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Fall 2005 *"Any movement that does not support their political internees is a sham movement."* - O. Lutalo Issue #43

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Killed by FBI

WHAT IS THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION?

The origins of the Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) date prior to the Russian Revolution of 1905. It was an off-shoot of the Political Red Cross, known in its earlier stages as the Anarchist Red Cross (ARC). It was formed to organize aid for Anarchist and Social Revolutionary Political Prisoners and their families. In the early 1920's, the ABC organized armed resistance against political raids by the Cossack and Red armies.

In its 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 Lettish Anarchist Red Cross, emerged to provide aid in other areas beside Russia. Armed with the ideas of *mutual aid* and *solidarity*,

these groups worked tirelessly to provide support to those who have suffered because of the political beliefs back home.

In 1919, the organization's name changed to the Anarchist Black Cross to avoid confusion with the International Red Cross. Through the 1920's 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. The organization 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.

In the 80's, the ABC began to gain popularity again in the US and Europe. Since then the ABC's name has been kept alive by a number of completely autonomous groups scattered throughout the globe and has grown 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. 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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A Message from the ABCF

As many of our friends and allies will have noticed, the Anarchist Black Cross Federation has been a less visible presence during the last few years than it once was. While our individual work in support of North American political prisoners and prisoners of war (PP/POWs) has continued, communication both internally and with other groups was neglected.

Now in our tenth year, we have committed to revitalizing our organization and to continuing our work together. In concrete terms, that means that we are meeting regularly and releasing our newsletter, the Update. Our Warchest and Subsistence Fund programs, which provide monthly material support to PP/POWs, are growing and will be reported on in detail in each Update.

We believe in the future of the ABCF. We have been active longer than any other anarchist PP/POW support organization in North America, and we will continue to stand in solidarity with our political prisoners, and with each other. We deeply appreciate the support and solidarity given to us by our PP/POWs, and we are committed to rebuilding the organization to the high standard expected and deserved by them.

A serious prisoner justice movement is growing again. We aim to renew and to build new relationships with other PP/POW supporters, and to strengthen our ties within our own communities. Our work is more important than ever, with increasing repression being directed at activists. The ongoing Grand Jury trials in California, as well as the FBI's slanderous comments about the ABCF earlier this year, both serve to remind us that our efforts will not go unchallenged by the state.

The ABCF currently has five collectives: Jacksonville, New Jersey, Los Angeles, Montreal, Philadelphia

(Statement written by Sara (Montreal ABCF) and agreed upon by the rest of the ABC Federations)



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NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Chubbuck Transferred

Byron, AKA Oso Blanco, AKA Robin' The Hood, who robbed banks to support the Zapatista Army for National Liberation in Chiapas Mexico, has been transferred from Leavenworth prison. His new address is:

Byron Shane Chubbuck
07909-051
US Penitentiary
PO Box 26030
Beaumont, TX
77720-6030

Olson's Address Changes

Sara Olson, SLA Political Prisoner has a new address. For those interested in writing her, the new address is the following:

Sara Olson W-94197
506-10-04L
C.C.W.F. PO Box 1508
Chowchilla, CA 93610-1508

Tom Manning has Moved

Early October, U.S. political prisoner Tom Manning was moved abruptly and forcibly from Leavenworth Penitentiary to USP Hazelton (West Virginia)! There he was first placed "in the bullpen cuffed for hours", then put "in the hole" for at least two days, then screened and, by now, he should be in general population. Tom said, "all his art stuff, books, etc. got left behind." All his sweats and personal gear, hygiene, etc. were lost during his prison relocation.

Tom needs to hear from you now! Write him letters of solidarity and support to his new prison location below.

Thomas W. Manning
#10373-016
United States Penitentiary - Hazelton
Box 2000
Bruceton Mills, West Virginia 26525

Now is the time for you to send urgently needed funds for Tom Manning! The Federal Bureau of Prisons requires that any donations (bank money orders or postal money orders) sent to inmates MUST be sent to the National LockBox location address below.

Federal Bureau of Prisons
Thomas W. Manning
10373-016
Post Office Box 474701
Des Moines, Iowa 50947-0001

Lost and Found: Wilkerson

After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, news surfaced that Robert King Wilkerson, former Angola 3 political prisoner was missing. Several days pasted without any details of



his status or location.

On Tuesday, September 6th, Wilkerson was found trapped at his home by friends who went out to search for him. Reports close to those who found Wilkerson claim that he was found at home in good health, feeding pigeons and left behind dogs. He was waiting for the water to recede before making any moves. Sadly, the lower level of his home was flooded with a lot of his property damaged.

Ruckus for Rob Los Ricos

Rob is due to be released late June 2006. We're asking people across the country and the world to make the weekend of November 11-13, 2005 a day to support Rob, to celebrate, and to raise needed support money for Rob.

November 11th is the anniversary of the day four anarchists were hung in Chicago in 1887, despite their obvious innocence and international outcry for their release. This holiday is generally commemorated on May 1st all around the world. Rob wants to reclaim this as an anarchist festival day. And we're asking you to help make it happen!

Plan an event for Rob, to let him know he's not forgotten, and to help raise needed funds for when he is released from prison. Not just punk shows, but think creatively! Please send donations to:

Rob los Ricos
PO Box 83904
Portland OR 97283-0904

Write letters to Rob Los Ricos at:

Rob Thaxton
#12112716
MCCF
4005 Aumsville Hwy.
Salem, OR 97301

NYPD Interviews Shoats

Brother Shoats was interviewed on Tuesday, October 6th, 2005 by 2 New York City detectives. This was in regards to a murder of 2 police officers occurring in 1972. He did NOT discuss anything with them at all. The only information he gave to them was his name and his inmate number. The interview went on for 2 hours and Russell said nothing. The detectives even tried to conclude that he was the mastermind behind the entire scenario.

Russell is encouraging everyone to refrain from speaking to anyone who discusses this matter. Should something go down, Brother Russell wants to ensure that he has full support of the people and the masses at-large. He says he has no idea of any retribution occurring in the future nor does he know of any future "events" that will come out of this.

Most of you already know what's been going on in California. Well, it has made its way to the east coast. This is just a heads up and an FYI for everyone.

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

Articles by Ron Del Raine, Antonio Guerrero, Michael Africa, Art by Rashid

4strugglemag can be read online at <http://www.4strugglemag.org>. Paper copies are available (four dollars, free to prisoners) by emailing montrealabcf@gmail.com or writing to:

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Kikumura Faces Harassment

Yu Kikumura, a Japanese National - US Political Prisoner is imprisoned at ADX Florence in Colorado. This is a super maximum-security federal control-unit prison. He needs some direct legal support (advice and/or representation).

Yu Kikumura was a member of the Japanese Red Army. They acted in support of the Palestinian struggle. In 1986 Yu Kikumura was arrested in Amsterdam carrying a bomb in his luggage. He was later deported to Japan but released on a technicality. He was arrested on April 12, 1988 at a rest stop on the New Jersey Turnpike by a state trooper who thought he was acting suspiciously. Kikumura was found carrying three 18-inch pipe bombs loaded with gunpowder. Kikumura was indicted on several counts of interstate transportation of explosive devices and passport violations. After a bench trial, Kikumura was convicted on November 29, 1988. He is currently serving a sentence of 262 months.

