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...A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE!

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*3-Strikes* law takes a life.

San Diego, Calif.

Steven White, 30, convicted of a 1984 videotape record of woman who stole a $154 video cassette from a store. On April 6, after a day of suffering inside the cell, his evasive police, found three suspects arrested, known locally as "3-Strikes". Three strikes: You're out! The case has continued its previous course for everyone seeking for cohesive, suspect police rather than face the reality of his life in prison. In the letter he writes, "The only thing I was told that the three strikes law in California 23 for a petty theft of VCR. Fuck that!" White was convicted twice on the charge of battery.

Mill worker killed; accused of being a sniper.

Green Bay, Wis.

Eight people have been arrested in connection with the 1992 death of Thomas Morrell. Moullot’s body was found in the bottom of the vail vat at the James River Company.

He was accused of being an employee of the company and being with the plant’s workers.

Police kill Black youth, 16, Rebellion follows.

Paterson, NJ.

Five days of property destruction, expropriation ("booting"), and wrecker attacks against police offices, located Paterson, New Jersey, in early, African American youth took to the streets in protest of the killing of 16-year-old Lawrence Meyers by Paterson school officer Ronald Cohen. Meyers was shot in the back of the head when Cohen was reportedly "unarmed" to pull Meyers from a house. Meyers was unarmored.

Following the shooting, approximately 100 black students from John F. Kennedy High School marched to the Paterson City Hall demanding an explanation or apology only to be forcefully dispersed by police.

On Feb. 21st, after a large march, a hundred protesters at City Hall went, dispersing the rebellion, pulling off.

Not surprisingly, the middle and upper class religious leaders are blaring "peaceful" and "nonviolent" slogans. The same tactics of the Paterson Police Department collide itself Cornelia Against Police Brutality were used to deal with the predominantly African American protesters.

Outside violent "revolutionary" and "radical" rhetoric has been the same combination of nervous clerks and pro-protestors.

Police and FBI agents stage mass arrests of gang members, Los Angeles, Calif.

60 people were arrested on various charges including drug and physical assault on members of the Los Angeles police department. B.F. agents swept through South Central, Watts, Compton, and other power centers in West LA. White’s movements were held to eliminate the "gang problem" in the city.

F.B.I. to pay $45,000 to Shakopee informant.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. G. Fitzpatrick, an employee of the F.B.I. was approached by the agency and asked if he would meet with one of the FBI agents in Minneapolis, according to a recently released court document.

Fitzpatrick denies that the F.B.I. agents have paid him $45,000 for information.

Terrorists charge with assaulting officers: two "too violent".

Lebanon, New Hampshire.

A breakfast crowd in a small diner has been charged with assault for allegedly singing the national anthem of the three Vermont state troopers with a heavy amount of tobacco smoke.

Public housing residents protest cuts in housing funding, Seattle, Wash.

Over 100 people told the Federal Building in downtown Seattle to protest Republican cuts in low-income housing throughout the city.

Louisiana House of Representatives approved a decrease of 7.2 billion in the budget of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.). The resolution includes $400 million to local public housing operations such as the Seattle Housing Authority (S.H.A.), which only has $1.4 million to $3.5 million in operating money. Also threatened is a grant to the Seattle Community Action Program for repairs to the Park City housing project, located in the predominantly African American Rainier Valley area. The resolution, which will be considered in the House low-income housing hearing, but that this may cut may make their rent unaffordable and eliminate many other services.

Public advocate/activist banned from city property, New York City, NY.

Public advocate Mark Green, 33, banned from city property by the city by the city. Green’s opposition to the city’s efforts to ban, according to the city’s "research." Green has assets that Frisco and Giannini have engaged in "big brother" style criticism.

F. Grass and Green claims that they were merely protecting the city’s federal housing money from the wrath of Republican members of Congress.

Legal services for the poor targeted by GOP budget axe.

Washington State Republican Jim Clements of Yakima and chairman of Washington House Appropriations committee told the state budget which goes to public legal services for the poor. Under President Clinton’s budget, public legal services, one of the largest federal goals, will be eliminated by more than $200 million.

In "Balancing the Budget" by Robert J. Nelson, chairman of the House Finance Committee.

Initiative 159 on its "liberal" agenda.

Initiative 159 is a ballot proposal to cut the state budget.

In a sweep by bipartisan support Washington state’s Republicans and Democrats passed a package of $3.6. Initiative 129 on the "bill of rights" for working class, would add to current budget involving a "deadly weapon" and make that all enhanced taxes have been eliminated from discretionary condemnation, in addition to diminishing "good times" and early release, it also imposed deadlines for drive-by shootings or killing for gang and other crimes.

In Washington state’s state legislative for final approval.

Officer cleared of assault charges.

New York City, NY.

A judge has cleared NYPD officer Michael Kennedy of all charges stemming from an August 4, 1993 videotaped incident in Harlem. In the video, Kennedy is shown attacking an undercover police officer who was thought to be a drug dealer. A panel, followed by him in the group, drug him about the face and neck. Justice Leslie Crocker Snyder ruled that a Supreme Court that the prosecution had failed to prove that the victim had suffered "substantial pain.

"Anti-graffiti" vigilante kills one, wounds another.

