

**INTERNATIONAL DAY  
OF SOLIDARITY WITH  
POLITICAL PRISONERS**

**DECEMBER 3, 2005**



**PROGRAM &  
STATEMENTS BY  
POLITICAL PRISONERS  
IN THE U.S.**

NOV. 28th thru DEC. 3rd

# BAY AREA WEEK OF SOLIDARITY

for International Day of Solidarity with  
Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War  
and Political Exiles (12/3)

# POLITICAL CONVICTIONS

Liberating political  
prisoners

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On December 3, 2005 people in over 10 countries around the world including Palestine, the Philippines, Haiti, Brazil, Italy, Switzerland, England, India and the U.S. will mark the first "International Day of Solidarity with Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War, and Political Exiles" with rallies, marches, and other forms of resistance. Filipino political prisoner Donato Contingente called for this day to challenge the increasing globalization of repression. We in the Bay, are hosting a week of films, action, and speakers. We aim to expose and educate a broad audience about the liberation struggles of oppressed people around the world in an effort to build genuine anti-imperialist solidarity. **Join us!**

### FILM FEST

**NEW COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA CULTURAL CENTER**  
766 Valencia Street, SF  
6:30-9:30 PM

Co-Sponsored by New College's Activism & Social Change Program

**MON 11/28:** The Real Eco-Terrorists & Call me Nuh (U.S.)

**TUES 11/29:** Beyond the Walls (Philippines) & Hambre de Justicia (Mexico)

### LANEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Irma Walker Conference Room #401 - Student Center  
900 Fallon Street, Oakland  
6:00-9:00 PM

Co-Sponsored by Laney College's Club Knowledge

**WED 11/30 :** All Power to the People (excerpts) (U.S.) & Mission against Terror (Cuba)

**THURS 12/1:** Women in Struggle (Palestine) & Repatriation (excerpts) (Korea)

### SOLIDARITY EVENTS

**DAY OF ACTION: 12-2PM ON Friday, 12/2**  
Oakland Federal Building - 1301 Clay Street, Oakland

**DAY OF SOLIDARITY: 7PM ON Saturday: 12/3**  
Performances & Guest Speakers Kathleen Cleaver & Alica Rodriguez  
First Unitarian Church - 685 14th Street, Oakland

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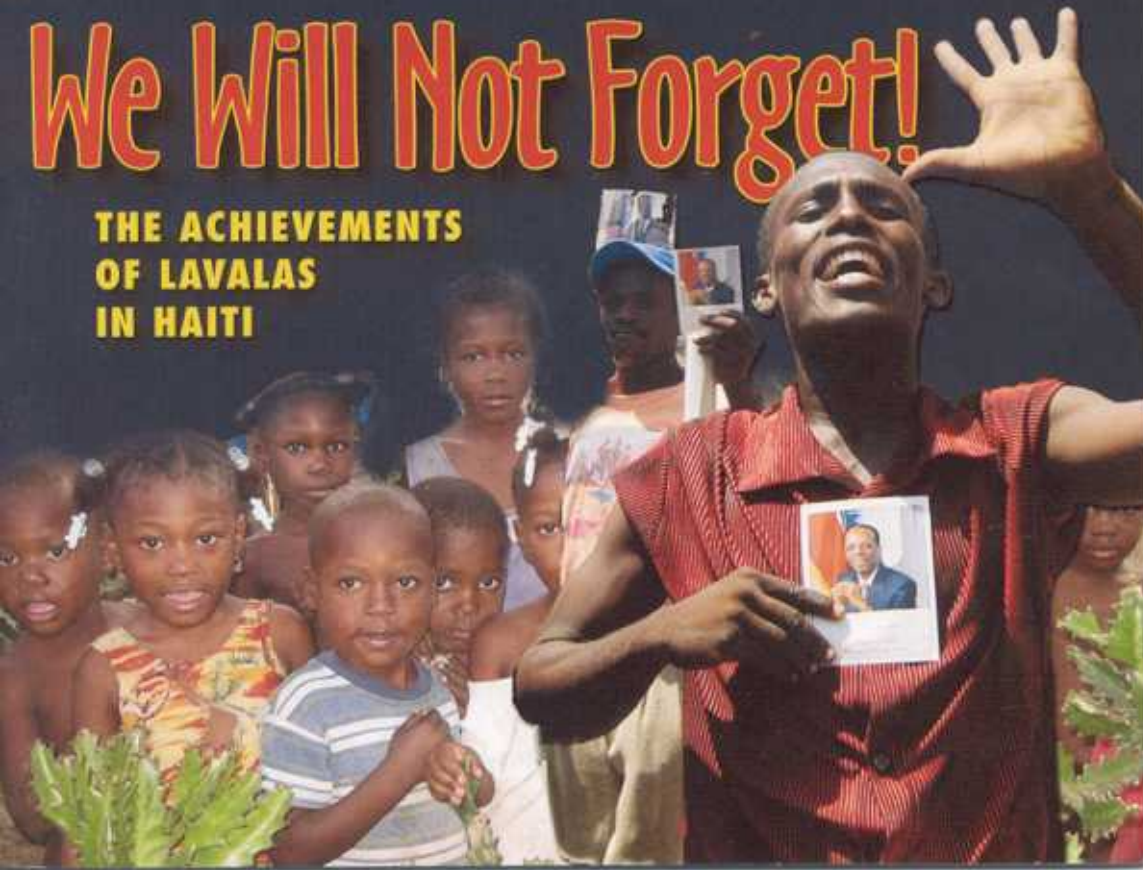
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# We Will Not Forget!

**THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF LAVALAS  
IN HAITI**



## Introduction

Ours is an initiative that speaks to many languages, cultures and civilizations bridging these differences into a single purpose. That purpose is to give recognition, solidarity and support to political prisoners, especially those suffering at the hands of US imperialism, either directly or indirectly; either by colonial or neo-colonial forms of oppression. Although we here participate and join in solidarity with this initiative, I am of the belief we in America, in the belly of the beast, need to do more. For decades, I have raised the issue of US political prisoners, and the need to broaden support for political prisoners internationally. We have successfully brought petitions to the United Nations on the issue of political prisoners, and the Jericho Amnesty Movement has established links of communication with political prisoner support groups in the Basque region, Italy, Germany and France, to just name a few.

What does this mean for the future of the solidarity initiative for political prisoners? Unlike Amnesty International, the Jericho Amnesty Movement gives recognition and support to political prisoners and prisoners of war. Jericho understands that the Geneva Accords and Protocols must be applied to those captured and confined for their militant opposition to US imperialism and that the US must abide by these international laws. Despite the United States connivance in conjuring new terminology to identify militant opposition to US imperialism, terms such as "enemy combatants" simply deny them recognition under international laws. There cannot be any true international solidarity without rejecting this conjured terminology. In this regard, the Jericho Amnesty Movement seeks to ensure that all militant freedom fighters are provided the opportunity to be treated in accordance with international laws governing political prisoners and prisoners of war.

To this end, I have proposed that once again a petition alleging human rights violations be brought before the United Nations, a comprehensive petition that speaks to both domestic and foreign held political prisoners and prisoners of war, including the disappeared. I ask all the representative groups and individuals in support of political prisoners attending this event and other events throughout the world to support the petition.

We who live in the belly of the beast have the onus to take the lead in furthering this cause. Obviously, there is a need for a new revolutionary international movement. The oppressed peoples of the world are anxiously waiting for progressive and revolutionary forces in the US to get organized and mobilized. The oppressed peoples of the world are depending on progressive and revolutionary forces in the US to fight for our own freedom

and liberation, and in so doing, free them of the tyranny of US imperialism. We can not, must not allow history to judge us any longer as being complicit. We can not, must not allow our silence to an oppressive US foreign policy be detrimental to others and beneficial to the ruling class.

There can not be international solidarity without substantial work to manifest the true meaning of solidarity. The task then becomes one of gardening the seeds of our commitment, cultivating our revolutionary determination and harvesting liberation and freedom. At the dawn of the new century, let us build a truly revolutionary international movement that is organized at the very heart of progressive and revolutionary movements throughout the world. Let us work for the amnesty and release of political prisoners and prisoners of war.

Long live the Jericho Amnesty Movement  
Long live international solidarity with political prisoners of war!

