

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE?

HAITI
TERMINAL



SPOILS OF CHAOS
A Haitian child 1994

THOUGHT BOMBS #22

INTRODUCTION

Greetings! Well, today was March 4th. It was last September, I believe when the last *Thought Bombs* was published. You've all gotten a break from diatribe city from me, but every day is a parade of insanity, constant violence and abject obliviousness. So, you knew I wasn't going to keep my mouth shut, forever!

I got kinda rundown during the fall and letters and handwritten essays, zines, masters of zines, piled up and weren't dealt with, with any particular alacrity. Mostly, I was trying to figure out how to do all these things and make a serious prison abolition conference in Chicago, in August, a reality. I was waiting on some pieces for the ABCN Newsletter, too. The work, the constant family bustle, the hollowdaze - I was balancing on a ball without finesse and I was a bit frustrated.

Then, it dawned on me. I'll *will* this conference into happening! Anarchists and others will chip in along the way and pretty much everything that needs to be dealt with, will be, when it's all said and done. If it turns out bad, so what I tried, right?

Naturally, I sought solace in the care and advice of my elders. First, Bonnie Kerness said she would come and was so enthused. Right then and there, I *knew* this conference would be totally awesome! I'd been lucky enough to collaborate and speak at length with Tom Big Warrior, historian for the Traditional Lenape Nation. He's comin' too! Robert King Wilkerson put soothing words in my ears and mailed me his homemade candy - even hustled it to me, by air! Thanks, Brother!

Ramona Africa and Pam Africa are coming together. Check that out! They explode with love and revolution! Lucy Parsons, aka Jane Doe, has put up an email list for this conference. Contact us at: ChicagoABC@hotmail.com

I put the ABC Network Newsletter together in early-mid January as an eight-paged newspaper. I did this because it would mail under an ounce. I was somewhat surprised the printer, who prints staid country town papers, didn't have a problem with doing it. I had 10,000 copies made at \$490. A guy sent \$100 from California. Houston ABC put on a show and sent \$400! My buddy John gave me \$150. I must have mailed 1,000 singles! And, I'm still mailing them, almost every day. I sent about 100 packets of 50, which weighed just under 3 pounds. There's a couple thousand around town and in Champaign and I've still got maybe 2,500.

I'm trying to peck away at the complex and voluminous letters and submissions. My son Stanton has hired himself to transcribe them at \$2 per page. He does fine work! I've other projects going on, also. I'm working with B-PAC - Black Political Action Committee, who are working towards a big convention April 2, 3 & 4 in Harvey, right near where I was thrown from my workstation, last May. I'm going to a big union meeting next Saturday, after I have breakfast with the South Cook Minister's Conference. It'll be the first time I've seen Bishop Brewton since his namesake son died in a dreadful accident. His son was so sweet. It was such a time for grief! The living must carry on and tuck the fallen inside of our hearts!

Plus, there's always STAND (Shut This Airport Nightmare Down.) I'm no longer part of the inner circle, but I attend their meetings and do some things, like argument crafting and letter writing to the papers. Last night, I won the raffle!

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. INTRODUCTION	p. 2 & 59
2. Aaron Patterson & Fred Hampton, Jr.	p. 5
3. Vote Fraud, by Anthony Rayson	p. 6 - 8
4. ARTWORK by Chuck Dodson	p. 10 - 15
5. Haymarket Revisionism	p. 16 - 17
6. Chicago Police Spying on Activist Groups	p. 18
7. Groups Respond With Press Conference	p. 18 - 20
8. Statements	
A. Chicago Anarchist Black Cross	p. 20 - 22
B. American Friends Service Committee	p. 23 - 24
C. Autonomous Zone	p. 24
D. Not In Our Name	p. 24 - 26
E. Direct Action Network - Labor Group	p. 26
9. Collage Art by John Franzese	p. 27 - 33
10. Artwork by Dennis Lee Marsh	p. 34
11. Cowed & Mad, by Anthony Rayson	p. 35 - 36
12. Transform the Iron Houses of Oppression Into Schools of Liberation, by Tom Big Warrior	p. 38 - 40
13. Why Should Prisons Be Abolished? by Jerome Powell	p. 42 - 43
14. Calendar Quotes from Prisoners	p. 44 - 46
15. South Chicago ABC Zine Distro	p. 47
16. Artwork by R. G. Hall, Jr.	p. 48 - 51
17. Life in the SHU by Bubba-B	p. 52 - 53
18. A Struggle on Two Fronts: Prisons & Imperialist War	p. 54 - 55
19. A Conspiracy Behind Every Bush by Richard Geffken	p. 56
20. Patriot Act II Warning	p. 57
21. All Out March 20th!	p. 58
22. Back Cover Artwork by Kevin (Rashid) Johnson	p. 60

Thought Bombs #22 Published on March 7th, 2004
Edited by Anthony Rayson 100% @nticopyright
\$2.00 / free to prisoners So. Chi. ABC Zine Distro

Attention Workingmen!

MASS-MEETING

TO-NIGHT, at 7.30 o'clock,

HAYMARKET, Randolph St., Bet. Desplaines and Halsted.

Good Speakers will be present to denounce the latest atrocious act of the police, the shooting of our fellow-workmen yesterday afternoon.

Workingmen Arm Yourselves and Appear in Full Force!
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Achtung, Arbeiter!

Große

Massen-Versammlung

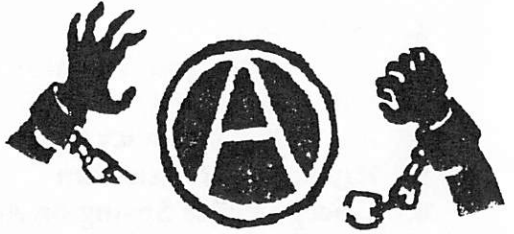
Heute Abend, 7 1/2 Uhr, auf dem
Heumarkt, Randolph-Strasse, zwischen
Desplaines- u. Halsted-Str.

Die gute Arbeit werden den meisten Schwerearbeit der Polizei
indem sie gegen die Reduktion unserer Löhne kämpfen.

Arbeiter, bewacht Euch und erscheint massenhaft!
Das Exekutiv-Komitee

CHICAGO ABC

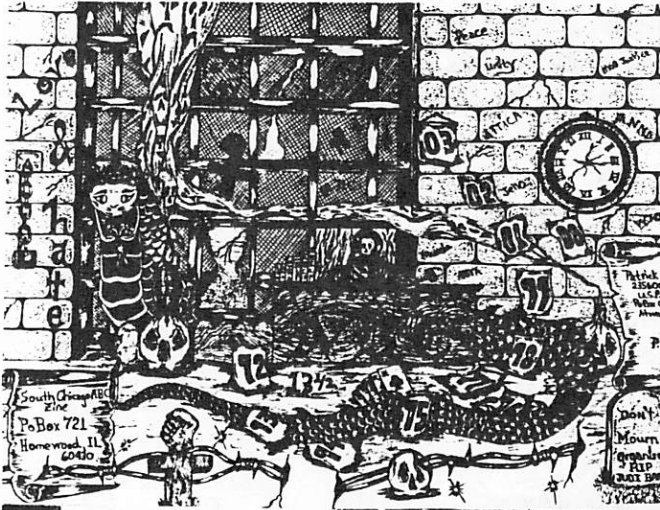
(Anarchist Black Cross) 4



WAR★MART

ALWAYS LOW WAGES *Always!*

RE SIST!



TANZANIA

19 inmates suffocate in crowded jail cell

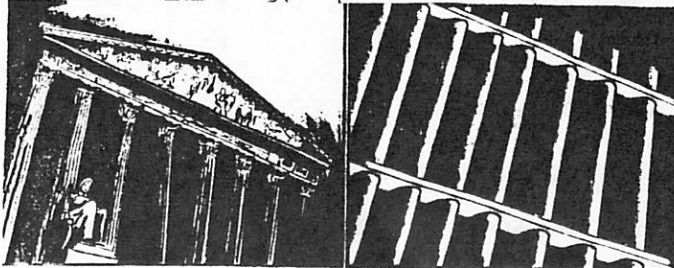
DAR ES SALAAM — At least 19 prisoners died of suffocation in an overcrowded jail cell in southwestern Tanzania, a government official said Tuesday.

The prisoners, who were awaiting trial, died late Sunday after they were put in a cell at Mbarali police station in Mbeya region, said Home Affairs Minister Muhammed Seif Khatib.

The prisoners were taken to the station prior to hearings at a nearby district court, Khatib said. They previously were detained in Mbeya, 400 miles southwest of Dar es Salaam.

The African, an independent newspaper, reported that there were 130 prisoners locked in a cell built for 30 people.

Khatib said he was awaiting a report from Adadi Rajabu, director of criminal investigations. Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Bakari Mwapachu said authorities then would take "appropriate measures."



IN JUST US

Dear U.S.A. (Union of South Africa!?) :

LET MY PEOPLE GO!!!

The People's Army

Protesters upend Daley's news conference on guns

Mayor, U.S. attorney announce crackdown on assault weapons

BY FRAN SPIELMAN
City Hall reporter

Mayor Daley and U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald joined forces Monday in a new assault against gun traffickers, but the unveiling of the crackdown was "hijacked" by a former Death Row inmate now running for state representative.

Aaron Patterson disrupted a news conference at the Ogden Park Fieldhouse by shouting out pointed questions about alleged police brutality and waving pictures of Darroll Hamilton, an 18-year-old South Side man gunned down by Chicago police in December after refusing to put down a revolver.

Joined by Fred Hampton Jr., son of the slain Black Panther leader, Patterson demanded that Fitzgerald investigate Hamilton's death and the police shootings of two other young black men: Michael Walker and Sharron Grant.

Daley reacted to the disturbance first by trying to ignore the protesters and seeking refuge from other questioners, then by abruptly canceling a second news conference that would have allowed reporters to ask more questions about the hired truck scandal.

Fitzgerald, who subpoenaed the city's hired truck records just last week, was furious. He lectured the protesters from the podium and let them have it after the disastrous news conference ended.

If Mr. Patterson wants to campaign, then go out in the street and campaign. . . . I was offended. We're trying to work together to do something positive, and somebody else wants to hijack it for their own purposes," Fitzgerald said.

The U.S. attorney said he has no sympathy for claims by Patterson and Hampton that Chicago's homicide rate has been brought down by "terrorizing" black and Hispanic males.

"If there were 650 killed last year and under 600 this year, I can tell you that the number of



Fred Hampton Jr. (left), son of a Black Panther killed in a police raid, and former Death Row inmate Aaron Patterson demand an investigation into the killings of young black men. —RICH HEINE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Patrick Fitzgerald



Mayor Daley

black men in the city who've been killed has gone down," he said.

Walker, 21, was shot in the face in October 2002 by a narcotics officer as the two wrestled for control of the officer's gun in the hallway of a Caltrain-Green building. Grant, 23, was shot to death last September in the 6900 block of South Peoria after he allegedly fired a semi-automatic assault rifle at police.

"All we're telling the feds . . . is while you're spending all of this money and time talking about gun

shops, what about the officers who go onto pensions like Joseph Miedzianowski, [Jon] Woodall and others from Area 5. Why aren't you investigating some of the other cases they were involved in?" Patterson said.

Patterson was arrested last month while trying to register voters outside an Englewood soup kitchen. He angrily denied that Monday's disturbance was a publicity stunt in his campaign to unseat first-term state Rep. Patricia Bailey (D-Chicago) in the March 16 primary.

"Come on. Stop it. I've been pulling stunts long before I ran. Haven't you all seen me since I've been out? Do I need to run for office to pull a stunt? I'm going to pull a stunt regardless of whether I'm in office [or not]. We're revolutionaries. We do what we got to do," he said.

The anti-gun initiative known as Project Safe Neighborhoods calls for law enforcement at the federal, state, county and city levels to join

forces in a coordinated crackdown that targets the worst offenders for the harshest penalties.

For the last two years, the crackdown has been aimed at convicted felons charged with gun possession. Now, gun traffickers will also be targets. Sixteen defendants were arrested Monday in Chicago, Milwaukee, Tennessee and Indiana on various federal charges related to the illegal sale or purchase of guns.

Miedzianowski was a Gang Crimes investigator who federal prosecutors once branded the "most corrupt cop" in Chicago history. He was sentenced to five in prison for operating a Miami-to-Chicago heroin ring with gang members, some of whom he protected from murder charges.

Woodall is a former Gang Crimes specialist recently convicted of stealing cocaine from a drug dealer, selling some of it and planting even more on an innocent man.

Contributing: Frank Main



Police forces in this country were first organized as posses. Their job was to track down escaped slaves. Their duties grew to include killing Indians who may or may not have threatened outposts and settlements on lands rustled from them, with or without a treaty, which if signed, was invariably broken by the European settler invaders. These colonists called themselves "white." The slaves, wrested from Africa and the Native Americans, which they slaughtered with such fundamental Christian zeal, were dutifully done in, for they were "savages." Genocide by the Book!

Which brings me to voting. This was always a sop. Only "white" male landowners were allowed to vote and the candidates available were the most properous criminals, who had managed to amass the most stolen land and kidnapped slaves. Sometimes they chose candidates who would most effectively push their agenda - syncophants, order-takers, lawyers, talking heads, who measured their worth by being the esteemed title-holders in this rigged system.

For, the American Revolution was a catastrophic disaster for freedom, truth and life. Once the British were routed, the slavers and expansionists were fully unleashed. No government can ever grant anybody any rights. They can only take them away! Rights are natural, innate. They come with birth.

When it was obvious that the American patriots (the slave-owning class) was poised to seize power, 100,000 people fled to Canada, seeking freedom and escape from the looming genocide and institutionalization of the "peculiar institution" of systematized slavery.

The rich always controlled everything and oversaw the writing of the Constitution, state and federal laws, the forming of armies (stocked with the poor) police forces, stockades, debtor's prisons and death squads for the annoying natives, who refused to be enslaved.

The Constitution gave false legitimacy to this now centuries-long government of extermination, genocide, exploitation and slavery by making a big deal about the "rights" it would "grant" to white, male property owners. Slaves were considered "private property" as was land. It established a judicial system to insure and "legalize" the property rights of the whites who had stolen the land and lives and exploited labor (slave and wage) for further profit.

Institutionalizing this criminal system was *why* these monolithic structures were erected (court system, laws, police, federal, state and municipal government, etc.) They sure as hell were not going to allow the election process to do anything to jeopardize this closed system!

Only white, male, property-owners of a certain age could even run for elective offices and very few parties were allowed to genuinely participate. The big boys had the system locked up tight!

Every president until Lincoln, had slaves, slaving for them, *in the White House!* George Washington and John Adams worked out of Philadelphia. Pennsylvania was a "free" (non-slave) state. But, there was a loophole. You couldn't hold slaves for more than six months. So, they just rotated their slaves back and forth from the White House to their plantations.

After decades of this nightmare society and a brutal civil war that saw hundreds of thousands of working-class Americans (and slaves) perish, the system was modified, a little.

Capitalist exploitation (wage slavery) continued and the now "freed" slaves were criminalized as vagrants. Prison slavery was on the rise. Plantation owners could work prisoners in their fields, work them 'til they dropped and not have to pay for them, clothe, house or even feed them! Everything was nice and "legal."

The opinion-makers, newspapers and journals were controlled by the monied classes. When working-class ideas and movements started to gain momentum, they were criminalized, broken up and the more vocal were arrested, killed or otherwise suppressed. I guess you could call this "democracy in action."

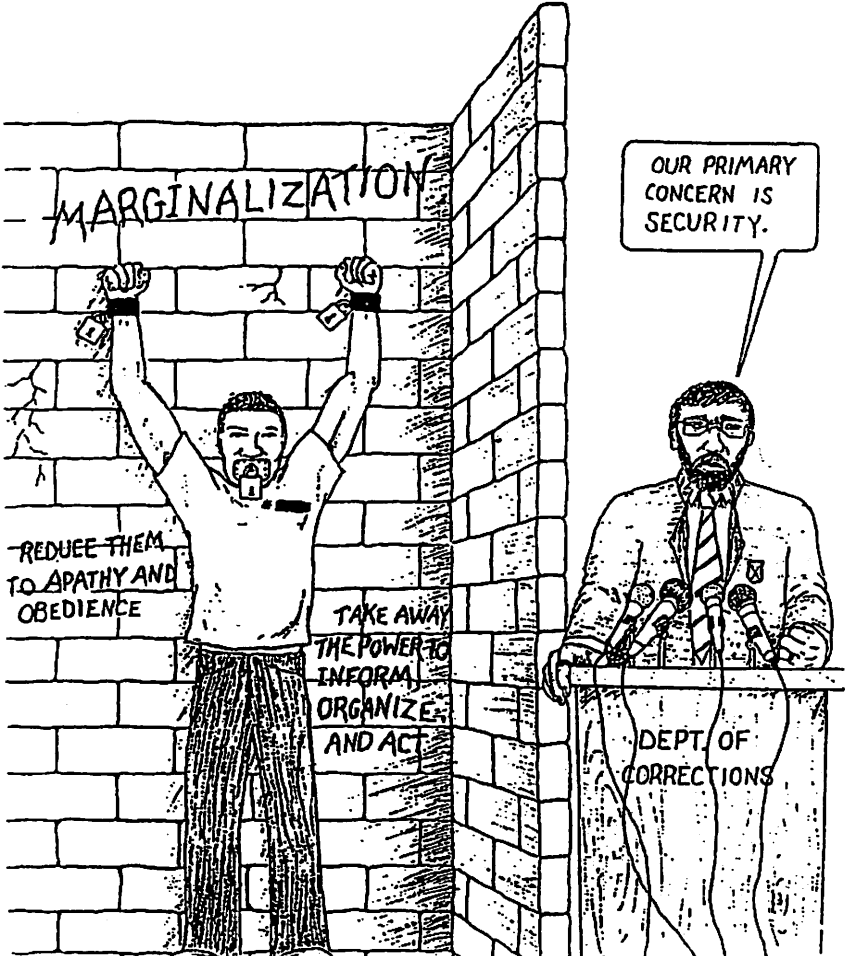
Today? Same old, same old. Huge numbers of blacks and other poor people have been criminalized and fed into the prison - slave - labor system. They're not even allowed to vote for the corporate-groomed candidates, nor are the huge number of ex-felons. The electoral college and courts (and all manner of voting fraud) keep the results from being influenced by the "rabble." It's an absolutely meaningless charade, meant to slather a fresh coat of veneer over this bloodthirsty regime, every couple of years!

