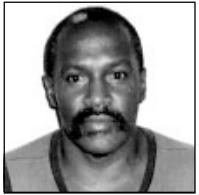
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Coal Township, Pa  
17866-1021  
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39794-066 / Box 3000  
White Deer, PA 17887  
USP Allenwood  
Received Emergency Funds



Carmen Valentin  
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Dublin CA 94568  
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Jaan Laaman  
W41514 / Box 100  
South Walpole, MA 02071  
Received Emergency Funds



Thomas Manning  
10373-016 / Box 2000  
USP Hazelton  
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Richard Williams  
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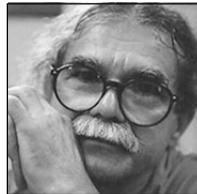
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**"Thanks much for the support you've been organizing. I really appreciate it. After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like people have all of a sudden realized that I am alive."**

**~ Sekou Odinga (New Afrikan Prisoner of War)**



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The ABCF has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks to PP/POWs who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no financial support during their imprisonment. PP/POWs requesting funds complete an application of financial questions. When the ABCF has collected sufficient funds to send out another monthly check, the applications are reviewed by a rotating body of PP/POWs 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/POWs in need of one-time or emergency assistance.



Founded in 1994, the Warchest has provided consistent and reliable financial aid, serving a much-neglected comrade function. Since its inception, the ABCF has raised over \$46,000 with just this one program. All funds raised go directly to the political prisoners, for which the program is designed. Despite our success, our comrades are still in dire need of funds. Endorse this program by giving a 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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## WARCHEST REPORT 2007

FUNDS IN	2006	JAN	FEB
LA ABCF	1925	100	0
MTL ABCF	79.3	0	0
PHL ABCF	200	77	0
JAX ABCF	170	0	0
NJ ABCF	80	0	0
CHRIS/NJ	40	140	20
EZE/NJ	250	0	0
RYAN/ALSKA	175	25	35
PROPAGANDI	413	0	0
SMF	41	0	0
ANON	120	5	0
JIM/PHILLY	10	10	0
Tony/KS	0	0	25
Total	3268	357	80

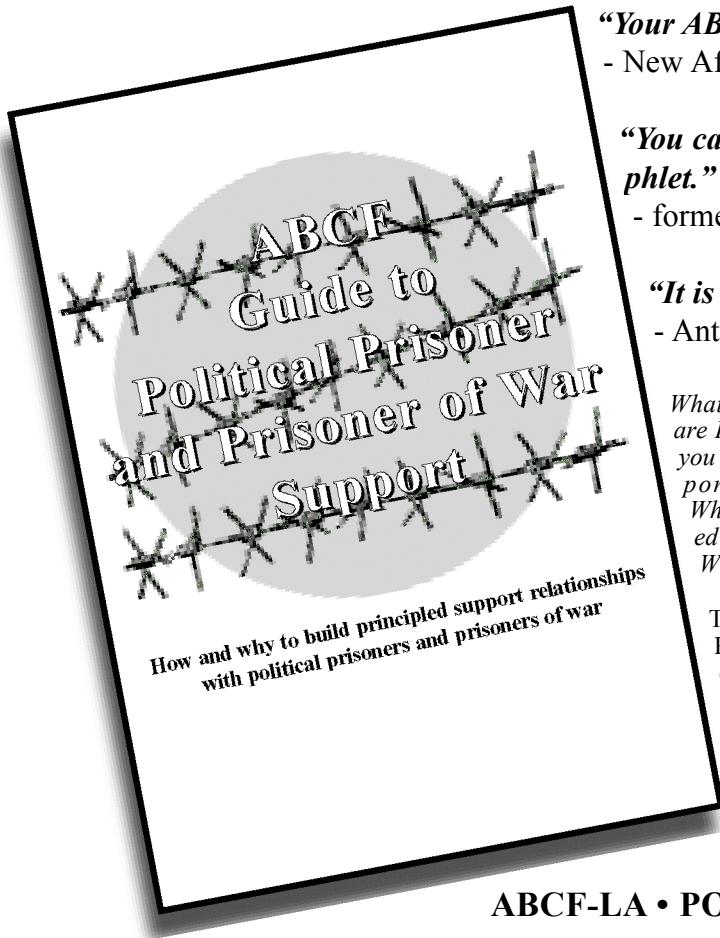
FUNDS IN	
1994	351
1995	3860
1996	4143
1997	3544
1998	7643
1999	5814
2000	3514
2001	5290
2002	2873
2003	1785
2004 UNACC*	
2005	4439
2006	3268
2007	437
TOTAL	46961

FUNDS OUT	
SEKOU KAMBUI	360
RUSSELL SHOATZ	360
JOSEPH BOWEN	360
HANIFF BEY	360
HERMAN BELL	360
SEKOU ODINGA	360
RUCHELL MAGEE	360
ALVARO HERNANDEZ	360
TOTAL	2880
	240
	240

FUNDS OUT	2006	JAN	FEB
SEKOU KAMBUI	360	30	30
RUSSELL SHOATZ	360	30	30
JOSEPH BOWEN	360	30	30
HANIFF BEY	360	30	30
HERMAN BELL	360	30	30
SEKOU ODINGA	360	30	30
RUCHELL MAGEE	360	30	30
ALVARO HERNANDEZ	360	30	30
TOTAL	2880	240	240

**REMAINING: \$2398.94**

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



***"Your ABCF Guide to PP/POW Support is great, PERIOD!"***

- New Afrikan POW Sundiata Acoli

***"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? Who are 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/POWs get in prison? What do I need to know if I want ed to visit? Can I bring them food packages? What about clothes? What do you mean by 'principled support'? How do I get involved?*

This is a practical guide compiled by Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War themselves, based on concrete history and work experience. It will help answer all of the above questions and more. The ABCF guide to PP/POW includes definitions that were democratically agreed upon at an international tribunal, specific procedures for obtaining documentation on PP/POW's, information on visiting, phone contact, food/clothing packages, and the working policies of the ABCF in our work to support PP/POW's. Send \$1 and two stamps to:

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