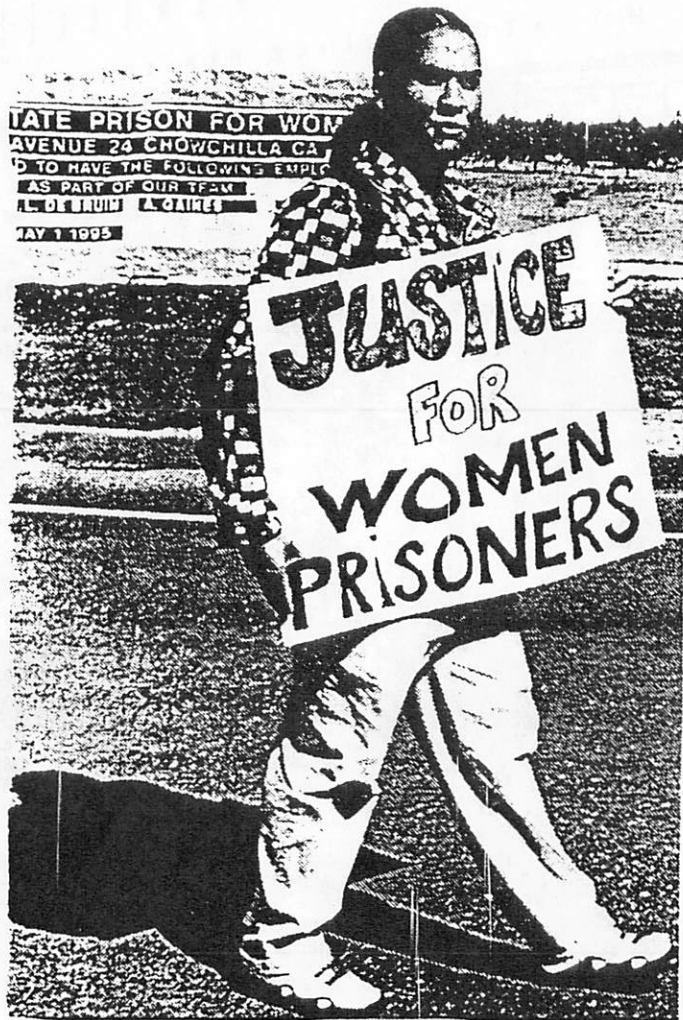




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October 22nd Weekend of Resistance & Remembrance

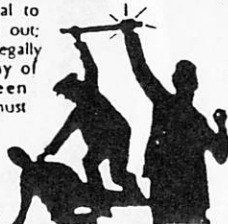
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 Saturday October 21, 2000: At Your Rage music, poetry, dance, youth culture! (time/place to be announced)
 Sunday October 22, 2000: Day of Remembrance of Stolen Lives. Invite a Stolen Lives family to speak to your faith community, wear black, other activities to be announced.

CALL National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation: October 22nd, 2000

Across the country the epidemic of police brutality continues to intensify. From Los Angeles, where the L.A.P.D. is engulfed in the largest police scandal in U.S. history, to New York where the courts allowed the cops who gunned down Amadou Diallo in a hail of 41 bullets to walk free and a wave of police killings followed close on the heels of this shameful verdict. Police and other law enforcement agents continue to brutalize and murder people at alarming rates and are still almost never punished by the courts. Meanwhile on the southern border, I.N.S. agents and sheriffs work hand-in-glove with vigilantes who are openly organizing the hunting and lynching of immigrants. All too often, politicians cover up this official brutality—or even applaud and encourage it.

The authorities have subjected a whole generation of our youth to a cycle of criminalization which includes: harassment for the color of their skin, the way they're dressed or having too much attitude; anti-gang laws that make it illegal to have a beeper or even just hang out; warehousing them in prison; and legally lynching them on death row. Many of our communities have been turned into killing fields. We must transform them into arenas of resistance as we join together to throw these vicious attacks back in their faces!



In recent years many, many people of different races and from different backgrounds have joined in this important fight. Survivors of police attacks, youth tired of being treated like criminals, lawyers, religious leaders, teachers, students and many others have fought back, often in the face of open and underhanded attacks. *Stolen Lives: Killed by Law Enforcement*, which documents over 2,000 cases of people killed by law enforcement in the U.S. in the 1990's, has put human faces on the problem of police murder. October 22nd has become the day to bring all this resistance together. This year, in the midst of the national elections, we must force the problem of police brutality even more into the light of day.

On October 22, 2000, the families of those killed by police and of those unjustly locked down behind prison walls will have a platform to tell of how official violence and abuse have devastated their lives. Stand with them. Stand with the youth who are tired of being treated like criminals and eager to fight for a different future. Join the people who face police brutality every day, and join people from all walks of life standing together seeking justice.

WEAR BLACK! FIGHT BACK!

On October 22, 2000, we call on you to join us in saying NO MORE! No more to police brutality, to repression and to the criminalization of a generation. Join us on the National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation on October 22, 2000!

YOU MUST DO THIS BECAUSE:

- Cops stop, search, harass and arrest people based solely on the color of their skin. Too many people have been victimized by the police for Driving While Black or Brown (DWB), for walking while Black, for using a cell phone while Black.
- Use of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman punishment against people in police custody is widespread in the U.S.
- Youth of color are more likely to be arrested, held in jail and given longer sentences than white youth, even when they face the same or similar charges.
- Police departments around the country are increasingly employing harsh repressive tactics to suppress dissent.
- Mumia Abu-Jamal, revolutionary and award-winning journalist, victim of a trial that was a travesty of justice, remains on death row because of his outspoken opposition to police brutality and other government injustice.
- Over 3,600 people are on death row in the U.S. Most of them are people of color, many of them are innocent and almost all of them are too poor to afford decent legal representation.
- Over two million people are in prison in the U.S., the most in the world. The majority are non-violent offenders. Women are the fastest growing section of the US prison population.
- Each year, hundreds of immigrants die trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border because the U.S. government has militarized the border. In addition, many hundreds of immigrants are incarcerated in maximum security prisons for the crime of "trying to work". Also, at least 100 people are incarcerated under "secret evidence" laws which deny the person on trial access to evidence which the state is using against him or her.
- While killer cops continue to go free, family members of police murder victims, witnesses in police brutality cases, activists, attorneys, and others have been harassed, physically attacked and arrested in retaliation for their opposition to police brutality.



Greetings Comrades.

As you may or may not know, October 22nd is national day of protest against police brutality. And we here in Houston kicked off a weekend of resistance on Friday October 20th with a rally followed by a march to the cop shop.

The rally started at 4pm at Market Square Park. Over 200 people gathered there as speakers from the RCP, RCYB, an EZLN support group, Ray Hill from the Prison Show on Pacifica 90.1 and the friends and families of people who were murdered by the police spoke about police brutality, the repression and criminalization of a generation. We at the ABC were also on hand with the black flag flying high while we distributed anarchist literature. There was also a Stolen Lives wall to commemorate all the people murdered by the pigs.

From the rally we marched several blocks to the police station. During the beginning of the march the cops tried to cut the march in half at an intersection, but we were strong in numbers, strong in spirit and refused to stand for that kind of shit. We marched with masked and unmasked faces yelling "No justice, no peace. Jail the killer police" (or as the anarchists yelled "Fuck the killer police") and "HPD, HPD, Why do killer cops go free?" There was a host of banners, signs, puppets, drums and even fire breathing on the streets to show our purpose. We got a good response from the people on the street and passing cars.

Once at the cop shop the speakers continued. Speakers representing AIM, RCP, RCYB, The Nation of Islam and more family members of those killed spoke once again on the issues surrounding police brutality. The mic was also open to anyone else with an opinion. The closing speech was written by an ABC member and read by an anarchist representing the ABC.

Now with the hour getting on we marched back through downtown to Market Square Park and prepared for the next day of action which was a cultural event which was planed to have bands, poetry, free food courtesy of Food Not Bombs and a graffiti contest.

Things started off slowly when, to our dismay, we learned that none of the bands were going to make it. But some members eventually did show up and they were enough to have a decent little drum circle going. The graffiti contest went well with there being no clear winner, but that mattered little as we used the case of Kylon that was supposed to be the winnings, to have the contest. Over all a good time was had by all and while there were a few problems most were happy with the way things went.

Sunday, October 22, National Day of Protest Against Police Brutality. A stolen live event was held at the First Unitarian Church to honor the family members of those lost to police violence. Family members gave very heartfelt and moving speeches about their experiences, which could only make those who heard them, strengthen their resolve to dismantle this capitalist death machine that is the police force.

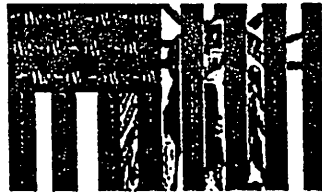
All in all it was a strong show to the powers that be that we're tired of taking our night sticks to the face with a smile, and we're starting to rise up to throw that shaft of terror masquerading as justice right back in their faces. While the numbers of this year were lesser than those of previous years, what we lacked in numbers we more than made up for in passion, something that we at the ABC feel is a direct result of the fact that this was the first year that most of the organizing was left to the youth of H-town, and also the first year since the first O22 in Houston that the anarchists have played a significant role in the event. Our struggle is not ending with this one weekend of resistance, there are already plans in the works to take the strong start of this weekend and continue through the rest of the year, through the next and however many more it takes until the capitalist death machine is dismantled forever.



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The State, Repression & The Movement: What to Expect, How to Resist



join us for a community discussion

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Weekend of Resistance and Remembrance (for more info: 773.528.1701)
Friday, Oct. 20th, Noon: March and Rally @ Adams & Dearborn
Saturday, Oct. 21st, 7pm: Act Your Rage
Sunday, Oct. 22nd, 3pm: Rally at Cook County Jail @ 26th & California

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I would like to thank my co-worker and dear friend, Marilyn Craig for helping me by typing up prisoner letters. Also, all the activists of the Chicago October 22nd Coalition, who worked so hard organizing this weekend of actions, deserve my respect. And of course, all the prisoners, who fight this beast. Love you ALL!* Anthony Rayson

It was awe-inspiring to hear the muffled roar of the prisoners, screaming their support, love and appreciation out to us. They were pressed close to the windows with clenched fist salutes, which we shot back at them.

At one point, we stopped for quite a while, because several prisoners and a few guards were in the yard, on the Sacramento Avenue side. The youth cut to the chase and dispensed with the nicey-nice chants and simply started shouting "Fuck the Po-lice! Fuck the Po-lice!" This simple, infectious message grew loud and longlasting. Even under the eye of the guards, the prisoners acknowledged us with their raised fists. It was wild and fun and powerful and the order-taking cops and guards hid behind their guns, inside their cars &/or stations - powerless to do anything about it. For they're like hyenas and only gang up to prey on the vulnerable. There is definitely strength in numbers!

On the way back, along 26th Street, taggers tagged the brick walls with stinging messages. We regrouped at the front entrance and continued to rally and hear speakers.

I was very pleased with this demo, as we'd only had 1 month from conceptualizing it to doing it. I had hoped for two hundred and no less than one hundred, and over three hundred came! It was a high-octane, special group.

I was the last speaker and tried to give the weekend a proper crescendo-like finish. I believe this will become an annual action during the October 22nd period, here in Chicago and will encourage those in other cities to do something similar. As the repression increases, we must work much more closely with prisoners willing to struggle and face the worst this sadistic state continues to assault us with.

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REPRESSION & The Movement: What to Expect, How to Resist." This featured a strong panel of longtime activists, including Michael Deutsch, a revolutionary attorney, who spoke about "State Repression & the Role of the F.B.I."

Hondo T'Chikwa, a black liberationist who spearheads the Crossroads Support Network, talked about "Free Zolo Agona Azania: The Death Penalty is Political." Benjamin Evans of the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee spoke of "Recent Police Tactics in Seattle, D. C., Philadelphia & L. A." Hatem Abudayyeh of the Arab-American Action Network, gave a talk entitled "Grand Juries Secret Evidence & Defending Palestinian and Arab Activists in the U. S."

Next came Jose Lopez, Director of the Juan Antonio Corretjer Puerto Rican Cultural Center, who explained how we should be "Resisting the Use of Repression Against the Puerto Rican Independence Movement." Janet Hoft and Melinda Power, longtime attorneys working with the National Lawyers Guild, spoke on "What to Expect if You Are Arrested & What to Do In Court."

This was followed by a good question/answer period. Much pertinent literature was available, including many prisoner zines. Food was also provided. These types of community discussions should be happening everyday, in every neighborhood.

Later, starting at 7 pm - Act Your Rage was staged at UIC. This was a celebration of youth culture - Hip-Hop, Rap, Punk, Spoken Word etc. with a strong political emphasis & connection to October 22. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this, as I would have loved to have tabled zines at this show. I'm sure a lot of people had a good time.

On Sunday, October 22nd, starting at 3 pm the "statement rally" occurred. Over 300 people came to the front steps of the urban concentration camp, known as Cook County Jail. After a few rousing speeches by Gwen Hogan and others, we marched completely around this razor wired encampment, stopping at each unit. We brought our banners, strong voices, five-gallon buckets and "half-mile howlers" to shout out our support for our brothers and sisters, being forced to subsist in this hellhole.

PROTEST

October 22nd - 3:00 PM
Cook County Jail, 26th & California

On October 22nd the National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, & the Criminalization of a Generation will stand with prisoners being held in the vast gulag prison system here in the U S. We demand "Stop criminalizing our youth! Stop the legal lynchings! Stop the war on poor people!"

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 22nd BECAUSE:

- ◆ Over two million people are in prison in the U S, the most in the world. The majority are non-violent offenders. Women are the fastest growing section of the U S prison population
- ◆ Thousands of youth are in jail because we have an unjust and corrupt criminal justice system. False and coerced testimony, poor legal representation, police vendettas have taken a massive number of our children and our brothers and sisters away from us
- ◆ Over 3,600 people are on death row in the U S. Most of them are people of color, many of them are innocent and almost all of them are too poor to afford decent legal representation
- ◆ Cops stop, search, harass and arrest people based solely on the color of their skin. Too many people have been victimized by the police for Driving While Black or Brown, for walking while Black, for using a cell phone while Black.
- ◆ Use of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman punishment against people in police custody is widespread in the U S.
- ◆ Youth of color are more likely to be arrested, held in jail and given longer sentences than white youth, even when they face the same or similar charges
- ◆ Torture techniques and sensory deprivation is being implemented throughout the prison system to single out and punish activists. Maximum control units are being standardized throughout the U S prison system. Prisoners are being whisked from prison to prison, often in the dead of night and locked away in dungeons like Tamms (here in Illinois) on the flimsiest of charges. Administrative detentions and rules violations that are often trumped up and arbitrary add time to sentences. Such inhumane practice is designed to break the spirit of prisoners or drive them mad
- ◆ We plan to shine a light on some of the most infamous cases of judicial injustice
- ◆ Mumia Abu-Jamal, revolutionary and award winning journalist, victim of a trial that was a travesty of justice, remains on death row because of his outspoken opposition to police brutality and other government injustice.
- ◆ Zolo Agona Azania, a brilliant New Afrikan writer and artist, has been on death row in Michigan City, Indiana. He has been given a death date of October 25th!
- ◆ Other national and local prisoners of note include: Death Row 10, MOVE 9, Leonard Peltier, Ali Khalid Abdullah, Jerome White-Bey, Khalfani X. Khaldun, Fred Hampton Jr.

