our people, but believe it must be demystified and made into a culture of resistance, rather than personality cult or escapism from the reality of forces.

Further, we do not believe in a "race nationalism"; we are not xenophobic, do not entertain any racial mythology about Europeans, and are not seeking to build a black state as the answer to our problems. In many respects, we know that black nation-state will defeat our ability to obtain full freedom and has a limited program for social revolution. We are not immune from the laws of dialectic nature. We believe the class politics which will show itself within any black state, whether an Islamic, secular "new African" or otherwise, will result in an extreme class differential and economic injustice. We believe that a bourgeois class and political dictatorship is inevitable, and that the people must be organized under such a black state, which calls itself "African Socialists.

We also believe that historically, Black nationalism has asserted itself most forcefully as a defensive doctrine to white racism, not as an anti-racist movement, but as a counter-power movement, that is, to organize an interest group which can fight for political power inside this system. This is what happened to the seemingly revolutionary "Black Power" current produced by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during the 1960's, it was usurped by the Black pantheon bourgeoisie.

In addition, those who argue for a state never tell how it will be obtained, and many of those arguments made are vague and fanciful. Who really believes that America will just grant an Islamic state or give up five southern states to Africans just because a small faction calling itself a "government in exile" or even the fact the will of some white people. Why, it would require years of a bloody struggle, and a major organizing campaign. In addition, the only group which even talked about conducting a plebiscite to find out what form African people believe our independence should take was the Panthers. Even though we have good relations with many of these organizations, we have a hard time taking people on this issue seriously and have always considered this wishful thinking or a flight of fancy. But then it is not up to us, but to the Black masses themselves.

So far, we have made little more than the arguments that any socialists and Anarchists have made for years against certain kinds of nationalism. However, it would be extremely unfair to not point out that groups like the Black Panther Party, League of Revolutionary Workers, (and even the SNCC in the late 1960's), calling themselves "revolutionary black nationalists", in fact did not call for or actually struggle to obtain a nation state in Africa or on the existing land-territory of the United States. It appears that they had adopted some variant of socialist doctrine, and had as their primary motivation the ousting of the existing capitalist state/empire. Their position radically differed from the Cultural (Afrocentric); Religious, and other variant of nationalist tendencies.

The CPP especially was an advanced political formation which did much pioneering theoretical and organizing work on race and class issues, and although we have many disagreements with their vanguard and authoritarian political structures, we have much in common philosophically.

We too believe in armed self-defense, but we believe it is the people at large, not a political party which must be organized in self-defense units. We too believe in armed struggle, but believe the masses extending an insurrection to a social revolution will be the likely unfolding scenario, not a vanguard party seizing power "in the name of the people" or a small secret army. But, in common with the Black Panthers, the Black nationalists believe that even before capitalism is defeated, we can begin to turn our communities into dual power communes, from which we can wage a protracted struggle with capitalism and its agents. We believe in common with the Panthers and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers that the Black working class will be the decisive factor in any such struggle, not the middle class. And in common with SNCC, we think the role of the organizer is not to lead people, but to empower them and let them take over their own local struggles. We also believe that our communities are colonies or semi-colonies which are totally under the control of the state. But we do not believe in politics or electoralism in any form, and reject coalitions with Liberals or social democrats.

Finally, like the Panthers, and contrary to today's Nation of Islam and its spokesmen, we believe that there were historical, socio-economic factors which accounted for both slavery and racism, not because whites are "superior", "Africans", or other such nonsense. This system produces racism and white supremacy, and it is this capitalist system which must be defeated to get rid of it.

So this is why we are fighters for human rights, self-determination, and freedom for our people and our class.

The Panthers proved how dangerous Black revolutionaries can be to this system, now we will finish the job!

The report by the ICFTU which links 124 million workers in 195 organizations across 137 countries, said the onslaught on labor rights took institutional as well as violent forms. Women especially suffered, it said, because under global market reforms public sector enterprises, where many employees are female, are being decimated "and because sweatshops and export processing zones are being set up in countries where multinational companies can treat cheap, non-unionized workers."

In the United States, the report declared, the right to strike and the right of workers to organize trade unions are not adequately protected in the labor legislation.

At least one in 10 union supporters campaigns to form a union in illegal jobs by the employer.
A Tale of Two Festivals:
One Black, One Blue.

By Black Autonomy International;
Seattle, WA.

After years of delays and tribula-
tions, the African-American Museum
and Cultural Center is now a reality. On July 23, the Seattle Public Schools voted to sell the old Colman School building to the museum to house the exhibits and community pro-
grams.

The struggle started 12 years ago when a group of Black activists took over and occupied the abandoned Colman School site; an occupation which slowly evolved into the largest and longest-lasting occupation in U.S. history (eight years). After the city and U.S. Justice Department negotiated with the occupants, a board was created to oversee the funding of the project.