San Fernando Valley, Calif.

Two graffiti artists, Costa Acela and David Willo, 26, were shot by a motorcyclist who caught the two throwing up a piece beneath an overpass of the Hollywood Freeway. Aces was killed by a sculpture in the back of the head and Willo received a wound to the buttocks. The gunman, 35-year-old William Martin, is being held on "self-defense" but was really on "personal retribution" after an incident of vandalism.

Martin did release a memorandum to concerned parties for not having a proper name and date of birth.

In addition, David Willo was charged with vandalism and is expected to remain in jail due to the nature of the incident.

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the death of his friend Arce due to a little known California law which states that if one accomplice is killed in the commission of a crime, the other defendant can be charged with his or her partner's death. Masters has received much support from the predominantly rich, white, and deviously conservative Jewish community to save the San Valley community and similar surrounding areas. In response to his actions, District Attorney B. Lincoln stated: "Where are you going to find twelve citizens to convict me?"

Guard Killed in the "most violent" penitentiary in the U.S.

L.A,: D'Antero Washington, a guard at the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta died from head injuries received from an inmate. According to the Bureau of Prisons, the F.B.I. was the first guard killed in Atlanta in 13 years and the first in Bureau of Prisons history since 1985. The F.B.I. also claims to have a suspect in custody, but has not released any name. No reason was given for the killing. According to the Atlanta Constitution newspaper, the penitentiary in Atlanta is one of the most dangerous prisons in the country with an assault rate of 31 per 1,000 prisoners.

FBI expands its field offices into foreign countries.

Washington, D.C., Temple Bacon: The Clinton administration is planning to open an FBI international police training academy in Budapest, Hungary, as part of an ever-widening web of international criminal activity such as drug trafficking, money laundering, and terrorism as "offends to national security." Using statutes that allow federal law enforcement agencies jurisdiction when American citizens are "threaened" overseas, the FBI has now begun to broaden its role globally in addition to its on-going investigations in the Gaza strip in Israel, Pakistan, and the Philippines.

Protests against "Contract With America" east and west.

Atlanta, Ga., Seattle, Wa.

The problem in Cobb County, Georgia was stormed by 300 angry demonstrators in a protest against Newt Gingrich and the Republican Party's "Contract With America." Out of all the protestors, including one white demonstrator who knocked a Sheriff's deputy to the ground, only two people were arrested: both of them Black. The march was organized by the Atlanta Labor Council. In a related story, 350-400 demonstrators marched from Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood, eventually speaking from the roof of the Republican headquarters. There were no arrests. The demonstration in Seattle was called by Jobs With Justice. The GOP has since moved out of the office space.

Small riot does damage to Washington State prison facility. Clallam Bay, Wa.:

Ten inmates at the Clallam Bay Correctional Center used broken toilet dishware, glass from cell doors, and their bare hands to cause thousands of dollars in damage to a wing of the prison. Fires were set using paper and bedding and holes were punched through the partitions separating the cells. Prison guards used stun grenades and tear gas to stop the rebellion. Clallam Bay is currently in "lock down".

Inmates rebel in defense of religious freedom.

Columbia, South Carolina: Inmates at the Dye Road Correctional Institution took hostages and stabbed five guards in an 11-hour standoff triggered by a series of new rules including one that requires inmates to be no longer than the ceiling. Many Southern and Muslim prisoners have protested this new rule, saying it violates their freedom of religion. The ACLU is also challenging the new rule in court.

Bomb blast does heavy damage to Federal office building, many casualties.

Ohio City, Ohio:

A bomb dropped through the Federal Building in Ohio City, destroying the front of the building and blowing out windows for blocks. One hundred Sixty-seven people were on the third floor of the building and 96 of the dead being pensioners who were at the daycare located inside the building at the time of the blast. Many more were trapped inside the site structure. The bomb went off at 7:00 a.m. during the early morning, arrival of office workers and social security recipients. The FBI has arrested two white males, one of them linked to the Michigan Militia, a right-wing paramilitary, anti-government group. The FBI is also seeking 2 to 5 "persons of interest" in relation to the bombing. As expected, the major media is pumping this thing up with waves of the cloak coverage. Much flag-waving, chest-beating, and other related nationalist dogma has also been emanating from the White House where President Clinton is pushing for more authoritarian measures to combat terrorism, putting increased pressure on Congress to pass the proposed Omnibus Counter-terrorism Bill.

FBI to change rules for investigation of dissenter groups. Washington, DC:

The head of the FBI, Louis Freeh, and the Deputy Attorney General Zalmay Gorelick have announced to Congress that the Justice Department intends to broaden its guidelines to permit the government to conduct broad inquiries into organizations that advocate violence even if federal authorities have no reasonable evidence of an imminent or actual criminal violation. Freeh said the new interpretation, which does not require new legislation, would be carried out by the FBI and the Justice Department. He also warned that Congressional involvement would be "counter-productive." Freeh went on to say that the new interpretation would permit agents to open broad investigations "with respect to a domestic terrorism group if that group advocated violence or force with respect to achieving any political or social objectives." The measure would also expand the authority of federal agents to use electronic surveillance for investigating every type of federal crime.

