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# PELTIER'S LAST CHANCE

Native people and supporters from around the continent will be staging solidarity pickets and prayer visits for Leonard Peltier in mid-April. Peltier, an American Indian Movement activist imprisoned for the deaths of two FBI agents, was extradited from Canada in 1976 on the basis of evidence fabricated by the FBI. That evidence has since been proven fraudulent through documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, so on April 17 Peltier's Canadian Defence Committee is applying for an appeal of the extradition in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Two FBI agents and one Indian man were killed in a 1975 shoot-out on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. The reservation was the scene of bitter struggles between American Indian Movement people and land/resource hungry government officials. No one was ever prosecuted for the murder of Joe Stuntz, the Indian man killed by the FBI, but two other native men were tried and released on grounds of self-defence for the deaths of the FBI agents. Through evidence widely known to be falsified, the state convicted Leonard of the shooting and is

refusing a retrial. The Canadian appeal is his last legal avenue. A successful appeal would make the Canadian government recall the extradition, bringing Peltier back to his freedom in Canada.

Native people and supporters will be starting a prayer vigil in Ottawa at sunrise on April 17, to carry on for four days. Native people from across Canada will speak on their land, human and sovereignty rights, together and in alliance with the struggle to free Peltier. If you can attend, call the Leonard Peltier Canadian Defence Committee for more information 416-439-1893, or, if

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## More Right-Wing Spies

It is now clear that there is an aggressive campaign underway by private right-wing information gathering groups who are targeting progressive individuals and organizations and selling the information to the FBI and other government agencies.<sup>1</sup>

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative group in the U.S., released a report in 1980 which specifically recommended that the FBI contract out its dirty work, i.e.: wiretaps, illegal break-ins and thefts, etc. It recommended



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Domestic surveillance at Summit demonstration in Toronto, June, 1988

## More Right Wing Spies *continued*

"contracting with one or several of the many private groups that have specialized in providing and disseminating relevant information with legal complications."2 The Reagan administration acted on this report when, in Dec. 1981, Reagan signed Executive Order 12333 which permitted the FBI to contract with private groups for "intelligence" gathering. It further allows them to conceal the existence of these contracts; to carry out break-ins under "certian" (and classified) circumstances, and to accept any material it receives regardless of how it was obtained and without having to question the people who obtained it.3

The recent discovery of spies and infiltrators in the animal rights/liberation movements, working for Perceptions International (a security "consulting" firm with FBI and CIA ties),4 only serves to highlight the extensiveness of intelligence gathering operations. It is no longer just Central American or Black Liberation groups who are so-called "terrorist threats" but animal liberation, radical environmentalist and anarchist groups around the world.

Several years ago the Toronto-based **Anti-Authoritarian News Network** (AANN) was contacted by "Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Emerson" who requested most of the literature AANN was distributing at the time. "Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Emerson" later became **The Zeus Group**. When AANN was slow to respond to their request for materials, The Zeus Group sent off a letter to Canada Post offering to sign a formal complaint. The letter also described The Zeus Group as "a research organization that publishes professional papers for agencies of the United States government."

The Zeus Group was run by **Ryan Quade Emerson** who has been an FBI operative for over 25 years (Emerson is now involved in other projects.) Emerson is a self-defined "terrorologist" who creates data-bases for the law enforcement community. He has been under the employ of the Lyndon Larouche organization as a security consultant, and has also served as a consultant to the International Security Council which is run by the Moonies. Both the Larouchies and the Moonies are two of the main intelligence gathering services in the U.S.6

The most recent intelligence gathering group to try to infiltrate the Toronto anarchist community is the Arlington, Virginia based **Eagle Research Group**. E.R.G. had subscribed to the *Ecomedia Bulletin*, as well as making contact and requesting materials from numerous progressive groups across North America. They have now confirmed that they "work for the government,"7 although which specific branch is not yet known.

When we think of "infiltration," we usually conjure up images of strange faces in group meetings encouraging illegal activities, causing internal conflicts and divisions or simply providing misinformation. While these are still a part of the state's methods of counter intelligence operations, we must understand the other methods employed by the fascist right. While we continue to do outreach and educational work, we must be vigilant in the face of those who seek to undermine our activities and our attempts at reorganizing this society and changing people's attitudes.

