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In the Streets for Mumia Abu-Jamal!

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Police Brutality
As a deadly rain of high-tech bombs falls on Yugoslavia, a deafening rain of propaganda falls on American media-manipulated files designed to prime the populace into supporting a war against Serbia in the name of protecting human rights.

NATO is but a fig leaf for American "interests," and the bombing of Yugoslavia is but a global demonstration of the ruthlessness of the American empire. A demonstration! The monstrous atomic bombing of Japan, after it was virtually beaten in World War II, was not a military necessity, but a political one, designed to demonstrate to the Russians that the U.S. was, and would ever be, boss. It was a massive, deadly demonstration.

So too, the Yugoslav bombing must be seen as the U.S. treated Japan during the war—in prop to demonstrate the power of the empire.

Let us consider the claim that the U.S. is concerned about "human rights" or about the "rights of ethnic minorities" as the corporate press projects. What of America's largest national minority—African Americans? The world-respected Amnesty International group speaking through its secretary general, Pierre Sane, announced just days before the bombing, "Human-rights violations in the United States of America are persistent, widespread and appear to disproportionately affect people of racial or ethnic minority backgrounds."

And so is critical of police violence and executions in the U.S. Further, let us see how the U.S. responds to "liberation movements" of the oppressed. When fighters for Puerto Rican independence began to raise their voices, the U.S. didn't support this "ethnic minority," they sought (and continue to crush) and silence them.

Consider the case of the Palestinians, the Kurds, the East Timorese, the Colombian rebels—who has the U.S. consistently supported, the oppressed or the U.S.-armed government?

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In October 1992, Chairman Gonzalo—leader of the Most Revolutionary Party of Peru—was sentenced to life imprisonment by hooded military judges of the U.S.-backed regime in Peru. The fascist regime in Peru has held this revolutionary leader of the Peruvian people under very brutal conditions in an underground concrete dungeon at a naval base. He is being denied visits by lawyers, doctors and relatives, and deprived of proper medical care and reading materials. Peru's President Fujimori has publicly threatened to execute Chairman Gonzalo and abolished applying psychological torture on him. Fujimori's change of heart is based on the realization that opposition leaders could be used against Chairman Gonzalo and other revolutionaries. The Peruvian regime must be prevented from killing Chairman Gonzalo through the death penalty or by other means.

Fujimori has repeatedly claimed that Chairman Gonzalo has made a call for negotiations from prison. In this situation, what possible excuse can Fujimori offer for continuing to deny Comrade Gonzalo independent contact with lawyers, doctors and friendly and neutral visitors from outside the prison, in a situation in which the regime is conducting its own investigations and treatment of political prisoners and prisoners of war? It is vitally important for people in Peru and around the world to hear what Chairman Gonzalo's views are from Chairman Gonzalo himself—directly and unimpeded. This heightens the urgency of the fight to create an international political climate which compels the Peruvian government to grant access to Chairman Gonzalo by his legal representatives and other friends who can meet and talk directly with him.

Three Main Points

by Bob Avakian
Chairman of the RCP, USA

What do we in the Revolutionary Communist Party want people to learn from all that is exposed and revealed in this newsletter? Mainly these things:

1) The whole system we now live under is based on exploitation—here and all over the world. It is completely worthless and no basic change for the better can come about until this system is overthrown.

2) Many different groups will protest and rebel against things this system does, and these protests and rebellions will be supported and strengthened. Yet it is only those with nothing to lose but their chains who can be the backbone of change in Society to create a new system that will put an end to exploitation and help pave the way to a whole new society.

3) Such a revolutionary struggle is possible. There is a political Party that can lead such a struggle, a political Party that speaks and acts for those with nothing to lose but their chains. The Revolutionary Communist Party, USA.

This Party has the vision, the program, the leadership, and the organizational principles to unite those who must be united and enable them to do what must be done. There is a challenge for all of us—those who would like to see such a revolution, those with a burning desire to see a drastic change for the better, all those who dare to dream and to act to bring about a completely new and better world. Support this Party, join this Party, spread its message and its organized strength and prepare the ground for a revolutionary struggle that has a solid base and a real chance of winning.