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WELFARE REFORM: One more reason for Revolution

By G. Jackson

Our case for national health care is the most compelling of the three major issues we face today. It is not only a question of improving the quality of life for all Americans, but also a question of justice and moral principle. The current system of health care is unjust, discriminatory, and inefficient. It is time we acted to create a new system that is fair, accessible, and affordable for all.

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The Poor Peoples' Survival Movement: A Revolutionary Draft Proposal for Going on the Offensive.

By Lorenzo Kambou Ervin.

Although the poor are currently under serious attack from the rich class by their agents in the Republican Party, who now are administering the state, the idea for the Poor Peoples' Survival Movement (PPSM) does not emanate from that current reality, we want a social revolution. But a fight back movement of the poor is in fact long overdue, yet we must recognize an important milestone in class warfare, not simply partisan politics by the conservative Republicans. The Liberal Democrats may say fight back, but in fact their policies are also designed to suppress the poor, they just use the "velvet glove", while the Republicans use the "iron fist". Neither one of their policies are designed to do anything but protect the system of capitalism. In fact, we need to say fight back that social welfare is a set of policies and programs with no other purpose than to stave off revolution by "softening" the blow of capitalist exploitation and creating dependency in the most desperate sector of the working class.

I have a view about the poor and the "super-rich". There is of course the traditional poor in capitalist society, who have been regulated by the state with social welfare programs, but when we talk about the super-rich or the "new poor", we are talking about a class of people with no social support whatsoever and no possibility for gainful employment ever under the capitalist system, and this is a new development. We are also talking about the kind of poverty which destroys whole communities because of the new phenomena of long-run unemployment which appeared in the early 1970's brought on by the capitalist trade war, automation, restructuring, "downsizing" of the employee base of companies and more forced overtime, relocation of jobs to the outer cities or to low-wage foreign countries entirely, and similar factors which are coupled with social disintegration (or the withdrawal of community development by local power structures, and a sharp rationalization of revenue sharing dollars, dearly for the urban areas by the federal government) has made outright paupers of this already most desperate sector of the working class. That is why we seek such homelessness and unemployment in places like South Central Los Angeles. That is why also the answer is not on the community level, instead of the national government, although we must shake the money out of their pockets.

But as revolutionaries we have to watch what we ask for when fighting for control of these funds, so we ask for a "better" government social welfare program, we just might get it! We will instead demand that tax dollars and other government resources go directly to the people, so those agencies set up by neighborhood coalitions instead of to the various state governments and its bureaucratic structures. We may be talking of some form of community development credit institution or "people's bank" but any of that is preferable to state administering those funds itself.

But we also should recognize that poverty has now been "moralized". If we look at how Black males are disproportionately unemployed, how Black women are forced into ever increasing numbers to head one-parent families, how Blacks, communities like Harlem, South Central LA, are stripped of economic life supports, then it should be clear how race, class and gender work under this system. All the social problems that the white liberal media lampoon to show as "proof" of the inferiority of the black "underclass" is instead proof of the racism and exploitation of people of color under this system. The capitalist economic crisis of the last 30 years has really hit the Black and Hispanic poor the hardest because of the large scale withdrawal of community development dollars by the government and targeted unemployment which has devastated our communities and made existing social problems that much worse.

Drug addiction, gang bashing, teen pregnancy, wife battering, murders, and other maladies are not just behavioral problems requiring the police or Christian missionaries carrying the word of Jesus Christ, they are man-made related to the labor market. People who can't get a job will lash out in misplaced anger, will try to dull the pain with dope and then drugs, or will take some desperate actions to survive. That is why the graveyard, the prison, and the insane asylum are full of young Black men and women.

We must definitively fight against the continuing impoverishment of the poor, and such fights have plenty of revolutionary potential. The struggles toward economic justice can educate broad masses of people, both those who directly participate, as well as those who merely observe the process at the moment. In the latter case, the mass movement will be doing away with the illusion of many of the fairness of the state, will challenge the race and class propertied of possibility millions.

Our participation in the PPSM will also force us the way to go into struggle because if we recognize that we are in a class war then this will give us some idea of how to build this movement so that we will succeed and go all the way to social revolution. Because we will then understand that it is not the majority which really rules in this society, but something less than 1% of the population, a class of super-rich. We will then understand why we have to reject capitalism as an ideal, since we will know that the democratic state is politically bankrupt and under the control of the rich and their political parties. Republicanism or the Black Democrats on the Left. Finally, people them will begin to realize that we cannot depend upon the government for the solution at all.

The Black Panther was part of every such mass movement of poor people, which has the power to enlist class allies throughout society and thoroughly transform this oppressive civilization we live under. We will only be part of any such movement, we will not try to make it into some sort of "frost group" behind which we hide our politics from the mass of people. That is how the Communists and others may work, but we do not accept such methods. We will work to create a network of activists in the anti-poverty movement that we can find unity with, and work from there to create a mass movement of a new type. This means we might work with groups like Food Not Bombs, the IWU, Up and Out of Poverty, or Empty the Shelters, and other left poor people's organizations, but our primary allies are poverty and homeless groups, as well as poor Black people in the housing projects and in gentrifying communities all over the country. That would be the beginning basis of our coalition.