NATIONAL WEEKEND OF RESISTANCE AND REMEMBRANCE—OCT. 20th THRU OCT. 22nd

Friday, October 20. Rally & March 12:00 Noon at Federal Plaza, Adams & Dearborn

Saturday, October 21. *Act Your Rage* music, poetry, dance, youth culture! TBA

Sunday, October 22. Day of Remembrance of Stolen Lives. Invite a Stolen Lives Family to speak to your Faith Community, wear Black

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STOP POLICE BRUTALITY

Chicago is gearing up to join forces with several cities across the country to fight police brutality and racist judicial repression. The October 22nd Coalition is a growing movement that cuts through ideologies and limited agendas. We are joining forces because we believe strongly in social justice and harbor *deep* respect, remembrance and solidarity with and for those who have fallen victim to state violence and their families - either on the mean streets or behind the gun towers of the prisons.

We are planning three days of actions October 20, 21 & 22. Here in Chicago, on Friday the 20th, we will rally and march, commencing at noon at the Federal Plaza, located at Adams and Dearborn. Wear black! On Saturday, we'll hold a sort of cultural celebration with *Act Your Rage* music, poetry, dance and youth culture at a site to be determined. On Sunday, we hold a day of remembrance for the Stolen Lives of those victims of police violence. We plan on meeting at Cook County jail in the afternoon sometime to demonstrate our solidarity with those being held captive. This will include testimony from the family members of victims.

More and more, the police are showing themselves to be the most organized, vicious, violent gang to ever menace America! They literally get away with murder because they are being protected by the state. In place of accountability lies contempt for the citizens!

They are also the body snatchers for the very criminal injustice system. Two *million* of our brothers & sisters, mothers & fathers, sons & daughters are languishing in the nation's vast gulag archipelago. Neglect, torture, rape and murder occur daily and mostly, anonymously.

We must join forces with prisoners struggling for their rights, who are being held in slave-like captivity in this war on the poor and people of color. The war has indeed been brought home!

Make no mistake about it! We are *all* in grave danger. But, we are human beings who must overcome our fear and demonstrate our dignity and self-respect by coming together in the streets! There is strength (and joy!) in numbers!

As Archbishop Romero shouted from the front steps of his church, shortly before his state-tied death-squad murder in San Salvador, "Stop the murder! Stop the repression!!"

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Another development which I was very encouraged to see greatly expanded, was the increased emphasis on 55 solidarity with prisoners. For who are more the victims of police brutality (state repression) and stolen lives (incarceration) than the 2,000,000 prisoners in this locked down country?

Hundreds of black balloons were blown up and tied to strings with cards on them. The names of Illinois "C" prisoners - those cruelly crushed by the system and denied a chance at parole - were written on these cards. At one point, folks holding the balloons were asked to tear off the names of these prisoners, and let go of the string. Watching this flock of balloons float over the crowd up and through the skyscrapers of Chicago was a carnival-like sight. I was especially happy, knowing these prisoners' addresses were in people's pockets, so they could write to them later.

Another notable display was at the Oct. 22 table. It was a large presentation board filled on both sides with laminated 8 1/2 x 11 prisoner artwork. These powerful & talented political statements, really concentrated the message and brought home the fact that the struggle is the same - inside and out. Also, there was a poster with snapshots of prisoners. Their dignity and determination were striking, especially as seen through the ubiquitous handcuffs and prison surroundings. You can't jail the cry for freedom!

Most people went on the spirited march up and down State Street. The street signs were covered over and the streets were renamed in honor of those of us who have been murdered by the Chicago police. Thousands of people saw a very determined, vocal and diverse group of citizens rising up angry! People were really into it, serious about this movement, yet at the same time, enjoying the program, the balmy Indian Summer day and the stimulation of ideas. Everybody seemed to get a chance to see a lot of friends and make new contacts. I would say 800 - 1,000 people came out to this demo - mostly dressed in black.

On Saturday the 21st, two events took place. From 1 to 5 a symposium was presented entitled "The State,

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October 22nd Weekend

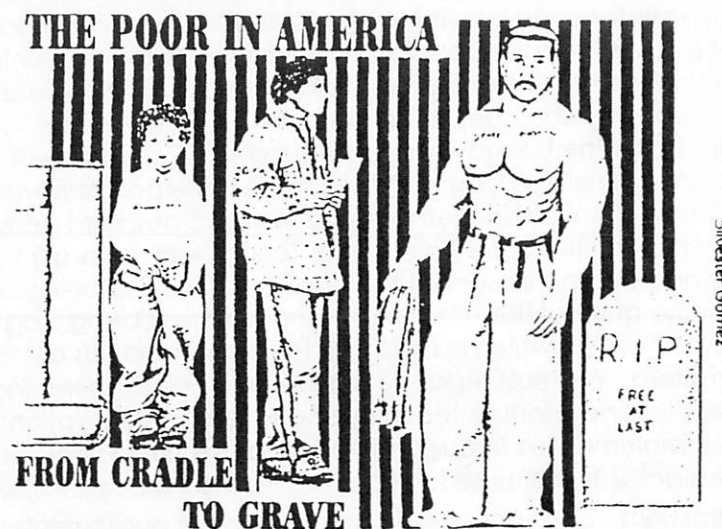
"October 22nd" has now become the term crystallizing outrage over police violence. In dozens of cities across the country at this time, people take to the streets in militant fashion. The victims and family members are given a special place in our hearts and our signs. Their searing testimony echoes through the plazas of the downtowns and energizes us for the fight.

The October 22 Coalition is comprised of a wide variety of groups and individuals with various agendas, such as the fight to protect public housing, the abolition of the death penalty, neighborhood organizations, prisoner support groups, political organizations, prison abolitionists and outraged citizens. A high level of purposefulness and cooperative energy is the striking feature during the organizing of these actions. Those involved, put their sectarian agendas aside and set to work.

This year, since October 22nd fell on a Sunday, the day of action and remembrance evolved and expanded into a whole weekend of events. On Friday the 20th, the large rally and march took place at the Federal Plaza, in Chicago's Loop, starting at noon. Music, speakers, literature tables, flyers, newspapers, colorful banners and posters festooned the whole area.

Useful, enjoyable networking among activists and flyering to the noonday crowds, took place. Rivetting testimony from Gwendolyn Hogan, whose husband Kelsey, was murdered by a drunken off-duty prison guard, and others, set the tone for the seriousness of this struggle for justice.

I was most impressed by the increased focus on and participation by the gay, lesbian, bi and transgendered communities, which was thrillingly articulated by Andy Thayer, of the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network (773-878-4783 CABNstopthehate@aol.com) His passionate oration stuck in my mind, as the most impactful all weekend.



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Cook County Jail Rally

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On Sunday, October 22nd, at 3 pm, citizens will converge at 26th and California in support of prisoners being held here and throughout the vast gulag system in America. The war on the streets against constant police harassment, racial profiling, brutality and arresting is also being waged by over two million people, who have gone through the corrupt judicial system and now languish in camps. Violence, sexism, homophobia and racism are most virulently concentrated behind bars. Deprivation, medical neglect, bogus conduct tickets, and all forms of repression occur every day.

We will show our solidarity to our brothers and sisters who are prisoners in this war by reading statements and poetry by them and marching completely around this urban concentration camp. We will also hear the soul-searing testimony of the family members of police murder victims, here in Chicago.

This struggle is directly connected to the communities being menaced and the prisoners who have already been snatched away from us. Each prisoner means \$40,000 per year to the wildly profitable punishment industry. The anti "gang" loitering laws, the racist drug laws, parole violator sweeps, etc. are feeding young blacks, hispanics and other poor people into prisons, where routine lengthy sentences are being meted out. Massive white collar crime is not even prosecuted, but rather paid for by taxpayer monies! The real criminals - the murderers and plunderers of this world are the ones deciding who goes to jail - and who gets put to death there.

Right now the U.S. government is supplying Colombia with Vietnam-era helicopter gunships to do to those peasants what the U.S. government did in Vietnam - poison the crops, herd people onto "strategic hamlets" and train armies (and "death squads") to sow terror and death throughout the populace. This is all being done under the guise of the "drug war" - the same war being waged in our communities which has claimed so many hundreds of thousands of prisoners. We must organize to stop this madness, here and there!

Ominous new torture techniques and sensory deprivations are being implemented throughout the prison system to single out and punish activists, jailhouse lawyers, writers, organizers etc. Maximum control units, "SHU" units, and other Dantesque punishments are being standardized throughout the vast prison system. Prisoners are whisked from prison to prison, often in the dead of night and locked away in these clinical dungeons, such as Tamms, on the flimsiest of

3. More & more, prisoners I work with, such as Josh Van Moorleghe, up in Oshkosh, Glenn Wright here in Illinois & other prisoners in Indiana, Oregon & elsewhere are having their correspondence tampered with, their zines "investigated" & even being slammed for their ideas. Josh just got four months in ad seg for "editting" his zine, Hope Kills. Obviously, the authorities are going after conscious, articulate anarchists, lately. As they've done to New Afrikans, Muslims, etc. How have you been harassed for your work & what words of advice & encouragement do you have for your fellow prisoner brothers & sisters? Also, what do you suggest is necessary to get outside activists off the dime & into serious prisoner support work? 53

Answer: I have been continuously harassed for my work, here. First, I was placed in ad seg, next I've encountered countless transfers from prison to prison. I was kept in ad seg for two years for nothing, my property was destroyed, my mail is always read and copies are made of my letters. Outside support is needed, in order for us to stop forced prison slave labor. The Missouri Prison Labor Union needs serious outside support in the state of Missouri, first and foremost. More activists are needed to get involved in the prison issues. One must realize that slavery still exists within American prisons and we need to end this evil.

4. The "power of the pen" is a mighty weapon, which the prisonrat authorities fear greatly. The biggest enemy of fascism is truth. Your resolve is unique & strong. What great teachers do you draw strength from? Can you give us some words of wisdom to fortify is with, too?

Thankyou very much, Brother! Anthony

Answer: I draw my strength from Noble Drew Ali and many ANARCHIST WRITERS. Noble Drew Ali teaches that you want for your Brother man (human beings) what you want for yourself. I love myself, so I love my fellow human being. When I am sick, I take med. People need to know the truth about government.

In struggle, Jerome

* The newsletter of MPLU - Off the Hook, is available through the South Chicago ABC Zine Distro for \$/free.

URBAN CONCENTRATION KKKAMP!

1. How are things going for the MPLU Missouri Prison Labor Union & the boycott against Colgate-Palmolive?

Answer: The Missouri Prison Labor Union is a striving prisoner rights organization, which is growing and becoming more established in the minds of each prisoner who is confined in Missouri. Prisoners realize that we, the MPLU, is a force to advance our concerns and interests. Promoting the agenda of MPLU has resulted in much opposition from the MoDOC. I was housed in ad seg for almost two years, transferred all over the state for organizing the prisoners into a union. We have a boycott against Colgate-Palmolive, in hopes of getting them to endorse the MPLU. They have extensive business dealings with many prisons, not just in Missouri.

2. You have recently been transferred to Moberly Correctional Center from Potosi. Can you detail your unique punishment because of your strong advocacy? And how are conditions for you, now?

Answer: Well Anthony, as you know, I was transferred from Jefferson City prison to Crossroads prison to Fed. in 1997. Then, in August of 1997, I was transferred to Potosi. In December of 1998, I was transferred to Jefferson City prison. In March of 1999, I was sent to Crossroads prison. Then, in September 1999, I was yet again transferred back to Jefferson City prison and on September 28, 1999, I was transferred back to Potosi. Now, all of that was done to break my spirit and to stop other prisoners from joining our struggle, to embed fear in the minds of other prisoners. One must go a long long way when one is trying to build unity behind enemy lines. So, since I refuse to submit to the DOC threats, harassments and frame-ups are leveled against me. Now, I've been transferred to Moberly, which is a lower custody level, in order to shut me up, to make me happy, content, etc. But this is not working and I am more determined than ever!



Free Mumia Abu-Jamal!

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charges. Administrative detentions and rules violations, which are easily trumped up and not subject to court proceedings, add time to sentences, and make that time the most insufferable. Indeed, the goal is to drive prisoners mad - the ultimate eternal punishment.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is the most famous case of judicial injustice today, and his is the Rosenberg Case of this generation. But, there are many Mumia's locked away today, who are fighting for justice and trying to get out the truth about conditions in these hellholes.

For example, Zolo Agona Azania, a brilliant New Afrikan writer and artist, who has been on death row in Michigan City, Indiana, has been given a "death date" of October 25th! We can't allow the government to murder another one of our courageous teachers! Ali Khalid Abdullah, the brilliant founder of the PPWC - Political Prisoners of War Coalition, is constantly being transferred throughout the Michigan system, routinely denied parole and subjected to persecution. Similarly, Jerome White-Bey, has spent much of his time in solitary confinement in Missouri, because of his great work building up the MPLU - Missouri Prison Labor Union. Khalfani X. Khaldun, who came out of the mean streets of Gary, IN as Leonard McQuay, spent 14 years in prison, often at Maximum Control Facilities for his strong activism. Within five minutes of his release, he was whisked away to LaPorte County Jail, to face a murder charge of a guard. But, there is no evidence, for this guard died in 1994! - six years ago, and still he has never gone to trial for it! Karen Horning is a drug war prisoner in Texas, who at one point was given six life sentences for LSD! Recently, she was finally diagnosed as having advanced Lyme Disease, which would have been easily curable if diagnosed early on. She now faces the amputation of her feet!! Eddie Hatcher, a longtime activist for Native American rights now faces a murder charge frame-up in North Carolina. The ones they don't kill - with impunity on the streets - they try to railroad and legally lynch! Look at Janine Africa and the rest of the Move 9! They had their home bombed by the city of Philadelphia, killing many children and adults. Yet they are being punished for challenging this evil system.

