

PART's Perspective:

Until the philosophy which holds one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned, Everywhere Is War!-- Haile Selassie, Ethiopia

by Michael Novick, *Anti-Racist Action L.A./People Against Racist Terror (ARA-LA/PART)*

Callously, on the anniversary of the US re-invasion of Iraq, the Obama administration orchestrated an invasion of Libya by French, British and US forces, using missiles, fighter planes, rockets and bombers under the guise of UN authorization for a "humanitarian" no-fly zone. Already fighting two land wars in Asia in Iraq and Afghanistan, already sending troops to Colombia and flying drones over Mexico, the US has now extended its endless war to Africa.

The hypocrisy of the attack on Libya was blatant, since the US did nothing to prevent government attacks on protesters in Ivory Coast, Yemen, or Bahrain (where US ally Saudi Arabia actually sent in troops to suppress opposition to the dictatorial monarchy). Even the controlled US media had to acknowledge that the US had carefully stage-managed the Arab League and UN calls for action. Many recognize that Libya's oil was a key factor, especially in the European response. Less obvious was the threat posed to the US by previously expressed intentions of the Gulf oil monarchies to abandon the dollar as the currency for pricing oil. Having cracked the whip and flexed its muscle, the US is now in a position to forestall any such move. It would have shattered the fragile US economic stabilization (impossible to call it a "recovery" given the massive on-going unemployment, deep slashes of social services, education and public employment, and the double-dip depression in the housing market).

The US seized the opportunity provided by the democratic upsurge in North Africa and the Gulf region to reassert its domination, whether through covert operations, puppet regimes or open military intervention. By orchestrating a Euro-American attack on the most African-identified Arab regime, the US also served notice that a new era of re-colonization was underway in Africa and that the West would be resisting China's inroads there.

Meanwhile Obama himself was carefully off-stage, washing his hands of responsibility like Pontius Pilate and touring "Latin" America to proclaim its strategic importance to the US economy. He went to fend off the threat of Chinese and Japanese investment and the rise of ALBA, the Venezuelan-led development bank. Yet neither his hosts nor the other nations in South and Meso America could fail to see the military threat behind the velvet words.

The response within the US to this latest imperial escalation and aggression has been anemic. Dennis Kucinich and Ralph Nader raised the issue of impeachment of Obama for failing to even consult Congressional leaders, let alone abide by Constitutional and legislative constraints on such armed action. But street actions have been ritualistic. US labor unrest in Wisconsin and elsewhere, hyped by some as the insurgent equivalent of uprisings in Tunisia,

Egypt and elsewhere, have not drawn the obvious connection to opposing imperial war, and barely begun to make links with the immigrants battling other repressive measures by the same legislators. Insurrection, let alone revolution, is far off.

The massive labor-student-community rallies in Madison and growing organizing in Ohio, Indiana and elsewhere are certainly welcome. But it is troubling that these mostly-white rallies, defending the rights of a mostly white sector of labor, somehow galvanized laudatory left and union comment and solidarity in a way that the student-community-labor actions in Puerto Rico (facing the same type of attacks on public services, employees and unions) or the general strike of prison labor in Georgia did not. Yet they, like Tunisia, surely inspired mass action in WI.

The shredding of collective bargaining rights, the slashing of education funding, social services and public employment in the midst of a prolonged and deep economic crisis, and the general program of austerity embraced by Republicans and Democrats alike, are undeniable manifestations within the US of the global state of war manifest more fully and bloodily in Libya. But the fight back against them must be conscious of that larger and bloodier war going on, including other aspects of the "war at home" of police terror, mass incarceration and political imprisonment and repression.

Labor must show conscious solidarity with Black community partisans resisting police abuse and racial profiling, with prisoners defying the new slave plantations, with migrants demanding their human rights, and with colonized people resisting the bombs, drones and missiles of the Empire. Otherwise, such bread-and-butter oriented labor rallies amount to little more than a militant defense of privilege. It's applying a bandage to a sore while ignoring a deadly systemic infection.

Elsewhere in this issue are reports on two Los Angeles efforts to develop anti-imperialist, anti-colonial and anti-capitalist organizing around the concrete conditions of housing exploitation, lack of food and water sovereignty, police terror, and the imprisonment or custodial control of over 8 million people, mostly of color.

Such grassroots base-building around immediate issues that exposes the true nature of this entire rotten system and begins to exert the power of the oppressed is a necessary component of seizing the time of the ongoing and deepening crisis of the Empire to marshal the popular forces capable of overturning and replacing it.

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On Confrontational Politics:

Erase the Fear of Aboveground Self-Defense

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Confrontational Politics is a brand new name for an upgraded style of militant, forceful, head-on tactics; designed to challenge the racist oppressor. It incorporates armed and unarmed aggressive self-defense in an aboveground blend of using disciplined Black formations. Its genesis and early beginning has roots that stretch way back to Marcus Garvey's United Negro Improvement Association's self defense wing called the *Black Legion* and Malcolm X's late 1950s *Fruit of Islam*.

Marcus Garvey was a great black leader who understood the necessity to present to the Black masses a disciplined above ground militant unit that would represent an uncompromising stance in the face of violent white racist retaliation triggered by any black organization seeking freedom. He was the premier leader who first put the critical need for self-defense on the map. He understood that security and protection was interconnected with Black dignity especially since white supremacy and capitalism relied on sheer force to enslave black people. This racist intimidation was emitted from many different elements of white Amerikkkan society. It is what forbids the majority of Blacks from participating in any legitimate struggle whether it be consciously or unconsciously acknowledged.

Garvey's *Black Legion* wore military clothing, trained openly in military drills, and carried long swords publicly whenever it was legal to do so. It was an aboveground apparatus. When the US government's secret police force, known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), recognized the threat of the *Black Legion*, Marcus Garvey was one of the first blacks put on the dangerous subversive list. The US government's secret war plan called Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) was originally created to target him and his organization. COINTELPRO's insidious use of legal and illegal tactics to disrupt and neutralize Garvey's "Back to Africa" movement consisted of informants, agent provocateurs, attempted assassinations, and bogus trumped up charges against innocent Black people in the UNIA.



Garvey's militia, 1920

Though the *Black Legion* never really engaged the racist authorities or any white supremacy organization in an aboveground confrontational political demonstration, the seed of potential of a clash was planted in the racist white psyche, so therefore, the UNIA was sought out to be eliminated. This is not to say that there were no underground aggressive attacks launched by the *Black Legion* but what we are mainly concerned with within this analysis is aboveground confrontation. We are very sure that there were secret strikes carried out by the *Black Legion* against critical racist targets. But the official policy of the UNIA towards the Black masses was that the *Black Legion* represented just the idea or concept of self-defense and was not a formation that engaged in serious direct confrontation. It mainly provided security for the organization and its leadership officials at public events or it paraded around in large formations as a self-defense symbol of dignity for Black people.

In the late 1950s Malcolm Little became Malcolm X after he joined the original Nation of Islam led by Elijah Muhammad. Malcolm X was fresh out of prison where

he was recruited into the NOI. Since Malcolm was a former street hustler and ex-prisoner, he maintained a link to Black people in those areas. Elijah Muhammad gave Malcolm permission to organize those Blacks into self-defense unit called the Fruit of Islam (FOI). Malcolm brought brothers in off the streets and taught them judo, martial arts, military drills, discipline, and the NOI self-defense philosophy. Officially they carried no carnal (bodily) weapons. They didn't have a policy towards confrontational political demonstrations at that time mainly because they considered themselves to be primarily a spiritual organization.

Then on one amazing politically charged night, Malcolm X was put in an extraordinary dilemma when a NOI member was brutally beaten by the racist NY police. Robert was savagely dragged to the precinct and was being denied medical treatment after his head was busted open by police nightsticks. Malcolm, the head minister at the NY NOI temple, led a large, disciplined formation of the FOI through the streets of Harlem, causing a large commotion and a Black crowd of people followed them there. The Muslims lined up in a militant line facing the police station with the enormous crowd positioned behind them.