One thing we don't knew, however, is these people know it-all sectoral "radical" groups like the Ridiculous Communist Party (RCP) and the Silly Workers Party (SWP) joining us and getting in the way, even though under limited circumstances, a principle unity in action may be possible. We are political parties, not sectarians, and can work in a mass movement with people whose views we find objectionable. Unlike many of these groups, however, we do not have the dogmatic position that we have the answer to all the world's problems, and so people should just blindly follow us. We have part of the answer, and working with others a solution will be revealed.

Creation of the Welfare State

But no matter how we are fighting, we need to know how it all began. Historically, instead of letting the working people starve to death, especially the "serve army of labor" (to use a Marxist sociological term for the permanently unemployed), the state would provide them with a subsistence income. Especially in a time of a depression or financial panic, the cost is too great.

But when the possibility of revolution receded, then the conservative's would always hold the formation of such benefits. This period is not the first time this has occurred, in fact the "welfare state" created by the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930's, the Republicans have tried to eliminate social welfare policies. But, in fact, capitalism itself was saved during the Great Depression (1929-1939) by mass relief and so his policies gained hegemony, and have remained in place for over 50 years. The very institutional framework of the American government was totally reorganized and "modernized" by Roosevelt's reform policies. Social Security was created for workers' retirement (and later even income support), the Works Progress Administration for public works programs, other programs to disperse food commodities, farm subsidies, the creation of the Federal Housing Authority and the FDIC to protect the banks, and a host of other programs to ensure that nothing like an economic crisis on this scale could happen again.

It is interesting that the Federal Bureau of Prisons was also created by Roosevelt at this time to serve as brutal concentration camp if his social welfare policies failed to stem the anger and the radical organizing of the workers!

New Roosevelt did not just pluck these ideas for his social programs out of the clear blue sky, but in fact they had been demands previously raised by the Depression-generation unemployed movements, many of which were led by radicals of the Left. The problem is that these radicals saw such demands as the way forward to a compromise with the Roosevelt administration, rather than using the deep crisis to overthrow capitalist rule. Elements of the Communist
Party U.S.A., and other left-wingers actually joined in Roosevelt’s social-reform movements or endorsed his candidacy for President during his four runs for President. This isn’t a textbook example of what happens when poor people’s movements are just fighting for the continuation of the establishment of social-welfare policies. This just strengthens capitalist state power when we do not expose the state and capitalism for their oppression of workers and the poor, and only attempt to wrest concessions as a way of appeasement of the poor. The poor workers however do not want a movement which only begs for crumbs, even though we must demand concessions to stave off social distress caused by the government entirely. We want to empower the poor, not increase their dependency on government social-reform policies. We do not accept either the lamentable liberal, retrograde radical or reactionary conservative “solutions” to our plight. The capitalist government, which creates these problems in the first place should not be seen as the instrument of our liberation, it must be smashed!

Rise of the New Conservative Right-wing

For the last fifty years or more, a succession of welfare state federal agencies have administered the government’s social-reform programs and increased the amount of bureaucracy controlled by such agencies. Roosevelt’s programs have been expanded upon a hundredfold along with the authoritarian nature and power of the government. The first attack came with the administration of Ronald Reagan (1980-1988). Reagan publicly attacked the idea of administering social programs as “wasteful” and also “unnecessary”, and claimed it was re sponsible for the national debt, all the while he was building up the largest “defense” establishment in the world, and buying every piece of military hardware he could find. The neoliberal planners could dream up. The economy had barely gotten over the military in the 15 years of the Vietnam War, when it came along and tripled military spending and thus created a huge national debt of trillions of dollars. But predictably he had the answer which followed him had used racist “code words” and demagoguery to scapegoat blacks and the poor for the financial problems of the state. Reagan said the liberals gave away all the government’s money to “lazy” welfare recipients, and this has been the line of attack on the welfare state ever since.

The Republican Party’s conservative movement, which got strong around the time of Reagan’s rise, claims not to be racist or class bigots, but to rather be motivated to repress the reality of big government programs, private-sector spending, which they claim is re sponsible for the current capitalist financial depression. They say social welfare policies, not the bloated military budget, is responsible for the budget crisis and the worldwide capitalist economic downturn. They say homelessness and mass unemployment are the fault of the poor and “they” working-class elements who have lost their “life style”, and not capitalist economic system. They especially single out a so-called “Black underclass” who they say are responsible for the desperate and miserable conditions of the urban black working-class communities, and especially for the black youth who are striking out in malevolent rage.

This ruling-class propaganda is perpetuated by a “race” group of conservative intellectuals in the black community like Thomas Sowell, Clarence Thomas, Walter J. Williams and others “exhaling” (a euphemism) from the white establishment with the Republicans.