There are many, many similar stories of how citizens have been sucked into the incarceration frenzy going on in this country. New prisons are being built at a staggering rate, such as the hideous 1,800 bed women's prison, George Ryan is trying to shove down the throats of the black rural community of Hopkins Park, located in Kankakee County. Please come out to rally and march with us! October 22nd Coalition 773 - 528 - 1701 FAX: 773 - 528 - 3270 Prison Action Committee 773 - 874 - 7390 IN SOLIDARITY!!

I speak to you from the swamps of Angola State Penitentiary. I've been informed that there will be a gathering here discussing police brutality. Just to make sure you're not hoodwinked by the limits of police brutality, I'm here to take you inside the walls of terror.

In December 1996, Heather Wells was sexually attacked by an agent of the state of Washington at the Washington Correctional Center for Women. This left Ms. Wells pregnant and now with a baby girl who has since been placed in a foster home. No charges have been filed against the agent attacker.

At the Federal Correctional Institute, in Dublin, CA, Robin Lucas was sexually attacked several times as male prison guards allowed men to enter her cell. Unlike Wells, who was attacked by one guard, Lucas was assaulted repeatedly.

While sitting in his car and surrounded by armed police, 18 year old Dontae Dawson, who was unarmed, was shot and killed by one of the police, who claimed he thought he saw a gun.

We are all familiar with the murder of Sister Tyesha Miller, who like Dawson, was murdered by police as she slept in her car.

There have been 25 complaints of sexual abuse at the state's largest women's prison in Richmond, VA. It is so bad, that Governor Jim Gilmore has ordered an investigation.

As you can see, my words are not totally about police brutality, but rather, about systematic murder. The Amerikkkan system is training mercenaries on how to kill!

Of course, I'm very troubled by cops who do the same thing.

Back in the 1970's, I recall when the Kl u Klux Klan announced a change in their war plan against Afrikans, Jews and Mexican Americans. At that time they decided to focus less attention on their sheets and joined the ranks of prison guards and the police. This should give you some idea as to why we are having so much abuse in the nation's jails and prisons today.

Becoming police, they brutally patrolled the Mexican border, but were eventually forced to discontinue. They began to crop up more in jails and prisons, as guards. Inside the jails and prisons they humiliate, maim and kill. They kill for the same purpose they killed at the time of the Emancipation Proclamation. The state sanctioned these murders, by allowing the KKK to run rampant in the Latino, African, Mexican and Jewish communities and especially in the prison communities. Down here in the swamps of Louisiana, we have a Governor (Mike Foster) who is the New Grand Wizard of the KKK.

Recently, the KKK has been holding the state of Ohio hostage.

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having a family member or friends that is trapped within the penal system, each one you have, counts for individual support. Once this is done, the petition is presented to representatives who are trying to get your vote. Here's where you find out who they are, what it is they're bringing to the table with them, as well as your petition. This is how all your questions are being answered at one time, and you are being politically educated at the same time. Whether they're campaigning for their first or second term, your petition will be presented with the best of what they will bring to the table, if they want you and the other signatures, votes. Next the petition becomes a bill that this Republican/Democrat introduces to the House of Representatives that makes up the Congress. They exercise their right to have this bill passed or vetoed. This bill may get vetoed, but if they're dedicated to seeing this pass, then you must be dedicated to working at keeping them in office. The same work you put into getting the petition started can be applied to keeping them in office. I am open for discussion and stand to be corrected at K.S.T. Fatiel #944875, D-E223, P.O. Box 41, Michigan City, IN 46361.. Due to the vehicle being pushed from captivity if you are concerned make it your obligation to make a copy(s) of this and spread the word using the barrel of the pen in 2000.

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Here we are in this new millennium and it's truly a blessing to be alive and able to prepare this vehicle to ascends to the level I'm trying to reach you on. Due to my struggles with the backsliding comprehending what I was reading studying thyself; coming from miseducated to educated and understanding to overstanding

I overstand that many are blocked by the same obstacles problems that I was once blocked with I was blessed to gain the knowledge to move ahead of certain obstacles where I feel it's my obligation to pass this knowledge on I refuse to see someone struggle trough something I've learned to ascend.

We have all embraced the dream if wanting to see more of our race in office in America Hold up wait a minute, let's break that dream down; just because I/we vote for someone because they have the same nationality, creed, or color, or if they are Republican or Democrat does not substantiate their position in my/our struggle I would like to share some wisdom ancestor Malcolm X left with us in "On Afro-American history". Bro. Malcolm said, "that you and I decision or vote shouldn't be based on whether it's a Republican or Democratic, because we are not neither one" remember it wasn't too long ago that we were denied to vote, so stop being quick to jump on sides! I've seen individuals the same color as I am be vote in and intensifies my/our struggle more than we had first encountered. If you have witnesses this and wondered why you are struggling worse than before please acknowledge that the faces has been changes to fake at the dream I/we embrace. so that I/we can let our guard down and become relaxes. Bro. Malcolm also laid out a map for me/us to answer all my/our questions of what it is, who it is, and how will it oppose what you are struggling against when I/we vote. Lets say you are concerned with how your sister/brother constitutional rights are not being honored. A petition can be written, "enforcing the constitutional rights of individuals within the penal system. "Second, you must gather signatures, and mot just one or two. Due to everyone

costing the state \$800,000.00 in ransom for protection, as these Klansmen march through your communities! But, at our Youth March for Peace and Harmony, for all races, displayed at the 1999 Million Youth March, the police attacked all of you! You, who pay their salary! They consistently attacked you, but they will not attack the KKK or any other right wing group, who help to maim and kill you!

We have to look beyond police brutality, just as we must look beyond KKK brutality. We must focus our attention on the court and legislative system, here in Amerikkka, because it is here that the people are being trampled.

The legislative body and court system give police a badge to murder you and cover it with justifiable homicide.

Too much power has been given to the police over our lives. How can we sit back and allow these thugs to jack dope dealers and take the money - dividing it with the Judge and district attorney? This threesome protects eachother, and you are the ones paying them to do so.

Here in the swamps, the district attorneys are using drug money for their own luxury. They use it for travelling, expensive parties and to celebrate their success at death penalty convictions!

Police brutality is all around us. It has become an acceptable culture in Amerikkka. And I'll tell ya'all, unless you start thinking in terms of challenging the police, judges, legislative acts, and district attorneys, we're going to find ourselves in the same situation the German people found themselves in 1933.

The state will not allow prisoners to possess cameras, but you guys can film these fascist pigs who abuse our people and publish their faces in the people's press, just as they publish our faces in the bourgeois press.

In closing, let me remind you that it was Pig Miller who murdered W.L. Nolan in Soledad. He walked free. Pigs Murdered George Jackson in San Quentin. They walked free. Pigs Murdered Fred Hampton as he slept in his bed. Pigs walked free. Pigs murdered Mark Clark. Pigs walked free and now, pigs are preaparing to murder my brother, Comrade Mumia. But we're not going to let that happen, are we?

The fact of the matter is that we are the only ones doing the dying. We are burying a loved one practically every day of our lives as a result of police brutality, and since this is the reality and you are in agreement with me, it is no more than fair than to conclude that there be funerals on both sides.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!

Herman Wallace # 76759

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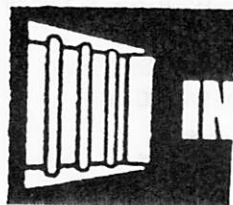
Children of the Revolution

POLICE BRUTALITY HAS BEEN GOING ON EVER SINCE THE INCEPTION OF GOVERNMENT. POLICE ARE AGENTS OF GOVERNMENT AND ARE DOING WHAT GOVERNMENT WANTS. POLICE AREN'T JUST OUT THERE RUNNING RAMPANT ON THEIR OWN, THEY ARE BEING ALLOWED TO DO WHAT THEY ARE DOING BY GOVERNMENT. IF GOVERNMENT WAS REALLY AGAINST POLICE CORRUPTION LIKE THEY CLAIM, YOU'D SEE A LOT OF COPS OUT OF JOBS OR IN PRISON. BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, WHEN A COP BRUTALIZES, MURDERS UNOFFICIAL CITIZENS PEOPLE HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE, RIOT TO GET THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ANY DISCIPLINARY STEPS AGAINST THE COP. GOVERNMENT TRIES TO APPEASE PEOPLE WITH INVESTIGATIONS THAT ALWAYS FIND THE COP NOT GUILTY OF ANY WRONG DOING.

YES THE COPS ARE BRUTAL, CRIMINAL, MURDEROUS AND THEY NEED TO BE STOPPED BUT AS JOHN AFRICA TEACH, YOU CAN'T JUST GO AFTER COPS IF YOU WANT TO GET RID OF THE PROBLEM OF POLICE BRUTALITY. YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM, WHICH IS GOVERNMENT, THIS SYSTEM. YOU CAN FORCE GOVERNMENT TO GET RID OF ONE COP BUT HE WILL QUICKLY BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER AND TAKE OVER WHERE THE FIRST COP LEFT OFF. JOHN AFRICA TEACH THE POLICE ARE JUST SHIELDS FOR THE RICH, OFFICIAL PEOPLE WHO RUN GOVERNMENT. THESE PEOPLE DELIBERATELY PUT THE POLICE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THEM SO THEY CAN STAY RICH AND THE PEOPLE CAN STAY POOR, REPPRESSED AND OPPRESSED. THIS SYSTEM PUT THE COPS OUT THERE TO DIVERT THE PEOPLE'S ENERGY ON THE COPS AND NOT GOVERNMENT, SO THAT PEOPLE WILL COMPLAIN OF POLICE BRUTALITY BUT STILL SUPPORT AND PUT THE CORRUPT POLITICIAN, THE COPS' BOSS, INTO OFFICE. EVERYBODY KNOW THE COPS ARE CORRUPT, UNJUST, CRIMINAL BUT WHAT PEOPLE DON'T FOCUS ON IS THE OFFICIALS WHO PUT THIS DISEASE IN OUR MIDST TO KILL US, OUR CHILDREN, OUR GRANDCHILDREN. THAT'S WHERE PEOPLE'S FOCUS, ENERGY SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT, THIS SYSTEM. TO QUOTE JOHN AFRICA, QUOTE - WHEN A PERSON SHOOT YOU IN THE LEG, COMPLAININ' ABOUT YOUR LEG AIN'T GONNA SOLVE THE PROBLEM, TAKIN' THE BULLET OUT YOUR LEG AIN'T GONNA SOLVE THE PROBLEM, LOCKIN' THE PERSON UP THAT SHOT YOU AIN'T GONNA SOLVE THE PROBLEM, THEY'RE ALL JUST CATEGORIES THAT MUST BE TRACED TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM, MUST BE TRACED TO THE INVENTOR OF GUNS, THE CREATOR OF THE SICKNESS THAT CAUSED PEOPLE TO INVENT GUNS, THE SICKNESS THAT CAUSED PEOPLE TO SHOOT GUNS AN THE TEACHIN' THAT MISLEAD PEOPLE INTO THINKIN' THEY WILL NOT BE SAFE WITHOOT GUNS, BOMBS, PRISON, PRISON GUARDS, ALL AGENCIES OF POLICE FOR THESE AGENCIES, LIKE THE GUN IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO THE BULLET IN YOUR LEG, THEY ARE THE SUPPORTERS OF THE CRIME THAT IS CAUSED BY THE PEOPLE THAT RUN THIS SYSTEM OF CRIME, THE PEOPLE THAT CREATED THIS SYSTEM OF CRIME. THE PEOPLE THAT ENCOURAGED THE INVENTION OF GUNS AND PAID THEIR SUPPORTIN' AGENCIES TO SHOOT YOU IN THE LEG, STAND YOU BEFORE A JUDGE, PUT YOU IN PRISON, PUNISH YOU FOR BEIN' RIGHT AN PUNISH YOU FOR BEIN' WRONG CAUSE THE SYSTEM IS BUILT ON PUNISHMENT, NOT LOVE, NOT FREEDOM, NOT PEACE, BUT PUNISHMENT...END QUOTE, JOHN AFRICA JOHN AFRICA HAS GIVEN THIS UNDERSTANDING AND DIRECTION TO THE MOVE ORGANIZATION, THIS IS WHY THIS GOVERNMENT SEES JOHN AFRICA MOVE AS SUCH A THREAT AND HAS GONE TO SUCH EXTREMELY VIOLENT MEASURES TO TRY TO STOP US. THE MOVE ORGANIZATION IS TRAINED TO BE DETAILED, THOROUGH, STRATEGIC MINDED AND AGGRESSIVE, THE MOVE ORGANIZATION WILL NOT TAKE A STEP BACKWARDS, OUR AIM IS REVOLUTION, OUR TARGET THIS SYSTEM. THE GOVERNMENT, THIS SYSTEM DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO HAVE THIS EXAMPLE. GOVERNMENT WANT PEOPLE DIVIDED IN THEIR ISSUES, POLICE BRUTALITY, DRUG ABUSE, POVERTY, LIKE THESE PROBLEMS JUST HAPPENED ON THEIR OWN AND KEEP PEOPLE FROM FOCUSING ON WHOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THESE CONDITIONS - GOVERNMENT, THIS SYSTEM! THIS IS FROM THE TEACHING OF JOHN AFRICA, - WHEN PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED COMMITMENT IS SEVERED AND THE AIM IS DIVIDED, IT IS NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND THIS WHEN INVOLVING OURSELVES IN REVOLUTION, MANY ATMS DRAWING FROM ONE ENERGY SOURCE DEFEATS THIS SOURCE BY EXHAUSTING ITS ENERGY, ONE AIM IS ALL POWERFUL WHEN ALL ENERGY IS CONCENTRATED IN ONE...THE TOTAL AIM IS AS RAW POWER, FOR THE TOTAL AIM IS TOTAL ENERGY, TOTALITY, DIRECTED ONE WAY AND WHEN THIS IS UNDERSTOOD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPPRESSED THEE RESTRAINED, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT AS TOTAL DIRECTION THE OPPRESSED THEE RESTRAINED HAVE TOTAL POWER THAT MUST BE DIRECTED IN THE WAY OF REVOLUTION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RESTRAINED AND OPPRESSED IS LIKE A DAMMED UP WILD RIVER THAT IS ONLY TO BE TURNED LOOSE AND DIRECTED...A SINGLE BULLET FROM A GUN WILL KNOCK YOU DOWN BUT SPREAD THE POWDER FROM THAT BULLET TO FIVE OTHER BULLETS AND THE SINGLE BULLET HAS LOST ITS PUNCH FOR YOU NO LONGER HAVE ONE STRONG BULLET YOU HAVE FIVE WEAK BULLETS AND WHEN CALLED ON TO DO THE WORK NECESSARY IN REVOLUTION THE GUN WILL FAIL YOU BECAUSE THE POWER OF THE BULLET HAVE BEEN SPLIT FIVE WAYS AND WILL FALL SHORT OF ITS TARGET, THIS IS THE PRINCIPLE OF REVOLUTION, OPPRESSED PEOPLE IS LIKE A SINGLE BULLET AND WHEN AIMED CORRECTLY WILL KNOCK DOWN THEE OPPRESSOR WITHOUT FAIL...JOHN AFRICA THE POWER OF TRUTH IS FINAL, LONG LIVE REVOLUTION AND DOWN WITH THIS ROTTEN CORRUPT SYSTEM!

