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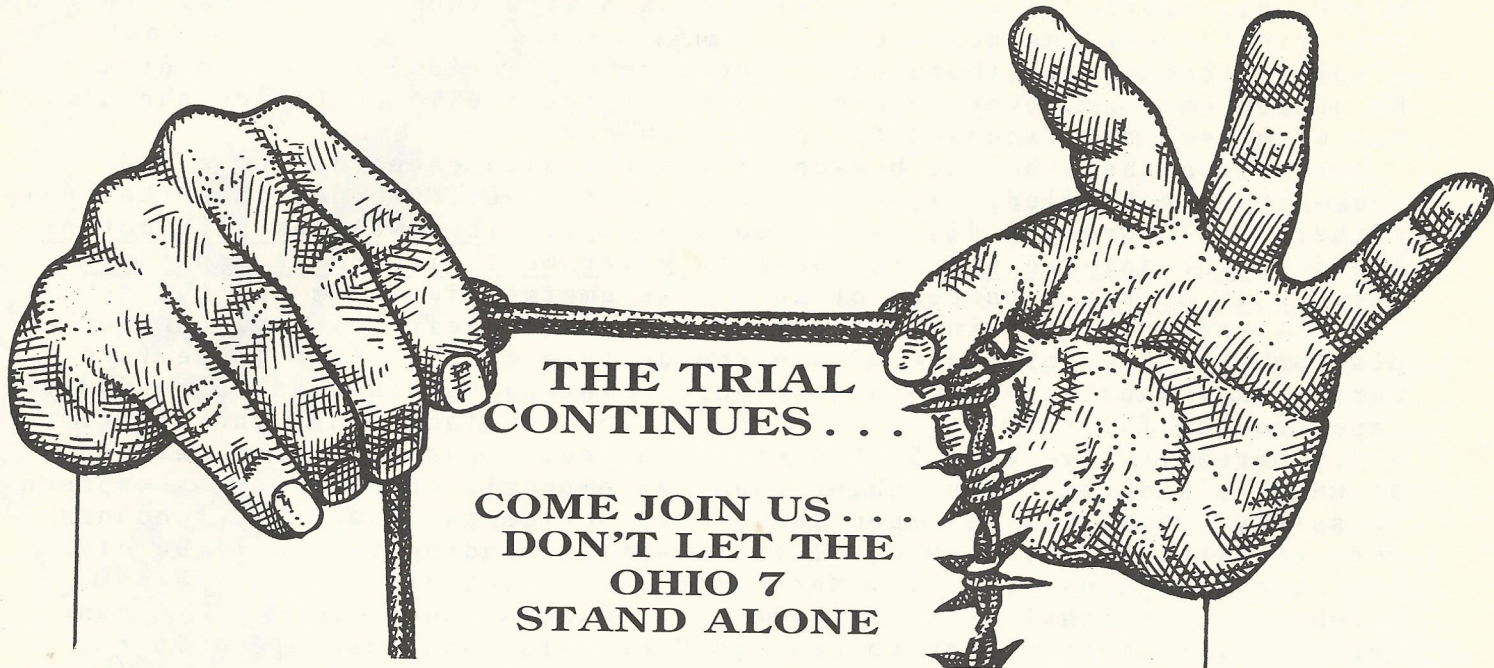
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Springfield, MA—5th Floor

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The Ohio 7 need your presence in the courtroom! YOU ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER AND EXIT AT WILL. No photo I.D.

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July 11th court 9-12

OFFICE HOURS: Wed. 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Fri. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

SHOW TRIAL UPDATE TRUST BUSTER

On April 7, 1989 a hearing was held before judge Skinner. This hearing was generated by a "Motion For Disclosure of Government Misconduct" filed by the defense and based on the revelation that Linda Thompson (attorney for Barbara Curzi-Lamaan) was involved in secret meetings with Malcom Kadra, a deputy U.S. marshal who has played a prominent role in security at the Ohio 7 trial. Among other relief the defense sought disclosure of any invasions of the defense camp by government agencies, including documents and reports pertaining to surveillance, wire taps, security measures and files from ongoing internal investigations of this matter by the U.S. Marshal's service.

During the April 7th hearing Linda Thompson took the stand and immediately took the 5th amendment and refused to answer any questions. The judge would not order her to answer. (Ironically, it is only the government that can request an immunity order exempting a person from prosecution based on their testimony. Unlike political grand juries where they use this power to compel testimony, the government in this matter was not interested in having Linda Thompson provide complete testimony concerning allegations of government misconduct.)

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Deputy marshal Kudra testified though he invoked the 5th amendment on a number of questions from a defense lawyer. Kadra's position was that for 3 months he engaged in a sexual relationship with Thompson. He said he did this right under the noses of the other cops on his security detail, including staying with Thompson in hotel rooms provided by the government. He stated that he never looked at her papers, briefcase (which she always had with her) or discussed the case with her.