These blackhawks have been given good jobs selling us out. They know welfare just makes class-oligarchs and racial oppression in capitalist society, but they have hired themselves out to the right to create a smoke screen that these welfare dependents are a menace that breed, ("alligator and wolves" as one conservative politician referred to them), that is, they are black, "law and order" and other themes, which have been beaten into them by the mercenary media and political oligarchs. Millions of ordinary people believe this garbage, even some in the ranks of labor movement, which is why it is so difficult to organize the class-conscious black youth who are poor and powerless, and build militant out of all workers across lines of race and current economic conditions. Simply upper middle-class elements of the American working class are a decadent class, an aristocracy of labor which has been bought off by capitalism. They fight to preserve their privileges, and nothing else matters. They know blacks and poor cannot be co-opted or bought off by the front of any depression, that Harlem or South Central LA will suffer more than the rich, and they know that any co-optation will not be good for the government and the state will become an even more authoritarian vehicle to protect their privileges. This is why our mass movement must be one that challenges racism on a mass scale, not just a group of Nativist with no social policy, but the racist movement currently holding state power and the capitalist class behind them. They say that ideological offensive of class and race hate using "code words" must be exposed and defeated.

Building A New Mass Movement

There have been demonstrations against the Republican Contract with America. But notice that currently most of the protests for against the Contract with America have been led by students, middle class civil rights activists, civil libertarians, labor unionists, and others, and liberal reform groups, rather than the people in the projects or homeless people. And predictably they have framed the “race” in terms of partisan politics. Which is why the PPSM must be led by the most oppressed and disaffected people, not middle-class elements of the PPSM.”

VIOLENT PROTESTS, WHERE EVERYONE...
Lessons of a Southern Anti-Police Brutality Coalition.

The Concerned Citizens for Justice was founded in Chatham, Georgia, by Dr. Wadie Sattles, who was murdered by two city jail guards in 1983. The Concerned Citizens for Justice was a group of citizens who were concerned about the treatment of Black people in the jails and the police brutality that was occurring in the community. The group was formed in response to the murder of Wadie Sattles, who was killed by two city jail guards.

When the Concerned Citizens for Justice was formed, they began to organize a movement to bring attention to the police brutality that was occurring in the community. They held protests, rallies, and meetings to raise awareness about the issue and to demand justice for Wadie Sattles.

The Concerned Citizens for Justice was a successful organization that brought attention to the issue of police brutality in the community. Their efforts helped to bring about changes in the police department and to improve the treatment of Black people in the community.

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Devil's Island.

By Reginald Sinclair Lewis (Note. Views expressed by guest columnists are necessarily those of Black Anatomy newspaper or the B.P.C.P.)

At this new, high-tech, super-maximum security prison located in the gold-sketched woods of upstate Pennsylvania, vicious, odious, enflamed with thrust teeth razor wire strung atop the perimeter fences glows wickedly, invitingly, the 'baddest reas of the state. This is a multi-million dollar gulag, built for the 'throwaway convicts,' the so-called 'wastes of the world,' and for the white supremacist's terminology, the 'baddest reas of the state.'

There's a collective feeling among my fellow Dieh Youth that this will be the killing grounds for the state's newly elected Republican governor who has been swept into office on a wave of white ignorance and by capitalizing on the 'Witlet Horton' issue.

THESE PRISONERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Pigs, prison officials escalate vendetta against Mummy.

Despite the shift calls for censure made by the Philadelphia Federal Order of Police, "Live From Death Row" a collection of writings by political prisoner and death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal is set for publication on May 2 by the Addison-Wesley Publishing Company. The Federal Order of Police, along with the Philadelphia state government, has also attempted to seize a $30,000 advance made to Jamal by the publisher. In addition, Jamal has been placed under 'Investigation' status, thus being denied access to major media such as People Magazine, National Public Radio, and ABC News who have requested interviews.

As Jamal recently wrote, "They are trying to build a climate of death, with me as a mate bystander. If the prison officials have violated Jamal's lawyer-client privilege, confiscated his legal correspondence, and prevented visitation by his legal assistants.

Jamal was convicted in 1982 of killing a Philadelphia police officer by an all-white jury, while being represented with admittedly incompetent legal counsel (after being denied by the judge his right to represent himself), based on flimsy evidence and perjured testimony.

Copies of Mumia Abu-Jamal's "Live From Death Row" can be purchased for $50 plus shipping and handling from Addison-Wesley (101 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10011).

For more information on how you can support Mumia's legal defense, and the aspiring jailhouse rap artists kicking off lyrics against the metal tables used for drum beats, I refer to January 23, 1983, the day I returned from visiting a relative in San Diego, California. And the day my descent down the long dark corridor of death row started.

Philadelphia homicide cops continue for years to come we ask that no one send us any drugs or stolen goods that will only give the police (FBI, US postal Police reasons to flock to with us. We also ask for donations from people on the 'outside' to help keep the program going, since mailing does get expensive. Make a check payable to "C.L.P. Publications", mark the envelope "attention: Prisoners' Voice Program" and send it to the address listed in the front of this newspaper.

Demand Clemency for Anne Louise Apodaca!

Anne Louise Apodaca, who is currently incarcerated in the New Mexico Women's Correction Facility in Grants, New Mexico, Apodaca was convicted in 1992 of first degree murder and conspiracy in the killing of her husband Edward Apodaca after enduring years of physical violence, rape, sexual assault and mistreatment from her. At the time of his execution, Edward Apodaca was under investigation by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation as a suspect in the kidnapping, raping and murdering a young girl from Clear Creek County, Colorado.

For more information on the case or the campaign for clemency you can write to Anne Louise Apodaca CCA447021 PO Box 800 Grants, NM 87802

U.S. prisoners to be warehoused in Mexico.