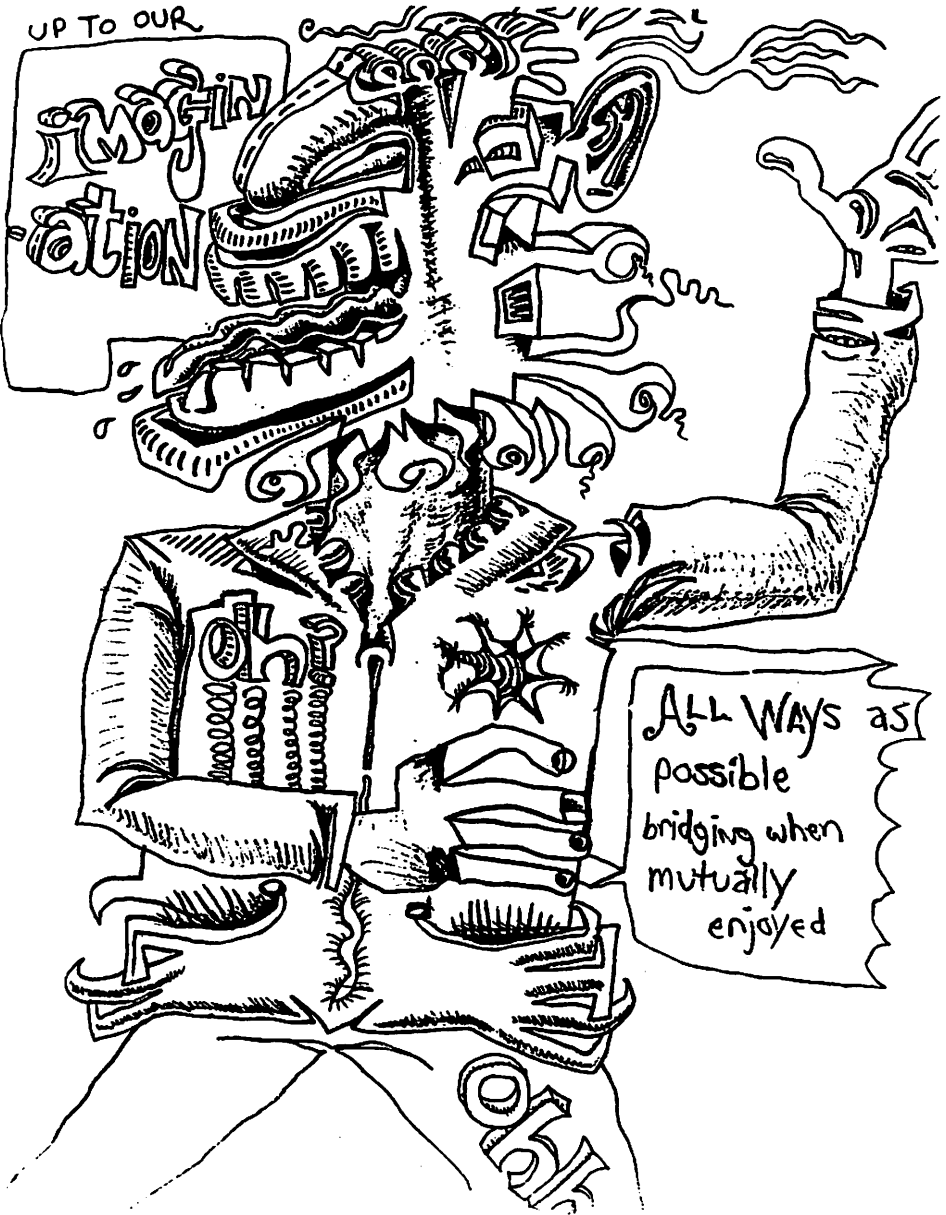
For, if by some miracle, a candidate with anything remotely resembling a social conscience, were to somehow slip through the filters and dragnets and become elected, he or she would be co-opted, set-up, forced out or given the Allende treatment. 'Cuz, under this locked down and sewn up tight system, "It can't happen, here!"

To underscore the fact that the U.S. Constitution is the opposite of what it purports to be (a slaver's document, not one that "grants freedoms") is the fact that South Africa codified its system of apartheid using the U.S. Constitution as the basis for its "legality." In Plessy v Ferguson, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the "separate but equal" line. Essentially, it paved the way for massive, "Jim Crow" discrimination and subjugation throughout the whole country, not just the South. As well, Hitler used the successful example of "white" ("Aryan" for him) America claiming a whole continent, for America the whole Western Hemisphere! Germany would settle for Europe and lordship over the rest of the Eastern Hemisphere. He used the American model for his racist, megalomaniacal, bloodthirsty expansionism throughout Europe.

The Nuremberg Laws, which marginalized and targeted for extermination his classes' "enemies" (Jews, communists, anarchists, gypsies, disabled, etc.) were patterned after the U.S. Constitution, which "legitimized" human slavery, and prison slave labor. The Constitution claimed that black slaves were property to be considered worth "3/5ths" a white person, in terms of jurisdiction and the level of representatives their *owners* were entitled to! Causing expansionist genocide was an honorable "duty" and "crusade!" The bedrock principle of Americanism (slavery) was restated in the Dred Scot Decision of 1857. Yep! Slaves were property, all right! Those who don't submit, are killed!

This is the "Democracy" the U.S. has exported to Vietnam, Cambodia, Nicaragua, Chile, Guatemala, Korea, Indonesia, El Salvador, etc., etc. And now, the demented, crusading monsters in power wish to bestow upon Iraq, Iran, Syria, Egypt, Libya, Korea, etc. this modern day version of "freedom" and "democracy." Brothers & Sisters, take care!

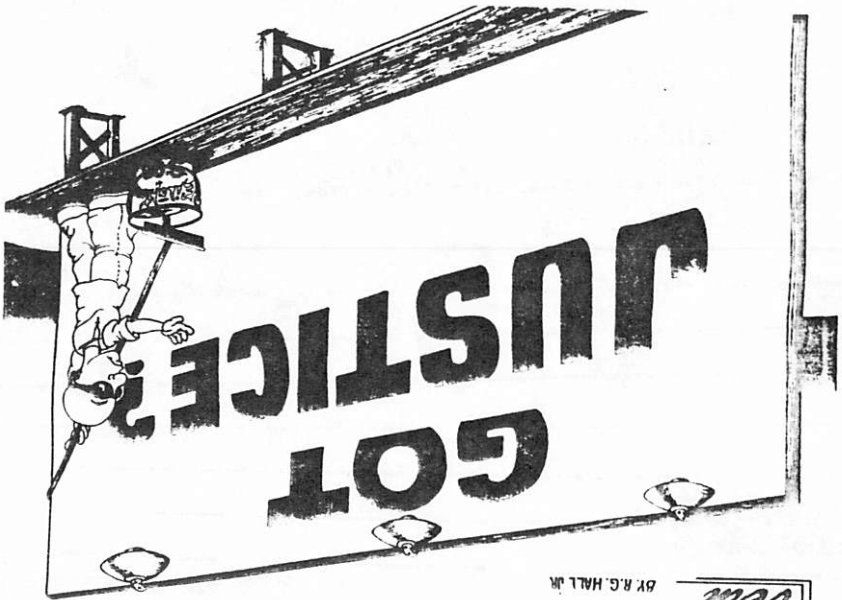




617-423-3298
<http://www.prisonbookprogram.org>
info@prisonbookprogram.org



BY R. G. HALL JR.



BY R. G. HALL JR.

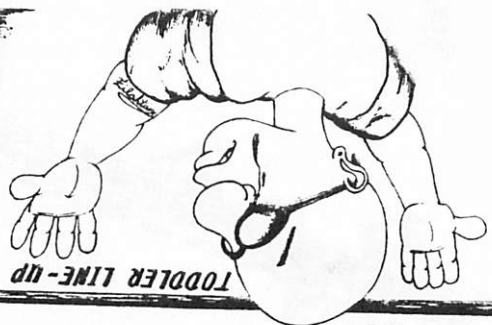
R. G. HALL
PRISON OVERPROMONG



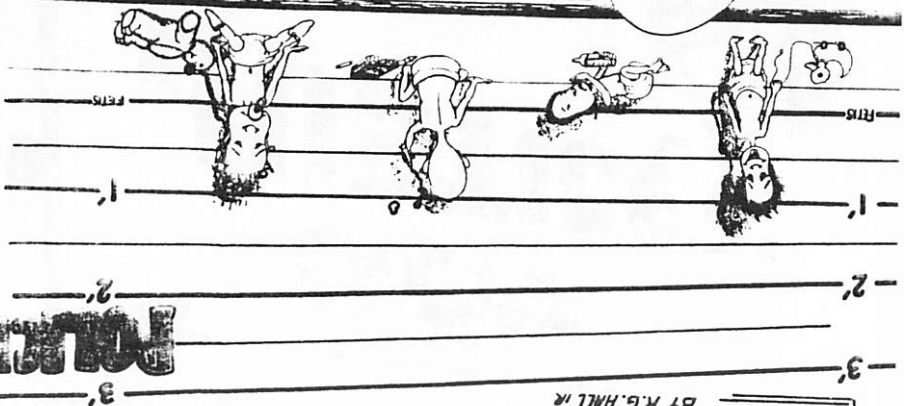
HE WHO
SOWS WILL REAP
CALAMITY
AND
22.8

CAN SOMEBODY
TURN ON THE LIGHT
IT'S AWFUL
AND BROWN IN HERE!

GENERATIONS!
SAVE OUR FUTURE



TODDLER LINE-UP



NEWS

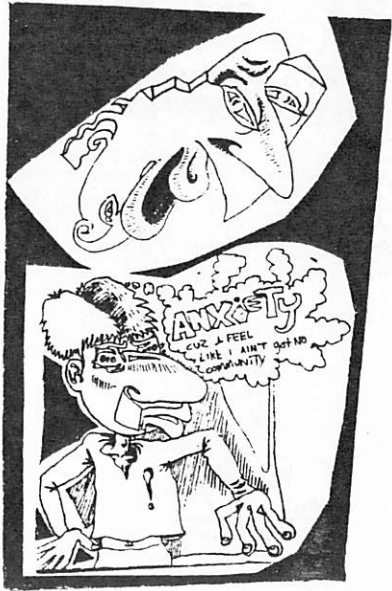
BY R. G. HALL

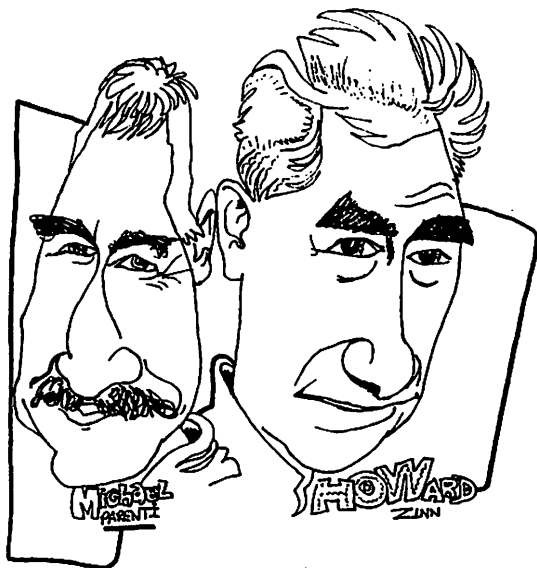
News



Shut up
and do
what
you're
told!

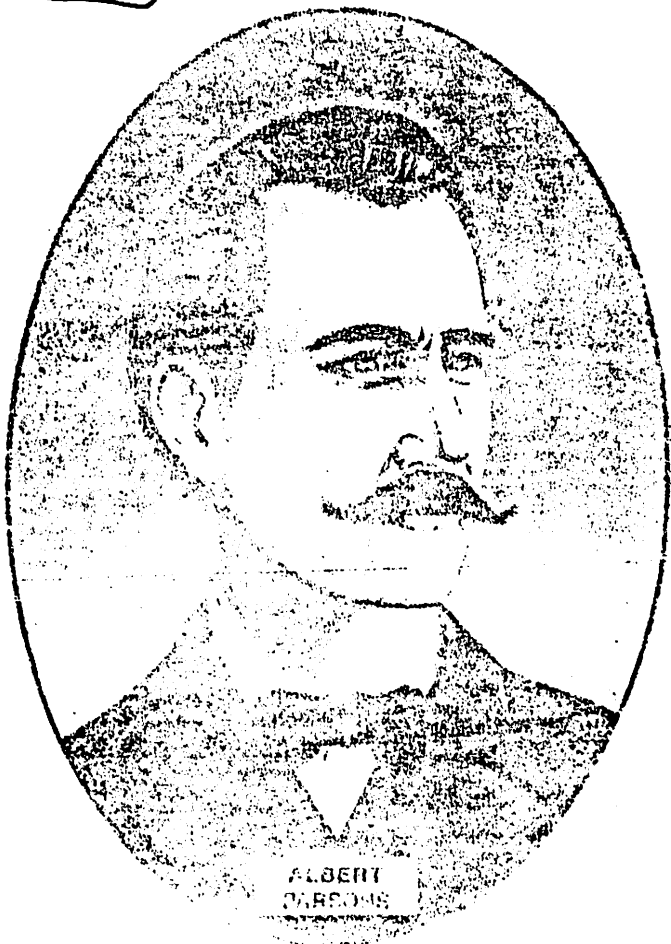






MICHAEL
PARENTE

HOWARD
ZINN



ALBERT
PARSONS



Culture Club

A Monumental Effort Pays Off

When in 1997 Don Turner began pushing to get the city to create a permanent memorial to the Haymarket tragedy, he knew that history wasn't on his side. For years city officials had avoided commemorating the site, near the intersection of Randolph and Desplaines, because of the stigma of anarchism and the violence associated with the event. The police didn't want to see cop killers glorified.

The absence of a memorial at the old Haymarket Square has long lured international pilgrims and locals. The Chicago Landmarks Commission did designate the east side of Desplaines

ple, and there was never a good consensus.

"I think the key issue was removing the focus from the anarchists and making it a First Amendment issue—though it's not like we still don't have anarchists," says Turner.

In late '98 Turner, Adelman, Samuelson (then with the Chicago Historical Society), and city planning and cultural officials came back to the idea of a speakers' wagon sculpture. Chicago Public Art Program project manager Barbara Koenen drew up a plan and the following year wrote a grant proposal to Governor George Ryan's public works program, Illinois FIRST. (Koenen's now with the city's cultural planning division and is married to Samuelson.)

Meanwhile, Turner talked to state senate Democratic leader Emil Jones. Jones supported the project, and by 2000 the city received \$300,000 from Illinois FIRST—"good pork," as ILHS president Les Orear puts it. As proposed by the city, a park would run two-thirds of the way from Randolph to Lake along Desplaines and would include vintage-style lamp-posts, planters, and the original stone pavers. The sculpture would sit on the spot the speakers' wagon occupied, a few steps northeast of the plaque and inside what's now a parking lot; there'd be room on the base for interested parties to mount memorial plaques.



After years of struggle and disagreement, a sculptural tribute to Haymarket is finally in the works—with almost everybody on board.

between Randolph and Lake a city landmark in 1992, embedding a small bronze plaque in the sidewalk a few years later. But union leaders, activists, and history buffs have never thought it adequately represented Haymarket's significance. "It deserved more than that plaque," says Turner, who retired as president of the Chicago Federation of Labor in 2002.

On the night of May 4, 1886, 2,500 people gathered near the square to protest the killing of two strikers by police the previous day. Labor activists and anarchists gave speeches in support of an eight-hour workday. As the meeting ended, 176 cops advanced on the remaining 200 spectators gathered around the speakers' wagon near the mouth of the alley just north of Randolph. Someone still unknown threw a dynamite bomb, setting off a melee in which seven officers and four workers were killed. Hundreds of labor, anarchist, and ethnic community leaders were arrested. Eight men were brought to trial. Four were executed, one apparently committed suicide, and three were sent to prison (they were pardoned by Governor John Peter Altgeld in 1893). It's now generally agreed that the trial, carried out in a hysterically prejudiced atmosphere, was grossly unjust.

Since its inception in 1969 the Chicago-based Illinois Labor History Society had lobbied the city to recognize Haymarket with a small park and monument, according to vice president Bill Adelman, a labor historian. But its campaign wasn't getting anywhere seven years ago, when Turner, with the backing of the CFL's executive board, the ILHS, and other groups, wrote Mayor Daley saying he'd be "willing to work with the city in any way to make this dream a reality." He wrote again in May '98, and this time Daley moved on it. Department of Cultural Affairs commissioner Lois Weisberg and Alderman Ed Burke fell in, and that July the city proposed an "anchor park" with artwork.

