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By Michael Novick, Anti-Racist Action-Los Angeles/People Against Racist Terror (ARA-LA/PART)

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LETTERS AND RESPONSES TO TURNING THE TIDE: “THE PRISON ISSUE”

In response to your 'Editor Replies' to my 'New African Community Emergency Response Network Manifesto’:

As a New African revolutionary, I appreciate constructive criticism, but I equally detest ambush criticism, which is self-serving. Initially I had no intention of responding to your ambush criticism, because it did not pertain to the laws of dialectical materialism. For example, the first stage is the unity of struggle of opposites. This means, one must obtain all relevant information concerning that which one opposes. That was not done. You equally neglected the second stage, transforming quantity to quality and went directly to the third stage, negating the potential to perpetrate sabotage for those who are incapable of comprehending the realities that face our people without outside interpretations or paternal guidance, as if we are infants in the struggle, do I detect left-wing elitism?

Revolutionary greetings!

My name is Kijana Tashiri Askari, a New African Black political prisoner of war. In the editor’s note to the “New African Community Emergency Response Network Manifesto,” you spoke about the need for a material connection with the captive class of freedom fighters and those out in Babylon for political prisoners on a number of issues. I firmly agree with you! However, with you being on the ground in Babylon as a soldier for the people, it’s imperative for you to compose a list of organizations or groups willing to support the captive class of freedom fighters. We have several projects developed towards rebuilding community, reclaiming the people’s minds from the oppressors, but the primary contradiction is not having any committed soldiers on the ground to put these projects in motion and make them a material reality.

There are several prison organizations out in Babylon that profess to work to support the rights of prisoners, but when one makes a critical assessment of that material existence, one comes to the realization that these organizations are mired in idealism. We need organizations that can advance ideas are practical and concrete action. These organizations must have some type of concrete relationship with the captive class of freedom fighters in order to advance the idea of being a prisoner rights group. Please make a list of such organizations available. To learn more about me, log onto www.myspace.com/darz2ruggle or e-mail tashiri@gmail.com. You may also write for some pamphlets of mine to Anthony Rayson, P.O. Box 721, Woodburn, OR 97071. Ask for Kijana Tashiri Askari’s pamphlets “the series, volume #1 through #4.”

All power to the people who do not fear real freedom!

Resource List of Prisoner Rights and Solidarity Organizations:

Here are some organizations that work with prisoners, ex-cons and their families. This list doesn’t constitute an endorsement or evaluation of their politics or program:

- The Jericho Amnesty Movement
  PO Box 1272 New York NY 10013, 718-949-5153, www.thejerichomovement.com
- All of Us or None: Resources for Life
  PO Box 875288, Los Angeles CA 90087, 323-563-3575, www.allofusorganization.org
- Critical Resistance
  1904 Franklin #504, Oakland CA 94612, 510-444-0487, www.criticalresistance.org
- Education Not Incarceration
  2940 So. 10th Ave. Seattle WA 98110, 415-595-8251, idolmishia@comcast
- Innocence Project
  100 Fifth Ave. 2nd Floor, New York NY 10001, 212-809-5151
- Justice Denied
  PO Box 6891, Seattle WA 98168, 206-335-4254, www.justicedeniedstation.org
- Legal Services to Prisoners with Children
  1540 Market St. #490, San Francisco CA 94102, 415-255-7036, www.prisonerswithchildren.org
- Malcolm X Grassroots Movement
  PO Box 477117, Brooklyn NY 11248, 718-254-4800, www.mxm.org, National: 877-248-6959
- Native American Prison Rights Advocacy Coalition
  c/o Len Foster, Navajo Nation Corrections Program, PO Box 709, Window Rock AZ 86515

Dear Editor:

Please inform your readers that there are dedicated members of the New Afrikan Maoist Party (NAMP) who would definitely like to respond to your reflections and the needs and aspirations of those prisoners you alluded to. Refer them to the New Afrikan Maoist Party, P.O. Box 40799, San Francisco, CA 94149, attn: Makamu Kim Jong Un, or e-mail: thejerichoarmy21@hotmail.com

Although the NAMP’s immediate focus is their three people’s goals of combating Imperialism, Racism and Sexism, they have developed a legal and assisting individuals here in the East coast and combating repressive conditions. I respectfully request you to continue strongly in your work. In solidarity, Muwto Vitayam ‘u 989, Five Points CT, State Rte. ‘96, PO Box 119, Romulus NY 14541

For the sake of clarity, I am obliged to respond and challenge that notion that we don’t understand the principle of concrete analysis of concrete conditions. Let’s analyze those conditions as they apply to Hurricane Katrina. This government don’t give a damn about poor people, New Afrikan (Black) people in particular. It’s willing to let us suffer and die. We can no longer afford to rely on them to develop our communities. I learned about Chairman Mao as a child (Black panther cub) eating in the Free Breakfast program; I learned the significance of self-defense while walking community patrol with my father. The program is an incentive and catalyst to connect the people to our socialist revolution.

How do we expect to finance this program? Along the southern and gulf coasts, there is a number of successful Hip-Hop/Rap artists that have been active in the communities impacted by Katrina and Rita. I have no problem asking these brotheras and sistas for financial donations.