A newly elected Georgia congressman, a former aide to House Speaker Newt Gingrich and a former police officer has begun work on a NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)-inspired bill that would sub-contract long term incarceration at bargain prices to Mexican authorities.

Initiates from this country would serve their sentences in Mexican prisons, since it would be even cheaper for states to sub-contract there than it would be to approach private corporations here. According to the Anderson Valley Advertiser, this congressman has already spoken with Mexican authorities and negotiations are underway.

It was estimated that $20 billion would be spent on building new prisons in the next twenty years and that American prisons will become profitably mismanaged over the next thirty year period in California alone, according to the voters sample.

Bureau of Prisons to begin electruciting prisoners.

A Bureau of Prisons (BOP) policy statement (P.S. 555B.00), dated September 30, 1994, has authorized federal prison officials to use what it describes as a 'Remote Electronically Activated Technology (REAT) Stun Belt' as a means of control. Prisoners classified at maximum control levels will be "asked" to sign "inmate Notification of Custody Control Belt Form" to begin this latest method of cruelty. The box begins today at a cost of $39,000 volt shock by means of a remote control transmitter. On the form, prisoners are told that this belt may be activated for reasons such as conspiring with the belt, failure to obey commands given by a BOP guard, any attempt to escape an area, any failure to report to contact by BOP staff, or any attempt to harm oneself or others.

Symptoms such as uncontrollable violent reactions, inability to stand are what the BOP claims will occur after a prisoner is shocked. What they fail to mention is the very real potential for heart attack, permanent memory loss, permanent twitching, or even death if the prisoner has a weak heart.

Another issue they don't mention is that in the case of Hickey v. Reeder, 84, 73-754 (8th Cir.1973) the judge ruled that forcing a prisoner to supply to prison staff commands by use of a stun gun was cruel and unusual punishment and therefore unconstitutional.

Proposals to put prisoners to death as a form of punishment have continued to gather momentum as interest in alternative methods like the electric chair continues to grow. Inmates advocates continue to pressure the legislature to ban the use of the electric chair as a form of punishment.

[Note: Views expressed by guest columnists are necessarily those of Black Anatomy newspaper or the B.P.C.P.]
ARMING FOR WAR (Part 2): EPILOGUE, IMPRESSIONS, AND PREDICTIONS.

By G. Jackson

On April 15 the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was virtually devastated by a律师事务所 mail explosion packed with a small amount of black powder. After the explosion, the death toll stood at 167, with others seriously injured. 19 of the dead are children.

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Someone else argued that the US is under fire from civil wars in the Middle East and that somehow this was a sign of how the US was involved in the Middle East.

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A Call For Amnesty for Black Political Prisoners

by Lorenzo Kombay Ervin
Federation of Black Community Partisans

My name is Lorenzo Kombay Ervin. I live in Atlanta. Ga. In the late 1960's, I was a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Black Panther Party (BPP). Because of my activities in the Black community, I was arrested and imprisoned in the late 1960's and early 1970's, as a result of my struggle to end a system of racial discrimination.

March 8, 1972, in connection with the arrest and imprisonment of me, the New York Times published a story headlined: "Black Regime In U.S. Plans To Release 35 Political Prisoners." This was the first time in the history of the United States of America that a Black Regime had made a public statement that it was planning to release political prisoners. This was a major turning point in the struggle for political prisoners in the United States of America.

The idea of a general amnesty for Black political prisoners is one that has been discussed at various levels. The call for a general amnesty is based on the following considerations:

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Random Notes.
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Alert for those who use syringes: Baltimore, Md.
A new report just out by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has raised awareness of the need for needle exchange programs. The CDC has found that 18% of blood-borne illnesses are transmitted through syringes. The report emphasizes the importance of proper disposal of used needles and the need for education on safe injection practices.

The Asymmetrical Technology (AT) has launched a major recruiting drive in the Pacific Northwest. The AT is a group of white supremacists who have been active in the region for several years. They have already recruited over 500 new members in the last year alone.

Neo-Nazi caught with plague bacillus: Lancaster, Calif.
Larry Harris, a mechanic for Super Libs, was arrested on May 8 after police found a suspected weapon of mass destruction. The weapon, a small device containing a mixture of Swan and Sencer, was detected by bomb-sniffing dogs. Harris, who is suspected of being a member of the Aryan Nations, has been charged with possession of a destructive device.

Proposition 187 continues to inflame: Los Angeles, Calif.
According to the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles (CHIRLA), the goal of Proposition 187 is to reduce the number of illegal immigrants in California. The measure, which would have required schools to verify the legal status of all students, was defeated by a narrow margin. The issue remains a热点 topic in California politics.

A roadblock to jobs: Pomona, Calif.
A traffic stop by police officers resulted in a search of the car, leading to the discovery of immigration papers. The driver, a legal resident, was found to have used the papers to exceed the speed limit and was subsequently ticketed.

A 12-year-old boy was arrested after allegedly threatening to detonate a package in a school. The boy was later found to have had no intention of carrying out the threat.

The flag burning amendment was sent to the judiciary committee: Washington, D.C.
The House Judiciary Committee recently approved the flag burning amendment. The amendment would ban the desecration of the flag and make it a federal crime.