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On October 22, 2000 the movement against police brutality everywhere will launch another massive protest. The families of loved ones killed and those lockdown behind prison walls will join in collective solidarity to say "No More Violence". We will stand in resistance also, wherever we are. In Prison, jails, city lockups and all across this world. We enforce the 7th rule of the Black Panther party's 10-point platform. By stating that we want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of Black and oppressed minorities. We believe we can end police brutality and murder of Black in our communities by organizing self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our Black (New Afrikan) communities from racist police oppression and brutality. The second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives the right to bear arms, we therefore believe that all Black people bitterly preferred as (New Afrikan) in Amerikka should arm themselves for self-defense.

We also evoke the 8th point of this platform and state that the following: we want freedom for all (Black) New Afrikan men held in Federal, State, County, and city prisons and jails. We believe that all black people should be released because they were denied a fair trial. We also evoke the 10th point of their platform and say that we want land, breed, housing, education, clothing and justice and peach. And our major political objective, a United Nations - supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the New Afrikan colony in which only black colonies subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of our people as to our National destiny and identity.

(fighting my own battle for freedom)

Please make note, that I am an Indiana political prisoner recently released out of the Indiana Dept. of Corrections after 14 years. To be picked back-up and transported to the LaPorte County jail on a charge of murder related to a prison incident in 1994 at the Indiana State Prison where a prison guard was killed, I can use your help so if you want to help contact Anthony Rayson for information. Please take care and stay safe.

By: Khalfani X. Khaldun

Society has been overwhelmed by many serial ills for years. These social ills have come in the form of premeditated economic poverty to conditions that foster drug addiction, prostitution, Black on Black violence, to genocide. But, were very people have been in poverty or overwhelming repression, the spirit of courage and self-determination creates a will to survive in these people. This is the beauty of a minority of oppressed people on purpose, subjected to economic poverty simply because they do not fit a welcomed status of White skin privilege.

Although such ills that permeate our society has caused an almost permanent unreasonable scar on all oppressed Nations in Amerikka. We have been able to still hold on, and thrust in a greater day to come. While at the same time, collectively work to organize and build a structure capable of challenging world oppression on all levels. For these persons who refuse to acknowledge the fact that most revolutionary energy is coming and will continue to come from inside prison. They are not looking into the looking glass of live correctly.

After spending almost half of my life in prison (14 years of my life), It would be a complete injustice for me to not be honest about my experience her. Prison brutality is no different from the police brutality permeating our oppressed communities all across this country. Where it may slightly differ from time to time. The level of national exposure the outside ones receive that prison incidents of brutality don't receive.

I have while serving time been actively on the front line exposing issues of police brutality in prison. While at the same time, using such incidents to agitate, educate, and organize prison resistance. In some cases where this violence has caused the death of some prisoners, the families of the victims have received help to successfully file wrongful death criminal law suites against prison officials.

Revolution Calling

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Comrade Anthony

Enclosed, is a statement, I don't know if it's what you had in mind, but it's what I would say if I were there. I did not want to use a 1000 words, to say what 100 could. Nor did I want to get caught up in throwing a lot of phrases everyone has heard a 1000 times. So it's me, and it's from the heart!

As for me, I'm OK. You caught me in the middle of trying to help with my appeal. I have over 11 - volumes, that consist of 4000 - plus pages of court records! So you can see, I've been very busy. There is not a lot to report. Life goes on, and I try to learn, and teach something each day, in spite of my surroundings, and environment!

As always, it's great to hear from you, and for your support, we are grateful! I'm sorry this is a short letter, but I am swamped by legal work, mine and a few I'm trying to help. Stay strong, comrade!

Pecce!
Cinque

"October 22 Coalition"

Comrades, I greet you from the belly of the beast! (prison) I have been asked by comrade Anthony Rayson, to say a few words to those of us, who in spite of the billions of dollars spent a year to keep us in ignorance, have managed to lift the veil of willful ignorance from our eyes!

All of you, the courageous, have come together to plan the death of this monster we call progress! (capitalism) To paraphrase Comrade Mumia Abu Jamal from his Timeli - speech to the student body of Evergreen State College on June 11, 1999, I quote, "What is the difference between each of you, and other great revolutionaries of the past, and present? Absolutely nothing, except you have made the choice."

Within each of you here today, is the ability to destroy worldwide capitalism, not as individuals, but as a united body. We have the force to sweep aside the illusions of the Bill Gates and the Donald Trumps, who have been elevated to the status of folk hero worship! By the power of their carefully spent dollars, they create a false mood of, I'm OK, You're OK!

Within you, is the power to take control of the economic, political, judicial and social institutions of Amerikka - by any means necessary! Within you, is the ability to kill Amerikka's newest and fastest growing economic institution - private prisons! (industrial prison complexes!) We must act before these beasts criminalize and imprison our youth, turn into neo slaves our minority communities and those progressive non-minority comrades, "who have made the choice!"

I cannot be there with you, but for my comrades, Herman "Hooks" Wallace and Robert "Moja" Wilkerson, I wish you these things. In your struggles ahead, this monster may take your freedom, but don't let it hold you captive! It may change your body with time, but don't let it take your strength! It may hold you in isolation, but don't surrender your wisdom! It may put grey hair on your head, but keep your spirit young! POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!

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Dear Comrades in Struggle:

As you are all gathered to partake in this event to find solutions to stop police brutality and abuse against the people. It becomes imperative that WE understand the nature of what WE are dealing with and up against. WE must recognize the fact that the police are not for the people. . . The common and average worker, but rather, an occupied force for those who control power and crave private ownership of material things. The police are not for the welfare of the downtrodden, but are for the rich and famous. This is the first thing WE must understand as WE learn what their roles really are.

The police have become brutal dictators of the people and are doing the bidding of career politicians who does the bidding of corporate Amerikkha and its banking institutions, while the courts act in accord with these forces by giving the police full credibility in their actions by locking more and more people into state, federal and juvenile facilities. The police are not to secure you or your families security. As WE have seen through the years, the police have become more antagonistic and brutal towards the people with little to no accountability. This is so because WE THE PEOPLE have allowed this to be. WE have allowed the injustices done to one to not be challenged with actual and real consequences behind that injustice. WE have allowed the police to destroy our lives and to take on the role of being our saviors.

When WE understand the role and the nature of the police then WE will be able to find effective ways in dealing with them. After all, what police department can stop The Will of The People if the people are determined not to have their wills broken? What police department will not bend to the service of the people if the people make the determination that WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANOTHER CHILD BEING MURDERED? What police department can withstand the riptide of the people if the people are adamant about seeing justice done? They cannot stop us and they cannot kill us all. WE would prevail! WE would rule! But to come to this point WE must recognize that WE have power! Unless and until WE recognize we have the power to make changes nothing will change.

As founder of Political Prisoners of War Coalition (PPWC), WE object to the brutality, the indifference, the inhumanity, the murderous actions of the police, the state/federal and local government, the corporations who monopolize us, and the courts who ignore us. WE reject the notion that WE are unworthy of self-autonomy and need their brutality to patrol our streets and neighborhoods. WE object to their indifference and lack of People's concerns. WE reject the idea of them targeting Men Afrikan (Black), and Latino people with racial profiling.

At this gathering, it is up to YOU to make a difference. At this rally, it is up to YOU to make the conscious decision not to accept any further police abuse. At this gathering, it is up to YOU to look at the person next to you and ask yourself the human question, "Do I really hate my fellow human being, or am I being used as a pawn in this game of control?" At this gathering, it is up to YOU to put an end to this growing tide of fascism in Amerikkha. This gathering of the minds today is important for the sake of tomorrow. This gathering of the minds today is the beginning of greater gatherings WE can and will have universally. This gathering of the minds is just a small beginning to a larger and undeniable reality. That reality being, . . . WE will prevail, but only if each one teach one. And if we adopt and accept the fact that an injury to one is an injury to all!

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units. There were some of us younger guys left outside to protest though a large part of those protesting were the old timers (including several in wheel chairs).

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Being on current lock down status I have been unable to really organize and/or collect any material from others as you requested for your work with the Oct. 22nd coalition. I will continue to try though I am unsure if you wanted these writings by a certain deadline. My ability to communicate with the other inmates in this situation (being locked down) is kind of difficult, especially since I am new and do not know those on my unit (everyone I know is on other units).

As for writing of my own. Well my mind has been in stubborn lock for the past year or so. I have the tendency to become highly frustrated with my work and myself and flush everything down the toilet where most of it rightfully belongs. I am though, struggling to compile some material which, if I can keep composed and do not happen to be over come by frustration (upon which will bring about a flushing spree), I will send them to you upon completion.

Also, I would like to know if it matters to you which of your addresses you wish to receive correspondence? I know that you have a few different addresses and I am uncertain as to you preference for receiving mail.

Well Anthony, I have taken up enough of your time, (I know that you are busy). I will be keeping in touch. Good wishes to you and your family. Take care.

P.S. If my letter to you are ever stapled or taped closed they have been tampered with, please let me know.

If you don't mind could you please send me a copy of "A Story That Must Be Told" by Khalfani and In The Trenches #1.

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Anthony,

Greetings Comrade.

I must be careful in my writings for I have been informed that some of my correspondence is being monitored by the oppressor. I've only been here one month and I am already being investigated. I must be more careful though at the same time cannot let them keep me from learning and getting the truth out.

It has been 2 weeks now since the sit-down/protest. All participants have been detained since the incident, under reasons of "state of emergency". On October 2nd, the day of the protest there were 867 inmates at this institution, only 278 protested. Those deemed (and snitched out) to be the instigators have all been placed under seg from up to 2-5 years. The rest of us have only (as of yesterday) received violation reports for the class 2 violation of "missing or confusing count". I do not appear in front of the magistrate until October 23rd.

I read 2 articles from the Charleston Gazette (newspaper) which ran a few articles on the incident. Being the main paper for this state capitol of course it was full of lies and misinformation. The warden was quoted as saying that several inmates were found with shanks and that inmates were seen placing metal weight bars up their sleeves. This was all bullshit, the protest was completely peaceful. Many of the inmates were wearing short sleeve shirts so how could they have placed weight bars in their sleeves. There was a mass of other fabrications such as how the prison is being filled with "young violent guys who share the old timers". I know I was only on the yard a few days but I saw no violent young scarcely guys. Shit, I am a 21-year-old 155-pound vegan. Who the fuck could I scare? This is probably Amerikas most laid back prison (as far as the inmate attitudes go). Walking around the yard puts you in mind of a retirement home. When the yard was closed on October 2nd many of the younger guys were the ones racing to their

Anarchists Must Know the True History of the Black Struggle

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By Ali Khalid Abdullah

In a recent article I wrote entitled "Why Aren't More People of Color in the Anarchist Movement?" I pointed out the need for anarchists (world-wide) to begin getting involved, working with, and supporting the causes of Blacks, Latinos, First Nations' people (aka Native Americans) so that the overall anarchist community will reflect its true ideals and philosophy in principles which calls for a political philosophy that embraces democracy and freedom, and seeks to destroy all forms of coercion and oppression. For a philosophy based on a collective whereby people can freely associate with equal power to determine their future, it is vital that there be a clear understanding of the Black struggles of yesterday and today. Murray Bookchin, in *The Modern Crisis*, p79, stated "... the making of the human being.. is a collective process, a process in which both community and the individual participate." If we understand this, and if we are sincere about the philosophies of anarchy, then we must understand why it is imperative to, not only understand the TRUE historical facts as they relate to Blacks and other peoples of colour, but also immerse ourselves into the continuing struggle they (we) face today.

The anarchist community need to know about the black women who stood up and voiced their anger against the fierce white oppression and who paved the way for the modern women's' liberation movement that are too often buried within the pages of H1Story. Take the question of the slave revolts leading to the birth of Abolitionism, which created a new chapter in American character. The very nature of anarchism is the absolute rejection of oppression and repression. The slaves in Amerika were FORCED to take names given, branded upon them by white slave owners. Therefore the simple act of choosing a name outside the slave owners' enforcement was, not only a courageous act, but also an act right out of the pages of anarchism. It may sound rather simple but let us examine this point: a Black woman (Sojourner Truth) decided she no longer wished to be branded by slave owners by carrying the name given to her. THAT is the first step of anarchist rebellion and the rejection of patriarchy, as she also rejected the name of her husband, which patriarchal society dictated a woman must take after marriage in her time. She said she

'talked with God," told him she refused to bear a slave name, and asked what she should do? "He" answered her as follows: Sojourn the whole world over and tell everyone the truth about American democracy, that it doesn't exist for blacks. That is how she decided to call herself "Sojourner Truth". This historical act falls right in line with anarchist views. To quote Proudhon, "All associated and all free." Or, as Luigi Galleani puts it, anarchism is 'the autonomy of the individual within the freedom of association."

In 1831 when the slave Nat Turner led a slave revolt in the State of Virginia, he acted from the very same principles that anarchy proclaims, namely; if liberty is essential for the fullest development of the individual, then equality is essential for liberty to exist. There can be no real freedom in a class-oriented hierarchical society laden with profound inequalities of power, wealth and privilege. But how many anarchists have ever viewed the black slave revolts as anarchy in nature and in motion?