Why the thaw? "It takes a while for people to get an objective perspective on historical events and see [Haymarket] as an overall tragedy and not a polarizing issue," says Tim Samuelson, the city's cultural historian. In the 1980s, when he worked for the landmarks commission, Samuelson floated the idea of a sculpture representing a speakers' wagon to symbolize free speech. "But Haymarket meant so many different things to many peo-



By 2002 the Haymarket Tragedy Commemoration of Free Speech and Assembly Monument was in the hands of Nathan Mason, the Public Art Program's special projects curator. "Thousands of visitors come to the site," he says. "It speaks poorly of the city if we let it be a barren, litteged concrete slab." (According to city documents, it's also hoped that the park strip will "serve as a stimulus for further development in the West Loop.")

There was once a monument in the area. In 1889 the city erected a statue of a Chicago policeman in honor of the slain officers (despite evidence that all but one were killed by their own bullets). Frequently

vandalized, the statue was moved to Union Park, then back to Randolph near the newly built Kennedy Expressway, where in 1969 and '70 it was twice blown up by radical political groups. It was finally given refuge in the Chicago Police Training Center in 1976.

This time the city tried to ensure that "everyone's voice would be listened to," Mason says. But though the eight-member project advisory panel included police, labor, history, and community representatives, there were no anarchists. "Who would they choose to represent themselves?" asks Mason. Says Adelman, "I think [they] would object to anything being put there by the city, the government."

Mark Donahue, president of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police and one of two police officials on the panel, says he was honored to serve. "We've come such a long way to be included in this... We're part of the labor movement now, too, and glad to be there."

Out of ten area artists invited to submit design proposals this past summer, the group selected Mary Brogger to receive the \$220,000 sculpture commission (\$80,000 of the grant is set aside for streetcaping). It's her first figurative commission, but "the real challenge is to make a monument that people won't bomb," she quips.

Her nearly 15-foot-high bronze depicts a number of blocky figures engaged in building—or is it dismantling?—a wagon. The "ascension of human activity," as Brogger puts it, culminates in the speaker on top, symbolizing the importance of free speech. The monument, which also includes panels of text and grate-like benches, will be dedicated on July 31.

By Deanna Isaacs

February 13, 2004

Greetings! I ran across an article written by Deanna Isaacs in the January 16th issue of the Reader on page 22 (Culture Club.) It was about how folks have gotten together to get some "good pork" Illinois First money to commission a sculptor to fabricate a monument commemorating the Haymarket Affair.

As a seriously active grassroots organizer and Chicagoland anarchist, I am quite naturally interested in this project. Don Turner says, "I think the key issue was removing the anarchists and making it a first amendment issue..." Nathan Mason says "everyone's voice would be listened to" but didn't even attempt to include actual modern-day anarchists in this process! He said: "Who would they choose to represent themselves?" Why not ask local anarchists!?

This is amazing, for not only are these people trying to whitewash Chicago history (by turning the state murdering of innocent anarchists) into a "free speech" issue, but they aren't even attempting to include people who *should* be involved in this! The analogy I came up with is this. Would they exclude (and attempt to mock) Christians, if they were to do something similar at Calvary???

I would be glad to be included as a "spokesman" for the arguments of the anarchist position. I believe I have an extensive background as an organizer, writer, editor, thinker and speaker. I co-founded several grassroots groups and run an extensive political distro. I am interested in getting the anarchist intellectual arguments brought to the light of day, especially as this is a subject most near and dear to us. For, the same conditions that brought these brave martyrs to the forefront of a powerful anarchist movement in Chicago - wage slavery, destitution, repression, etc. still exist today and in fact, have been globalized. The stirring oratory delivered from the gallows in 1887, which electrified countless millions to this day - are more valid than ever, no matter how hard people try to sweep the real issues under the rug and try to exclude those most deserving of being involved. It's like homogenizing Malcolm X!

I can be reached at (708) - 534 - 1334 my email addresses are:
chicagoabc@hotmail.com / anthonyrayson@hotmail.com
P.O. Box 721, Homewood, IL 60430

p.s. An anarchist-organized prison abolition conference is going to take place in Chicago, August 13-15, 2004 at UIC. Check it out!

Anthony Rayson
ANTHONY RAYSON

Police infiltration of protest groups has civil rights activists fuming

BY FRANK MAIN
Crime Reporter

Chicago Police officers infiltrated five protest groups in 2002 and launched four other spying operations in 2003 — actions that civil rights activists are calling outrageous.

The investigations have come in the wake of a court decision that expanded the department's intelligence-gathering powers.

In 2002, undercover officers were assigned to attend meetings, rallies and fund-raisers of the Chicago Direct Action Network, the American Friends Service Committee, The Autonomous Zone, Not in Our Name, and Anarchist Black Cross.

Police zeroed in on the groups because protesters were threatening to disrupt the Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue — a meeting of international business leaders held in Chicago in 2002 — according to an internal police audit obtained by the Sun-Times. The department made video and audio recordings of the protests, the audit said.

The department would not describe what organizations were targeted in 2003.

Ed Yohnka, spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union, criticized the police for targeting

the American Friends Service Committee in 2002.

"We cannot imagine any circumstance that would justify the intrusive infiltration of such a peaceful group, and we hope that the city will open up all of the relevant files related to this matter to explain this disturbing action," Yohnka said.

Michael McConnell, regional director of the American Friends

"The department has demonstrated compliance with the consent decree on every level."

SHERI MECKLENBURG

General counsel to police Supt. Phil Cline

Service Committee, said he was outraged that police infiltrated the anti-war group, founded in 1917.

"What was the officer's participation and did it affect the group?" McConnell asked. "This is a disturbing pattern throughout the country of infiltration of peace groups that are doing nothing more than fulfilling their rights of freedom of speech."

In Denver last year, he noted, the police agreed to investigate only people "reasonably suspected" of criminal activity after American Friends Service Committee members and others wound up in police spy files.

Chicago's new spying activity stems from the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision in 2001 to modify the so-called Red Squad consent decree.

The federal decree, which dated to 1982, barred the city from gathering information on suspected terrorist and hate groups because it violated their First Amendment right to free speech.

In 2001, though, Chief Judge Richard A. Posner wrote that the decree "rendered the police helpless to do anything to protect the public." The court approved a modified decree that allows police to snoop on demonstrators and other groups.

"The department has demonstrated compliance with the consent decree on every level," said Sheri Mecklenburg, general counsel to police Supt. Phil Cline.

Under the modified decree, intelligence gathering must be documented. And internal and external audits are required to make sure the department is complying with the decree.

RED SQUAD SPYING RESPONSE

On page 26 of the Thursday, February 19th, Sun-Times an article outlined how the Chicago police infiltrated five Chicago activist groups during 2002. These groups are:

1. American Friends Services Committee
2. Chicago Direct Action Network
3. Autonomous Zone
4. Not In Our Name
5. Chicago Anarchist Black Cross

For, far from being a "threat" to the community, these groups of conscious voices are an asset to them! The slander and demonization of these groups is meant to intimidate all social protest. The police have refused to name the groups that have been spied on in 2003! Grassroots, citizen-initiated political truth is only a "threat" to a state based on lies, intimidation, coercion & fear. 19

We are asking sister groups and individuals to come and show solidarity with us at this time. These social justice groups are not the ones with the guns, clubs, gas, kidnapping vehicles and incarceration centers! Just say no to state repression & their goons!

Anthony Rayson, for Chicago Anarchist Black Cross
chicagoabc@hotmail.com 708 - 534 - 1334
P.O. Box 721 Homewood, IL 60430

ATTN: NEWS ASSIGNMENT
February 25th 2004 11:30am
LOCATION: Police H.Q. 3510 S. Michigan
Contact: Jose Martin (773) 307-1929

Anarchist Black Cross Network
Not In Our Name
The Autonomous Zone
American Friends Service Committee
Direct Action Network Labor Grp

Local Social Justice Groups Respond to Police Spying

CHICAGO -- Five local social justice groups will hold a press conference at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday Feb. 25th at the Chicago Police Department headquarters, at 3510 S. Michigan, to address recent disclosures that they were targets of infiltration and spying by the CPD. The press conference is being held by *Not In Our Name*, *American Friends Service Committee*, *The Autonomous Zone*, and *Anarchist Black Cross*, along with *local National Lawyers Guild President Jim Fennerty*, and *son of slain Black Panther and police spy target Fred Hampton Jr.*

Chicago undercover police targeted five local social justice groups for political spying in 2002 and launched at least four other spying operations in 2003, according to a CPD internal audit obtained by the Chicago Sun-Times. Not In Our Name, American Friends Service Committee, The Autonomous Zone, Direct Action Network, Anarchist Black Cross were targeted in advance of anti-corporate and pro-labor protests organized against the Trans Atlantic Business Dialogue (TABD) summit held in Chicago in November of 2002.

The police spying came in the wake of a January 2001 federal appeals court ruling that gutted restrictions intended to prevent police and FBI spying on political dissidents. The restrictions were included in a 1981 consent decree stemming from a 1974 lawsuit by the Alliance to End Repression. The suit charged that the FBI's Chicago office and Chicago police routinely violated First Amendment rights when investigating dissidents. The suit particularly targeted the CPD Intelligence Division, dubbed the "Red Squad" because of its infiltration and disruption of progressive political and community organizations during the 1960-70s.

Chicago police refuse to disclose additional information about the 2003 spying operations, or about latest efforts to collect information on local peace and social justice groups. However, a confidential FBI memo leaked to the New York Times last October urged local law enforcement agencies to step up intelligence gathering against anti-war organizations.

Activist groups protest cop infiltration²⁰

Officers quietly sat in on meetings before summit

By H. Gregory Meyer
Tribune staff reporter

Activists from five groups whose meetings were infiltrated by undercover officers took a bullhorn and a snare drum to Chicago police headquarters Wednesday morning to protest and demand an apology.

A recently issued internal police audit revealed that days before the Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue summit in November 2002, police quietly sat in on rallies, fundraising events and strategy sessions of the American Friends Service Committee, Not In Our Name, the Autonomous Zone, the Chicago Direct Action Network and the Anarchist Black Cross.

Police had gleaned intelligence, largely from Web sites, that a fraction of those organizing against the business meeting were plotting, mayhem like that outside the 1999 World Trade Organization talks in Seattle, police spokesman David Bayless said.

"We had received information... that there was a small number of people that intended to use those meetings to bring harm to the city," Bayless said. "We are obligated to explore those threats."



Tribune photo by Charles Osgood

Kate Mura of the group Not In Our Name speaks outside police headquarters Wednesday during a rally protesting the infiltration of meetings by undercover officers.

The infiltration appears to be the department's first since the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals loosened a consent decree in 2001 that had restricted law enforcement intelligence tactics in response to the Chicago Police Department's infamous Red Squad.

In 2002, police started out investigating the Direct Action Network, but attention spread when other organizations were named on the group's Web site and members of those organizations attended net-

work meetings, the audit said.

On a sidewalk outside police headquarters, 3510 S. Michigan Ave., representatives from each organization blasted the department.

"The spying and infiltration by the Chicago police is further proof that the United States, in the hysteria generated since Sept. 11, 2001, is asking on the trappings of a police state," said Chuck Hutchcroft, Chicago coordinator of the pacifist American Friends Service Committee.

"We have no interest in threatening or damaging the monuments to stolen wealth—all the cold commercial Chicago buildings," said Anthony Rayson of Anarchist Black Cross.

Sheri Mecklenburg, general counsel to Police Supt. Philip Cline, argued otherwise.

"We did not target any group because of their ideology," she said. "We investigated only to the extent necessary to ensure the safety of the city and its residents."

Chicago ABC Statement Wednesday, February 25, 2004

The Chicago chapter of Anarchist Black Cross is an anarchist-driven prison abolition group. We have no interest in threatening or damaging the monuments to stolen wealth - all the cold, commercial Chicago buildings. We are an asset to the community, not a "danger," which we've been demonized and slandered as. Chicago ABC seeks to educate and empower people inside and outside the vast gulag system, as to the true nature and reality of the American state. For, we're all prisoners to the callous bully!

Anarchism does not mean chaos and violence, but rather their opposite. Anarchy stands for peace, freedom, voluntary cooperation, free association, mutual aid, consensus decision-making, non-hierarchical and non-coercive relationships and anti-authoritarianism. These are the principles that make for a chance at a legitimate, cooperative and genuinely sustainable society.

The rampant chaos and violence we see everywhere today, is overwhelmingly a direct function of militarized, oppressive governments, which are almost invariably trained, armed and manipulated from Washington. The reason that the U.S. interferes so aggressively in the countries of the world, is in order to control their economies and liquidate &/or otherwise neutralize opposition to their imperial agenda. The world gets bombs and we get bars!

Domestically, the truth is that America has refused to give up its evil love affair with slavery. Illinois' own Abraham Lincoln did not "abolish" slavery! It is true, that powered by the impetus of armed former slaves, the North was able to overwhelm the South and chattel slavery was reluctantly written out of the U.S. Constitution. But, in the same paragraph, prison slavery was codified into law! Read the 13th Amendment very carefully! Slavery is "Constitutional!"

As well, the economic system, which can best be described as extreme capitalism, is based on wage-slavery. Thus, all the laws, politics, policing and judicial outcomes are geared to maintain these criminally attained property relations of human bondage and to keep the underclass down, heavily weighted as to race.

So, you have the horrible reality whereas America, with 4.5% of the world's population, gluttonizes 30% of the world's resources. Yet, still many millions in this country are homeless, destitute, hopeless, marginalized and criminalized. Twenty-five percent of the world's prisoners are engaged in the U.S.! Thousands of children die each and every day due to starvation and preventable diseases, while billions more are on the brink of survival. Obese American tread the soil covering the restless bones of the slaughtered Native Americans.

Slavery is a crime against humanity and is the most ruthless form of criminal exploitation, short of outright murder and genocide. The U.S. government is, has been and will be, heavily involved worldwide in these massive killings, either by ferocious bombing, military occupation or through proxy armies and dictatorships. The bloodthirsty regime in Washington is far and away the world's worst and most dangerous terrorist rogue state, having murdered tens of millions in countless countries for decades, and even unleashing nuclear weapons on defenseless cities. They are truly pitiless!

The only check to this, is the conscience and the appropriate actions of the American people, which is why the Darth Vader goon squads have been ordered to be so aggressive towards street demonstrators. The future of our world literally depends on our ability to somehow, someday abolish this criminal system of economic and judicial slavery that is the root cause of the social, psychological, sexual and environmental predation and degradation, we all see.

We work to help explain the horrific details about locked down Amerika, straight from the throats of her most tortured slaves - the

George Jackson's and Lucy Parson's of today. We're vilified for doing this, because a system this venal and demented, necessarily is built upon the vast ignorance of and distraction from their sinister motivations and monstrous actions, which are so heavily enforced.

The "danger" that we anarchist educators pose, is the danger of the fearlessly articulated truth! The state is driven by an insatiable greed & lust for power. We'll open up Pandora's Box for all to see!

America has always tried to silence those who speak the truth and attempt to rally people against state danger - from the Haymarket Martyrs to Fred Hampton. The powers that be, send their Pinkerton's and prosecutors, judges and jailers, to do their dirty work because they know that if the People can finally understand the truth and overcome their fear, brainwash, lethargy and isolation, their slave system will be finished! Viva Bolivia! ~ Anthony Rayson / ABC

**STATEMENT BY JANE DOE
REPRESENTATIVE OF CHICAGO ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS
Contact: ChicagoABC@hotmail.com**

I AM HERE AND/OR MY VOICE IS HERE TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM my utter disdain and absolute contempt for the Gulag ArchAmericana.

The solution to abuse of state power is very simple. Put the cameras 24/7 on the police, the prosecutors, the judges, the jailers, the politicians ... all of these Superpredators who enjoy unaccountability and immunity. Whose jobs are to protect and to serve societal inequalities. How quickly we the people would at last turn against these corrupt powerful few who rule the rest of us. No more police brutality. No more judicial brutality. No more criminalization of a generation. It is police brutality and state terror for police to spy on those of us who are awake to their abuses, who are concerned enough about the world we live in to want to make it better. Whoever gave the police these orders needs to be dealt with and since they took away our guns and rights to defend ourselves a long time ago, we have no choice but to resort to something even more dangerous. Lawyers.

A system, call it Democratic, call it capitalist, call it communist, call it socialist, call it whatever you will, that brutally imprisons and in many other ways brutalizes its own, can never be allowed the high ground. State terror in any form and to any degree cannot be tolerated.

DOWN WITH DUNGEONS AND TORTURE CHAMBERS. WE GAVE FORCE A CHANCE, NOW LET'S GIVE IT A REST.

There are people here and groups here who want to end societal inequalities. Many groups think this is going to take planning and a vanguard. Not so. It will only take awareness. Societal inequalities will end through mutual respect and cooperation, never with force from on high. Remember, every person who runs the gulags and all the militaries (including police) in the world are first and foremost WORKERS and workers who truly have some of the shittiest of all shit jobs. Workers of the armies, militaries and prison systems as well as all other reward/punishment systems like school and the work force, DISBAND. Forget revolutions, bloody or not, this just always leads to a new state as bad or worse than the old. Settle for nothing less than total world transformation. Stop working. Quit your jobs. We call a general strike by the people. It will be bloodless, because there will be no soldier workers to shoot people who refuse to work or who take over the factories, offices, manors, haciendas, ranches, mansions, estates, private beaches, Museums, Fort Knox, schools, colleges, government buildings, prisons, stock markets and all private property. No police to capture and jailers to hold people. We end authority abuse (symptom) by ending authority (cause). Human rights over property rights will prevail in the end when enough of us awake to the idea that they should and must.

