

## PART's PERSPECTIVES:

# On Rand Paul, Tea Parties, and the White Supremacist Roots of Private Enterprise and Privatization

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The victory of Tea Party and militia supporter Rand Paul as Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate in Kentucky signaled the mainstreaming of allegedly 'anti-establishment' right wing forces. It also prompted a lot of liberal and conservative attention to Paul's support of private property rights against government, because of his "philosophizing" that the section of the Civil Rights Act which prohibits racial discrimination at restaurants and hotels violated the "free speech" rights of private business owners.

Rand Paul and his supporters claimed he was misrepresented. He wrote, "I was asked if I supported the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I stated that 'I like the Civil Rights Act in the sense that it ended discrimination in all public domains, and I'm all in favor of that.' In response, the interviewer asked me about private domains, and I did what typical candidates don't - I discussed some philosophical issues with government mandating rules on private businesses. I think the federal government has often gone too far in regulating private citizens and businesses." He claims that he was simply displaying atypical honesty. But these words make clear that Paul was simply using the same weasel code words of "private property rights" and "state's rights" that were widely used at the time of the original debates over civil rights to defend racial segregation and de facto US apartheid. Paul specifically explains that "private clubs" restrict membership on a racial basis, which he says is "abhorrent" but protected.

What this really exposes is the covert white supremacy inherent in private enterprise and in the privatization of public institutions in the US. For example, in the wake of *Brown v. Board of Education* finding racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional, there was massive 'white flight' into private schools and suburban school districts. Ever since, through vouchers and charter schools, there has been an ongoing effort to divert public tax funding for education into private hands. This has been paralleled, after the rebellions of the 60s, by the flight of private industry and capital (again with tax subsidies) from the inner cities of the north and midwest and the segregated old Confederate states of the US South into the global south. The bitter consequences of these publicly supported private policies can be seen in the destruction and depopulation of Detroit and New Orleans. We see it in LA, where Black and Mexicano families are being seduced by for-profit schools to escape the devastation of public schools starved by privatization and racist budget cutting. We see it in Rand Paul's adopted region, where Tennessee's Corrections Corporation of America is the largest private provider of incarceration "services" to federal, state and local governments overwhelmed by mass imprisonment. Private prisons, police, schools and even armies and spies (like Blackwater) are the final culmination of the privatization of land and the creation of corporations as the original instruments of empire building.

But Paul is blind to these realities of racism and colonialism in present day USA. He

**DEBRIEFING THE APRIL 17TH 'NO NAZIS IN L.A.' COALITION:**

## Militant Mass Protest Defends Human Rights & Liberation, Deals Setback to National Socialist Movement, Cops

On April 17, the *No Nazis in L.A. Coalition*, initiated by the Black Riders Liberation Party and Anti-Racist Action-Los Angeles/People Against Racist Terror, dealt a serious setback to the National Socialist Movement (NSM), one of the largest and oldest openly Nazi outfits in the US. We helped mobilize thousands of counter-demonstrators who surrounded and impeded the NSM rally on the south lawn of Los Angeles City Hall. The Nazis and their police protectors were met with people's righteous anger as the NSM tried to slink off under police cover after the rally ended.

The non-permitted counter-demo united diverse opponents of racism and fascism. The BRLP mobilized broadly and deeply in the Black community in particular, calling for a one-day truce among the sets and street organizations like the Crips and the Bloods, to confront the real enemies of the Black community. As a result, there was a much more significant participation of Black people than is normally seen at downtown rallies. But other communities were also represented within Coalition and also responded to the call. This included many young Mexicanos, Central Americans and other indigenous people, Asians including contingents from BAYAN-USA, a Filipino group, an LGBTQ contingent, and people of European descent including from ARA-LA and Phoenix ARA, AWARE-LA and Anti-Racist Inland Empire. Labor activists were involved in the coalition, and present at the counter-demonstration. Coalition efforts to alert the Jewish community to the threats posed by the neo-Nazi right after a commemoration of Hitler's genocide against European Jewry helped bring out Jewish anti-nazis as well. We defended and reach out to the disabled. We drew international coverage for our size, militance and diversity.

There were other successes besides the counter-demonstration itself. We succeeded in preventing the NSM from linking up with other local racist and fascist forces. Immediately after the protest, police cracked on a white power street gang in the Inland Empire area, who had apparently been involved in ambush attacks on local police as well as anti-immigrant violence and street organizing. But these elements did not show up in L.A. or unite with the NSM, which had been seeking to incorporate them. Neither did the old-line Holocaust deniers of Orange County, who had their own activity with Canadian white supremacist Paul Fromm (which we learned about too late to counter), but who stayed away from the NSM.

The *No Nazis in L.A. Coalition* also established three key political points. We said that the basis of unity for opposing the Nazis had to be supporting human rights and liberation struggles, that we would not accept police 'pens,' and that the police and the state are part of the problem. The diversity and banners of the crowd were a testament to the embrace of our first point of unity, and the anger and fire directed at the cops along with the Nazis demonstrated the validity of the third. In this context,

writes in his own defense, "In 2010, there are battles that need to be fought, and they have nothing to do with race or discrimination, but rather the rights of people to be free from a nanny state. For example, I am opposed to the government telling restaurant owners that they cannot allow smoking in their establishments. I believe we as consumers can choose whether to patronize a smoke-filled restaurant or do business with a smoke-free option." He compares denying business owners the "right" to exclude Black people to forcing them to allow in people carrying guns. He goes on, "Now the media is twisting my small government message, making me out to be a crusader for repeal of the Americans for Disabilities Act and The Fair Housing Act. Again, this is patently untrue. I have simply pointed out areas within these broad federal laws that have financially burdened many smaller businesses. For example, should a small business in a two-story building have to put in a costly elevator, even if it threatens their economic viability? Wouldn't it be better to allow that business to give a handicapped employee a ground floor office? We need more businesses and jobs, not fewer."

First, Paul is perpetuating a lie about the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), which would NOT require a small business in a 2-story building to install an elevator. Second, it was Rand Paul himself who raised the issue of the ADA, seeking to explain or justify his opposition to the Civil Rights Act restriction on private businesses by making a parallel to an area he felt would have less support than racial equity. People 'shocked' at Paul's defense of BP against government 'bullying' seemed to buy this subterfuge.

Paul may have accurately measured the opposition to equal rights and access for people with disabilities. Commentary from liberal and left sources focused much more strongly on Paul's arguments against the Civil Rights Act provisions or for BP than his remarks about the ADA. Ironically, in Detroit where the genocidal impact of the privatization and private property rights that Paul champions are most evident, the recent US Social Forum was oblivious of or hostile to the need for accommodations and access for people with disabilities. As Ryan Alley, an activist from CSU Fullerton wrote: "How can 20,000 'activists' talk about liberation in a space with no accessibility or polygender bathrooms? Others get free shuttles and enter the front of the building via grand staircase. We pay to take the bus downtown, enter through a dark hidden alley and discover that the workshop we wanted to attend was moved to ...another (inaccessible) building. Then we fight for the third day in a row to find a place to pee..." In response to struggles raised about the lack of accessibility, conference organizers emailed back that people who had an interest in that should organize a caucus on the topic and make a presentation. It is outrageous for the "left" to be more backward on this issue than the state, the churches or even the bourgeoisie. Left blindness on, or outright hostility towards, affirmative inclusivity for people with disabilities is unconscionable and inexcusable, in an era when disability is growing exponentially due to war, corporate industrialism, environmental degradation and privatized medical care. What does it say about the left if a disabled soldier has better chances of accommodation by the Pentagon, or a disabled prisoner has a better chance of accommodation from the Bureau of Prisons, than a disabled activist has of accommodation and access to progressive or left activities and organizations?

the BRLP in particular felt their participation paid tremendous political dividends in the base of their organization in the Black community and their efforts for building a truce and revolutionary consciousness among Black youth. There was also significant participation by the predominantly Black downtown homeless community, which had participated in building the coalition. Also as a result of our stance, the police were not able to require permits or set up the kind of metal pens and roadblocks that they had at previous NSM rallies in Riverside. So people could physically confront the Nazis and the cops unhindered.

There were weaknesses in the anti-nazi effort that should be acknowledged. First, many "left" groups basically refused to unite with the leadership of the Black Riders and the unity of supporting human rights and liberation in opposing fascism. Thus, many groups organized independently and separately, including ANSWER, the FSP, RCP, ISO, Progressive Labor, and the Spartacists. On the day of the counter-demonstration, this manifested itself in a variety of separate contingents each posting up with their own sound system and chants. This interfered with the *No-Nazis* plan to maintain a moving picket line to outflank the cops and Nazis and enjoy the widest possible freedom of movement.