This militant action sent shock waves through the police station and community because this was the first time in the history of Black people in racist Amerikkka that anyone had the heart and courage to openly confront the police in such a strong manner! Then Malcolm boldly walked into the police station, flanked by just a couple of Muslims and let the other FOI members positioned in a long disciplined formation outside, casting a menacing silent aura. He went to the front desk and then demanded that the injured Muslim be given medical attention. The police in the station only agreed to the demand once they saw the large militant confrontation taking place outside. Malcolm walked out and then led the FOI and the gigantic crowd to the hospital to guarantee that the injured Muslim was given medical care. Once he was sure that the Muslim got the help he deserved, Malcolm

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used just one hand turn and the Muslims did a militant right face and dispersed with the crowd in a matter of seconds! The white police officer who witnessed Malcolm X dismiss the Muslims with just one hand gesture, remarked out loud that “That’s too much power for one Black man to have!” After this first ever use of confrontational politics, Malcolm X became well known and admired among local Black residents in New York when the newspapers reported the story the next morning. He was regarded as a true leader of the Black community who would not break down even in the face of overwhelming odds.

This was the last time Malcolm was allowed to use the FOI in a confrontational political demonstration. Yet, he was emboldened by this successful use of power against power and also began to publicly advocate the use of guns in self-defense of the Black community. He was later suspended and left the Nation of Islam. The US government put him under surveillance and directly in the gun sight of COINTELPRO’s cross hairs. When his family was threatened and harassed by racist forces, he allowed himself to be photographed with a M-1 carbine assault rifle while he peered out of his home window. This picture became extremely popular throughout the Black movement as Malcolm’s most worthy call for the need of armed self-defense of the Black community. This picture was definitely worth more than a thousand words for Black people.

The FOI went on to disavow and prohibit confrontational political demonstrations. They became a division within the Nation of Islam that provided security for Muslims and high leadership officials in the organization. They also focused on checking internal sub-divisions and activities of secret agents placed within the organization by racist forces and secured complete records of all persons employed by their organization. It is not known if they ever launched any underground strikes against their racist enemies but I believe most likely they did at sometime.

There were many different organizations that had a critical influence that advanced confrontational political strategy throughout the 1960s like Robert Williams’ armed chapter of the NAACP, the Student ‘Non-Violent’ Coordinating Committee, the Deacons for Defense, Malcolm X’s Organization of Afro-American Unity, the Revolutionary Action Movement, and a host of others. The Black Panther Party for Self-Defense started in 1966 by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale, took confrontational politics to its highest level during the ’60s. Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton was a street devotee to Malcolm X’s theories and practice. In fact, the entire Black Panther Party for Self-Defense was created in the spirit of Malcolm X after Malcolm was brutally gunned down by COINTELPRO. Huey decided to confront the racist police forces in Oakland whenever they pulled over Black people and tried to brutalize them. Unlike the community patrol organization that just took pictures of random acts of police brutality that operated at that time in L.A, Huey took it a step further by patrolling the police while openly brandishing shotguns because it was still legal to do so in the state of California.

This was also a small scale adoption of Malcolm X’s late night confrontation at the New York police station. Huey learned from Malcolm that the racist authorities could be effectively challenged and confronted with Black Power against White Power approach. As long as a group maintained a disciplined and legal posture, then the police could check on their illegal brutality and murder of Black people. Huey and Bobby also began to call the police “pigs” on these patrols because it was also a legal thing to do. Huey understood that such a serious act of confronting a deadly tentacle of our oppression in a militant way would inspire brothers and sisters from off the block to join the struggle for Black liberation.

Out on these patrols facing down the police while openly displaying their weapons helped the Panthers capture the hearts and minds of the Black community. When recruits from off the block began to stream into the Panthers, Huey and Bobby took the confrontations to an even higher level by being armed openly, confronting an entire police station after the savage police murder of Denzel Dowel. Many Black organizations at that time began to criticize the Black Panthers for being what they referred to as the Panthers being “prematurely paramilitary” and thought the Panthers should have kept their activities underground.

Huey responded to these absurd critiques by writing an article called “The Correct Handling of a Revolution.” He pointed out that it was impossible to mobilize the community in a significant manner if the Black revolutionaries did not openly confront the racist enemy to educate the people to

resistance. He correctly analyzed that those groups that tried to criticize the Panthers were imposters and fake revolutionaries because they wanted the people of the community to bear the pressure of the police retaliation for such resistance while the so-called revolutionaries hid. He accused these groups of being fake revolutionaries who did nothing but talk and were too afraid to draw the oppressors’ blood! He wrote that any true revolutionaries always started out aboveground in order to educate the people to the revolutionary organization’s existence and desire to help liberate the people, so the government would not be able to lie to the people and make them feel that the revolutionaries were some type of crazy fanatical violent group out to harm the community. He wrote that the group started out aboveground but eventually has to go underground once the oppressor began to target the group in an extreme manner. By then the revolutionaries would have already won the respect of the people and would have created conditions for underground operations to be carried out successfully with the protection of the community.



Eventually Huey’s analysis of the struggle would be proven right, but the practice of the Panthers took a strategic sharp turn from this position. COINTELPRO sent out a directive to the California State Government to pass a law to effectively strip the Panthers of their right to openly carry guns in public by creating the Mulford Act in 1967. The Black Panthers marched on the state capital building openly armed with guns, while the politicians were in the process of passing the Mulford Act, and started the media into helping the Panthers organization. But the Mulford Act was passed, stripping the communities’ right to openly bear arms, and eliminated the Panthers patrolling the police with guns. This is the critical point in the Panther history, when they began to confuse the mandatory separation necessary for aboveground and underground operational activities. Their “legal” confrontational politics dissolved into launching offensive strikes in the public arena when Huey carried a concealed handgun in a hollowed out legal book, he carried around on the night of the shootout between him and the Oakland Police took place. This one event has remained concealed from most people for over 40 years until the book, *Will You Die With Me?* by Flores “Fly” Forbes was published. In this book Fly exposes the truth about the death of officer Frey and the resulting *Free Huey* movement to save Huey from the gas chamber and get him released. Fly was a high-ranking Panther security official and personal bodyguard for Huey.

When Minister of Information Eldridge Cleaver took it upon himself to attempt to register an offensive retaliation against the system and openly shot cops in full Panther uniform after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the Panthers were put permanently on a course of confusion towards the proper practice and balance between aboveground and underground operations. This also provided the government a convenient way to convince the public that the Panthers were crazed fanatics in need of extermination and should be deemed Public Enemy Number One!

Eventually the Panthers were manipulated by COINTELPRO into violently feuding with each other in a tragic episode most have come to regard as “the split” in the organization. Incorrectly thought of as the East Coast chapters against the West Coast chapters, it was more accurately a division between those Panthers who wanted to stay aboveground and those who wanted to go underground. The aboveground faction sided with Huey and the underground sided with Eldridge. None of them realized then that the government’s COINTELPRO had set them all up and manipulated the wedge between them by manufacturing precise handwritten letters and signatures of both Huey and Eldridge. One letter was written to Huey, signed by the government in Eldridge’s handwriting stating that Eldridge intended to do serious harm to Huey. The other letter was written

to Eldridge by the government in Huey’s handwriting stating that Huey intended to shoot at Eldridge. Divide and conquer led to the destruction of the most highly advanced Black organization of the 1960’s for Black people trapped in the hells of Amerikkka! All this could have been avoided if the Black Panthers adhered to a strict line of aboveground armed self-defense and underground armed struggle.

Out of this unfortunate disaster of the most effective groups in the 1960’s Black Liberation struggle arose a war-torn group of Panther Elders from that period, who embody a pessimistic post-traumatic stress defeatism. There are a few elders from that era who still have faith in the struggle for freedom so there are some exceptions to the rule, but most elders from back then took to criticizing the youth for their lack of knowledge of self, fighting each other, and apolitical ways. These holier-than-thou, self-righteous elders fail to take responsibility for being manipulated by COINTELPRO into Black (Panther) on Black (Panther) violence themselves. Instead of being brave and properly educating us, the youth just inherited the Black on Black violence from these elders. Some of them even go so far as to still be foolish enough to feud with each other to this very day at different Panther reunions and rallies for political prisoners who are still locked down from back then!