February 25, 2004
Statement by Chuck Hutchcraft
Chicago Area Coordinator
American Friends Service Committee

637 S. Dearborn
Chicago, IL 60605
312-427-2533
chutchcraft@afsc.org

In the late fall of 2002, the Chicago office of the American Friends Service Committee was invited to plan a march and peaceful demonstration to be held during the Nov. 7 Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue meeting in Chicago.

Two AFSC staff people, along with a representative of another local peace and social justice group, negotiated with Chicago police for a permit. From the very beginning, they made it known that the demonstration would be by the book and nonviolent. Every organization involved in the march and demonstration had made a commitment to nonviolence and to abide by the rules set forth in the permit. We had nothing to hide and we hid nothing. Chicago police knew from the start what our plans were.

Nevertheless, Chicago police heightened the tension around the march and demonstration. Police built up a frenzy of fear, staging media events with mock demonstrations, showing off the high-tech crowd-control equipment for which it spent millions of dollars. All this despite the commitments by the groups involved to peaceful nonviolence.

Now we learn that not only did police distort our intent although they knew otherwise, they violated our civil rights. This is not the first time AFSC has been infiltrated and spied on by Chicago police. In the 1960s and '70s we were among the organizations targeted by the Chicago police Red Squad.

We are outraged that Chicago police have succumbed to the climate of suspicion and fear engendered by the so-called Patriot Act. AFSC and the other organizations that participated in the demonstrations around the Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue were merely exercising our fundamental rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, namely our rights to free speech.

The spying and infiltration by the Chicago police is further proof that the United States, in the hysteria generated since Sept. 11, 2001, is taking on the trappings of a police state. It is stripping its citizens of their basic rights and views anyone who dares disagree with our government as terrorists.

The American Friends Service Committee was founded by Quakers in 1917 and is rooted in the Quaker tenet of peace and nonviolence. AFSC, along with the British Friends Service Committee, received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1947 on behalf of Quakers and their efforts to aid Germans after World War II.

If an 87-year-old Quaker organization dedicated to peace and nonviolence is not safe from infiltration and spying by police, who is?

But the American Friends Service Committee refuses to be intimidated by these tactics. AFSC refuses to cave in to the fear – a fear fed by lies and misinformation – that has been used to wipe away our civil rights and that has led us into a war in which nearly 600 American soldiers and more than 10,000 Iraqis have died needlessly. AFSC will continue to carry out its Quaker obligation to speak truth to power.

24

AUTONOMOUS ZONE POSITION STATEMENT

CHICAGO --- We, the Autonomous Zone Collective, are an anti-authoritarian organization. We have been operating infoshops in the Chicagoland area for ten years. Our spaces are used to facilitate political-social events in a fight for liberation from state power.

We provided a space for some of the planning meetings around the time of the 2002 TABD Conference. Our group was one of the organizations that were infiltrated by the Chicago Police Department in 2002 and some of our members were targeted for harassment and false arrest.

The Chicago Police Department's response is just another example of the state's historical systematic targeting of activists. Chicago's history is rife with the institutional abuse of power: from the genocide of the indigenous inhabitants of the area to the repression we encounter today when people can't organize against military occupations abroad without being monitored secretly by the police.

It is illogical to say we are fighting for freedom abroad when our freedoms are being siphoned away at home. Our government is perpetuating a climate of fear in order to ensure compliance from the public. The security apparatus is designed to protect the privileges of the minority of corporations and their politicians at the cost of the civil liberties of the majority of the people.

Therefore, in defiance of this atmosphere of unwarranted fear, we feel it is imperative to the survival of our freedom that we continue to organize against the wars abroad and the incursions of our civil liberties at home.

Contact: Zoe Katt
Phone: 312-927-0861
E-mail: azone@azone.org

NOT IN OUR NAME (CHICAGO) -- PUBLIC STATEMENT

CONDEMNATION OF INFILTRATION OF THE MOVEMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE BY UNDERCOVER CHICAGO POLICE

Last week a court-mandated internal police audit revealed that undercover officers infiltrated five Chicago organizations: Not In Our Name (NION—Chicago), Direct Action Network, Anarchist Black Cross, American Friends Service Committee, and the Autonomous Zone. NION strongly condemns this police infiltration of our movement as an assault on our basic right to oppose the criminal war on Iraq and on the world. These covert police operations set a dangerous precedent and represent a major attack on the entire movement for social justice – including the anti-war movement -- and on the people generally. As our **NION Statement of Conscience** points out:

“President Bush has declared: ‘You’re either with us or against us’. Here is our answer: We refuse to allow you to speak for all the American people. We will not give up our right to question. We will not hand over our consciences in return for a hollow promise of safety. We say NOT IN OUR NAME. We refuse to be party to these wars and we repudiate any inference that they are being waged in our name or for our welfare. We extend a hand to those around the world suffering from these policies; we will show our solidarity in word and deed.”

We find it abhorrent that the government sent police spies into our meetings and events. We assume it was to photograph us, to tape record us, and to identify our leaders, among other things. Many of us remember similar operations during the Vietnam War and Black liberation movements that resulted in government frame-ups of righteous activists like Geronimo Pratt who spent over 2 decades of his life in a penitentiary. Some of the veterans from Chicago among us remember, only too well, how the police infiltrated the apartment of Fred Hampton, the leader of the Black Panther Party, and then helped to set him up to be murdered as he slept in 1969.

City spokesmen claim that they began these spying operations because “protesters were threatening to disrupt the Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue (TABD)”, an international meeting of business leaders that took place here in Chicago in 2002. But similar operations have been uncovered nationwide from Fresno California, to Grand Rapids Michigan, and to Albuquerque N.M. Last spring in New York, arrested protesters were questioned about their political associations, and the answers were put into a database. Protests in many U.S. cities were confronted by massive deployments of robocops, large wooden clubs, tear gas, rubber bullets, and pre-emptive arrests. The power structure was clearly stung by the people’s resistance to their criminal war on the people of Iraq. They have used massive resources to enact highly repressive legislation, administrative measures and court rulings (like ruling on the Chicago consent decrees that legalize police spying) and establish a highly repressive intelligence gathering and para-military apparatus to stop the unprecedented movement of millions that busted onto the political stage throughout the world last March.

Let us not forget that one-year ago hundreds of peaceful protesters were penned in and detained by a massive force of police. Later 800 were arbitrarily arrested. On March 20 various leaders of the anti-war movement were clearly pointed out with the assistance of undercover police operatives, plucked out of the demonstration and arrested.

The government continues to fear our resistance as we approach the one-year anniversary of the start of the war and protests are being organized in cities across the globe. Many in our movement are looking to the RNC as an opportunity to mobilize over a million people to pour into Manhattan and send another anti-war statement to the people of the world. The power structure needs our silence and compliance as they plan to commit even more heinous crimes against the people of the world in our name.

Several weeks ago at Drake University, the government issued a subpoena, calling for the university to hand over all records relating to an anti-war conference held on campus. They wanted the identity of all persons that attended the meeting and the identity of the officers of the Drake chapter of the NLG, among other things. They sought to justify this attack on our movement by painting it as a form of illegal support for “terrorism”. Meanwhile, the government has been crafting repressive legislation like Patriot Act 1 and Patriot Act 2, declaring citizens and non-citizens as enemy combatants, and creating additional hysteria by rounding up, detaining without charges, and deporting—Arabs, Muslims, and South Asians.

If this attack on Not in our name, Anarchist Black Cross Network, the Direct Action Network, the Autonomous Zone and The American Friends Service Committee is not vigorously opposed we run the risk of opening the floodgates of unlimited covert police activity. When this is combined with overt and brutal police tactics that we all witnessed last March 20th—then any opposition to the government's crimes throughout the world faces prosecution for "crimes against the state" and we may move beyond the point of no return in becoming a police state. 26

Contact: Dave Trippel (847) 328-4349

Press Release - Direct Action Network - Labor Group February 25, 2004
Contact - Cliff Willmeng (773) 968 - 7797

My name is Cliff Willmeng and I have been a member of the Chicago Direct Action Network since 2000.

I would have liked to attend today's press conference with a tone of surprise and shock at the newest round of political repression being conducted by the Chicago Police Department, as we have all learned about last week. I would have liked to have been taken by surprise at the knowledge that when we helped to organize a march of thousands of people against the Trans Atlantic Business Organization in November of 2002, that the police would, on behalf of the CEO's meeting at the Sheridan Hotel that week, have conducted spying and infiltration of groups standing out against corporate globalization. Unfortunately, it has been our knowledge since the start of our movement that whenever one hones in on the real motive of our government, that is nothing short of profit and power its security apparatus will be mobilized to monitor and crush those opposing it.

The Direct Action Network was formed out of the widespread protests that took place in Seattle in 1999 against the now infamous body known as the World Trade Organization. From those days until now we had claimed that the concept of economic globalization being touted by the wealthy and the powerful as a springboard into prosperity for the world's population was nothing more than the newest strategy to enrich the corporations and their cronies guiding its policy. Today the truth about these comprehensive maneuvers are slashing their way into living standards the world over, liquidating every possible benefit that working and poor people have struggled to gain for themselves to build without end coffers of tycoons and corporate elites.

It has become clear to us that any system whose health relies upon mass incarceration of the poor, the destruction of wages, employment security, health care and decent working standards, as well as the waging of large scale wars of conquest and domination, would ultimately not be contented to weather the unrest that its very policies would ensure at every turn. Like throughout the rest of our country's history, including the labor movement, the civil rights struggle, and the efforts long made to create a truly just and livable world, the Chicago Police and their bosses in city hall have once again proved themselves to be the defenders nothing more than wealth and power.

We in D.A.N. Labor condemn these latest attacks against all of the groups assembled here today, and against the future attacks against people taking up the cause to better their world. We will not be intimidated into silence or inaction and will continue organizing for a world not burdened by the needs profits and repression.

Today, we demand a formal and public apology by Mayor Richard M. Daley, whose legacy knows only too well the methods of repression and violence against groups demanding justice and democracy.

Tomorrow, however, we will demand more than an apology. We will demand that a true economic democracy ride over the politicians and their corporate bosses, their corrupt and racist system, and the armed enforcers that do their bidding unerringly. Tomorrow these rulers will have more to fear than tens of thousands of people mobilizing against them; they will know everyone who their endless greed and violence have touched.

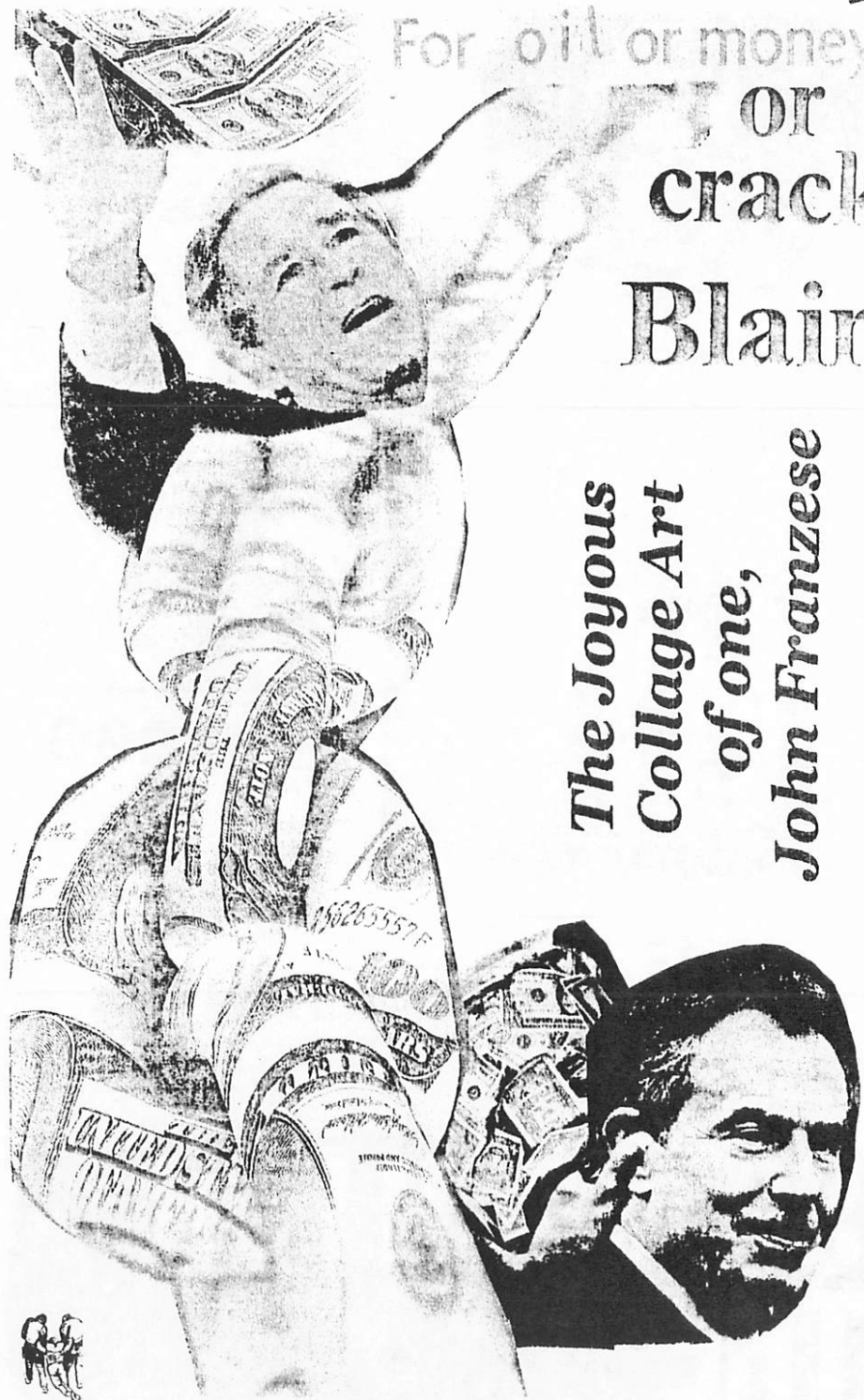
Thank you from the Direct Action Network Labor Group.

For oil or money?

or
crack

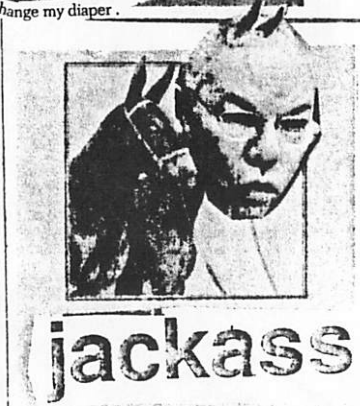
Blair

*The Joyous
Collage Art
of one,
John Franzese*





my mother stuck a finger in my eye, trying to change my diaper.



jackass

1951 Announcements



The Southern-Fried Twins

SO MUCH FOR THE WIND

America's top weapons sleuth says the intelligence on Iraq's arms was all wrong. TIME reports on how the CIA blew it

AARON PATTERSON ~ Revolutionary



Finally *FREE* & Speakin' the *TRUTH!*

NOBEL PRIZE, ANYONE?

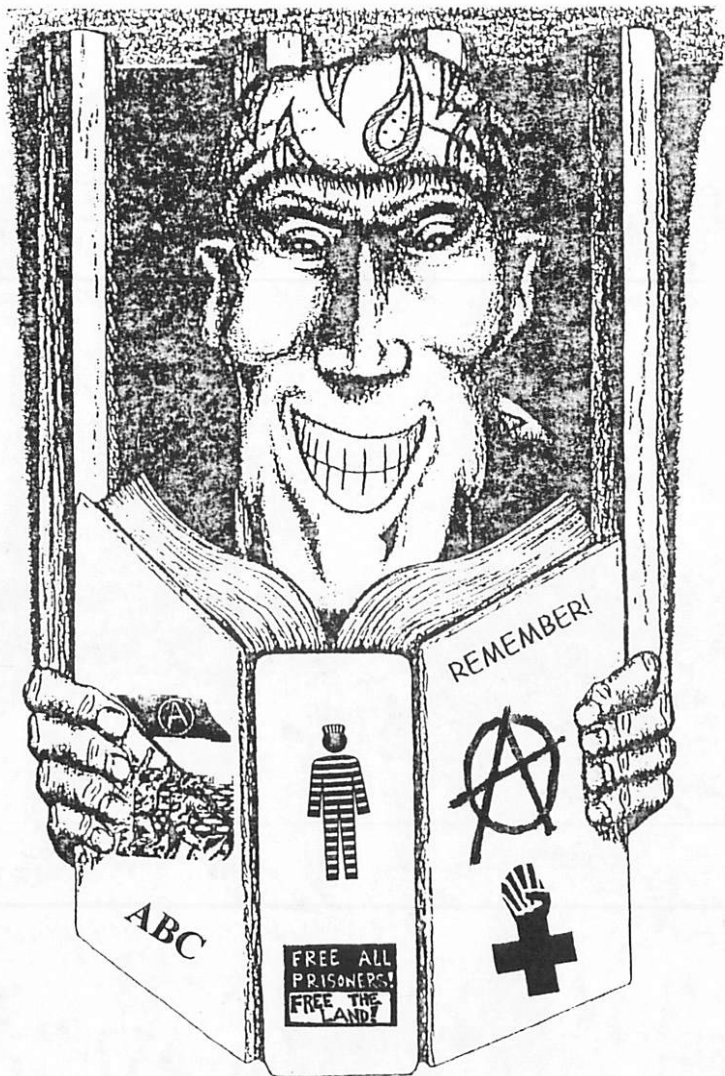
FIGURE



THE HEADS OF MASS MURDER

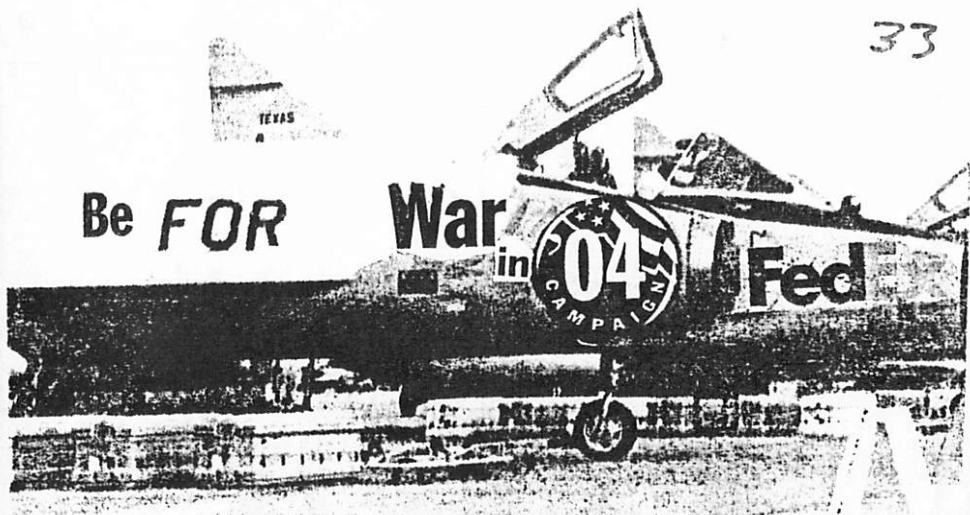


“WHEN YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF YOUR GOVERNMENT’S ATTACK IT SHOULD ONLY BE NATURAL TO WANT TO FIGHT BACK”



*“If the self-righteous types are unable to see beyond a person’s past mistakes (which we **all** make) and accept her or him for who and what they are **now**, then what difference is there in the narrow-mindedness of such anarchists and fascist “throw away the key” zealots they so often rail against?”*

- Ronald A. Young



Lieut. Bush has not been observed at this unit during the period of the report.