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YUGOSLAVIA: THE AMERICAN WAY OF WAR

“DESTROYING THE VILLAGE TO SAVE IT”

Pristina, Kosovo, after midnight, April 6—In the darkness of night, three NATO air attacks hit the heart of Pristina, the capital of Kosovo. The first was timed to start at 5:10 p.m., and lasted 30 minutes. At least 20 NATO bombs and missiles hit the downtown area, according to Acumen France Press—completely leveling many homes, over 30 stores, the central post office, and an array of government services. At least 10 people were killed, including a family of Turkish nationality. Kosovars gathered in a basement.

NATO spokespeople insisted on CNN that the armed forces of Yugoslavia had themselves blown up Pristina. When this fell apart, NATO Air Commander David Wilby, NATO military spokespeople admitted only that one NATO bomb had hit homes in Pristina, saying it had been “reduced on target.” The U.S. and NATO justified their war on Yugoslavia saying they were saving Kosovo’s people—but it is clear that they, themselves, have targeted Kosovo’s capital.

Aleksinac, Serbia, 10 p.m., April 6—Residents were close to bedtime in this small coal mining town of 20,000, a small district town of eastern Serbia. Many of these people had migrated there from the region surrounding Pristina, and had related to the town as a “new home.” But the night of April 6, the town came under attack. According to the Aksum, a local newspaper, citizens of this town, the first to receive NATO attack, were leaving their homes or returning to them.

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About 90 minutes later, an even more intense attack hit Meja. NATO firing, a group of as many as 1,000 refugees on the initial dirt road toward Pristina and Fusha, the rate of fire suggests that a second convoy was also hit further south on the same road. It is not known where these Albanian Kosovars were heading—on foot, on their tractors and home-drawn carts. It is not clear if they were leaving their homes or returning to them.

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Bodies of Albanian refugees on the road near Djakovica, Kosovo after an attack by NATO planes, April 13.

Brutality with a Bodyguard of Lies

“Destroying the village to save it” is a policy of bombing Serbian forces that will either guarantee democracy for Serbia or protect the Albanians who are being killed by Serbian forces. The humanitarian concerns expressed are the worst hypocrisy since the war of conquest of the Philippines at the turn of the century, the heartless making of two Japanese pilots in World War II, the carpet bombings of Indochina, the bombings and embargo of Iraq, the U.S. bombing of Somalia, and the U.S. bombing of Libya. With such concentrated NATO air attacks, it’s difficult to see how a Yugoslav jet could sneak in and attack the refugee columns just for Belgrade’s propaganda purposes.

NATO spokesman Jamie Shea then acknowledged that a U.S. pilot had attacked a single vehicle—a civilian tractor pulling a small flatbed north of Djakovica. Shea refused to acknowledge that NATO had attacked any civilians south of Djakovica (where the major civilian deaths occurred). Describing the actions of the U.S. bomber, Shea said, “He dropped his bomb in good faith, as you would expect a trained pilot from a democratic NATO country to do.” Paul Warner writes in the L.A. Times, “NATO’s acknowledged Thursday that one of its pilots had accidentally bombed a column of Kosovo Albanian refugees, but it doesn’t begin to explain how scores of people were killed in what survivors say was a series of air strikes.

Stop the Bombing!
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From the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement

May 1st: Set Your Eyes on the Goal of Communism!

We received this statement from the Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement:

This year the international proletariat is holding the last May Day of the century. As was the case at the turn of the last century, there is no part of the globe where our class has power. Yet our class has gained the experience of carrying out successful proletarian revolutions and building socialism in vast areas of the world. In the passing century, our class fought the most momentous battles of humanity's entire history, battles that changed the course of history completely. Our class carried out three earth-shaking revolutions to establish socialist countries and move the world to a new epoch of communism: the October revolution in Russia in 1917, the October revolution in China in 1949, and finally the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China, begun in 1966. It was in the process of these epic battles and in the midst of these momentous proletarian revolutions that the revolutionary science of Marxism was enriched and became Marxism-Leninism-Maoism (MLM).

Today, we have lost both our great socialist bastions where the proletariat held power. World imperialism and new capitalist classes within those socialist states fought tooth-and-nail to overthrow proletarian rule, first in Russia in 1918 and then in China in 1976 in the aftermath of Mao Tse-tung's death. These defeats, as well as our victories in revolution and socialist construction, concern the two opposite poles, the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, of the present epoch—the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution. Standing at the threshold of the 21st century, the capitalist/imperialist system continues its ruthless and relentless pursuit of profit—subjecting the majority of the world's people to vicious exploitation, squeezing their labor, stealing their very lives, promoting a dog-eat-dog mentality and carrying out extermination, mass murder and the enslavement of entire peoples to protect its profit machine. 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We Can't Let Them Kill Mumia Abu-Jamal!