There are two legal cases he is looking for assistance on. One, described below, is a challenge to the BOP's policy on correspondence written in languages other than English (they are currently refusing to give him his mail - written in Japanese - saying that they do not have the staff to screen the

mail). The second issue involves is good time credit for federal prisoners - the BOP's failure to grant good time credit according to their own policies and procedures.

On June 21, Yu wrote, "First, for three months all my Japanese mail was held up by the prison. In March the doctor in Englewood FCI who had screened my Japanese mail since 1994 quit the screening job. The SIS (Special Investigation Service) that handles all mail screening for prisoners said that they found another 6 BOP employees who are qualified to screen Japanese material. However, none of them want to screen my mail because they are too busy...."

"In *Kikumura v. Turner*, the 7th Circuit held that under the 1st Amendment that the BOP has the affirmative duty to make reasonable efforts to screen my Japanese mail. The ruling was only for equitable relief, not monetary relief because at that time there was no case law to rule the same - for the monetary damages claim we need case law that clearly establishes that their conduct is unconstitutional. We now have such a law, which clearly establishes my rights to receive my Japanese mail...."

"The issue in the case is simple: The BOP refuses to screen my Japanese mail



even though they have 7 BOP employees who can screen it and despite the 7th Circuit ruling."

Please help locate someone who can do some post-conviction legal work & make a donation to him.

Contact Michelle Foy, 510-593-7823 or mich8423@mindspring.com, who is coordinating sending funds & can answer questions about his current legal work/challenges.

If you would like to write Yu directly:

Yu Kikumura, #09008-050,
P.O. Box 8500-ADX,
Florence, CO 81226.

Release Ruchell Cinque Magee:

Sole Survivor of the August 7, 1970 Courthouse Slave Rebellion!

Shortly after August 7, 1970, photos of what's become known as the "Courthouse Slave Rebellion," hit the front pages of the nation's dailies showing four Black men emerging from the Marin County Court with guns and hostages, including a judge, prosecutor and three jurors -- provoking panic in some and pride in others.

In the historical context of aggressive, official violence against Black prisoners, Magee appeared in court that fateful morning to testify for fellow prisoner, James McClain, defending himself against the charge of assaulting a guard in the wake of the murder by racist San Quentin guards of Fred Billingsley, beaten and tear gassed to death in his cell earlier that year.

Magee was on the witness stand when Jonathan Jackson (17), younger sibling of Soledad Brother George Lester Jackson, burst into the courtroom "courage in one hand, assault rifle in the other," and took charge. The plan was to release McClain and William Christmas, use hostages to make it to a radio station to expose the virulent prison conditions, and demand the immediate release of the three Soledad Brothers facing capital charges in the death of a prison guard -- following the murder of

three Black prisoners at Soledad State Prison. The Soledad Brothers were ultimately acquitted, Jackson posthumously.

What the rebels failed to anticipate was the total disregard for human life of the San Quentin guards who arrived in time to riddle the van with bullets before it could leave the parking lot.

In this barrage of gunfire, Christmas, Jackson, McClain and Judge Harold Haley were killed, the prosecutor was seriously wounded (remains paralyzed), a juror slightly injured, and Magee was critically wounded and lay unconscious.

Professor Angela Y. Davis was captured and imprisoned for having purchased the guns (legally) and was later acquitted of all charges in a separate trial.

The following statements were written by Ruchell Magee with some editing by yours truly:

I was charged with kidnap to rob for \$10 in the Los Angeles prosecution, which commenced March 1963. A life sentence from L.A. still goes on 42 years later. The Board turned 7 years to life, into life without possibility of parole. I was also charged with kidnap out of Marin County Courthouse, August 7, 1970, in addition to

murder and conspiracy charges. I was acquitted of the more serious kidnap charge (PC 209), although the jury verdict was not honored, but convicted of the simple kidnap charge (PC 207). You will find the murder and conspiracy charges were dismissed.

In an affidavit signed by the elected Jury Foreman in Magee's trial (#68668, Superior Court of San Francisco County), Bernard J. Suares stated on August 6, 2001, "That at the end of the jury's deliberations (commenced on March 26, 1973 and terminated April 3, 1973) all 12 jurors found Mr. Magee not guilty of violating P.C. 209 (kidnapping for the purpose of extortion)....I have appealed to the Court and have presented proof of acquittal, which is being concealed by the court in violation of the Rico Act and Mr. Magee's Constitutional right to a fair trial. I have been ignored for more than 23 years and demand that I be heard in a court of law....I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

In a letter to Public Defender Richard Such, dated May 2, 1975, Juror David F. Smith stated: "The State presented no

evidence to indicate that Mr. Magee knew in advance that an escape attempt would be made....Most of the jurors thought that Magee was a person who felt strongly that he had been wrongfully imprisoned, who felt morally entitled to be free under the Constitution and the laws of the land...who sensed a momentous possibility of immediate freedom and who grasped at it."

Citing failure to comply with Penal Code 1170.2 (Determinate Sentence Law) requiring the Board of Prison Terms to set a release date for prisoners not doing life without the possibility of parole: On May 10, 2000, one Mr. Albert M. Leddy released a declaration, which read in part:

"I was attorney at law, currently retired... Between 1983 to 1992, I served as a commissioner and then as Chairman for the Board of Prison Terms (BPT.) At one point I became concerned enough about the 'no parole policy' that I wrote a nine-page brief about how we were not complying with the laws. I gave a copy to each Board member, pointing out that we could be sued. Such a no-parole policy is contrary to Penal Code § 3041 which requires that BPT Shall normally set a parole date in most cases,i.e, unless the prisoners is shown to pose a threat to public safety..."

"It has been clear to me that there is a general conspiracy to prevent life prisoners from paroling, especially those whose offenses include murder... If you can deny a prisoner's suitability solely on the basis of the crime, you can deny him forever. The crime won't change. The parole law is based on the idea that prisoners do change, and become no danger to public safety..."

There is no rational explanation for the Board's conduct, which is in violation of Penal Code 1170.2 (Determinate Sentence Law). In fact, some prisoners held illegally have died inside unnoticed.

Moreover, do you recall the case of Dr. Bernard Fink? He was convicted of the torture murder of his wife who was decapitated and did less than 15 years. There are many other cases of prisoners convicted of horrific crimes, who came to prison after me, and have been released.

Magee poses no threat to the public if released. He is 66 years old, has no mental problems, doesn't use drugs, smoke or drink alcohol, or allow others to think for him. He believes he would be a mentor in the community to help young folks turn away from negative behaviors that lead to prison and senseless death.

In closing, I urge you to write to the

Governor asking him to assign a special Board for compliance with PC 1170.2 (DSL) that would bring relief to countless prisoners suffering prolonged incarceration in prisons throughout California.

Forty two years is enough! Free Ruchell Cinque Magee now! Free all political prisoners!

You may write directly to Ruchell as follows:

Ruchell Cinque Magee #A92051
3C 02-127, Box 3471
Corcoran, Ca. 93212



Oscar López Rivera

by Jan Susler for the National Boricua Human Rights Network

April of this year marked the 25th anniversary of the arrest of eleven Puerto Rican political prisoners. April also marked the opening of an art exhibit featuring paintings and ceramics created by two remaining Puerto Rican political prisoners, Oscar López Rivera and Carlos Alberto Torres... an exhibit scheduled to travel throughout the United States and Latin America. Not coincidentally, after having served 24 years of a 70 year sentence, April also marked Oscar's unsolicited transfer from one maximum security prison to another... a prison where he not only has more difficulty maintaining his health and his family and community ties, but where painting is virtually impossible.