—WILLIAM D. ...

Lieut. Colonel, 111th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Texas Air National Guard. May 2, 1973



IN THE HOT SEAT Bush pilots an F-102 while serving in the Texas Guard

I WANT YOU
FOR U.S.A.
PRISON\$



MARSH, DENNIS LEE, #98161
Wisconsin Secure Program Facility

DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS
PO BOX 9900
BOSCOBEL, WI 53805

98161 # 05

Most people are trying to do the same stuff they've been doing all the time - try to find someplace comfortable to sleep and live, get nice things to eat and drink, do fun things and find people who you can share everything with, including oneself. It's what all animals try to do.

So, how is it that so many people are so unhappy, unhealthy, bored and dread the daily unfolding of their lives, in the land of milk and honey? Well, in the U.S. peoples' lives are not their own and that includes their brains. We're all prisoners, all the time, every day. The most natural thing for people to do, is to get together - be social. This is also the most disallowed thing. If you get a rousing block party in the streets, the cops come. If you gather in the Forest Preserves, the forest pigs come. You can't even be by yourself, without getting fucked with!

In Illinois, there's a new law. If you're driving on a four lane highway, it's now against the law to drive in the left hand lane for more than 1/2 mile, unless you are passing somebody! So, it's illegal to drive your car in the less congested lane! Most people are just trying to go to or from some miserable job or to a stinkin' store or are driving because it is their job, anyway. It's horrible that it's a car & truck reality, anyway! Bicycles, trains, walking, skiing, riding animals - that's "transportation!" It's all a contrived, money-making mess meant to manufacture stolen monies.

Also around here, the cops must now give out tickets - no more warnings! If they find something "illegal" (while rifling through your ride,) they can take all your money, your car, even your house and whatever else you own! They'll brusquely, ignorantly, (and obliviously) process you, with paperwork, into a cage, and scheme to steal *more* of what you have endeavored to accumulate, including the days of your life, if charges are brought. They get to keep everything they steal from you and use your money (and others who've they've likewise stolen from) to build new police stations, buy guns, purchase the latest high-tech whatever and get your kids to rat out their parents, and so forth. Isn't that what they do to their regular prisoners - shake 'em down all the time? They actually do on a nationwide scale, in every community, every hour of every day, what they accuse "gangs" of doing! The state, the government and the "owners of the means of production" decide who gains.

How about the video where the Cincinnati cops beat this guy to *death!* for being sleepy at a McDonald's? And then the Mayor praised these goons for being so "justified" in doing this because they guy didn't react passively enough to being so bludgeoned! This is how Nazis operate. Freedom is slavery. If anybody besides the chosen ones (capitalists) and agents of the state, such as the police, military, judges, IRS, etc. engages in such predatory activity, it's known as "crime." Countless wars (with their incessant mass murder, terror, destruction, deprivation, forced starvation, ultra coercion and theft) are the worst "crimes" of all and the U.S. is permanently at war, home and abroad. Now, how else are we to respond to that, other than by serious revolt???

The cops kill a black kid in the inner city because they "thought he had a gun." It's a comb... No problem! Take a two month paid leave for your "trauma." When you get back, we'll promote you!

"Our" troops are over in Iraq, guarding oil wells and killing people to protect our "freedoms." Insane! We *don't* have to live like this (having our only lives degraded by these liars and murderers.)

Have you seen the crap they're fattening our kids up on in the school cafeterias? It's like grey moosh - hideous! They've cut out recess! It's a martialized curriculum of lies, sponsored by Pepsi Co. Their main objective is to coerce them to believe these evil lies (that the latest imperial slaughtering is another example of how "humanitarian" America is.) We've gone the extra mile to blast them into "democracy." Good thing the Israelis are teaching elite units of assassins how to "occupy." And to think, they have their own problems! Kill over there, lockdown here!

I saw some spokeswoman on TV extolling the new policy of fingerprinting and photographing foreigners (except honkified Europeans, of course!) at thy nation's airports. They're doing this in such a way as to *increase* our security and *maintain* our freedoms. Yeah, right! We have the "freedom" to be lied to constantly, forced into being dummy,downed obedient slaves at work, school, on the streets or in prison and/or packed off to a torture chamber if we so much as attempt to exercise our so-called "freedoms" (like assembling in Miami!) United We Stand! Zeig Heil! United We Stand! Zeig Heil! We say - Attica! Attica! Attica!!! Haymarket (Fred Hampton) Forever!

You know what really sickens me about this "Mad Cow" thing? Well, everything - the insane waste of water and grain to breed these tortured animals, all the chemicals they pump into them, etc. Almost everybody eats it! We can't avoid it! Think about this! Cows can only get Mad Cow by being forced to eat other diseased cow's brains and spinal cords! All their suffering and gruesome death is coupled with forced cannibalism - so that the absolute maximum profit can be had per head! Then we eat 'em, get obese and diseased ourselves! Soy lent green is right around the corner, folks! It's soon to be in your grocer's freezer, right next to the cadaver chunks, in tasty formaldehyde broth! Idi Amin, Jeffrey Dahmer... must we too be forced into relishing cannibalism?

At least we've got our "entertainment" eh? All the escapist blockbusters, totally divorced from reality, movies. Pirates were very big in '03, but not "pirate radio." For broadcasting the truth, you get all your equipment smashed and then you get hauled off to jail. We've got "reality" trash TV shows and plenty of cop and court shows. Relief's at hand thankfully, - the flag-drenched sports teams with their steroid-pumped behemoths! It's so nice to be able to "identify" with a team of millionaire transients, ain't it? At least the kids get to run free and unsupervised outside, right?

The kids stare at little, itty-bitty tiny screens of some guy (or creature) trying to kill another image, over and over. Maybe someone is skateboarding in a never-ending maze. Every day, it's the same story, the same thing - "Don't do this, don't do that, don't even *think* about 'you know what!'"

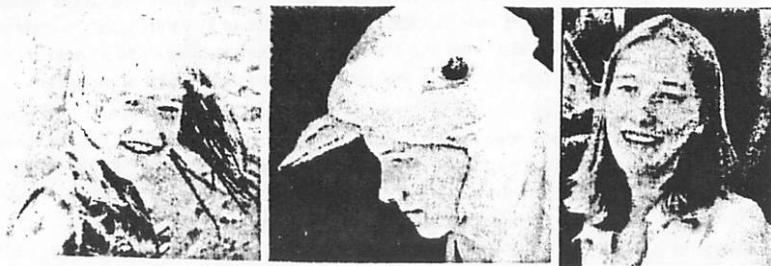
It's so comforting to know, that when they grow up and get big, they too can join the military and be sent to bum-fuck Egypt to guard an oil well and be detested by those people who are forced to live under their occupation, who just so happen, to live around them. Maybe the indentured servants of the military will get blown away, hopefully by "friendly fire." The parents will be so "proud" that their twenty year old's life is over. The papers will write a nice piece about how he loved to play with G.I. Joe and "became a man" in the military. His legacy will be that of Horst Wessel, USA-style. *When does revolt on a visceral level kick in? How much is just too much???*

If a working-class kid gets lucky and gets to stay stateside, maybe he or she will get a job as a prison guard or cop. But! If they don't stick to the braintread straight and narrow, they may wind up in some hellish prison and be a highly menaced prison (slave) laborer. The darker, the deeper...

So, enjoy your "freedoms" and remember all about "democracy" too! If this proves to be too much of a drag (accepting the banality and venality of present-day reality,) you can always use your mind to think for yourself and act accordingly! Say, what!? If you do decide to live your own life, don't expect any sympathy from the devils who screen the mainstream freak show. You're your own!

HONOR RACHEL CORRIE!

On March 16, 2003, Rachel Corrie, was murdered by Israeli Occupation Forces, as she attempted to prevent the illegal demolition of a Palestinian home in Rahaf (Gaza). Rachel was a 23 year old college student from Olympia, Washington serving as a volunteer with The International-Solidarity Movement in the occupied territories of Palestine. The International Solidarity Movement is a Palestinian-led movement of Palestinian and international activists that use nonviolent direct action tactics to challenge the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine. DePaul Students for Justice in Palestine and the Chicago chapter of the International Solidarity Movement invite you to attend this special evening where we will honor Rachel Corrie.



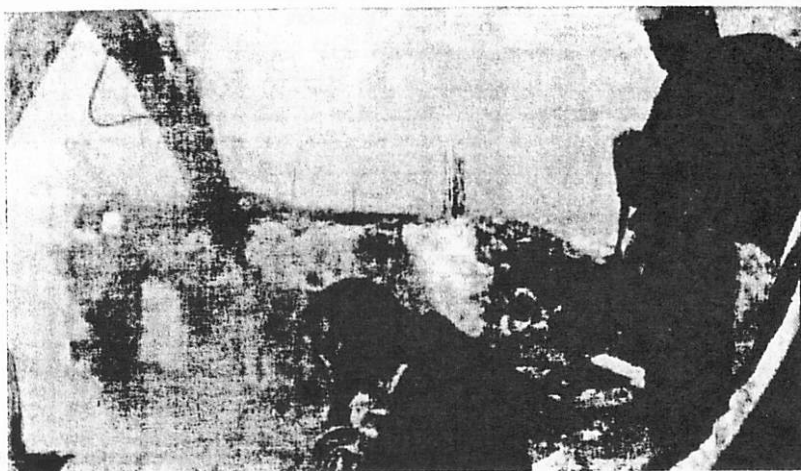
For further details contact: International Solidarity Movement-Chicago chapter
312-491-1789 or ISMinChicago@aol.com
www.palsolidarity.org & www.distanceeddesign.com/rachel/

Demand that Caterpillar stop selling bulldozers to the Israeli government!

37

Friday, April 23, 2004

International Day of Action Against Caterpillar Peoria, Illinois



Caterpillar destroys the homes of Palestinian families in order to build the apartheid wall.

Sponsored by the StopCatCoalition

Partial List of Endorsers: Chicago Coalition Against War and Racism (CCAWR); Global Exchange; Peoria Area Peace Network; McHenry County Peace Group; HammerHard Media Works (Chicago); Direct Action Palestine; Students for Justice in Palestine - University of Chicago; Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace and Justice; Students for Social Justice (Chicago); Palestine Solidarity Group-Chicago; Tri-Taylor Neighbors for Peace; Citizens for Fair Legislation; US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation; NW Suburban SUSTAIN; ISM-Montreal; ISM-Chicago; ISM-Northern California; QUIT (Queers Undermining Israeli Terrorism); Palestine Solidarity Movement; Worldwide Movement for Justice and Peace (Houston, TX)

For more information contact: Chicago ISM 312-491-1789 or ISMinChicago@aol.com

Send a letter to Caterpillar by going to: <http://www.catdestroyshomes.org> and click on:

 SEND CATERPILLAR BOARD A LETTER

FREE JEFF LUERS!

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST SENTENCED TO 23 YEARS

Write to 'Free' at: Jeffrey Luers,
#13797671, OSP, 2605 State Street
Salem, OR 97310, USA

www.freefreenow.org

Transform the Iron Houses of Oppression into Schools of Liberation

38

By Tom Big Warrior, 1/6/04

What I remember most from reading Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*, is that to defeat your enemy you must defeat his strategy with your own. It is all well and good to talk about the abolition of prisons, but this requires that first the state itself must be abolished, for you cannot have one without the other.

But to develop a strategy that will defeat the ruling class's strategy of mass incarceration as a means of social control and the criminalization of a generation, we need a strategy that utilizes this reality and makes it work for us. Penitentiaries have always been the universities of the oppressed. Many older prisoners complain that the new crop of prisoners haven't a clue as to the ways of the "Old School." They are for the most part amateurs unlearned in the fine points of the criminal underworld and its ways and customs. The massive increase in the number of incarcerated has forever changed the situation. What is called for is a "New School," not based upon the criminal life style but upon becoming warriors who live lives of service to the people.

Most "ethnic" people are not so far removed from the warrior traditions of their ancestors. These traditions held that a warrior's life was not his own, it belonged to his people, his tribe or his nation. In these societies, the State did not exist. There were no special bodies of armed men, soldiers or police, no prisons and no class ruling over society. Every man, (and some women), was a warrior. When the need arose, he dropped what he was doing to rise to the defense of the people or perform whatever service was needed. Otherwise, he went about his business of providing for his family or neighbors in need.

This is how society worked for many thousands of years, and the virtues of the warrior were the virtues of humanity; courage, loyalty, humility, honesty and reliability. Warriors strove to be their people's pride and to set a good example for the youth and children who looked up to them and learned from them. They did not fear death, only dishonor. To die for the people was an honor.

The strategy of the ruling class is to degrade, demoralize and dishonor the members of the underclass; to turn the young women into "ho's" and the young men into "gangsta's," addicting both to "crack" or "smack" and thereby neutralize them and render them impotent in the class struggle, setting them up for early graves or long prison sentences. They give the Indian nations casinos and call this "sovereignty rights." They turn the urban barrios and "hoods" into war zones, giving the people a choice of colors in fratricidal gang warfare.

Every bit of this is about oppression, even if it puts a wad of dough in your pocket, or it puts you in a flash car or flash clothes for a while. This is all chump change to the ruling class, and you are never going to be one of them. All they will let you be is a Judas Goat with a bell around your neck leading the people to slaughter. What you sell to wear the bell is worth a lot more than what you receive.

Creator made us to be warriors. This is biologically determined. The very gifts that enable us to be strong warriors, strength of body, quickness of mind, and courage are exploited to turn us into "gangsta's" and "hoodlums." We are made into caricatures of what we were intended to be...not the real thing at all!

To be real, we must return to the ways of our warrior ancestors and their traditional spiritual orientation. We must let Creator stand us tall and help us to walk in balance on the Red Path of true warriors. When necessary, we must walk alone, when possible, we must unite as brothers and form warrior circles. Virtually any prison group can become a warrior's circle and help to transform the joint into a "School of Liberation." Every yard and cell block can become a classroom of higher learning.

Education is the key. Those with knowledge and understanding must share it with others. Lifers, who cannot get out, can school those who will. Those who come out can carry the "New School" into the neighborhoods and back onto the reservations. No matter how bad one has been, when turned to service to the people we can all be useful. We can be Giants!

The people who run the prisons talk about "corrections" and "rehabilitation," but it is all a scam. The only ones who care about rehabilitation are the prisoners themselves and their loved ones. The system is rigged to fail. People are expected to come out more demoralized and dehumanized than they went in. They are expected to re-offend and go right back in, or trip over some technical violation of parole placed in their path.

The reality is there are not enough decent jobs to go around. Globalization calls for exportation of the good jobs elsewhere and importation of cheap immigrant labor to depress wages in the service sector. That's why so many Americans are being incarcerated for longer prison terms. It has nothing to do with crime rates and everything to do with keeping the underclass down.

The only way to win is to stop playing their game and to turn the tables on our oppressors. Nobody can change a thing about the past. What's done is done! All we can do is determine what we are going to do today and what we aspire to become in the future. Why should we accept the label of our past misdeeds as an identity or put such on others? Pretty near everyone in prison did some pretty awful thing or things to get where they are, but why dwell upon it? Need it determine the rest of one's life?

We can be the sort of men whom others will respect and trust regardless of the start we made in life, if we decide to change our ways and walk a righteous path. We were all given the capability of living up to Creator's expectations.

