

POLITICAL PRISONER BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Send a birthday card to these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters they aren't forgotten. If you make one, remember: don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape or glitter on it. We also recommend that you put your name and address and their name and prisoner number on the card, lest the authorities 'lose' the envelope and forget where it is going. If you would like to add a birthday or sign up for our poster mailing list, email us at ppbirthday@riseup.net. Brought to you with love by the Prison Books Collective. For a pdf of the poster or news and updates about anti-prison struggles, visit: prisonbooks.info

ON RECEIVING NO MAIL
Being in Jail and Receiving
NO MAIL
is like
Being in Hell and getting
No water
But
Being in Prison and
Receiving
NO MAIL
Is
Being captured behind
Enemy lines with
NO COMMUNICATION!
Such being the case
Many of us become
One-SIDED...
—Veronza Bowers Jr.
October 6, 1974
Atlanta Pen

December 6, 1953

Stanley Cohen
#19846-052
USP Canaan
U.S. Penitentiary
Satellite Camp
P.O. Box 200
Waymart, PA 18472
istanleycohen.org

US authorities who seek to silence him and end his law practice targeted Attorney and Human Rights Advocate Stanley Cohen with charges of obstructing and impeding the Internal Revenue Service. Cohen's career in court includes defending Palestinian and Lebanese liberation movements, anti-imperialist guerilla warfare in the US, anti-Islamophobic vandalism, anti-racist cop-killers as well as families of people murdered by police, Mohawk Warrior Society during the Oka crisis, Tompkins Square Park rioters, ACT-UP needle exchange and condom distribution programs, Homeless children, IRA bank robbers, Anarchist newspapers and magazines, Black Bloc demonstrators, Squatters, Anonymous, War-Resisters, and Occupy Wall Street organizers.

“To my family, friends, supporters and those whose resistance has inspired me. [...]n about 18 hours I will enter prison—IT WILL NOT BREAK, SILENCE OR CHANGE ME. I have struggled since adolescence to stand up and be counted among those who dare to say no and will do so until my last breath in this life. I am sure that your struggle, resistance and struggle to make this world a more just and equitable place will continue in all places for all people. [...] Pray for Palestine and Bless the Resistance. UP THE REBELS EVERYWHERE. THEY CANNOT STOP US.”
—Stanley Cohen

December 3, 1971

Rashid Johnson
#1859887
Clements Unit
9601 Spur 591
Amarillo, TX 79107
rashidmod.com

Rashid Johnson became a revolutionary in 2001, eleven years into his life sentence, and 6 years after winning multiple reforms as a jailhouse lawyer. He is now the defense minister for the New Afrikan Black Panther Party–Prison Chapter and continues his jailhouse lawyer activities. An avid and talented artist, his art has appeared in prison movement publications such as the *Incarcerated Worker* and *4StruggleMag*.
Address envelope to Kevin Johnson

December 12, 1954

Zolo Agona Azania
#4969
State Prison Minimum Unit
1 Park Row
Michigan City, IN 46360
zoloazania.org

Zolo Azania is a former Black Panther convicted of a 1981 bank robbery that left a Gary, Indiana cop dead. He was arrested, unarmed, miles away from the incident. The prosecution intimidated witnesses, suppressed favorable evidence, presented false eyewitness and expert testimony, and denied him the right to speak or present motions in his own behalf.

December 15, 1946

Fred “Muhammad” Burton
AF 3896
SCI Somerset
1590 Walters Mill Rd
Somerset, PA 15510
denverabc.wordpress.com

Fred Burton is one of the Philly 5, a group of men accused of an alleged attack on a police station that left one officer killed. He was sentenced to a life term for murder. Burton has maintained his innocence since his arrest.

December 17, 1987

Chelsea Manning
89289
1300 N Warehouse Rd
Ft Leavenworth KS 66027-2304
privatemanning.org

Chelsea Manning, Army intelligence analyst, leaked a video showing the killing of civilians, including two Reuters journalists, by a US Apache helicopter crew in Iraq. She also shared documents known as the Afghan War Diary, the Iraq War Logs, and embarrassing US Diplomatic Cables, with the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks.
Address envelope to Bradley Manning.