The Black Riders are the New Generation Black Panthers. We have scientifically analyzed history and mastered the art of confrontational politics. We started off striking fear in the enemy by creating our Watch-A-Pig program. This hard line program consists of fearless Black Rider Warriors who wear camouflaged paramilitary fatigues, berets, and big black boots. We patrol the ruthless barbarian police with video cameras, high tech walkie-talkies, state of the art police scanners, TASERS, mace, bats, knives, and any other legal weapons we can get hold of. This educates Black people to be fearless against police terrorism. Many people have come out of their homes with their own video cameras or camera phones and joined us in line to help watch the pigs, to stop them from hurting the Black community. We have been operating the Watch-A-Pig program for over thirteen years now. Since the passage of the Mulford Act outlawing the original Panthers’ and the communities’ right to openly carry guns in public, we keep legally registered guns on security in Black Rider homes and buildings in case the pigs attack us unjustly and we have to defend ourselves. We openly do military drills and carry long swords or machetes whenever legal to do so. We train in many different martial arts armed and unarmed combat styles like short staff, sword fighting, katana, Judo, Kung-Fu, Dynamic kicks, arts of breaking, and especially Shodokan death blows. Most of our warriors have developed unorthodox fighting methods gleaned from survival on the dangerous Los Angeles gangland streets.

We have launched large-scale confrontations against many different military type pig stations all over L.A. The most known confrontational political demonstration we did was when we struck the LAPD headquarters “Thirty Deep” strong seething with animosity, hostility, and stern faced, after they savagely murdered a 13 year old boy named Devin Brown in 2005. We led 500 people in a full-scale clash with the armed supremacist group called the Minutemen and their racist police bodyguards in Leimert Park. We kicked the “Minute-Klan” completely out the “hood.” We also stood face to face against overwhelming odds, when we ran up on the gigantic L.A Federal Building to confront the viciously sadistic FBI because of their unjust attack and political incarceration of the San Francisco 8 Panther Elders stemming from a charge that happened way back in 1971.

We have an upgraded self-defense philosophy and a strict policy of separating aboveground and underground activity. The US government’s new COINTELPRO called Homeland Security and their PATRIOT Act guidelines have tried to attack us many times and we have defended ourselves from their weak, mindless attempts to eliminate our organization. We will advance the New Black Liberation Movement wave after wave until our people’s freedom is secured. He who does not fear the death of a thousand cuts will dare to unseat the emperor!

The Black man and Black woman, once culturally inspired, properly trained, and boldly led, are the greatest human fighting machines the world has ever known!

**POLITICS IS WAR WITHOUT BLOODSHED AND
WAR IS POLITICS WITH BLOODSHED!
POWER TO THE PEOPLE
WHO DON’T FEAR FREEDOM!**

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Rumors – January-March 2011

Street Stories of fascist and anti-fascist activity around the US and Canada

Compiled by Hub City ARA

Jan. – Chicago, IL: South Side Chicago ARA released information from their intel files about Grand Rapids area bonehead Michael Peterson.

Jan. – Phoenix, AZ: Phoenix area anarchists initiated a march in the arts district of downtown Phoenix for the monthly “First Friday” artwalk. The call was in response to the deaths of two immigrant youths who were found in a canal after fleeing from a Maricopa County Sheriff Deputy near Gila Bend, and the murder of a third youth, who was shot and killed by a Border Patrol agent while climbing the border wall in Nogales.

Jan. -- Spokane, WA: An anti-personnel bomb was found in the path of a scheduled Martin Luther King Day march for equality.

Feb. – Charlotte, NC: Anti-racists successfully prevented the racist “American Renaissance” conference from occurring in Charlotte and celebrated the occasion by holding a small rally and press conference.

Feb. – Seattle, WA: A roving gang of rioters smashed property and attacked Seattle police with fireworks, flares and fire extinguishers Saturday night near the site where an officer shot a woodcarver to death last August.

Feb. – Portland, OR: A statement was released claiming responsibility for smashing the windows of a police contact station and attributed it to revenge for recent police murders and repression in Seattle.

Feb. – Seattle, WA: A nazi bonehead was caught on video by a local news crew getting his ass beat by two people of color he attempted to rob and run out of a local park. Unfortunately, the local news reporter (a person of color) intervened and saved the bonehead.

Feb. – Tacoma, WA: On the morning of February 28th, a Tacoma Police Department building had all its windows smashed out and some paint thrown on the facade. This was done as part of the West Coast call out for two days of action against the police.

Mar. – Calgary: Local bonehead crew the Aryan Guard attempted to hold a march but were foiled when local police said they could not protect them from several hundred antifascist demonstrators mobilized by Calgary ARA. The boneheads hopped a bus and went home to reinvent a reason for getting so thoroughly embarrassed. One member of Aryan Guard was arrested on outstanding warrants and one antifa was arrested. Calgary has become somewhat of a battleground lately, with nazi attacks on the rise, culminating in a brutal attack on Calgary ARA member Jason Devine in the home in his and his family that ended in serious injuries for Devine and a friend of his. (See report in last issue of *TTT*).

Mar. - Chicago: 2 members of “The 77’s,” a local punk crew with a long history of harassing people of color and assaulting the homeless were treated to a well-deserved beat down by local antifa.

Mar. - Chicago: Secrets, a head shop that employs Nazi and NSM member Susan Lenner, had its front window mashed with a cinderblock that had “Fire Suzy” written on it. Here’s hoping they take the hint.

Mar. – Claremont, CA: Police managed to keep several hundred anti-racists and 24 members of the neo-nazi National Socialist Movement separate as the NSM staged an anti-immigrant rally.

Mar. – Montreal, QB: Several vehicles belonging to the Public Security Ministry of Quebec were doused in paint stripper and had their tires slashed. This Ministry oversees the provincial prisons and police forces. A statement was released attributing the action to solidarity with those from Seattle and the pacific northwest who have been struggling with several incidents of police murder and brutality of late.

Mar. – New Brunswick, NJ: Hub City ARA released a sample of their intelligence files one month before the National Socialist Movement’s planned march in Trenton, NJ on April 16th. These files included two profiles of Jason Heicke and Toni Stamos, two NJ NSM organizers as well as information on American Front, American 3rd Positionists, and other nazi groups operating in NJ.

Mar. – New Jersey: Before you could say “fuck off you g.g. allin wannabe goons,” New Jersey nazi-affiliated, rape-advocating, all-around scumfuck band *Call the Paramedics* was taken off another gig in the northeast. This time (for the 3rd time) it was at a Clifton bar called Dingbatz, who (for a 3rd time) cancelled the band, this time almost immediately after antifa became aware of the situation. *Call the Paramedics* lost more than 80% of their last tour’s shows thanks to exposure from One People’s Project and ARA, and if anyone should see them playing in their area, don’t let that shit go down.

Mar. – Olympia, WA: A police substation at 200 Perry street was targeted twice in two weeks. In the first attack its front window was smashed and two patrol cars were damaged. In the second a small fire did some minor damage to the substation.

Mar. – Santa Cruz, CA: Two Santa Cruz County Sheriff Department vehicles were attacked on the night of March 15th. Their tires were slashed and etching fluid was thrown onto their windows. A statement released

Mar.- Tacoma, WA: a police car had paint thrown on it, etching fluid was used to ruin at least three windows. A statement was released dedicating the action to “those comrades imprisoned in chile, on hunger strike...”

Mar.- Windsor, NC: A noisy demo was held outside a rural prison. The demonstrators had several gigantic banners reading “Against Prisons” and “Hands Off James Graham.” (Graham is one of several prisoners in Windsor facing punishment for his role in organizing there.

Confront David Irving’s 2011 Holocaust Denial Tour

by South Chicago ARA

The notorious holocaust denier and Nazi sympathizer David Irving is at it again, attempting another US tour of thirty cities across the Southern, Western and Midwestern states. The topic of this year’s speaking engagements? “The Life and Death of Heinrich Himmler, Hitler’s lieutenant.” Irving’s fraudulent and methodical endeavors to rewrite history commonly attract other neo-Nazi miscreants and white supremacists to his gatherings. We’re calling upon anti-racist organizations and individuals to confront his tour every step of the way, and send a clear message that revisionism and fascist organizing is not welcome in our communities.