Mumia Abu-Jamal—journalist, revolutionary activist, and political prisoner has been on death row since 1982. Falsely convicted of killing a Philadelphia cop. Blatantly framed up. Never got a fair trial. Sentenced to death for his political beliefs. His story is the story of profound injustice—a web of police lies, coerced witnesses, prosecutorial misconduct, biased judges, and political persecution. And it is the story of a courageous fighter for justice—whose words have reached out through prison bars to inspire a new generation. The outcome of this story will have a deep effect on the lives of the people for decades to come. It is up to the people to stop the execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal.
If you look today at the movement to save Mumia Abu-Jamal's life, what do you find? You find that there are many people who believe that he is totally and completely innocent. That he is in prison because he is an ex-Black Panther, because he is a MOVE supporter, because of the racism of this country. There are plenty of people who believe that. But there are others who are saying, "What about what went on in Judge Sabo's courtroom?" And they look at how unfairly and how unconstitutionally the death penalty was imposed. And they look at the trial and say, "We don't know whether he is guilty or innocent, but we know that the case was unfair and a trial that is unfair can't go on." Therefore, we shouldn't even take someone's driver's license away in a trial like that, let alone put him on death row. And there are those who simply say the death penalty is wrong and that's right.

Confronted with the callousness of the system, people have to make up their minds about Mumia's original trial and about Mumia's case. And they have to make up their minds about the politics of this case and about the politics of this country. We have to make up our minds about the politics of the world. We have to make up our minds about the politics of the United States. And we have to make up our minds about the political system, the political structure, the political vested interests, are very precious to the people. And, in a very sharp and urgent way, this is the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal, whom the railroad of Mumia concentrates the way Black people are routinely mistreated by the police, the courts, the prisons, and the media. The railroad of Mumia reveals how the U.S. government deals with political opponents—especially revolutionaries whose voices connect with the people at the bottom of society. This case is vivid proof of why the government and its legal system should not have the power to execute people.

Today, the system is building prisons as fast as and as furiously as they are criminalizing the youth. Police brutality and the crimes of the oppressors—against the people—are growing. Mumia's frame-up and cover-up is part of an epidemic with cops acting like judge, jury and executioner on the streets. "Three strikes" laws are sending thousands of kids to spend their whole life behind bars. Executions are going down like clockwork. And politicians keep demanding more prisons, more cops, more punishment and speedier executions. The struggle for Mumia and other political prisoners is a key battleground for those who want to defeat this whole assault on the people.

**REVOLUTIONARIES MUST NOT BE KILLED FOR THEIR BELIEFS—THE PEOPLE MUST DEFEND THEM**

Revolutionaries, who embody the highest interests of the people and inspire the masses in fighting for these interests, are very precious to the people. And, particularly where revolutionaries hold firm to their principles in the face of persecution at the hands of the oppressors—including long years in jail and the threat of execution—it is extremely important for the people to rally to the defense of such revolutionaries and to refuse to accept the "right" of the oppressor to carry out this persecution and "legalized murder." This is the case with people like Geronimo Pratt, who was held in prison for years as a result of a frame-up and a continuing cover-up from the highest levels of government; and, in a very sharp and urgent way, this is the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal, whom the government is moving to execute in the near future, on the basis of another frame-up and cover-up.

Bob Avakian, Chairman, Revolutionary Communist Party
from top to bottom, large staples clamping the wound shut and tube in his nose. He felt intense pain from pressure on his bladder and kidneys. Looking up he saw a grinning cop standing on his urine receptacle. Later, when doctors warned that pneumonia in his punctured lung could kill him, the police forced Mumia to spend night after night in a cold room.

On June 1, 1982 Mumia's trial began in Judge Albert Sabo's court. On July 3 it ended with a death sentence that revealed what this whole case has been about from the beginning.

The U.S. government says it doesn't persecute, imprison or execute people for their political beliefs and activities. But Mumia was clearly framed up, railroaded and now faces execution because he is a revolutionary who has broad political influence.