Also, in the same year as Nat Turner's Slave revolt (1831), Maria Stewart spoke out in public - the first American-born woman, white or black, to speak publicly. Here is what she said:
"O ye daughters of Afrika, awake! Awake! Arise! No longer sleep nor slumber but distinguish yourselves. Show forth to the world that ye are endowed with noble and exalted faculties... How long shall the fair daughters of Afrika be compelled to bury their minds and talents beneath a load of iron pots and kettles?... How long shall a mean set of men flatter us with their smiles and enrich themselves with our hard earnings, their wives' fingers sparkling with rings and they themselves laughing at our folly?" Again, this shows a strong anarchist line being held, being proclaimed for "anarchy" means "without rulers" or "without (hierarchical) authority." Maria Stewart was on point because anarchists are anti-authoritarians, believing that no human being should dominate another. Yet how many anarchists have ever known of this black woman's speech or her name? Or that of Sojourner Truth? This is what I mean when I said it is imperative that collectively, the anarchist community involve themselves, learn, know and embrace the struggles of people of colour so that the overall anarchist community isn't, in appearance, a majority white radical movement but a multi-cultural movement and well-versed so that anarchist literature speaks to all people.

(though it was only about half the population) against what we felt caused harm. The frustration from as I already mentioned, the loss of focus (on issues), and giving in upon tiring. I have learned much from this experience and hope to be able to use what knowledge I have gained for the future. I only hope that our mistakes be noticed so that they never be made again.

Well Anthony, I've let this letter be drawn out long enough. I hope my thoughts have come through clearly in this. Sometimes, through emotion, my thoughts become jumbled and mixed, and my ideas are lost in my rambling. Hopefully this isn't the case. So if you have any questions please let me know and I'll try to clear them up for you.

I promise to spread the word and share the material of the Oct. 22nd Coalition, with people both inside and out. "If" I can gather any material composed of individuals in here I will send them to you. The institution being on lock down though causes a great communications problem between me and my comrades. I do though promise to try. Take good care.

Peace and Love
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P.S. Feel free to use any of this letter if you so wish.

The C.E.R.T. team in full gear then 44 appeared on top of one of the units, riot guns and gas canisters in hand. With the majority (sadly) ready to give up, we were then ushered inside one at a time, stripped down, and then placed in our cells.

Two days now after this protest we still all remain locked down. With the inmates still refusing work the situation concerning food is worsened and the continued harassment by C.E.R.T. team officers has increased. The feelings of being forced to walk, naked as you are surrounded by men in full body armor, of riot guns being pointed directly into your face, is kind of hard to put into words.

I feel anger toward the oppressors. Anger toward their goon squad puppets. And anger toward those who were willing to give up because of tiredness. If we let ourselves become of mind to give in when tired or when faced with negative answers from the mouths of our oppressors, then we have already lost from the beginning. We must strengthen and educate ourselves and one another and learn to never show any weakness or tiring for that only helps our enemy strengthen their stranglehold. But most important we must never give in. It is our lives which is at stake.

Though the actions of the inmates two days ago began through pure and good intentions they were allowed to be clouded over and lost as the day went on. My feelings of the activities are one of mixed with frustration and pride. I was proud of the solidarity that we the inmates showed in standing together

Most, if not all, anarchist literature that I've read had figures representing ONLY white people, including cartoons. It strikes me as odd that this would be so, because the message displays a negation of non-whites, which, while it may not be the intention, send a message of exclusion. The figure or cartoon of a 17 black-masked white-faced person doesn't really say to non-whites "we include you". Therefore, deep within the premise of anarchism exists an element of race exclusion. Of ethnic exclusion, though there may be rationalisations to the contrary. Tom Patterson, wrote in "Inventing Western Civilisation" (1997): "The word civilisation evokes powerful images and understandings." How much more of a powerful image can there be when we only project the figures, pictures and cartoons presenting anarchy as white, i.e. with features clearly definable as white? I have made this same claim to my Wobbly comrades in the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) asking that they change the old image of a white man in overalls with his big arms folded across his chest because it reflects a symbol of white male superiority and thus alienates blacks and other peoples of colour and women. Within the anarchist collective or within the IWW, there are no images of Blackness, only of whiteness, which if truly examined, goes against the very principles anarchism proclaims. Social equality and individual liberty are inseparable. Without the collective self-management of decisions that affect a group (equality) to complement the individual self-management of decisions that affect the individual (liberty), a free society is impossible. (Principles of Anarchism, p8).

The recent events in Seattle's protest of the WTO saw very few black people in mass protest but it is black people the world over who suffer most from Capital's disenfranchisement and unfair labour practices. Anarchists must address this issue and ask "why? Anarchists must reach into the bowels of the black communities to find out what caused their lack of interest in the march and protest of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank in Washington DC and then ponder over whether or not the black community was truly contacted and/or invited to give real input into the demonstrations and have their issues and grievances truly heard, represented and fought for. We cannot be parading around in masks and signs pretending to be against the evils and inhumanity of Capitalism while at the same time negate, in our actions, those most affected by capitalism.

INTRODUCTION

Today, it is important that the youth of the world stop and take a real hard look at what is going on around them. It is important that our youth pay very close attention to the way our government (in the United States and elsewhere in the world) are conducting themselves and how their actions has a direct bearing on our living standards.

Today, we have more and more people going to prisons around the world, because people dare stand up and voice their discontent with the way their lives are being mis-handled by career politicians whose bottom line is to work for the giant and mega corporations to make more and more money. These politicians are not concerned with the everyday issues that you or I are concerned with. They are only concerned with USING us. Using our vote, our labor potential, our ideas, our strengths, our young men and women who they place into armed services to go off to some war and fight for the beliefs and principles of these political figures who do not even value life.

We are being exploited and told we are to be subject to how "they", the politician, sees things and not how the average citizen sees things. Our young people are cast off as problems and misfits until they are needed to further some political cause which they (the youth) won't benefit from. Let us look at some of the issues that the youth of today are undergoing.

LACK OF RESPECT BY ADULTS

Adults and those who say they are adults, aren't showing any respect to the youth. They do not listen to the youth and they do not hear what the youth are saying. Instead, we have teachers, parents, politicians, the government, special interests groups all screaming how young people are out of control. Talk about their clothing, the music they listen to, the way they look, what friends they have and hang out with. Nothing positive. These adults who fail to listen to the youth have the gall to say that our youth today are irresponsible because they don't desire to work like peasant slaves for the establishment, but rather live from their own way.

Another problem is that the youth get a bad rap for just being young and having the feeling of heart to say "kiss my ass" to something or someone who is full of bull. If the older generation won't listen to the youth then we end up having actions like what took place in Littleton, Colorado. Many people feel that what those young men did (aka known as the Trenchcoat Mafia) was an act of hate, racism and rage against their peers. NO! It was an act of NOT BEING HEARD and TIRED OF BEING SINGLED OUT, STEPPED ON, BELITTLED AND OSTRACIZED, by those from their school who allowed themselves to be suckered by their school officials who give the praise to those who wear the nice clothing or who are your school jocks. Many of the kids across the country fall prey to praising some and negating others which is part of the bigger picture which is to keep us constantly in-fighting so that we never come together and see that we really should be fighting them. The bosses, the government and its indifference.

Those young men in Littleton weren't being heard by their parents because both parents were too busy working like middle class slaves to buy and obtain more material things, thinking this will make the difference and this will bring their children happiness. But what we found is that those material things did not bring them happiness or peace. Why? Because their actions showed us this. What it brought,

A code yellow emergency count was called. 278 of us stayed in place in the center of the yard. We watched as guards positioned themselves around the complex with guns and video cameras. Finally one officer came down to speak with us. The warden was asked to come out and speak with us and we were told that he wouldn't.

After the officer returned to the buildings the inmates talked what was to then be done. Though poor medical, food, and visit situations are major and important issues they began to overwhelm the issue which was the cause of the protest. The issue of policy #310.

A list was made and sent to the warden stating that all of these (medical, food, visits) issues must be changed and though 310 was among the list it sadly seemed to be forgotten. We shortly got word that the warden refused to consider any of the issues.

About 3 hours into the protest, with the hot sun spilling onto our heads, many began to become weary and unfocused. Complaints about hunger, thirst, and bathrooms began to flow throughout the crowd. Sadly many forgot the situations which we faced for the mere rumble of a stomach or slight dryness of tongue. Just because some grown men felt the need to take a shit P.D. #310 no longer seemed to matter.

A message was then delivered to the authorities that the crown was becoming restless with hunger and thirst (which I felt was a mistake), letting the powers that be know that many were willing to give up.

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Anthony,

Greetings in Solidarity

I received your zine (T.B. #14) yesterday (10-3) and your letter today. the zine has been very helpful in that the institution is currently on total lock down. Let me further explain the situation.

I was finally let onto population late Friday afternoon. Over the weekend I had heard of some talk regarding a new policy directive (#310) which would give the authorities the right to take away much of the inmates property. Being new to the yard I had not heard of this new rule which was about to be placed into effect, though I knew it was trouble and would effect the entire prison population, as well as myself.

Monday morning I walked out onto the yard to what I thought was just a regular morning. I noticed a large group of inmates standing around their units alt along the hillside but thought nothing of it. To my left I overheard the words "sit down strike" mentioned, mad then I heard it again in a different conversation to my right That's when I really noticed that something was going on.

I quickly proceeded to learn that the inmates were on a work stoppage in protest of policy directive #310. In total agreement with their cause I converged with the masses.

instead, is family alienation and non-communication. So when you find this type of thing happening and no one listening you will gravitate to ANYONE who says to you "I understand your problem, let me listen to your pain", and that is how and why those young men went the route they did when they began listening to the various hate-groups on the internet. It was a place where they could be heard and accepted and from that they began to give their loyalties to these hate-groups and then carried out their rage at Columbine. But, how many adults have taken the time to analyze this scenario. However, I have analyzed this and have studied the problem because the problem exists. The problem is all around us and the problem has constantly shown itself from one school shooting to the next. The situations may differ from city to city, state to state, or from culture to culture or race to race, but the main theme is the same. The lack of being heard causes inner rebellion and rage and then the releasing of that misdirected rage. So we must allow the youth to be heard and I am here to state that I will listen and encourage the youth to talk to me and many others like me who wish to educate you and love you and share with you the experiences we've had in life. 19

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE BECOMING POLITICALLY INVOLVED

It is very important that young people get politically involved because it is through politics that our lives are controlled. We have been controlled for too long by a group. . . a small group. . . of individuals completely out of touch with the thoughts and feelings of the average person, and even more removed from young people and what they feel.

If you do not become politically active with your mighty voices in a collective way, then you lose that voice and your silence represents not caring in the eyes of those in power. DO NOT allow this to happen. You must not allow this to happen. Being politically involved means having a say as to how you will live. It means the difference between whether or not Social Security will be available for you when you are older or not. It means the difference of whether or not you'll have adequate health care when you are older. It means the difference of whether we are involved in wars (government sanctioned murder) or not. Your non-participation in the political decisions means you have abandoned yourselves to being the slaves of the master and not realizing or accepting the fact that YOU are the master of your own fate and should never allow anyone else to have your power, your soul, your mind. STAND AND BE FIRM AND FIGHT AGAINST THIS!!!

THE NEED TO JOIN THE ANARCHIST MOVEMENT

The news media and other establishments would tell you and have you to believe that anarchist are violent and dangerous and that you should stand clear of them. However, I am an anarchist and proud of it because it means I am a caring humyn being. It means that I have the nerve and enough compassion to ACT against tyrants and not just allow them to dominate me or the world. Being an anarchist is being anti-authority. It is the belief that none should boss you or have your power. It means humyn beings living together in harmony on the principles of mutual aid, free association, cooperation, equitable distribution of the wealth and resources of the world. It means there being a collective sharing rather than selfish and individualist thinking, but rather, a thinking based on the collective.

Anarchism and youth goes together historically. It has always been the young that rebel against the atrocities of government. Any figure that has stood up and fought against hierarchy, racism, sexism, homophobia, class, kapitalism, imperialism, colonialism are exercising some form of anarchist ideals because it is a fight against a known hierarchical abuse imposed on the majority by a minority. No one, not one of you, can tell me that you want to be dominated by someone. Not one of you would tell me that you like seeing government take more and

more of our freedom, our liberty away from you, and if you do then you have a problem. You have a serious problem!

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The anarchist movement have always been cast an ugly shadow but by whom? Those in power. Those who wish to brainwash you into thinking that all anarchist are violent killers and irresponsible maniacs and this is not the case. We must remember who controls the media. Who controls the masses information and then ask yourself 'why is it that much of what is printed is censored'? The anarchist movement are standing boldly out and proclaiming to the world that WE DO NOT WANT YOUR BOSSING US AROUND ANYMORE! We are proclaiming that we will use any means and any tactic to stop your government brutality and it matters not if it is against the police, or any other law enforcement agency or the U.S. government itself. All Oppressors are the same! And all Oppressors must go!!!

KAPITALISM AND ITS EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH

The powers that be know that young people are the real spenders in this and every country, which is why big business target and advertise their over-produced, over-priced products to the young people of the world. They know that you have the funds to buy things and these exploit you and tell you (with subliminal messages) to buy your collective power away by spending your money on things to make THEM rich but keep you forever in debt. They bombard you with advertisements to buy all sorts of things and what happens. . .you buy them. You are being USED and MANIPULATED by these advertising psychologists and spin-doctors for your youthful dollars. Just think what would happen if you all stopped spending and DEMANDED that your concerns be heard and met. Instant POWER! Instant RESPECT!

THE BLACK AND WHITE ISSUE

This is one of the most profound issues that has torn the fabric of this country apart and has kept us divided as people. It is also an issue in many other countries as well. But, this can change. I am talking about race. More and more Black, White, Latino, Asian and First Nations (aka Native America) youth are intermingling than ever before in the history of Amerikkka. This separation of the races, is due primarily because of kapital influence and control. Kapitalism has created the race issue so that we are constantly fighting with one another and then further divide and sub-divide ourselves from others based on our economic standing. That is class. Because I have no money I live in the ghetto and the one who has money lives in an area that is affluent, but what has that got to do with real humynity? Nothing. It is artificial and we play into that artificiality by allowing ourselves to be divided or afraid to meet and know of the next person. The politicians uses race to our disadvantage, but today I am seeing more and more young peoples of all races coming together ad wearing the same clothing and listening to the same music and doing the same forms of graffiti art (notice that I say "Art" in respect!) and this all confirms that there is sameness in young people. There is that core communality. Then if that is the case, use it. use that communality to learn from one another and not be afraid to meet and know one another.