Struggle against the control of the project and the two major class interests represented on the board and amongst the volunteers: on one side the elected officials, working class people; on the other, the salaried professionals, negroes wanna-be politicians, and other uncle tomos who wanted to use the museum to project a slow death if they could not have exclusive control over it.

Progressive board members and volunteers have drawn up a document detailing their intention to sell some of the programs to the Black community as the needs and full-time staff become available (see page 4).

On July 24-26 the Central Dis-

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erty pimp types), so one would work with, including city bureaucrats and the police.

At a meeting in late May, presi-

dent Harry Bailey and officer Rodney Stokes met with a handful of community people at the new Community-Policing Center.

downstairs from the Nation of Islam’s

guesthouse (3).

To begin with, the announcement of this meeting wasn’t very well published so the small turn-out. Second, Of-

icer Stokes was caught several occasions contradicting his own statements and lying about who was actually sponsoring the festi-

val. Indeed, who really believes that one officer can put on a festival in a public park with live music out of his own pocket? This

lie was made even more obvious by the at-

tendance of Bailey, the local “Weed and Send” coordinator at the meeting: why is he there if Officer Stokes is funding the whole thing himself, as he first claimed?

To add insult to injury, the local

mainstream media, along with negroise media,

gave virtually unlimited coverage of the police-sponsored festival. The only news-

paper coverage of the Umoja (Unity) Festive was not sponsored by the Black Autonomy

Heritage Museum and Cultural Center) came from The Facts newspaper and an inac-

urately, biased editorial done by professional poverty pimp Charles James, that came to the official festival could be simply because “It was erroneously believed by the Black community that the Central fest was not really a Black function.”

Besides what’s been shown so far

there is and was many more reasons for op-

posing this (see page 3, first column).

Police: Court liability for

endangerment

San Francisco, CA.,

6/6/97 A federal court of appeals has ruled that two police officers who canceled a call for paramedics and left an ill man alone could be subjected to a suit claiming negligence.

Black Drivers More Likely to Be

Searched. Orlando, FL.

6/9/97 Black drivers stopped on Florida’s Turnpike by a central Florida sheriff’s drug squad and 1/2 times more likely to be searched than white motorists, the Orlando Sentinel reported on Sunday. Black drivers constitute only 16.3 per-

cent of drivers stopped by Sheriff Kevin Beary’s Criminal Patrol Unit, but they ac-

count for more than half of the searches and more than 70 percent of searches involving dogs, the Sentinel reported.

Beary said he reviewed records on more than 3,300 stops and nearly 500 searches by Beary’s squad, which re-

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ing any specific race,” he told the Sentinel. “It’s a case-by-case basis.”

The case study at a time when many African-Americans protest what is known as the police practice of pulling over motorists for “Driving White Black.”

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Position and hostility to the Central Dis-

tribution Festival. Indeed, what Black man or woman in the minds would willingly invite the police department to participate in a community event (let alone organize it and fund it) after that same department killed two of the community’s residents: Edward Anderson in January, 1995 and Andre Stapleton in September. Those offenders were not liable in each case. In the case of Stapleton, no impact was held at all, since King County Prosecuting Norm Maleng refused to hold one.

The SPD has killed many more brothers (along with poor Asians, Latinos, and a small handful of whites) in the recent past, without any kind of punishment to the (officer’s) or compensation to the fami-

lies of the victims (we last issue).

It’s one to have something they present since the Seattle Parks and Recreation De-

partment requires them to be there, it’s quite another to allow the police to set the tone of the festival through direct control. Mean-

while, the harassment, intimidation, and as-

saults of Black people and other people of color by the SPD continues as usual.

Thankfully, the Umoja Fest ’97 at the REAL Black community festival. Aug.

1, 2, 3 at Judkins’s Parents organizers made

sure to buy commercial air time on television station KTOL to get radio exposure on KCMS’s W.O.J. hip-hop RAP program, and handed out hundreds of small handbills. All around the surrounding areas from the clubs to the churches, and everywhere else in between, it was even

emonic to one another. So, once again, the grassroots show and prove that the police are not some magical needlessness as at-

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At a meeting in late May, Seattle Police Chief David Nordin stated hotly that he would review the announcement on more than 3,300 stops and nearly 500 searches by Beary's squad, which recently had been involved in two nationally televised events. One was the angry arrest of a black police major from the Miami area in April, and the other was a 100-mile chase in May of a black drug suspect who was wounded by deputies. Beary denied race played a role. "We are not out there targeting any specific race," he told the Sentinel. "It's a case-by-case basis." The next day it came at a time when many African-Americans protest what is known as the police practice of phrasing over motorists for "Driving While Black." The Sentinel said records of traffic stops by Beary's squad from January 1996 through April 1997 showed that 39.6 percent of Black motorists were searched, compared with 6.2 percent of white motorists. Drivers listed as Asian, Hispanic or other were searched 17.9 percent of the time.

