

Washington Area

Committee for Political Prisoners' Rights

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Dear Resistance Conspiracy Case Supporters:

Warm greetings to all of you. This is the long awaited wrap-up letter of the Resistance Conspiracy Case. With the exception of Alan Berkman, who is still incarcerated in D.C. General Hospital after completing his last round of chemotherapy, the other RCC comrades (Tim Blunk, Marilyn Buck, Linda Evans, Susan Rosenberg and Laura Whitehorn) have all been taken to various federal prisons around the country.

We want to use this mailing to give you the final news about the case, as well as bring to your attention the successful conclusion of the first International Tribunal in Defense of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War and several emergency campaigns undertaken by Freedom Now!

Enclosed are copies of Marilyn's, Linda's and Laura's sentencing statements. Marilyn Buck was sentenced on November 16, 1990, to an additional 10 years to be served consecutively with her already 70-year sentence. Thus Marilyn is now serving an 80-year sentence. Supporters and friends packed the courtroom and gave Marilyn a standing ovation (while ignoring Judge Greene's entrance into the courtroom) after her statement. Marilyn was moved about two weeks later to the women's prison, FCI Marianna in Florida.

Linda Evans and Laura Whitehorn were sentenced on December 6, 1990. Linda received two additional five year sentences to be served concurrently with her already 35-year sentence. Linda's sentence is now 40 years. The most abusive treatment was reserved for Laura Whitehorn, who had been previously unsentenced. Laura was facing a maximum of 20 years and true to the political agenda of the Bush/Thornburgh administration, she was sentenced to 20 years. This administration, as the war in the Persian Gulf continues to remind us, is equally committed to burying political resisters and revolutionaries in prison. Again, we packed the court for this sentencing and held a large rally outside the courthouse. Enclosed is a copy of the RCC comrades' statement to the rally.

Enclosed is a copy of an article that appeared in the Village Voice concerning the disproportionate sentencing of political prisoners and prisoners of war.

The Resistance Conspiracy Case political prisoners, although dispersed, hope to continue their working relationship with all of you.

Many of you have already received their changes of address but for the record, here they are:

Tim Blunk, #09429-050
USP Marion
P.O. Box 1000
Marion, IL 62959

Marilyn Buck, #00482-285
Susan Rosenberg, #03684-016
PMB 7007
Shawnee Unit
Marianna, FL 32446

Linda Evans, #19973-054
FCI Pleasanton
5701 8th Street
Camp Parks
Dublin, CA 94568

Laura Whitehorn
#22432-037
FCI Lexington
3301 Leestown Road
Lexington, KY 40511

Alan Berkman, #233-315
D.C. Detention Center
1901 D Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Please keep them informed of the work you are doing around political prisoners/prisoners of war. Also, you are their link to the political movements that are unfolding (anti-imperialist, anti-racist, AIDS activist, lesbian and gay, etc.). Send the comrades copies of leaflets and political articles that you think may be of interest to them.

Many of us attended the Special International Tribunal on the Violation of Human Rights of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War in United States Prisons and Jails. Over 1,000 people from the U.S. and around the world attended. The Tribunal findings are available by contacting FREEDOM NOW! Enclosed is a resource list of videos and literature that you will certainly find helpful in your organizing.

After the completion of the Tribunal, Freedom Now held a plenary discussion on the movement to defend political prisoners and prisoners of war in this country. They urged activists to rally around three emergency campaigns over the next year. They are: the cases of Mumia Abu Jamal, Bashir Hameed, and Alan Berkman.

**JUSTICE FOR MUMIA ABU JAMAL
STOP THE RACIST DEATH PENALTY!**

We urge you to get involved in the campaign to save Mumia Abu Jamal, former Black Panther Party member, Black journalist and MOVE supporter. Enclosed is a flyer from the Quixote Center, a peace and justice organization that has initiated a campaign to support Mumia. Enclosed also is a sample letter prepared by the New Afrikan Network in Defense of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War. It is an urgent plea to the governor of Pennsylvania not to sign the death warrant for Mumia. A video is available from the Partisan Defense Committee about Mumia's case. It is an excellent organizing tool and can be obtained for \$30 from the PDC, P.O.

