

Emergency Campaign Launched to
Support the Resistance Conspiracy Six

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On November 3, the D.C. Court of Appeals issued a decision in the Resistance Conspiracy Case, severely weakening the government's case against six revolutionaries. The appeals court ruled that broad conspiracy charges could not be used against three of the defendants -- Susan Rosenberg, Alan Berkman, and Tim Blunk -- because of Double Jeopardy. The government is now trying to figure out how to go ahead with its case against Susan, Tim, and Alan. The Emergency Committee for Political Prisoner's Rights has launched an emergency letter-writing campaign to Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, demanding that the charges be dropped now.

This case stems from a highly unusual and vindictive indictment unveiled by the U.S. Justice Department in May, 1988, charging Laura Whitehorn, Susan Rosenberg, Linda Evans, Marilyn Buck, Tim Blunk and Alan Berkman with "seeking to influence, change, and protest policies and practices of the United States government concerning various international and domestic matters through the use of violent and illegal means." The six are charged with being part of a conspiracy and aiding and abetting the bombing of four military and government buildings, including the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Capitol following the U.S. invasion of Grenada. No one was injured in any of these actions.

The Resistance Conspiracy Six are 20-year veterans of the progressive movements in this country against racism and colonialism, U.S. military intervention, sexism, and gay and lesbian oppression. They have been part of many solidarity and human rights organizations, beginning with the Civil Rights Movement in the early 60's.

The Emergency Committee for Political Prisoners' Rights has initiated a letter-writing campaign to the Attorney General, because political pressure at this time can play a role in influencing the decision the government makes. Thousands of progressive people and organizations all over the country expressed their support for

the Resistance Conspiracy Six by signing an "Open Letter" that appeared in the pages of a wide variety of people's publications. The Emergency Committee urges all progressive people to build on that support by demanding that the government drop the charges against Susan, Tim and Alan now. Dropping the charges against the three of them can be an important first step in dropping this vindictive prosecution entirely.

Please send letters to: Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, U.S. Department of Justice, 10th and Constitution, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530 (please reference the case as U.S. v. Whitehorn, Crim. Action No. 88-00445-04). These letters can make a difference now.

For more information about the Resistance Conspiracy Case, contact the Emergency Committee, P.O. Box 28191, Washington, D.C. 20038.