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December 3rd, 2005

This brief pamphlet represents a sampling of the writings received from US-held Political Prisoners in response to letters announcing the International Day in Solidarity with Political Prisoners and soliciting their input. Despite difficulties inherent in making these disappeared comrades part of our work, despite the razor wire, the walls of violence, the decades which many of them have spent behind bars, we cannot forget them. These writings remind us that their leadership is critical in developing strategies of resistance that take on the state, for they understand this monster all too well. ★

—The International Day Committee

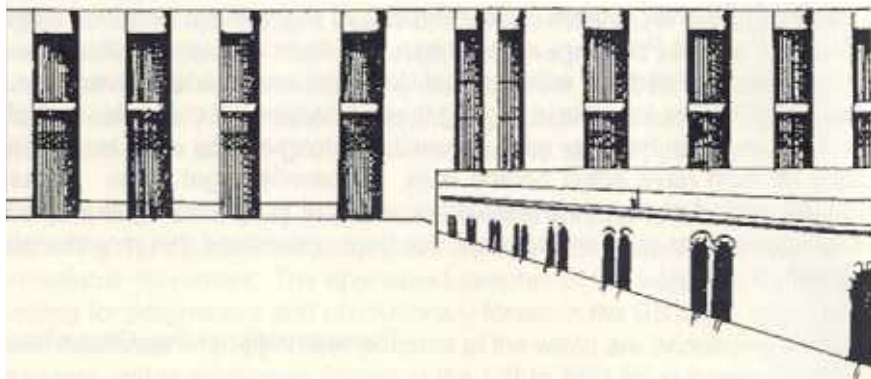
## LOVING TO BE/STRUGGLING TO BE FREE

A strong, virtuous and industrious young man  
sat contemplative and absorbed at the side of a lake.  
Strong of body, humble in spirit  
with the stillness of the water reflecting the serenity of his  
thoughts:

Thoughts of a harvest  
soon to be gathered,  
Thoughts of a gratefulness  
for communal trading and sharing,

Thoughts of our own children...  
our dedicated and nurturing wives,  
thoughts of our loving parents  
instructing and giving advice,  
Thoughts of our people...  
our beautiful, beautiful, beautiful people  
loving to understand and loving to be understood,  
loving to help others and loving those who help them,  
loving to love and loving to be loved,  
loving the freedom of others and loving freedom themselves.

Then...suddenly and imperceptibly  
dreams transmitted to nightmares,  
tranquility to havoc,  
communal serenity to chaos,  
and freedom to an inhumane servitude  
the likes of which were never known  
before or after.....



Then utilized, villified, and irrevocably animalized.  
We've struggled, fought, been ridiculed, massacred and died..  
In mutinies, rebellions, protests and even freedom rides.  
Despised as thieves, yet we continue to be stolen from...  
Demeaned as murderers, yet we continue to be slaughtered...  
Incarcerated as Insurgents, we Continue to Struggle.

We must still love to understand, and love to be understood.

We must still love to help others, and love those to help us.

We must still love, and love to be loved in return.

We must still love the freedom of others...

AND STRUGGLE TO BE FREE OURSELVES.

Veronza Bowers, Jr.  
written winter 1980



On the Move. The purpose of Move is to instill direction; enforce commitment and revolt against inactivity of this system, government, all governments that have taken the governing power inherent in all people and placed it in the hands of the exploitative few. The Move organization is a deeply serious, loyal, totally committed vanguard of revolutionaries, sworn to right the wrongs of oppression, and the injustice of external government. This system of government has twisted people's minds, conditioned people's thoughts and behavior through systematic training, in order to keep people enslaved to the system for exploitative purposes. Government has been merchandising people's power of purpose, policing the way of people's freedom, exploiting the governing power of all life ever since the exploitative embezzlement of politics was invented. The way of this system is wrong today, and we will be wrong tomorrow unless people commit their selves to make things right.

We are freedom fighters, committed to fight the oppressor, who is waging an all out war against any resistance by the oppressed. This government has locked the Move 9 in prison for 27 years knowing we are innocent; they took our sister Merle's life after doing 20 years in jail. They bombed and murdered 11 of our family members 20 years ago and they are still trying to annihilate the Move organization because we will not stop fighting this system. What they are doing to Move ain't no different than what the oppressor has done to resisters historically; look what Nat Turner, Gabriel Prosser, John Brown, Geronimo, Sitting Bull, Pedro Albizu Campos, Emiliano Zapata, and many more experienced. What we are experiencing now ain't no different than what they experienced. People should demand this government explain how Judge Malmed sentenced 9 Move people to 30-100 years each in prison for the shooting of one cop, with one bullet, from one gun, then admitted on public radio a day after sentencing Move to prison, that he didn't know who shot that cop 8/8/78.