While prison officials would undoubtedly deny that Oscar's transfer was punitive, its consequences are undeniably punitive. The new prison is not simply a disruption of his routine, not a mere matter of the inconvenience of the new requirements to be always fully dressed in khaki uniform and boots (U.S. military castoffs, all), or weathering the elements—without benefit of rain gear—as he makes his way from the cellblock to chow, or sleeping on the small plastic mattress that makes noise with every move. The new prison even further restricts his already restricted contact with the outside world. Visits from friends and family, never encouraged, are actively discouraged at the new prison. In June, his

family was made to wait close to three hours before granted entry, while a sole officer ploddingly processed other visitors through drug testing and paper pushing, leaving only a few hours for the visit. And they were lucky, as some families were turned away completely, either for mistaken drug test results—which has previously happened with Oscar's family---or because the officer took so frightfully long processing other families, the visiting day ended before he reached many of those waiting.

News media, which have interviewed Oscar in virtually every prison in which he has been held, is turned away. For example, Univision's May request to interview him was spurned, allegedly due to "security," although media was granted access to him in the more maximum security prisons in years previous. Such a ban only increases the risk to Oscar and others held there, as it lulls prison authorities to act with impunity and prevents public access to a public institution. Witness recent disclosures of the military's refusal to allow media or United Nations access to staff or detainees at Guantánamo, not only hiding from public light their ongoing torture, but ensuring that it may continue with impunity. Ever since the United States began to use Guantánamo as a "terrorist" detention camp, United Nations human rights investigators have sought to visit Guantánamo and obtain full access to the facilities and

prison population, but the U.S. has never allowed such access. The military refused to give the New York Times permission to interview physicians at Guantánamo about their having aided interrogators in conducting and refining coercive interrogations of detainees, including providing advice on how to increase stress levels and exploit fears, with a purpose of helping interrogators break the detainees.

Painting, one of the few outlets of creative expression available to him at the previous penitentiary was simply not available when he arrived. Officials "lost" the majority of his painting supplies in the move to the new prison, but those can be replaced, albeit at great expense. The problem lies in the supposed lack of space. The problem is that, in the huge new prison, fashioned of large buildings, officials have refused to designate adequate space for this positive activity, creating in its place frustration. Having seen the tiny space available, he writes, "The area designated for us to paint is about the size of a cell, without any ventilation, sink or proper lighting. There are four easels standing and there's no more room. There are about ten prisoners who paint. So right now I don't know if I'm going to be able to continue painting."

Exercise, another of the few outlets available in the previous penitentiary, has likewise been limited. At age 62, Oscar has managed to remain healthy, energetic, and

Veronza Update: Not Free!

This is the latest update on the continuing struggle for the release of Veronza Bowers, Jr. from federal prison.

June 21, 2005, was the day Veronza Bowers was to be released from federal prison on mandatory parole after more than 31 years of incarceration. This date was based on a vote of the five-member U.S. Parole Commission in Washington, D.C., the highest governing body in our nation's parole system. We just learned that, once again, at the very last moment, Veronza's release has been cancelled.

This action was based on a petition filed by U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales requesting that the National Appeals Board "reconsider" their decision granting him parole. The USPC has, thereby, "retarded" Veronza's release (no pun intended) "for a period not to exceed 60 days". This order for reconsideration by the Attorney General was made at the behest of a law enforcement group called the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Our legal team strongly feels that this unprecedented action on the part of the USPC is totally illegal and based on no credible evidence whatsoever. It violates the Commission's own guidelines and procedural regulations. The rule of law that should guide the Commission in this case has clearly been undermined by political pressure exerted at the highest levels of the current administration.

The truth of the matter is that Veronza has served his full sentence under law plus 18 months of illegal detention. He has been a model prisoner with the highest possible Bureau of Prison rating and recommended for

parole several times, only to have his release rescinded, literally, at the last minute. He received a very favorable review and recommendation for release based on rigorous psychological and personality testing administered by a highly-reputable independent agency. His petitions for parole have been strongly supported by a number of prison officials and administrators who worked closely with him over the years and can't say enough about his role as a mentor and role model to younger inmates. His efforts to be released have also been supported in writing by a former member of the



NY Parole Commission and a member of the U.S. Congress. Over the last three decades, he has worked hard to improve himself in all ways possible—personally, socially and spiritually. Yet, he continues to languish in prison, be subjected to threats and intimidation, demeaned by the news media and falsely accused by the very group that claims to be the guardian of law and order in our society. Today is a sad day for America and for the spirit of democracy in our land.

Needless to say, this is not the last word on the matter. Veronza sends his love and sincere appreciation to all for the faith and support you have shown. He asked me to tell you that this, more than anything, sustains him and gives him hope.

Write to Veronza at:

Veronza Bowers, Jr.
#35316-136
FCC, Medium C-1
P.O. Box 1032

Alvaro's Writ Denied

Writ of Certiorari denied at U.S. Supreme Court. The Court's decision to uphold the racist repression of this community leader comes as a blow to all of us, but we will continue to fight for his human rights and eventual release.

From our bro Twitch's statement: "...We want all of you who have been a part of this struggle for our sisters & brothers in isolation and solitary confinement, to know the Committee to Free Alvaro Luna Hernandez will still proceed with the media work in progress, and is committed to seeing those projects through; but will need help financially from you as well as your media-expertise to engage the public's support in the campaign."

Alvaro Luna Hernandez,
TDCJ CID#255735,
Alfred D. Hughes Unit,
Route-2, Box 4400,
Gatesville, Texas 76597



Black August

by Marilyn Buck

Kiilu Nyasha drew this portrait of Assata Shakur and Marilyn Buck, one of Assata's liberators. The original drawing decorates Marilyn's prison cell in Dublin, Calif.

Would you hang on a cliff's edge sword-sharp, slashing fingers while jackboot screws stomp heels on peeled-flesh bones and laugh "let go! die, damn you, die! could you hang on 20 years, 30 years?

20 years, 30 years and more brave Black brothers buried in US concentration camps

they hang on

Black light shining in torture chambers

Ruchell, Yogi, Sundiata, Sekou, Warren, Chip, Seth, Herman, Jalil,

and more and more they resist:

Black August

Nat Turner insurrection chief executed: Black August

Jonathan, George dead in battle's light: Black August

Fred Hampton, Black Panthers, African Brotherhood murdered: Black August

Kuwasi Balagoon, Nuh Abdul Quyyam captured warriors dead: Black August

Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Ella Baker, Ida B. Wells, Queen Mother Moore – their last breaths drawn fighting death:

Black August

Black August: watchword for Black liberation for human liberation

sword to sever the shackles light to lead children of every nation to safety

Black August remembrance resist the amerikkkan nightmare for life

Poet and anti-imperialist political prisoner Marilyn Buck wrote this poem for Black August 2000. Marilyn began her anti-racist activism as a teen in Texas, fought for self-determination for all people and aligned herself with the Black Liberation Movement. Since 1985, she has been serving an 80-year sentence for helping to liberate Assata Shakur from prison. Assata lives in exile in Cuba, Marilyn in federal prison in Dublin, Calif. Write or visit her at this address: Marilyn Buck, 00482-285, FCI Dublin, Unit B, 5701 Eighth St., Camp Parks, Dublin CA 94568.