We had a related internal weakness, as the composing contingents of the constituent organizations that made up the Coalition, including BRLP, ARA, BAYAN, Southern California Immigration Coalition, IWW and other grassroots groups also tended to break out into separate segments, rather than staying together to provide a dynamic, moving leadership to the rally. As a result, we were not able to maintain the mobile picket line that we first established. As the crowd swelled, the police were able to close off two side streets with tape and thereby hem the counter-demonstrators in, so as to escort in the Nazis. Without dynamic leadership, the counter-demonstration became more of a crowd scene, swarming as any Nazis appeared (including one man with Nazi tats, apparently homeless, who proceeded directly out of the new LA police HQ across the street and into the crowd, where he got smacked down.) The Coalition couldn't raise funds or accumulate contact information from participants in order to maintain an ongoing relationship.

Overall, the April 17 mobilization was a success, and an embarrassment to the NSM. This was mitigated some weeks later when a group called So-Cal Anti-fa, not affiliated with ARA, was able to track down the NSM to their home/headquarters in Riverside. Ignoring efforts to contact them and develop a more strategic approach, they organized a poorly attended confrontation with the Nazis on the day of the NSM meeting, which they gave advance public notice of. Forewarned, the NSM outnumbered them, and posted you-tube videos of themselves chasing off anti-fascists (whom they falsely identified as ARA) and challenging two Brown Beret elders to "debate." Better and more strategic use should have been made of such successful intelligence gathering. Hopefully future efforts will deal the NSM further setbacks.-- *MN, ARA-LA/PART*

# Queers Against Israeli Apartheid Refuse to be Silenced

by Savannah Garmon, *The Electronic Intifada*, July 2010

On the morning of May 25, the Board of *Pride Toronto* held a press conference on the lawn outside its offices to announce that the phrase "Israeli Apartheid" would be censored from the upcoming 2010 Pride Parade. The decision, aimed at banning the Toronto-based activist group Queers Against Israeli Apartheid from the parade, set off a firestorm in the community, including refusals to participate in the festival and an open letter denouncing the decision by eight founders who organized the first Toronto Pride parade in 1981.

The attempt to ban political speech at Pride Toronto fits a clear pattern -- Israel's public relations machine has attempted to malign critics and silence dissent around the world for decades. And these attempts have recently reached new heights in Canada, in response to the success that Palestine solidarity activists in Canada have achieved in recent years.

The first Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) -- now an annual, international political gathering -- was held on the University of Toronto campus in 2005. The organizers of IAW have endorsed the call by Palestinian civil society for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law. The BDS movement is modeled on the boycott campaign that was successful in helping to bring apartheid to an end in South Africa through nonviolent means.

The apartheid analogy has put Israel and its apologists on the offensive because it has

to Palestinian queers and trans people (e.g. Tel Aviv as a "gay Mecca") are unfounded. More importantly, that Israel recognizes same-sex marriages performed in other countries does nothing to excuse the humanitarian disaster that's resulted from its siege and attacks on Gaza.

It was in response to this re-branding campaign that Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) formed. In fact, there are several members of QuAIA who also marched against South African apartheid during the 1980s in solidarity with South African anti-apartheid activist Simon Nkoli, who was a black gay man. Even then, critics disparaged their presence in the Pride parade in Toronto, pointing to relatively greater acceptance of homosexuality in the white South African community compared to blacks living under apartheid. Today, queer activists have begun to label this type of expropriation of the LGBT struggle to distract from other human rights abuses with the term "pink-washing."

QuAIA also endorses the Palestinian civil society call for BDS, and in particular a September 2009 initiative to boycott LGBT leisure tourism to Israel. This campaign was initiated in response to the International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association's decision to hold a tourism conference in Tel Aviv in coordination with an Israeli LGBT group, Aguda, despite the Palestinian call for the boycott of Israel.

To challenge the re-branding campaign, QuAIA took its message to the 2008 and 2009 Pride festivals in Toronto, marching without incident. The Israel lobby responded to QuAIA's presence with outrage and initiated a smear campaign against the group. Israel lobby groups such as B'nai Brith and the Simon Wiesenthal center attempted

to portray QuAIA as an anti-Semitic hate group, despite the fact that many of our members have histories of anti-racist activism and many are Jewish themselves.

After the 2009 parade, a propaganda film was made against QuAIA by a local gay Jewish lawyer and self-proclaimed "gay activist." The film was distributed to city councilors in an attempt to convince them to pass a city resolution that threatened to defund Pride Toronto unless they banned our group from marching in 2010. What followed was a complex series of events; eventually, it was revealed through a freedom of information request that a small group of city bureaucrats, councilors and pro-Israel lobbyists colluded to eject QuAIA from the Pride parade despite the fact that they were aware that QuAIA in no way violated the city's anti-discrimination policy. Nevertheless, the Board of Pride Toronto voted 4-3 to ban QuAIA, giving in to this year-long smear campaign.

The fallout from Pride Toronto's decision has been tremendous. The queer community of Toronto was galvanized to confront Pride about censorship -- after all, censorship has been previously used in Canada to force LGBT individuals back into the closet. It has also brought forward other concerns about de-politicization, corporatization and fair representation of less privileged communities within the LGBT umbrella. And after a month-long community organizing effort, Pride rescinded the ban on 26 June -- a significant victory for free speech and the Canadian Palestine solidarity movement.

In a more general sense, across North America -- and even the world -- the realization seems to be spreading in the LGBT community that our identities and our rights are being used as an excuse to deny the identity and the

garnered unexpected levels of support through BDS and other tactics that aim to challenge Israeli state policy.

On June 2, 2009, the Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat anti-Semitism (CPCCA) was formed "... for the stated purpose of confronting and combating anti-Semitism in Canada today." However, most people involved in the BDS movement saw this as a thinly-veiled smear campaign against critics of Israel. The real goal of the CPCCA seems to be to conflate all meaningful criticism of Israeli state policy with anti-Semitism -- in fact, many believe it may attempt to amend Canada's anti-discrimination laws to label criticism of Israel as hate speech.

Outright censorship is not the only means in the Israel lobby's toolkit for silencing opposition. In recent years, Israel has embarked upon a "re-branding" campaign to promote an image of itself as a modern, liberal society with open values while whitewashing its deplorable human rights record.

A key component of this campaign has been the promotion of Israel as a nation with a progressive outlook on lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT) issues, especially in relation to its neighbors and Palestinian society. There is truth in this, at least for the Israeli Jewish population, but claims that this is of widespread benefit

rights of another people, halfway across the globe.

Well before QuAIA formed, Queers Undermining Israeli Terrorism has been championing the message of queer solidarity with Palestine in San Francisco. In the wake of the ban against QuAIA and the massive attention it has received, at least four new groups have formed worldwide projecting a similar message.

Further, a channel of communication has begun to develop between queer activists in Palestine and those in the Palestinian Diaspora. The two main Palestinian LGBT organizations, ASWAT and al-Qaws, have released a joint statement condemning Pride Toronto's banning of our group while a new queer Palestinian group has formed endorsing the call for BDS. In the end QuAIA invited the Palestinian director of al-Qaws to visit with QuAIA during Pride -- she will be marching with us in the upcoming parade. In light of this, the claim some in make that "the Palestine/Israel conflict has nothing to do with the queer struggle" is further deflated every day.

So it seems that while LGBT people in Palestine have begun speaking out both for themselves and for their people as a whole, LGBT activists in the West are starting to realize they cannot allow their struggles to be co-opted by Israel's colonization schemes. And here in Toronto, Queers Against Israeli Apartheid will not be silenced. QuAIA will march in this year's Pride Parade this Sunday, July 4, and our demand for justice for all Palestinians, queer and straight alike, will be voiced.

Savannah Garmon is an activist for transgender rights, sex worker rights and has been active with various groups in the Palestine solidarity movement since 2002. She will proudly carry a sign in Toronto's upcoming Pride Parade reading "This trans woman is against Israeli apartheid and queerer than you."

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## STATEMENT FROM THE SOUTHERN ONTARIO ANARCHIST RESISTANCE IN DEFENSE OF OUR COMRADES

This last week has been witness to some of the most powerful protests that Toronto has ever seen. We saw rallies for the environment, queer liberation, disAbility rights, indigenous sovereignty, economic and migrant justice, community power, and more. The state responded to these actions as its internal logic dictated it must. When people reached out for more control over their lives, the marginalizing state struck back with vicious force. As an institution established by violence, perpetuated by violence, and sustained by violence, its response could only be violent. Martial law descended on our city. The cops arrested anyone and everyone they chose to. The riot squad punched pacifists and stampeded demonstrators. They detained 1100 people. Our friends were locked in cages, denied food, water and toilet paper, humiliated and degraded. The officers stood by, abused and taunted, and said they were just doing their job, as do the Eichmanns of every generation.

