

July 4th Bulletin:

June, 1976

**Buses, Cars, Caravans prepare for Philadelphia**

Local Coalitions Launch July 4th Actions Across the Country

July 4th Coalitions in more than 60 cities across the country have launched an intensive campaign linking local survival struggles with the Coalition's massive rally and parade in Philadelphia on July 4th.

Major demonstrations on the 4th are also planned for the West Coast in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

From San Francisco to Boston, the peoples movement has stepped up its counter-offensive against the economic cutbacks and political repression that the government has confronted us with in this Bicentennial year.

BOSTON—On June 7th a lively picket line in Government Plaza during the lunch hour to protest the trial of four brothers of the American Indian Oglala nation and the continuing imprisonment of the five Puerto Rican nationalists, who are the longest held political prisoners in the Western hemisphere. Traditional Native American drums and chants accompanied the picket. Two



Vito Marcantonio Brigade—July 4th Coalition march in Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York.

days later the July 4th Coalition held a press conference on the steps of the State House to denounce the request of Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo for 15,000 troops on July 4th and FBI harassment of the coalition. Participants at the press conference, which included Nobel laureate George Wald, zeroed in on the racist attacks in that city and urged people to join the Philadelphia demonstration to protest the attacks and the Federal government's complicity. Many members of the coalition are actively engaged in the defense of Black families in East Boston and Hyde Park, and have supported the demands of the Third World Construction Workers Association for "community jobs for community people."

In **NEW YORK** on June 6, 2000 people marched in the "People's Contingent" of the Puerto Rican

Day Parade. The contingent featured the "Vito Marcantonio—July 4th Coalition Brigade" which linked the four national demands to its plans for a June 25. People's Tribunal, when it will put the Emergency Financial Control Board (EFCB) on trial. The EFCB is the Wall Street inspired group that now runs the city and masterminds the massive cutbacks that have drastically reduced the living standards of working people in that city.

In **PHILADELPHIA** itself the coalition, spearheaded by the Black Anti-Bicentennial Committee has organized a number of community forums, street festivals, poster "blitzes," and rallies. The closing of Philadelphia General Hospital and harassment of the Black Street Vendors Association are two local issues that the coalition has linked to the general call of the coalition.

national issues raised by the coalition. "We don't see the bicentennial as a harmless event but as a maneuver by imperialism to consolidate itself domestically in order to move internationally," explained an organizer of the Black Anti-Bicentennial Committee.

With that same anti-imperialist perspective, 5000 people at an African Liberation Day rally in **WASHINGTON, D.C.** cheered the call to mobilize on July 4th for Philadelphia as a way of joining the struggles on the African continent to those within the United States.

The call for July 4th was also heard at African Liberation Day activities organized by the African Peoples Socialist Party in **Florida, Virginia, Georgia and Kentucky.**

MORGANTOWN, W. Virginia is preparing for a June 14 rally at the Federal Building. Along with the

demands raised nationally, the rally will focus in on President Ford's attempt to cut back the foodstamp program, which would have a devastating effect on this poverty-stricken area.

In CLEVELAND on June 6 the local July 4th Coalition picketed Gerald Ford's electioneering in that city. The coalition's large yellow banner calling on people to march in Philadelphia on the 4th was picked up on the news and led to an hour-long TV interview and other media appearances.

The coalition has been heard and seen in scores of other cities through press conferences, interviews and talk show appearances, and reports on pickets, rallies, fundraising and cultural events have reached us from over 60 cities.

They include: Worcester, Amherst and Springfield, Mass.; Burlington, Vt.; Athens and Dayton, Ohio; Ithaca and Buffalo, N.Y.; Concord and Durham, N.H.; Seattle, Wash.; San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Atlanta, Ga.; Detroit, Mich.; Madison, Wisc.; and Minneapolis, Minn.