CUBAN 5: Case Overturned, New Trial!



In a monumental decision on the case of the five Cubans who were convicted in a 2001 Miami trial, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the convictions of the men known as the Cuban Five, and ordered a new trial.

Attorney Leonard Weinglass characterized the 93-page decision as “one of the most extensive opinions on venue and the issue of fair trial ever made. It is the first time that an appeals court has overturned a federal trial based on venue in the history of the United States.”

The five men, Gerardo Hernández, Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino, René González, and Fernando González, were sentenced in the seven-month trial to 15 years to double life, sentences which are now revoked. They will remain detained in the current prisons during the first 20-day period of appeals open to federal prosecutors.

Gloria La Riva, coordinator of the National Committee to Free the Cuban Five, said, “This is a huge victory! We are ecstatic about this decision. It confirms that the five Cubans are completely innocent, we know they always were.

“We are hopeful that the federal government won’t seek a new trial. The judges’ decision is unanimous, and a resounding defeat of the U.S.-backed Miami terrorist

network that persecuted the Five.”

Paul McKenna, attorney for Gerardo Hernández, who was sentenced to two life terms, said, “It is an extraordinary decision, but our work is not over. Until the final resolution of their case and freedom, I will seek the release of my client on bail, as will the other attorneys.”

The National Committee is calling for the immediate release of the Five.

They are also demanding that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Attorney General Alberto Gonzáles allow the wives of two of the men, Olga Salanueva, wife of René González, and Adriana Pérez, wife of Gerardo Hernández, to be admitted into the United States to visit their husbands. The two wives have been prohibited entry since the Five’s arrest in 1998.

A national campaign supporting the wives’ right to visitation is on the website: www.freethethefive.org

A telephone press conference was held with four of the Cuban Five’s attorneys on Tuesday. A digital recording of the conference can be heard by telephone until 1:00 pm, Wednesday, August 10, with the attorneys Leonard Weinglass, Richard Klugh, Paul McKenna, and Phil Horowitz, and La Riva. For the access numbers to the press conference or direct interviews with the attorneys or National Committee, call: 415-

821-6545.

La Riva said, “We will keep struggling until the Five heroes are freed and home with their families and the Cuban people. This is the biggest victory we could imagine.”

In a recent statement from the families of the Cuban Five, they stated:

“In the name of the five Cubans unjustly imprisoned in the United States and their families, we want to share with all our friends in solidarity with us, the happiness that we feel on receiving the verdict from the court in Atlanta and the justice it brings after a long and anguished wait. Our sincere appreciation for all the support and unconditional backing for the cause. It was only possible with the constant work of all of you that had a bearing on the spreading of the truth so that the American people and the world now knows about violations that were committed against them. The joyfulness cannot put a brake on our actions, now more than ever we need the unity and the strength of everybody to make sure that the victory will become a reality as soon as possible.”

With all our respect and gratitude,

Magali Llorit, Irma Schweret, Mirtha Rodriguez, Carmen Nordelo, Rosa Aurora Freijanes, Olga Salanueva, Adriana Perez, Elizabeth Palmeiro, Antonio Guerrero (son), Irma Gonzalez (daughter)

Leonard Has Been Transferred

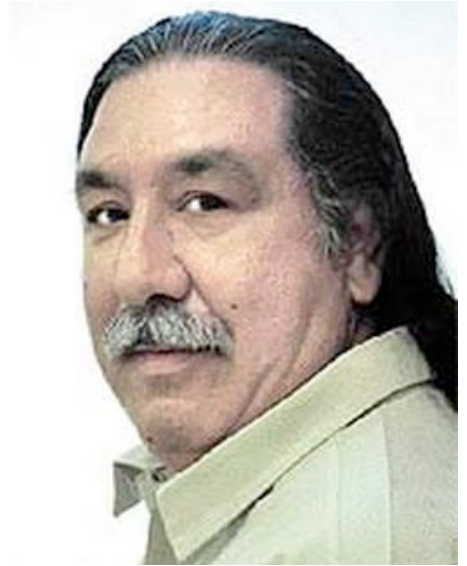
August 15, 2005

Aho My Relations,

On August 15, 2005 I was transferred to USP Lewisburg in Pennsylvania. Life has been extra difficult for me since I was transferred from Leavenworth. This system is designed to make one feel very powerless, and what they are doing with me now is definitely aimed to erode my body and spirit even more. My loved ones, and all of you, my friends and allies who continue to support me, keep me sane and hopeful.

They say that it is in times of crisis that one can really see who your real allies are. Those of you who have contacted the Terre Haute Prison and the Bureau of Prisons on my behalf, keep me in your prayers, and are supporting my Defense Committee, have made an enormous difference in my situation. I

humbly thank each and every one of you, and firmly believe that your actions most certainly saved my life and prevented me from living in an institution that is well known for its extremely high crime and violence. Also, health problems continue to plague me and the conditions I was subjected to exacerbated them. I know deep within my heart, that if there had not been such an outpouring of support, concern and overall outcry regarding my arbitrary detention, I would have probably stayed in solitary confinement for an indefinite length of time, or worse I would not have survived in the general prisoner population. Although I have been forced to endure many hardships, I will never surrender, even if all that is left of me is my spirit. Your love and support inspire me to overcome everything.



I hope that here at Lewisburg I will be able to resume living in the general population, practicing the traditional ways and continuing with my artwork. My defense team is preparing to go through some major milestones. They need your support more than ever to re-establish our office and prepare for upcoming reviews and legal battles. Since Russ Redner, Paula Ostrovsky, and Toni Zeidan do not want to accept any salaries or remuneration of any kind, all of your donations will go directly to the office transfer and upcoming campaign.

I again want to express my sincere appreciation and tell you once more that without you I am not sure I could have

survived this last month. Every day I think about and pray for a time when I will be among you, shoulder to shoulder, fighting for justice for my people and our Mother Earth.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse
Leonard Peltier

Please contact USP Lewisburg to make sure Leonard regains all his hard earned prisoner rights, especially his religious rights, visitations, regular phone calls and ability to paint. Be polite and courteous, but let them know that a lot of us all over the world are concerned about Leonard's wellbeing.

Warden

USP LEWISBURG
2400 ROBERT F. MILLER DRIVE
LEWISBURG, PA 17837

Phone: 570- 523-1251

Fax: 570- 522-7745

E-mail address: LEW/EXECASSIS-
TANT@BOP.GOV

Also please continue writing to Leonard but be mindful of his situation and respectful of his personal affairs.

Leonard Peltier # 89637-132
USP LEWISBURG
P.O. BOX 1000
LEWISBURG, PA 17837

Grand Jury In California

David Agranoff and Danae Kelley have been sent back to jail for refusing to cooperate with the grand jury being held in San Diego.

Nine community organizers from throughout San Diego and other parts of California have been subpoenaed to appear before a federal grand jury. Presumably, the subpoenas are in relation to a federal investigation of the 2003 burning of a La Jolla apartment complex, which the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for, and which the FBI has admittedly little evidence or credible leads.

Ten additional activists, ranging from animal and environmental activists to independent media members and progressives, were also subpoenaed to appear before a federal grand jury in the Bay area. This grand jury is being viewed as an attempt to frighten activists and disable the animal rights and other movements.

