

COME TO THE CITIZEN'S REVIEW COMMISSION ON THE FBI!

Smash U.S. Government Repression!

This weekend, October 21, 22 and 23, members of the national liberation movements, the women's and gay liberation movements, and labor and church groups are tearing the mask off the official U.S. government cover-up of FBI criminal terrorist activity against those movements, in testimony to the Citizen's Review Commission on the FBI, at Finley Hall, City College, 133rd Street and Convent Avenue.

The U.S. government has been exposed before. Watergate forced Senate and House hearings on the CIA, FBI, the National Security Agency and various other secret police outfits. The hearings exposed material about Vietnam, Chile, assassinations and attempts on the lives of foreign leaders such as Fidel Castro and Patrice Lumumba, Operation C.H.A.U.S.* mail openings, wire-tapping, etc. They ended with recommendations of tightening security and promises that nothing more of this kind would go on in the future. This was only the tip of the iceberg. They were selective revelations designed to distract attention from the full cover-up.

It is these still hidden crimes that will be exposed at the C.R.C.

The first Citizen's Review Commission was held in Minnesota in February, 1977. It was part of the growing fight to expose the far-reaching and current government activities directed against people's struggles inside the U.S. The U.S. government asserts that Cointelpro was ended in 1971. We know, for instance, that over 200 people have been killed as a result of the hundreds of FBI invasions onto the Pine Ridge reservation since the Wounded Knee takeover in 1973.

The government has been forced to selectively open files on some of the attacks waged by the FBI against the Black Panther Party in the early 1970's. The full extent of their systematic frame-up and assassination campaign against all Black leaders has not been exposed. When Black organizations fought back against these attacks, their members were arrested and jailed. Many Black political prisoners are still in jail as a result of Cointelpro conspiracies. Assata Shakur, Sundiata Acoli, Geronimo Pratt, Dhoruba Moore, Imari Obadele and countless others are still in jail.

The government, using two grand juries in Chicago and New York, has jailed 8 Puerto Rican and Mexican/Chicano activists for refusal to testify on the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, the Mexican/Chicano Liberation Movement and the Puerto Rican revolutionary organization F.A.L.N.

The government has attacked the women's and lesbian movements by jailing activists who refused to cooperate with grand jury investigations aimed at supporters of Susan Saxe and Katherine Powers and their stand in solidarity with national liberation movements. Why has this repression come down hardest on the national liberation struggles?

The oppressed nations in the U.S. are captive nations, held in the current borders of the U.S. against their will. They have been denied assimilation, and have resisted attempts at forced assimilation. They are subject peoples who are a permanent threat to the US government because they will never stop their struggle for freedom. Their revolutionary struggles for self-determination, Independence and Sovereignty are demands that can only be met by destroying the US imperialist state. These struggles of the oppressed nations lead the whole US proletarian revolution and pose the greatest threat to the US government.

U.S. imperialism defeated in Southeast Asia, is under increasing attack by oppressed nations around the world in their struggle for national liberation. These struggles

have intensified within the borders of the U.S. as well. U.S. imperialism is on the defensive. Ten years ago the U.S. government would never have made the conciliatory-in-form--neo-colonist-in-essence gesture that the new Panama Canal Treaty represents to the struggle for Panamanian sovereignty. The U.S. was forced by the victories of the African liberation movements to attend the African Anti-Apartheid conference in socialist Mozambique.

In its desperation, U.S. imperialism recognizes the necessity to tighten its stranglehold on Latin America and other parts of the world by installing fascistic-military dictatorships and training their gorilla military and police forces in the latest counter-insurgency and torture methods in international police academies in the state of Virginia. U.S. police, S.W.A.T. and the FBI and CIA are trained at these same academies to direct these same activities against revolutionary and progressive movements inside the U.S. The U.S. government recognizes that the political leadership of the Black, Native American and Puerto Rican struggles rocked the base of their empire in the 60's. As more of the U.S. imperialist empire is rapidly destroyed by the imminent victories of national liberation forces in southern Africa, it is an immediate necessity for U.S. imperialism to secure its political and economic domination of the "home territories". This means increased repression, killings and frame-ups. The dominant position in the anti-repression work here is that what is significant about Watergate and the subsequent exposures is how "broad" the targets were. They include: members of the U.S. Senate, National Security Council and other "respected leaders" of U.S. imperialism. In this context, the repression against white activists is equated to the genocidal attacks on Third World people. This position can only serve to reinforce the government's cover-up of the war being waged against the national liberation struggles. Concretely it has meant that legal resources, money and publicity have predominantly gone to white-dominated organizations that only act in their own self-interest. This is a concrete manifestation of white skin privilege.

The national liberation struggles are leading in the fight for a revolutionary perspective that places anti-repression work in the struggle to defeat U.S. imperialism and for national sovereignty. The first step in this fight has had to be to create a public forum to expose the truth about COINTELPRO and FBI attacks. This is the task of the Citizens Review Commission.

This weekend we can take a concrete step in overturning this history of opportunism by attending and participating in solidarity with the Native American movement, the Black liberation struggle, the Puerto Rican independence movement and the Chicano/Mexicano struggle in these hearings against the FBI.

Beyond this weekend we need to wage a fierce struggle to liberate COINTELPRO-framed political prisoners from jail.

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FREE LEONARD PELTIER!
FREE THE FOUR PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST PRISONERS!

FREE THE GRAND JURY SUBPOENEEES!
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