Myth of Teenage Violence vs. Real Adult Menace



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In jails and prisons, even as you receive these words, people are being denied the basic necessities of adequate medical care, food, clothing, and more. These people are being crammed into overcrowded cells, housed in conditions that would not even be acceptable for animals. They are being denied the basic need of justice, given unrealistic hurdles to overcome in order to be heard in court. Their voices are being silenced by a system that passes laws, such as the Prison Litigation Reform Act, that bars prisoners from the court room. And, if by some means they do make it into court, they are represented by incompetent and unconcerned lawyers. Often times, if their complaints are about the conditions of confinement, these same people are physically abused and hidden away, buried, in dungeon like cells by the very ones they seek protection from.

This, my friends, is not the place to mill about mumbling your dissatisfaction. Chicago, Friday October 20 through Sunday October 22, 2000, is the place to speak up and be heard. Chicago, this weekend, is the place to let those blinded by the lies of the corporate media and government sound bites know what is really going on in our streets and gulags around the nation. It is the time and place to let the powers that be know they are being watched, and will be held accountable for both their actions and inactions. This weekend is a time to open your eyes and the eyes around you so that you will see that we all are in grave danger. This weekend is a time to begin the war on the injustice and corruption systems that are enslaving and murdering the poor and people of color, it is the time to stop the disenfranchisement of minority voters in this land, it is a time to put a stop to the destruction of the families because of the imprisonment of fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters. Who among you can feel safe when those appointed to protect you have assumed the roles of abuser and executioner?

"Our Netherworld", a zine about the social injustices and the prison systems, is written by the ones the government seeks to silence. It is not authorized by the system, and is not censored by anyone. Our Netherworld endorses and supports this national day of protest, and we stand with each of you in solidarity and spirit. Though our chains and the razor wire prevent us from being there in person, we are with you. Your actions this weekend have given those of us suffering the brutalities, the repression, of the state and federal governments a new sense of hope and encouragement. You've shown us that all is not lost, because you are out there caring about us and working, protesting, speaking up, for an end to the madness they call the justice system.

Our thanks to each of you!

In struggle, towards justice,

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People are at all levels of awakening & understanding. Youth being youth, they are impatient, hotheaded & inexperienced. But they see their very futures being denied to them. They are rising up A-N-G-R-Y! We must embrace them & love them & encourage them & teach them, not just scold & shackle them. We must use our wisdom as a weapon of liberation & inspiration.

The Cook County Jail Rally, which was my idea, went off better than expected. 300+ people came & were very spirited. We chanted around this whole massive stalag system to the joy & thankfulness of prisoners closely pressed to the windows & giving us the clenched-fist salutes from the yard.

I carefully scoop up insects in my house and gently set them free outside. My battlefield is the war of ideas. I send my comradely respects to you* Anthony

OUR NETHERWORLD

A ZINE ABOUT SOCIAL INJUSTICE
AND
THE PRISON SYSTEM

October 2000

Greetings in Solidarity!

The prisoners being held captive in the Federal Correctional Institution at Greenville Illinois salute each and everyone of you taking part in this fifth national day of protest to stop police brutality, repression, and the criminalization of this generation. Know that on this weekend we are standing with you, and support you and the efforts you are making on our behalf. We also share our thanks and appreciation with the organizers of these events in Chicago for allowing us, the silenced and hidden, to share our thoughts and be heard.

We speak with outrage that this nation, the land of the free, would allow the brutality to take place, not by some lawless group, but rather by those sworn to uphold the laws. We share with you how much anger we have over events like the recent "rape by billy club" assault on Fredrick Douglas Mason by the Chicago Police Force. We ask you to join forces with us, we ask you to become active in the war that we all face, to stop the daily acts of emotional, mental, physical, and sexual, abuses that the two million plus men, women, and children, held hostage in the country's jails and prisons face on a daily basis.

YOU MUST BECOME GLOBALLY AWARE

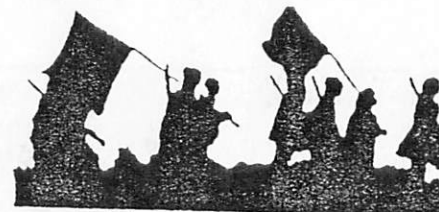
All around the world big business are using poor people in poor countries as slave laborers to make and mass produce products for the big corporations who are supported and protected by the government by their military. That is what the military is for. To protect the riches of the rich. These corporations uses poor countries where children, wimmin, and the elderly are working 10 15 hours a day for pennies while the finished product is shipped back to Amerikkka and other kapitalist countries and sold for two-thousand times the cost to make the product in the first place. Example, a Niké shoe made in Taiwan may costs only \$2.50 to make and the workers making the shoe make only 18¢ an hour, but the shoe is sold here in Amerikkka for \$150. to \$190. each. Now when you wear that Niké gym shoe, or some other hot item, have you taken time to think about how that shoe was made? Who made it? This isn't just a reality that is happening in Third World Countries but it is a reality that is happening right here in Amerikkka in its prisons.

All across this country state and federal prisons have its prison factories. Why? So that products are made and sold on the market. This is how that works; a prisoner (in most states) work from 18¢, 25¢, 40¢ to 50¢ per hour on a prison factory job. Those same products are then sent out the prison and sold for hundreds or thousands of dollars. Is that slave labor or what? Is that ripping off the people or not? Or, in some states prisoners are FORCED (like in the state of Texas) to work all day and don't even get paid a dime. Its either work in the hot fields or be locked up in the hole, beaten, or both. This is why so many prisons have exploded on the Amerikkkan landscape. This is why there are many privatized prisons where investors have pooled money into prisons. Why? To take advantage of the labor potential. Prisoners!

Where I am, General Motors have some car parts put together here. General Motors sends their parts to a subcontractor and the subcontractor sends the product here and once prisoners (who are making \$5. for a box filled with these parts) are completed, they are shipped back to the subcontractor who then ships it back to General Motors. The public never knows this but this is how it is done. That way corporations like General Motors could (on paper) swear that they don't use prisoner (slave) labor, when, in fact, they do. You need to know of these things because these prisons that are being built all over the country aren't being built for old people. They aren't being built for me, because I am already in it. They are being built for the young people. For you. That is why the laws have become harder and the sentences longer. Once they can get a youthful body inside these places they know they could get years and years and years of labor potential out of you and thus make millions from your being here. It is all about money! All a political game and you must be wise enough to see it before it is too late!

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THE REST OF THE NEWS

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PRISON: THE NEW SLAVERY?

Leave it to capitalism to find a way to make a profit from someone else's misery. Over two million of our friends, neighbors, and relatives are in state and federal prisons, for whatever reason, right now. The Prison-Industrial Complex, as it is called by some activists is really a "new" form of slavery with a "twist", it's highly profitable several different ways.

I only call it "new" advisedly because chattel slavery in the early days of this country also had a profit motive, but today's slavery is corporate slavery run by some of the biggest businesses in the country. Its motive is to take a mass prison population of poor people and to make money by: (1) charging rent and fees for being in jail, (2) private prisons, (3) setting up prison corporations to compete with "free" labor, and (4) exploitation of prison labor by "factories behind fences".

With the rise of the current right-wing (anti-crime) political agenda by both of the major political parties in this country, more and more prisoners have been preyed upon by a vindictive public, egged on by the greedy politicians. For years, the masses of people have been told that prisoners are being "coddled" and treated better than the average worker outside, and in return they want to inflict pain on them more. "Take away their tv sets and radios, seize their weight lifting equipment, stop their visitation with their families, lock 'em in their cells 24 hours-a day, and while you're at it make 'em pay rent just like we do!" These are poor people, many of whom committed crimes in the first place because they couldn't pay their own rent, less known paying the state's rent while in prison. It's a foolish idea, and is even more punitive than the politicians called for, but they were quick to latch on to it. "What a great idea, we *can* get blood from a turnip!"



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to be made toward a viable solution to police brutality. This is to say the solution to the problem of police brutality does not rest within various methods previously viewed and put forth. The repeated calls for an independent community review board to act as a watchdog over police conduct. Will never be realized; due to the police cannot function in their initial capacity trying to serve two masters. The entire system of justice must be abolished; it's legislative branch, department of justice, criminal and federal court system and all police agencies. If there isn't any significant change at the top, there will never be a beneficial change at the bottom for the people.

In Solidarity!

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Dear Faruq,

Greetings, Brother! I pretty much agree with all your points. Violence, criminal behavior, bullying, ripping people off, etc. is antithetical to what we strive to accomplish. The bangers who hurt people are in no way "Heroes." But violence & criminality are the essence of the state! Righteous indignation boils over into direct action anger & people feel the thirst for revenge.

Personally, I have never had any interest nor inclination towards violence & I truly hate this child-murdering system as much or more than anybody!

I genuinely try to educate to empower the youth of today. But, the state only knows one thing - coercion, intimidation, violence - force. Without it, it could not function. Whether the authorities have a bogeyman to blame ("anarchists" "rioters" etc.) or conjure them up, hardly is the reason repression occurs & is increasing. Do we need to present a principled, dignified, respectful of human beings, animals * our environment alternative, based on love? Of course!

and unfortunate deaths of people. The sad reality of these kinds of incidents is people are losing their lives for reasons totally unrelated to a criminal act. To add insult to injury the standard cliché is given by the police department. The officer(s) involved acted within proper police procedure. Whatever the incident, circumstances surrounding the deaths of people by the hands of police. It's a consistent theme the officer(s) acted on the belief their lives were threatened. If in fact, this is the case, then why after not just one, but countless incidents of unspeakable violent overkill. There are still within the public domain so many unanswered questions lingering. Why so often, so many questions exist in the mind's of the public? The explanation given by the police, their account of what took place, is viewed as superficial, senseless in meaning to those who've become accustomed to hearing it by virtue of their social standing in society. Because this scene is repetitiously played throughout this country, that common sense tells you something is drastically wrong. The overwhelming high rise in police executions of innocent victims under the pretext of a war on drug, clearly points to the lack of respect for the lives of these people. It shouldn't be difficult for people to begin to recognize the mentality allowing police to operate with unjustified hostility toward a particular segment of the population. This kind of attitude exhibited by the police positions those who're unfairly treated in such a demeaning manner to view the police as an occupational force. The erroneous previously held conception that the police are there to serve and protect, is in the stage of being peeled away to reveal the actual meaning of to serve and protect. People are now asking the question what's law and order truly about? For who and what purpose laws are implemented for? And how are these laws designed to serve the public interest? Answering these questions will provide the masses with much needed clarity, enabling them to comprehend the real role police play in this society. Once the masses develop a new perspective of how this force was implemented primarily to keep the working class poor and people of color in check. To make sure that profits continue to flow unimpeded into the coffers of the capitalist-elite. It's essential for the people to grasp fully this fact, if an attempt is

The idea of creating a private corporation to run the prison system began ²³ in 1980 with a Nashville-based company called Corrections Corporation of America. After taking over the Hamilton County (TN.) workhouse for its first contract in 1981, CCA has now spread to 32 states, and several foreign countries. It is traded on the New York and American stock exchanges, and has made its investors billions of dollars in profits. The way it works is that it takes over a prison or series of prisons, promising local government and state officials that it can save substantial amounts of money by running the prison as a more efficient "business". This has yet to be proven, even though it slashes the wages of prison guards, and cuts back on prisoner expenses for food, medicine and other supplies. What we do know is that the conditions for the people inside worsens drastically, when a private company takes over. In fact, ten persons have died at the Silverdale workhouse outside Chattanooga since CCA has taken over, and similar atrocities have befallen CCA facilities all over the country, whether the beating or deaths of prisoners, escapes, riots, or strikes. But the mistreatment of prisoners or their protests did not affect the bottom line at all of the CCA prison capitalists. In fact, smelling money, other corporations, especially its main competitor Wackenhut Correctional Services, have entered their fray like sharks feeding on a bloody carcass. The market between all the corporations is \$4 billion dollars in contracts now, and they don't intend to be left out!



Another building block of the prison-industrial complex is prison industrial corporations such as the UNICOR, run by the Federal Prison Industries. UNICOR, based in almost all the federal prisons, makes everything from guided missile parts to clothing and furniture for the military and federal agencies, in fact they make over 500 items. It may surprise some to hear that they have almost \$100-500 million dollars in sales, and \$30-\$50 million in profits each year. By contrast, the prisoners make about \$1.00-\$2.00 per hour. For years, federal law forbade them from competing with free labor, but this has now been changed, and the low waged prison labor is being used to not only undermine free labor, but drive companies out of business in the private sector. The state prisons have now formed similar companies to run their own prison businesses. One thing for sure, it's not just license plates they make any more!

Finally, so called "factories behind fences", where a company is allowed to hire or rent a prisoner sales force or customer service team, is becoming more and more common. Some of the largest companies in America: Microsoft, TWA, Sears Roebuck and others are using prisoners as customer service agents, seamstresses, airline reservation agents, assemblers, and other workers. This even includes the creation of unique brands of clothing and other products such as "Prison Blues" denim jeans, which are made exclusively in prison workshops. This slave labor has not yet been vehemently objected to by either organized labor, civil rights groups or prisoners rights organizations, though a number of exposes have been done by the radical press. But an effective coalition must be built before it will stop.

The upshot of all this is that this is slavery, and even though the 13th amendment to the national constitution allegedly outlaws slavery, ("except for commission of a crime") it is permitted because these slaves don't belong to a plantation owner, but to the state. They are just "rented out" to capitalist corporations. It is also popular because of the anti-crime hysteria, and putting the prisoners to work is a popular idea. Yet, nobody is seeing the real picture.

Although we want to end prison slavery entirely, prisoners' rights activists, civil libertarians and the Black community generally, must demand that these prisoners be given the same rights as workers outside: that they be covered by OSHA regulations to ensure a safe workplace, that they be given the same rights to organize labor unions, and that they not be exploited by their keepers with their eyes on a fast buck. They should be paid the same living wage as workers on the outside. Ultimately the whole question the outright abolition, or at least of a moratorium on the building of prisons has to be factored in, but this will do for now. Some fairness in the current system.

Anthony,

I like this demonstration against police brutality and the criminalization of the youth of this country, I don't think it's possible to put forth an argument in a rational sense that would counter the seriousness of these two issues. But there're those who would aggressively oppose these issues probably as a result of having a loved one lost, a victim of a violent act. And those who've been manipulated by the propaganda constantly being propagated via the media that the youth of this country is out of control. Having no respect for the law, which govern society, are committing serious violent acts of crime. Thus, should be treated as adults, giving them (young folks) adult prison sentences. I do think it's clear that once emotions and fear become involved, deeply entrance in any issue that affects one on a personal level, judgement is impaired. Although, we can understand their sentiment and concerned, being truly sympathetic with those suffering from the loss of a loved one.