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An interesting side note, Charlie Chung, the city councilman who lost last year by playing upon the cynicism of the system and his record as a "community organizer" and businessman, is now running for mayor. Due to his relationship with Charlie Brown and the other black political establishment, he has pulled out of making a reappearance in the June 9th '97 parade. It's probably just as well. For too long City Hall has imposed its face, a plain white coated business owner, family-owned with over Black people in the Central District.

they were responsible for the man's death.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco held that when an officer's conduct places someone in peril in deliberate indifference to the safety, that conduct creates a constitutional claim. In May, 1994 Juan Penilla became seriously ill in the正如 of his home in Huntington Park, California. His neighbors and a piquet called 911 and tried to help him until paramedics arrived.

Police officers Joseph Sentilles and Jose Tanga got there first. The officers examined Penilla and found that he was in grave need of medical care. But the officers canceled the call for paramedics, broke the lock and door and jumped on the front door, moved the man into the house, locked the door and left.

The next day, family members found Penilla dead on the floor in the house. He died as a result of respiratory failure.

Penilla's family sued the city, its police department and the officers. The officers claimed they were immune from suit because they had no clear constitutional right to emergency medical care for persons not in custody. The officers also claimed they canceled the call to help the officers in helping the collapsed man into his home.

The court ruled that the officers lost their immunity to himself by significantly worsening the victim's fate. A spokesman for the Huntington Park Police Department said both officers are still employed by the department.

Officers accused of beating man cleared of misconduct.

Corrae, TX

It's possible that the officers accused of beating a handcuffed prisoner were cleared of misconduct after the purported victim recanted his story and said he was not harmed, authorities said.

A Montgomery County grand jury that indicted Officer Andrew Lauter and Robert Engle with connection with allegations that they repeatedly slammed 18-year-old Jesus Lema in an Oct. 19, 2010,

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   b. African Heritage Festival.
   c. The Bubbling Brown Sugar Celebration.
   d. Black History Month Celebration.
   e. African Liberation Day.
   f. The Wide Black Ballroom for Graduating Seniors.

13. African Community Development Month.

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Real Stories of Cupwatch 206.
By Greg Jackson
BAIL: Seattle, WA
July 5.

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32. abused Mendoza while fellow Officers Jeff Bradford, 24, and Jeff Christy, 27, stood by and watched.

District Attorney Mike McDougall said Mendoza, Ludwick, Bradford and Christy gave grand jury consistent testimony that sharply differed from what Waters said in his testimony.

McDougall said Ludwick testified that he jokingly nailed a wet bat with England that he could not lift the 5-foo-2-inch, 140 pound suspect onto the hood of a car in the parking lot outside the Connie Cove restaurant where they arrested Mendoza.

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Waters, who was weeks to report the alleged abuse to McDougall because he said he didn’t trust anyone in the police department, also said that unidentified officers described the episode involving Mendoza, who is Latino, as a game of “Mexican Toss.”

Police Chief John Lindon said Ludwick and England, along with Christy and Bradford, have been re-assigned pending the outcome of an internal investigation into possible policy violations.

Waters, who had been placed on administrative leave because of low performance rating, returned to his job after eastern Mendoza, will remain on leave pending the internal probe, Lindon said.

2 Ex-Officers Plead Guilty in Beatings; both face fines and prison time.

Los Angeles, CA

5/14/17: Two former Adelanto police officers accused of targeting a concession out of one man and forcing another to lick his own blood following a booking room floor pounding by the civilian rights activists. Thomas Boyd Chandler, 40, and Kenton Eugene Bailey, 42, each entered guilty pleas in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles in connection with the two counts in federal court cases. Chandler, who also admitted obstruction justice, faces up to 46 months in prison. Bailey faces a maximum

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of 36 months, according to the plea agree-

ments. Sentencing is set for Aug. 18.

Prosecutors said the two officers in May 1994 took turns beating a man they suspected of abusing his young daughter in an attempt to get to him by force. Joseph Valdes was beaten as he sat in an interview room at the police sta-
tion in Adelanto, which is near Victorville in San Bernardino County. As he was beating Valdes, prosecutors claim that Chandler said: “Are you going to tell us what we want to hear?” When Valdes did not, the officers beat and kicked him and twisted his limbs, prosecutors said. Shapero said the officers pleaded guilty, in part, because the government discovered that there was an audio recording of the incident that officers did not know about at the time.