His troubled recollection of basic history must extend to the more recent past, when he encountered fierce antifa resistance the last time he came to the states in late 2009. The fact that Irving can’t go out in public without facing angry mobs trying to run him out of town has forced Irving to organize in secret, going through great lengths to screen potential attendees to his event, never revealing the location until the last minute, and hiring private security. This has never stopped protesters from shutting down his events nor has it provided any sort of security or privacy for the racist scum that attempt to hear Irving speak.

In New Jersey, dozens of anti-fascists filled the Pompton Plains hotel, chanting and struggling with attendees. They were so effective in disrupting the event that police had to escort attendees out. The same happened a day later in NYC, where the event was not only disrupted, but both Irving’s tour manager Jaenelle Antas and neo-Nazi friend Alex Carmichael were pepper-sprayed. Faced with humiliation and defeat, Irving was forced to cancel his next few scheduled appearances, but the chaos did not end there. Days later his Chicago event was shut down when dozens of masked anti-fascists stormed into the Edelweiss restaurant turning over tables, destroying his merchandise, and assaulting attendees, while Irving and Antas locked themselves in a supply closet in a magnificent display of cowardice.

Right in the middle of his failed east coast appearances, his websites were also attacked by anti-fascist hackers who released his private emails and databases to WikiLeaks. The emails gave hilarious details of the frustrations caused by Irving’s infatuation with his much younger assistant Jaenelle, and also eventually caused his landlord to kick Irving out of his Windsor home. More importantly, this leak revealed private speaking locations as well as names and addresses of dozens of racist Nazi sympathizers who purchased tickets – a warning to those who would consider purchasing a ticket to Irving’s gatherings.

The conflicts that populated Irving’s 2009 tour exemplify the danger that venues are sure to face should they host his events. Irving, fearing confrontations during his tour, had hired “Tip of the Spear,” a group which advertises private security for white power events. At the 2009 Palm Beach function, the very people he hired for security had initiated a knife fight amongst warring neo-Nazi attendees Christopher Nachtman and John Kopko. The event was booked under Focal Point Productions and the Ritz-Carlton had no idea who Irving was. Additionally, one person attending last year’s Chicago function, John Gisselbrech, was hospitalized during the antifa disruption, hurt so badly that he has hired the prominent Deratany Firm to file a lawsuit against David Irving, his publishing company Focal Point Productions, and Edelweiss Restaurant (who hosted Irving for the second year in a row)

for failing to make adequate security precautions. The million dollars at stake may shut down these businesses down—yet another warning of what might happen to spaces that host fascist speaking events. Further, they give warning to the puerile few considering attending, as to just what might happen if they do attend. They will be confronted, exposed, shut down, and humiliated.

Interestingly, David Irving’s tour manager and personal assistant for the second year in a row is Jaenelle Antas (7823 Ella Dobbs Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46227 317-379-8871 / 305 923 9400). Despite the unforgettable troubles stemming from the 2009 tour (the pepper-spray and Irving’s elderly sexual advances) is giving him another chance and is handling all booking and ticket sales for his tour. The former Assistant to the Chair of the Indiana Libertarian Party, Jaenelle is also involved in her local white supremacist scene in Indianapolis, belonging to the hate group “Hoosier Nation” which is organizing to support Indiana’s anti-immigrant bill SB590.

David Irving, much like our own Chicago-based holocaust denier (and Northwestern University professor) Arthur Butz (2214 Central St, Apt 3 Evanston, IL 60201) and all other proponents of holocaust denial, have a very specific agenda that, upon further examination, has less to do with spreading their distorted fantasies, and more about Nazi sympathy, scapegoating Jews, and legitimizing racism. Holocaust deniers are attempting to lift the taboo off the holocaust in order to make Nazism a more accepted mass political ideology; in other words, they deny the holocaust so that it can happen again. Even some Nazis, such as William Pierce, find this to be absurd, claiming that holocaust denial proves one to be incapable of living up to the duties of white nationalism. Pierce and those who recognize that the holocaust happened believe it is something to be proud of and feel it should be understood as something necessary.

We anti-fascists find this historical perversion appalling, but — more importantly — find it an impetus to destroy their quest of creating a potential for fascism to gain ground. David Irving’s attempts to legitimize such a movement and to victimize Nazis as being bad jacketed must be met with organized militant resistance and shut down everywhere he attempts to make an appearance.

Below are the dates and locations where David Irving is scheduled to make an appearance. He frequently books his events under fake names to mislead the venues into not knowing what exactly they are getting into, and to prevent the possibility of being confronted by anti-fascists.

Demonstrate Against Hate in O.C.
April 23 @ 10605 Lawson River Ave.
Fountain Valley CA 92708

April 9: Indianapolis, IN
April 10: St. Louis, MO
April 12: Dallas, TX
April 13: Houston, TX
April 15: San Antonio, TX
April 16: El Paso, TX
April 17: Albuquerque, NM
April 20: Las Vegas, NV
April 21: Phoenix, AZ

April 22: Sherman Oaks CA
April 23: Fountn Valley CA
April 28: San Francisco, CA
April 29: Sacramento, CA
May 1: Portland, OR
May 2: Seattle, WA
May 3: Spokane, WA
May 4: Kalispell, MT
May 6: Billings, MT



May 8: Bismarck, ND
May 9: Fargo, ND
May 10: Minneapolis, MN
May 11: Madison, WI
May 12: Chicago, IL
May 13: Detroit, MI

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL SPEAKS

On Revolution

Revolutions to Come

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As fires of rebellion and resistance flash through ancient Arab cities, the nations' pundits (especially those of the rightish variety) warn us of impending doom, in the form of rising gas prices, and the bugaboo of near-hysterical proportions -- Islamists.

But there's a funny thing about rebellions and revolutions. They may begin one way, but no one - No One - knows where they will end. That's the nature of revolutions!

The voices of America's pundit class have apparently forgotten that the Founders that they like to revere and praise as Prophets of Freedom, were -- well, revolutionaries, who stood against the most powerful empire of the age -- the British (with a little help and money from the French)

The very notion of having a nation without a king was, well -- a revolutionary idea. That's why, when France had its revolution a few years later, the crowned heads of Europe got together (conspired, really) to beat them into the ground. For, back in those days, the conventional wisdom was that kings and queens ruled by the will of God; hence, the divine right of kings.

The American, French, and Haitian Revolutions put a real dent into such notions.

Abe Lincoln, speaking as a Congressman in 1848, told his fellow members: "It is a quality of revolutions not to go by old lines and old laws; but to break up both, and make new ones."

The forces roiling today in several North African and Persian Gulf countries have been held in check for generations by powerful, repressive and ruthless governments, many of whom have been staunch U.S. allies.

The forces which have been unleashed in recent weeks threaten to upend many, if not most of the old relationships and understandings that formed the basis of U.S. Mid-East policy.

Remarkably, none of the 'experts' on the region, few of the scholars, and virtually none of the talking heads on TV and cable had a clue, until the dam broke and the boiling rage burst forth.

We have no idea when or where these forces will dissipate. They may radiate for years. They may, indeed, spill out into other areas of the world.

That too, is the nature of revolution.

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On Libya

'Bombing His Own People?'

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As pro and anti-government forces battle for supremacy in the cities and deserts of Libya, in North Africa, the tenor and tone of U.S./Western reporting puts the lie to the often heard claim of journalistic objectivity.

The cheer-leading seems more apt for ESPN than on the nation's leading newscasts, spurred on, of course, by U.S. enmity against Col. Moammar Khaddafi, who has long been a thorn in the side of U.S. Imperial designs on the region.

Let us not pretend that American efforts are caused by solicitude for the suffering Libyan people, for easily 10 (or perhaps, 30!) times that number suffered under Egypt's President-for-life (and trusty U.S. ally), Hosni Mubarak, and the U.S. turned a deaf ear for decades to their cries. Only when the people rose up, and took the stage, did the U.S. start mumbling phrases about 'human rights', and concerns about 'violence'.