"We Shall Return"

Most local coalitions are planning "We Shall Return" activities just before they leave for Philadelphia—emphasizing that the unity forged in the mobilization to Philadelphia on July 4th will continue when they come back to their cities. Most will take place on July 2 and July 3 and will consist of giant car caravans, parties and rallies on the eve of their departure.

If you don't already know how to get in touch with your local coalition, call us and we'll tell you: (212) 673-1776.

(Senate Internal Security)

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—Philadelphia Daily News
June 3, 1976

National Coordinator's Report:

By Alfredo Lopez

June 11, 1976

We can now see the fruits of our intensive organizing efforts over the past months. The gathering strength and momentum of the coalition, the breadth and unity of the forces involved, have clearly introduced the issues of our program into the bicentennial celebration. The results were to be expected. There is no longer any question that we are the target of a desperate, illegal and dangerous campaign coordinated at the highest levels of the U.S. government and reminiscent of the tactics employed by earlier administrations against the anti-war and civil rights movements.

The strategy of the government became clear over the Memorial Day weekend. In a period of four days a barrage of news reports informed the people of this country that:

•An "informal White House task force" is coordinating an "anti-terrorist" campaign to prevent alleged plans to disrupt the bicentennial celebration.

•Attorney General Levi has authorized the FBI to investigate our coalition, according to a May 29 Washington Post report "to determine if there is factual basis for allegations against" us,

though he "declined to specify what those allegations are, what prompted the probe or what investigative tools are being used."

•Even before this official confirmation of the investigation, we made very clear that one of those tools was the illegal use of the Grand Jury. Two active members of the coalition have already been subpoenaed, Lureida Torres and Martha Schwartz. As we go to press Lureida has lost her appeal on a conviction of contempt for refusing to cooperate with the Grand Jury, and she faces imminent imprisonment.

•Mayor Rizzo of Philadelphia declares he will request 15,000 Federal troops to prevent disruption of President Ford's bicentennial show. The request is now in the hands of the White House.

•The frosting on the cake was the June 3rd front page Philadelphia Daily News story announcing that Senator Eastland's Senate Internal Security Subcommittee will soon hold hearings on the coalition. But in that story, which repeats the now standard government propaganda line of the threat of violence on the 4th, the astounding statement is made that: "Eastland's subcommittee fears a well-planned demonstration could steal the spotlight from official celebrations, featuring President Ford and other national figures in Philadelphia."

It was a rare moment of unadulterated truth in the commercial media, revealing the primary motivation behind the government's campaign to discredit our efforts. This admission confirms what we have been saying for months and which only now begins to materialize in the public eye: We are taking an important step toward the unity of the progressive movement in this country and projecting the anti-imperialist character of that movement onto the stage of the national political scene.

On to Philadelphia!

An Invitation to Black Communities Throughout the Land

From the Black Community of Philadelphia:

On July 4th, people from all over the United States will join together in Philadelphia to demonstrate their opposition to 200 years of violence, oppression, exploitation and racism in the United States. Some 400 organizations will join forces in the July 4th Coalition's celebration.

The demonstration will take the form of a march and rally through Philadelphia's Black community, the site of some of the nation's most extreme policies of racism and oppression, but also the source of one of the country's strongest and most freedom-loving people.

Black communities throughout the United States are urged to come to North Philadelphia on July 4th as we march in opposition to the sham government-sponsored affair of the super-rich and their flunkies.

In the city where such freedom fighters as W.E.B. DuBois and Kwame Nkrumah lived and studied, and where Paul Robeson spent his last days, you are invited to participate in our proclamation for a new anti-racist, anti-oppressive society, with full equality and opportunity for men, women and children of all races.

It will be a people's anti-bicentennial celebration, taking place in a neighborhood of struggling anti-bicentennial people.

Join with us as we declare, in the words of Frederick Douglass, taken from his July 4th speech of 100 years ago: "You discourse eloquently on the dignity of labor; yet you sustain a system which in its very essence casts a stigma upon labor. You can bare your

bosom to the storm of British artillery to throw off a 3-penny tax on tea, and yet wring the last hard farthing from the grasp of Black laborers of your country. . . . You notoriously hate (and glory in your hatred) all men whose skins are not colored as your own . . . The Fourth of July is yours, not mine."