In the other incident, which oc-
curred in October 1994, the officers were accused of beating a man in the police station who had been detained on drug-related allegations. The pair beat Henry Esley in retaliation for his stepping on a fellow police officer, prosecutors alleged Esley was hit so hard on the head that he started to bleed, prosecutors said. Chandler ordered Esley to lick his blood off the floor, according to the tissue and grand jury indictment, which was handed down in April.

According to court documents, Chandler then showed Esley bullet bullets and threatened to shoot him and leave his body in the desert if he reported the beating. “This bullet is your name on it,” court documents quoted Chandler as saying.

The two officers initially were charged in the court with assault battery, but the case was dismissed because of prosecutorial misconduct. The San Bernar-
dino County district attorney alleged the matter but will now drop the ac-

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Black Autonomy, 5
The Need for Intelligence.

By Nuru Shukzuza, BAl; Seattle, WA.

Through out the years, people have conflicted over power. During these struggles, all participants discovered, whether through research or direct experi-
ence, that certain methods and objectives have produced greater gains. The constant gathering of vital information eliminated mistakes and frivolous pursuits. The mod-
eric era is no different, in fact, this principle is even more relevant.

The majority of oppressive acts and illegal activity have cultivated under a veil of popular ignorance. However, this veil shows its weaknesses with the presen-
tation of facts to the community and constant activist involvement with all elements of society. These two components are the cornerstone of intelligence, and the back bone of any revolutionary movement. Per-
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San Francisco, CA.

6/19/97. For the second time in
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Marc Andaya.

The commission took no action on Andaya. Andaya was also charged by the commission that he lied in his 1994 em-
ployment application about lawsuits, ab-
sems and citizen complaints while em-
ployed as an Oakland police officer.

Andaya, 35, is the central figure in the controversial June 4, 1995 arrest of Aaron Williams, yet another (black) man who died in police custody. The medical ex-
taminer determined that Williams died of a cocaine-related heart attack, but Andaya was brought up on disciplinary charges of using excessive force for kicking Williams re-
peatedly in the head as he lay on the ground.

The police commission was un-
able to reach a verdict on the issue of exces-
sive force, but the panel sustained charges that he failed to get medical treat-
ment for Williams. He was suspended without-
out pay for 90 days, although department brass recommended he be fired.

According to charges filed by the
department, Andaya conceded in his appli-
cation—signed under penalty of perjury—
that he was a defendant in only one lawsuit, which would not have been in four other lawsuits charged against him.

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close four extended absences totaling 148
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dia. This whole affair has been driven by the media, certainly the Sunday Mail amongst Channel 7 which irrefutably editorialized what I said and contributed wholly false statements to me, which led us down the road to where we were in terms of a major crisis for this government and to some ex-
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* She also apparently considers White a “police informant” at the time of the incident, just like Jenkins’ admits. If this is true, and since this fact was withheld from the defense, then the case should AUTOMATICA LLY be sent back for a new trial!

She revealed that Ryan had prevailed in using her as early as a year before the Dec. 9, 1981 incident, as one of their so-called “infor mants”, that large pool of “street people” (promiscious, drug dealers and addicts, etc.) that this and other police departments use to railroad people to jail.

This system routinely used false testi mony by those most susceptible to coerc ion, and the lesson of the 39th District Scan dal is that this practice is extremely widespread, and the only remedy is to immedi ately FREE the accused.

* Revealing she was addicted to crack co caine since 1987. There was a marked in crease in her false testimony for Ryan and others. She used the blood money passed by Ryan, et al, to buy drugs and get high.

* She said that she originally was sought out by Mumia’s lawyers while she was in jail. She gave and signed her statements while incarcerated.

* She says the government has retaliated against her for speaking up for Mumia, and because of her role as a female witness in the ongoing corruption scandal. As for Sabo, I could almost see the old wrinkled phoney getting younger on the bench, as his Sa tanic Pact for eternal youth requires him to make arrogant outbursts and illegal rulings.

* Her devilish eyes sparkled with a莫斯科 twinkle as he hefted out “objec tion overruled” to all defense motions. He even lashed out at Marsha Clark’s evil twin, just to get some extra pay, but con cluded one trade by allowing everything she asked for.

* He then took the bench to recess, it was clear that Sabo would not allow any of the defense or other witnesses, including police officers, to give testimony. “You go to the Supreme Court if you want to do that,” he yelled at the defense.

The prosecution, on the other hand, used the afternoon to present a pan rade of witnesses that supposedly were to negate Pamela Jenkins’ testimony.

Pamela Jenkins had a surprisingly strong presence on the stand, considering the fact that she was in custody, and could not walk out of there as a Free Woman. She was arrested immediately after she came forward to tell the truth about Mumia, which she considers “rehabilitation”. She confessed that she feels scared for her life, and for her family’s welfare. Her young daughter’s spirit in the 39th District, mom is forced to en sure more time locked down. We raised over $1,500 cash outside during the break to wards the hole, which is connected by the fact that two states are trying to get money from her.