Time is running out: Grants Pass, Ore.
The city of Grants Pass is preparing to vote on a new city ordinance that would limit the number of drug-related arrests. The ordinance has sparked debate among community members.

Mental health counseling: Salt Lake City, Utah.
The Utah Department of Mental Health is offering counseling services to those affected by the recent influx of refugees. The department is working to provide support and resources to those in need.

Stop Censorship: Salt Lake City, Utah.
The Salt Lake City Council is considering a resolution that would ban the censorship of political speech. The resolution is being considered in response to recent attempts to censor political speech.

Support Books to Prisoners: Seattle, Wash.
Books to Prisoners is a non-profit organization that provides reading materials to incarcerated individuals. The organization is seeking donations to fund their efforts.

The only answer to rape: New York, N.Y.
Using an armed personnel carrier, 240 U.S. military police took control of the two buildings that housed the headquarters of the white-supremacist group. The group, which had been operating out of the buildings, was dispersed.
Anarchism in Action

In each issue of Black Autonome, we focus briefly on struggles from around the world in which anti-authoritarian organizing has played a major role in mobilizing and Poor working and poor class people to take their lives back from repressive governments and other institutions."

On January 1, 1974 four towns in the state of Chiapas in southern Mexico were seized by the indigenous National Liberation Army of the Zapatista (EZLN). In the wake of decades of poverty, racism, human rights abuses, economic oppression, and other despair the indigenous population of the area revolted. The EZLN has continued to fight against the government and the military since then. This essay focuses on the role of the EZLN in the struggle for autonomy in Chiapas.

One of the aspects of the Zapatista movement is its dedication to making space for other Latin American guerrilla movements and in so doing is a new model for revolutionary struggles in this new context and structure of organizations, direct democracy by general assemblies of the people in the direct decision-making process. While the armed Zapatista army itself operates with a hierarchical, military-style command structure, the Zapatista movement as a whole has developed an anti-authoritarian, collective decision-making process with a strong tradition of direct democracy out of indigenous traditions, as opposed to any particular ideology. Strategic issues are articulated and acted upon by the communities through their representatives in the Council of Revolutionary Indigenous Communities (CRIAC). The EZLN does not form a single political party and its members operate independently of any political party. It is an organization that works through direct democracy, with all members having an equal voice and input in decision-making.

In the following passage, Subcomandante Marcos, a spokesperson for the EZLN talks about the development of the EZLN and the practice of direct democracy by the indigenous population.

Some of our readers may remember Subcomandante Marcos as one of several masked figures in television news coverage or on TV. The reason behind the masks is a fear of being recognized and arrested by the Mexican government. The EZLN has already moved beyond that stage since all of the people of all of the villages participating in the uprising are already considered guilty by association and proxy by the government. The purpose of the masks is to avoid a situation that Zapatistas call *conformismo*, someone being singled out, or even putting themselves forward as a leader of the revolution (something we say the FBI called "personality cult.")

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"Between the proposals of the guerrilla group, the overall group of the EZLN and the communists. This means that there are different expectations of the movement. On one hand, there are those who hope that armed struggle would bring about a revolution and a change of power. In the end it would be the people who took power. On the other hand, there were those who had more immediate expectations of the independence parties. For them, the necessity of armed struggle was more a form of defense of the guerrilla groups of very violent, aggressive and powerful sectors. The indigenous people realized the necessity of learning to defend themselves. They needed military instruction, and we needed the support of a social base. And we also tried to convince them of the necessity of a broader political project. That didn't occur, and the project of the EZLN was defeated. But the EZLN is now the community. In that moment, the difference between the communities and the EZLN began to disappear until it reached the point when you see now when whole communities are Zapatistas... the communities of the Indigenous EZLN did not participate in the development of anchorite groups. But they did develop an autonomous collective with two of these characteristics: the leadership is collective, and it is removable. A moment arrives in which we can no longer carry on without the approval of the people, and then the people withdraw. It was something understood by both parties that we needed to develop an autonomous movement, but we understood that this was something that couldn't be done by ourselves. When I understand that, I would say 'no, we can do something without consulting them, we would lose them. What is that made this possible?' - a centralized control? Not at all, it was that decisions of this kind were made by consensus or consultation. It is more than consultation; it is not a form of consultation in the sense of what you think but more to ask, 'what do you want to happen?' The purpose of this is to give power to those who should have power. If there is an organization that is willing to take on the task of making a decision, we have to support them, the people have to understand that we are working as a collective and that they have to be involved."

It needs to be made crystal clear that the Zapatistas are anti-autoritarians. Nor are they any brand of Marxist (Leninist, Maoist, dengist, stalinist) etc. They are influenced somewhat by the ideas of Emiliano Zapata, a Mexican peasant and anachorist who fought in the Mexican revolution around 1910-1914. However, the ideas of Emiliano Zapata were not widely supported in Mexico until recently. The EZLN is a direct descendant of the Zapatista movement.

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by Lorenzo Komboa Ervin

I've decided to conclude Parts 3 and 4 into this discussion. I believe both were short enough to justify doing so. This is the final installment of Lorenzo Ervin's Free Press articles. Parts 4 and 42, see Black Anarchist 42.