On July 12th, David Agranoff and Danae Kelley were originally arrested for civil contempt for refusing to cooperate with the grand jury. Immediately following their arrest, David and Danae's attorneys filed an appeal to the 9th circuit. The 9th circuit ruled against them and both were subsequently forced back into court. They were rearrested for civil contempt and are currently in prison. Neither are suspects in any crime, yet they are being punished for asserting their constitutional rights. David and Danae have made it clear that under no circumstance will they cooperate with this witch-hunt!

As a final slap-in-the-face, after watching his wife get dragged away in cuffs, Danae's husband, Justin, was himself subpoenaed to the grand jury.

One of the San Diego activists, Michael Cardenas, who was called before the Grand Jury to testify, provided some information that he felt the Grand Jury was already aware of. Cardenas stated, "I didn't give them any names of anyone they haven't already subpoenaed or raided, except for a



friend of mine who I sold my video camera to...I'm sure that since I am going to offer up the video tape they're not going to harass her."

He claims he does not think that any information he provided will hurt anyone. In an attempt to explain his actions Cardenas stated the following in his statement:

"I am not happy to have compromised my values and to have cooperated with the Grand Jury. The truth is that at this point in my life, I spend so much of my time on activism that I'm very economically vulnerable. After only a few weeks in custody, I would be out of money, and after probably a month or two I would be bankrupt and have ruined my credit for life. Maybe that's a problem that is common among activists. I just can't feel good about doing that just because I on principle don't want to say that I don't know anything. I also feel that it's just not tactical for me to hand myself over to custody. I'd much rather go to jail for doing a lock down or other direct action to actually create the change I'm working for. With all the resistance going on this summer against the border and against the

MinuteMen, I just might need the financial resources soon."

In the Bay area, one activist testified while another had pled the Fifth Amendment. The person who chose to testify was unwilling to disclose what questions he was asked and what information he volunteered. Because he has demonstrated a willingness to cooperate, he has opened himself up to more subpoenas and further government inquisitions in the future.

Former Political Prisoner, Rob Middaugh, was also one of those subpoenaed before the Grand Jury but was informed by the FBI at the last moment that he was not needed. Middaugh was actually imprisoned during the time of the incidents the Grand Jury claims to be investigating.

David and Danae's addresses are the following:

David Agranoff 94343-198
MCC San Diego
Metropolitan Correctional Center
808 Union Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Danae Kelly 94342-198
GEO
220 W. C St.
San Diego, CA, 92101

David can receive books but they must be paperback and sent directly from the publisher. Amazon.com is the easiest and most reliable way to do this. Just remember to address the books exactly as you would letters (as shown above). At this point, Danae is asking that no books be sent, but she would greatly appreciate letters!

Funds are still needed to ensure that Danae and David can purchase vegan food, phone cards and writing materials. Please consider donating into their commissaries. Any amount helps! All funds must be sent in money order or money gram form, with their names and booking numbers on the money order/gram itself. Donations cannot be dropped off at the facilities.

Ojore Lutalo Facing Serious Repression

by *Tim Fasnacht*

Ojore Lutalo is under attack for being supported as a Political Prisoner. Recent charges against Ojore are directly related to the support given to him by ABCF and other political prisoner support groups.

On August 1st, 2005, Ojore received 3 new charges.

Summary of charges from Disciplinary reports:

1. .704-Perpetrating a fraud-Based upon the results of a continuing investigation, it has been determined that inmate Lutalo did directly participate in the production of a videotaped interview. Further it has been determined that this interview was made under fraudulent pretenses and that inmate Lutalo was directly involved in the commission of this fraud.

2. .705-Commencing or operating a business for profit without approval- Based on the results of a continuing investigation, it has been determined that inmate Lutalo has engaged in various unauthorized activities and business dealings. As a result \$2,098.15 has been identified as being obtained through unauthorized means, namely through the sales of a videotaped interview.

It is requested that Lutalo's word processor and supplies be seized, as they are instruments of the act.

3. .706-Soliciting funds and non-cash contributions- Based upon the results of a continuing investigation, it has been determined that inmate Lutalo has solicited and subsequently received both cash and non-cash (stamps) contributions. These solicited funds have been used to fund unauthorized activities undertaken by this inmate.

This investigation and charges are emanating from the New Jersey State Prison's SID unit (special investigation division). The disciplinary reports are signed by R. Dolce from the SID Unit.

Ojore says that the previous two charges he was found guilty of back on July 11th, associating with outside security threat groups and planning attacks on staff got him a year in Ad-Seg and a year of good time lost.

Ironically all these charges were lodged right before he was due to go to the parole board on June 16th, 2005.

The funds they are talking about along with the stamps are mostly from the ABCF's Anarchist Subsistence Fund that has sent Ojore 40 stamps and small cash donations every month since 1996. This program was initiated at the ABCF's 1996 Philly conference. Ojore had no part in initiating or soliciting such support. The ABCF after contacting identified anarchist/anti authoritarian PP's/POW's, determined that Ojore was most in need of such material support. The video interview obviously was approved by the prison and has been pri-



marily used as an educational tool by Ojore for people writing to him. As of today I have sold a grand total of 3 videos!

All funds were used to help pay postage for the free videos sent to people at Ojore's request and for duplication of additional videotapes. AK Press also sells the video in its catalog and has sent no money directly to Ojore. We have sent affidavits stating so for Ojore's defense. Two weeks ago I learned that Mike Hajduk, and myself who produced the video have been banned by the warden at New Jersey State Prison.

We're assuming it's in relation to these charges.

Ojore is seeking an attorney's help in fighting these bogus charges. His main concern is getting his good time restored, which will allow him to get out before his May 8th, 2009 Max release date. Anyone who can donate or organize benefits should get in touch with me at 215-387-6270 or 717-917-1165 or by email at: phillyabcf@webtv.net.

Any support will be appreciated!

Write to Ojore at:

Ojore N. Lutalo

P.O 861-59860

SBI#901548

Trenton, NJ 08625-0861

Long-time Black Activists and Grand Jury Resisters Harassed and Jailed

by *Former Political Prisoner, Claude Marks*

Over the last several weeks, five Black activists have been resisting a California State Grand Jury investigating incidents over 30 years old. Three of them are currently in custody for refusing to cooperate with the government investigation.

This afternoon (Wednesday), the California State Supreme Court found that the procedures followed to hold one of them, Ray Boudreaux, on contempt charges, were defective. The Supreme Court has ordered that he be brought to court Thursday morning. It is possible that

the other two activists will also be brought to court and that they may all be released. However it is expected that they will be ordered to return on September 27th at which point they could be held in contempt again and re-jailed.

The California Supreme Court ordered Wednesday that the Sheriff of San Francisco is ordered to show cause forthwith why petitioner is not entitled to immediate release on the grounds that the declaration of the Deputy Attorney General in support of the order to show

cause fails to state a valid court order. The Supreme Court's order was served on Judge Dondero and he ordered Ray produced at 10:30 tomorrow morning. Druliner's position is that he should be released pending the filing of a new order next Tuesday when the grand jury goes back in session. The Supreme Court did not reach any other issues. All defendants currently in custody should show up at the hearing at 10:30 since they are in jail under identical orders.