From his days in the Black Panther Party Mumia was targeted by the government for political persecution. Eight hundred pages of secret police files have become public that document how federal and city-agents started putting him under surveillance when he was only 14 years old! At 15, Mumia was a founding member of the Black Panther Party. At 17, as the Philadelphia Panther's Minister of Information, Mumia wrote for the Black Panther newspaper. That experience, he recalls, "charged my pen with a distinctive anti-authoritarian, and anti-establishment character that survives to this day." The authorities used phone taps and informants to monitor his activity; Mumia's friends, relatives, and school officials were interrogated and harassed. The Panthers were subjected to a brutal campaign of suppression by the Philadelphia police under Chief Frank Rizzo who later became mayor.

Throughout the 1970s, Mumia worked as a radio journalist, exposing the systematic brutality of Philadelphia's police—especially their campaign of persecution against the radical Black uptown MOVE organization. In 1978, after a 10-month siege, a MOVE house in Powelton village was assaulted by a 500-man army of Philadelphia police. Fifteen MOVE members were framed for the death of one cop. Mumia covered this trial and supported MOVE.

On the streets Mumia's listeners started calling him "The Voice of the Voiceless," but the Philadelphia authorities and police hated Mumia. Rizzo himself had threatened Mumia, saying that Mumia's reporting had "to stop... And one day, and I hope it's in my career... you're going to have to be held responsible and accountable for what you do."

The day Mumia was sentenced for the murder of Daniel Faulkner, Assistant District Attorney McGill brought up Mumia's political history to argue for the death penalty. In his plea that the court send Mumia to death row, the DA asked Mumia, "Did you ever say that political power grows out of the barrel of a gun?" Mumia answered, "That's a quote from Mao Tsetung. It's America that seized the land from the Indian race, and it was not done through preaching Christianity and civilization. I think America has proven that quote to be the truth."

Based on these arguments about Mumia's political views, Sabo handed down a death sentence. Mumia summed it up like this: "The truth is clear—for niggers, poor people, and Puerto Ricans, what remains of the Indian race, justice is a sham, a ruse, a joke.— This system is finished! Babylon is falling!"

THE WHOLE TRIAL WAS A RAILROAD Judge Albert Sabo has sentenced more people to death than any other sitting judge in the United States. Six former Philadelphia prosecutors have sworn in court documents that no one could get a fair trial in the court of Judge Sabo.

During jury selection, Sabo stopped Mumia from questioning potential jurors. In a blatantly racist move, Sabo claimed Mumia's appearance—a Black man with a beard and dreadlocks—was "intimidating to jurors." Against Mumia's will, Tony Jackson was appointed Mumia's lawyer. When Jackson refused to question potential jurors under such conditions, Sabo threatened him with jail.

Leonard Peltier
Mumia's trial was a gross miscarriage of justice. Just unbelievable. Highlights included prosecutorial misconduct, intimidation of witnesses by the police, suppression of evidence of Mumia's innocence, a jury illegally purged of African-Americans, a hostile racist judge, and a prosecutor who argued for the death penalty based on Abu-Jamal's political beliefs. Mumia is an outspoken revolutionary, a hero to millions around the world and we will not allow his voice to be silenced.

Tom Morell from the band Rage Against the Machine

Rage Against the Machine benefit concert for Mumia, January 1999.
"I am the father of the 13-year-old boy who was shot and killed by a housing police officer. He was playing with a toy gun. I am here today to support free Mumia. It is important that we organize and get ourselves together. I have been fighting and struggling for my son for the last four years. There is no justice in this system. The justice that is in this system is between us ourselves. We have to fight ourselves for justice for our children and for our families.


CONTINUING CAMPAIGN OF LIES

Judge Sabo is a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). And Mumia's appeal was heard — re-heard—in the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court where five out of seven Justices have either received campaign contributions or campaign endorsements from the FOP. That means there has been a force against Mumia outside the courtroom. They've waged an ongoing campaign to call for Mumia's execution. They've pickedet outside the courthouse in support of Mumia and then climbed into the trial—called for Mumia's execution. They've paraded Maureen Faulkner, the widow of Daniel Faulkner, around the trial. They've worked closely with the mainstream media to slander Mumia supporters and spread all kinds of disinformation about this case.

After Mumia's unjust trial, the FOP and the media have continued to argue the prosecution's frame-up case. They say eyewitnesses identified Mumia as the one who shot Faulkner. They say Mumia confessed to the killing at the hospital. They say Faulkner was shot with Mumia's gun.

The real truth is that authorities manufactured false evidence to frame Mumia. Witnesses were threatened and coerced. A false "confession" was fabricated. And real evidence has been suppressed.

