



Join a Day of Actions to **FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS & PRISONERS OF WAR!** **SMASH COINTELPRO!**

Sunday, AUGUST 17

Tompkins Square

6th Street between **Park**
Aves. A & B
Manhattan

1:00 on ...

**Tapes from Malcolm X and
Assata Shakur**

**Displays in the Struggle to
Free Prisoners of War**

**Public Enemies Game
Silkscreening**

**Food
Music**

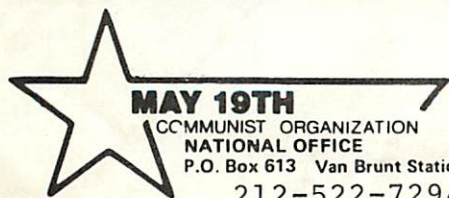
**Dramatic Readings from
COINTELPRO Files**

**Mock Trials
The People vs.**

**Richard M. Nixon
Jimmy Carter
William Webster, Director FBI**

5:00 Rally and March to Demonstrate at the 9th Pct.

STOP FBI/POLICE TERROR



**Committee for the Suit
Against Government Misconduct**

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On Nov. 2, 1979, Black Revolutionary Nationalist Assata Shakur (sn Joanne Chesimard) was liberated from Clinton Correctional Facility in N.J. Assata was freed in an armed action by the fighting forces of the Black liberation struggle. On May 21, 1979, William Guillermo Morales, Puerto Rican independentista, escaped from the Bellevue Hospital prison ward. Assata and William were the top two Prisoners of War in US jails—every day of their continued freedom is a defeat for imperialism.

Both Assata and William were attacked with the full force of the political military machine of US imperialism for one reason and one reason only—they fight and have always fought for the basic human rights of their peoples to survive as nations by any means necessary, and are leading proponents of the strategy of building people's war. Their freedom demonstrates the capability of the Black and Puerto Rican liberation struggles to liberate their freedom fighters, and make the demand to free all POWs an immediate and realizable goal.

Through COINTELPRO—the FBI's illegal counter-intelligence program—the US wages a covert war against Black and Third World peoples and all progressive movements. Freedom fighters like Assata and William, captured in the struggle against genocide, are Prisoners of War: the political and military leaders of movements for national liberation. COINTELPRO has particularly targeted the Black Liberation Movement and has imprisoned hundreds of revolutionary leaders. Among them:

- Geronimo Pratt: Black revolutionary freedom fighter, former leader of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party; target of a 1969 FBI shootout at Panther Party headquarters and later framed on an unsolved murder of a white woman in 1971. For 9 years, Geronimo has fought to expose the FBI COINTELPRO conspiracy against him: that the FBI has proof within their own files that Geronimo was 350 miles away at the time of the murder, and that an FBI agent infiltrated his defense team.
- The RNA 11: members of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika targeted by COINTELPRO in the struggle to organize a plebiscite of Black people in Mississippi to demand land and independence for the Black Nation. Their home and office was attacked in a pre-dawn FBI shoot-out conducted under the guise of their search for a fugitive (who they knew was not there).
- Dhoruba Moore: former member of the NY Black Panther Party 21, leaders of the BPP who were framed on a massive, fabricated conspiracy indictment in 1969. After the 21 were acquitted of all charges through a 13-week trial, Dhoruba was framed for the murder of 2 NYC policemen in 1971. He was attacked through a vicious and slanderous media campaign when New York Magazine serialized *Target Blue*, written by ex-police commissioner Robert Daley, stirring up a racist hysteria. FOIA files reveal that in 1969 Dhoruba was labeled #3357, Key Black Extremist—indicating that at least 3,356 Black political activists had already been targeted for constant surveillance and life-threatening harassment.

The struggle to free POWs and expose COINTELPRO is carried out on all levels, including the legal battles to win release of FOIA documents on Geronimo and Dhoruba, and civil law suits like *Clark v. USA*. *Clark vs. USA* is a major damage suit filed by white anti-imperialists targeted by COINTELPRO because of their work in solidarity with national liberation struggles—particularly the Black movement and the Vietnamese revolution.

From Puerto Rico to New York, from Miami to Chicago, the system of imperialism has made war the daily reality for Third World people. Heavily armed and with a license to kill with impunity, the police are the domestic army of occupation in Third World communities. The systematic terrorism of COINTELPRO is used to "neutralize or destroy" revolutionary forces in Black communities.

In January 1972, Foster and Laurie, 2 police officers in the 9th precinct known for their brutal treatment of Third World people on the Lower East Side and for their involvement in the killer drug trade, were killed in an action claimed by a unit of the Black Liberation Army. The FBI instituted "NEWKILL"—a program to justify assaulting "suspects." Leaders such as Dhoruba Moore and Sha Sha Malik were set up, framed, and convicted on fabricated evidence. After Assata Shakur was liberated, the FBI developed CHESCAPE, to terrorize Black communities and attack the mass base of support for Assata's freedom. The FBI and NYC police have formed special "anti-terrorist" squads to attack Black and Puerto Rican revolutionary forces. On April 19, 50 FBI agents and NYC police cordoned off 4 blocks in Harlem, broke into a Morningside Drive apartment building, and held Black tenants hostage with machine guns and shotguns supposedly searching for Assata. The object was terror. The Black community responded with a massive demonstration of outrage, resistance, and support for other POWs still in jail.

At the heart of COINTELPRO is the attack on Black Revolutionary Nationalism. When COINTELPRO attacked the Republic of New Afrika, it attacked the leadership of a mass movement of Black people fighting for self-determination and human rights by any means necessary; it attacked the strategy and program capable of achieving liberation for Black people. The struggle to free the land of the Republic of New Afrika is the struggle to establish a free and independent Black Nation. It is a direct and fundamental challenge to US imperialism.

Today we are faced with the rise of organized white supremacy and the building of a base for fascism, as well as with the consolidation of the state counter-intelligence apparatus. The Republican Party Platform calls for the rewriting of the FBI charter, in effect codifying into law all of the criminal and illegal programs of COINTELPRO. The government is planning to repeal the Freedom of Information Act which has been an important tool in exposing the full range of COINTELPRO activities and the scope of the wartime strategies of the US government. This, coupled with the resurrection of war criminals like Richard Nixon, in the guise of "elder statesman", shows how intent the US government is on rewriting the history of the last 20 years.

At the same time, the struggle for human rights led by the National Liberation Movements in this country has pushed people to take a stand against reaction and fascism and for the struggle for human rights.

In an open letter to Black people, Geronimo Pratt wrote: "And just as our larger societies and National Liberation Movements must never settle for anything short of genuine independence, neither must we, as Prisoners of War, settle for anything short of complete vindication-exoneration-retribution and true justice. In closing, 'I want to state that whatever degree of freedom we seek, let it be without strings attached to the very war monster which can only survive by depriving us of that true and genuine history and historical personality that would enable us to conquer. ...'"

As white anti-imperialists, we too believe that these POWs can and must be free. We are mobilizing in Tompkins Sq. Park to launch a national campaign demanding the immediate release of all political prisoners and Prisoners of War, the exoneration of Assata Shakur, and an end to COINTELPRO. Join us.

KEEP ASSATA FREE!
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