Most importantly, Pamela Jenkins stood strong. She not only upheld the information given in her earlier affidavit, but provided a new benumbed. Ms. Jenkins testi fied that on March 5 of this year, she not only ran into the missing witness Cynthia White, but saw White free from her bond and into a pickup truck driven by former philadelphia police officer known to her.

She corroborates the contention of the defense that the Philly police have been hiding Cynthia White to prevent her being called to testify by Mumia’s legal team. The prosecution, amazingly enough, claimed they had proof that Cynthia White has been dead since 1992.

Pamela Jenkins is called an “ad mitted pervert” by the local papers, who are taking the lead in trying to minimize the importance of this testimony. They don’t tell you that her admitting to her molestors (living under oath for crooked cops, or as they say, “perjurers”), has helped free hundreds of falsely convicted Philadelphia, and sent 4 cops to jail.

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Facts About Puerto Rican Political Prisoners and Prisoners Of War.

by Juan Marcos Villar.

There are 15 Puerto Rican women and men in United States prisons today for their activities to end the U.S. colonial control over Puerto Rico.

Ten of those prisoners are serving terms of 55 to 90 years. Their disproportionate sentences punish them for whom they are—not for colonial combatants—other than for what they did. Most were convicted of senseless, vicious and related charges.

NO ONE WAS HURT OR KILLED IN THE ACTS LEADING TO THEIR CONVICTIONS.

To learn more about the Puerto Rican POW’s and Political Prisoners contact the National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War and Political Prisoners in one of the following cities or email us at cprpwpow@aol.com.

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organization—ed.] who sponsored the tour in Australia. Now, where we are now is that the government has brought back the road-bus to dock to take over the Immigration Department and handle my affairs and an ultimatum has been issued to me that if I stay in this country beyond the two-week period of reply, I would then most likely be arrested and then deported outright or put in prison.

I have no desire to leave before the period of which my visa stated but the reality is that a gun has been put to my head and I'll leave under protest and saying that the original action/procure brought against me was politically motivated and the evidence is that the government knew months in advance that I was coming and that complaints were made by Australians Against Further Immigration to the Immigration Department about my coming.

So how does it then become an issue that I had framed or falsified documents? That never happened. I've been a constant in this affair from the beginning. I don't think it was an accident. What I didn't think anyone considered was that we would fight back and I promised that I would go to the High Court and fight it to the fullest and I kept my word. But I can't in reality understand the government and their operation and although I feel I've got my rights, the reality is that the power of the state amassed against me as an individual has stepped me of whatever remaining rights I have to remain here to speak.

I would have liked to meet with the Navigah Circle of Elders in Western Australia who had invited me and with many other Aboriginal peoples I have been in contact with since my arrival here. I have also been prevented from visiting one of my brothers, Dennis Walker, one of your own political prisoners, incarcerated in Cessnock Prison. They don't want to issue a formal deportation order to seize me because of the international furor that would erupt. But they can accomplish the same thing by utilizing the media and the presence so they don't have to file a formal complaint, but they can pressure me nevertheless to leave. And that's what's happening: I'm being forced out, I don't have a choice.

Legally, I've been advised by my attorneys that we do have issues about the original detention but as far as the government's attempt now to claim naturalization, we could argue that, but we may argue that with me being in a jail cell and I don't see any reason why I should continue to be a martyr in this country just so that some racist, self-satisfied politician like Pauline Hanson or John Howard can take comfort in being in jail.

I think this matter was motivated by racism to a large degree. There's no question about that. I think that the officials from the beginning have looked at this as a case of a black man first and all, and a person who's been a member of an organisation, the Black Panthers, which they obviously know very little about. I've never shot and killed whites but I've certainly fought the KKK and I don't apologize for that. I think the KKK is a racist, terrorist organisation and I also see the KKK has now come here to Australia and the irresponsible government officials continue to deny they're doing anything wrong and that they are just a group of kids out on a prank but they are here.

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**Black Autonomy.**
from page 7, right column.

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Maurice Bentley said he was standing beside his truck when Kunze told him to disperse. He said he and his friends were in the truck when officers blocked the street. Bentley said he was hit with a baton through the open window of the truck.

"It was scared for my life," Bentley said. "When they reached my car, I thought they were going to beat me to death. I saw so much anger." Bentley, who said he suffered a broken nose, was cited for failure to disperse, resisting arrest, damage to county property and assault of an officer.

