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On May 11, plaintiffs in Clark et al. v. USA will again force the FBI and the government to expose their continuing lies and attacks, in a hearing in open court. This hearing comes in the midst of an all-out government offensive to brand all Third World freedom fighters as "terrorists" -- a massive attack against the Black liberation struggle, and particularly against the Black Liberation Army and Assata Shakur. The hearing follows Reagan's pardon of ex-FBI officials Felt and Miller, who were convicted for authorizing illegal COINTELPRO activities against Clark plaintiffs and others. These actions represent a qualitative escalation of COINTELPRO (counterintelligence program). We urge you to join us in opposing and fighting it.

COME TO COURT SUPPORT CLARK v. USA

STOP FBI POLICE TERROR!

KEEP ASSATA FREE!

**FREE ALL AFRIKAN
PRISONERS OF WAR!**

SMASH COINTELPRO!

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On May 11, plaintiffs in Clark et al. v. USA will again bring FBI agents into court to answer for the FBI's continuing COINTELPRO (counterintelligence program) attacks. Clark v. USA is the \$100 million law suit holding the FBI, the u.s. government, Richard Nixon and other u.s. government agencies and officials responsible for over 20 years of COINTELPRO designed to destroy the Black liberation struggle and all anti-imperialist movements. The hearing on May 11 is the second part of an evidentiary hearing about FBI harassment of Clark plaintiffs. The FBI claims it carried out these most recent attacks as part of the "normal criminal investigations" of the escape of Black revolutionary freedom fighter Assata Shakur, and of the Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional (FALN). The basis of Clark v. USA is that these "investigations" are part of a counterinsurgency war program carried out by the FBI, on behalf of the entire u.s. government, against the Black liberation struggle and other national liberation struggles and anti-imperialist forces. Our contention in this hearing is that COINTELPRO -- which has meant the assassinations of leaders like Malcom X and Fred Hampton, and the imprisonment of others like Dhoruba Moore, Geronimo Pratt, Sha Sha Malik and Sundiata Acoli -- has not only never stopped, but is escalating in this period. Clark plaintiffs are the people named as the targets of Mark Felt and Edward Miller's illegal activities. In this first part of the hearing, the reality of escalating COINTELPRO was exposed by the FBI's absolute refusal to answer any questions about current FBI procedures. The government brought its "big gun," U.S. Attorney John Martin to court, to repeatedly remind Judge Lasker that "sensitive matters" were at issue.

Our court date falls in the middle of a most vicious escalation of that war strategy: the recently renewed attack and manhunt for the Black Liberation Army (BLA) and for Assata Shakur in particular. Assata Shakur is a freedom fighter and a leader of the Black liberation struggle, a revolutionary Black woman who has been targeted by COINTELPRO for ten years. Her liberation from prison by the fighting forces of the Black liberation struggle in November, 1979 was a major defeat for COINTELPRO; her continued freedom belies the state's attempt to paint Black freedom fighters as terrorists and criminals.

That is why a new level of COINTELPRO is being implemented now -- an all-out attack and media conviction of Anthony (Abdul) Laborde and Jimmy York, and of the BLA; and terror attacks against the Black community (like the armed police attack on a Black family's home in Staten Island on May 5, supposedly a search for Jimmy York), designed to terrorize the community and destroy the support for Assata Shakur and the Black Liberation Army.

In the Clark v. USA hearing, and in Regan's recent pardon of convicted FBI officials Felt and Miller, it is clear that the government is no longer trying to deny that COINTELPRO break-ins and other illegal acts exist. Instead, they are now seeking to justify these acts more broadly than ever. In the face of increasing victories of national liberation struggles around the world, the u.s. government is branding these struggles as "terrorist -- and therefore criminals like Felt and Miller become heroes, and set out with a clean slate, free to carry guns again and to argue for the expansion of COINTELPRO. The only appropriate response to this pardon -- and to the frontal attack by the FBI and NYPD on the Black liberation struggle -- is to fight against the consolidation of COINTELPRO -- to support revolutionary freedom fighters, like Assata Shakur, who are the most consistently and heavily attacked targets of COINTELPRO -- and the leadership of the struggle to defeat it.