"For me, the Mumia Abu-Jamal case is about the person who is able to articulate the interests of minority people not only in terms of color but in terms of ideology. Because we know what the real deal is about. It is about the repression of left-wing, progressive, indinuous voices, cultural critics and political and moral critics. The African American experience includes momentous historical processes of American capitalism and the American state as evidenced in its racist, imperialist and now wu Minh and homophobic and certainly its patriarchal practices.

Michael Eric Dyson
author of Black American Studies at Columbia University.

"A rare and courageous voice speaking from a place we fear to know. Mumia Abu-Jamal must be heard.

Alice Walker: author.

"The jay cells in America have been a one-sided crime all the way back to slavery. Until everyone is truly represented in this land as one people, there's going to be a lot of fucking poison going on. Free Mumia Abu-Jamal. Free the mind. Use your independent thought and power to help.

Chuck D. from Public Enemy.

"In my long history as a Black man in this country, I've seen many instances where the people, and the pressure of the people, provided the last resource for defendants...Mumia's case is attracting the attention of the American people. Our hope is to facilitate this, to make this a matter of concern at every breakfast table in the country so that the people will finally speak.

Osagyefo Kwame Owusu Dabo
shooter. He passed a lie detector test but was never called to testify because the defense was never told about him. A fourth witness, William Singleton, first reported that Mumia was not the shooter. Later the police forced him to sign a statement that he didn't see anything. And then he was harassed so bad by the police that he left Philadelphia before the trial.

THE SO-CALLED "CONFESSION"

After being shot by Faulkner and then beaten by other cops, Mumia was taken to the hospital, and the prosecution claims that it was there that Mumia made a false confession to the murder. But the jury never heard from police officer Gary Nakhost, who was guarding Jamal at the hospital and reported "the Negro male made no comments." When called as a defense witness, the prosecution conceded he was on vacation and unavailable, and Sabo refused a continuance so he could be brought in. In fact, Nakhost was home and available to testify.

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LACK OF EVIDENCE

The prosecution also claimed ballistic evidence proved Mumia was the shooter. But the police never tested Mumia's gun to see if it had been fired recently. They never tested Mumia's hands to see if he had fired a gun. They have never shown Mumia's gun to be the fatal weapon. And they lost a bullet fragment removed by the medical examiner. Also, the police claim that Mumia was shot while standing over Faulkner. But the pathologist said the bullet entered Mumia's body in a downward trajectory—which is consistent with Mumia's statement that he was shot by the cop as he approached the scene.

In short, Mumia was railroaded. The jury was packed; the testimony rigged; the evidence suppressed. Mumia's attempts to launch a serious defense were consistently disrupted; and he was given the death penalty on the basis of his revolutionary beliefs and activities.

THE RIGHT TO STOP THE EXECUTION OF MUMIA

On June 2, 1995 Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge signed a death warrant setting Mumia's execution date for 10 p.m., August 17, 1995. Mumia's lawyers, Leonard Weinglass, quickly filed a Post-Conviction Relief Appeal, which demanded a stay of execution and a new trial. Three hundred pages of documentation accompanied this appeal which demonstrated, as Weinglass wrote, "unequivocally that Mumia, a man who has claimed his innocence since the very beginning, was the victim of a politically motivated, racially biased prosecution in which evidence of his innocence was suppressed." Mumia's legal team also filed a Motion for Reconsideration demanding that Sabo not be allowed to rule on the appeal because he was clearly prejudiced against Mumia. But Sabo refused to recuse himself. He refused to grant a stay of execution and made outrageous rulings clearly aimed at rushing through the hearing and sabotaging Mumia's efforts to get a new trial. Despite this, Mumia's lawyers presented much evidence and showed very clearly that Mumia never got a fair trial. But three days after the PCRA hearing ended, Sabo denied Mumia's request for a new trial and the execution date remained intact.

A very broad and determined movement rallied hard to stop the execution of Mumia, and all over the world Mumia's case became a living symbol of the injustice of the U.S. criminal system. Demonstrations were held in cities throughout the U.S. and in many other countries. Artists, authors and other prominent people stepped publicly to defend Mumia. And in the streets and bars of the U.S. a movement grew, determined to bring to the power of the oppressed people into this struggle. The power of the people forced the government to issue a stay of execution and lock off its plans to murder Mumia. But today Mumia still faces a death sentence, and the government is still trying to execute him. As Mumia said: "I am now not under an active death warrant, although I remain under an active death sentence, thus I still suffer in hell."