Also this week, a San Francisco judge

declined to jail Black activist Richard Brown Wednesday for refusing to cooperate with a California State Grand Jury on the basis that the proper procedures had not yet been followed. Richard is due back in court on Tuesday, September 27th. His lawyer, Richard Mazer, made a persuasive argument challenging both the procedures and the use of this Grand Jury in harassing activists.

A judge in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, September 20, refused to enforce the subpoena for Black activist John Bowman's appearance before the same grand jury in San Francisco. His decision was made pending a ruling by the California Supreme Court on an appeal involving Grand Jury immunity that was filed on August 29th on behalf of another Grand Jury resister and Black activist, Ray Boudreaux. John Bowman's attorney, Doug Parr, argued that the current Grand Jury process was abusive and cited the proceedings of a previous grand jury that also subpoenaed John Bowman June 30th. Attorney Parr also argued that the impact of John Bowman's torture by police in New Orleans in the 1970s and the emotional trauma caused by these current proceedings constituted a further abuse of the judicial process. The judge gave a lengthy decision from the bench explaining how the court system was supposed to work for everybody.

The first person subpoenaed to the current grand jury was Ray Boudreaux, another long-time Black activist. Boudreaux declined to testify. He asserted his Constitutional rights and argued that they would be violated if he complied with the Court's Order. On Monday, August 29th a contempt hearing was held before Judge Robert Dondero of the California Superior Court. Judge Dondero ordered Ray Boudreaux to be held in contempt for refusing to give testimony. Despite a lengthy hearing that included testimony from attorneys Carol Smith and Soffiyah Elijah about the history of government COINTELPRO attacks against the Black movement and specifically how activists were tortured in New Orleans in the 1970s to gain information, the California judge ruled that Boudreaux had no basis for mistrusting the California Attorney General's offers of immunity. Ray Boudreaux was a strong presence in the courtroom as he listened to the arguments of his attorney, Michael Burt, challenging the coercive and punitive nature of the grand jury proceedings.

Since then, Black activists Hank Jones and Harold Taylor were also held in contempt for refusing to testify. They and Ray Boudreaux will continue to be held in the San Francisco jail until this grand jury term expires, October 31.

Background on the Grand Jury targeting Black Activists in San Francisco

Shortly after the founding of the Black Panther Party, FBI Director J. Edgar

Hoover described it in September 1968 as "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country."

By July 1969, the Party had become the primary focus of COINTELPRO and was the target of 233 of the 295 authorized "Black Nationalist" COINTELPRO actions. The FBI placed illegal wiretaps on Party headquarters in Oakland, San Francisco, and nationally, infiltrated the organization with numerous agents, used every possible means to provoke violence within the organization and engaged in a number of schemes to arrest, detain, falsely accuse, incarcerate and murder members of the Black Panther Party.



The San Francisco Police Department worked closely with the FBI during the sixties and seventies to promote the goals of "neutralizing" and destroying the Black Panther Party. Two of the San Francisco Police Department Inspectors who worked in tandem with the FBI to promote these goals were Frank McCoy and Ed Erdelatz.

In August 1973, several Black Panthers were arrested including John Bowman, Ruben Scott and Harold Taylor were arrested in New Orleans.

McCoy and Erdelatz were on hand in New Orleans immediately after their arrest (as were detectives from New York City) and participated in the interrogation that took place over the course of several days. They were investigating the killing of two San Francisco policemen that took place in the early 1970s.

When Bowman, Scott and Taylor didn't answer questions by McCoy and Erdelatz, the San Francisco policemen exited the room and members of the New Orleans Police Department proceeded to torture the detainees using various methods including the following:

- Stripping them naked and beating them with blunt objects
- Blindfolding them and throwing wool blankets soaked in boiling water over their bodies
- Placing electric probes on their genitals and other parts of their bodies
- Inserting an electric cattle prod in their anus
- Punching and kicking
- Slamming them into walls while blindfolded

Their screams were heard throughout the jail. After a period of torture, McCoy and Erdelatz would return to the room, and continue questioning them. Each time the

answers they sought were not forthcoming, the San Francisco police would leave the room and the torture would resume. This process lasted several days. The three men were interrogated separately and were held in solitary confinement. Bowman, Scott and Taylor all suffered permanent physical and psychological damage.

These two Inspectors are not new to accusations of physical abuse as the San Francisco Examiner ran a series of stories in the 1970s suggesting McCoy and Erdelatz had coerced testimony from a witness connected to a Chinatown slaying.

In 2003, McCoy and Erdelatz began roaming the country in an apparent attempt to interview numerous individuals alleged to be involved with or have knowledge of the 1970s incidents. At times they were joined by San Francisco Police Inspector and FBI Special Federal Officer Joseph Engler. They went to people's homes and places of employment. They visited prisoners in the New York State prisons where they were incarcerated. They attempted to interview spouses, former spouses and family members. At least one person in the Bay Area was commandeered off the street as he drove home from work and taken for interrogation. They used thinly veiled threats, intimidation and harassment. They demanded that some individuals provide saliva samples. Some people were served with federal grand jury subpoenas to provide fingerprints.

The actions of McCoy, Engler and Erdelatz in 2003 and 2004 were connected to a federal grand jury sitting in the Northern District of California also investigating the incidents that are the focus of these grand juries. In the summer of 2004, the federal grand jury expired.

In May 2005 a California State grand jury was convened and began taking testimony regarding these same incidents. That grand jury was purportedly investigative in nature. It was expected that the government would next present evidence to an indicting grand jury. However in August 2005 another investigative grand jury was convened. This time a group of people identified by the government as targets were subpoenaed. Both of these grand juries were conducted by the California State Attorney General rather than the San Francisco District Attorney's office. Working in tandem with the state AG was an Assistant United States Attorney.

The full role of the federal government in this investigation is yet to be revealed. What is clear is that no federal, state or city agent or police officer nor government agency has ever been held culpable for the illegal acts, violence, imprisonment and murders conducted in the name of COINTELPRO nor has there been any admission that these activities are continuing under the Patriot Act or under any other name.

productive in spite of, not because of, his surroundings. At the new prison, however, his ability to maintain his health is threatened by new limitations, such as no equipment to exercise the upper body (no weights, pull-up bars, dip bars), and a hard surface track that is bound to injure the joints with repeated use. His skin, extremely sensitive since his exposure to Agent Orange in Viet Nam, requires special soap, which he is not sure will be available through the commissary of the new prison. He already knows that dental floss, so necessary for the prevention of tooth decay and gum disease, is considered a security risk and is therefore not available.

These conditions must be put in the overall perspective of the new penitentiary. The team responsible for designing and building it proudly describes their project: "Twenty-first century correctional facility design emphasizes security, function and workability, new technologies, staff efficiency and livability." A construction magazine glorifies the structure as follows: "An inwardly focused series of more than a dozen buildings offers inmates little opportunity to look out of the site and dream of escape." "A secured corridor of enclosed space surrounds the compound.

The corridor's interior wall is the back-

sides of the housing pods, and the exterior wall is composed of precast concrete wall panels, described the construction company's vice president. Beyond that is "no man's land" and three circuits of taut-wire fencing. Six guard towers with sight lines into the compound are just outside the fencing, and a seventh guard tower is back in the middle of the compound." "Closed-circuit TV cameras monitor the prison's critical areas, and a control room outside the secured perimeter can open and close key access points into structures that include the housing pods, the secured corridor and the main entrance.