Regarding your argument that they were preoccupied with issues of self-defense. I think you are deeply appreciated by those New Afrikan families that were mobilized by those communities. The minds of the people, and if it had been distributed at that time, would have been more acceptable as the pain and tragedy was fresh in the minds of the people. When most of what a potential Katrina was every anti-capitalist/KKK government propaganda, our concern was trying to save our people. Now we are three years removed; maybe New Afrikan communities are prepared for a crisis/natural disaster. Do you realize how much could have been achieved in three years?

You also stated, “The institutions… in this plan are far beyond the current capacities of our movements to implement.” Let me ask you, who defines our capacity as a people or movement? Who are you to impose limitations on our capacity to build socialist institutions on our own behalf? Are we as New Africans bound to follow the agenda of the dominant group? Do you really believe we are completely out of touch? Well, contrary to this myth, we communicate with a number of community activists and grassroots groups, we understand the need to stay connected with the people in the trenches and maintain a consistent flow of information from the inside to the outside and vice versa. Your question should have been who will train and equip us? This is the main reason for the recent mobilization to develop a working blueprint. This negates your ambush criticism, and reduces it to opportunism. I am a little surprised to see this coming from you.

I do agree that the inside and outside must establish a clear line of communication, but not on the premise you implied. Our imprisonment does not impede our ability to accurately analyze the concrete conditions. We are not going to adopt every new tactic as we and the needs of the people. We can’t feed our hungry, house our homeless, employ the jobless or protect our communities with rhetoric or propaganda. If you look around the country, the essential reality is that our political prisoners has been rendered harmless by the CSR. No longer is there a way to engage the prison population and ignore the needs of the people. We have the capability, and the expertise, to help the people’s minds from the oppressors, but the primary contradiction is not having any committed soldiers on the ground to put these projects in motion and make them a material reality.

I have always been critical of those who reject a vision because they don’t understand to it. I am a New Afrikan and the New African community lacks the organized capacity to implement my manifesto. I say “organized” because as a people have this manifestation, yet until now I have no one significant given the current conditions? How can we implement it?

If you truly comprehend concrete analysis of concrete conditions, you would not have been so premature in your ambush criticism. The manifesto may not be considered a priority in California, but those New African communities in Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas would disagree with you. You can’t define your priority – you are the one out of touch. It was hurricane season again, the perfect condition to reinforce my point. I spoke to my friends in San Francisco. Why is this man not a priority given the current conditions in our communities in CA, the midwest or northeast. Each community shares common realities, but they often have different priorities as well as different levels of consciousness or activism.

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StopMAD/cf ACSC
1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia PA 19102, 215-241-7137

CULDES
PO Box 2310, Washington DC 20031-230, 202-789-2126

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666 Broadway, 6th Floor, New York NY 10012, 212-614-6481, www.telephonejustice.org

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Ashville Prison Books Program c/o Readers Corner, 31 Montford Ave, Asheville NC 28801, 828-254-3025
Sometimes You Wake Up and It’s Different: Statement from Austin, TX on Brandon Darby, the Informant/Provocateur in the “Texas 2” RNC Case

by The Austin Informant Working Group

As part of the wave of government repression against activists protesting at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, MN in September 2008, the FBI arrested two men from Texas, Bradley Crowder (22) and David McKay (23), and indicted them for allegedly possessing Molotov cocktails. Crowder and McKay have been in jail since the RNC. They have been denied bail and their trial has been postponed indefinitely. They are facing 7 to 10 years in federal prison.

As outlined in the affidavit against Crowder and McKay (http://media.houston.indymedia.org/uploads/2008/09/090808_mckay_affidavit.pdf), the case was built almost entirely on the statements of two informants covertly working with the FBI, identified in the affidavit as “Confidential Human Sources” or just “CHS”.

One of these informants was working in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area (“CHS 2” in the affidavit) and has been previously identified as Andy/Panda by people familiar with the situation and the informant. This statement ends speculation and anticipation concern about the identity of the other informant who was operating in TX and MN. Using FBI documents previously unknown to us, but recently provided by one of the defendant’s defense teams, we have positively confirmed the identity of the unnamed informant (“CHS 1” in the affidavit) as Brandon Michael Darby of Austin, Texas, based on the following evidence:

1) The FBI documents detail private conversations between Darby and several individuals named in the documents, including scott crow and Lisa Fithian, who have closely reviewed the documents and confirmed that they had the conversations in question with only Darby. In addition they can confirm his participation in events reported in the documents.

2) In verbatim reports from the informant to the FBI, the language, political skills, and interests of Darby are readily apparent to those who know him.

3) Cross-referencing the time line provided by the FBI in the documents with people familiar with the situation and course of events shows that Darby was in a position to have the incriminating conversations with McKay referenced in the affidavit.

4) In all of the documents Brandon Darby’s name is conspicuously absent from any and all meetings and events which he attended and was involved in. In fact Darby’s name only appears at the end of all the documents in a confession made by David McKay upon his arrest in Minnesota.

Numerous people familiar with both Brandon Darby and the prosecution of Crowder and McKay have verified this information.