Saladine Muhammad, Black Anti-Bicentennial Committee

T. Milton Street, Black Vendors Association

Father Paul Washington, Church of the Advocate

Rev. Cordell Sloane, Temple United Presbyterian Church

Clay Dillon, Republic of New Africa

Clinton Bay, Republic of New Africa

Harry Amana, Philadelphia Tribune

Indian Caravan Heading Toward Philadelphia

This bicentennial year is also the Centennial anniversary of the great military victory of united Indian nations against General Custer at the Little Big Horn. On June 25, thousands of Native Americans plan to gather there, in the vicinity of Lake Deer, Montana, to celebrate that historic victory. The following day a caravan of Native Americans will leave the Little Big Horn for Philadelphia, where they will march at the head of the July 4th Coalition's Parade of the People.

Another Native American contingent, the Caravan of Self-Determination, will also arrive in Philadelphia on the 4th, from Washington, D.C.

Four National Demands of Local Demonstrations

There are four immediate demands common to most of the actions carried out by July 4th Coalitions throughout the country during the month of June.

1. The immediate release of the four Native American brothers of the Oglala nation on trial for their lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

2. Stop the "Compact of Permanent Union between Puerto Rico and the United States." The "Compact" is an attempt to railroad through Congress a law that would define Puerto Rico as a "permanent" colony of the United States.

3. End the racist attacks against Black people in Boston and demand a complete exposure of the FBI's COINTELPRO secret police activities.

4. "Jobs, not war," demands a fundamental reordering of priorities toward meeting human needs rather than preparation for aggressive wars against other nations.

For a Bicentennial without Colonies—
Freedom for all Oppressed Nations
For full Democracy and Equality
For Jobs
and a Decent Standard of Living

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Information on San Francisco
march and rally:
Assemble at Garfield Park 9:30 A.M.
25th and Harrison
March through the Mission
Rally at Dolores Park 11 A.M.

Ralph Abernathy,
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
American Indian Movement Song & Drum Group
Harry Amana, Philadelphia Tribune
Association of Vietnamese Patriots in the U.S.
Ella Baker
Clyde Bellecourt, American Indian Movement
Big Black, Attica Now
Juan Mari Bras, Puerto Rican Socialist Party
Elaine Brown, Black Panther Party
Roy Brown
Len Chandler
Karen DeCrow, National Organization of Women
Dave Dellinger

Permits have been secured
Tenemos permisos

Partial list of SPONSORING INDIVIDUALS:

Jose Alberto Alvarez, Puerto Rican Socialist Party
Steve Ault, National Coalition of Gay Activists
Norma Becker, antiwar activist
Ben Bedell, The Guardian
Vernon Bellecourt, American Indian Movement
Ann Braden, civil rights and antiwar activist, Louisville
Owen Brooks, Delta Ministry
Elaine Brown, Black Panther Party, Oakland
Margaret Burnham, Black Lawyers Association
Rev. Eugene Calender, former President, NY Urban League
Ennio Carrion, United Furniture Workers, Loc. 140
Juan Chacon, United Steelworkers of America, Local 890
Noam Chomsky, Boston
Silm Coleman, National Tenants Organization
Virginia Collins, civil rights activist
Burt Corona, Nat'l Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression
Edward Cross, Compressed Air & Tunnel Workers Union, Local 147
Barbara Dane, cultural worker
Ron Dellums, Congressman
Emile di Antonio, filmmaker
Jack Elliott, folksinger
Paul Garver, Business Rep., SEIU Local 585, Pittsburgh
Carlton Goodlett, Sun Reporter, San Francisco
Rev. David Gracie, Phila.
Dr. Jim Grant, Wilmington 10
Dick Gregory
Wilbur Haddock, United Black Workers
Saralee Hamilton, Nat'l Women's Program, AFSC
Rev. Bill Hogan, Chicago
Howard Horn, Amalgamated Meatcutters, Local 627
Bill Howard, Black Council of the Reform Church of America
Paul Irish, American Committee on Africa
Ronnie Sue Jaffee, Rank & File district 1199, Hospital Workers Union
David Kalrys, Emergency Civil Liberty Comm., Phila.
Ying Kelley, Berkeley City Council
Mel King, State Representative, Boston
Patrick Knight, Local 371, Social Service Employees Union, DC 37, AFSCME
Sid Lane, Chicago
Don Luce, Clergy & Laity Concerned
Sal Luria, Nobel laureate