They have targeted 20 of us, long-term community organizers, as the so-called ring leaders of the protests that they hope to scapegoat. Even this act shows how little they understand us. We have no leaders. These twenty are our teachers, friends, and mentors. And although they are invaluable to our lives, they are not SOAR. Nor are we. This anarchist network, like others, is not primarily composed of individuals, but of ideas. It is the ideas that bind us -- of the injustice of capitalism and colonialism, and the belief that a new world based on self-determination, freedom, and mutual aid is possible. That is why they can spend a billion dollars on the biggest jails, and the fascist police force, but they can never stamp out our movement. They cannot erase us, because our ideas cannot be destroyed and because we revolutionaries are the inevitable outgrowth of a society that is fundamentally broken. Out of the putrid manure of capitalism, flowers of resistance inevitably bloom

They will try with all their might to break us. But we cannot be broken. Our comrades stay strong in prison and we will not be disheartened. As long as a single one of us remains free under the sky, our voices and our songs and our fists will be raised in defiance. We are not the first anarchists to be targeted by the state. We remember Haymarket. We remember Sacco and Vanzetti. We recognize the continued attacks on all anti-authoritarians, particularly our indigenous brothers and sisters who face the colonial monster every single day. Yet at the same time we recognize that they attack us because they fear us. They have to imprison us because we are building freedom in our communities. They have to slander us because they know we speak the truth. And so despite the rhetoric of the politicians and the apologetics of the academics, the brutal police response to the protests makes one thing crystal clear: we are winning. Every day our movement grows. Every day people are awakening to the brutal structural violence



upon which liberal democracy rests. Every day people are coming to reject the deadening tyranny of hierarchy that rules their lives. Every day people are coming to recognize the fences and the borders that imprison us all, and their voices are joining ours in saying NO MORE!

Our comrades have been targeted for obvious political reasons and are being held on bullshit charges. The "justice" system integral to state power is fundamentally illegitimate and we will not leave our brothers and sisters to fight it alone. And so we will struggle and organize until they are free. We are calling on anarchists and anti-authoritarians everywhere to support us.

We will support our friends and comrades to our last breath, and show the world that our solidarity is stronger than their terror.

**Free them now! No one is free until every person is free!**

**All the power to the people! F\*\*K THE POLICE!**

**The Southern Ontario Anarchist Resistance**

# Announcing the 16th Annual Anti-Racist Action Network Conference July 22-25, Portland, Oregon

Rose City Antifa is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Anti-Racist Action (ARA) Network Conference in Portland, Oregon from July 22 to the 25, 2010. The conference will include ARA's annual plenary, caucuses, and discussion on current issues facing antifascists. We are also organizing several workshops and social events that will be open to non-members. We hope all ARA members as well as other anti-fascists who agree with our four Points of Unity will join us in July!

Public workshops will be held on a wide range of subjects including:

- The Far Right and the Ecology Movement
- Anti-Semitism and Holocaust-Denial
- White Supremacy and the Police
- Anti-Racist Organizing in Rural Communities
- Left-wing Anti-Semitism and Left/Right Overlap
- Anti-Fascist History
- And several more...

Check out our web-site — [rosecityantifa.org](http://rosecityantifa.org) — over the next month for updated information regarding location, schedule, and public events.

Please note that only Network-affiliated chapters will be allowed to attend internal plenary sessions. If you are a part of a non-affiliated chapter or collective that wants to become affiliated with the ARA Network, please contact the organizers to receive registration materials. All friends of ARA are welcome and encouraged to participate during the rest of the weekend. We hope that you will come and add your voice to the movement!

If you are new to anti-fascism, please come and learn from our experience and help us open our eyes to new possibilities

If you are a former member of the Anti-Racist Action Network, please come and get back in touch with us.

If you're an unaffiliated chapter, come to the conference, meet other antifas and take the opportunity to learn more about ARA and the benefits of joining the Network.

## July 31st, 2010: Call to Action Against Racism and Fascism

During the early morning hours of March 27th, a Portland, Oregon anti-racist activist was shot in what appears to have been a well-orchestrated attack. It is suspected that the attackers were members of the neo-Nazi movement. The victim is a member of the anti-racist skinhead movement, a son, a friend and has dedicated the past ten years of his life to fighting white supremacist organizing.

The Portland Police Department has suggested that the shooting is "gang related." Already facing mass protests over numerous recent cases of police brutality and murder, the police treatment of this case is not surprising, and fits into a pattern of downplaying racist violence while targeting anti-racist activists.

Although police and politicians attempt to portray cities like Portland as welcoming safe places, Portland and the Pacific Northwest has a violent and dangerous history. For 30 years Portland and the surrounding region has been targeted by white supremacist and neo-Nazi movements. Groups like White Aryan Resistance (WAR) and Aryan Nations waged an ongoing and underground campaign to both recruit young whites and to terrorize people of color, GLBTQ people, and others who were seen as enemies of their racist order. The 1980's were an especially violent period, in which neo-Nazi boneheads with ties to WAR beat Ethiopian immigrant Mulugeta Seraw to death.

But this racist terror has not gone unopposed. Coalitions of anti-racist youths, militants from the LGBTQ communities, and individuals fighting for justice and dignity organized to beat back the racists and neo-Nazis. This organizing was often opposed and criminalized by the authorities, who sought to disrupt independent antifascist organizing. This situation led organizers to rely on themselves and their own communities.

The organizing by anti-fascists in Portland was a positive example and has been part of a broader, longterm campaign across the country. From NYC to LA, from Minneapolis to New Orleans, there is a history of peoples organizing both to defend themselves against racist terror, as well as to come together to build multi-racial coalitions to discuss and plan forms of action to address conflicts and crisis in our various communities.

### THE SHOOTING IN THE CONTEXT OF GROWING REACTION

The March 27th shooting occurred within a backdrop of growing Right wing, racist, and emerging fascist organizing and activity. There has been a dramatic escalation of rhetoric and action from the broad Right. While all sectors of the working classes

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us in Portland for our annual conference!

In solidarity,

Rose City Antifa, the Portland chapter of the ARA Network

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### ANTI-RACIST ACTION NETWORK 4 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 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, discrimination against the disabled, the oldest, the youngest and the most oppressed people. **We want a classless free society. WE INTEND TO WIN!**

and poor face economic and social uncertainty, the racists, the Right wing, and the smaller but significant sections of the neo-Nazi and fascist movements are looking to divide our class and peoples. Where there should be united class anger against a system that is continually grinding people down, the Right openly demonstrates its contempt and hatred for our people. Fascists and neo-Nazis are looking for these moments of division in which they can move in, recruit, and carry out their own organizing.

### CALL TO ACTION:

We propose Saturday July 31, 2010 as a Call to Action Against Racism and Fascism. We want to use the Call to Action to engage both the broad independent, and the radical antiracist/anti-fascist movements.

We want mass and varied forms of protest and action. These actions can range from: music and DJ shows; educational events; outings of known Right and fascist organizers; street protest; immigrant solidarity and anti-minuteman action; and so on. While we want collaboration and coordination when possible, we also want to maximize the impact of this Call to Action, and thus argue for the greatest degree of creativity and initiative.

We encourage individuals and organizations to determine what best works in their localities. We support the incorporation of any existing and ongoing anti-racist and anti-fascist action into this Call to Action and picture the Call as a way to bolster already active organizing.

To reiterate, we argue for a maximum of creative and independent initiative and ask only that a) individuals and organizations endorse the call; and b) any public actions and events in response to the Call be promoted. We would not necessarily seek to publish details of planned actions unless requested to do so.

We want to use the Call to Action as a means to increase collaboration between our forces and work in a popular manner to highlight the need for a mass, radical response to racist and fascist organizing.

### ENDORSERS:

Anti Racist Action - Central Texas	Anti-Racist Action - Kent, OH
Anti Racist Action - Los Angeles/People Against Racist Terror (ARA-LA/PART)	Anti-Racist Action - Trenton, NJ
Anti Racist Action - Portland/Rose City Antifascists	Common Cause - Ontario, Canada
Bring the Ruckus!	Four Star Anarchist Organization
First of May Anarchist Alliance	Kersplebedeb
Iron Rail Infoshop (New Orleans, LA)	Solidarity & Defense
Red & Anarchist Skinheads (RASH) – Northeast	Workers Solidarity Alliance
Wild Rose Collective	

Endorse the call: Email: [july31.antifa@gmail.com](mailto:july31.antifa@gmail.com). For more information see [july31antifa.blogspot.com](http://july31antifa.blogspot.com). The Call to Action is available in French and Spanish from that website.