Over the years Brandon Darby has established strong ties with individuals in many different radical communities across the US. While it is not yet clear how long or to what extent Darby has been acting as an informant, the emerging truth about Darby’s malicious involvement in our communities is heart-breaking and utterly ground-shattering to those of us who were close to him.

Darby operated in and around the Austin community for about 6 years, and this is the same Brandon Darby who participated in the Common Ground Collective in New Orleans during 2005-2006. Based on the evidence we have, Brandon has been giving the state information since at least November 2007, but there is also information that suggests his informant activities may go back further, at least to 2006 or earlier. In the documents, Darby makes recordings at times, including a transmitter embedded in his belt during the convention. He also went to Minneapolis within the past two months before the Republican gathering and gave detailed narratives to law enforcement authorities of several meetings he had with activists from New York, San Francisco, Montana and other places, including the F.B.I. reports mentioned dozens of people, most of whom have not been accused of any crime. In addition to listing biographical and physical particulars, Mr. Darby frequently offered observations on the motives, attitudes and states of mind of activists with whom he dealt.”

We recognize that suspicions and accusations of Darby have been circulating for some time now, including one confirmed confession by David Hamkins in the St. Paul Pioneer Press on October 29, 2008. Our aim in releasing this information is to clear the confusion that has circulated in the last few months.

We want to point out that while the conclusions of these suspicions and accusations turned out to be correct, these weren't based on any verifiable facts, and thus, their public airing was inappropriate and irresponsible. When these accusations surfaced, we did what we could to bring them to light. We believed that it was important to be true to people in the absence of any compelling evidence to the contrary. Having been presented with new evidence, we are acting on it promptly and deliberately.

Through the history of our struggles for a better world, infiltrators and informants have acted as tools for the forces of misery in disrupting and derailing our movements. However, even more dangerous to our communities than setting people up, turning them in, or gathering information, informants sow seeds of fear, paranoia, and distrust that fester and grow in paralyzing and destructive ways. We must be ever vigilant against deceptive, manipulative and malicious actors, while we defend the truth and openness that give our communities cohesion and power.

Now we must get on with the work of supporting the “Texas 2.” In light of these revelations and what we know about Brandon Darby’s actions before they were set up and that the charges should be dropped. We urge you to join us in a campaign to “Free the Texas 2”

The New York Times reports: “Mr. Darby provided descriptions of meetings with the defendants and dozens of other people in Austin, Minneapolis and St. Paul. He recorded his conversations at times, including a transmitter embedded in his belt during the convention. He also went to Minneapolis within the past two months before the Republican gathering and gave detailed narratives to law enforcement authorities of several meetings he had with activists from New York, San Francisco, Montana and other places, including the F.B.I. reports mentioned dozens of people, most of whom have not been accused of any crime. In addition to listing biographical and physical particulars, Mr. Darby frequently offered observations on the motives, attitudes and states of mind of activists with whom he dealt.”

For more information: http://grandjuryresistance.org/ http://rnc8.org/

Editor comments:

Long before achieving notoriety as a snitch, Brandon Darby got a lot of media attention and coverage as a “movement star” (check Google Images for Brandon Darby). I’m wondering to what extent he ever got called “movement star” (check Google Images for Brandon Darby). I’m wondering to what extent he ever got called on Crowder and McKay’s activities, was actively encouraging, enabling, and provoking the two men to take illegal action.

People who’d rather not be held accountable for change instead much more likely someone who flip-flopped and become a snitch, but far too many made their separate peace, snitches, but far too many made their separate peace, themselves revolutionaries. They did not all become part of the militant environmental movement. The whole green scare phenomenon has been replete with people rating each other out, to the point where those who stood strong almost seemed to be the exceptions in some cases.

Self-criticism is vital because from long and sometimes bitter experience in radical and would-be revolutionary movements it’s clear that all of us are in struggle at all times with aspects of ourselves that pull us down and back towards complicity and compliance with the system. It’s not one or two deceitful bad apples who in their secret hearts are willing to betray their ideals, their friends, whole movements. Revolutionaries develop out of the social, emotional, and psychological makeup of people created in a dog-eat-dog, me-first system that infiltrates all of psyches. The class struggle goes back to the CPUSA and Trotskyists, but also in the turncoats). But it’s widespread in the white left, going back to the CPUSA and Trotskyists, but also in the green of whose movements have suffered from infiltration and turncoats). But it’s widespread in the white left, going back to the CPUSA and Trotskyists, but also in the movement. In NZ, the informant also had multiple sexual relationships with movement women, and engaged in other suspicious behavior, but people didn’t feel enough trust in their own instincts until he was exposed. Not a witch-hunt of accusations that such-and-so is an agent, but an atmosphere in which we struggle with ourselves and each other about elitism, privilege, white and male supremacy is a less conducive to infiltration or treason.