**In the Fight for Jobs,
Equality, Freedom,
Independence, Peace.**

Saturday, July 3

Concert, Cultural Evening—Concierto, noche cultural
For more information—Para mas informacion
Call—Llame (215) 732-6673

Sunday, July 4

ummenical religious service/ Servicio religioso

Church of the Advocate

Diamond Ave. and 18th Street—Avenida Diamond y Calle 18

10:30 AM

Parade of the People / Desfile del Pueblo

Assembly Point: Diamond Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets
Partida: Avenida Diamond, entre Calle 10 y 11

11:30 AM

Rally / Mitin Fairmount Park

33rd Street and Oxford Avenue—Avenida Oxford y Calle 33

2 PM- 5 PM

Brenda Eichelberger,
National Alliance of Black Feminists

Grupo Semilla

Ramon Jimenez,
Coalition to Defend Puerto Rican Rights

Matt Jones

KDP [Philippine] Singers

Arthur Kinoy, Mass Party Organizing Committee

Rev. Frederick Douglass Kirkpatrick

William Kunstler

LUCHA, Latin American Singers

Maine Puppet Company

Tapson Mwene

Zimbabwe African National Union

St. Mills, Organ for the People

Jill Raymond

Antonio Rodriguez,
C.A.S.A.—General Brotherhood of Workers

Dr. Helen Rodriguez,
Committee to End Sterilization Abuse

Walter Rodriguez,
Puerto Rican Union of Actors and Technician

Hon. Marie Runyon,
Member, New York State Assembly

Ed Sadlowski, United Steelworkers of America

Harvard Stevens,
Third World Workers Association (Boston)

Joseph Waller, African People's Socialist Party

Witchcraft Rebellion, singing group

Peter Yarrow

Partial list of the more than 400 ENDORING ORGANIZATIONS

Accion Boricua, NYC
Action Coalition of Elders,
Pittsburgh
Action for Women in Chile
African Peoples Party
African Peoples Socialist
Party
Agricultural Workers
Association
All African Peoples
Revolutionary Party
Alliance for Labor and
Community Action,
Washington, DC
American Federation of State,
County & Municipal
Employees, Local 1695
American Friends Service
Committee, San Francisco
American Indian Movement
Attica Now
Berkeley-Oakland Women's
Union
Black Anti-Bicentennial
Committee, Philadelphia

Black Economic Survival,
Brooklyn, NY
Black Panther Party
Black Scholar Magazine
C.A.S.A.—General
Brotherhood of Workers
Chicago Women's Liberation
Union
City Council of Churches, NYC
Committee to End Steriliza-
tion Abuse
Communist Party, San
Francisco
Fightback, NYC
Gay Activists Alliance, Phila.
Granite State Alliance, N.H.
Guardian
Hard Times Coalition
International Indian Treaty
Council
Irish Republican Clubs
Jesuit Conference, Office of
Social Ministries
Mass Party Organizing
Committee
Movimiento Popular
Dominicano
National Alliance Against
Racist & Political
Repression
National Lawyers Guild
National Student Council
Against Racism
Native American Solidarity
Committee
New American Movement
New England Food
Cooperative Organization
Nat'l. Council of Churches,
Fifth Commission