This, from a government that secretly sent (and may still be sending) men to Egyptian hellholes to be tortured via rendition --and killed by the dreaded secret police.

Indeed, anyone with a smattering of American history cannot even hear the media and political charges of a government attacking or bombing 'its own people' without cringing. For U.S. National Guard fired semi-automatic weapons at unarmed students in Kent State University, Ohio, killing 4 kids who were protesting the Vietnam War. Shortly thereafter, 2 Black kids were shot and killed by cops at Jackson State University, Mississippi, during a similar protest. Philadelphia, PA was the site of a government bombing a home, killing men, women and babies. This was the MOVE Bombing of May 13, 1985, where 11 people were bombed to death, and a whole city block reduced to smoldering rubble. **Were any of these bombers 'brought to justice?'**

And when Israel unleashed Operation Cast Lead against the Occupied Territories in Gaza, killing over 1,400 Palestinians - men, women, children, and the elderly -- and a respected South African judge, Richard Goldstone issued a report calling the strafings, bombings and high caliber shooting of civilians "war crimes", what did the Obama administration do? Did it criticize the bombers, or the judge?

Well -- guess. (If you guessed the judge, you were right, and it gives you some idea of how much the U.S. government cares about human rights, violence, governments bombing unarmed civilians, or the suffering of Arabs under repressive regimes)

Here's the lesson: Rebels, in every nation, catch hell.

On Japan

Japanese Winter

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The earth quakes, and the 'land of the rising sun' becomes a nation veiled in tears.

Tsunamis splash black water over miles of farmland, and cars bob around like inflatables in a bathtub.

Then, with electricity down, by rushing waters, nuclear power plants overheat, and we hear a word not heard for decades: meltdown.

It is too early to offer a definitive death toll (it is certainly in the thousands), but already endangered is the popularity of nuclear power plants.

It comes only months after the Obama administration pronounced its support for nuclear plant construction, an echo, of sorts, of its corporate-backed endorsement of deep sea oil drilling, shortly before the BP Deep Horizon oil spill of summer, 2010.

Of the top 30 nations utilizing nuclear energy, Japan is right in the middle (#15), generating almost 30% of its energy needs.

It is the irony of ironies that the only nation that experienced a nuclear bomb attack, Japan, is now threatened by meltdowns caused by natural disaster.

The country bombed by the U.S. experienced black rain and mass death. This disaster now upon it wrought black waves and thousands of deaths.

It is truly winter in Japan.



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Housing is a Human Right: Take Back the Land!

By Michael Novick, L.A. Housing and Hunger Crisis Conference, GrassrootsKPFK

Are you facing foreclosure or eviction? Are the police trying to sweep you off the street or drive you out of public housing? Are you struggling to put food on the table for your family? **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

More than 20% of Angelenos are not able to eat nutritious meals every day. Hundreds of thousands of homeowners face foreclosure. LA is carrying out a national strategy to privatize public housing and drive poor families to the outskirts of the region. Police treat poor and homeless people like criminals. Meanwhile schools and transportation are used to anchor real estate deals to gentrify neighborhoods. Public funds subsidize sports multi-millionaires. Taxpayers are forced to bail out the banks that have caused the housing crisis and economic crash.

It's time to stop blaming ourselves or looking for scapegoats. It's time to get together, figure out the roots of these problems, and begin to take collective direct action to solve our problems once and for all.

People are fighting back, across southern California and the US and around the world. People are struggling for food and water sovereignty, to defend the human right to housing and to take back the land! On April 8-10, an important conference on the housing and hunger crisis in Los Angeles will be held at the Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research and the Angelus Plaza auditorium downtown. It will bring together people victimized by the banks and the government in the current crisis, including homeowners facing foreclosure, tenants facing eviction or slum conditions, public housing residents facing privatization and displacement, and homeless people confronted by police sweeps and hate crimes. We will be addressing issues of hunger as well. As the food banks are being overwhelmed by families in need, the issue of food and water sovereignty must be a high priority.

At the conference, we will attempt to build practical unity for a collective fight-back around all these issues, while addressing some key questions. Why did the current economic crisis develop and spread out of the real estate sector in the U.S.? How did the collapse of housing prices and home sales, and the resulting credit crunch, lead to unyielding double digit unemployment? Why is the system willing to spend millions on a parking lot for real estate magnate Eli Broad's museum, but unwilling to maintain and provide decent public housing? Why are the prisons and jails, as Mumia Abu-Jamal has said, the largest public housing projects in the US?

What theoretical and strategic understandings can guide us in fighting back against the bailout of the banks even as they continue to foreclose on tens of thousands? How can we link together the separate struggles being waged by homeowners with those of tenants, public housing residents, and the homeless? How is it that land, so central to the economy and to life itself, is so often overlooked in economic and political analysis?

The system wants us to blame ourselves or to scapegoat others for these problems. But it is not the fault of the individual mortgage holder coerced by redlining into an adjustable rate sub-prime mortgage on an over-valued property. The impoverished residents of public housing or sub-standard slums are not to blame. The system wants to stigmatize unhoused people and those living in vehicles, or get us to point the finger at migrants. But the formerly incarcerated people looking for transitional housing should feel no shame, nor the unemployed and underemployed hunting desperately for jobs that aren't there. The fault is neither in our stars nor in ourselves – it is the system that's guilty.

Land -- the earth and water and all the creatures they support -- have always been the source of US wealth and the keystone of the US Empire. In the blood-soaked soil of southern CA in particular, "real estate" has been the linch-pin of capitalist wealth accumulation. When I wait for the train outside KPFK at the Metro Red Line Universal Studios station, the history of land theft is festooned on the platform, recounting the inglorious adventures of Indian killer Kit Carson and land-locked 'privateer' John Fremont in the conquest of Los Angeles and California. When the city dug to build a cultural center in La Plaza downtown, they unearthed the bones of the indigenous people who were here first.

The collapse of the housing bubble and the resulting credit crisis and bail-out of Wall Street revealed the truth of the importance of land to capital and capitalism -- the open secret that the mortgage market is larger than the stock market. This underscores the fact that land and labor are the basis of all wealth. Debt, especially mortgage debt, far exceeds equity. Even without the drop-off in housing prices after their absurd and unsustainable run up, interest payments on mortgages are always much greater than the value of the homes that guarantee them.

The effort by the banks to disguise this reality by "securitizing" toxic loans -- pretending to turn bad debt into a kind of asset or equity -- only magnified the

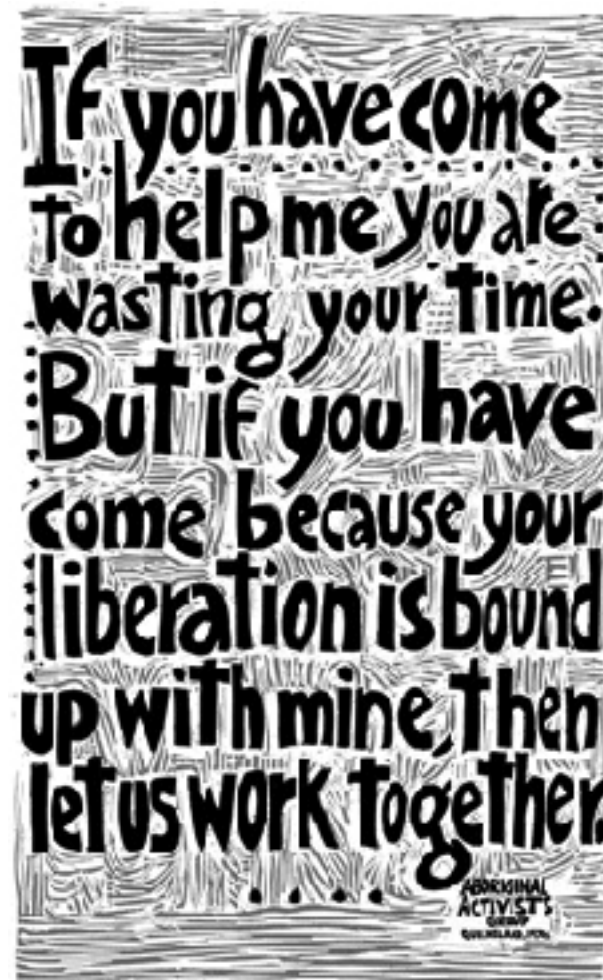
problem. The popping of the bubble exposed a deeper reality -- that land, housing and how we organize and finance them are as central to the nature of this system as labor. Real wealth is not in money or even gold, but in the land, its resources and the labor of its inhabitants. That's why to really deal with the current crisis in housing, or foreclosures, evictions and gentrification, we will need to take on the system and transform it.