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At the recent Anarchist Book Fair in Los Angeles, brother Dedon Kamathi of the All-African Peoples Revolutionary Party raised a struggle with anarchists, anti-racists and anti-imperialists of European descent to pay closer attention to, develop fraternal relations and solidarity with, and learn lessons from the struggles heating up in Greece and elsewhere in Europe. ARA has had long-standing connections with anti-fascist forces in Europe, and several members of ARA are now in Greece, learning from, participating in, connecting with and reporting on struggles there. ARA has also solidified itself with anti-fas in Germany, Russia, and other countries. Here are some pertinent reports and accounts emerging from Greece, Sweden and Russia.—**Edition.**

**Insurgent Workers Occupy Labor Bureaucracy Headquarters in Greece**

DECLARATION: We will either determine our history ourselves or let it be determined by others. We, manual workers, employees, jobless, temporary workers, local or migrants, are not passive tv-viewers. Since the murder of Alexandros Grigoropoulos on Saturday night we participate in the demonstrations, the clashes with the police, the occupations of the center or the neighborhoods. Time and again we had to leave work and our daily obligations to take the streets with the students, the university students and the other proletarians in struggle.

WE DECIDE TO OCCUPY THE BUILDING OF GSEE to turn it into a space of free expression and a meeting point of workers.

To disperse the media-touted myth that the workers were and are absent from the clashes, and that the rage of these days was an affair of some 500 “musk-bearers”, “hooligans” or some other fairy tale, while on the tv-screens the workers were presented as victims of the clash, while the capitalist crisis in Greece and Worldwide leads to countless layoffs that the media and their managers deal as a “natural phenomenon”.

To fly and uncover the role of the trade union bureaucracy in the undermining of the insurrection -- and not only there. GSEE and the entire trade union mechanism that supports it, for decades and decades undermine the struggles, bargain our labor power for crumbs, and perpetuate the system of exploitation and wage slavery. The stance of NOSEE but Wednesday is quite to a degree. GSEE declared the programmed strikers’ demonstration, stopping at the organization of a brief gathering in Syntagma Square, making simultaneously sure that the people will be dispersed in a hurry from the Square, fearing that they might get infected by the virus of insurrection.

To open up this space for the first time -- as a continuation of the social opening created by the insurrection itself -- a space that has been built by our contributions, a space from which we were excluded. For all these years we trusted our fate to saviors of every kind, and we end up losing our dignity. As workers we have to start assuming our responsibilities, and to stop assigning our hopes to wise leaders or “representatives” and acquire a voice of our own, to meet up, to talk, to decide, and to act. Against the generalized attack we endure. The creation of collective “grassroots” resistance is the only way.

To propagate the idea of self-organization and solidarity in work places, struggle committees and collective grassroots procedures, abolishing the bureaucrat trade unionists.

All these years we swallowed the misery, the pandering, the violence at work. We became accustomed to counting the crippled and our dead -- the so-called “labor accidents.” We became accustomed to ignoring the migrants -- our class brothers -- getting killed. We are tired of living with the anxiety of securing a wage, revenue stamps, and a pension that now feels like a distant dream.

INSURGENT WORKERS OCCUPY THE “LIBERATED” BUILDING OF GSEE

**The banner hanging from the occupied building reads as follows:**

From labor “accidents” to murders in cold blood, State and Capital kill No politics.

Immediate release of the arrested

GENERAL STRIKE

Workers’ self-organization will become the bosses’ grave

General Assembly of Insurgent Workers

Nazis tried to kill Swedish Syndicalist union activists and their child

by SAC’s working committee

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The police work from the theory that the deed was politically-motivated, targeting members’ union work focused on antiracism and diminishing class divides. For this they were to be punished by death according to the Nazis.

Six months ago the openly Nazi homepage “infol4” published names and pictures of our members. The police work from the theory that the deed was politically-motivated, performed by the same offenders who two days earlier burnt down the libertarian socialist cultural center “The Cyclops” in Hägersten.

The case is classified as arson. The Nazis behind Info-14 are the same people who ran the organization Salofundin, that every year on the first Saturday in December arranges the biggest Nazi march in Northern Europe. “The people arranging the Salem march are not harmless individuals with a slightly dissenting opinion. They are ideologically convinced Nazis, evidently capable of murder in the pursuit of their cause,” Ola Brunnström from SAC’s working committee states. SAC, the Syndicalists, urges everyone to join in the counter demonstration by the Network Against Racism at 12 o’clock in Salem Center. For information, contact www.sac.se

http://arbeitsternica.com/blog/2008/12/03/nazis-tried-to-kill-union-activists-and-their-child/

Russian anti-fa defends self against nazis, faces charges

November 22, two nazi boneheads attacked anarchist anti-fascist activist Yura M. in Vladivostok (Russian Far East). The Nazis met Yura on a bus, recognized him, and knew that he is an active anarchist and antifascist, so after he left the bus they attacked him and hit him a couple of times. Yura used a knife to defend himself and stabbed both of the attackers, who were bigger than him. The Nazis started running away -- Yura followed them, fell off the bus, and the cholesterol Karma jumped off a parapet. Yura called the ambulance and waited until it arrived, when he was arrested by cops. Yura was shocked -- he did not intend to kill anyone.

