

JUNE POLITICAL PRISONER BIRTHDAYS

SEKOU ODINGA

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Imprisoned for actions carried out in the fight for Black Liberation. In 1965 Sekou joined the Organization for Afro American Unity, founded by Malcolm X. In early 1968 he helped build the Bronx Black Panther Party. On January 17, 1969 two Panthers had been killed by police and a fellow NY Panther who was in police custody was brutally beaten. Sekou was informed police were searching for him in connection with a police shooting. Rather than face possible death as many of his comrades had in custody, Sekou joined the Black Liberation Army. He remained underground partaking in revolutionary clandestine activity for 12 years until his capture. He was charged with 6 counts of attempted murder of police, 9 predicate acts of Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization, including the liberation of Assata Shakur from prison and expropriation of an armored truck. He is serving consecutive 25-life state time and a 40 year federal sentences.
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GRANT BARNES

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Grant Barnes is an environmentalist who was arrested in 2007 for setting fire to a number of SUV's in Denver, Colorado. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a 12 year term.
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DELBERT ORR AFRICA

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Delbert Africa is one of the people who make up the MOVE 9. There are currently eight MOVE activists in prison each serving 100 years after been framed for the murder of a cop in 1979. The 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998. MOVE is an eco-revolutionary group dedicated to liberation struggles.
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As a direct result of his Black Panther Party membership, Abdul was hunted, captured, framed and convicted of the 1981 murder and attempted murder of two police officers in St. Albans, Queens. On the night of April 1981, two NYPD officers were shot at by two suspects during a traffic stop. A few days after the shooting, police began circulating a folder of "suspects" which consisted exclusively of former members of the Black Panther Party and their associates. Abdul was identified in the media as a chief suspect and target of a "shoot to kill" manhunt. He was arrested in Philadelphia in 1982 and was brutally beaten by police after his arrest. Over a five-year period, Abdul was tried three times for this incident, the main witness being a man who was hypnotized by the police. The first two trials the jury was deadlocked and the government was unable to successfully convict him. A racially stacked jury in the third trial returned a guilty verdict and sentenced him to 33 1/3 years to life.
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THOMAS MANNING

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In 1971, Tom became active in political organizing, particularly with a Portland, Maine group known as SCAR. Much of this work centered around working with prisoners, ex-prisoners and their loved ones. This work rapidly expanded to many areas of social concern including employment and housing for people coming out of prison, housing, welfare, advocacy, transportation for visits of prisoners family, childcare, a bail fund and a bookstore.

Through this work and the study required to do it effectively, class contradictions became very clear to Tom. Eventually these realities lead him to become active in the armed clandestine movement. First in the 70s with the Sam Melville/Jonathan Jackson Unit, and later in the 80s in the United Freedom Front. The armed anti-imperialist and anti racist activities of these organizations lead to a massive seven year hunt by all federal state and local authorities in the Northeastern US. This hunt ended in his capture and Tom is now serving a double life, plus multiple sentences.
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SEND A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR 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, email us at ppbirthday@riseup.net.

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