Capitalism began with the transformation of land, and of nature itself, into "capital" through the private expropriation of the commons. By privatizing land and turning housing into a commodity, a proletariat was created that had to sell its labor power to survive. The extension of this system from Europe around the globe through settler colonialism is at the base of the subsequent "globalization" of capital. Empire is a house of cards based on the illegitimate conquest and theft of the land. Solidarity and unity in solving the problems of unemployment, layoffs, foreclosures or evictions, must begin with support for self-determination and sovereignty.

Title to land is not suddenly problematic only because the banks sliced and diced mortgages to sell them off in "credit default swaps." There is a fundamental challenge to the Empire's title to the land raised by the Hawaiians, the Maya, the Mohawk, the peoples of Africa, the Aboriginal Australians and all other indigenous peoples. It undermines the concepts of private ownership of land and of Empire-state national boundaries. It exposes the theft and fraud on which the edifice of mortgage debt, credit default swaps and derivatives rested and ultimately collapsed. It helps explain why high homeownership rates in the US, subsidized by tax policy, have helped to suppress working class struggle and unity.

The ability of the Empire to loot the resources and labor of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America, including the social wealth accumulated in the old Soviet bloc and in China under "communism," resulted in levels of capital accumulation unparalleled in human history. Bust follows capitalist 'boom' -- vast, steep and protracted economic contraction. It should not surprise us that just as in Eastern Europe, both the accumulation and the contraction have entailed the elimination of the life savings and social security of hundreds of millions of people. The imposition of austerity through attacks on the social safety net, public education and social services and pensions, is now spreading and deepening into an attack on organized labor. In Eastern Europe, privatization of social wealth resulted in a near-genocidal reduction in life expectancy. The pension system was looted by new, and newly rich, private entrepreneurs. We can expect the same here unless we unite and fight back.

The state carried out the expropriation of the lands and conquest of the peoples on which the production system is based. It has enforced the on-going social relationships that allow for the extraction of private wealth from economic growth. How long will the power of the state enforce the continuing extraction and accumulation of wealth from economic contraction (which may involve fascist or totalitarian methods of rule as it did during the Great Depression)? The answer depends on our ability to unite our separate but inter-related struggles and to recognize that winning requires a fundamental transformation of the economy, and our relationship to each other and to the land.



The Los Angeles Housing and Hunger Crisis Conference is an effort to advance that necessary process. The super-rich, the banks and the politicians have always used divide-and-conquer techniques to keep us from seeing that all their wealth comes from the people they exploit, and all their power comes from the people they oppress. By uniting, we can exert our power. The conference aims to bring together at a grassroots level people facing all the manifestations of this crisis, and to build unity in practice based on solidarity and mutual aid.

We will combine practical workshops about how to avoid foreclosure or eviction, defend tenants' rights, stop homeless sweeps and protect public housing and parks, with direct action strategies for growing and sharing healthy food, and rebuilding the commons. We will discuss using foreclosed housing and shuttered buildings to provide shelter fit for human habitation while we also seek to confront those corporate forces and politicians who have been gorging themselves at the expense of the common public good.

Come learn about indigenous rights, tenant and homeowner organizing, urban gardening and farmers' markets, urban environmental justice, and how to "fight city hall" and win! Meet Rob Robinson of the "Take Back the Land" Movement in New York, Miami and DC. Come share your own organizing efforts and struggles, share perspectives and help shape on-going strategies to shift the balance of power in favor of popular sovereignty, self-determination and solidarity. We can only solve these problems by building a strong movement that can transform the economic and political system that produces them!

The LA Housing and Hunger Crisis Conference will take place over three days. On Friday, April 8, from 7-10:00 PM at the Southern California Library, 6120 S. Vermont, LA there will be an opening program on the Culture of Resistance with music, art, teatro and spoken word. On Saturday, April 9, from 10 AM - 4:00 PM, the conference will shift to the Angelus Plaza Auditorium, at 255 S. Hill St. for the keynote speakers and plenary, skills share, know your rights and educational workshops, and a free lunch. On Sunday, April 10, from 12 noon-4:00 PM it returns to SCL, 6120 S. Vermont Ave., L.A. for strategy and alliance-building workshops.

The conference is sponsored by a coalition that includes GrassrootsKPFK, South Central Farmers, ARA, Coffee Party, Food Not Bombs, Workers Solidarity Alliance, Echo Park Community Leadership Council, Union de Vecinos, Black Riders and Brown Riders Liberation Party, Watercorps, Maggie Phair Institute and the MLK Coalition for Jobs, Justice and Peace. For more info, call 310-495-0299, or email h2c2la@yahoo.com.

Editor's note: March 2011 marked the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, proclaimed by an international socialist congress to commemorate working women's struggles for rights, equality and better working conditions in the U.S. It's also the centennial of the deadly Triangle Shirtwaist Fire in New York, where dozens of poor, mostly migrant working girls and women were incinerated or crushed due to exploitative, unsafe sweatshop conditions. Late in life, my mother told me that before she herself was born, her own aunt, Rose Friedman, had died in that fire, an odd skeleton to keep in the closet of a staunch trade union family. Imperialism pretends that "we've come a long way, baby," and that "post-feminist" women needn't worry about liberation. Yet women's oppression and exploitation, as much within the US as around the world, is still a key prop of capital, empire and reaction; and women's struggle for liberation is a key force in the development of popular movements with the power to build a new and better world. Susan Galley, known to readers of TTT as an activist in support of GI resistance, here speaks out about the plight and power of women in contemporary struggle.—Ed.

Another International Women's Day, another seventy-seven cents on the dollar

By Susan Galley

It's still true: for every \$1 a man in the US earns, a middle class, married woman earns 77 cents – and many women of color, even when heads of household, earn less than that. But such a quantitative view barely indicates the day-to-day lived experience behind the numbers. The wage disparities between US men and women are meaningless in developing countries. Even in countries that have minimum wage regulations – such as South Africa – they are easily ignored: the desperate are forced to accept whatever they're offered rather than stand on principle ... and go hungry. After my travels in the past few years to South Africa, Iraq, Israel, and Palestine I can report that, on International Women's Day, overall opportunities for women in these countries have shriveled. In Johannesburg, Baghdad and West Bank villages even a quick look around shows women's lives are more hazardous than ever -- and wage rates are only a small factor in the decline.

South Africa has one of the largest income inequalities in the world. The average income of the richest 20% of South African households, mostly white, is 45 times more than the average income of the poorest 20% of households, largely black and African. The majority of this nation's poor are rural African women whose incomes -- between R400 and R700 per month (\$1 = R7) -- derive mainly from pensions and remittances from relatives. But the bleak picture for South African women doesn't end there. This country holds the dubious honor of "rape capital of the world." In 1999, one in three of the 4,000 women questioned by the non-governmental organization CIET Africa, said they had been raped in the past year. In a related survey conducted among 1,500 schoolchildren in the Soweto Township, a quarter of all the boys interviewed said that "jackrolling" – vernacular for recreational gang rape - was "fun." Rape in South Africa frequently culminates in death – by stabbing, by bludgeoning, by strangling, or by a combination of these – and disemboweling

is a common coup de grâce. Babies as young as nine months are "jackrolled," too, often by groups of adult men attempting to cure their HIV/AIDS via the mythic "sex with a virgin" prescription. In 2003, the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in South African adults was 21.5%. Over 5.3 of 44 million South Africans carry the virus; life expectancy for women is 41.2 years.

