

# 500 Years of Resistance 1492-1992

*The Quincentennial celebration of Columbus' "discovery" of the Americas marks an important time in our history—a turning point. It is time to dispel the lingering myths and shatter the legacy of Columbus that still exists today.*

*Indigenous peoples and other peoples of color throughout the Americas suffer still from the pervasive notions of manifest destiny, ownership of land and greed. It is those same peoples who resist and fight those notions today, just as they have fought for the last 500 years.*

*On October 12, 1992, the eyes of the world will be on the Americas, particularly the U.S. Many will celebrate the 500th anniversary of this "discovery". Most of the world, however, will remember the last 500 years as a fight against genocide, racism, colonialism and political internment.*

*All across the U.S. and the world, people are resisting the governments call for a celebration and are remembering this year to be a year of International Solidarity with Indigenous People. As well as a year to fight for self-determination of oppressed nationalities within U.S. borders and to demand the release of all Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War.*

## The National Freedom Now Networks have 5 Basic Points of Unity:

1. Recognition of the sovereign rights of the Indigenous Peoples in the Americas;
  - a.) Recognition of the transnational character and struggles of the Indigenous Peoples in the Americas that transcend artificial geo-political boundaries;
  - b) Recognition of the League of Indigenous Sovereign Indian nations and the International Indian Treaty Council to assume its rightful seat in the UN General Assembly and other appropriate UN bodies.
2. Abolition and dismemberment of the US federal state and all other white supremacist empires and states in the Americas;
  - a) Recognition of the New Afrikan nation and its struggles to establish an independent New Afrikan State;
  - b) Recognition of Northern Mexico as a legitimate part of the Mexican nation and support of the struggle for the liberation and socialist reunification of Mexico;
  - c) Support for the independence of Puerto Rico;
  - d) Consultation and discussion between the Indigenous Peoples' and the oppressed nations within the US colonial empire toward developing treaties which support and guarantee self-determination and independence for all oppressed nations in the US.
3. Development of a democratic, socialist confederation of all liberated nations in the US.
4. Freedom for All Political Prisoners & Prisoners of War in North America.
5. Support of all freedom-loving and justice minded people for the above.

# Freedom Now National Networks

# A P R I L - 1 9 9 2

**March 31st-April 3rd • Chicago & Champaign-Urbana**  
Chicago Freedom Now Network: 500 Years of Resistance Teach-ins  
*Contact: 312.342.8023 De Paul University, Columbia College, Northeastern, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana*

**2nd • Chicago, Illinois & Hartford, Connecticut**  
Beginning of Monthly Vigils to Free the Puerto Rican POW's  
*Contact: 312.342.8023/203.549.3747 • 1st Thursday of Every Month*

**3rd • Chicago, Illinois**  
12th Anniversary of the Capture of the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War/Political Prisoners  
Piri Thomas, Rafael Cancel Miranda: Roy Brown in Concert  
*Contact: 312.342.8023 • Roberto Clemente High School • 1147 Western • 6:00pm*

**4th • New York, New York**  
Vigil and March in the Puerto Rican Community to Free the Puerto Rican POW'S: Rafael Cancel Miranda, Josefina Rodríguez—Speakers  
*Contact: 212.792.7911 • Juan Antonio Corretjer Cultural Center*

**5th-9th • New England & New York**  
Tour of Rafael Cancel Miranda & Josefina Rodríguez: Freedom for the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War/ Political Prisoners  
5th • Boston: *Contact-203.549.3747*  
5th • Hartford: *Contact-203.549.3747*  
7th • New York • Rutgers University: *Contact-212.792.7911*  
8th • New York • Lehman College, De Hostos College: *Contact-212.792.7911*  
9th • New York • Columbia University: *Contact-212.792.7911*

**10 • Hartford, Connecticut**  
500 Years of Resistance: Puerto Rican Poet, Martin Espáda  
*Contact: 203.549.3747*

**11th • Washington, D.C.**  
National Press Conference: University of the District of Columbia • 12:00pm  
Mass Rally and Demonstration: "Hands Off Libya": Howard University 1:30  
*Contact: 202.726.2931*