Therefore, I think it's apparent that it be made unequivocally clear. The building of a viable demonstration against police brutality and criminalization of our youth, doesn't say in the least bit we support people who engage in criminal activity of any kind. Because, we are strongly anti-crime advocates, it's this fundamental position that motivates and guides one social practice. Actively engaging in a demonstration against police brutality and the criminalization of our youth is for us inextricably linked to the larger struggle for social justice.

The struggle toward social justice isn't about overlooking or excusing one form of criminal activity, while accepting another insidious kind, disguise as being a war on drugs. The war on drugs has allowed the rulers of this country to unleash hordes of demented gun-slinging police into the areas primarily occupied by poor working-class people of color. This unrestrained assault upon this defenseless population has resulted in vastly growing numbers of tragic

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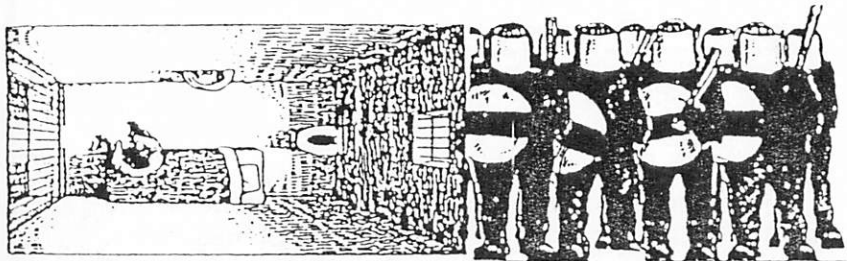
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The maximum penalty if Craig and Jeffrey are found guilty of all charges is 86 years.
They have pled not guilty to all the charges, and will have a pre-trial hearing on July 28 at 3:30 pm.

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Craig Marshall (Critic) #1340996
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Written correspondence, including photocopied materials with no staples, are admitted in as mail. Books must be sent in brand new, and must be sent FROM THE PUBLISHER. THEY REALLY WANT BOOKS, especially Jeffrey (Free), so if you are a publisher, please mail them in. The jail has ultimate discretion over what books are allowed in.



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SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

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DEAR ANTHONY,

HELLO! I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER LAST FRIDAY. I APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING SO LONG TO GET BACK TO YOU. I HAVE HAD A FEW THINGS GOING ON AND I HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED. HOWEVER, HERE I AM NOW.

YES, YOU CAN USE MY STATEMENT, IF YOU SO DESIRE. DID I EVER SEND YOU THE FIRST ONE THAT I WROTE BACK IN MAY OF 1998?

YOU SEEM TO HAVE A GOOD LIFE WITH YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN. THAT IS SO RARE IT SEEM, WITH SPOUSES HAVING AFFAIRS, DIVORCES, DEBTS, ETC. SO MUCH GOES WRONG IN LIFE THAT WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING GOOD IT IS WORTH KEEPING.

CHILDREN ARE SO VERY SPECIAL AND THEY ARE PART OF ALL OF US, OUR FAMILIES AND WE SHOULD SHIELD THEM FROM WHATEVER EVIL WE CAN.

THE PROSECUTOR IS PLAYING GAMES AND DID NOT TURN OVER THE FILES/ DATA TO US AS ORDERED BY THE JUDGE, SO WE HAVE TO GO TO COURT AGAIN. I JUST WANT TO GET ALL OF THIS STATE GARBAGE OUT OF THE WAY, SO I CAN GET ON WITH MY FEDERAL PROCEEDINGS.

I READ THE TWO ARTICLES THAT YOU SENT TO ME. I AM ASSUMING THAT YOU WROTE THEM. THEY ARE VERY GOOD. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL GET QUITE A FEW RESPONSES ON THEM.

I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT THE SO CALLED POLICE, IN THIS COUNTRY, IS COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL. LOOK AT RODNEY KING AND THEN THE GUY THE POLICE SHOT 41 TIMES IN NEW YORK AND THEN THERE IS THE CASE OF TWO WHITE COPS BEATING UP A BLACK MAN AND THEN FOUND OUT HE WAS WITH THE STATE POLICE AND WAS A CAPTAIN. AND THEY GOT AWAY WITH IT. HERE WE HAD A POLICE SHOOTING IN AUGUST AND AFTER THE INVESTIGATION THEY SAID THE COP WAS JUSTIFIED. I GUESS THAT IT DID NOT MATTER THAT HE KILLED A MENTALLY RETARDED MAN, WHO PROBABLY DID NOT EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON. I HEARD, ON THE NEWS, LAST NIGHT THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN FIVE SHOOTINGS BY COPS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS THEY WERE ALL JUSTIFIED. SURE THE PERSON THEY KILLED WASN'T THERE TO TELL HIS SIDE OF THE STORY. AND OF COURSE THE COPS WERE ALWAYS ALONE. NO WITNESSES. I AM SURE THERE IS A LOT MORE THAN WE WILL EVER KNOW. THE LOS ANGELES COPS ARE CROOKED AS CAN BE.

MY BIRTHDAY WAS LAST WEEK AND I DID NOT HEAR FROM MY MOTHER. I GUESS THAT SHOWS THE TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE.

I DID GET SOME CARDS, BOOKS, WHICH SAVES MY SANITY AND MONEY, WHICH IS ALWAYS HANDY.

HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE AT ALL? HOW ABOUT THE OLYMPIC GAMES?

NOT MUCH IS HAPPENING WITH ME. SAME OLD BORING THING. WRITE WHEN YOU HAVE A FREE MOMENT OR TWO. KEEP SMILING!!!!!!!

ALWAYS,

Dear Anthony,

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Hello, I hope this finds you well. Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I am trying to circulate, and a letter from the Carswell Women's Project. Please help me pass these around to get as many letters sent in as possible. I am not dead yet, and I'm not giving up without a fight. I've seen far too many people die in here.

I'm sorry to hear of your friend Vergie's loss. Far too many people go untreated. Did I ever send you the second article by Betty Brink? My friend Janice was featured. She had been vomiting blood for months, but they said there was nothing wrong with her, she had a brain tumor.

Another woman here went to sick call 2-3 times a week for 6 weeks. She had a chronic case of diarrhea. Nothing helped. They finally sent her to the outside hospital after she lost complete control of her bowels. She was in the critical unit and a respirator within days. Now she's in a coma. They don't expect her to live and are shipping her off to a hospice center. We believe everything was due to mistreated -UNTREATED- gallstones, I refuse to go out like that.

Last weekend I had a visitor, a friend I hadn't seen in 8 years came down from Canada just to see me. She'll try to come back before the end of the year. I had a fantastic time. Oct. 20th a couple of other friends are driving down from St. Louis. It's so fantastic to have company after so very long. I can't wait to see them.

Thank you for everything.

Love, Karen

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EDUCATION

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I am a living creature. I do not need you to tell me that. I was born free, to live how I choose, until I die. I do not need you to grant me that. I know my instincts and I understand my nature. They did not teach me that.

You've taught me that I had \$2.81, that a candy bar costs .50 cents. How many candy bars can I buy? You taught me that I lived in the best nation in the world, because I was free to buy that many candy bars. You taught me to pledge allegiance and never question. You taught me what my place in the world was to be. And you taught me how to follow orders, and what happens when you don't.

You did not teach me well because I did not learn these things.

I always wondered about you ever since then. I always wondered why the business men (always men, from the bank or the malls got such an assembly when they donated money to the school. And why then we always got their little corporate car packages or a trip to their business.

I wanted to know why we didn't learn to grow our own food or make our own clothes? Why we didn't learn to build a shelter or a fire? Then I figured it out. It all comes back to that \$2.81. Only you left a small part of the equation out. How many minutes do you have to work for someone else to get that \$2.81, so you can afford to buy those 5 candy bars? And that's where the order you were taught comes in, doesn't it?

Now come. I want to show you what I've learned. I've learned I don't need you and I want you to know why. I've learned that a community of people can take care of each other and the land they share. That we can grow our own food, and not be hungry. That by working together we can build our own houses and not use your industrial tools or products. I've learned that we can police ourselves quite well. I've learned that we don't need or want your business men, we don't need or want your order. And for damn sure we don't need or want your \$2.81.

I've learned to be free. I've learned to love. I've learned to be happy. I've learned that you can't teach those things because you don't know how. But I will teach you, if you too want to learn.

11/17/00

Mike,

Sorry it has taken me a while to write. I've been doing the trial thing and it takes a lot out of me. Thanx for putting my writing in a zine ☺ !

I guess I'll give you an update - or at least as much as I can. It took 2 days for jury selection due to the number of people who thought we were guilty due to the media. The first day of trial a juror was released and the alternate took her place. She was scared for her life and discussed that w/ several jurors. My attorney filed for a mistrial - denied.

Evidence has been entered that shows that the fingerprints found on the bombs at the Oil Co. do not match me or my co-defendant. It has also been shown that evidence has been tampered with. One of the officers blatantly lied on the stand and it will be proven.

That's about it in the first week. More to come. Trial is estimated to take another 5-6 days. I will inform you of the outcome.

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WHY THINGS ARE THE WAY THEY ARE By Jeffrey Luers "FREE"

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I think it's a safe assumption to make that there is a growing discord between people and traditional authority figures (i.e. cops and politicians). More and more there is a growing sense of mistrust and disillusion with these figures.

A large part of this stems from the fact that communication is virtually non-existent. There is a strong sense of alienation. The only form of input we have in this country comes from voting. Choosing who will do the talking for us. Choosing from people we do not know, will not meet, and if we ever write to them will probably get a response from one of their many secretaries. We are seeing from the increasing number of non-voters that people are discontent with this. People are seeing that voting really doesn't change how much connection they have, they still remain just as alienated.

There are people who take things a step further. Trying to get directly involved in our Democratic Republic. Through letter writing campaigns or petitions. Unfortunately these people usually find that their efforts are ineffective - aside from the feel good aspect.

As a result of this alienation and a lack of participation groups of people are going to more extreme methods of being heard. Resorting to direct action and large scale protests. These actions are usually criticized and down-played by the media. Ignored by the targeted audience - who tend to be corporate or government - with claims of "their message isn't very clear, we don't know what they're saying". Maybe if they would listen....

Having their pleas ignored some people turn to property damage as a form of protest. A form that is almost never ignored. A form of protest which seems to get more attention than anything else. There by confirming the fact that the people and their message/issues are being ignored.

Communication is only possible between equals.

Communication is not taking place. Therefore once must rationalize - there is a lack of equality. With lack of equality in a society comes structural hierarchy. In America this hierarchy comes in the form of a capitalist classist system and its protectors.

The minorities are on the bottom of course. This includes people of color, Native Americans, gays & lesbians, anarchists and wimmin'. Women are not a minority but they are treated severely unequal by a patriarchal system.

Then we go to the poor - who incidentally never get mentioned in political campaigns unless "welfare" is an issue. The poor are people who get by on whatever job they can. Anything to take care of the bills, take care of the family and survive.

The middle class. The people who for all intensive purposes keep the system running smoothly. They build the goods, run the factories, process the food. These people are the unions, the working class, the heart of America. Hint - if these people were to stand up to their bosses and quit working for them the whole system would come to a stand still.

Next we have the first line of defense, the police. They make sure the whole system stays in order. That the poor stay in their designated area, that the middle class stays in their area. Anyone who steps out of line, questions authority, or God forbid, threatens the status quo gets a sound beating or enough charges brought against them that they'll think better of voicing their opinion next time. (I know - I write this from jail). The police are the protectors of property, the protectors of the upper class - who just happen to own most property.

That brings us to the upper class. We all know who these people are. We read about them in magazines and see them with their nice cars, houses and expensive luxuries. Coincidentally, this is the 1% of the population that owns over 34% of the wealth. They enjoy the style of life that everyone below their class level can not afford - including most cops. These are the people that can make things happen. They have all the power that comes from being on top of the social order. Power that they arrived at thru the hard work of all those below them.

The government comes next in our hierarchy. The government makes all the laws. They get to say what can and can't happen (after all they control the military). More often than not the government sides with the corporations when it comes to laws. For two reasons, one, we are a capitalist country and multinational corporations bring in billions of dollars in revenue. Two, corporations finance political campaigns.

Corporations are on the very top of it all. Their power extends internationally. They know no borders and have no boundaries. Corporations control government around the world. They control or influence every aspect of our lives. From what we eat/drink to what the media tells us. From what entertainment we enjoy to what clothes are fashionable. Their motto is "you can buy anything" all it takes is enough advertisements or enough healthy donations to say a presidential candidate.

With such obvious hierarchy and the power on top, is it any wonder that the voice of the people is never heard? Or more accurately ignored, manipulated, distorted and fed back in such a way to keep the lines divided. To keep the people un-united, thus keeping the social order that's been created stable. Keeping those in power in power - without question, without threat. It's time to look past the lies and manipulations. It's time for us to reconcile our differences and unite together. Recognize the police, upper class, government and the corporations for what they are. Those in absolute control. It's time for us to all join those taking direct action, to help take back that control, to re-establish equality. It's time to make enough noise that we cannot be ignored, take freedom seriously and reclaim it for all.

A system that established a dominate privileged class. A system that feeds off of the work of others without giving them their due. That uses armed forces to enforce its will and keep the established power structure safe. A system that repeatedly ignores the pleas of the people is a system that has to go!

Sept. 25, 2000

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Dear Friends,

Please help. I am a U.S. federal prisoner of the War On Drugs. After years of being misdiagnosed and mistreated, I have just recently been informed another radical attack of the disease would mean my feet will have to be amputated at the ankle. This is a direct result of years of neglect.

In 1989, I was briefly held at FMC Lexington, where doctors diagnosed me with rheumatoid arthritis. I continued to be treated for this illness. The strongest medications for arthritis had absolutely no effect upon me. For years I argued with doctors about this, but no one would listen. It did not make sense to me these treatments would not help as I had never been sick before. I repeatedly asked if it could be another illness. No, was always the reply.

Eventually, I came across an article stating 10% of arthritis patients were benefiting for antibiotic treatment. The rheumatoid specialist denied them to me. After five months of my harassing him, the clinical director of FCI Tallahassee prescribed antibiotics to me. Immediately, I began to experience some relief.