Yura is an active participant in the anarchist and anti-fascist movement. In summer 2007 he participated in the anti-nuclear protest camp in Angarsk, Irkutsk Region (East Siberia). On July 21, 2007, the camp was violently attacked by Nazis. One activist was murdered to death. After the attack (Yura, Ilya Borodchenko, Nikolay Kivlan and Yura Vesselovsky near Vladivostok). Yura was one of the few people who were fast enough to resist the attackers in Angarsk, so severely beaten he spent more than two months in a hospital, fighting for his life due to complications which were a result of neglect during his first hours of his hospitalization. His health condition still remains weak, and after Angarsk, he got a disability status. But he continued his activities in Vladivostok anyway and got multiple threats from local Nazis.

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Vladivostok is among the Russian cities, where street war between Nazis in other side and anti-fascists and antifascists in another side is most intense. Some incidents are reported at http://avtonom.org/index.php?nid=2003 and http://avtonom.org/index.php?nid=1237

Yura has now been released from custody, and murder charges changed to “exceeding limits of necessary self-defense.” However various costs relating to his case are already 5500 euros, so his family is very much in need of support! You may donate through the bank accounts of ABC-Moscow. They are available at http://www.avtonom.org/index.php?nid=1912. Always contact ABC-Moscow by email if you made a donation: abc-msk@riseup.net
Outing “Keystone State Skinhead” Nazi in South Philly
by Members of PA & NJ Anti-Racist Action

On Sun, November 23, 2008, Anti-Racist Action members from Pennsylvania and New Jersey mobilized to South Philadelphia to let the community know about a violent neo-Nazi living in their neighborhood. Douglas Caffarella, of 1430 Porter Street, Philadelphia, was exposed as a member of the Keystone State Skinheads, a statewide Pennsylvania gang of neo-Nazis who are currently attempting to build a presence in Philadelphia.

Caffarella is currently facing multiple weapons and assault charges after an assault outside of McCusker’s Tavern on 17th and Shunk Streets. The target of the attack – a potential KSS recruit – sustained multiple fractures and cuts to his face, along with a broken nose. Remember, this is someone they were trying to recruit!

While flyering, anti-fascists were confronted by several people who knew Caffarella. A person who claimed to be his childhood friend said “He can’t be a Nazi – he has *A* black friend.” going on to say that people in the neighborhood didn’t care about Caffarella’s white power tattoos and shaved head. He and another friend of Caffarella’s attempted to take down all the flyers posted; fortunately, in the busiest areas someone glued the flyers down, so good luck with that!

Caffarella’s brother-in-law was also seen tearing down flyers and was so enraged when he saw the neighborhood blanketed with Doug’s face he confronted the ARA members, threatening to kill them if they came back to the 1400 block of Porter Street. “If you guys come back, someone’s going to get shot. I’ll blame you. I’ve got six shots for you.”

This brother-in-law also denied Doug’s involvement with neo-Nazi groups. It seems not only is Caffarella too much of a coward to confront Anti-Racist Action directly, instead sending his friends and family to do so, but he is obviously too much of a coward to be honest with those friends and family about his neo-Nazi politics.

We will be back to Caffarella’s neighborhood in the very near future. In the meantime, we will continue publicly outing all of the other Philadelphia members of the Keystone State Skinheads.

Owning the Tyler TX “National Socialist Movement” rally
by Bill, Houston ARA

ARA brought about 25-30 people from Austin and Houston, and Centex had some local contacts who organized leading up to it. In all, our group was around 100. The NSM had ten people who stayed rooted to their spot, behind police tape on the steps at the rear entrance of the city hall. They had originally intended to march, but didn’t even try.

They had one dirty megaphone, we had two big megaphones and one small one, and lots more people. Folks lined up facing off the nazis and drowned them out with chants, I’d say at its peak, we were at around 150. The whole time we never let up on the noise, you couldn’t hear anything the NSM said. A few shady looking gents (shaved heads, long goatees, motorcycle shirts with iron cross motifs) showed up behind the NSM got there and were immediately surrounded by anti-fa, they ended up denying that they were racist and even wore some anti-racist stickers we gave them on their shirts... I still think they were sympathizers but they stayed on the sidelines and offered not one shred of vocal support. And they couldn’t hear shit.

No “hands-on dialogue” with the fact but also no arrests and I think everyone on both sides left with the understanding that the NSM had just punk’d.

Here’s what some Nazi wrote about the rally;
“The two-hour rally, timed to coincide with the Missouri rally, was intended to focus primarily on illegal immigration. But approximately 100 counter-protesters showed up to confront the NSM, closing Spring Avenue leading up to it. In all, our group was around 100. The NSM had ten people who stayed rooted to their spot, behind police tape on the steps at the rear entrance of the city hall. They had originally intended to march, but didn’t even try.

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Anti-Racist Action Network

Four Points of Unity

1) WE GO WHERE THEY GO:
Whenever fascists are organizing or active in public, we’re there. We don’t believe in ignoring them or staying away from them. Never let the nazis have the street!

2) WE DON’T RELY ON THE COPS OR THE COURTS TO DO OUR WORK FOR US:
This doesn’t mean we never go to court. But we must rely on ourselves to protect ourselves and stop the fascists.

3) NON-SECTARIAN DEFENSE OF OTHER ANTI-FASCISTS:
In ARA, we have lots of different groups and individuals. We don’t agree about everything and we have a right to differ openly. But in this movement an attack on one is an attack on us all. We stand behind each other.