## Portland-Based Nazis Export Hate

Independence Day weekend, members of the neo-Nazi "Blood & Honour American Division" (B&H/AD) are gathering near Omaha, Neb. Blood & Honour is a neo-Nazi network originally founded in 1987 in England by racist singer Ian Stuart Donaldson of Skrewdriver, which has now become international. In North America, there are two competing B&H franchises, of which Blood & Honour American Division surfaced in 2005 through the efforts of Volksfront, a white supremacist group founded in Oregon. Volksfront remains the guiding force within B&H/AD, though others such as White Revolution and American Front also participate. West Coast neo-Nazis are expected at the Omaha gathering, which is intimately linked to Oregon neo-Nazi activity. The email address used to promote the gathering is [bloodandhonour\\_oregon@yahoo.com](mailto:bloodandhonour_oregon@yahoo.com). Chad Bostwick, one of the event organizers and a member of the racist rock group Enforcer is a Volksfront prospect who was in Oregon until moving to Nebraska and "gearing up for the July event." Enforcer is playing Omaha along other white power acts. "DaughteroftheKingdom" posts on the neo-Nazi Stormfront website her excitement about the Omaha B&H/AD event. "DaughteroftheKingdom" is Abbie Krager, nee Chelf, the wife of Volksfront head Randal Krager. Abbie has been living in Omaha, after she and her husband left the Lakeland, FL property of Nazi family friend Mike Lawrence. Before that, both she and Randy were in Portland; you may remember Rose City Antifa's successful 2008 outing these two in their neighborhood. Another attendee in Omaha event is

Jeffrey Jay Thomas, AKA Skinhead who participates in B&H/AD and worked with the Portland unit of the NSM. Thomas actively promoted it online, encouraging others to "road trip" to the gathering. On Friday, July 2, Rose City Antifa sent flyers to 200 neighbors around Thomas' home address of apartment #416 in the Sally McCracken Building, 532 NW Everett, alerting them to their Nazi neighbor. Thomas was videotaped carrying an NSM swastika with Portland NSM leader Corinna Burt at a neo-Nazi march in Phoenix, AZ last Nov. 7, in support of anti-immigrant SB1070. NSM member J.T. Ready, who spoke at the rally has been patrolling the desert of Pinal County--on the Mexico border, where he was quoted: "What happens in the desert stays in the desert. There's a lot of unmarked graves out there waiting to get filled." The NSM has also used the anti-Semitic Pacifica Forum in Eugene, OR to spread its propaganda. Pacifica Forum regular Jimmy Marr is closely aligned with the NSM. A photo from the Forum's Feb. 12 session, a talk by Marr, shows Thomas in attendance with Burt and OR NSM activist James Ward. Marr also travels to support the NSM--he was present at an April NSM rally in Phoenix and was a keynote speaker after the Apr. 17 NSM rally in LA. The NSM leafleted northwest Portland around Congregation Beth Israel with flyers denying the Holocaust last September. This January, they targeted several neighborhoods with flyers denouncing the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Rose City Antifa is committed to stopping Portland's export of neo-Nazi organizers, and bigots who spread racial hatred locally. If you have information about fascist organizing in or near Portland, please contact Rose City Antifa. Our voicemail number is (971) 533 7832. You may also email [fight\\_them\\_back@riseup.net](mailto:fight_them_back@riseup.net).

# FAST FOR FREEDOM AUGUST 6

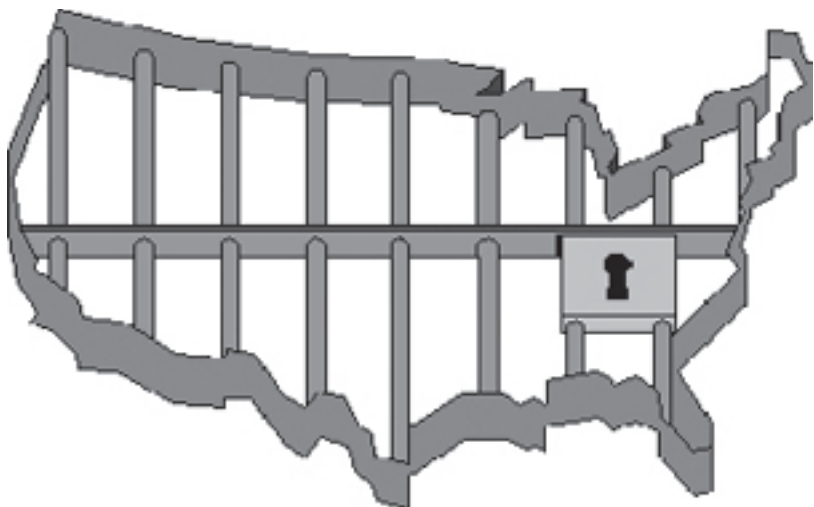
## ...Because so many are starving for FREEDOM!

*Group Objective: To plan and coordinate a California Prison Fast and solidarity fast, as well as a National Prison Fast, to call attention to Three Strikes and Prison Reform.*

Date: Friday, August 6, 2010

Where: All 33 California State Prisons

What: One Day Fast 4 Freedom = No Dining Hall Or Sacked Meals...Water Only ...  
Unless Health Restrictions Require More



Who: Prisoners, Families, Community Members, Politicians, Media And Many More To Be Recruited!

We will also be planning a national day of fast 4 freedom in the fall to call attention to the need for national prison reform.

### Fast 4 Freedom ~ Mission Statement

Fast 4 Freedom is a day of fasting throughout the vast network of California prisons to remind legislators how hungry we all are for a just and equitable change in the State's approach to public safety.

Bloated by a failed policy of mass incarceration and laws such as Three Strikes and Mandatory Minimums, California's prisons are filling at a far greater rate than even history's largest prison expansion project can meet.

Too many lives are wasted in a system that refuses to utilize prevention or rehabilitation. California's problems can only be solved through proper funding of education, community resources and prevention / intervention programs. We must fund communities, not cages, and begin a true effort in maintaining public safety for all Californians.

## Running Down the Walls 2010

By Lane Farnham, ABCF-LA

On Saturday, August 7 at 10 a.m., the LAAnarchist Black Cross will host a 5k run/walk/jog/bike around South Gate Park at 9615 Pinehurst Avenue, in South Gate, Los Angeles. This run/walk/jog/bike-athon is designed to raise much-needed funds for the ABCF's Warchest program, and Corazón Del Pueblo. We are attempting to reach the goal of \$3,000 with the run. Funds will be divided between the two programs:

### ABCF Warchest:

The ABCF Warchest program is now almost 16 years old; funds for the Warchest are divided and distributed through monthly stipends to political prisoners who receive little or no financial aid. Prisoners use this money to cover the basic necessities of everyday living. Funds have been used by prisoners to pay for stamps, shoes, clothes, as well as assisting their families with what little they can.

### Corazón Del Pueblo:

Corazón del Pueblo is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit collective, and community cultural center, that promotes peace, social justice and cultural understanding thru arts, education and social action.

### Official Runs:

The ABCF is a Federation of ABC chapters that span across the country and is holding two official "Running Down the Walls" runs. Both New York and Los Angeles will be holding official runs on the morning of August 7th. In synch with each other and other solidarity runs, we will collectively pound the pavement as we exhibit strength and stamina and tireless effort to free imprisoned comrades.

### Solidarity Runs:

Every year, prisoners and supporters of political prisoners organize solidarity runs with Running Down the Walls. Last year, we had runs in Albuquerque, Arcata CA, Ashland OR, Bellefonte PA, Boston, Denver, Elmore AL, Inez KY, Los Angeles, Marion IL, New York, Navasota TX, Pelican Bay (CA), Phoenix, Tucson, and Toronto. We raised over \$1000 for the ABCF Warchest, Romaine Chip Fitzgerald Homecoming Fund, and Ojore Lutalo's Homecoming Fund. This year we hope to expand the number of runs in prisons and other cities, and the amount of funds for community projects.

### Raising Funds:

The Warchest program was created in November

So please help us, help them! Help us, help you!