Up close and personal: Eleanor is a middle-aged, working class, Xhosa woman with two grown children. The end of Apartheid in 1994 made her life easier: the demise of Apartheid's in-flux laws, for example, allowed her to work legally in Kwa-Zulu Natal where she'd spent her adult life hiding her ethnic origins so as to earn a living as a live-in domestic worker. Apartheid, however, had worked its poison on her children, whose economic opportunities were stunted by a system that instilled a view of themselves as good only for menial labor. Eleanor's son, Lucky, found crime paid better than the below-minimum wage he earned as a gas station attendant or working for tips as a parking lot attendant. His luck ran out, however, when a young woman he'd raped spotted him in the street and called the police. Lucky is currently awaiting trial in a local jail notorious for inmate-on-inmate rape and an excruciatingly high rate of HIV/AIDS transmission. Eleanor intuitively understands Lucky's future but feels she can't do anything about it: Apartheid may be gone but women's view of the state as omnipotent lives on....

Iraq: Since the United State and its coerced "coalition of the willing" invaded Iraq in March 2003 only the most intrepid statisticians collect data in that unfortunate country... and that data presents a ghastly view. Johns Hopkins researchers estimate that more than a half-million Iraqis have died as a result of the U.S.-led invasion and its bloody aftermath. Researchers for the online edition of a leading British medical journal, The Lancet, estimated that 654,000 more Iraqis died of various causes after the

invasion than would have died in a comparable period before. About 600,000 of those deaths are attributed to acts of violence, with gunshots emerging as the leading cause of death (56 percent of the total); air strikes, car bombs and other explosions each accounted for an additional 13 to 14 percent. Almost 60 percent of the deaths were among males aged 15 to 44. "To put these numbers in context, deaths are occurring in Iraq now at a rate more than three times that from before the invasion of March 2003. In this conflict, like all other recent conflicts, it's the population that bears the consequences," said Dr. Gilbert Burnham, lead author and co-director of the Center for Refugee and Disaster Response at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Up close and personal: Anwar Jeward's husband, son, and two daughters were shot to death when a U.S. patrol opened fire on the family car. Today Anwar lives in her brother's home with her surviving daughter, Abir, and Hassan, the son with whom she was pregnant when the shooting occurred. With marriage one of the few options for some sort of independence and respect for women with Anwar's traditional background, as an over-35-year-old single mother and a widow, her chance at a second marriage is about zero... even if enough marriageable men existed in Iraq. Since between half a million and 1.5 million people died in the eight-year war between Iraq and Iran and, with the death toll in current war, Iraqi men of that age are a dwindling minority. So Anwar will live in her brother's home and Abir and Hassan will not even benefit from the social programs that Saddam Hussein offered during his tenure as the U.S.-defined and supported "Butcher of Baghdad." Those programs – free education, a decent and cost-effective national medical plan, and enlightened laws and programs to up-lift Iraqi women and their children -- disappeared with Saddam and the ascendancy of the U.S. privatization schemes. Prior to the sanctions imposed upon Iraq during the 1990s, women's salaries, status and



independent opportunities had been among the highest in the Arab world.

Israel and the West Bank/Gaza Occupied Territories are so closely intertwined in the politics of pain that it is difficult to present one without the other. Women in these regions face major differences in access to resources that go far beyond wage disparity. Israeli/Palestinian unemployment rates -- respectively 8.6% to 20.3% in 2006 -- indicate that about 79% of Palestinians are employed. These percentages include Palestinians engaged in agricultural work, but don't indicate that many Palestinians farmers and agricultural workers are not in fact working. Instead, they are cut off from their workplaces – orchards and fields – by the 30-foot tall concrete wall or wire fence that cuts farmers off from their agricultural lands. Israelis view the wall as a vital "security barrier" that prevents suicide bombers from entering their towns. More to the point, though, is that just about every action that

alleviates an Israeli woman's daily chores – driving a car or catching a bus or taxi, taking a child to a medical facility, assuming relative safety for a child returning home after school – aggravates a Palestinian woman's chores. Some roads in the West Bank, for example, are prohibited to Palestinian cars, buses, and taxis, so these travelers are forced miles out of their way to cover short distances.

Up close and personal: Israeli Dorothy and Palestinian Amina present two sides of the same contradictory coin. Dorothy, born in the U.S., went on "Aliyah" to Israel in her teens, when the state of Israel was actively encouraging Americans to settle in that land. (Jews from all over the world are still encouraged to immigrate and settle in Israel -- despite the hardship this brings to indigenous people.) Dorothy married a first generation Israeli and brought up her children there. She lives a privileged middle-class life in a safe, north Tel Aviv suburb and is active in anti-militarism groups. Nonetheless, her grandchildren will almost certainly serve in the Israeli military -- likely in the Occupied Territories where indigenous Palestinian Amina has her home.

Ironically, while Amina has ancient family roots in Palestine, she is barred from accessing much of her ancestral land and its resources which are available to Dorothy and her family. Amina's three-year-old daughter, Lena, suffers from kidney disease and requires regular dialysis.

Dorothy drives on roads closed to Palestinians, as when she escorted Amina to the hospital when Lena's kidney's failed. But, when Dorothy can't smooth Amina and Lena's way over closed roads, or through Israeli check points, or hospital security systems, Amina and Lena are on their own. Then Amina must carry the child in her arms through the check points where Israeli soldiers arbitrarily refuse to



allow her to carry the medical equipment the child requires -- or even the right to travel to a hospital at all. After such refusals, Amina has, alone, in the dark, and in the rain, carried Lena over rock-strewn mountains for emergency medical care in Palestinian hospitals. Without Dorothy, getting the child to an Israeli hospital under these conditions would be impossible. Amina said, "Please understand that most Palestinian women do not have an Israeli ally such as Dorothy to rely on for help. Most Palestinians families struggle against far greater obstacles than I do...."

It is a tough to say whether today, women are struggling more than women did in 1908 when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter workdays and voting rights. But, it is significant that the comparison can even be made a century later. Women – and their families – are still at risk. Today, the risk is still man-made – exploitation and war are still primary culprits – but as our climates change and our planet's health declines, wage disparities may come to be seen as small potatoes. **It is time, now, to stand up for women's rights – and for the planet's health.**

Native Land Struggles, Then and Now: As long as the Rivers flow and the Grass grows

UNA Demanding Reparations and Accountability for the Illegal Taking of the Black Hills and the Homestake Gold Mine.

Friday March 25th and Saturday March 26th as TTT was going to press, the United Native Americans held a press conference and rally protesting the theft of the sacred Black Hills and the Homestake Gold Mine by the Hearsts, one of the "robber baron" wealthy families in the US. The rally was scheduled at the Hearst Castle entrance, 750 Hearst Castle Road, San Simeon, CA 93452.

Before its closing in 2002, Homestake Gold Mine was the oldest, largest and deepest mine in the Western Hemisphere, reaching more than 8000 feet below the town of Lead. It is one main source of the Hearst family fortune. (William Randolph Hearst was immortalized in the classic film "Citizen Kane," which doesn't mention the source of the family's wealth in stolen Native land.)

On August 29th, 1970, a small group of dedicated young Indians entered Mount Rushmore, the so-called "National Shrine of Democracy," located in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Indian people who took part in this outstanding feat, did so at the invitation of the local Indian people from Rapid City, South Dakota and the surrounding Reservations. Most of these young Indians were from different tribes and reservations who volunteered to help the Sioux in their efforts to force the Federal Government to pay for the illegal taking of their land 94 years earlier in 1877.

The re-taking started at 8:00 PM Saturday, the 29th of August 1970, when 23 young Indians, most of whom were college students, braved arrest and fines to help the Sioux regain their Sacred Black Hills. By 7:00 AM the next morning, after an all night game of hide and seek (or Rangers and Indians) most of the protesters had reached the top of the mountain, near the four faces of the Presidents, where they hung out a large flag, with the words, "SIOUX INDIAN POWER." After a Brief ceremony, they renamed the mountain "Crazy Horse Mountain" in honor of the famous war chief "Crazy Horse."