Apart from the inherent breach of trust (which even the judge and prosecutors acknowledged), this matter raised serious questions that only further disclosure and discovery could answer. This was the 12th motion filed by the defense that is based on government misconduct and/or excessive security. A pattern of abuse has emerged in which the U.S. Marshalls and FBI have been the instigators. Included in their criminal conduct are: placing a police informant within the defense camp of Kazi Toure (s/n Chris King) who tape-recorded defense strategy meetings and provided the tapes to the FBI and BosLuc task force; in Cleveland, Ohio and Brooklyn, N.Y., marshals have used 50,000 volt stun guns on some of the defendants as well as kicking and punching them; an emphasis on security as opposed to safety, which has resulted in several accidents in which defendants were required to obtain medical treatment; a pending \$1.6 million civil rights suit against the U.S. Marshal's service, et.al.; FBI 302's in which deputy marshals kept Barbara Curzi-Laaman under surveillance and reported information back to Leonard Cross, FBI and case agent in the sedition trial.

Given the abuses by the FBI and the other police agencies revealed in COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Programs-FBI) the defense felt it was necessary- for our own protection- to request a hearing and try to obtain as much information on Kadra/Thompson as possible. While not much was gained from the hearing (the judge denied defense motions for relief and further discovery) it did enable the defense to establish a permanent court record on this matter.

With the severance and dismissal of charges against Barbara, Linda Thompson, Esq. has found employment elsewhere.

Ambush or Self Defense? In an effort to portray the defendants as violent prone, the prosecution has included in its case, several incidents involving confrontations between police and some of the defendants. The prosecutors are asking the jury to take a leap in reasoning and accept these incidents as acts to further a conspiracy to overthrow the government of the U.S. and/or RICO conspiracy. The first of these incidents was covered in the Feb., '89 newsletter (the only injury here was to a cop's radiator).

Secondly, the prosecutors have alleged that in October, 1981, Ray relieved a police officer of his gun, after the officer had confronted him and demanded identification. He was not robbed of his personal possessions, not physically abused, though the officer admitted to being embarrassed and enraged - calling Ray a "son of a bitch" in court during an identification hearing. However, this policeman never testified before the jury as the judge ruled that his identification of Ray as the person who had taken his gun had been manipulated by the FBI (until the FBI arrived on the scene, this cop had identified someone else as having absconded with his weapon.)

Thirdly, the Attleboro shootout allegedly involving Jaan, Kazi and 2 Massachusetts state troopers. Because Jaan and Kazi are no longer part of the case and none of the present defendants are alleged to have been involved in this incident, the prosecutors bring this in as an overt act

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¡LIBERTAD AHORA! (FREEDOM NOW)

Haydee, Dylcia, Alicia, Ida Luz, Carmen and Alejandrina are Puerto Rican women who have dedicated their lives to the independence and freedom of their homeland. They are women who cherish and love the people of Puerto Rico.

Imprisoned thousands of miles from their homeland, they have suffered a great deal at the hands of their captors. Each carries within her, the indomitable spirit and courage of the anti-colonial fighter; from generations past, for generations to come.

Each has assumed the position of Prisoner of War (POW) because of the colonial relationship existing between the U.S. and Puerto Rico. In 1898 the U.S. military invaded Puerto Rico and established a military government to suppress any popular resistance to its rule. The U.S. military is still on the island as are U.S. multinational corporations which exploit Puerto Rico's natural resources and labor.

Because the U.S. refuses to hand over sovereignty over to its rightful owners - the Puerto Rican people - the U.S. has created a state of war. Conditions of colonialism and genocide have created freedom fighters who struggle to end these crimes against humanity. The position of POW is a reaffirmation of the state of war which only independence can end.

(PRISONERS OF WAR)

The POW position is also based on principles of international law, particularly those General Assembly Resolutions of the United Nations which regard colonialism as a crime against humanity. These resolutions declare that all colonial countries and people have the right to achieve independence by all means necessary, including the use of arms, and also recognize the right of armed combatants not to be prosecuted under colonial authority and that they be afforded their fundamental human rights.

Another aspect of the POW position is that rooted in the nationalist political principle of "retramiento", i.e., the intransigent resistance to the illegitimate colonial authority exercised by the U.S. over Puerto Rico. POW's refuse to recognize the authority of the U.S. courts to pursue criminal charges against combatants for Puerto Rican independence



HAYDEE TORRES BELTRAN - born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

"A free and struggling spirit cannot be broken. The enemy is amazed to see my calmness, my strength, my rage, and my conviction in what I believe and live. I am proud to know that my people continue the struggle. This country (U.S.) does not know how to combat the revolutionary spirit of a people in arms."

ALICIA RODRIGUEZ - born in Chicago, Illinois.

"I never let racist attitudes detour me. For example, I did not let myself be affected by a professor who tried to demoralize me by saying I should not waste my time in natural sciences because I was ignorant. He said this to me without knowing me, simply because I was a woman and a Puerto Rican. I am glad I was persistent....."

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DYLCIA PAGAN -born in "El Barrio", New York City

"Many who have visited with us have inquired as to the circumstances that led to our decision in becoming combatants in our war of national liberation. To best answer one can say that as individuals specific experiences in our lives aided us in making our decision, but the essence of all of us is a strong sense of love for our fellow man, a strong sense of justice and a continual commitment to our principles. It is true that most of us have children just beginning to talk and at crucial ages. We have husbands and wives from whom we must be separated as part of the sacrifice for creating a new life for our people. We, as combatants of the war for national liberation, chose to commit ourselves to struggle no matter what the consequences. It is our sincere love for humanity that makes it all worthwhile."