Understand this ain't just a Move issue. This is an issue of the oppressed against the oppressor, everybody in this fight should learn to never let the oppressor, the enemy, convince them that resisters, freedom fighters, the oppressed are criminal and belong in prison. Whenever people fight against oppression, the oppressor has historically used the same tactics - beat



them into submission, and if that don't work, exterminate those courageous enough to fight. And those that escape being murdered are labeled criminal and put in jail until they are too old to fight anymore, or for the rest of their lives.

Don't be fooled by this government, it's a calculated practice they have been using since the inception of external government, to bring about conflict and disagreement to cause separation within the people. The South Africans didn't listen to the oppressive government of South Africa when they labeled the freedom fighters in that country as criminals.



The Black slaves in this country didn't believe the slave master when they said Nat Turner was criminal. Americans didn't listen to the British government when they said that American revolutionaries were criminal for going against the king of England. It's no way the oppressed should be taking the word of the oppressor over somebody who is being oppressed just like them. It's like a Jewish person taking Hitler's word over another Jewish person during the holocaust. Like a Christian trusting the Romans over another Christian, while being thrown to the lions by the Romans. It's like trying to convince oppressed people that Leonard Peltier belongs in prison, that he is a criminal, murderer, when the people saying this are directly involved in stealing his whole country and slaughtering his people into virtual extinction. Even until this very day they got his people, the Indians, the natural inhabitants of this land, enslaved on reservations.

The oppressor will do anything to hold onto their position of oppression. John Africa teaches that the weapon this system uses to do this is "divide and conquer." As long as they can keep people disjointed and fighting among each other, then their energy will be divided and the focus will never be on the real enemy - this system. People must learn to take control and responsibility for their selves and understand that we should never let ourselves be categorized, divided, despite any so-called difference because finally we have the most important thing in common, the enemy.

Any so-called difference between us is secondary to that. The one thing this system fears is unity among people because they know that unity is the key to pushing them to do what is right. It is time to unite, take a stand.

Don't give this system your strength. Demand answers, push them to do what is right. The revolution Move speaks of ain't no myth or conversation piece. There is a wave welling up that's been welling up for years that is soon to be released and will support only those who can swim. When the tide seems low, it ain't safe to fall asleep and assume that the tide ain't coming in. The smart thing to do is maintain awareness by keeping your mind on the problem-causing system, so when the revolutionary wave deals the final blow, you are carried smoothly as a fighter, resister and not drowned as the unaware. The responsibility of Move is to make people aware of John Africa's revolution, for this problem system must be washed clean swiftly, uncompromisingly in order for true freedom to be felt.

In the words of John Africa "while so-called educators talk of love, mouthe the necessity for peace, assert the power of love, comprehend the urgency of freedom. The reform world system cannot teach love while making allowances for war, freedom while making allowances for the inconsistent shackles of enslavement. For to make allowances for sickness is to be unhealthy, to make concessions with slavery is to be enslaved, to compromise with the person of compromise is to be as the person you are compromising with." Long live John Africa's wisdom.

THE POWER OF TRUTH IS FINAL  
 LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA  
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## You're Not So Heavy

as I rise from my bed everyday. It's done with great intensity.  
 Just knowing that my purpose is great  
 it's a commitment to freeing my people.

You're Not So Heavy.

Struggling on is an everyday thing  
 when victory is won it can make your heart sing,  
 it has great powers for most as it gives  
 the shallow zing!

You're Not So Heavy.

oppression has cast its ugly spell upon our people and their struggles seem  
 very unbearable at times;  
 But strong people we are and...

You're Not Too Heavy.

We are an extended family,  
 our links and roots sun deep all across the  
 Plains of the motherland to the  
 Northern plains of North Amerikkka.

My People You're Not So Heavy.

Let's work together to save the Babies,  
 Children, People, and Our land.  
 Because it's not so heavy of a task...

During slavery, we helped and carried one another  
 We shared with one another,  
 We loved and protected one another.  
 It's our time to with and not by one another,  
 we are Not So Heavy...

You're Not Too Heavy,  
 I am Not So Heavy,  
 Our Nation are Not So Heavy  
 Let's now carry each other  
 as our ancestors Did  
 on their Backs...

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