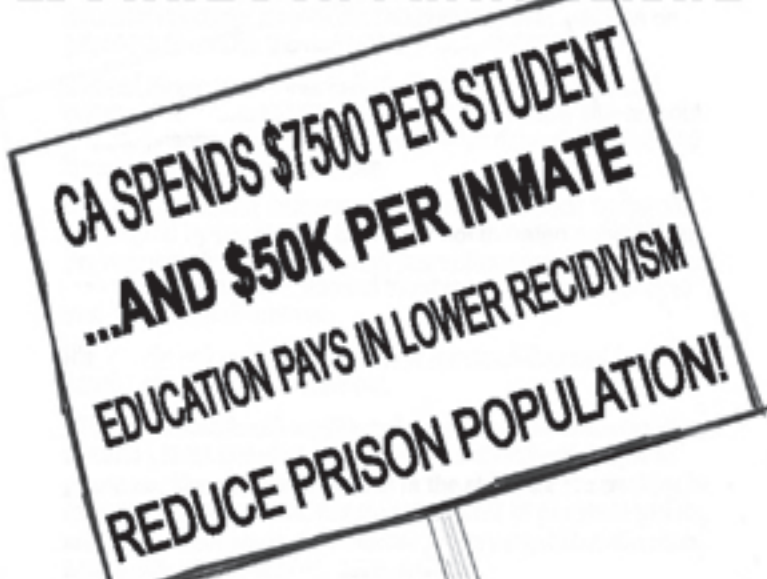
### Why August 7th:

We chose August 7 to 'run down the walls' to commemorate the life of revolutionary Jonathan Jackson who was killed in an attempt to free the Soledad Brothers. On August 7, 1970, Jackson brought guns into the Marin County Court house during the trial of James McClain, William Christmas, and Ruchell Magee. Jonathan Jackson demanded the release of the Soledad Brothers as he and the three prisoners took the Judge and four others hostage. As Jackson and the others entered his van in an attempt to leave, authorities fired on the van, killing Jackson, McClain, Christmas and Judge Harold Haley. Magee was injured but survived and remains in prison to this day. We encourage people to run or otherwise raise funds for the Warchest. Send funds or \$12 reg fee to the Los Angeles ABCF, PO Box 11223, Whittier, CA 90603 or to the Philadelphia ABCF, PO Box 42129, Philadelphia, PA 19101. Make checks or money orders out only to Tim Fasnacht. Contact la@abcf.net or call (323) 357-9613.

**IMPRISONED LOVED ONES STARVING FOR FREEDOM!**  
**FAST4Freedom - August 6, 2010**



**RE-INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES  
EDUCATE-DON'T INCARCERATE**



### PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER

#### COUNT US IN!

Our family and friends want to participate in the FAST4Freedom on August 6, 2010.

Please 'X' appropriately whichever applies:

- I will FAST on August 6 to show my support for prison reform.
- I will pass out flyers at prisons, and to family and friends.
- At 11am I will take a sign to my legislator's local office and 'picket' in front of his office for at least one hour.
- I will take a flyer to his/her office so they know I am there.
- I will make sure the Team FAST4Freedom knows I will be there so the media can be contacted.

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City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LIST OTHER NAMES ON SEPARATE SHEET**  
We must have a count for media attention

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1994. Its purpose is to send monthly financial support to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POWs) who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no financial support during their imprisonment.

### Support the Struggle:

We must remember that many of those arrested in the past or present are not far from us. Many of them were and are community and labor activists, queer, and environmental activists; people who decided to speak out against various forms of oppression and paid the price of their freedom for their actions. We must remember that anyone of these people could have at one time stood beside us in a demonstration, at a speak-out, or even at an organizing meeting. At any given moment it could be us who finds ourselves in this situation, so it is imperative that we ensure that a strong enough community of support exists for these people as well as ourselves. The strength of our movement is determined by how much we support our fallen comrades. As Anarchist former POW Ojore Lutalo says, "Any Movement that does not support its political internees, is a sham movement."

# BEFORE BP

[column written 6/3/10 and (c) 2010] by Mumia Abu-Jamal

BP didn't begin as BP. Indeed, it didn't begin as British Petroleum.

In 1908, it was known as the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, and it exploited Iran's natural resources and labor ruthlessly. Majority shares of the company were owned by the British government, and Iran offered a rich yield for APOC.

In 1947, for example, the company pulled in after-tax profits of £40 million, while Iran received a mere £7 million.

The average Iranian worker, housed in huts assembled of rusted, hammered oil cans, lived in desolate oil towns, and earned about 50 cents a day.

One observer from Iran's Petroleum Institute described one such shanty town, Kaghazabad (Farsi for 'Paper City') as a place where "in every crevice hung the foul sulfurous stench of burning oil." Instead of streets, narrow alleyways existed, which the describer called "an emporium for rats." He said the town was so desolate that there was no single tree.

Is there any wonder that the government of Mohammed Mossadegh wanted to nationalize the country's oil wealth -- or that the CIA (and MI-5 -British Intelligence) assured his ouster, and imposed the dictator, the Shah?

BP plundered the country, making money, hand over fist.

Now, they are plundering American natural resources --its southern shorelines, and its matchless fishing and shrimping grounds -- and the chickens have indeed, come home to roost.

[Source: Majidi, Mazda, "Latest crime in BP's criminal history" Liberation, 6-4-10, p.7.]

**Editor's note:** We are printing Mumia's piece because of the urgency of the situation with the ongoing oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico, already spreading into the Caribbean and Atlantic. Obama calls it the worst environmental catastrophe in US history, but in truth, it is the US itself which is the worst environmental criminal in world history. BP is the largest supplier of oil to the Pentagon at \$1 billion a year. Deforestation, nuclear radiation and waste, global warming, factory farming, urban sprawl, desertification, acid rain and acidification of the oceans are all the consequences of settler colonialism and capitalism. To save the planet, smash the Empire!--*Editor*

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## People's Justice for Oscar Grant!

As *TTT* goes to press, the jury is still out in the murder trial of ex-BART cop Johannes Mehserle for the murder of Oscar Grant III, a young Black father and supermarket butcher. But justice has already been denied -- by the change of venue from Oakland to L.A., by the refusal to indict Officer Pirone and the other cops involved in the murder and brutality, by the exclusion of Black people from the jury, and by the judge's dismissal of first degree murder charges in his instructions to the jury. The criminal injustice system is complicit in the murder of Oscar Grant by perpetuating the impunity of killer cops. We are reprinting here a commentary from the Bay Area about the machinations of the police, the mayor and their non-profit allies to prevent people's justice.—*Editor*

### Politics makes strange bedfellows

by POCC Minister of Information JR

Oakland police practiced brutal crowd suppression techniques on June 18 in preparation for what they call "Operation Verdict." You can watch the full video at <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/video?id=7507500>. There is an old proverb that politics makes strange bedfellows. Last year, on Jan. 7, 2009, a rebellion broke out on the streets of Oakland in response to local government not addressing the videotaped police murder of 22-year-old Black man, Oscar Grant. The day after, a coalition calling itself CAPE, the Coalition Against Police Executions, took center stage and became the media's sweethearts after the first day of rebellions.

Its main spokeswoman was Dereca Blackmon, the former executive director of *Leadership Excellence*, who has since stopped organizing on the issue and disbanded the group in the spring of 2009, according to their Facebook page, which is still in operation.

CAPE was the pseudoactivist arm of the Dellums regime in Oakland, behind the cloak of avaricious non-profit leaders like Blackmon. One of the demands to help prevent police terrorism in Oakland that Dereca seemed to talk about in every interview was a healing center in which people could get counseling. How does that prevent police terrorism? Don't people get counseling after a traumatic incident? We're still in the midst of one of the biggest cover-ups in Oakland police history.

Another bullshit statement that was promoted by Blackmon and the non-profit sector involved in the Oscar Grant movement was that "the rebellions were caused by outsiders." When I was covering the Jan. 7 rebellion in downtown Oakland for the SF Bay View and BlockReportRadio.com, I was arrested on a bogus charge of arson, which the DA moved to dismiss 13 months later.

When I was in the streets and when I was in jail, I met many of the rebels. Most of them were from Oakland. And most of them were Black and Brown, with a few Asians and whites sprinkled in.

Why was that 'outsiders' lie propagated? It was put out so that the people in Oakland and in the world would be given the impression that the rebellions didn't have popular support. Because the reality is that although a number of Black people have been killed in high profile cases elsewhere, including Amadou Diallo, Sean Bell, Kathryn Johnston, and Michael Walker, to name a few, none of those cities went up in smoke like Oakland, CA.

Fast forward to 2010. I recently was made aware of an email that Nicole Lee of the *Urban Peace Movement*, formerly of the Ella Baker Center, sent out to her non-profit allies. Here it is in total:

"Dear Friends and Allies -- (Please Forward Widely)

"As many of you know, the trial of the officer who killed Oscar Grant is currently underway in LA. The prosecution has rested their case, and the defense (Mehserle's attorney) is currently making their case. The trial has moved much faster than many had anticipated, and folks speculate that a verdict may come down in the very near future (possibly as soon as next week).