Estelle McKee said she was arrested on her front porch after told police to go home. When she tried to explain that she lived there, McKee said, an officer shot Maule into her mouth and arrested her. "I got a ticket for failure to disperse," McKee said. "But how can I disperse from my own house?" Estelle Maule, spokesman for Kansas City, said Kunze has turned over police reports to the agency. He said the bureau would review it, but it is not conducting an official investigation.

U.S. Marines Cleared in Border Shooting, Presidio, TX.

7/3/97. Marines involved in a fatal shooting along the Texas-Mexico border believe they were following military rules allowing them to use deadly force, the Pentagon said Thursday.

"Our standard rules of engagement allow the use of deadly force in self-defense," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. Bacon was asked about the May 20 incident in which 18-year-old Ezequiel Fernandez Jr. allegedly shot a man, identified only as a U.S. citizen, who had been knocked off a tractor.

"I don't know what the matter was with this man," Bacon said. "His mother said he was 50 years old, but he had a knife.

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Where does that leave us? I tend to take legal action against the Australian government. I don't know if they are talking of suing the Prime Minister for slander or libel. I can't say. I do know the judicial system is being addressed in court. Other matters, such as the challenge of the national regulations for persons of character, that is up in the air. But I think it should be challenged. We should challenge the Australian government's attempts to prevent persons from having access to the High Court or any other court outside of the regulatory authority of the Immigration Department. I think that should be challenged.

And I am one of those working on the boycott that is starting to be organized.

Boycott of the 2000 Olympic games in Sydney!

The Olympic Games were awarded to Australia over China because of a better human rights record. But is this so? You be the judge. Here is a list of crimes by the white racist regime:

- mass murder of millions of Aborigines and continued theft of their lands.
- the rise of Pauline Hanson - the white racist politician who is against Asian immigration, the rights of Aborigines and who is for the return of a 'white Australia' restricted immigration policy which discriminates against non-whites.
- the rise of her One Nation party, a white supremacist electoral movement is a serious development.
- the impairment of Black activist, Lorenzo Kom-Tor-Erik, when he was attempting to speak to Aboriginals, who was cut short by being forced out of the country.
- the deaths in police custody of numerous Aboriginal persons, yet criminal prosecution or impartial inquest which would establish their deaths as homicide instead of suicide.
- one of the highest levels of police shootings of civilians in the world and a reputation for police brutality - no police for civil rights, no opposition to the illegal activities of the Freedom of speech or unpopular/controversial/said persons. The government routinely spews on and represses activists.
- immigration policies which allow the political banning of speakers out of favor with the government in violation of international law.
- engaged in military and political intervention in Papua New Guinea which cost the lives of over 10 000 in the recent civil war [for national liberation -ed.] in Bougainville.

Because of these and other atrocities, by the Australian government we call for the creation of a Boycott 2000 Coalition to create a world-wide protest against the Sydney Games and especially an economic boycott.

Australia is an outlaw nation whose racist policies are little different from apartheid South Africa. We call on all people of good will to join with the CIO/AFL/CWA movement to stop the Sydney Olympic Games.

CIA offered mafia $150,000 to kill Fidel Castro.

Washington, DC

7/3/97. The CIA offered $150,000 to have Cuban leader Fidel Castro assassinated in the early 1960s, but the mob insisted on taking the job for free, according to a newly declassified Senate report.

The underworld murder-for-hire contract was detailed in a summary of a May 1962 CIA briefing for the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The underworld contract was designed to be a way for the CIA to get the assistance of organized crime figures such as Chicago's mob boss Al Capone without having to directly sanction the murder.

CIA officials had offered $150,000 to the 'Teamster' for the murder of the late Fidel Castro. The contract was never carried out and the CIA was never charged with the murder.

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apartheid South Africa. We call on all persons who believe in human rights and oppose racism to join us in this protest. We must expose the racist Australian state to the world and tarnish their false image of democracy and tolerance.

Umoja Fest '97: 
"The Youth Did It..." by Greg Jackson: BAI—Seattle, WA.
Sun, fun, and Black community unity. Umoja ('Unity', in Swahili) Fest '97 in Judkin's Park was a complete success. We had over 1,000 people in attendance on Saturday alone. Guest speakers included but were not limited to: Black Anger and a speaker from the Nation of Islam mosque. We had businesses and community groups from all over Westen Washington out there in the 80 degree heat, (yes, for it didn't rain).

As one of the coordinators of the festival, I can report that we only had three minor fights the entire weekend, a fire that destroyed a dumpster next to the middle school on the park, and one of our security people was almost run down by an angry driver who was made mad because a street near the park was blocked off.

Unfortunately, our happy little festival also had a tragedy. On Friday, one of the festival's six-year-old Leah Turner, the daughter of one of our vendors, died from complications related to asthma. Adding to the situation was the fact that the young girl had cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and was confined to a wheelchair. Her mother had been carrying her to the concession stand to get her some water when she stopped breathing. When I arrived on the scene, I opened her airway, but her skin was already cold. A firefighter came in right behind me and began leading her mother to CPR.