On June 12, 1999, I was transferred to FMC Carswell, the only medical facility in the country for federal female prisoners, where it was instantly discovered I have Lyme's Disease. I have seen two Infectious Disease Control doctors, although due to the needs of the general population these doctors specialize in HIV and hepatitis. I have yet to see an actual Lyme's doctor, and have already been informed none are available to me. Thus far, I have been treated based upon information (greatly outdated) I have provided the doctor myself. A team of surgeons reviewed the x-rays of my hands declaring them beyond repair. On Tuesday, Aug. 29th, the podiatrist told me my feet are also irreparable, and another major attack of the Lyme's would destroy what is left of my skeletal frame. My feet would have to be amputated at the ankle.

Please send letters to the following demanding I be seen by a Lyme's doctor immediately. The doctors here are trying to say my condition is under control. It is not. I have gone from wearing a woman's size five shoe to a children's size two within the past two years. Nothing is under control. The same letter can be sent to all:

Warden J.B. Bogan
Assoc. Warden Gordon
Hosp. Admin. Chastain
FMC Carswell
P.O. Box 27137
Ft. Worth, TX 76127

Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

Karen Horning
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USA

Sis. Baliya Shakur
Ms. Amelia Johnson #640983
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FREE FRED

Hampton Jr.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Call, write & fax
in protest to:

1. Illinois Governor
George Ryan
207 State House Rd.
Springfield, IL 62706
(217) 782-5189
fax (217) 524-4049
2. Illinois Depart. of Corrections
Director Donald Snyder
1301 Concordia Court
Springfield, IL 62794
(217) 522-2666 ext 2002
fax (217) 522-8719
3. Warden James Chrans
Joliet C.C.
P.O. Box 515
Joliet, IL 60432
(815) 727-6141

DEMANDS:

- i) Free Fred Hampton Jr. now!
- ii) Call for an immediate investigation into the U.S. government frame-up & false imprisonment of Fred
- iii) Immediately remove the green ID tag E-status labeling Fred as a high security risk. Reinstate his mail, phone, visitation & property rights!
- iiii) Stop the political harassment of Fred & stop the guard's threats!

Write letters of support to Fred

Fred Hampton Jr.
Aka Alfred Johnson #B42954
Joliet C.C.
P.O. Box 515
Joliet, IL 60432

The U.S. government framed Fred for fighting for the rights of the African community! Now the African community must free him!

In 1992, as President of the Chicago chapter of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement (NPDUM), Fred Hampton Jr. was successfully organizing poor & working class African people back into political action, fighting for the rights of the oppressed African community. NPDUM is a national organization led by the African working class to defeat the U.S. government's war against the African community. Using the cover of waging a "war on drugs, crime & gangs" the government has taken away every basic right that African people fought and died for in the 1960s.

It was Fred's father, Fred Hampton Sr., who built the largest chapter of the Black Panther Party in the U.S. in Chicago. Fred Sr. was a brilliant and courageous leader who united the community in fighting the government instead of each other, and organized African community do-for-self programs including the free breakfast for schoolchildren program, sickle cell anemia testing clinics & many others.

As part of the government's attack on the Black Power Movement of the '60s, the FBI and Chicago police assassinated Fred Hampton Sr. on December 4th, 1969 in a pre-dawn raid in which Mark Clark was also killed. In an attempt to silence Fred Hampton Jr., the government framed him during the wide-spread rebellions following the Simi Valley verdict which acquitted four white L.A. police for the brutal beating of Rodney King. Fred was charged with "aggravated arson" accused of firebombing a clothing store on the south side of Chicago. He was sentenced to 18 years by a majority white jury for an alleged incident, where there were no injuries and the store was closed for no more than ten minutes! There was no material evidence linking Fred Jr. to the so-called "arson," and the state's only "eyewitness" was a known snitch. Fred was tried and convicted for his political beliefs and his work in the interests of the impoverished & terrorized African community!

Fred Hampton Jr. is continuing to organize Africans even as he is locked down in the Illinois death camps called prisons. Fred represents a fearless generation of young African people criminalized and massively imprisoned by the U.S. government in a desperate attempt to stop African people from organizing and winning back our freedom, stolen resources and independence, as we did in the '60s. It is our responsibility to fight to free Fred, and to win a powerful victory for the entire African community! FREE FRED!

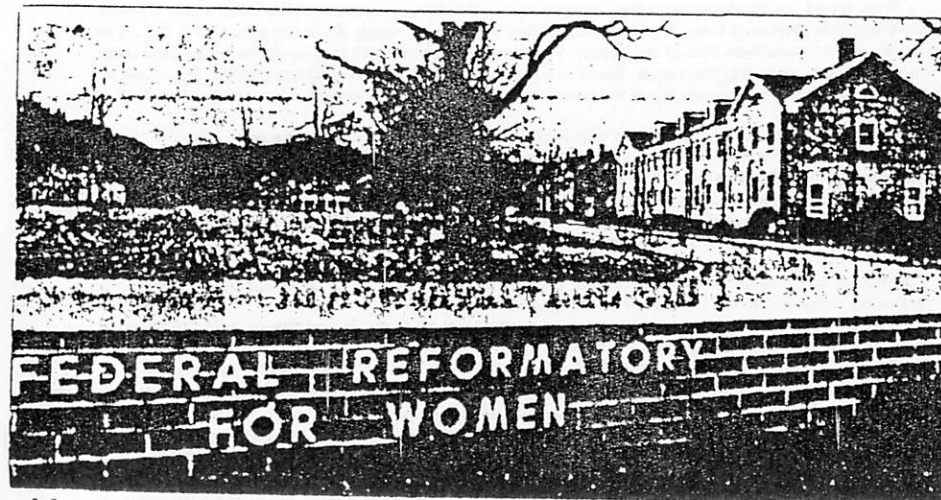
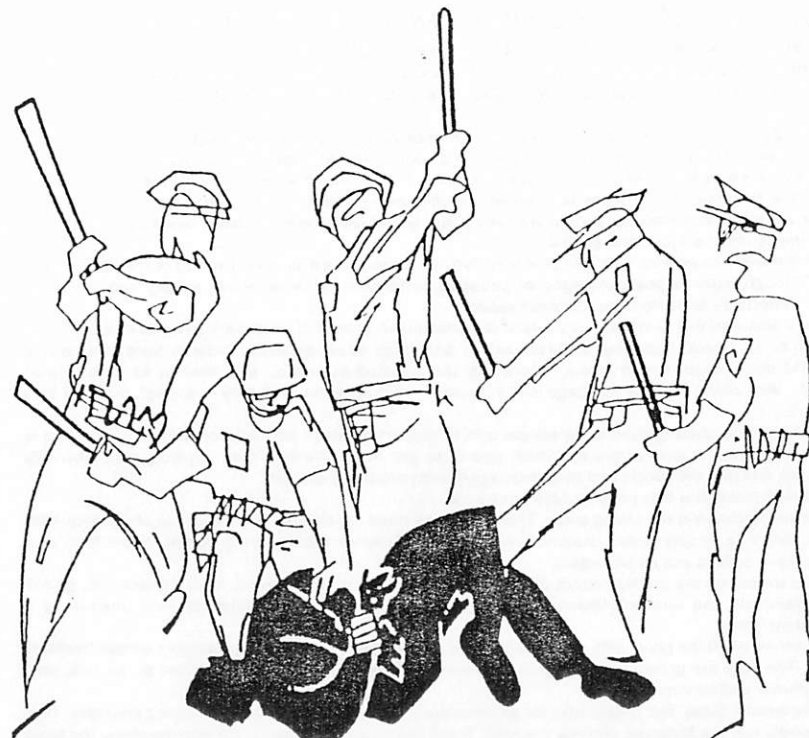
Get Involved in the Campaign to Free Fred Hampton Jr., Mumia Abu-Jamal & all Political Prisoners!

FRED IS UNDER ATTACK! WE MUST FIGHT BACK!

In mid-August, Fred was informed that he couldn't have any more contact-visits until April, 2001. When his family and friends visited Fred was behind glass, shackled and chained to the floor and to a bench! The only explanation for this latest assault on his rights was that it is a new regulation applying to all "E-status" prisoners.

WE DEMAND FRED BE TAKEN OFF THE BOGUS "HIGH-RISK" STATUS NOW!

Send donations to: NPDUM Chicago * P.O. Box 377603 * Chicago, IL 60637
fax: 773-913-2843 * ph: 773-913-2843 email: NPDUM_Chicago@yahoo.com



Ro Brown spent almost a year in isolation in Davis Hall of this Alderson, West Virginia women's prison. This was the first special control unit for political women in the federal system. She and Assata Shakur were held there along with reactionary and Nazi prisoners.

STOP HATE CRIMES BY POLICE

Defend Freddie Mason, Jr.!

Shouting racist and anti-gay slurs, a Chicago police officer stripped West Side resident Frederick Mason, Jr. July 19 and jammed a police billy club up his rectum. Reminiscent of the infamous NYPD attack on Abner Louima, Mason was attacked as he stood handcuffed to the wall of an 11th District interrogation room on a misdemeanor charge.

Mason reported that one officer called him a "faggot ass nigger" and "nigger fag" while taking him to the station in a squad car. The officer apparently took offense at twice being called to Mason's residence in response to a verbal altercation between him and his landlord, Rev. Robert Glasper, over a broken window.

During the officer's second visit, Rev. Glasper said officers intimidated him into signing complaint forms against Mason without even having a chance to read them. Mason, 31, is a naval veteran with no criminal record. His July 19 misdemeanor "criminal destruction of property" charge for the broken window was dropped August 3 when Glasper refused to press charges.

The attack on Mason was clearly motivated by both anti-gay hate and racist hate. Mason, who is Gay and African American, reports that the white officer who assaulted him yelled "I'm tired of you faggot" and, as he jammed the billy club up Mason's anus, "You want a dick up the ass, you got a dick up the ass now, you sick mother fucker."

Mason was released on an I-bond after being held almost 14 hours at the station. Witnesses can attest that he entered police custody in good health and when released, had blood streaming from his rectum. Mason's family doctor extensively documented the injuries.

Circumstances surrounding the attack suggest a police cover-up and a pattern of routine physical assaults on civilians at the 11th District Headquarters. As if on cue to avoid witnesses, just after one officer pulled down Mason's pants, his partner left the interrogation room, and then the first officer proceeded to attack Mason with the billy club. Police reports on Mason's arrest conveniently obscure the identity of the officer who attacked Mason.

In addition to seeking a civil award from the city, Mason's defense team demands:

- 1) that the Office of Professional Standards immediately release the names of the officers,
- 2) that the City suspend these officers without pay,
- 3) that Cook County States Attorney Dick Devine prosecute them to the full extent of the law,
- 4) that the Federal Justice Dept. launch an investigation of Chicago police brutality.



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Saturday, November 18th

10am-12pm
Door to Door Outreach

12-1pm

Demonstration at 63rd & Halsted

7-9pm

Conference to Free Fred Hampton Jr.
Culture and Refreshments
Presentations by:

Kamau Becktemba,
Coor. of Intl. Campaign to
Free Fred Hampton Jr.

Chimurenga Waller,
Natl. President of NPDM

Location:
YWCA 6200 S. Drexel,
in the Ebony Room



Sunday, November 19th

12-1pm
Demonstration at Joliet Prison
Joliet, IL (45 min from Chicago)

Monday, November 20th

12-1pm
Demonstration at State of Illinois
building - downtown Chicago



Mass Mobilization in Chicago

Nov. 18th, 19th & 20th

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Progressive people from all over the country and the world are coming to Chicago on November 18-20 to participate in a mass mobilization to build the International Campaign to Free Fred Hampton, Jr. and demand the return of one of our greatest freedom fighters!

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Greetings!

We have come here today, October 22nd, to this urban concentration camp to make a statement. We want to shout out our love, support and solidarity to our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers and sons and daughters who are imprisoned in this hellhole! We will never forget you or abandon you! We love you and will fight for your release!

My name is Anthony Rayson and I am the Midwest Coordinator for the PPWC - Political Prisoners of War Coalition. This is a very serious, worldwide group of prison educators and activists. I want to mention two important brothers. Zolo Agona Azania is on death row in Michigan City, Indiana and has been given a death date of October 25th. Zolo is a renown New Afrikan scholar and artist, who the state is trying to murder, just like Mumia. We've stopped the killers for now, but need more help. Khalfani X. Khaldun emerged from the mean streets of Gary and into prison, where he experienced a true political awakening. Ever since, he has been a lion in the struggle for black liberation. He was finally released after fourteen years, into the embrace of his family. Within five minutes, they snatched him away, to frame him on a six year old murder charge of a prison guard, which they have no evidence for!

These types of stories are rampant throughout this punishment industry. Our loved ones are being sent to clinical torture chambers, such as TAMMS, for speaking their minds and helping their fellow prisoners. We must make every effort to help them, to learn from them and support them. Inside or outside, it's the same fight!

Women are being dragooned at a horrific rate. Eighty per cent of them are mothers with young children! Our youth are having their whole generation targetted for incarceration. There is a frenzy of incarceration going on, for this evil industry is wildly profitable for a number of reasons. Each prisoner means \$40,000 - every year!

As the real criminals go around the world, bombing whole countries, starving children to death, ruining cultures, destroying the environment, arming and training death squad puppet regimes, pillaging all the resources and declaring war on the world's future, the young, black, latino and poor are being rounded up for this modern day domestic slave market. They try to intimidate us with these long prison terms. The world gets bombs and we get bars!

The "War on Drugs" is an elaborate worldwide offensive, where we are seeing Colombia being turned into another Vietnam-style killing field of U.S. supplied helicopter gunships and ecocide. At home, the racist drug laws target young blacks for decades of incarceration for what is a social problem, not a criminal offense. The punishment is the same for 500 grams of powder cocaine as it is for 5 grams of crack! The big banks rake in billions, while the street kids wind up in Menard! Recently, two traders at the Board of Trade were caught dealing cocaine on the floor of the exchange. They were temporarily banned from the floor!

We must realize what we are up against. We are faced with a vicious fascist government, based on greed, coercion, violence, lies and death. The prison abolition struggle is ground zero in this war and we must become educators, activists and warriors in this life and death struggle. You may be the next stolen life!

Long live George Jackson, Angela Davis, Assata Shakur, Ali Khalid Abdullah, Herman Wallace, Mangwiro Sadiki-Yisrael, Harold H. Thompson, Leonard Peltier, Karen Horning and all the other courageous prisoners fighting for freedom and justice for all prisoners! Liberate the death kkkamps!