From the darkness of death row Mumia has continued to expose the system and inspire people with his eloquent writing. And his enemies have not stopped trying to silence his voice. In 1994 National Public Radio (NPR) announced they were going to air commentaries by Mumia. Then they shamefully retreated under pressure from police and politicians. When Mumia's book Live From Death Row found a publisher, the police launched an unsuccessful campaign to stop the book from coming out.

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For more information on Mumia's case see RW website: www.mcs.net/~nvor

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What's at Stake for the People? by C. Clark Kissinger

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Fighting for the Future

We've followed Mumia's case and can't comprehend why he's still on death row. The transparent intentions of the powers-that-be in the justice system that imprisons Mumia are a smack in the face to us. Do they really think we're going to let this stand? We want our voice. We demand our freedom-fighting for them since the time he was 14 years old. I think that in Mumia's case, we've found up many a young mind with new hopes and dreams of a better future. What happens to Mumia will happen to all of us.

It's obviously going to take a huge, huge public outcry. It is going to have to sort of become a general topic of discussion in communities throughout the country, and when I say that I mean a broad array of communities, whether it be in the Asian community or the white community, whatever. But it also has to be taken up in the Black community. I think that they in particular really need to rally behind this man who's been a pillar of strength and a pillar of freedom fighting for them since the time he was 14 years old. I think that in general there is going to have to be massive public outcry with massive discussions about Mumia. That probably is the only way. The power of the people. Youth and Student Coordinator of October 22nd Coalition to Stop Police Brutality

We're prepared to do whatever it takes to stop the execution. This is like our major priority because frankly there wouldn't be a youth network of Refuse & Resist if it wasn't for Mumia Abu-Jamal at this point. He's the person who inspired most of us.

A member of Refuse & Resist Youth Network

The assassination of Malcolm X or the Panthers and other people who were taken down by COINTELPRO, it was done in the silence or in the dark. But they're trying to take Mumia away in front of us. Literally millions of us have the opportunity to get in front of this time and that is very significant. I think it's going to take millions and I think ultimately it's not a court's decision, but it's the people's decision and the people will decide what happens. It's going to depend on what we do in the end.

Student at Vassar College
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Chicago: On the Line at the Brigade House

A cold biting rain fell throughout Friday morning, April 16, as a crowd of people gathered outside 1142 N. Olcrans. Two days earlier a Chicago city official came by the building—known to many as the Brigade House—to deliver an ultimatum to the members of the Revolutionary Community Youth Brigade who live there. He went out by Friday because the building's coming down. The Brigade's response was firm. We're not going to be moved. From dawn to dusk, dozens came by to support the Brigade and take a stand. The mood grew tense when the city company came to cut off the gas, and police and security arrived at backup. But by evening, the deadline had come and gone. The residents hadn't moved. The sheriffs hadn't come.

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The struggle for 1142 has struck a chord with people facing and fighting "urban cleansing"—in Cabrini and throughout Chicago. Scenes from the daily support rallies tell a part of the story. A Black man in a wheelchair rolls by and throws up a fist. Father Michael Yasutake—survivor of the U.S. concentration camps for Japanese-Americans—and advocate for political prisoners breaks at a morning press conference. A group of Cabrini teens stand on the street corner, saying, "We will not be moved"—in order to keep the building from being torn down...

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Berkeley: The Fight Over KPFA Radio

On Thursday, April 15, some 700 people jammed Martin Luther King Way in front of KPFA radio in Berkeley—clinging, off the entire block. It was the station's 50th anniversary, but people weren't there to celebrate. They were there to protest the recent firings of popular program manager Nicole Sawaya and long-time broadcaster Larry Bensky.

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There are different analyses of what's behind these changes. There's certainly personal ambition and careerism within the National Board at work. But more important is the behind-the-scenes maneuvering by forces tied to the highest levels of government. Mary Frances Berry is the chairwoman of both Pacifica's Executive Board and Clinton's Civil Rights Commission. The National Board has given her ties to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Her president, Robert Rossd, was previously the deputy director of the Voice of America (VOA), an arm of U.S. imperialist foreign policy. And Pacifica board member Roberta Brooks is an aide to Democratic Party Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

In this period of rapid change and potentially great upheaval here and around the world, these forces are intent on suffocating opposition to the U.S.'s many crimes and limiting debate to terms acceptable to the system. Today one in five people in the U.S. lives within broadcast range of a Pacifica station, and the powers-that-be don't want them to be able to spin the dial to radical, oppositional radio.