4) WE SUPPORT ABORTION RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM:
ARA intends to do the hard work necessary to build a broad, strong movement against racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and discrimination against the disabled, the oldest, the youngest and the most oppressed people. We want a free classless society. WE INTEND TO WIN!

Turning the Tide: Journal of Anti-Racist Action, Research & Education needs your help!

Printing costs just went up 8%. Dozens of new prisoners ask for free subs every month. Racist, statist and Zionist violence is increasing. What can you do? We rely entirely on subscriptions and reader donations to publish. TTT is now in its 22nd year, distributing thousands of copies free to prisoners, and other concerned people without partisan subsidy, government funds or corporate grants. But we can’t continue without you, the reader, to help us keep printing hard-hitting anti-racist, anti-colonialist analysis. Prisoners -let us know ASAP of address changes, and try to get people on the outside to subscribe. If you like what you’re reading -- Don’t delay -- Subscribe today: $18 individual/$28 institutional or international annual subscription (for 6 issues) Pay to: ANTI-RACIST ACTION, PO Box 1055, Culver City CA 90232.

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The US has twice the HIV prevalence of Mexico, so it isn’t surprising that the need to cross the border for work has increased Mexican communities’ vulnerability to HIV. But the reasons for HIV’s increase in some places in Mexico – indigenous, rural communities far from the border – may not be so obvious. “The state of Oaxaca has the highest HIV rate in Southeastern Mexico,” Oaxacan queer activist Leonardo Tlahui says. “One of the primary factors is migration. A lot of Mexican people who are in Oaxaca are the result of migration.”

Tlahui is the grandson of the late Ignacio Cruz Tlahui, who was one of the Zapotec leaders who founded the Binational Front of Indigenous Organizations (FIOB) in Oaxaca. He was a long-time activist who was assassinated in 2000 by the paramilitary forces of the National Insurance Fighters (GDF) in the state of Chiapas.

“Frente’s closure amid threats and violence by government officials was shocking to the activists,” Tlahui says. “The Frente interviewed each patient who came to the clinic, and every patient had at least one or two partners. They target young, young men, thinking, ‘Well, they’re going to be more naïve, they’re perhaps more desperate to get what they need, and they don’t have anywhere to turn.’”

At their next meeting with the Frente, COESIDA officials revealed enough boxes of medications to treat 50 more people. After this victory, the Frente continued its work, publicly criticizing the under-reporting of rapidly increasing AIDS cases in rural areas where indigenous people live – and where the official HIV rates are the lowest. Leonardo Tlahui, a founder of Oaxaca’s Nancy Cardenas Sexual Diversity Collective and an organizer with the Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca (APPO), said, “This is not just a lack of resources for our culture, for health, for housing…. All the moneyed money that comes in to serve people with HIV, mostly indigenous people, is lost. The indigenous people who are HIV positive in Oaxaca are invisible, even though more than ten years ago there was an armed uprising in Chiapass.”

Under the current governor, Tlahui says, the situation has only become worse. “In this period, we have a pseudo-governor of Oaxaca, a man named Ulises Ruiz,” he says. “They’re asking for his resignation because he doesn’t want to go to the state, because he is a repressor, he has sent many people to prison. We have many dead and disappeared people. We demand justice.”

They gave everyone some advice about how to avoid these kinds of visits in the future....”

**Land and Freedom:**

**Indigenous Communities in Oaxaca HIV Fight and Repression**

by Suzay Subways

When the story of the HIV epidemic started to spread in the village of Juchitán de Zaragoza in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, the village was divided. Many believed that a magical evil was infecting the young people. Others, like the Cozumel activist Amaranta Gómez Regalado, knew that this was not the case.

The Binational Front of Indigenous Organizations (FIOB) fights for the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants in Mexico. The FIOB has been working with indigenous communities for over 20 years, advocating for their rights and helping to address the HIV epidemic that has spread throughout the region.

In a conversation at the Indigenous Peoples’ networking zone in the Global Village area of the 17th International AIDS Conference in Mexico City in August, Leonardo Tlahui spoke about the role of APPO in the Mexican AIDS movement. “Part of being here in the Global Village is to demand respect for the human rights of all indigenous peoples, and of those of us who are in favor of justice in the state,” he said. “We use all the possible formats where we can get space to outreach about this. They didn’t want to open up a space for APPO, because they thought we were going to talk about guerrilla war and political issues. In the APPO, we also work on health and security issues, many political and human rights issues are applied in Oaxaca. But we are closed from doing this. We have a thirst for information, but they don’t want to inform us.”

Amaranta Gómez closes “Transcending” in the spirit of nurturing her community’s heritage as a source of strength. The muxhe community created other sources of civil society to flourish and different identities, like that of the muxhe, to flourish and resists – with inspiration from their historical roots. Zapoteca AIDS activist Amaranta Gómez Regalado’s essay “Transcending” offers a glimpse of her hometown, Juchitán, Oaxaca, and its traditions of embracing of a new identity for the muxhe, a identity not unlike a gay or transgender identity, but with its own unique circumstances and challenges. “In our own muxhe community, there have traditionally been breadmakers, seamstresses, and fish-sellers, she writes. And now, they are community leaders, especially in the AIDS movement. "In 1995, a group of women and muxhes formed a group called "The Right to Stay Home,"" she writes. They didn’t want to open up a space for APPO, because they thought we were going to talk about guerrilla war and political issues. In the APPO, we also work on health and security issues, many political and human rights issues are applied in Oaxaca. But we are closed from doing this. We have a thirst for information, but they don’t want to inform us.”