The 960 cells measure approximately 7 feet wide by 14 feet long, fabricated of precast concrete. The cells are formed as five-sided boxes - four walls and a roof. Two cells, one atop another, make up a unit. A balcony fronts the upper cell.

And, yes, the new prison includes a "special housing unit" where the federal death penalty will be carried out.

Oscar is ever clear in the reason why he is where he is, sure of who he is, and of his commitment to the independence of his nation, and even though he patiently and optimistically adjusts to the new surroundings, all the while resisting the encroaching limitations, living the salutation all his let-

ters bear: "en resistencia y lucha" [in resistance and struggle]. However, since 911, prison conditions have worsened across the board, especially jeopardizing the health, safety and lives of our political prisoners. A reporter with extensive experience covering U.S. prisons and jails, remarking on the revelations of torture in Abu Ghraib, said, "the images from Iraq looked all too American to me," noting similar patterns of physical and psychological abuse in the atmosphere of increasing militarization of imprisonment in the U.S. We must therefore be vigilant of his human rights while we make every effort to achieve his and Carlos Alberto's release. The new address:

Oscar López Rivera #87651-024
USP Terre Haute
P.O. Box 12015
Terre Haute, IN 47801

Financial contributions in the form of postal money orders to help him purchase art supplies and pay for telephone calls must be sent to:

Federal Bureau of Prisons
Oscar López Rivera #87651-024
P.O. Box 474701
Des Moines, IA 50947-0001

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. (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 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.)

Jaan Laaman on Filiberto Ojeda Rios

"Filiberto Ojeda Rios - ¡Presente!

My comrade, brother, friend, you will always be present, inspiring and guiding so many of us. Certainly this will be true in your beloved beautiful country of Puerto Rico. Beyond its borders as well, your words and actions, your struggle, your life so righteously, boldly and bravely lived will guide and inspire many. And I will be one of those many, and I will miss you hermano. Know that there will be many of us who will continue your life's dream and work — a Free and Independent Puerto Rico in a world with-

out colonialism, a world of Freedom, Justice and Peace. I say this and salute you in behalf of all anti-imperialist political prisoners and certainly all my Ohio-7 comrades.

It is 18 or 19 years since we last walked and talked together, discussing philosophy and liberation, socialism and the Freedom Struggle. I miss you compañero as I send you this final salute and warm abrazo to you. And with this salute, I do know that your dream of an independent socialist and free Puerto Rico will certainly come to be.

The Subsistence Program

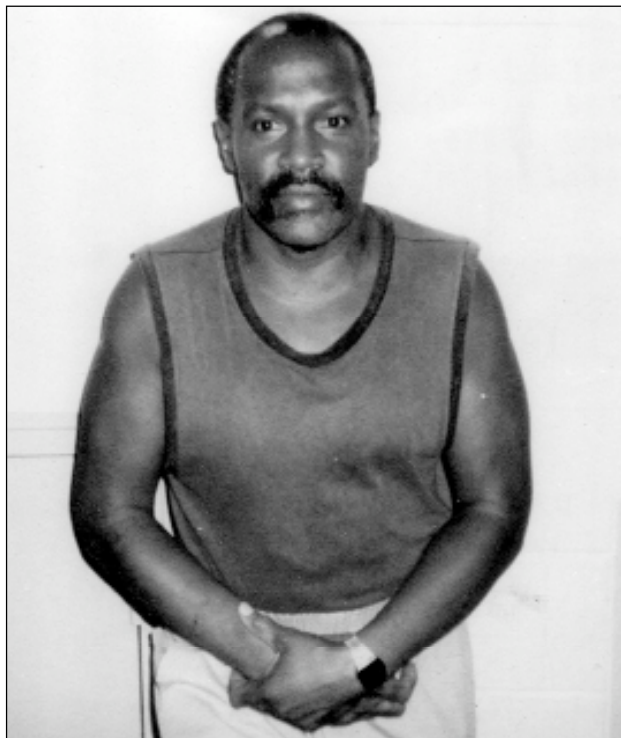
The Anarchist Subsistence Program, in contrast to the Warchest program that provides nonpartisan support for revolutionary Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, seeks to provide material aid to those PP/POW's who come from our own anarchist/anti-authoritarian community.

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 anti-authoritarian 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 .37 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 Rotation Schedule

October

Jacksonville

November

Cleveland

December

Los Angeles

Send a check or money order to Philadelphia ABCF made out to Tim Fasnacht for forty 37 cent stamps in the last week of the month before the month you are responsible for.

	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
Jax	20	60	60	60	60	105	120	140	20	20	20		25	25		20	20
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NJ	40	120	120	65	25								10	10			
Lanc	40	145	145	200	115												
Bing/CO	10	110	105	75	70												
Kent		88	203	205	223												
Winn	40	85	110	130	144	100	110	10									
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Cleve				120	205	90		25									
Houston			40	5													
Brick, NJ			35														
Moncton	5	60	25	5													
Aaron				5													
Josh S.																	
Mntrl.							50	25				20					
Kete Foy							5										
Jim M.																15	
other	5																
Total	160	668	843	920	938	461	488	365	40	45	35	35	35	35	30	35	20

All Inquires to:
Philadelphia ABCF
P.O Box 42129
Philadelphia, PA 19101

Shoats Free of Cancer but not Harassment



Russell Maroon Shoats has received the results from a biopsy taken in early July. The good news is that results came back negative. The biopsy proved that it was a painful infection. Maroon has been receiving therapy and antibiotics to correct that.

Although you may be glad to learn that, it seems the prison staff are not.

It must be remembered that the prison he's at is the notorious SCI-Greene and he's been in their control unit for over 10 years. This is the same place Mumia Abu Jamal is being held and where Abu Ghraib torturer, Charles Grainer worked-known for its brutality and abuse. Recall that a few years ago it's Superintendent and dozens of guards were either disciplined or arrested for abuse!

Apparently upset that Maroon does not have cancer, an orchestrated program is being carried out to abuse him and destroy his property.

It all started on the very night he returned from an outside hospital last month. He was forced to tear the bandages from his open wounds.

Afterwards, Officer Peters carried out a cell search and went out of his way to leave his property in total disarray. Later this same guard searched his property again, only on that occasion he stole various items and papers, leaving him without any toilet paper to boot!

Maroon filed a grievance (dated 7-8-05 # 123176) over these incidents and the grievance officer ruled that it was due to a miscommunication between staff shifts that the bandages were ripped off his open wounds. He also cited security concerns for the bandages being removed.

We need your urgent help!

Please write or call the following officials and demand that Russell Shoats (AF-3855) be accorded the proper respect, given his medical condition, by guards and also stop the ransacking/theft of his personal property (mention Officer Peters).

Jeffrey Beard
Secretary DOC
2520 Lisburn Rd.
Camp Hill, Pa 17001-0598
Phone: 717-975-4918

Superintendent Folino
169 Progress Dr.
Waynesburg, Pa 15370
Phone: 724-852-2902

Los Macheteros Leader Killed by Feds

On Saturday, September 24th, news surfaced that FBI agents assassinated Puerto Rican Independista, Filiberto Ojeda Rios, 72, in an overnight shootout in Hormigueros, Puerto Rico.

Apparently, the FBI attempted to raid the home of Ojeda Rios, resulting in a shootout.