IDA LUZ RODRIGUEZ - born in Las Marias, Puerto Rico.

"In the same way that I have been able to, another woman can.... My experiences in the struggle have given me a better understanding of women's contributions during the long and difficult revolutionary process for Puerto Rico. My participation has made me aware that we can achieve our revolutionary objectives if we act with bravery, sweat and sacrifice..... Today I am a Prisoner of War. In reality this is the result of my participation in the clandestine struggle.....As a mother, wife and comrade, necessity has forced me to struggle; and I beleive that the same necessity affects all Puerto Ricans."

ALEJANDRINA TORRES - born in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico.

"My actions were not motivated by personal greed or because I have a malevolent nature. I am here because I am fighting for the independence of my nation."

Carmen Valentin - born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico

Conspiracy

While there is a breath still left in me,

I will engage in conspiracy.

While my spirit still can run,

While my arm can raise a gun,

or my hand a pen still lift,

I will be secret, subtle, swift.

As long as you can bear the "le-lo-lai"

As long as palm trees and the flamboyen still survive

So long as my people answer the call --

Count on me, at the front, with you all.

As long as I can breathe,

I will conspire.

While the masses demand protection

and the people cry out for action

I will stand beside you, not separately --

There will be conspiracies!

Look toward the sun, the universe, the sea

As long as these exist, then in the poem

of each guerrilla walking in your midst,

There I will be, seeking freedom, eagerly.

As long as these American worms

Continue to dictate the terms

Hold me in your arms.

There's no other remedy --

But CONSPIRACY!



Haydee Torres
Beltran



Ida Luz
Rodriguez



Alicia
Rodriguez



Alejandrina
Torres



Dylcia
Pagan



Carmen
Valentin

These compañeras have been convicted in u.s. federal courts of seditious conspiracy and other charges. They are serving sentences ranging from 35 years to life. Won't you support Puerto Rico's RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION?
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in the conspiracy of which all defendants are alleged to be part. The logic escapes us to!!

One of the state troopers involved in the Attleboro incident testified last week in Springfield as did a truck driver who witnessed part of the incident. What became clear was this incident was initiated and escalated by the police. This incident came down during a period of racist terror carried out by the police against Black people. The police approached a car in a rest area off I-95 Attleboro, not because there was any laws being violated, but because their suspicions had been aroused by seeing a Black man and a white man together in a car. It was the police who approached the car and demanded id (which they were given) and in their racist paranoia demanded the occupants out of the car. The truck driver witness testified that he saw the police pull or push the Black man to the ground. The police themselves admit to drawing their big 357 magnums first and grabbing the Black man by the neck. Faced with this situation, the driver of the car got out and fired what the defense maintained were warning shots, over the heads of the police (who were only 6-8 feet away). The police then opened fire, admitting they were trying to kill the person they were shooting at. No one was injured as a result of the shooting though Kazi was subsequently beaten at the state police barracks.

A Picture is worth a thousand words: The defense succeeded in getting into evidence, a picture drawn by a Salvadoran child which depicts a bombing attack against the child's village. Accompanying the picture is information provided by a human right group which catalogues u.s. intervention in El Salvador including supplying the military with planes, helicopters, bombs, machine guns, and other weapons with which the government butchers its own people.

Additionally, a small but steady flow of political material continues to find its way into the trial as evidence. For example, Ray kept a notebook of materials documenting the deaths, beatings and torture of prisoners. Included in this material are autopsy reports and death certificates - some very graphic, showing prisoners beaten or gassed to death by guards. Included is information on the Attica massacre, the Wilmington-10 political prisoners, the murder of George Jackson, the case of the Atmore-Holman Brothers (Alabama), kkk activity among guards in New York prisons, etc.

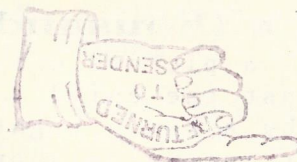
Other material recently admitted into evidence are documents pertaining to u.s. computers supplied to the police and military in South Africa; a guide to U.S. military build-up in Central America; U.S. corporate development plans for exploitation of Puerto Rico.

It has always been the defense of the Ohio-7 to put the Foreign and domestic policies of the government on trial. Because of the nature of the sedition charge, the judge has not been able to exclude all of the evidence the defense has tried to introduce, but he has managed to exclude 98% of it. This is not unusual in political trials. For the 2% of material that does manage to get in, the judge admits it only with certain "limitations". The limitation is most often, that it is admitted not for the truth of the matter (i.e., that what the document says or depicts cannot be argued to be true). Usually a defense item is admitted to show a particular defendants "state of mind" or of the association between defendants. What this sort of "limited ruling" is designed to do is to prevent the defense from arguing that gross human rights violations by the government and its allies necessitates a resistance by people - even if that resistance violates the law.

"You can fool some of the people, some of the time. But you can't fool all the people, all the time".

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