“Day of the Dead Altar” on November 1, 2006, to honor 56 activists assassinated by the government and to demand the removal of Ruiz. Fifty-six movement supporters were killed and disappeared people. We demand justice.”

The Binational Front of Indigenous Organizations (FIOB) works with farmers in Oaxaca who are exploring new food crops to replace corn and beans, so that they can support themselves on their land and make the basic human right that has existed throughout the years and has allowed for the muxhe community created other sources of civil society to flourish and different identities, like that of the muxhe, to flourish and resist – with inspiration from their historical roots. "We have a pseudo-governor of Oaxaca, a man named Ulises Ruiz,…" she writes. And now, they are community leaders, especially in the AIDS movement. "In 1995, a group of women and muxhes formed a group called "The Right to Stay Home," she writes. They didn’t want to open up a space for APPO, because they thought we were going to talk about guerrilla war and political issues. In the APPO, we also work on health and security issues, many political and human rights issues are applied in Oaxaca. But we are closed from doing this. We have a thirst for information, but they don’t want to inform us.”

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Pittsburgh in 2003.

What Rome taught us all is that for an empire to be born, a republic must die.

but he's also remembered for a reign of cruelty.

His power went to extend empire, not to change it. His son, Caracalla, ruled the
for some 18 years, and waged wars on behalf of Rome. His name was Septimius
while supporting a train of dictators from one end of the earth to the other.

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In a sense, the U.S. inherited its imperial role after the weakening and decline of
the British Empire at the close of the so-called Second World War (1941-1945).

Part of this is a kind of global management program that claims to benefit
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excess resources to emerge as the strongest and wealthiest survivor of the ashes
of war. Now the U.S. freely interferes with nations across the globe. Through
its intelligence services, its domination of the World Bank, and the military, it
removes leaders, buys off other leaders, seduces critics abroad, and, using the
media as it did on Iraq, wages unjust wars at will.

This is the system that Obama will inherit. Will he endeavor to change it, or will
he try to strengthen it? Time will tell.

Prisoner Andre Jacobs Awarded $185,000 in Lawsuit Against DOC Staff

Andre Jacobs, a captive of SCI Fayette in the PA DOC, was awarded $185,000 in compensatory damages by a
court today for violations of his constitutional rights while being held in the Long Term Segregation Unit in SCI
Pittsburgh in 2003.

Andre represented himself at trial, and prevailed despite being forced to wear a remote-controlled electric shock
belt throughout that was controlled by DOC staff. Two of Andre's witnesses testified to Judge Conti
that prison guards working the Special Management Unit (SMU) in Camp Hill threatened them for their
participation in the case, with both testifying that C/O Uler assaulted one of the witnesses.

In the first of three upcoming jury trials (the other two are scheduled for January and February) in Federal
Court, Mr. Jacobs out-lawyered the state's attorneys throughout, eventually winning guilty verdicts against Lt.
Gregory Giddens, ex-Captain Thomas McConnel, and Superintendent's Assistant Carol Scire.

Check the Post-Gazette for a article: http://www.
post-gazette.com/pg/08329/930437-100.stm And don’t
believe the hype: Andre never broke the hand of a federal
marshal, but rather was beaten unconscious by federal
marshalls while in cuffs and shackles after he violated a
direct order not to speak by having the criminal audacity
to tell his grandmother, Elizabeth, that he loved her.
To cover up their criminal assault they charged Andre with
assault under federal statutes. Check the Trib for a better article, although it repeats the
same official slander:

Isolation transposes our reality; physical torture shapes it. Physical torture is a ravishing beast that has slipped
its bonds from Hell to feast upon the soul of humanity. It's the Big Bad Wolf threatening the Three Little Pigs.
It's the Bogeyman lurking in the woods we heard so much about, coming to get us. It's our worst nightmare
ratling a locked door, straining mightily to get at
us. It's Abu-Ghraib; it's Guantanamo; it's the CIA's
Extraordinary Rendition; it's the screams of prisoners in
U.S. occupation stations. It's the cries of the torn, the battered,
the tormented victims of this ravenous beast that rears
its ugly head to feast on pried fingernails; electrically
charred genitalia, ear lobes, and human breasts; chased
down with a liter of water-boardling, stress-positions,
extremes of hot and cold temperatures; and garnished
with absolute silence and jarring noise. All done to
produce some antiquated economic system that deprives the many of their needs and serves the few in
their greed. Outrage against this social practice should
know no bounds; how can we not fight to end it? Let us
send the beast and its minions back to where they belong.