The FBI has yet to admit in the killing of independence leader, but the Associated press claims that anonymous sources, as well as, Hector Pesquera, president of the Hostiano independence movement have confirmed the death of Ojeda Rios.

Officials have been willing to confirm that a tactical operation had taken place with the cooperation of the FBI, U.S. Marshalls, Puerto Rican police and prosecutors. They have also confirmed that one FBI agent was wounded and was taken to the hospital.

Elma Rosado Barbosa, Ojeda Rios' companion was captured but is reportedly unharmed.

Ojeda Rios and the Struggle

Ojeda Rios was born April 26, 1933 in Naguabo, Puerto Rico. An amateur musician, he plays trumpet and guitar.

In 1961, he moved his family from Puerto Rico to Cuba and joined the General Intelligence Directorate (DGI), the Cuban intelligence service. A year later he returned to Puerto Rico.

In 1967 he was allegedly was a part of the Armed Revolutionary Independence Movement (MIRA). The organization was disbanded by police in the early 1970s, and

Rios was arrested. He subsequently skipped bail and moved to New York, organizing the Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN) with former MIRA members as a membership base.

In 1976, Rios along with former Political Prisoner, Juan Segarra Palmer and others created Ejército Popular Boricua, also known as Los Macheteros.

On September 12, 1983, Los Macheteros expropriated approximately \$7 million from a Wells Fargo depot in West Hartford, Connecticut. The money was taken to fund the independence movement in Puerto Rico.

In 1985, 19 members of Los Macheteros were indicted for offenses associated with the robbery. Fourteen were convicted after trial; one was acquitted. Charges against another were dismissed. Three, including Rios and Victor Manuel

Gerena, have never been caught.

In July of 1992, Ojeda Rios was sentenced in absentia to 55 years in prison and fined \$600,000.

In 1999, eleven members of the PR Independence movement were given clemency by President Clinton. Juan Segarra was also given clemency but had to serve an additional 5 years in prison.

Late Friday, after word was spread about the assault on Ojeda Rios' home, some 500 people took to the streets protesting the assassination, blocking San Juan's main Roosevelt Avenue in front of Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

"This was done on purpose ... to try to humiliate us," Jorge Farinacci, president of the Socialist Front, said at the demonstration. "It's to tell us: 'You do not have the right to independence.'"

He called for the many factions in the fractured and marginalized independence movement "to overcome political differences, to determine how to validate the right of our people to show their indignation of this assassination of our greatest patriot."

Our hearts go out to our dear comrade whose life was sacrificed for the freedom and self-determination of the Puerto Rican people. We condemn the actions that were carried out which resulted in the death of Filiberto Ojeda Rios and imprisonment of Elma Rosado Barbosa. We demand the freedom Elma Rosado Barbosa. We demand the freedom of all Political Prisoners. We demand the liberation of Puerto Rico and all colonized people.



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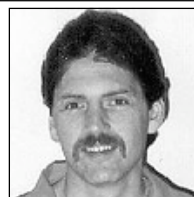
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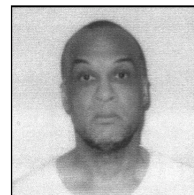
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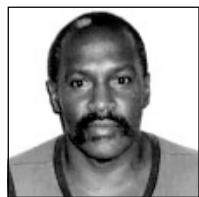
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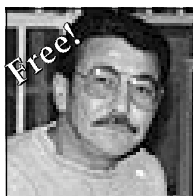
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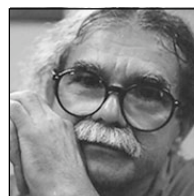
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WARCHEST REPORT FOR 2005

FUNDS IN	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
LA ABCF	870	90	750	0	350	0	300
MTL ABCF	40	79.56	0	0	0	30	0
PHL ABCF	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
JAX ABCF	0	0	25	30	25	30	30
NJ ABCF	20	20	20	0	0	0	0
CLEV ABCF	0	0	0	0	35	0	0
BONNIE/NJ	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIKE/NJ	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUP/CLEV	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
JEAP/NJ	0	40	0	0	30	25	0
FUND/PHIL	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
CHRIS/NJ	15	0	0	20	0	0	0
JIM M/PHIL		0	0	10	40	10	0
EZE/NJ	360	0	0	0	0	0	0
KMA/KANSAS	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
TOTAL	1365	259.56	834	90	545	135	360

FUNDS OUT	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
SEKOU KAMBUI	30	30	30	30	30	40	30
RUSSELL SHOATS	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
JOSEPH BOWEN	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
HANIFF SHABAZZ BEY	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
HERMAN BELL	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
RICHARD WILLIAMS	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
SEKOU ODINGA	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
RUCHELL MAGEE	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
TOTAL	240	240	240	240	240	250	240

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	3589
TOTAL	42406

FUNDS OUT	
1994	120
1995	2796
1996	4308
1997	4588
1998	6412
1999	5191
2000	4544
2001	4637
2002	4320
2003	1300
2004	UNACC*
2005	1690
TOTAL	40382

REMAINING: \$1898.6

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

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Street Address: _____

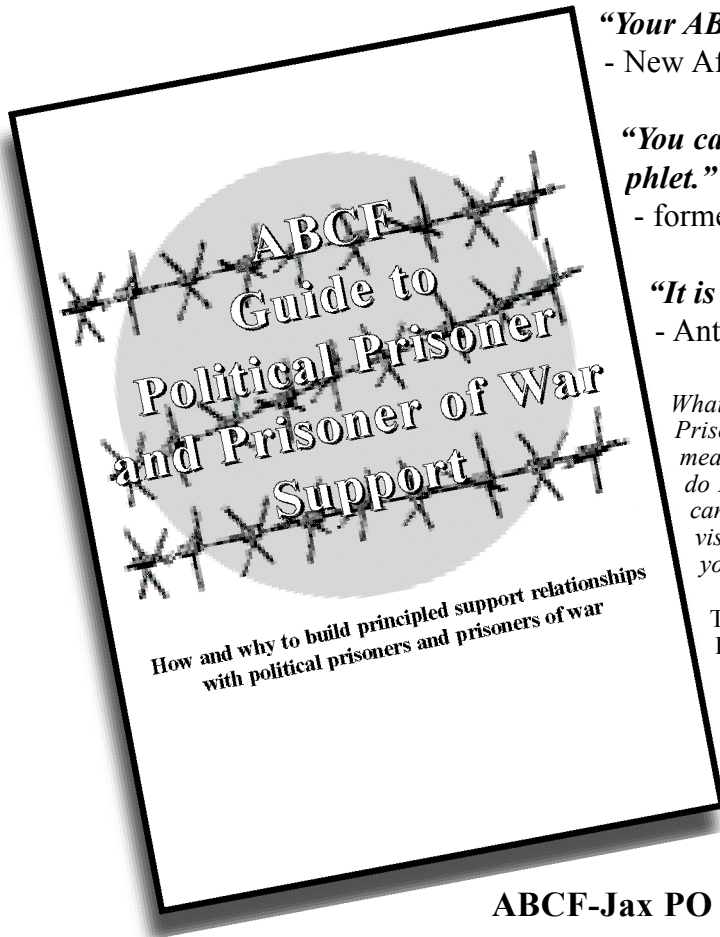
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What's the ABC? What's the ABCF? Who are Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War? Where are they? Why make a criteria? What do you mean by 'documentation' and how do I get it? What kinds of support do Political Prisoners need? How should I go about my 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?

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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