December 17, 1992

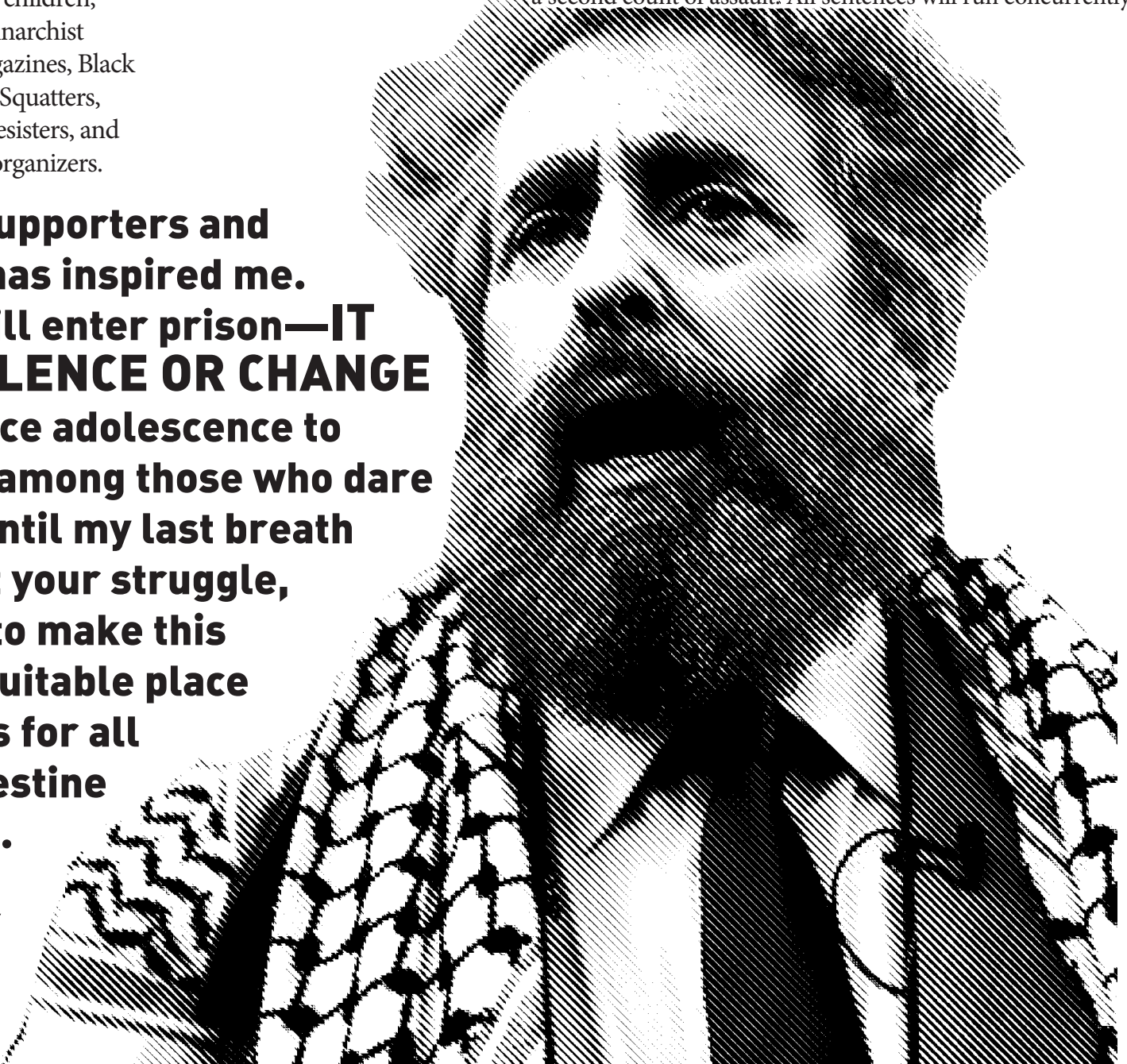
Connor Stevens
#57978-060
FCI McKean
P.O. Box 8000
Bradford, PA 16701
cleveland4solidarity.org

Connor and four others were arrested on May 1st, 2012 and accused of plotting a series of bombings, including of an area bridge. The FBI, working with an informant, created the scheme, produced the explosives, and coerced them into participating.

December 30, 1987

Casey Brezik
#1154765
Jefferson City Correctional Center
8200 No More Victims Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101

In 2010, anarchist Casey Brezik tried to assassinate the governor of Missouri. In June of 2013, he was convicted and sentenced to a dozen years on each of three counts – assault and two armed criminal action charges – and seven years on a second count of assault. All sentences will run concurrently.



THEY ARE IN THERE FOR US, WE ARE OUT HERE FOR THEM:

December 3, 1971: Rashid Johnson
December 6, 1953: Stanley Cohen
December 12, 1954: Zolo Agona Azania
December 15, 1946: Fred “Muhammad” Burton
December 17, 1987: Chelsea Manning
December 17, 1992: Connor Stevens
December 30, 1987: Casey Brezik;

POLITICAL PRISONER LETTER WRITING NIGHT

This December, join others in your community to send birthday cards to political prisoners to remind them that they are not forgotten.

Time:

Date:

Location:

Sponsoring Organization:

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