"If a 'not guilty' verdict comes down (which is a significant possibility) it will inspire widespread outrage, and many, including myself, are concerned about the potential consequences of that outrage. As someone who is BOTH committed to social justice and an end to police brutality AND a peaceful and thriving Oakland, I wanted to suggest some ways for us to proceed:

"1) Organizations, CBO's, and Public Agencies should be thinking of ways to create organized events or avenues for young people and community members to express their frustrations with the system in constructive and peaceful ways. If people have no outlets then it may be easier for folks to be pulled toward more destructive impulses.

"2) We need to begin 'innoculating' (*sic*) our bases and the community at-large so that when the verdict comes down, people are prepared for it, and so that the 'outside agitators' who were active during the initial Oscar Grant protests are not able to incite the crowd so easily.

"To be clear, our main concern is the safety and well-being of Oakland's young people. We don't want to see them get taken to jail or hurt as a result of violent or destructive behavior brought on or encouraged by 'extreme-fringe' groups coming into Oakland from the outside.

"Below are some suggested talking-points to begin engaging community members. Please forward the talking points widely amongst the staff and leaders of your organizations so we can get the message out far and wide. I have been in preliminary conversation with some of our partners and allies up to this point including the Ella Baker Center, Youth UpRising, Oakland Rising, BWOPA, The Mayor's Office and the City of Oakland regarding these suggestions. Let's continue to be in dialog and hold each other close in the challenging days ahead.

"In Peace and Solidarity,  
Nicole Lee / Urban Peace Movement

"Talking Points: (General Audience) There is no question about it, violence & brutality are wrong -- whether at the hands of community members or at the hands of the police. While many of us are outraged, we must find a way to move forward in peace.

"OAKLAND IS OUR HOME, and we want all Oaklanders to think carefully about how to respond, even in the face of our own anger and outrage.

"There are peaceful and constructive ways for us to demonstrate our frustration with the system, but beware of outside 'agitators' many of whom don't live in Oakland, who will try to insight (*sic*) the crowd to violence. They won't be there for you if YOU end up getting taken in by the police, and they don't have to live in the aftermath, they can just go back to their neighborhoods, far away from Oakland.

"This is a city with a rich history and a sense of pride from the East to the North to the West, and we don't back down when times get tough."

"Talking Points: (Youth Audience) There's no question -- Police Brutality is wrong. We are all angry, but the question is what do we do with our anger? Do we use it constructively to make changes like the Martin and Malcolm did, or do we use it to destroy each other and our community?

"There are constructive ways to have your voice heard -- join a speak-out or make music to express yourself.

"Beware of 'outside agitators' who are not from Oakland and who will try to incite violence. Oakland is OUR HOME, but it's not theirs, and so they don't care if we mess our city up. And, they won't be there for you if YOU get caught-up by the police.

"Let's not let these agitators make a bad situation worse. Instead, let's hold our heads high and throw up our fists in solidarity like Huey did!!!"

What is really funny about this is that Lee is acting as if the streets listen to the non-profit and government leaders. If that were the case, the Oscar Grant justice movement would not have secured an indictment in the case of Mehserle, because there would not have been any rebellions to put the "or else" into our demands.

And another funny thing is how with her language she is trying to make people think that Black human rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Huey P. Newton would have taken her approach of working with the government against the people. Instead of evoking our freedom fighters, she should have evoked Jim Jones and J. Edgar Hoover, who were especially good at hypnotizing masses of people to serve the interests of the elite. [The elite] are preparing and telling us through the media that they have police and National Guard on standby, who are going to beat the hell out of anybody who voices opposition on the day of the verdict.

**"Know your enemies, know your friends; that's the politic." -- dead prez**

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# EXPLOSIVE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PUERTO RICO

by Roberto Ramos-Perea, Puerto Rican Playwright (with the active collaboration, comments and support of more than a hundred Puerto Rican citizens.)

It is 5:00 PM, June 30, 2010. Groups of students, teachers and citizens ask for entry to the House of the Laws in San Juan. They are struck and tortured by the police. There are numerous people injured, while the National Guard is mobilized towards Capitol Hill. Violent shocks scatter through the whole zone of the Parliament and the repression continues.

A constitutional coup has just been established in Puerto Rico.

After a year in which the present government under the New Progressive Party (*Partido Nuevo Progresista*, which attempts to join the island nation to the US through statehood) tried and succeeded in taking over many institutions that form the base of the democratic government of Puerto Rico, an atmosphere of hostility has ensued. Their takeover was followed by many reckless actions that threaten public peace. These have now climaxed in violent and aggressive actions of this government against the parties of the opposition, the organized student movement, the labor unions, the press, the environment, and against every area and institution of Puerto Rican civil society.

This constitutional coup springs from the Legislative branch of the government under the command of Senator Thomas Rivera Schatz, endorsed by the central government, under the dominance of counselor Marcos Rodríguez Ema, with the obvious intent of having under their grasp and without opposition full control of every agency and organization that rule the judiciary, academic, economic and civil societies. Under this scenario, Governor Luis Fortuño operates without volition, has no opinion, appearance nor public responsibility.

The students on strike were successful in achieving their demands through negotiations that involved a Court and an appointed negotiator. However, Secretary of Government Rodríguez Ema has been trying to invalidate these accords by declaring they “are not worth the paper they were written on.”

To carry out this reversal, the Central government proposed a hasty law, signed with no revision within hours, adding four additional members to the Board of trustees of the University of Puerto Rico. These additions to the Board are unconditional members of the governing political party. The students of UPR, who in a great majority depend in Federal grants, now face an annual recurring fee of \$800, a fee they will not be able to pay and that they will not pay, forcing the students to return to their strike. With this strategy, the Central government risks the accreditation of the State University and as a consequence, the government would be able to privatize its assets.

Following this same strategy, the government of Puerto Rico will attempt to sell and to divide for speculation a strip of land where the Karst formation is located, in the northwest of the Island. This area collects one third of our water supplies for the entire population; nonetheless, the government intends to put this area into private hands that would build a toll expressway over this ecologically and economically rich zone.

## Boycott Arizona: Move Major League Baseball's All Star Game

By movethegame.org

### Background on the Arizona Immigration Law: What it does and why it's wrong

It is a federal crime to be in the United States without a visa as a non-citizen. Arizona's new immigration law, also known as SB 1070, makes it a STATE crime to be in Arizona illegally and requires all immigrants to have proof of their immigration status.

The law also requires police to make a “reasonable attempt” to determine the status of ANYBODY whom it “reasonably suspects” may be in the US illegally. And it allows any citizen to sue the state or local governments for failing to fully comply (which would include law enforcement). Less than one week after the legislature has modified the original language to clarify that race cannot be the only factor as a justification in questioning somebody's status. But it also clarified that civil complaints (like an unmowed lawn) could trigger an investigation.

### Why Target Baseball and the 2011 All-Star Game?

Major League Baseball is scheduled to host the 2011 All Star Game in Phoenix in July 2011. Other than the World Series, the All Star Game represents the most high profile and prestigious game every season in baseball.

It's been reported that as much as \$60 million will be spent in the host region during the All Star Game weekend. Arizona cannot and must not profit from their discriminatory law. Furthermore, AZ is not safe for MLB's Mexicano, Dominican and other players and their families, who could be subjected to racial profiling under the new law. As reported by Patrick Saunders in the Denver Post, Michael Weiner, executive director of the the Major League Baseball Players Association, issued this statement: “We hope the law is repealed or modified promptly. If the current law goes into effect, the MLBPA will consider additional steps necessary to protect the rights and interests of our members.”

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen, never one to hold his tongue, says he would boycott the All-Star Game. Padres all-star first baseman Adrian Gonzalez told Tom Krasovic of AOL Fanhouse that he would not play in the All-Star Game if the law is in effect, and wanted major-league teams to boycott spring training next year in Arizona. “I'll support the players association 100 percent,” said Gonzalez, who grew up in Tijuana and Chula Vista, a suburb south of San Diego. “If they leave it up to the players and the law is still there, I'll probably not play in the All-Star Game. Because it's a discriminating law. I know it can't be done, but they should take spring training out of (Arizona) if it's possible.” Venezuelan-born Yorvit Torrealba, the former Rockies catcher who plays for the Padres, told the San Diego Union Tribune, “Why do I want to go play in a place where every time I go to a restaurant and they don't understand what I'm trying to order, they're going to ask me for ID first? That's bull. I come from a crazy country. Now Arizona seems a little bit more crazy.”