Despite the best efforts of this brother, the little girl's mother, and the paramedics of Med One, they were unable to revive her. On the behalf of the Seattle chapter of Black Autonomy International, I'd like to extend condolences to her family.

The following week day morning (August 1), callers to radio station KRIR at 1420 had nothing but praise for the organizers of the festival and the well-attended parade on Saturday; one caller by Voice News said, "I'm sure this angrier Chris Benner, staff reporter of The Seattle Medium, who was reported on page 2, at a himself with the US Army, instead of the people, when he did his festival in Tacoma the previous weekend.

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3 Students Say They Were Searched at Gunpoint on Watts Campus.

Los Angeles, CA (AP) 11/3/97 Third Watts middle school student said they were forced to jump out of the school's classroom window to evade a school official who was allegedly not a school official, but nevertheless, he was not comment on the search. Nonetheless, Principal John Moore said he couldn't recall the incident. "I can't remember anything out of the ordinary," he said. Assistant Principal Les Yale declined to be interviewed. But Los Angeles Unified School Police confirmed that an armed search occurred. They said details were sketchy because officers involved had not written a report and could not be reached. Several students and staff members said the scene outside a classroom shocked the students involved and staff members who witnessed it.

The boys and two staff members witnessed the incident said June 13. They stated that the boys were detached to random searches. The two staff members said they were unaware that the children were subject to an armed search on campus and that if asked, they would not be reached.

Larry Hutchins, assistant chief of school police, said officers are not obligated to search prisons, and as a result of an armed search. Hutchins said,

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The Case of Leonard Peltier

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Sinclair’s political strategy was confirmed by the fact that the new contract, in effect only on April 19, 1996, now had an even higher rate of prisoner abuse.

"We’re still here!"

3 Students Say They Were Sexually Assaulted by Students at Watts Campus.

Los Angeles, CA—6/13/97 Three Watts middle school students said they were forced to jump on their backs and have sex with them in the hallway and in the public school.

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Lyceum

Let’s hope we never have to hear the words “reversal discrimination” again in our lifetimes, although I’m sure we will. But the Black Holocaust continues to this day, and I am one of millions of those who are on the pain of thousands of years. Let’s attempt to define a people?

Anonymous

A Special thanks to the
Black Movement.

This letter originally appeared on the Blackpaw email list -edit.

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Just arrived back home early this morning (Saturday, July 20). I’m sick (from bronchitis contracted in the cold room) in prison, have not had any sleep for two days, been in a plane for 30 hours, and I am3 listening to what it means in my life to adjust my body to hot weather again after the trip to Africa in the ideal of victory. It’s currently raining in the southern hemisphere.

I did not want to travel to much in order to visit you for your support and warmth mentally on my behalf. You literally saved the people’s lives, not just my rights to speak to our people in the monster’s role representing African Americans. I shall not ever forget. It is that spirit which is what we need more of in all our practices and struggles with this unity, even when we make not heed to others. We can accomplish anything.

You must understand this, we have made history, and made both the American and African Americans a democracy, and deliver me from the jaws of evil.

Don’t worry. I have gone through and other treatments from native herbals in America to treat this bronchitis and I will see my physician on Monday. Mentally I am still strong and definite. I may be older now, but I am young. My spirit is still strong, the white lie has been removed. But your support undeniably strengthened me, and terrified the secret police that they could not beat, jail, or kill me as they do so many of our people.

I love you all, and will be willing to do the same for any of you if you ever need my help. My unconditional love is my only payment I can give. Good work, now let’s celebrate, and then move on to the next stage. 

—Loebardine

Betty Shabazz Dies
New York, NY, 1997

The death of Black revolutionary Malcolm X’s widow, Betty Shabazz, has been described as a significant loss for the movement she fought so hard to advance. Shabazz had five surgical procedures to remove and replace about 85% of her skin after her body was set on fire in her Yonkers, New York, apartment on June 1. [There have been documents to the Shabazz family, R.I.F. july 22]

Labor Group Says Markets Take on Workers Geneva, Switzerland 1979

The world’s largest freighter was on the move in the Black Autonomy. 14

Let’s hope for Brother Kumbu even in his intelligent piece.

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our people, but believe it must be demystified and made into a culture of resistence, not as personality cult or escapist from the reality of racism.