Note: Herman Bell is one of the New York 3, and currently
facing trial in San Francisco as one of the SFR. Please support
these brothers by sending a donation. Make checks payable to
CDHR/Agape and mail to the address below or donate on line at
www.freemumia.com/Donate.html

In Memoriam:
Sister Somayah Kambui also known as Herowese
'Peaches' Moore, and Queen Negus -- an original
member of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in
Los Angeles, participant in the Free Breakfast for School
Children program, survivor of the LAPD SWAT attack
on the BPP along with Geromino ji-Jaga, founder of
Crescent Alliance for Self-help for Sickle Cell, supporter of
the SFB and leader of medical marijuana movement.
Gaza Massacre Rooted in Colonial Occupation

By Chandra Muzaffar

[Israel, Obama, and the US media blame Hamas for the violence.] While rocket attacks targeting civilians in the southern part of Israel are wrong from the point of view of international law, the media has failed to tell the public the truth about why Hamas ended the truce and how Israel is largely responsible for the underlying conflict. There are at least five dimensions to the larger context shaping the conflict that have not been highlighted in the media.

One, even after the so-called Israeli “withdrawal” from Gaza in August 2005, the Israeli army has conducted numerous raids and air strikes in Gaza in the name of fighting “terrorism” which have killed hundreds of civilians including women and children. These assaults intensified after Hamas captured the Palestinian Legislative Council in a free election in January 2006. When Hamas ousted Fatah, Israel went all out to destroy Hamas by military and non-military means.

Two, in spite of Israeli attacks, Hamas, a few violations notwithstanding, observed its June 2008 truce with Israel. Not a single Israeli was killed by Hamas rocket fire during the six-month period of the truce. The Hamas leadership even proposed a 30-year truce to Israel in April 2008. There was no response from Israel. Because of continuous Israeli military strikes, the closure of border crossings and a suffocating blockade of Gaza, imposed by Israel, Hamas was forced to end the truce.

Three, in juxtaposing Hamas rockets with the Israeli amnesties, the media seldom mentions the tremendous asymmetry in military power between the two sides. What are Hamas’s homemade rockets compared with the wide range of sophisticated lethal weaponry at the command of the world’s fourth most powerful army? The death toll from the present assault tells the whole story: Over 500 Palestinians to five Israelis even before the ground invasion.

Four, one has to place this asymmetry in the context of the Israeli blockade of Gaza that began soon after Hamas won the 2006 election. By punishing the people of Gaza for voting for Hamas through the imposition of a blockade that has increased poverty and destitution and denies life-saving drugs to the critically ill, Israel has made the victims of its cruel and callous siege even angrier and more desperate. The media hasn’t attempted to link Hamas’s rocket attacks to the siege.

Five, neither has the media explained to the people that at the root of this longstanding conflict that goes back to the beginning of the 20th century is the occupation and annexation of Palestine and the oppression of the Palestinians. Within a year of the unjust partition of the land in 1948, 78 per cent of Palestine was in the hands of the Zionists. Gaza is part of the 22 per cent that was annexed in 1967. Since 1948, Israel, argues Israeli historian Ilan Pappe, has embarked upon a policy of “ethnic cleansing” that seeks to eliminate the indigenous Palestinians from their land. None of these facts and opinions is aired in the mainstream international media. It is not difficult to understand why this is so. Zionist influence over the US-Europe controlled international media is enormous.

This is perhaps a propitious moment to challenge it. The US economy is facing its severest crisis, which must impact adversely upon Zionist power both directly and indirectly. With its inevitable economic decline, US global hegemony, which has been a critical factor in sustaining and perpetuating Israel’s military dominance of the Middle East, is also coming to an end. New patterns of global power are in the offing. At a time like this, it is important that Americans themselves realize that blind, uncritical US support and protection for Israel is damaging to US interests. In the last few years, some from the US establishment have begun to see this. Jimmy Carter is a case in point.

The Palestinians and other Arabs who have to contend with Zionist power should also develop more effective strategies to pursue their struggle for justice. At this juncture many of them oscillate between violence and rhetoric. What is needed is strategic thinking and planning which will produce new forms of challenge and resistance to Zionist dominance. For instance, those who try to break Israel’s Gaza blockade by transporting food and medicines through ships are not only providing much needed assistance but are also raising public consciousness about the inhumanity of the Israeli regime. Two women have been at the forefront of such initiatives: the Nobel laureate Mairead Maguire and former US congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. Such initiatives, it is hoped, will accelerate the demise of Zionist power and US hegemony and create the conditions for the liberation of the Palestinians and other oppressed peoples. For more information contact: Chandra Muzaffar at Professor of Global Studies & Center for Human Rights and president of the International Movement for a Just World (IM4JW). He was on the Internet-Citizen Board of the International Movement for a Just World (IM4JW).

STOP THE BOMBING & INVASION!
END THE OCCUPATION!
FREE GAZA – FREE, FREE PALESTINE!
Palestine refugees are defined as persons whose normal place of residence was Palestine during the period 1 June 1946 to 15 May 1948, and who lost both home and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 conflict. UNRWA services are available to all those living in its area of operations who meet this definition, who are registered with the Agency and who need assistance. The descendants of Palestine refugee males, including adopted children, are also eligible for registration. The remaining two thirds of registered Palestine refugees live in and around the cities and towns of the host countries, and in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, often in the environs of official camps.