There is a precedent for Arizona and sports impacting the broader political discussion. In 1987, after the newly elected governor of AZ rescinded the Martin Luther King holiday for Arizona, the NFL voted to move the Super Bowl from Arizona to the Rose Bowl in California. After Arizona voted to restore MLK day as a holiday, the NFL finally chose to host the Super Bowl in Phoenix. Similarly, when Black players in the American Football League protested racial segregation in New Orleans, which was supposed to host the AFL All Star game, they were joined in a threatened boycott by the white All Stars, including Jack Kemp, then quarterback of the AFL Buffalo Bills. The league quickly moved the game from New Orleans to Houston. We can do it again. If MLB takes a stand on behalf of its players, players' families and fans, the goal is that Arizona will revise its law in a way that does not racially profile its own citizens. You can sign the petition on-line at <http://movethegame.org/sign-the-petition>. Move the Game is a joint project of Presente.org, who led the campaign against CNN's Dobbs, and Fenton, a progressive public relations and communications company, at 182 Second Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105 Ph: 415-901-0111.

With the complete control of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, the University of Puerto Rico Board of trustees, and the news media, among many others in elite hands, the genuine participation of the people of Puerto Rico in all democratic processes protected by our Constitution is jeopardized.

The events started (through the rush approval of Law 7 by the Legislature) with more than 20,000 public employee lay-offs, with the allegation that this would alleviate the ‘gigantism’ of the government and would solve the serious public deficit, which has never been properly evidenced. This decision has caused economic chaos; public services are worse than ever and it has generated despair and gloom in every Puerto Rican family. There's a serious persecution against all artistic institutions of the country, strangling their budgets, trying to avoid the propagation of art as dissent. Meanwhile the government favors contracts of obscene sums with hundreds of advisors, contractors and lobbyists associated with their own political party.

The attacks continued in the form of the appointment to the Supreme Court of four Judges with a well known affiliation with, and militancy for the governing political party, achieving a majority of votes in favor of the actual government on all decisions made in this Forum, on individual basis. The government went on repressing and eliminating student participation in the procedures of the University of Puerto Rico. They suppressed tuition exemption for outstanding athletes and artists, among others. This forced the students from all 11 campuses of the UPR to declare a strike that lasted 60 days, generating ample support from the people of Puerto Rico and around the world.

the brutal attack on people attempting to observe the legislative proceedings directly. This factual coup d'état of political power violates all elementary principles of democracy and of participation of the people in the government. So we proclaim to the world the current situation of contained violence that exists in our people and that is about to explode against these two politicians who have taken power in our country by assault. Even though Puerto Rico doesn't have conditions for an armed struggle of the people because of the obvious disparity of the opposing sides, a revolution of cultural and of student affirmation is starting to take the streets and to retrieve the spaces stolen away by the originators of this coup.

We exhort all communications media of the world to divulge and expose the current situation of the Puerto Rican Nation and we ask of you, therefore, your total solidarity.

For more information: Comunicados PR, PO Box 3080, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918

## Puerto Rican Political Prisoners – A Victory, but the Struggle Continues

by Lawrence Reyes, Puerto Rican Alliance, L.A.

July 25, so-called Constitution Day, marks the founding of the colonial “Commonwealth” of Puerto Rico by the U.S. Congress in 1952. In contrast, July 26, the day on which Puerto Rican independentista political prisoner and P.O.W. Carlos Alberto Torres will be released from prison after 29 years of incarceration in another victory for the Puerto Rican people, marks the launching of the Cuban Revolution by Fidel Castro in 1953. Join the Puerto Rican Alliance in marking these significant anniversaries and in celebrating the release of Carlos Alberto Torres. Come learn more about the continuing struggle to free the remaining Puerto Rican political prisoners and POWs, including Oscar Lopez Rivera and Avelino Gonzalez. Commemorate the cultural integrity and creativity of the Puerto Rican people and their struggle against colonial occupation and for self-determination, decolonization and independence. If you want to get involved, and learn more about the recent victories and repression in Puerto Rico in the student struggle against cutbacks at the University of Puerto Rico, attend a planning meeting on Saturday July 10, time and location To Be Announced. Contact Lawrence Reyes, [alianzapr@hotmail.com](mailto:alianzapr@hotmail.com) for more information or if you are interested in a solidarity delegation to Chicago to greet Carlos Alberto Torres upon his release. We also urge people to immediately sign the internet petition on behalf of a furlough for Puerto Rican political prisoner and POW Oscar Lopez Rivera, to visit his seriously ill sister, at <http://www.petitionspot.com/petitions/FurLoughforOscar/>

### Chicago timetable:

Sunday, July 25, National Boricua Human Rights Network national meeting, 10am  
Monday, July 26, 2010 4am-7am Drive to Pekin IL prison to wait for the release of Carlos Alberto Torres  
4-6:00 pm Public Homecoming at La Casita de Don Pedro, 2620 W. Division Street, Chicago IL  
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# George Jackson Freedom Summer After-School Survival Program

by Etana Shakur, *The George Jackson Freedom Summer Coalition*

“They send us to school to learn how to be disgusting. We send our children to places of learning operated by men who hate us and hate the truth. It is clear that *no school* would be better. Burn it; all the fascist literature, burn that too. Then equip yourself with the little red book. There is no other way to regain our senses.



“We must destroy Johnson Publications and the little black tabloids that mimic the fascist press even to their denunciation of black extremists. Burn them or take them over as people’s collectives, and give the colonies a dynamite case of self-determination, anti-colonialism, and Mao think!!!”

– Comrade George Jackson, *BPP*

The Black Riders Liberation Party created the George Jackson Freedom School summer program to combat the miseducation of our youth. This is one of our new survival programs.

We think it’s necessary to raise awareness about the issues that affect our communities and to educate our youth about their own cultures and histories. These are usually absent in the current educational system. The knowledge we share is essential to encourage self-empowerment, self-determination and mobilization for change.

The goals and objectives of our summer after-school program are to keep our youth off the streets by providing a safe place where they can take a break from the Matrix. Here they can learn about who they really are and their true position in the world through cultural activities, edu-tainment and alternative education.

## Warrior-Poet Marilyn Buck : No Wall Too Tall

by Mariann G. Wizard / Full text at <http://theragblog.blogspot.com/2010/05/warrior-poet-marilyn-buck-no-wall-too.html>

Marilyn Buck dared to dream of a world without racism, without American imperialism. More important, for those who dream this dream today, she dared to act. She dared to try to make this dream a reality. For her acts of selfless courage on behalf of victims of American criminal behavior, Marilyn has spent 25 years as a political prisoner of the US government.

A year ago, it looked as if Marilyn’s long exile from the free world was coming to an end. After uncounted rejections, a new hearing brought a positive decision: she would be released on parole in August 2010! Supporters in the Bay Area began to raise funds for her expected transition.

She’d never talked about what she would do when -- or if -- she was released. When you’re doing an 80-year sentence, you do it, as they say, “one day at a time.” Suddenly she was full of questions: “What kind of computer should I get, a laptop or a desk top?” Like most prison inmates, she’s never been in cyberspace. (I told her to get a smart phone for the first six months and see if she even needs a computer.) Unconvinced that digital cameras are now as good as film, the gifted photographer talked about how she might find work in a darkroom. Although she’s tried hard to stay in touch with social and technological changes, it’s hard to do so behind the bricks and razor wire fence, with your legs in shackles any time you’re moved, restricted in every daily choice.

But she was coming out. Nothing else mattered. Then, last December, right around her 62nd birthday, she was diagnosed with a rare form of uterine cancer, a sarcoma, dangerous as a rattlesnake, potentially lethal. Another friend sent me a clinical description of the disease, but I couldn’t bear to read it all the way through.

Marilyn had symptoms for months before diagnostic tests were made. But not wanting any “fuss” over herself, not wanting to worry her friends, she kept her “health issues” vague and low-key with most people she spoke to or corresponded with, while she and her lawyer tried to get medical tests done.

Health care in the federal Bureau of Prisons is not renowned for its excellence. But, as her friend Penny Schoner reminded me gently, “This is a woman who wakes up every morning thinking about the plight of women in Afghanistan and Palestine, not herself.”

Marilyn had surgery in the Bay Area pretty quickly after the diagnosis was made and

We will also be offering free Martial Arts self-defense classes, music and dance lessons.

**The program will start July 5, 2010 at Chuco’s Justice Center, 1137 E. Redondo Blvd., Inglewood CA 90302 (near Florence & Crenshaw). 1-6:00 pm Monday – Friday. Bring the whole family!**

### All Power To The People!!

We are appealing for funds, supplies and other forms of material aid on behalf of *The George Jackson Freedom Summer Coalition* to support the 2010 Summer School program we are currently making a reality.

*The George Jackson Freedom Summer Coalition* is developing a youth-led summer school program in order to provide an alternative space for urban youth. Based out of Chuco’s Justice Center, the *George Jackson Freedom Summer* will provide a space for organizers, artists, educators and organizations to responsibly and actively engage the youth from local middle and high schools in alternative ways.