Further, we do not believe in a "race nationalism"; we are not xenophobes, do not entertain any racial mythology about Europeans, and are not seeking to build a Black state as the answer to our problems. In many respects, we know that Black nation state-sim will defeat our ability to obtain full freedom and has a limited program for social revolution. We are not immune from the laws of social nature. We believe the class politics which will show itself within any Black state, whether an Islamic, secular "new African" or otherwise, will result in an extreme class differential and economic injustice. We believe that a bourgeois class and political dictatorship is inevitable, and that the most radical solutions under such a state is called itself "African Socialism".

We also believe that historically Black nationalism has asserted itself most forcefully as a defensive doctrine to white racism, not as an anti-racist movement, but as a counter-power movement, that is, to organize an interest group which can battle for political power inside this system. This is what happened to the seemingly revolutionary "Black Power" current produced by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during the 1960's, it was started by the Black pan bourgeoisie.

In addition, those who argue for a state never tell how it will be obtained, and many of those arguments are made vague and fanciful. Who really believes that America will just grant an Islamic state or give up five southern states to Africans just because a small faction calling itself a "government in exile" or even the terror of its own status. Why, it would require years of a bloody struggle, and a major organizing campaign. In addition, the only group which even talked about conducting a plebiscite to find out what form African people believe our independence should take was the Panthers. Even though we have good relations with many of these organizations, we have a hard time taking these people on this issue seriously and have always considered this wishful thinking or a flight of fancy. But then it is not up to us, but to the Black masses themselves.

So far, we have made little more than the arguments that many socialists and Anarchists have made for years against certain kinds of nationalism. However, it would be extremely unfair to point out that groups like the Black Panther Party, League of Revolutionary Workers, (even the SNCC in the late 1960's), though calling themselves "revolutionary black nationalists", in fact did not do or actually struggle to obtain a nation state in Africa or on the existing land-territory of the United States. It appears that they had adopted some variant of socialist doctrine, and held as their primary motivation the taking of the existing capitalist state-empire. Their position radically differed from the Cultural (Afrocentric), Religious, and other variant of nationalist tendencies.

The BPP especially was an advanced political formation which did much pioneering theoretical and organizing work on race and class issues, and although we have many disagreements with their vanguardist and authoritarian political structures, we have much in common philosophically.

We too believe in armed self-defense, but we believe it is the people at-large, not a political party which must be organized in self-defense units. We too believe in armed struggle, but believe the masses extending an insurrection to a social revolution will be the likely unfolding scenario, not a vanguard party seizing power "in the name of the people" or a small secret army. But, in common with the Black Panthers, the Black autonomists believe that even before capitalism is defeated, we can begin to turn our communities into dual power committees, from which we can wage a protracted struggle with capitalism and its agents. We believe in common with the Panthers and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers that the Black working class will be the decisive factor in any such struggle, not the middle class. And in common with SNCC, we think the role of the organizer is not to lead people, but to empower them and let them take over their own local struggles. We also believe that our communities are colonies or semi-colonies which are totally under the control of the state. But we do not believe in politics or electoralism in any form, and reject alliances with Liberals or social democrats.

Finally, like the Panthers, and contrary to today's Nation of Islam and its spokesmen, we believe that there were historical, socio-economic factors which accounted for both slavery and racism, not because whites are "superior", "superior", or other such nonsense. This system produces racism and white supremacy, and it is this capital system which must be defeated to get rid of it.

So this is who we are fighters for human rights, self-determination, and freedom for our people and our class.

The Panthers proved how dangerous Black revolutionaries can be to this system, now we will finish the job!

News from page 14

Her group said Friday that workers' rights are under siege around the world as workers drive to exploit free markets and economic globalization to push up profits. Although a report from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) pointed to China, Colombia and Indonesia among the worst offenders, it also said that abuse is frequent in the United States.

The annual survey, issued by the Brussels-based ICFTU at the conference of the United Nations International Labor Organization (ILO), said workers as particular were suffering from an assault on unions by governments and big companies.

"Governments' thrust for investment is compounded by the inevitable appetite of employers for new markets and a 'competitive' labor force, by which means cheap and endless exploitable," an introduction to the report said.

"As governments dismantle their public services and multinational companies look for the cheapest workers, women are increasingly at the front line of anti-union repression," the ICFTU said.

In its annual report issued on Thursday, the ILO's Development Program (UNDP) also drew a stark picture of poor countries and poor people in much countries slipping deeper into poverty under globalization.

The report by the ICFTU, which links 124 million workers in 195 organizations across 173 countries, said the onslaught on labor rights took institutional as well as violent forms. Women especially suffered, it said, because under global market reforms public service enterprises, where many employees are female, were being devalued and "because sweatshops and export processing zones are being set up in countries where multinational companies can exploit cheap, non-unionized workers."

In the United States, the report declared, the right to strike and the right of workers to organize trade unions are not adequately protected in the labor legislation.

At least one in 10 union supporters campaigning to form a union is illegally fired by the employer.

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