### Sources

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you can't make it personally, please donate to help the massive costs of the campaign.

"Peltier's struggle represents more than the injustices and persecution towards one man. Extensively documented in Peltier's case is the violent repression and human rights abuses, broken laws, treaties and other violations of First Nation sovereignty that are carried out against native peoples by North American governments. In Canada, we now carry the precious responsibility to help free Leonard Peltier, and, in so doing, to expose the wrongdoings and abuses against native peoples..." (LPCDC")

## Self-Policing works for Natives

By electing a police force from band members, the 1,300 Cree Indians on Manitoba's Split Lake reserve have virtually eliminated crime, and are now requesting that the RCMP discontinue its regular patrols there. The ten members of the force are elected every two years, receive an honorarium of \$150 per month, and voluntarily work as much as sixty hours a week. The jobs are informally rotated among band members, so that almost every adult male on the reserve works as a police officer at some point in his life.

One of the officers, Norman McIvor, points out that the police are following an ancient tradition of peace-makers in the Indian culture. They break up disputes, keep alcohol out of the community, visit people in their homes to maintain good relationships, and enforce an 11 p.m. curfew every night. They search cars and houses to enforce the liquor ban, and sometimes take cars away from their drivers to enforce the curfew.

The elected police force is believed to be unique in Manitoba and perhaps in Canada, and while dozens of other Indian reserves are pleading for more RCMP officers to combat rising crime rates the success of the Split Lake force has left Mounties there idle. The feds, however, don't appreciate this evidence that their services are not necessary. The Indian Affairs Department refuses to provide any funds for the elected force, with a resulting shortage of vehicles and equipment, and the provincial justice system refuses to recognize the legitimacy of the elected police. (Toronto Globe and Mail 22-3-89.)

# Hungerstrike Solidarity

In an unprecedented united action, an estimated 250 political prisoners and prisoners of war in the U.S. joined in a symbolic 24-hour protest/fast on March 15th with political prisoners on hungerstrike in Azania and FRG (West Germany).

On Jan. 23, 1989, 170 Azanian political prisoners at Diepkloof prison (members of various anti-apartheid organizations) initiated an unlimited hungerstrike against preventive detention. They are joined by over 130 political detainees at prisons in Durban and Port Elizabeth.

On Feb. 1, 1989, 48 FRG political prisoners of the anti-imperialist guerilla organization Red Army Faction (RAF), former guerilla group June 2nd Movement, and anti-imperialist resistance and militant social prisoners began an unlimited hungerstrike for political association and against isolation torture/sensory deprivation.

Issuing a nationwide "call for solidarity" from the D.C. jail, six anti-imperialist political prisoners convicted in the Resistance Conspiracy Case, accused of bombing the U.S. capitol in 1983, declared the reasons for the protest/fast: "Both of these hungerstrikes are unlimited (to the death), and represent the ultimate means of protest for any prisoner. In extending support to the hungerstrikers, the prisoners identify and demand an end to the weapons of political repression that have been employed against activists in the U.S. as well. Preventive detention in its form (grand jury subpoenas, exorbitant or no-bail, frame-up charges) and isolation, exemplified by the Marion and

Lexington federal control units, are used with greater frequency in this country under the doctrine of 'anti-terrorism.'

"The prisoners of the RAF have been leading the fight against isolation torture internationally for 18 years. They have undertaken 9 hungerstrikes, resulting in two deaths and impaired health for many. Facing one of the most serious and sustained guerilla movements in Europe, the FRG has developed isolation/sensory deprivation as the weapon of choice.

"While the Azania detainees' hungerstrike has received some international attention from the major media, news of the RAF/Resistance hungerstrike has been totally ignored outside of FRG."

