

POLITICAL PRISONERS' BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Send a birthday card to these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters that 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 or sign up for our poster mailing list, email us at ppbirthday@riseup.net. Brought to you with love by the Chapel Hill Prison Books Collective. www.prisonbooks.info

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November 1, 1944

The Nebraska 2 were charged and convicted of the murder of Omaha Police Officer Larry Minard. Minard died when a suitcase containing dynamite exploded in a North Omaha home on August 17, 1970. Officer John Tess was also injured in the explosion.

Poindexter and Rice were members of the Black Panther Party, and their case was, and continues to be, controversial. The Omaha Police withheld exculpatory evidence at trial. The two men had been targeted by the FBI's COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Program), which operated against and infiltrated anti-war and Civil Rights groups, including the Omaha Black Panthers. The state's parole board have recommended the men for release, but political leaders have not acted on these recommendations. n2pp.info

TSUTOMU SHIROSAKI

#20924-016
FCI Terre Haute
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Terre Haute, IN 47808
December 5, 1947

Tsutomu Shiroasaki is a Japanese national imprisoned as a political prisoner in the United States. He has been accused of being a member of Japanese Red Army and participating in several attacks, including a mortar attack against a U.S. embassy. He is currently serving 30-years in a U.S. Federal prison. www.denverabc.wordpress.com

ZOLO AGONA AZANIA

#4969 / P.O. Box 41
Indiana State Prison
Michigan City, IN 46361
December 12, 1954

Zolo Azania is a former Black Panther convicted of a 1981 bank robbery that left a Gary, Indiana cop dead. He was arrested miles away from the incident as he was walking, unarmed, down the street. The prosecution intimidated witnesses, suppressed favorable evidence, presented false eyewitness and expert testimony, and denied him the right to speak or present motions in his own behalf. www.zoloazania.org

FRED BURTON

AF 3896
SCI Somerset
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Somerset, PA 15510
December 15, 1946

Frederick Burton is an innocent man who has diligently attempted to prove his innocence to the courts for the past 37 years. Prior to his incarceration, Fred worked for a phone company, was a well respected member of his community and his wife was preparing to have twins, his third and fourth child. In 1970, Fred was accused and then convicted of participating in the planning of the murder of Philadelphia police officers. While the plan was allegedly to blow up a police station, what occurred was that a police officer was shot and killed, allegedly by members of a radical group called "the Revolutionaries." www.denverabc.wordpress.com

JEROME WHITE-BEY

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Center (SECC), 2B-211
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Charleston, MO. 63834
December 28, 1955

Jerome is an anarchist prison activist who set up the Missouri Prison Labour Union to fight slave labour in prisons. www.denverabc.wordpress.com



"While there is a lower class I am in it, while there is a criminal element I am of it, while there is a soul in prison I am not free." - E.V. Debs