Box 99, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013. (If for some reason, you cannot get a copy of this video from PDC without major hassle, please contact us, and we will get you a copy). You can write to Mumia Abu Jamal, #M8335, Drawer R, Huntington, PA 16652 to send your solidarity.

**STOP THE HARASSMENT OF BASHIR HAMEED
RELEASE HIM FROM SEGREGATION**

Bashir Hameed, political prisoner and former Black Panther Party member, has been held in administrative lock-up for over two years for leading a protest against prison conditions. Bashir suffers from high blood pressure. Doctor's fear that his continued confinement in solitary is seriously endangering his health and well-being. Enclosed is a copy of a petition that we urge you to circulate and return to the Queens Two Community Support Coalition. The last issue of the Freedom Now newsletter contained a page about the emergency campaign in support of Bashir. You can write to Bashir Hameed, #82-A-6313, Shawangunk Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 700, Wallkill, NY 12589.

**SAVE ALAN BERKMAN
REHABILITATION NOT SPRINGFIELD/MARION**

Enclosed is a flyer about the latest campaign to ensure rehabilitation and medical care for political prisoner Alan Berkman. We are urging everyone to send letters or faxes to BOP Director Michael Quinlan. The Parole Commission has turned Alan down for the third time and we are again putting pressure on the BOP. This letter writing campaign has a time limit so please get the word out right away..

On December 19, 1990, the U.S. government delivered its official decision not to allow the extradition of Silvia Baraldini, political prisoner, to Italy. We are enclosing a copy of this decision. It is an alarming example of the government's continued insistence on criminalizing our movements and our resistance to U.S. government policies. It's message to Silvia and to all political prisoners is: "If you want to get out of jail, you'll have to cooperate and give information to the government." This decision should make us redouble our resolve to fight for the freedom of political prisoners and prisoners of war in this country. Send letters of support to Silvia Baraldini, #05125-054, PMB 7007, Shawnee Unit, Marianna, FL 32446.

Also, on December 10, 1990, Linda Backiel, long-time political activist lawyer, was thrown in jail indefinitely for civil contempt for refusing to testify before the grand jury. Linda refused to testify about her former client, Betty Ann Duke, the seventh member of the Resistance Conspiracy Case who escaped to freedom quite some time ago. Linda is a strong legal and political supporter of the Puerto Rican independence movement; most recently defending Filiberto Ojeda Rios. Letters of protest

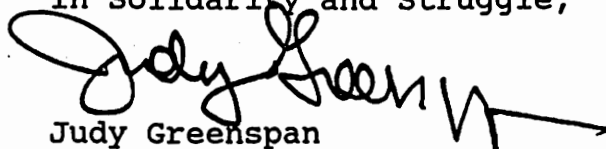
and outrage should be sent to: Judge Charles R. Weiner, Room 6613, U.S. Courthouse, 601 Market Street; Philadelphia, PA 19106. Letters of love and support should be mailed to: Linda Backiel, A-40, Bucks County Correctional Facility, 1730 S. Easton Road, Doylestown, PA 18901.

BUILD FREEDOM NOW!

The Washington Area Committee for Political Prisoners' Rights has recently decided to join with other organizations and individuals doing political prisoner work to form the Washington, D.C. chapter of FREEDOM NOW! We believe that the political prisoner/prisoner of war movement in this country needs a national organization. We urge you to consider joining and/or affiliating with FREEDOM NOW. We have committed ourselves to raise money to help defray the cost of the Tribunal. Contact FREEDOM NOW in your area for more information.

You can contact us at P.O. Box 28191, Washington, D.C. 20038. Let's continue to share leaflets, flyers and political news. Take care.

In Solidarity and Struggle,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Greenspan", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Judy Greenspan
for the Washington Area
Committee/Freedom Now!