

UPDATES

April 11th – California Federation of Teachers Passes Pro-Mumia Resolution

Despite the spin the media and the Fraternal Order of Police will try to put on this powerful move on the part of the California Federation of Teachers, this is a very important breakthrough for this period. Resolutions of this sort were passed in huge numbers back in 1995 and 1999, when Mumia was threatened with immediate execution as death warrants had been signed by the governor.

Below is an article from the corporate media:

Teachers support cop-killer

Caroline May - The Daily Caller

Between negotiating for more benefits and teaching their students, the California Federation of Teachers has adopted a resolution of support for convicted cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal.

At the CFT's 2011 Convention in late March, the delegates passed 30 resolutions, from solidifying support for anti-bullying legislation to supporting transitional kindergarten. Among the resolutions largely pertaining to education and collective bargaining rights was Resolution 19 – to "Reaffirm support for death row journalist."

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the California Federation of Teachers reaffirm its support and demand that the courts consider the evidence of innocence of Mumia Abu-Jamal," the Committee Report reads.

Mumia Abu-Jamal was a former member of the Black Panthers who was found guilty of murdering Philadelphia police officer Daniel J. Faulkner during a routine traffic stop in 1981. Abu-Jamal was subsequently sentenced to death.

His supporters, such as the California Federation of Teachers, argue that his trial was unfair and that he is a civil rights hero.

"Mumia Abu-Jamal has for decades as a journalist fought courageously against racism and police brutality and for the human rights of all people and has taken strong stands in support of working people involved in labor struggles and in support of well-funded, quality, public education," the resolution reads.

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Fred Glass, CFT spokesman, told TheDC that the even though the case is 30 years old, since Abu-Jamal is still going through appeals, the issue remains relevant.

"The delegates decided it was time to reiterate that they supported him due to the irregularities that they felt had taken place during his case," said Glass. "They see this as a civil liberties issue, it is quite common for the CFT to take positions on broad social matters like this."

American Federation of Teachers (AFT) spokesman Tom Lansworth, said that this is an issue the national union has never before considered, however, it likely will appear before the AFT at their next convention.

"It appears that one of the intents of the California resolution is to present this issue to the next AFT convention, which will be next year. Our national convention is held every two years. So the California action is part of the normal process of proposing resolutions for debate by the national convention. This

does not appear to be an issue that we have acted on before," he told TheDC, adding he had no idea whether the AFT would adopt the resolution.

April 12th – Walter Bond Moved... Yes, Again

After receiving a five-year sentence for burning down the Sheepskin Factory store in Denver, Walter Bond arrived in Utah to face more charges for arsons claimed by the Animal Liberation Front. He said it's the best facility so far, similar to JeffCo. He is out all day, can receive books and magazines from the publisher. He said he will probably be there 6 months to a year.

MORE:

Bond spent weeks in transit. As reported on Green is the New Red, much of this time Bond spent in solitary, classified as part of a "security threat group." Bond spent time at jails in Oklahoma and Nevada, before arriving last week in Farmington, Utah. He is being held at the same jail where A.L.F. prisoners Alex Hall and William Viehl spent most of their imprisonment.

The Charges

The second set of arson charges stem from two Animal Liberation Front arsons in the Salt Lake City area – Tiburon (foie gras restaurant), and the Tandy Leather Factory. Both businesses were set on fire in overnight actions, and later claimed by the "A.L.F. Lone Wolf."

Bond has been charged with arson and Animal Enterprise Terrorism charges for both A.L.F. actions. He has pleaded not guilty.

Good News

Bond has been appointed a judge, and it is NOT the Utah federal judge who sentenced A.L.F. prisoners William Viehl and Alex Hall to exorbitant sentences that were over four times the sentence called for by federal sentencing guidelines. That judge (Dee Benson) displayed a clear disdain for animal liberation activity, as evidenced by his extreme sentences, comments made in the courtroom, and rumors of his ties to the fur industry.

Walter Bond's trial is scheduled for June.

Visit supportwalter.org and write Walter Bond a letter of support:

**Walter Edmund Bond #2011-03339
Davis County Jail
Post Office Box 130
Farmington, Utah 84025-0130**

April 16th – Sundiata Acoli: Why You Should Support PPs and POWs

Longtime Black Liberation Army prisoner Sundiata Acoli recently wrote a short piece in defense of political prisoners and prisoners of war. We've pasted it below.