Sometime you have to leave the path to find it, to fail in order to succeed. We were born in a sewer of exploitation where everything sacred is profaned and selfishness, insensitivity, ruthlessness and greed are promoted as virtues. We live in a world turned wrong-side up. No one on death row killed more people than Lee Iacoca, when with the stroke of a pen he eliminated the option of putting a safer gas tank on the Ford Pinto, and they proclaimed him "Man of the Year."

Compared to the crimes of the ruling class, all the offences of all the prisoners in America taken together pale by comparison, but they go Scott free, or at worst get a slap on the wrist, no matter what their crimes, while the poor are executed or grow old in prison cells. But before there can be an accounting of true justice, the people must be united. Such unity does not fall from the sky, or occur as an instantaneous mystical happening, it must be built up gradually from below. A nation stands upon its warriors, and without them, a people have nothing.

Tamamend's Day (May 1st 2004) Committee
P.O. Box 4362 Allentown, PA 18105 610-437-2971

RUSSELL "MAROON" SHOATS

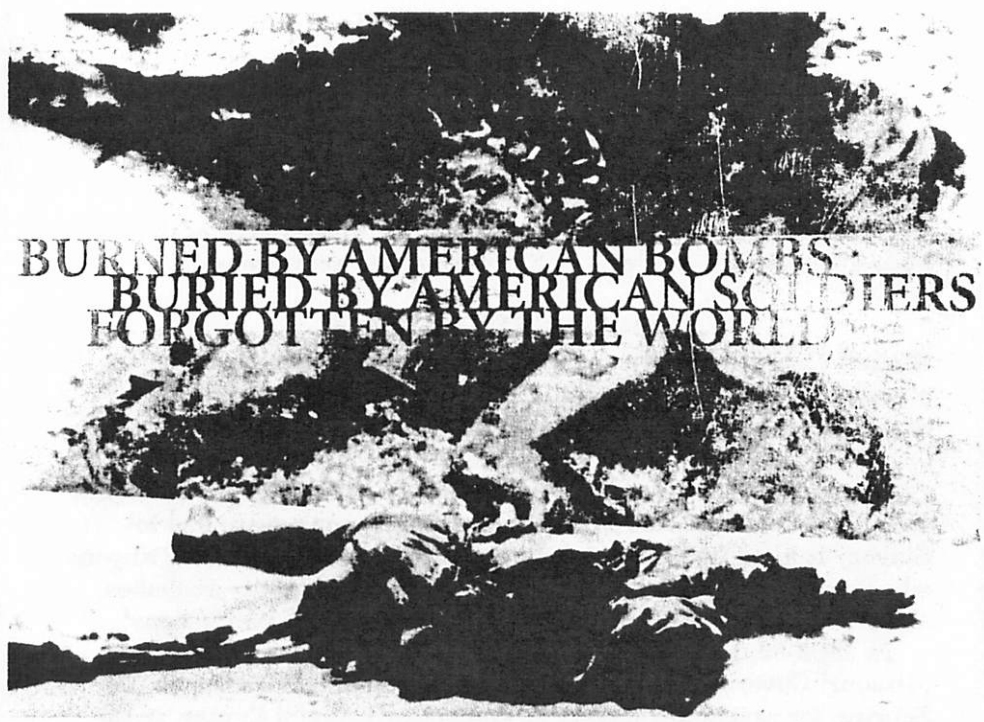
40



America is not just a nation of prisons, where one in four of the incarcerated people in the world reside, it is a prison house of nations. First and foremost are the indigenous nations whose homelands are occupied. Then there is the nation of Africans in America, of Mexicans and Puerto Ricans in America, and so on. All the nations in America, including the white colonial settler nation, must learn to stand together and to stand tall in opposition to all oppression. Warriors must lead the way!

We are all in the same boat. Our fates are intertwined. To have a future, we must wrest the wheel from Blind Greed and Selfish Ambition and put Reason in command. Who can understand this better than those whose personal lives have been wrecked upon the rocks? It is from within the bowels of the system of injustice, from those stripped of everything tangible, and struggling to retain their humanity and spirit, that hope for the future will be found. In the hard knocks school of prison and on the mean streets of poverty and desperation, the people will find their champions.

Let all who yearn for a day of liberation for mankind take a hand in consciously creating this school. Yes, one day we shall see the abolition of prisons, and of every form of oppression, but not without first raising up a tide of red-hearted warriors who, even under the gravest adversity, have learned how to be free.



BURNED BY AMERICAN BOMBS
 BURIED BY AMERICAN SOLDIERS
 FORGOTTEN BY THE WORLD

SUPPORT THE TRUTH WWW.DENNISKYNE.COM



AP photo by Paul Mellaart
 Secretary of State Colin Powell, in the Netherlands, speaks Tuesday to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

How could you *not* feel like retching breathing the same air as this internationally loathed monster!?

Why Should Prisons Be Abolished?

42

by, Jerome Powell, February 16, 2004

Prisons are evidence of a society's failure! Nations that have lots of prisons, have to admit to failure as a society, if they are truthful. Let's look at prisons in the United States.

I've heard people say that the Thirteenth Amendment of the United States, "abolished slavery." Let's analyze this amendment:

AMENDMENT XIII (1865)

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, *except* as a punishment for crime, whereof, the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States.

So, slavery was not completely abolished with Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The American people were lied to! Slavery is alive in the United States, as legal punishment for anyone who is convicted of a crime. The 13th Amendment only abolishes slavery out in society, but prisons are the new slave plantations!

In 1992-93, I filed civil suit against then President Bill Clinton, Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and Director of Corrections, Dora B. Schiro, for practicing slavery at Potosi Correctional Center, in the state of Missouri. A Federal judge dismissed my civil suit, *citing the 13th Amendment*, stating slavery was legal as punishment for those convicted of a crime!

Capitalism cannot exist without slavery. That's why slavery has not been abolished!

Slavery is a crime against humanity. It's a crime against the dignity of mankind. The United States' practice of slavery proves that it is not a civilized nation, but an uncivilized nation. Civilized nations produce jobs for their citizens, spend millions on education and have no forms of slavery at all!

Advanced technology is not what makes a nation civilized. It is only the absence of human rights violations that determines whether a nation is civilized! Prisoners are tortured in prisons all over the United States, by sadistic prison guards.

The very fact that the 13th Amendment makes slavery legal within the United States, means the United States of America is a barbaric, uncivilized nation, with no regard whatsoever for human rights!

Prisoners are not allowed to vote. Why? Because such rights are not given to slaves! Refer to Random House, Webster's Dictionary of the Law:

Badge of slavery. 1. A legal disability characteristic of slavery, such as being denied the right to vote.

The American people have been deceived by politicians into supporting the building of prisons. Politicians / rulers who fail to provide jobs for millions of people, deal with the problem by enslaving those who rob, sell drugs, etc. simply to survive. Therefore, the problem is not dealt with. It takes money to survive in this society and I will now quote from a statement I read:

"A society that does not provide the basics of life for it's citizens, does not get it's laws obeyed!"

Slavery is a human rights crime. It's a crime against humanity. There is NO justification for slavery!

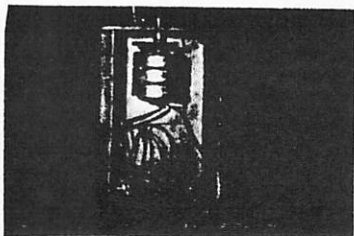
That is why prisons should be abolished.

by, Jerome Powell (master of philosophy)

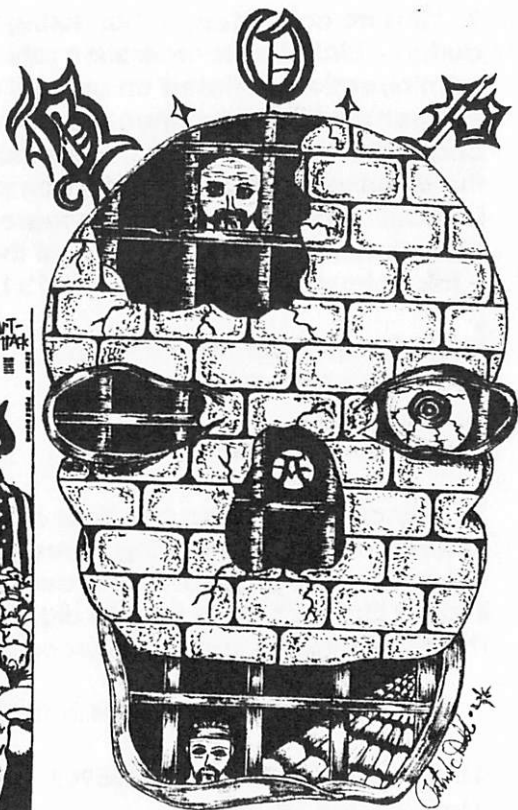
Jerome Powell #40629

South Central Correctional Center

Licking, Missouri 65542-9843



Implement of torture: "black box" generator used by former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge and his detectives to electro-shock dozens of young, Black men, for the purpose of extracting falsely fabricated, alleged statements/confessions.



No Returns
No Escape!

1. "American rights and freedoms allow you to make a plate of food exported from another country, eat half, then throw the rest away while the people in the country which the food was exported from are malnourished and starving. They are allowed to suffer and/or starve because their forced impoverishment enriches a handful of government and military officials in their country, as well as corporations and a handful of people in America. We invest in political and corporate corruption, and sponsor moral hypocrisy when we buy into the myth that America's inordinate abundance is a blessing of human rights and economic freedom."

~ taken from the essay, *The Hypocrisy of Capitalist Morality*

**Clarence Anthony Taylor (Talib Rasheed) #13606 24-4B
P.O. Box 30
Pendleton, Indiana 46064**

2. "It is no coincidence that during the Reagan/Bush (Senior) era, during which the incarceration rate quadrupled, these administrations initiated an outright attack on domestic social programs while simultaneously and effectively criminalizing the character of black youth... Mass incarceration, criminalization and the ensuing criminal industrial complex has been a conscious tactical response of empire to repress anti-colonial, anti-capitalist and revolutionary fervor amongst the oppressed classes."

~ taken from the essay, *To: What's Left of the Left*

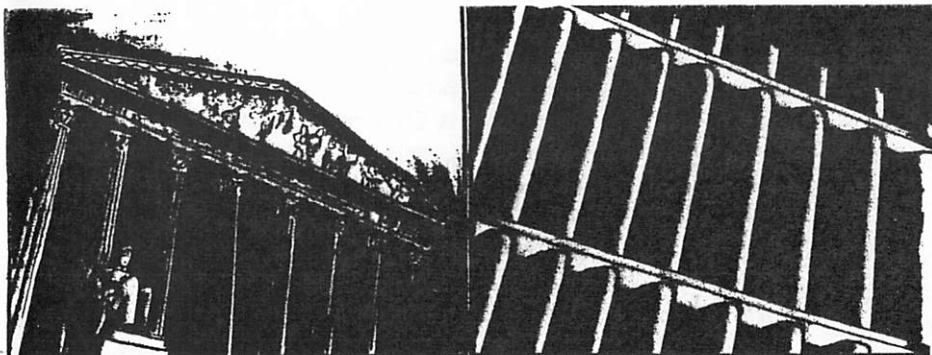
**Kevin (Rashid) Johnson # 185492
Red Onion State Prison
P.O. Box 1900
Pound, Virginia 24279**

3. "My cell on Q-Wing is a steel and concrete tomb where I struggle to keep my soul from dying. These walls have known pain and it seeps from the jagged cracks and crevices along the surface where it looks like men have tried to dig their way through to the other side. The paint peeling from patchwork repairs looks like frozen tears."

~ from the essay, *Like Raisins in the Sun*

**Le Nard Andre Scovens #165908 Q1-202
Florida State Prison
7819 Northwest 228th Street
Raiford, Florida 32026-1000**

**Austin ABC
P.O. Box 684261
Austin, TX 78768-4261**



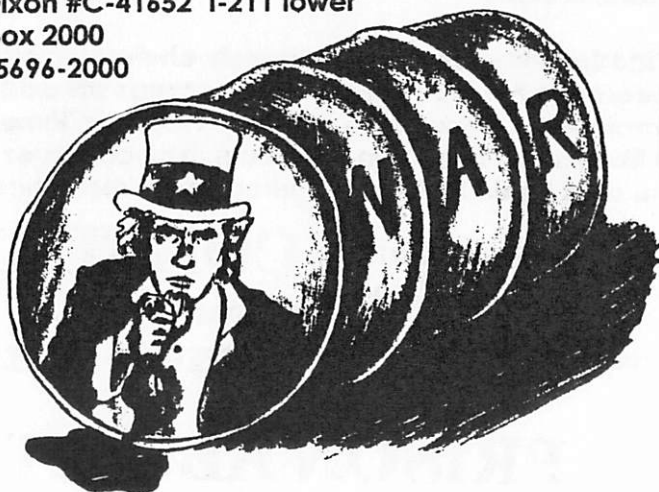
4. "I've known at least a dozen who have died here in the past few years. If they were diagnosed properly the first time around, many of these ladies would be alive today. I ask every reader to get involved to help your fellow sisters behind bars. Take a stand for what's right for us who can't, due to retaliation. Love and Peace, my sisters."

45

Amy Muffley #023937
S. C. I. Muncy
P.O. Box 180
Muncy, PA 17756

5. "I appeal and cry out to all my BPP members in the U.S.A. not to allow our youth's life to be in vain or to suffer in prison, or die at the hands of the pigs. We must save our children. It's my request to all political prisoners/POW's to reach out to all the youths in prisons and the outside world. Remember, the young people and children are our future."

Bobby Marion Dixon #C-41652 I-211 lower
C. M. F. / P.O. Box 2000
Vacaville, CA 95696-2000



6. "In my situation, I observe first hand some of the treacherous tactics guards employ on us. Five times a week, I work in a level 5 facility aka N.C.I. or Northern. This is CT's only supermax (level 5) prison. Deathrow is there. Gang members and combative prisoners go thru a phase program there, also. Each night I work, begins with a ritual. We are patted down then shackled, handcuffed and once we arrive at Northern, under a 3 vehicle escort, we are then strip-searched. All this to work for 2 1/2 hours. In the facility, it is a different world. Many have tried to commit suicide due to sensory deprivation. Some men have been known to cut body parts off just to get attention and be in the humane environment of a hospital."

Mr. Todd Taylor #151535
c/o Enfield Medium
P.O. Box 1500
Enfield, CT 06083

7. "The last time I wrote you, I was in Pontiac and we (me & my comrades) were in a mass hunger strike (over 200+ inmates.) They moved me and my two comrades, Chino Valentin & Casper Rosario. They targetted us because we wrote the warden and other foot soldiers about our demands and they also said we organized it (which we did and don't care who knows!) They transferred me on Oct. 2, 2003, to Menard after I refused lunch. See, at lunch time on Oct. 1, they had "orange crush" their goon squad come get me, Valentin & Rosario."

Ludwin C. Payes #K79123
711 Kaskaskia Street
Menard, IL 62259

8. "Modern day fascists have merely changed their lingo and appearance but their concentration camps still exist! They attempt to smother the voice of the prisoner. However, through books, zines and likewise other inspiring literature, it all continues to educate those of us behind the walls & encourages resistance in all forms!"

Joseph Villarreal #H84098
Salinas Valley State Prison
P.O. Box 1050 - C2 - 229
Soledad, CA 93960

CONFERENCE
August 13 - 15, 2004
UIC - CHICAGO

PRISON ABOLITION

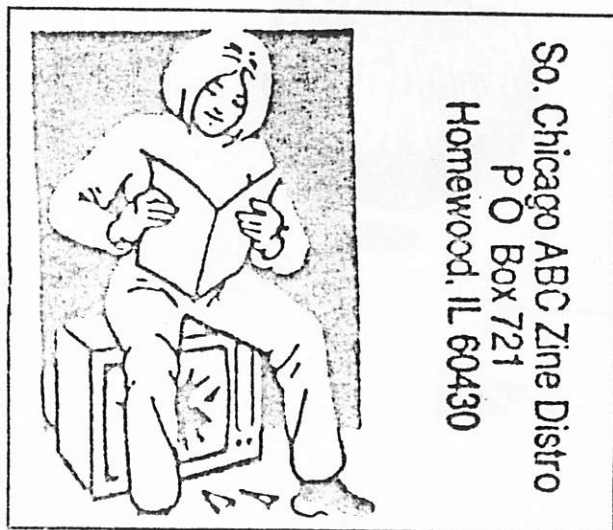
South Chicago ABC Zine Distro

As Tom Big Warrior puts it, we must "Turn the Iron Houses of Oppression into Schools of Liberation." Slavery, murder, rape, torture, brainwash, sadism - the essence of the State - are the prisons. They are rapidly changing and the most conscious and articulate voices are being muffled inside. It seemed like the anarchist thing to do to get involved where the need was the greatest.

I started writing my own zine, *Thought Bombs* and started up a distro of other powerful anarchist, anti-racist/abolitionist and feminist zines. More and more, the people with the most to say, in my opinion, proved to be courageous, conscious prisoners. I looked for the depth of what they had to say, more than if they were a certain type of prisoner. If they had something of value to say, whether they considered themselves, New Afrikans, Muslims, Anarchists, or whatever, I'd more often than not, work up a zine with them. This also went with zines written by non-prisoners or by support groups. I'd add them to my distro. I wrote and edited tons of such zines, mostly by and about prisoners and prisons. I send many zines to prisoners and try to broadcast their struggles.

Trying to collaborate with certain prisoners is quite difficult. The screws and goon squads disrupt our correspondence, steal much of the prisoner's work, assault them physically, and move them to their evil supermax dungeons. They can't stand the truth and censorship goes to ludicrous lengths. It's pure fascism!