Bare bones are available for $1.00 per page from FPC Publicity. The collected work may appear as an FPC pamphlet in the near future, depending on reader demand.

ANARCHIST COMMUNISM AND FREEDOM (Part 3 of 4)

The ideas of Communards are repugnant to all those who call themselves "good Americans." So, if you say the social revolution you are in favor of includes anything to do with communism, right away they start breathing fast and accusing you of "wanting to take away our freedom." They see the specter of Communards, the KGB, GDR, Joe Stalin's brainwashing, and every other perception of the old "Red Scare." The Cold War did its work well, and the Soviets have done a great deal to erect a mental barrier against the idea of self-government in its truest form. The same can be said about the Thai, Koreans, Vietnamese, Chinese, Russians, Cubans, the "Great Eastern Experiment," and even parts of its "socialist" policies.

We must say democracy because that is what they cannot manipulate, interpreted or reified by nobody. Certainly we Americans do not seek power or some sort of political control of the people ourselves. Americans are the least advocates of liberty and individualism. What is Anarchist-Communism? It is a free form of social ownership of the means of production, and a classless society. It proceeds from the rights of the individual, while at the same time giving for the social benefit of the masses. In America, there is no authority responsible for providing for people's lives. There are no pari bonds, forced at work, or born at all under this system. We seek to replace the State and Capitalism with a network of voluntary associations embracing all of social life.

We believe that we have been able to replace a state bureaucracy to rule over society in a limited freedom, rather than as a total burden on society which we have been able to do through the system that Capitalism means freedom, and even to defend the "free enterprise" system. It would be false to say the "free enterprise" system exists, as there is no free competition for the "free enterprise" system. It is a monopoly capitalism wherein the highest corporations own everything, and certainly not in a "free market." The government controls it, does not provide, freedom, and it is why you pay taxes or go to jail in the armed forces. Instead, register your guns with the government, or go to jail and go to jail.

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Stench, starva­tion, and bureaucratic indifference: Life in a Cambodian gulag.

To whom it may concern.

The prisons at the Wash­ington Valley Correc­tional Insti­tu­tion have brought hun­dreds of num­bered clas­sic con­di­tions on the outside at the Wash­ing­ton Valley Correc­tional Insti­tu­tion for a num­ber of years.

The prisons at the Wash­ing­ton Valley Correc­tional Insti­tu­tion are being done by the State of Ohio. We are being held in the un­der­ground and will only come close when readied into such a position.

In Solidarity,

Gerald L. Smith #94412

Donovan, Kan­sas

Working with "whites"? Mr. Glackson,

I truly appreciate the things you are doing with Black Autonomy. Although I don't agree with everything you are doing, I think that it is an improvement on the way the prison is run by the State of Ohio. Many of the things you are doing have the potential to improve the conditions in the prisons.

I work with a group of prisoners who are trying to change the way the prison is run. We are trying to bring attention to the injustices that take place in the prisons. We believe that the prisoners have the right to be treated with respect and dignity.

I understand that you are working with the prisoners to help them become more aware of their rights and to take action to improve their conditions. I think that this is an important step in the process of changing the way the prisons are run.

I feel that your work with the prisoners is making a positive difference and that it is helping to bring about change. I appreciate the time and effort you are putting into this work.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

From "the tool of the State" to "emancipator of the State."

My Brother,

I was stunned to learn of the "whites" inmate brought a code of Black Autonomy into the prison. My family was relieved that he shared this information with me. I was already familiar with the work of Black Autonomy, but it was good to confirm that my understanding was correct.

I want to thank you for your efforts to bring Black Autonomy into the prison. Your work is important and I support it wholeheartedly.

In solidarity,

[Signature]

From: [Email Address]

Subject: Support for Black Autonomy

Dear [Name],

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ANARCHISM + BLACK REVOLUTION = NEW BLACK AUTONOMOUS POLITICS

The two main streams of political thought in the United States today are the two most popular candidates of the 1990s: the candidates of black liberation, anti-war, and environmentalist movements. The combination of these two forces makes us believe that American politics is a game of two battles. The one that is won by the white man is that between the black bourgeoisie and the white bourgeoisie. The second that is won by the white man is also that between the two bourgeoisie. The two forces of black liberation, anti-war, and environmentalist movements are united in their campaign against the white bourgeoisie. These three streams of political thought are united in their campaign against the white bourgeoisie.

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Organized KKRMime
By Shaka Shakur
Organized KKRMime is a federation of some of the political prisoners of New Afrikan prisoners. Shaka Shakur, Shaka has been in prison since he was 16 with a 30 year-sentence. He has had the time of his life at the Fredonian Maximum Control Complex in Westville and he found the time to write this book through it. He writes about the situation of New Afrikan people inside the walls and outside. He relates his experiences and talks about the importance of the movement, not only for Shaka's fame but for all. He supports the idea that the struggle of the world is an important part of the movement and the only way to solve the problem.

Voice of the Oppressed
By Lorenzo L. Stone-Bey
"In short, not by engaging in mass organizing and delivering "war" to the oppressors, we become anarchists in name only." The late New Afrikan Anarchist, Kowasi Balagon.

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