Palestine Solidarity Comm.
Peace and Freedom Party
People Against Racism in
Education
Peoples Bicentennial,
Chicago
Philadelphia Workers
Organizing Committee
Prairie Fire Organizing
Committee
Puerto Rican Solidarity
Committee
Puerto Rican Socialist Party
Republic of New Africa
Rising Up Angry
San Francisco Mime Troupe
Socialist Party, USA
Socialist Workers Party
Southern Christian
Leadership Conference
Student Action for
Appalachian Progress,
West Virginia
Third World Women's
Alliance
Trade Unionists for Action
and Democracy, Bay Area
Trinity Church, NYC
Twin Cities Women's Union
Union of Democratic Filipinos
United Black Workers
U.S. Committee for
Panamanian Sovereignty
Venceremos Brigade
Veterans for Peace, Chicago
War Resisters League
Wisconsin Alliance
Women's Union, Philadelphia
Worker Patient Organization
Workers World Party

Rev. Paul Mayer, N.Y.
Theological Seminary
Karen McCann, District 65,
Chicago
Stewart Meacham, American
Friends Service Committee
Anna Morgan, Womens Intl.
League for Peace &
Freedom
Joseph Miller, Philadelphia
Bishop Antulio Parrilla-Bonilla
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Sidney Peck, Boston
Vinnie Player, Pres.
Cleveland Welfare Rights
David Richardson, Pa. State
Senator
Geraldine Roberts, Pres.,
Domestic Workers of
America
Pete Seeger
Mayor Paul Soglin, Madison,
Wisconsin
Jack Spiegel
United Shoeworkers
Father Antonio Stephens,
PADRES
Paul Sweazy, Monthly
Review
Ito Tarn, actor
Peter Van Delft, District 65,
Distributive Workers of
America, Boston Local
Edwin Vargas, American
Federation of Teachers,
Hartford
George Wald, Nobel laureate
Joseph Walker, Bilalian
News

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Hay cuatro demandas comunes a
la mayoria de las acciones llevadas
a cabo por las Coaliciones 4 de julio
a traves del pais durante el mes de
junio.
1.
Libertad inmediata para los cuatro
hermanos nativo americanos de la
nacion Ogila, enfrentando un pro-
ceso de vida y muerte en Cedar
Rapids, estado de Iowa.
2.
Alto al "Compacto de Union Perma-
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que tendrían un efecto devastador
en esta área de pobreza.
CLEVELAND—El capítulo local
de la Coalición 4 de julio irrumpe
en la campaña electoral del presi-
dente Ford al piquetear la visita de
Ford a esta ciudad. La gran parcarata
amarillita de la coalición que llamaba
al pueblo a marchar a Filadelfia el 4
de julio salió en las noticias. Esto
llevó a una entrevista televisada de
una hora y a entrevistas en otros
medios de difusión.
También se han celebrado pi-
quetes, conferencias de prensa y
actividades varias en: Worcester,
Amherst and Springfield, Mass.;
Burlington, Vt.; Athens and Dayton,
Ohio; Ithaca and Buffalo, N.Y.;
Concord and Durham, N.H.; Seattle,
Wash.; San Francisco and Los
Angeles, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; St.
Louis, Mo.; Detroit, Mich.; and
Madison, Wisc.
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Movimiento Americano Indio; y
Joseph Waller, Dirigente del Partido
Socialista del Pueblo Africano.
El programa incluirá el cantante
de la canción comprometida, Roy
Brown, como uno de varios artistas
que cuentan como parte del pro-
grama del día.
Alfredo López, coordinador na-
cional de la Coalición 4 de julio,
organizadora del evento, informó
que los planes de la movilización
avanzan vertiginosamente. "Sin in-
gar a dudas, movilizaremos más de
50,000 personas de 75 ciudades de
Estados Unidos a Filadelfia, donde
exigirán fin al imperialismo y a la
opresión de los trabajadores de este
pais," agregó López.
La asamblea del municipio de
Nueva York Marie Runyon, varias
otras personalidades y artistas
también participarán en el acto, dijo.