Firings Spark Protest

Pacifica's Executive Director Lynn Chadwick fired Sawaya on March 31 without warning or explanation. Chadwick even tried to prevent KPFA's news department from reporting on Sawaya's termination. "Internal Pacifica issues and management decisions are not news," Chadwick declared.

This triggered the first open and united revolt by KPFA's staff to rescind management's decision. Programmers defied Pacifica's "no talk" rule, which forbids them from discussing Pacifica affairs on air. The statement by the staff said in part, "the staff at KPFA unanimously demands the return of Nicole and independent mediation of the dispute."

A few days later, on April 2, 150 rallied outside KPFA in protest. Six programmers were disciplined by Pacifica for speaking out.

Kris Welch, long-time host of the Morning Show, told the RP, "What is at stake is accountability and representation. There isn't knowledge or local issues or any thing at all about these decisions." Jesse "Chuy" Vazquez, the host of La Onda Bajita, said, "Nicole had a very progressive vision. She was a friend who talked to you like a human being, not an employee. That's where we have to get back to—deal people to people, cause to cause, issue by issue. Let's hacha continua!"

On April 4, Larry Bensky devoted 17 minutes of his Sunday Salon program to criticizing the Sawaya firing and criticizing Chadwick's explanations. Two days later, Chadwick announced that Bensky had been fired—after 30 years at Pacifica—for violating the gag rule.

These repressive tactics have generated much outrage. Chadwick told the RP, "The support has been overwhelming. We've had thousands of people writing e-mails and faxes and telephone calls to Pacifica's management." The Berkeley City Council passed a resolution supporting Sawaya and Bensky. KPFA's 50th Anniversary Committee disbanded in protest, and its local advisory board has also questioned the firings. Radical professors Noam Chomsky of MIT, Edward S. Herman of the University of Pennsylvania, and Howard Zinn of Boston University and the group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) have publicly criticized the firings.

The battle is continuing. On May 6 a program to support "true speech radio" will be held at the Berkeley Community Theater, featuring writers Salman Rushdie and Amin Maalouf. People opposed to the firing and the direction of Pacifica are urging KPFA listeners and supporters to continue the protests. Save Pacifica has a website at savepacifican.org, or they can be contacted through e-mail at savepacificans@hotmail.com.
New York: Thousands March Against Police Brutality

The struggle of the people against police brutality has grown so strong since the murder of Amadou Diallo that a major crisis has developed in New York City. Tens of thousands of people have been involved in protests. Officials openly worry about the possibility of a major rebellion. Over 1,200 protesters were arrested at police headquarters—including nearly every Black and Latino elected official in the city and many on the state level. There is intense infighting among different sections of the ruling class which has created new openings for the people.

On April 15 the largest demonstration yet took place, organized by local and state Democratic Party leaders calling themselves "New Yorkers for Law, Order, Peace and Justice." This coalition put forward a program to "reform" the police department. They "10-Point Diallo Action Plan" calls for independent prosecutors and investigators for police brutality and corruption, investigations cops in "racial and cultural sensitivity," more minority and women cops, pay raises and benefits increase for cops, an end to the infamous 48-hour rule that gives cops time to get their lie together after killing or beating someone, an end to the use of hollow point bullets, and Justice Department monitoring of police misconduct around the country.

As the RW has written: "It is plain the problem is police murder and brutality, repression, and the criminalization of an entire generation of Black, Latino and other oppressed youth...this is about mad dog cops who are trained to murder with impunity in every city and state in this country and who are backed up by almost all their fellow cops whenever they do, backed up by the mayor and the county, and not only that, backed up by Clinton himself!" There have been hundreds of police murders just since 1995, most of which have been covered up. These are not isolated incidents of a few bad police officers, "these are not "unfortunate accidents," these are SYLVIA'S LIVES, and there must be no more."

