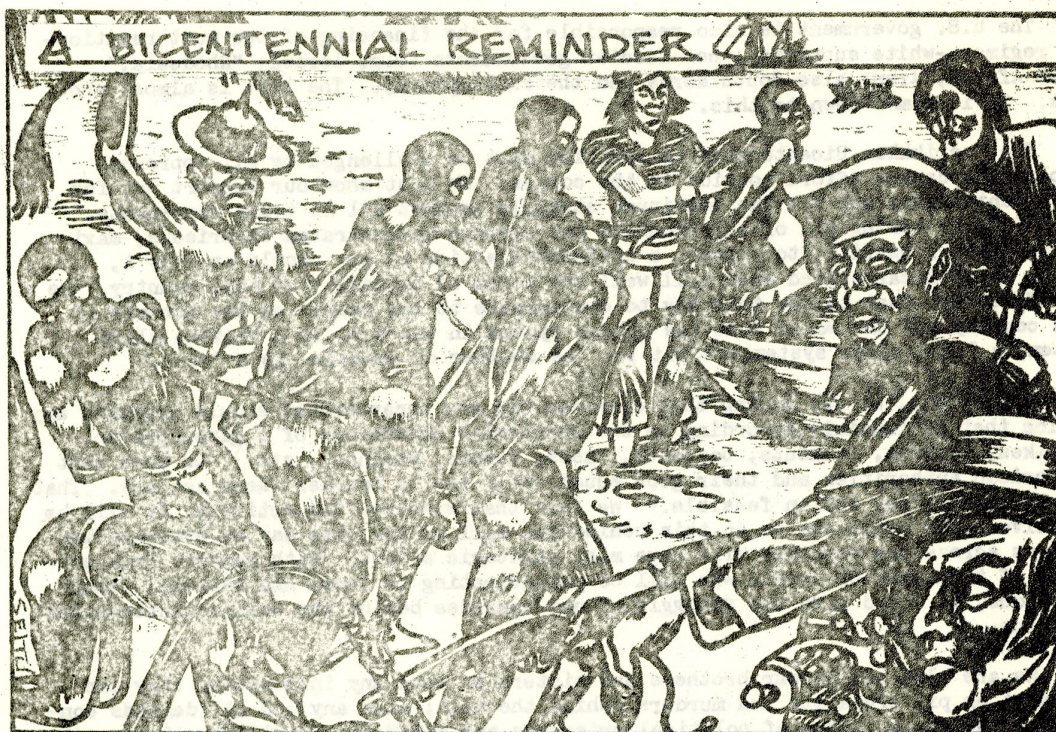


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## WHAT DO WE HAVE TO CELEBRATE ON JULY 4, 1976?

The Bicentennial of the United States culminating on July 4, 1976 has been declared by Black, Latin, Asian, Native American and all oppressed people as being a date of historical significance; historically significant because it will be a time when the ruling class, (monopoly capitalists like Rockefeller, Ford, Mellon, Hughes, etc.) and the government along with all its elected flunkies like Gerald Ford, Kissinger, etc. will try to dupe the world into believing that people living in this country believe like them, that Amerikkka is the greatest country on earth and is the hallmark of freedom, justice and equality.

They will try to make people believe that there is no oppression in the form of mass unemployment, slum housing, racist police brutality, illegal counter intelligence, murders of Black leaders, and heads of state. They will try to make the world believe that the FBI, CIA, Army intelligence, secret service, and countless counter-revolution tentacles like S.W.A.T., S.T.R.E.S.S., B.O.S.S., L.E.A.A., and Red Squads have not been and are not involved in perpetrating lies, distortions, paranoia, and murder across this country on any brother or sister who fights for their freedom.

The Bicentennial will be used to begin to whip up the blind patriotism and racism (that is already entrenched in the majority of white folks) so that criminals in the white house and government apparatus can justify their historical imperialism and their newest imperialist schemes and designs. This point of imperialism must be clearly denounced to the world. Ever since the beginning of this country when these founding slave masters (George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, etc.) in 1776 declared themselves independent of the British, this country has been a blood thirsty juggernaut for ripping off other people's land, and natural resources. From the very inception of the slave trade, racist imperialist domination of our African Homeland and the ripping off of African people to be brought here in chains, added to this international travesty, the continued murder and genocide of Black people, an undeclared war and national oppression that has kept us in a colonial status to this present day.

Amerikkka's imperialism in the war against Native Americans, the legitimate owners of this land, must be clearly denounced to the world. Treatment of the Indian nations and their continued national oppression is another testimony of Amerikkkan "justice." This imperialist juggernaut has ripped off tens of thousands of square miles from the people of Mexico and later--Cuba, Puerto Rico, Panama, Hawaii, Philippines, and Guam; and the continued national oppression, exploitation, and coloniza-



tion of the Puerto Rican people. The imperialist wars in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia; the occupation of Santo Domingo; plus the covert C.I.A. offensives in Indonesia, Republic of the Congo, and Chile where heads of state were murdered along with the deaths of tens of thousands of people, must also be clearly denounced.

The U.S. government is also responsible for the financing of the most reactionary regimes--white supremacist, neo-fascist governments (e.g. Israel, "Rhodesia," South Africa, Iran; also South Korea and the Philippines). The list is almost endless. So it comes down to this.

The Amerikkkan Bicentennial celebration must be challenged by all oppressed people. We cannot afford to hide in the corner. We must show our support not for the Bicentennial but for the continued struggle against all it truly represents. A.C.D.P.P. is asking all of our brothers and sisters incarcerated in prisons, maximum security fleshpits, to support a unilateral action of our people on July 4, 1976. Those incarcerated know full well the depth of brutality of this country. We therefore feel that to use this day to communicate to the people on the streets of this country and the world that the prison system in the U.S. is a vicious slave system, a legal slave system not fit for the shelter of animals--is a "must."

Concretely, we are saying that comrades who are incarcerated should organize any action that is feasible according to the particular conditions of a given prison, (strikes, lockins, lockouts, boycotts, fasts, forums, seminars, etc.) We know that the prison authorities and their goon squads will try to repress these actions. That is why we say "any action feasible." We feel that whatever the activity, it will be positive. For prisoners to do this behind-the-wall on the same day as brothers and sisters across the country, will have most strategic effect. With support from hundreds of thousands of people who will be participating in local and national demonstrations, it could give the struggle of our comrades behind the wall an international forum.

We are also asking our brothers and sisters to send any information they can document on pig brutality and murders behind the wall; also any and all demands concerning the human rights of political prisoners and P.O.W.s. We will try to coordinate this information, tabulate it and present it to some international body.

We realize this to be a heavy task and N.C.D.P.P. does not have all of the resources and personnel necessary but we hope that in reading this letter, our comrades in other defense committees, political prisoner organizations and any progressive or revolutionary organization will lend any help they can in coordinating local activities of prisons in their area, along with setting up communications with N.C.D.P.P. so that information needed for documentation can be centralized. Also, any suggestions for improving our work in this area will be much appreciated. Also included in this statement is a petition from the Republic of New Africa and African People's Party supporting the reparation demands of Black people. We are asking everyone, whether in maximum security or minimum security to sign the petition, have it disseminated and sent back to N.C.D.P.P.

In our next newsletter we will give a detailed breakdown on the question of reparations which deals with the national oppression of Black people in Amerikkka.

Victory belongs to those who struggle for it!

N.C.D.P.P.