*The George Jackson Freedom Summer Coalition* is a collection of students, with very modest resources, that have come together to create an summer school program from the ground up. We would appreciate your assistance in providing school/art/music/ supplies, food donations, recreational tools, books, and resources for digital media/technology. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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should have started chemotherapy six weeks later, when the surgical wounds had healed. But when she was finally admitted in mid-March to Carswell Federal Medical Center in Ft. Worth, where thousands of seriously ill federal prisoners are treated, the tests performed revealed new tumors and growths outside the original cancer site.

Now at last, the chemo has started, and she is full of hope. She has so much pent-up energy, so many dreams, desires, abilities, concerns -- so much life to live! Her experiences in America’s prisons have illuminated a hundred worthwhile projects and pressing needs to which she wants to contribute, as well as a whole new world of experiences that so far she has been denied.

Marilyn was accused of sensational acts of insurrection -- including jail break, bombings, and a robbery attempt in which two police officers were shot and died. Many otherwise liberal-minded Americans are unable to get past the violence of the confrontations between the police and the small groups of Black and white revolutionaries with whom Buck was linked. Many committed leftists criticized the militants as foolhardy adventurists.

Neither gives due weight to the extraordinary repressive measures undertaken by the U.S. government to crush lawful dissent against unjust policies at home and abroad. Behind the shadow of COINTELPRO (the FBI’s Counter Intelligence Program), law enforcement agencies operated outside the rule of law against Movement activists.

To be an African-American dissident, especially, meant walking around with a “shoot-to-kill” sign pinned on your chest. Being Black or Brown or Red, or even white and “hippie-looking,” was to face hatred and brutality (and possible death) day and night at the hands of racist white police and their allies in the U.S. Justice Department. Marilyn Buck saw her friends being hunted down like dogs on the streets of Oakland. It may be that the murder of her friend (and my husband) George Wizard, in the summer of 1967 in Austin, by person or persons then unknown, also led to her belief that right action lay in helping victims of oppression defend themselves, as the saying went, “by any means necessary.”

Part of Marilyn’s story is told on a website, Friends of Marilyn Buck, <http://www.marilynbuck.com/>. There is a lot more to her story of activism, self-sacrifice, and achievement. But it is her story to tell, and she’s not yet able to tell it -- and, until she is free, perhaps not yet able to see it whole.

## Grassroots KPFK: Radio for All

### Who we are and what we stand for:

We are community activists for peace, human rights and social, labor, economic, and environmental justice, running a campaign for seats on the elected Local Station Board of listener-sponsored KPFK, 90.7 FM (98.7 in Santa Barbara). Although we have varying political affiliations and perspectives, we have united around the following principles

#### **For Peace with Justice**

Implement the core progressive values of the Pacifica Mission: voices not commonly heard in the mainstream media.

#### **For Migrant Rights**

Oppose anti-immigrant hysteria, raids, racism and repression.

#### **For Defense of the Earth, Animals, and the Environment**

Respect for all living beings and a sustainable relationship with the rest of the natural world, in alliance with indigenous peoples' struggles locally and globally.

#### **For Gender Equity**

Support the rights of women and the LGBTQ community worldwide.

#### **For Workers' Rights**

Our strength is in our alliances and that is why we proudly align ourselves with working men and women and their unions.

#### **For Unity, Diversity, and Our Communities**

Local, diverse, multilingual, and multi-generational voices, high quality broadcasts of performing arts, public affairs, and news from and for our communities.

#### **For All Our Listeners**

Spanish language, bilingual and intra-lingual programs to bring progressive messages to Spanish-speaking communities and to bring their issues to English-speaking listeners as well.

#### **For Southern California**

Greater autonomy and local decision-making, harnessing local resources and addressing local needs for our radio station, including restoring locally produced daily newscasts and developing news and radio production training programs.

#### **For the Pacifica Network**

Leverage our progressive base in the spirit of solidarity with all Pacifica stations and affiliates, to strengthen our capacity to shape public discourse and bring issues before the public.

#### **For Accountability to Listener Supporters**

Fiscally transparent, responsible, and self-sustaining best practice non-profit management: people, not corporate underwriters, supporting progressive people's radio.

#### **For Openness to All on the Air, in the Streets and within the Pacifica Foundation**

Effective, participatory governance that is accountable to listener-sponsors and responsive to the diverse needs and interests of the Southern California listeners and communities. The station and its activities must be fully accessible to people with disabilities.

#### **For High Quality Programming that Attracts New Listeners**

More community based and collectively produced programs that inspire, educate, delight and inform, at the intersection of social possibility with political and cultural power, to help carry the Pacifica mission forward into current and future generations.

We are in the process of putting together a diverse slate of candidates for the KPFK local station board (LSB) pledged to this common campaign platform and to an ongoing effort to restore and extend grassroots accountability, creativity and effectiveness at KPFK 90.7/98.7 FM and at the Pacifica network. For more information, contact: [grassrootskpfk@gmail.com](mailto:grassrootskpfk@gmail.com) 310-512-7959 [www.grassrootskpfk.net](http://www.grassrootskpfk.net) POB 34782, LA 90034

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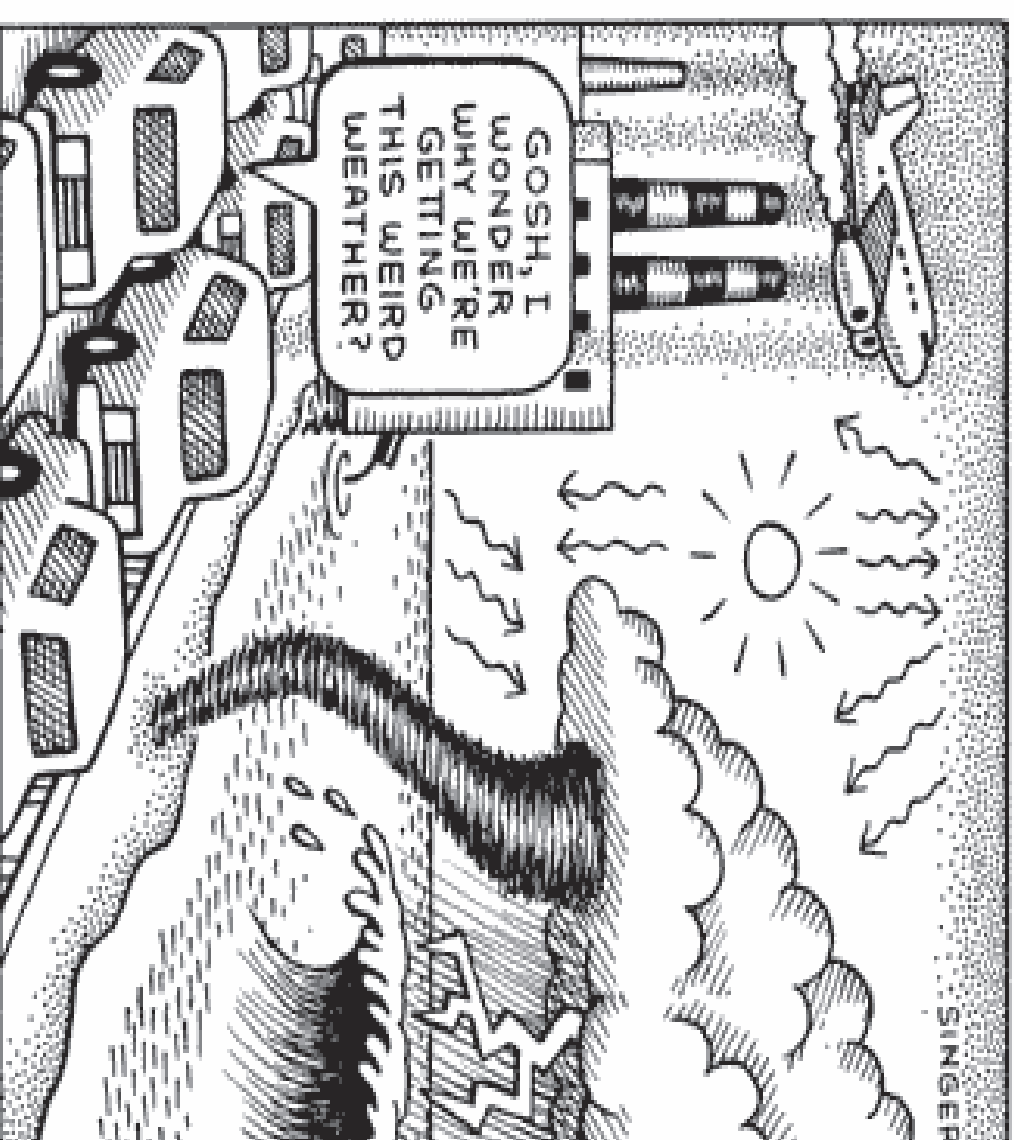
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