We have a growing network of ABC's (Anarchist Black Cross) groups and the Chicago chapter is organizing our network's third Prison Abolition Conference. (PAC) We're looking for presenters and participants for this. It will be held at UIC, in Chicago, August 13-15. Email us at: ChicagoABC@hotmail.com
Anthony Rayson ~ South Chicago ABC Zine Distro Box 721 Homewood, IL 60430

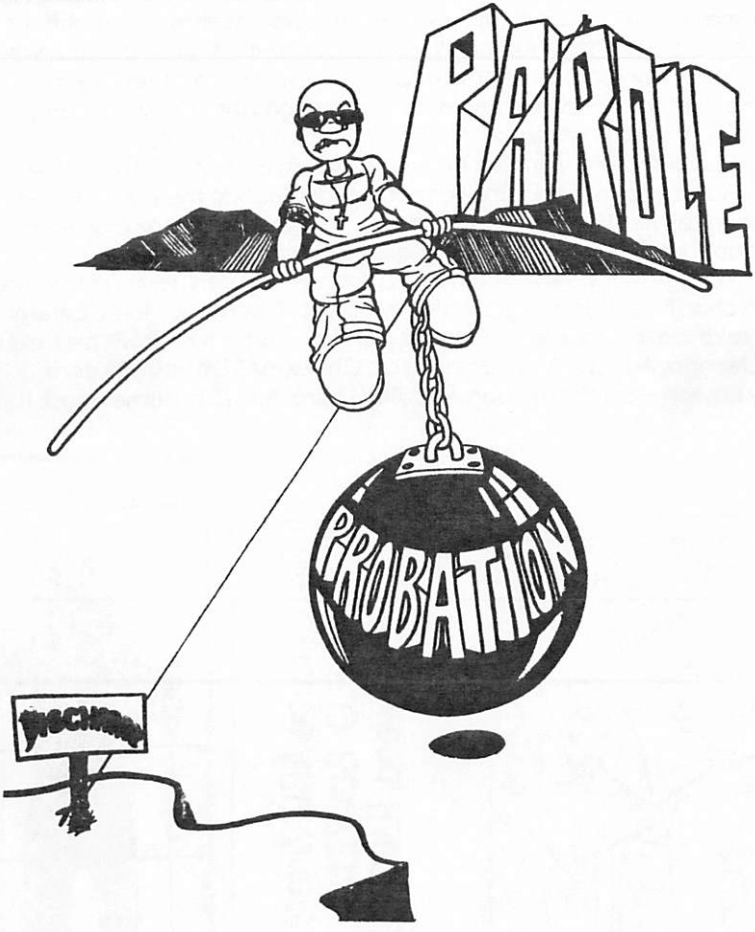


So. Chicago ABC Zine Distro
P O Box 721
Homewood, IL 60430



ARTWORK BY R. G. HALL, JR.

View BY R. G. HALL JR

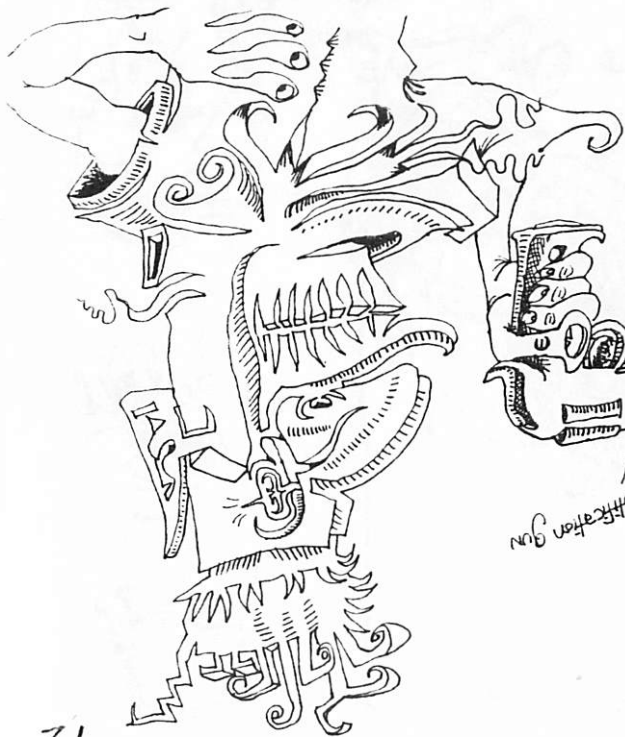




The attacking us that the "expressors"
 reflect from their own internal state
 can be viewed as language
 wanting out revolt.
 The stronger the attack the more
 their internal language
 -- even tho' not usually articulate
 (it has because of such) --
 challenge us in real mass
 Do we dare even be real?
 Do we possess the capacity to
 stand real in a way that
 they most hesitate to
 even think?



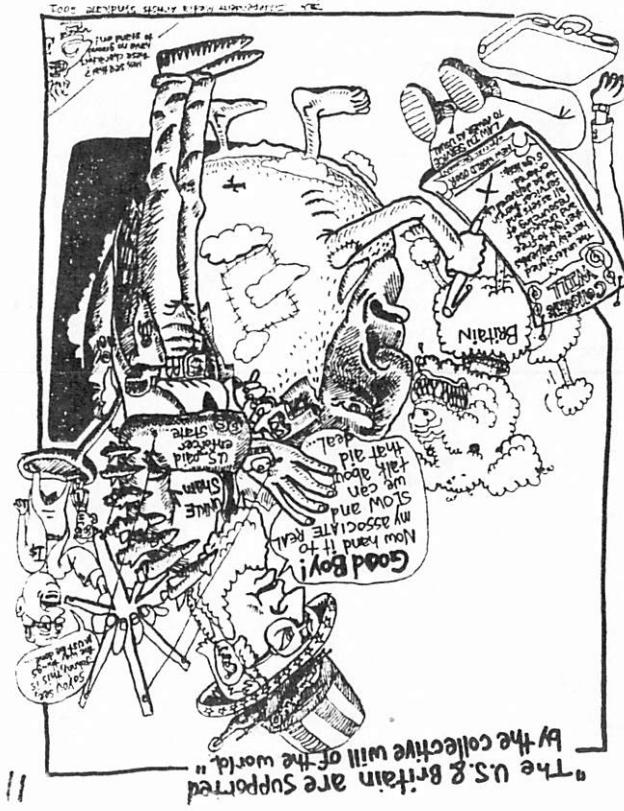
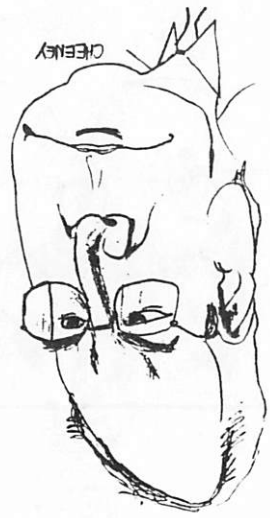
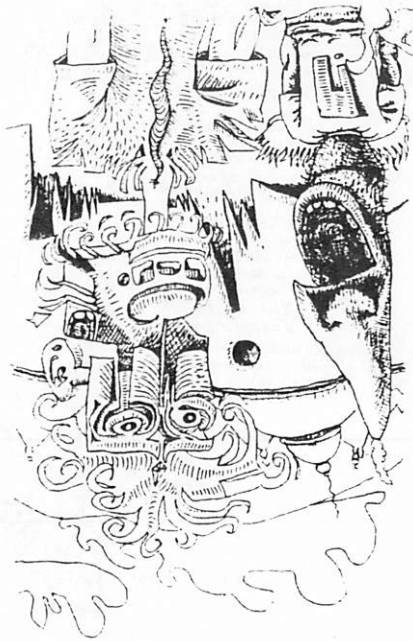
to pass out crumpled-up messages

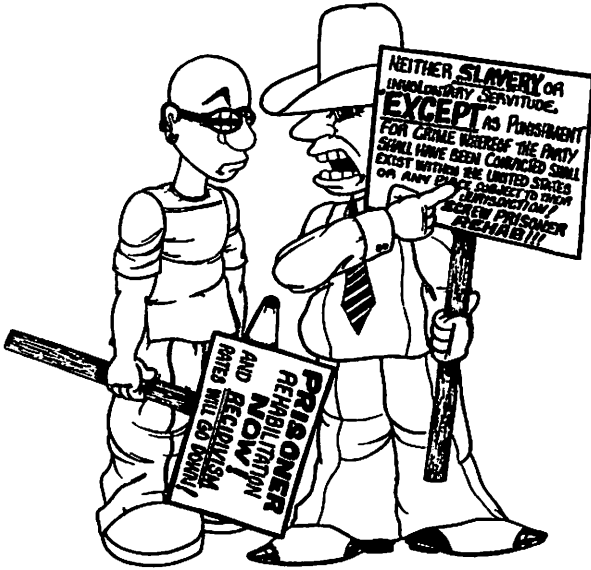


demystification gun

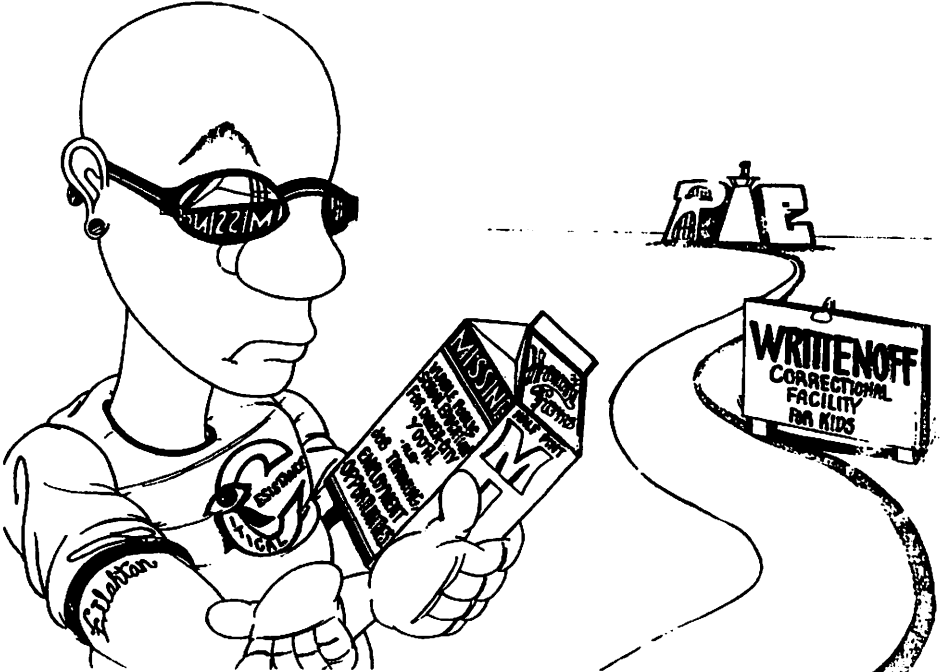
not are not
 critique
 of society
 in paper
 program

the
 at
 the





Veris R.G. MULLER



I've felt all kinds of things since entering this SHU¹ in '98, while isolated from human touch; caged and tortured; often starved; having shit and piss thrown on my body, my face and my hair; having my dreadlocks pulled out; having ribs and fingers fractured; and having my head and lips busted.

I've had my mail censored, had my personal belongings ransacked, read and used to contact my family and friends in the free world behind my back. My personal photos have been passed out among their gossip hounds for purposes of starting false rumors about my family and friends. I've been labeled a troublemaker, a snitch, a racist, a rapist, a child molester, and a woman killer to try to turn prisoners against me and what I believe in. I've been labeled as suicidal, insane and as a predator.

After the blood, sweat and tears over the past six years on this SHU—the loneliness, isolation, long nights, longer days, the dreams, nightmares, the cold sweats, the hot sweats, and the confusion—what is left of me? I can't understand, relate to, or communicate with people the way I used to. Much as I long for human contact, I find myself pulling back from what opportunities there are for dialogue. I purposefully push people away. I can't afford to allow anyone to penetrate my space for fear of people not understanding my anger, my frustration, and my fears over the last six years.

I tell people that have just come on the unit to be cool and do what it takes to get off this SHU as fast as possible, to avoid misconduct reports that could keep them here longer, to accept the bullshit around here in order to get off, to keep their mouths shut, do what they're told, show no resistance or they'll be here as long as I have ... then I look inwardly at where this SHU has brought me. Now this SHU has me preaching passivity and not resistance.

I search to find something positive that I can take away from this experience. What can I possibly tell future comrades about this SHU? All I can think of as advice is to stay the hell away.

Every 30 days, a psycho-doctor comes to ask each of us, "Do you have any problems?" For six years, I've been asked this question. For the first year or so I answered, "No," but as time went on I stopped answering the question all together. They didn't need me to tell them that they were creating problems for prisoners—mentally, physically, and spiritually.

I feel as though the SHU has emptied me and left me hollow. Have you heard an old saying that goes, "I'm up a creek without a paddle?" Well, that's me, plus I'm handcuffed behind my back with a million holes in the bottom of the boat and I'm sinking fast

Still, I want hope – I crave hope. I seek reassurance that the struggle for prisoners' human rights remains alive – that I remain alive – that the SHU regime can be ended.

I tell you without shame that I'm scared. I'm as afraid as anyone would be here. Some days I don't know where to turn. I cry. I want to give up, but what would I be if I didn't challenge the violence here that haunts me?

I long for the day when I can relax, when I can sleep peacefully for eight hours, eat a good meal, take a nice hot shower, and not have these stresses, these ills, this nonsense, this foolishness, this darkness of the SHU waiting for me when I'm done.

¹ "SHU" is the Indiana Department of Correction's term for its "Security Housing Unit," known elsewhere as adjustment units, control units, and supermax prison units, beginning with the federal prison unit in Marion, Illinois, designed so that in theory, prisoners can be held in well-lit and monitored isolation with no direct human contact—advertised when built as models of technological advancement.

I've counted every brick of these walls in this cell, and it seems that every time that I count them one is missing, or maybe the walls are closing in on me. Whatever the case, this cage has become my friend, enemy, my love, my fear, and my shelter, as well as home to my demons. It plays tricks with my mind, and it soothes my mind. A contradiction? It's much more than that now. 53

When I'm taken from this cell for anything, shower, sick call, law library, I long to return. Despite all the negative things the cell is, I also see it as my protector. Explain that! But it shields me, not from the shit and piss throwers, but from something that I can't explain, but I feel protected from everything else. Crazy, huh?

Despite my isolation, or perhaps because of it, I long to be as alone as possible. I sleep (or try to) during the daylight hours and stay up all night. My thoughts just seem to work better during these hours, because of all the bullshit that goes on around me during the day. I steal what time I can for myself, reading and writing. I take joy from any escape from SHU madness.

I hope that I can be "de-SHUED" when I leave here—that I'll become more social when I'm back in a regular population where prisoners interact with each other. I had the experience of being off the SHU recently.

In February and August of 2003, I returned to the county that I'm from, up north, to go to court to request a modification of my sentence. I had to stay in an overcrowded county jail. The cells were made for two people, but held four—a very tight fit.

I could neither sleep nor interact. I felt paranoid, out of place. I isolated myself as best I could from everybody else. When the other three were out of the cell, and I stayed there alone, I felt more at peace, more comfortable, more protected from sharing even my feelings.

When it was lockdown, from 11 p.m. until 4 a.m. (that's the time the doors were locked and we were confined to that small cell), I sat up and watched these other three dudes. None of them was threatening in any way. I was there for four days each visit to court, and every night I slept sitting up, as to be in a defensive position—physically and mentally. That's how I felt.

One of the dudes in the cell with me asked me, "Man, why are you always by yourself?"

I said, "Just thinking about this court date."

By my second visit to the jail, I was at least aware of keeping to myself and why I did it. It wasn't that the dudes posed a threat to me, but that I was uncomfortable because I had not had interaction in so long that I didn't know how to act. I was basically in shock, and my fear level was off the scale. I was scared to be around people. Isn't that crazy? I've never talked about this to anyone before now. I find myself wondering what my reaction will be if I'm let off the SHU back into population with other prisoners, let alone released from prison altogether.

This is a look inside this SHU, as well as a look inside my mind and feelings. I think people need to know not just about the shit and piss throwing, but about the possibly long-term effects of isolation, the dehumanization, loneliness, forgotten-ness, the feeling of having been thrown away, and all goes on inside a prisoner there. If there are questions, criticisms, or whatsoever that's on anyone's mind, please address your questions to me personally. Just please don't assume you know about me. If you have any questions, please ask.

This was hard for me to write and it was even harder to let somebody read it. I feel that I have exposed myself to a lot of people. I worry that some people will try to use my words against me, but I'm all right with that as long as we can possibly help to "de-SHU" prisoners, not just in Indiana but nation- and worldwide.

I remain,

Billy Brown
WVCI, #855988, SHU
P.O. Box 1111
Carlisle, IN 47838 USA

A STRUGGLE ON TWO FRONTS: PRISONS & IMPERIALIST WAR

After a war waged by the U.S. military against Vietnam which took the lives of more than 3 million Vietnamese people and more than 58,000 GIs, the U.S. finally withdrew in 1975. It had suffered its first official major military defeat by a united peoples struggle led by the Vietnamese, along with a mass U.S. anti-war movement.

Four years earlier, another heroic struggle of resistance had taken place inside the U.S. The battlefield was in upstate New York at the notorious Attica prison. Hundreds of prisoners—African American, Latino, Native and white—organized a united front and took over the prison for four days in September 1971.