**16th • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
Vigil for the Freedom of the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War & Political Prisoners  
*Contact: 215.225.6266*

**20th-24th • Birmingham, Alabama**  
Birmingham Freedom Now Network Organizing Meeting  
*Contact: 205.290.0379 • University of Alabama*

**21st • Berkely, California**  
International Indian Treaty Council Benefit:  
Honoring National Resistance  
*Contact: International Indian Treaty Council • 415.566.0251 • La Pena Cultural Center • 7:00pm*

**24th-25th • Chicago, Illinois**  
Video Festival Benefitting Mumia Abu Jamal:  
A Political Prisoner On Death Row  
*Rudely Elegant Theater • 1934 W. North Ave.*

# M A Y - 1 9 9 2

## **2nd • Chicago, Illinois**

Automobile/Bus Caravan to Protest the Proliferation of Control Unit Prisons: National Protests

Route: Dwight, Menard, Marion

Contact: Committee to End the Marion Lockdown-312.235.0070

## **2nd • Trenton, New Jersey**

Demonstration and Silent Vigil Against Control Unit

Prisons in conjunction with CEML National Protest :

Trenton State Prison

Contact: AFSC/New Jersey Community Relations Program-201.643.3192

## **2nd • International**

Hemispheric Relay Race: Peace and Dignity Journey

Begins: Tok, Alaska & Argentina

Meets: Oct. 12, 1992-Mexico City, Mexico

Contact: 510.676.6241

## **2nd • Hartford, Connecticut**

Activity to protest the Proliferation of Control Unit Prisons: In Conjunction with CEML National Protest

Contact: 203.549.3747

## **9th • Alabama**

Demonstration against Control Unit Prisons in conjunction with CEML National Protest

Contact: 205.290.0379

## **9th • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania & Hartford, Connecticut**

Tribute to Puerto Rican Women & Puerto Rican Women

POW'S and Political Prisoners

Contact: Juan Antonio Corretjer Cultural Center-215.225.6266/203.549.3747

## **16th • San Francisco, California**

Crisis Behind Bars: U.S. Prisons in 1992

José López

Bay Area Action in conjunction with CEML National Protests • Contact: 415.330.5310

## **22nd • Chicago, Illinois**

500 Years of Resistance Through Women's Eyes: Benefit for Women of All Red Nations

Contact: 312.427.0510

## **23rd • Fort Lupton, Colorado**

National Commemoration of the Heroes and Martyrs of the Mexicano/Chicano Struggle

Contact: 303.477.7311/719.589.2839

## **24th-25th • Leavenworth, Kansas**

"Spirit Walk Across America": Honoring all Indians Who Died at the Hands of Colonialism

Freedom for Leonard Peltier & all POW's/Political Prisoners

Meets: Leavenworth, Kansas

Contact: International Indian Treaty Council-415.566.0251

# J u n e - 1 9 9 2

1st-12th • Rio de Janeiro  
Indigenous Environmental Conference

5th • South Dakota  
"Spirit Walk Across America" Gathering at  
Wounded Knee  
Contact•415.566.0251

6th • Chicago, Illinois  
How Malcolm X is Relevant in the 90's: Conference  
on POW's/Political Prisoners, Women in the  
Struggle, AIDS, Environmental Racism &  
Class Struggle  
Kennedy-King College•6800 S. Wentworth•9:00am-9:00pm  
Contact: F.A.C.T.S•312.493.5847

13th • Chicago, Illinois  
15th Annual Puerto Rican People's Parade  
Contact: 312.278.6708•Corner of Western & Division

16th • Berkely, California  
International Indian Treaty Council Benefit  
Honoring Day of Solidarity for Leonard Peltier  
Contact:La Pena Cultural Center•7:00pm•415.566.0251

20th • Oakland, California  
1992 Alliance Summer Solstice Benefit Dance  
Contact: 501.452.1235•Inter-Tribal Friendship House•523 E. 14th

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