The incredible story behind this invasion and occupation started five days earlier, when the local Sioux Indian people from Rapid City, South Dakota and the surrounding reservations established picket lines at the base of the monument. After four days and nights of demonstrations the park authorities were not only still not listening, they seemed to think the whole thing was a big joke. That is until the local people invited out-of-state Indians and national Indian organizations to aid them in their heroic endeavor.

After taking the mountain and occupying it for a period of ten days or more, most of the college students and others were forced to return to school or their jobs. But by then the movement had caught on, and Indian people from across South Dakota were visiting the mountain to bring food and water, and replacing the original invaders by two-fold. This was the first Indian uprising in South Dakota since the Sioux wiped out Custer in 1876, and suddenly young and old alike were taking new faith. Indians were fighting back. During the second day of the Occupation, the park authorities sent a message that they wanted to talk with the leaders of the group, in order to determine what they wanted and how long they intended to stay. Lehman Brightman replied, "As long as the grass grows, the water flows and the sun shines," which didn't seem to please them much.

On-line references, history and resources: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=147763811947846>

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Calendar of Up-Coming Anti-Racist Actions:

LA Housing & Hunger Crisis Conference

Friday April 8 @7pm, Sunday April 10 @noon, So. Cal. Library, 6120 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles 90044
Sunday, April 9, 10 AM - 4:00 PM, Angelus Plaza auditorium, 255 S. Hill St, downtown L.A.

Confront Nazi apologist David Irving Tour in CA

Friday April 22, Sherman Oaks Saturday, April 23, Fountain Valley CA (Orange County)

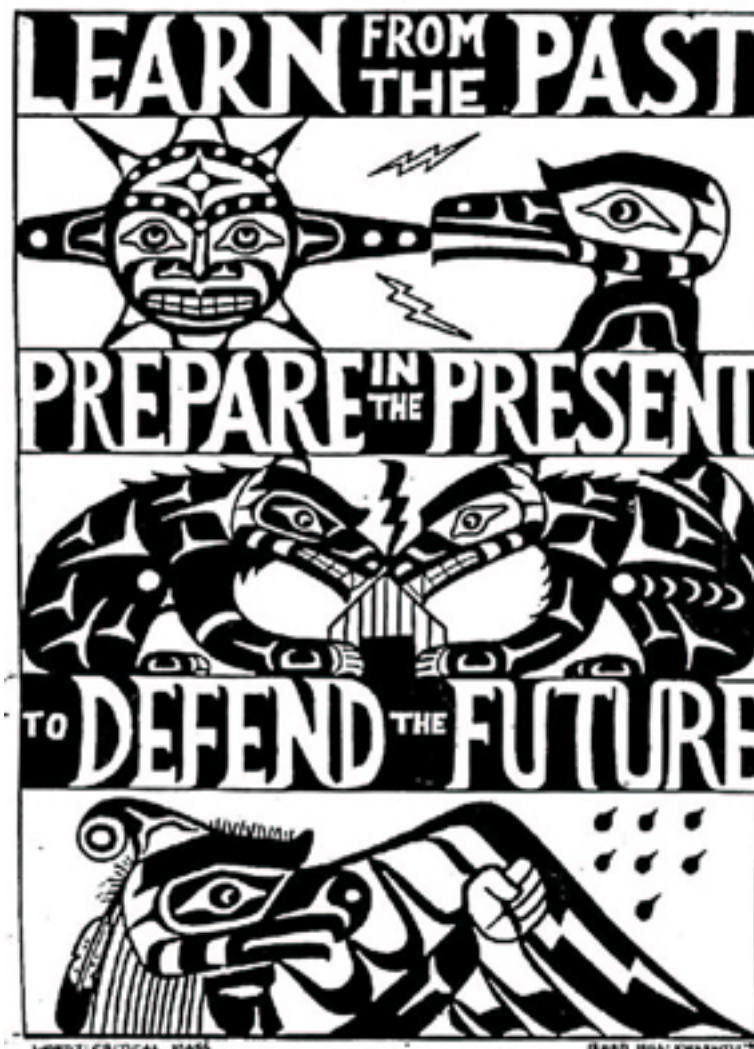
Peoples Justice Conference

incorporating Jericho Amnesty Movement "Peoples Tribunal on Political Prisoners"
Sat-Sun., May 14-15, Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Washington and Grand

May 1st International Workers' Day

Migrant and Workers' Rights International Solidarity March

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Native Youth Movement, Strong Heart Warrior Society Join Elders in Lakota Building Occupation

International Statement
Oglala Band of Native Youth Movement
Unsundered Lakota Nation
March 21, 2011

The Oglala Band Native Youth Movement and the Strong Heart Warrior Society are currently occupying a building in PahinSinte Lakota Nation, (so-called Porcupine, South Dakota) with Elders of the Lakota Nation.

Oglala Band of NYM was called to action after Elders began to occupy this building on March 4, 2011. Elders requested support to bring attention to the mental, physical, and spiritual abuse and the neglect of meal services that they are being excluded from.

The Elders, some 90+ years old, involved in this occupation have tried for 4 years to have their grievances heard and brought forth to the tribal governments but were completely ignored & disrespected. The Elders are the knowledge keepers of our Lakota Nation, traditionally our Elders, Grandmothers and Grandfathers were held with the upmost respect. It is now time that our Elders are heard, as Warriors we stand with them to let their voices be heard as a loud war cry and wake up our Nation.

The tribal government has applied for a vacate order, without any clear resolution to the initial grievances the Elders are addressing. In order to intimidate the Elders and Warriors in this occupation and keep the tribal corruption from being exposed one Lakota man, Dwayne Martin, has been arrested and detained on bunk charges related to his involvement in this occupation. Dwayne Martin is being held captive behind enemy lines as a political prisoner. The Elders demand his release. The BIA police are being used to also intimidate supporters, following people from the occupation, stopping and harassing them. We need support to bring a resolution to these issues and to let the Native community be aware of this occupation so that the Elders and Warriors are not isolated and criminalized.

Demand the Elders be respected and their grievances resolved. Contact John Yellow Bird Steel, OST president phone # 605-867-5821.

For more information about the occupation and to support contact:

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Peoples Justice Conference

May 14-15, Los Angeles CA
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The conference will link together those dealing with and struggling against police terror, mass incarceration and the prison-industrial complex, political repression and imprisonment, and the death penalty. The venue was not yet determined as Turning the Tide went to press with this issue.

Initiated by GrassrootsKPFK, a coalition of human rights activists who recently ran candidates for the local station board of Pacifica's KPFK-FM, the conference planning process has grown to include the LA Coalition for Justice for Oscar Grant, the Coalition for Community Control Over the Police, the LA chapter of the Jericho Amnesty Movement to free political prisoners, the Justice Working Group of the Martin Luther King Coalition for Jobs, Justice and Peace, the Brown Riders and Black Riders Liberation Party, Anti-Racist Action-LA/People Against Racist Terror (ARA-LA/PART), the Puerto Rican Alliance, the Workers Solidarity Alliance, the Free Association of Anarchists, and other grassroots groups.

The conference is designed to address the needs and concerns of the people impacted by the colonial, capitalist "criminal justice" system, and to unite forces to take a strategic popular offensive around these issues of oppression. Know Your Rights, educational and skills sharing workshops will take place, as well as a People's Tribunal on Human Right Violations against political prisoners, coordinated by the Jericho Amnesty Movement, cultural events, self-defense workshops, copwatch training, etc. The conference will also address issues such as the reintegration into socially useful employment of formerly incarcerated people, prisoner rights, including the right to release for three-strikers and old-time indeterminate sentence lifers, and efforts around prison and death penalty abolition.

The planning committee for this conference is meeting at the Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research, 6120 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90044, on Saturdays at noon. You can check out information and updates about the conference at www.blogspot.com/peoplesjusticeconference or sign up for the email list peoplesjusticeconference@googlegroups.com. For more information, contact peoplesjusticeconference@gmail.com or call 310-495-0299.

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