MORE:

Greetings Everyone,

My name is Sundiata Acoli (Soon-dee-AH'-tah Ah-COH'-lee). I'm a former member of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army (BPP/BLA) who was captured on the New Jersey Turnpike

in 1973 and am now a Black Political Prisoner and Prisoner of War (PP/POW) who's been held by the government for the last 37 years.

So why should you care about any of this or particularly, why should you support Black PP/POWs? Well, maybe you shouldn't. If you're happy with the way the US, and the world is going ~ and if you want to see the US, and the West continue to dominate and oppress the rest of the world ~ then you shouldn't support Black PP/POWs. If you want to see one country, or one race or the capitalist system continue to dominate other countries, other races and the world, then you shouldn't support Black PP/POWs. And if you, yourself, are about trying to dominate, manipulate or exploit other peoples, and organizations for personal benefit then you definitely shouldn't support black PP/POWs, or any other revolutionary PP/POWs, because we're about ending racism in all its forms and wherever it exists, plus we're about ending capitalism, sexism and all unjust oppressions of people and life in general on earth and throughout the universe.

Now if you can relate to that ~ and are about freedom, equality, human rights and self-determination for all people; creating a non-exploitative, non-oppressive society and economic system; making the world a better place and living in harmony with other people, the environment and the universe ~ then you should support Black PP/POWs cause that's what we're about and have been about for generations, centuries and millenniums. But mostly you should support Black PP/POWs, and all revolutionary PP/POWs, because it's the right thing to do.

And last, how should you support them? Well, you should support Black and all PP/POWs by supporting organizations that support them and by contacting PP/POWs individually to ask how you can best support them.

~End~

How you can support Sundiata Acoli

Contact the Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign at TheSAFC@gmail.com, <http://www.sundiataacoli.org>

April 17th - Part 28 of Omaha Two Story Published

At our last letter-writing dinner, we announced that a multi-part story about the Omaha Two had been published. We had no idea that the article amounts to a book, with new chapters released every few days. The count is now up to the twenty-eighth part, which was released on Friday. For the full story, visit:

<http://www.examiner.com/cointelpro-in-national/michael-richardson>

April 18th – Two Antifa Arrested After Altercation with Neo-Nazis

The nation's premier uniform-fetishizing neo-nazis, the National Socialist Movement (NSM), planned on having a conference and rally in Trenton, New Jersey last weekend. Their conference got routed by anti-fascists (antifa) and they were outnumbered five to one at their own rally. Unfortunately, during the melee at their conference hall, two antifa were arrested. They were later released on \$50,000 bail each. Expect to see more about their case as benefits are organized. In the meantime, here's a report back regarding the weekend.

MORE:

The National Socialist Movement (NSM), a group that tries to dance around the fact that they are Nazis while sporting swastikas on their uniforms and Sieg Heiling, had been planning to host their annual conference along with a rally, redneck horse shoe and band spectacle for several months.

The dates were set for April 15th and 16th. Of course we can assume they expected some unhappy spectators at the rally but what they didn't predict was an all out battle that left six of their "SS security" force in the hospital with multiple staples. The NSM went through quite a bit of trouble keeping their

event and sleeping locations private. This was nothing but a waste of time for the NSM considering the turncoats within their organization leaked the information to anti-fascists weeks in advance.

The 15th came around and a phone jam was put on both the hotel, where 50 or 60 of them stayed for the weekend (the Comfort Inn off 209 in Bordentown, New Jersey) and their conference location (the 449 club at 6 Pemberton Avenue in Pemberton). Just as the conference was about to begin, 30 of us took the streets about 2 blocks away and marched in black bloc to the conference location. Within that time several people living and passing through the neighborhood began to stare from their cars and porches as we let them know Nazis were meeting in their town. One person, upon notification, immediately parked his car and joined the bloc, eager to confront the boneheads. By the time we arrived to demonstrate a few nazis from the NSM gathered outside of the conference space but within a few seconds about 30 or 40 of their fully SS uniformed security were out with chairs, thinking they were about to kick some antifa tail. After some exchanged words the NSM walked off the property to engage us. They wanted a brawl...and we defended ourselves successfully.