These prisoners exposed to a largely uninformed U.S. population and to the world that U.S. dungeons were nothing more than concentration camps for the poor. The demands they made of the prison officials and the ruling-class governor, Nelson Rockefeller, reflected both the daily inhumane treatment that exists for prisoners along with concerns for the worldwide problems caused by racism, capitalist greed and imperialist war.

Among the prisoners' demands was the right to be unionized to win a decent wage with benefits like other workers. Another demand was for visiting prisoners to be granted political asylum in socialist Cuba.

The political consciousness of these prisoners was inspired by the writings of anti-imperialist Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh as well as other revolutionary figures like Che Guevara, Karl Marx and George Jackson.

This rebellion was drowned in blood as Rockefeller ordered the National Guard to open fire, resulting in a slaughter that left 29 prisoners and 10 hostages dead. What this uprising showed was that economic and political repression gives birth to social consciousness, solidarity and class struggle.

U.S. TERRORISM AT HOME AND ABROAD

Fast forward to what is happening now. The names may have changed but the struggle is the same. This time the U.S. military has carried out another brutal war against Iraq and is bogged down in a racist occupation of that once sovereign country. Like the Vietnamese, the Iraqi people are putting up a heroic resistance. This occupation is part and parcel of Bush's so-called war on terror.



The economic and political repression inside the prisons has deepened over the past 30 years.

During the era of Attica, there were an estimated 300,000 prisoners in the U.S. Today U.S. prisons and jails are now filled with over 2.1 million poor and working people, more than any other industrialized country.

Women prisoners, many of them single mothers, constitute the fastest-growing prison population. It has been documented that at least 70 percent of imprisoned women and men were convicted of non-violent, drug-related "crimes." Many suffer from HIV/AIDS, other disabilities and illiteracy. Amnesty International and other groups have accused the U.S. prison system of violating many international laws, especially the racist, anti-poor application of the death penalty.

The building of private prisons, including juvenile detention centers, has been one of the most profitable markets for Wall Street investors. Prison slave labor has enriched the coffers of U.S. corporations to the tune of over \$1 billion annually. This super-exploitation lowers the wages of many workers and undermines the campaign to organize the unorganized. Unions should make it a policy to organize prisoners as they are doing with immigrants and other low-paid workers.

One of the main reasons such blatant exploitation and oppression exists inside the prisons is institutionalized racism that permeates throughout the entire criminal justice system. According to Mother Jones.com, in 2000 some 66 percent of those incarcerated were people of color. This is hugely disproportionate to their numbers in the population. There were more Black men in prison in 2001 than in college. (Justice Policy Institute)

People of color, especially youth, are demonized and criminalized in the media to help drive an invisible wedge between the multi-national and multi-cultural communities, who have common interests.

This same divide-and-conquer tactic is a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy as leaders like Saddam Hussein, Robert Mugabe and Fidel Castro are portrayed as "tyrants" and "dictators" by the mainstream media and U.S. government to justify imperialist aggression.

IN JUST US

Let's network and build our support for our incarcerated brothers and sisters! We must abolish the death penalty and prison altogether! Down with locked down Amerika!

REPRESSION & POLITICAL PRISONERS

The U.S. government likes to ostracize other countries for having political prisoners—especially those countries that favor a different economic system such as Cuba, North Korea and China.

The truth is that there are U.S. prisoners who have been victims of illegal frame-ups because they have a history of being outspoken opponents against racism, imperialism and colonialism. The more well-known political prisoners include Mumia Abu-Jamal, Leonard Peltier, Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin (formerly H. Rap Brown), the Cuban 5, the Angola 3, the Puerto Rican independentistas, members of the MOVE 9 and many more.

The repressive U.S. Patriot Act since 9/11 has sanctioned the illegal detentions and torture of thousands of unidentified South Asian, Middle Eastern and Muslim immigrants within these borders and on a U.S. military base in Guantanamo, Cuba.

Palestinian detainees such as Professor Sami Al-Arian, Amer Jubran and the Los Angeles 8 are being threatened with prison and/or deportation for defending Palestinian resistance against Israeli occupation.

The movement for social change has important political allies locked away who must never be forgotten in the heat of battle. While fighting French colonialism, Ho Chi Minh wrote from his prison cell, "People who come out of prison can build up the country...Those who protest at injustice are people of true merit...When the prison doors are opened, the real dragon will fly out."

Editor's note: This article was reprinted from the Oct. 30, 2003 issue of Workers World newspaper. We do not endorse the authoritarian politics of the Worker's World Party. The WWP has a history of defending fascist and Stalinist dictators, including China's Deng Xiaoping, and North Korea's Kim Jong Il, and others. They subscribe to the belief that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend," which leads them to align themselves with tyrants simply because they may be anti-American or "communist." They are also notorious for controlling the progressive coalitions they join, which comes naturally to them because they are a hierarchical Leninist formation. However, this is a rather excellent article linking the struggles against the prison industrial complex to the struggles against war and imperialism, and it is worth printing for that reason alone. Take from this article what is useful, and discard what is not.

Support needed for Eddie Hatcher, American Indian Political Prisoner

Dear friends,

Longtime American Indian social justice activist and political prisoner, Eddie Hatcher recently wrote to us at Break the Chains informing us that he's having serious problems maintaining his website and keeping his support going. He has asked us to circulate the following request in hopes that more people will step forward to help him out.

In a letter dated September 25, he writes:

"...If you can send this around for me, I'd appreciate it:

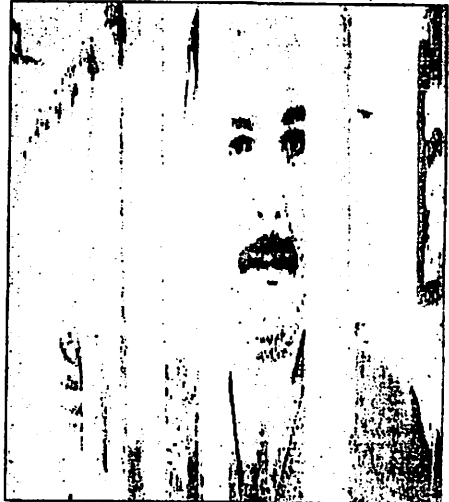
1. Payment for website is \$25 monthly (I think or \$30).
2. Need a webmaster or funds to pay the current webmaster a little each month.
3. I have one person doing the typing for the website but could use one more. They type the articles up or emails and email them to the webmaster.
4. Need a contact person I can stay in contact with to help coordinate all of this.

Always,
Eddie"

If anyone can help with any of this, please contact the support committee immediately at: **Justice For Eddie Hatcher** PO Box 381627, Cambridge, MA, 02238-1627

For more info on Eddie Hatcher please visit his website: <http://www.eddiehatcher.org>

Write to Eddie: **Eddie Hatcher** #0173499, PO Box 215, Maury, North Carolina 28554



Eraina Dunn - Human Action Community Organization HACO
South Side Citizens' Coalition 708 - 339 - 7902
16028 S. Halsted Harvey, IL 60426

by
Richard Geffken

It is difficult to imagine a family more victimized by ceaseless scandalous conspiracies than the Bushes. Our noble First Family, given by God to define evil itself, cannot possibly be criminals.

When Director of the CIA, many believe George Bush Sr. had Heads of State and other he personally defined as Enemies executed by his agents without arrest or trial. However, only those who conspire against Bushes can call this cold blooded murder. Like Caesar and Hitler the Bush Family have a divine right to execute anyone they dislike.

George Sr. certainly created dossiers of blackmail material on every American politician and business executive so his children would inherit limitless support and an obedient media. Only those who conspire against the Bushes call this extortion, terrorism, and deliberate manipulation of truth.

As Governors of Texas and Florida, the two Bush brothers together executed more Americans than Al Capone. They showed mercy to no one. That many of these were later proved by DNA and other means to be innocent of a crime are facts collected by those conspiring to discredit the noble Bush Family. GW Bush even stated his conscience is not bothered one bit.

According to the NY Times and New Yorker Magazine, evidence Gov. Jeb Bush criminally rigged a national election is absolutely overwhelming. No question that he is the worse criminal in US History since Benedict Arnold. Are Bushes mere commoners to be prosecuted like any other criminal? Of course not. Their shit cannot stink. They are America's living God's with spies everywhere.

Bush's daughter got ten days for crack cocaine. Yet no pardons issued for those serving longer sentences for the same thing. Others are merely Americans. There is one law for Bushes, and another for the commoners they manipulate, abuse, stuff in prisons, and disenfranchise from voting for any opponent.

It is now known that in June 2001 the Bush government told India it planned to invade Afghanistan in October. In July, it told the Pakistan government the same thing, seeking basis to support the attack. Next, the President's financial backers began dumping airline stock two weeks before the 9/11 attack.

Only those conspiring against our Fearless Leader would conclude the 9/11 attack was planned because at that time G.W. Bush had the lowest popularity of any President in history, and needed a war to get people's minds off having rigged his own election.

Then there are those who believe the planes crashing into the WTC were CIA drones. They point to the unescorted passport floating to the feet of a Bush agent waiting below the tower which identified the hijacker pilot. They also point to the odd manner of implosion which demolished the structures, saying a plane could not cause that. Obviously, these are demented idiots conspiring to give Bush a bad reputation.

Bush opposes evildoers, but oddly refuses to ratify the International Criminal Court Treaty. Some conspirators claim he fears his own prosecution.

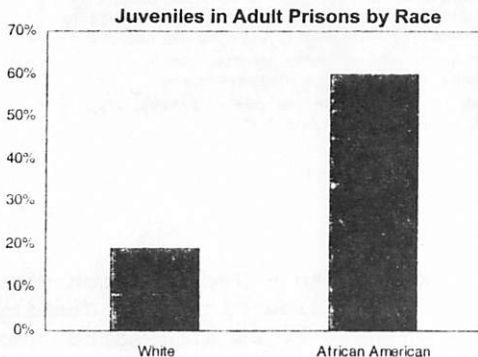
Next came the Iraq War. They were supposed to have weapons of mass destruction. That, and nothing else, was the official justification for the bloodshed. Well, they had two DKUD missiles, a very unreliable weapon which rarely explodes and can be shot down by a helicopter. Maybe a fly swatter. Old German V1's were deadlier. Anyway, no poison gas, no biological weapons, nothing capable of mass destruction was found by Caesar's conquering Legions.

No doubt some evildoer conspirator hid all Hussein's weapons just to make President Bush look bad.

No wonder people find a conspiracy behind every Bush.



Richard Geffken 0V01102
Sumter Correctional Inst.
P.O. Box 667 L 1108L
Bushnell, Florida 33513



BJS, Profile of State Prisoners Under Age 18, 1985-1997

PATRIOT ACT II WARNING

PATRIOT ACT II (Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003)

Secret arrests; unrestricted Wiretaps, DNA Databases—these could become all too real under the Bush Administration proposal. It would permit government to engage in unchecked surveillance, secretly access credit reports, and catalog genetic information about any American. 67 organizations from across the political spectrum have sent a letter to Congress asking that this proposal be eliminated. TAKE ACTION NOW, BEFORE IT IS PASSED. Contact your U.S. Representative and Senator urging them to oppose this Act.

The currently proposed Patriot's Act 2 could affect anyone the government deems a threat to status quo, including environmentalists, etc. It is important to note that no member of Congress was allowed to see the first Patriot Act before its passage and that no debate was tolerated by the House and Senate leadership.

90% of the Patriot Act has nothing to do with terrorism. It gives Federal powers tentacles reaching into every facet of our society, stripping citizens of their rights and granting the government total immunity

Examples:

Section 103 allows the Federal government to use wartime martial law powers domestically and internationally without Congress declaring that a state of war exists.

Section 106 states that government agents must be given immunity for carrying out searches with no prior court approval. This section throws out the entire Fourth Amendment against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Section 109 allows secret star chamber courts to issue contempt charges against anybody who refuses to incriminate themselves or others. This section annihilates the last vestiges of the Fifth Amendment.

Section 122 restates the government's power of "surveillance without a court order."

Section 123 restates that the government no longer needs warrants. (Section 802 of the first USA Patriot act states that any crime is considered domestic terrorism).

Section 126 grants the government the right to mine the entire spectrum of public and private sector information in banking, educational and medical records. This law allows ECHELON and Total Information Awareness Network to end all hopes for individual privacy.

Section 128 allows the Federal government to place gag orders on Federal and State Grand Juries and to take over the proceedings. It also prevents individuals or organizations from trying to quash a Federal subpoena.

Section 201 states that federal law enforcement does not have to tell the press who they have arrested and never has to release the names.

Section 205 allows top Federal officials to keep all their financial dealings secret, and anyone investigating them can be considered a terrorist.

Sections 301 and 306 set up a national database of "suspects" including anyone deemed to support any domestic group that the government doesn't like. These sections also set up a national DNA database for anyone on probation or who has been on probation for any crime, and orders State governments to collect DNA for the federal government.

Section 311 provides businesses with liability protection when spying on customers for Homeland Security.

Section 312 gives immunity to law enforcement engaging in spying operations against the American people.

Section 321 authorizes foreign governments to spy on Americans and share information with foreign governments.

Section 322 removes Congress from the extradition process and allows officers of Homeland Security complex to extradite American citizens anywhere they wish.

Section 402 is titled "Providing Material Support to Terrorism." In this section there is no requirement to show that the individual even had the intent to aid terrorists.

Section 403 expands the definition of weapons of mass destruction to include any activity that affects interstate or foreign commerce.

Section 408 creates "lifetime parole" for a whole host of crimes.

(adapted from an analysis by Alex Jones, printed in Post Amerikan, Spr. 2003. See www.inforwars.com)

Black Political Action Committee
10736 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60628
dub4287@worldnet.att.net
(773) - 568 - 6281 / 0941

AGITATION



EDUCATION

where are the weapons of mass destruction?

58

Addison

Damen

Wicker Park
7 pm

march 20th
saturday

Water Tower
12:00pm/noon

Clark

Michigan

Adams

Federal Plaza
11:20am/1:30pm speakers

Halsted

Roosevelt/Halsted 10:36am

18th/Blue Island 10:02am

Blue Island

22nd Damen 9:27am

Damen

Archer/Damen 8:53am

Archer

Archer/Kedzie 8:05am

55th Kedzie 7:33am

63rd Kedzie 7:09am

65th Kedzie 7:00am

Kedzie

Marquette
Park

67th Kedzie 6:45am

WALK AGAINST WAR

2004

meet, greet or join us @
any of these rally points

WE STILL SAY...
NO WAR!!!

bring your
friends and family

bring a poster,
banner, or musical
instrument and water



DANGER

It was two tickets to Florida or Vegas. Good! Because we're all going to visit my mother over Spring Break! Now, I only have to buy two tickets and we won't have to drive down to Florida. I don't want hours of traffic, maniacs, cops and society.

I've been playing more tennis and riding the exercise bike at work. Me and the boys got nice bikes and we're gonna ride more, now that the weather's starting to break. Stephen's playing soccer and tennis. Stanton got a new amp - a big one. So's he's always rockin' out. My wife is busy and they want to kick her upstairs because she's such a talented webmaster. I want to play golf! I'm Joe Normal!

February was kinda cool. It featured three "holidays" in a row. Abe Lincoln's birthday, Friday the 13th and Valentine's Day, which was also our 18th wedding anniversary. Earlier - Groundhog Day! Then on the 19th, there was an article in the Chicago Sun-Times about the Chicago cops spying on and trying to infiltrate five activist groups, including our ABC group. So on the 25th, the five groups held a joint press conference in front of police headquarters - 35th & Michigan. It was good! Fred Hampton, Jr. came and spoke powerfully about the assassination of his father. He had a gun to his head before he was even born! He and Aaron Patterson are coming to the conference, too! These two Brothers are on a *mission!*

I guess I can say I'm in a pretty good state of mind. Spring brings fresh, new life, things are happening and it's always a joy and pleasure to be involved in groups of earnest, heartfelt people, struggling to accomplish things. I take things day by day and even in two hour coping sessions, while I'm at work. A couple days ago, a guy hauling cars came in too close and fast. His front mirror shattered and sprayed me with little reflective shards. I didn't get hurt or anything, but it was a sort of warning. After all, two of us who work this road have been killed already this year! I'll be glad when I finally leave that place - hopefully this year sometime!

Trustingly, everybody is busy figuring out the details for the benefit shows and so forth they're organizing, to help fund this conference, specifically making sure our high-octane guests have their transportation provided - meaning plane tickets. We should collect frequent flyer miles, too! Whoever has the wherewithall to be willing to work with me and others to make everything happen, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is: anthonyrayson@hotmail.com 708-534-1334

I really loathe email and much prefer talking on the phone, in person or writing letters. How many prisoners have email? chicagoabc@hotmail.com

I now anticipate seeing everybody, August 13-15, in Chicago! ~ Anthony Rayson



THE PURPOSE OF THE CHIEF REPRESSIVE INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE TOTALITARIAN CAPITALIST STATE IS CLEARLY TO DISCOURAGE AND PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIVITY, AND THE PROHIBITIONS ARE AIMED AT VERY DISTINCTLY DEFINED SECTORS OF THE CLASS - AND RACE - SENSITIZED SOCIETY. THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF LAW IS NOT ORDER - ITS PRISONS. THERE ARE HUNDREDS UPON HUNDREDS OF PRISONS, AND THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF LAWS, YET THERE IS NO SOCIAL ORDER, NO SOCIAL PEACE.

G.J.

RASHID
T'U 700

WE MUST FIGHT FOR OUR CHILDRENS' FUTURE!

"Don't be surprised when I say I was in prison. We've all been in prison. That's what America means - prison!" ~ Malcolm X

**SOUTH CHICAGO ABC
ZINE DISTRO
POB 721 HOMEWOOD IL 60430**