Over 10,000 people marched from the Brooklyn courthouse, over the Brooklyn Bridge, to the federal building in Manhattan. The most striking thing about the April 15 demonstration was the many different kinds of people who took part. Actor Ossie Davis once said. "When there were entertainers Harry Belafonte and Dick Gregory and Hugh Price of the National Urban League, Black scholar and author Cornel West was there. Heading up the march were Saikou Diallo, Amadou Diallo's father, and many other parents whose children had been murdered by the police. There were thousands of union members and members of different religious groups from across the city. Many nationalities and all ages were represented, frontline groups and drivers, housing and animal rights activists, anarchists, Dominican and Haitian groups all took part. A lot of people at this demonstration were middle class or better-paid unionized workers. Some were activists, but others had never been to a protest before.

There were contingents from the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, the October 22nd Coalition To Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation, ACT UP, National Action Network, South Asians Against Police Brutality Andre Lord Project and the Black Radical Congress. A group from Hunter College Student Liberation Action Movement held up a stuffed pig and chanted: "Pigs, pigs, pigs can't fly. Shoot that swine right out of the sky!" The Irish Coalition Against Police Brutality called signs comparing the NYPD to the cops in Ulster, Northern Ireland.

Many white people at the march said they felt a particular responsibility to take a stand against police brutality. A woman from Hunter College with the Social Workers Action Coalition said: "I don't have the same experience as men of color in New York City who I think are more the targets of racial profiling in New York and other parts of the country." She came to the march because, "Gullino is a tyrant and his really dictatorial approach and racist policies need to be challenged. And people need to come together like they are today to resist them and demonstrate that we're not going to put up with it anymore."

Activists linked the struggle against police brutality to other battles against the system. In particular, there were hundreds of signs opposing the execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

People had a real sense of optimism, an understanding that their struggle has begun to change the whole atmosphere in the city. Grace Tubman, who works with the Free Mumia Coalition and Refuse & Resist, said, "I've seen people who just usually don't come out for these kinds of demonstrations...It's extremely heartening because I think that people are beginning to see that so, so many people are concerned and that it's almost like you're out of it if you're not taking part in these demonstrations."

There were many Jewish people at the march, including a large contingent from Jews for Social and Economic Justice. A young man marching with the contingent talked about his reaction to the murder of Amadou Diallo: "Shocked, horrified... I keep thinking how can you fire 41 times without noticing that the guy doesn't have a gun? How can you fire 41 times all at once? He had a message to people in the Black and Latino neighborhoods, "Don't give up hope. Not everyone is like that, and the rest of us are starting to notice what's going on. Sorry it took so long." A young woman with the contingent added, "We don't want this done to our name and we want to reach out and work against the abuse together."

A Black woman in her 40s said, "I'm glad to see a lot of people of different ages and ethnic backgrounds—Jewish, Koreans, all people. I'm very happy to see this because it gives a point where you have to say enough is enough...I'm here in support of everybody that is going through an injustice. I'm here in support of these families that have cried and grieved, those families that came to the forefront to try to tell us what was going on...Diafo is the last and ultimately the last and ultimate wakeup call that we will get."

The struggle continues. On Monday, April 19, the Stolen Lives Project will hold an event at the Washington Square Methodist Church to add the names of Amadou Diallo, Tyshia Miller, Brennan King and other recent victims to the list of those whose lives were stolen by the police. The new edition of the Stolen Lives book, due to be published in June, will have more than 2,000 cases and circumstances of lives stolen by law enforcement in this country. No More Stolen Lives!.
MILLIONS FOR MUMIA
Mumia Is All of Us

Saturday, April 24, 1999
Philadelphia
San Francisco
Throughout the World

Revolutionary political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal is on death row. He was framed on charges of killing a Philadelphia cop, and sentenced to death for his political beliefs. Last October, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court denied Mumia’s appeal for a new trial—a clear sign that the government has made a political decision to press ahead with plans to execute Mumia. We cannot let the powers-that-be take Mumia from us—he is precious to the oppressed and all those who hunger for justice. It is up to the people to step up the struggle and make it clear to the government: WE WON'T LET THEM KILL MUMIA ABU-JAMAL!

On April 24, Mumia’s birthday, in Philadelphia and other cities around the world, a massive outpouring of people will demand: Stop the Execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal!

Initiating organizations include:
International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal
Academics for Mumia
Bruderhof
Campaign to End the Death Penalty
Critical Resistance
Jericho Movement
Million Women March National & Universal Movement
Mobilization to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal
National African Liberation Front
National People’s Campaign
New York Free Mumia Coalition
People’s Video Network
Refuse & Resist!

Individuals and organizations are asked to add their names to the list of endorsers. Send endorsements to:

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