After a brutal rumble of evenly matched numbers the NSM quickly scurried back to the property with bashed skulls, bruised faces and damaged property, sending six boneheads to the hospital (two of whom may still remain there). At this point the cops had shown up and we managed to retreat with one comrade minorly injured and two arrested. It can be assumed that if the conference was not completely shut down, the talking they were doing had nothing to do with rank promotions and five year plans, as it was supposed to. This was part of the purpose of our demonstration; we are not trying to change their minds or tell them they have been bad little nazi sub-humans. We want to disempower them, leave them in fear and most importantly crush what they are trying to build. Not only did we win the physical battle by a mile, but given the goal at hand, they were completely defeated. The conference was now minimized to a retreating space where the NSM would pout and discuss their defeat. According to some sources not only did some members of the NSM check into a different hotel, spending more money and fearing more attacks, but even the cops were laughing at how bad the nazis were beat and were quoted saying "ARA isn't playing this weekend," but then again, are we ever?

The next day, April 16th, it was time for the downtown rally in Trenton followed by the backyard concert on Jason Heickes' property. Before the NSM showed for their hour long spectacle in which they gained no supporters whatsoever, not only were ARA, the new Black Panthers and other radical groups ready to

confront the Nazis but the community itself filled the streets with rage looking to clean house. The NSM was protected by several hundreds of cops, as you can expect, and because of this there really was no physical standoff aside from a few rocks hurled at their busses as they exited the city. This was a second victory for us since they gained absolutely nothing and no one out of the formality while we showed our numbers and that we were more than prepared for another round. After the Nazis left, one of our other enemies in the three way struggle, the cops, moved aggressively to force us out of the city, but not before a few folks smashed some Bank of America windows. These actions show that the rage against the fascists is not based out of a will to preserve the status quo or protect capitalism but rather a will to reclaim what is ours and to smash racism, fascism and all oppression and apparatus of control. Since one of the band members from Zyklon B had his head split wide open in the melee and because it was raining, we assume the outdoor concert on Heickes' property was at the very least not what they expected bringing. Yet another victory for our side.

April 30th – Stop the FBI Raids! Panel Discussion on Grand Juries and Repression

The Venceremos Brigade invites you to join in a panel discussion about the FBI & Grand Jury repression, building resistance, and what that means to us?

Criminal defense and civil rights attorneys Soffiyah Elijah and Bob Boyle will be speaking about FBI interrogations and encounters. Anjana Samant, an attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights, who specializes in challenging governmental misconduct, will also be speaking. All lawyers have been very involved in grand juries and FBI repression .

WHAT: Teach-in on FBI repression and grand juries

WHEN: 12:30-3:00pm, Saturday, April 30th

WHERE: Winston Unity Hall, 235 West 23rd Street, 2nd Floor

April 30th – Book Tour: An American Radical by Susan Rosenberg

From a blurb about the book: "Candid and eloquent, Susan Rosenberg's powerful memoir is a profound indictment of the U.S. prison system, as she recounts her journey from the impassioned idealism of the 1960s to life as a political prisoner in her own country—and reflects on America's turbulent coming-of-age over the past half century."

Weds. April 30, 2011, time TBD

PEN World Voices Festival of International Literature 2011

Cooper Union, New York, NY

<http://www.americanradical.com>

June 11th – International Day of Solidarity with Marie Mason and Eric McDavid

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

WHAT: Solidarity BBQ + Raffle For Marie Mason and Eric McDavid

WHEN: 6:00pm to 1:00am, Saturday, June 11th

WHERE: Orchard Street Rooftop (LES Manhattan). Exact address to follow.

COST: Cheap Drinks (alcoholic and not) and Eats (vegan burgers, dogs, and sweets). Please do not BYOB.

With the recent indictment of [Jesse Waters](#) on charges dating back to over a decade ago, it's clear the specter of the Green Scare has yet to recede. In response to this and the call for an [International Day of Solidarity with Marie Mason and Eric McDavid](#), [Support Marie Mason NYC](#) and [NYC Anarchist Black Cross](#) are hosting a barbecue and raffle to provide material support for the two Earth and animal liberation

prisoners serving the longest sentences. Disproportionately long sentences are one characteristic of the government's campaign against Earth and animal liberationists known as the Green Scare.

Be on the lookout for more details about this event, as well as where to buy raffle tickets, in the next couple of weeks. Please tell your friends and comrades and we'll see you on June 11th.

For more information, visit:

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