Recent actions include the following: On March 13, 1989, 34 wimmin from the wimmin prison Plotzensee went on a three day solidarity hungerstrike to publicize the strikers' demands and also to fight their own conditions. Among their things they still have to work for 30-40 cents an hour wage and are isolated from other prisoners. On Mar. 17, 7-8,000 people participated in a powerful demonstration in Hamburg (FRG) which was called by 50 different political organizations in solidarity with the hungerstrike. On March 22, a small group of people shouting slogans and with banners blockaded the W. German consulate for an hour in Amsterdam.

If you are interested in the complete statements of the U.S. and FRG political prisoners or for more information, please contact Ecomedia. Don't forget our comrades, fighters and friends in prison.

# Wealth Redistribution

Anarchists Alfredo Bonanno and Giuseppe Stasi were arrested on Thurs., Feb. 2, 1989, following an expropriation in a jeweller's shop in Bergamo, Italy.

The accusations against them are; armed robbery, greivous bodily harm and resistance against arrest.

On Mon., Feb. 6, Bonanno and Stasi were interrogated by the instructing judge. They declared that the robbery was carried out due to the personal need for money and that, as anarchists, they consider the redistribution of wealth in a society based on social and economic inequality to be just - a position historically shared by anarchists.

The two activists specified that any attempt to presuppose the existence of a phantomatic armed organisation, will be considered a frame-up intending to strike other activists engaged in the social struggle against exploitation and oppression more heavily.

On the same day as the robbery took place, a series of raids were carried out, with no results, in the homes of other anarchists in Milan, Bergamo and Catania.

A fund has been opened to meet trial costs. Whoever desires to contribute to it can do so through the current postal account 16464950 in the name of Carmela Di Marca, Catania, in Italian lyre, please.

At the moment we do not have any other information. We give our solidarity to two anarchist comrades known for years in the movement for their coherence, for their engagement in the struggle and for their important contribution in the course of liberation from the chains of exploitation and oppression. As always, the State and its servants are trying to bury Bonanno and Stasi in years of prison. They will try to isolate them, to inquisition other activists who are close to them, will try to criminalise the papers "Provocazione" and the review "Anarchismo," which Bonanno and Stasi are a part of.

## Calendar of Events

**Wed. April 5, 7:30p.m.** Anarchist Town Hall meeting at 519 Church St. Community Centre.

**Sat. April 8, 2p.m.** Campaign Against Poverty rally at Queen's Park. 363-0304 for more info.

**Mon. April 17 (sunrise) - Thurs. April 20 (sunset)** International Prayer of Conscience for Leonard Peltier. A 4-day vigil on Parliament Hill during the time Peltier's case is heard in the Supreme Court of Canada. In Ottawa phone (613) 230-4590 and in Toronto contact the Peltier Defense Committee at 439-1893 for more info. (See *Peltier's Last Legal Chance* this issue.)

## Ecomedia Toronto

**Ecomedia** is an international autonomous wire service which reports on action and news from an activist/anarchist perspective. It is an alternative to the regular media which ignore relevant actions and ideas.

**Ecomedia Toronto** publishes this bulletin every two weeks, which is distributed free locally from places around the city. Subscriptions are now \$15 for a year (26 issues) and you'll receive a package every 2 issues (to save mailing costs). Donations are always welcome. If you'd like to get involved in the news network, there are opportunities for writing, distribution, radio, research, etc, so get in touch at the address on the front.

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## MEDIA WATCH



### Anti-Choice Violence

Toronto's anti-choice movement, Campaign Life (sic), ran an article in its latest newsletter sensationally advertising anarchist involvement in defending the abortion clinics from its attacks. Based on an *Ecomedia* article ("Blocking the Bigots"; Issue #44), the article goes on to blame "Morgentaler Anarchists" for the fictitious beating of a young black womyn by a "pro-abortion (sic) young man." (Campaign Life Coalition News, March 1989 p4.) Not only does the article make the (wrong) assumption that, because we are pro-choice, we are automatically pro-abortion, it also seems to have got the story wrong. No such beatings occurred, although we recall anti-choice fanatics punching and scratching patients entering the clinic. The Campaign Life "hot line" also blames "anarcho-socialists" for "depravity" and for calling them "ass-wipes."