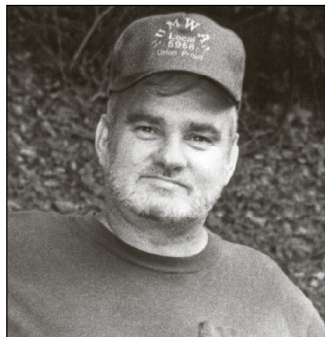


# Free All Class-War Prisoners— Their Fight Is Our Fight

**Jerry Dale Lowe**, United Mine Workers member framed up on federal charges in the July 1993 shooting death of a scab contractor in Logan County, West Virginia. The scab was part of a convoy leaving the mine, shot in the back of the head from the direction of



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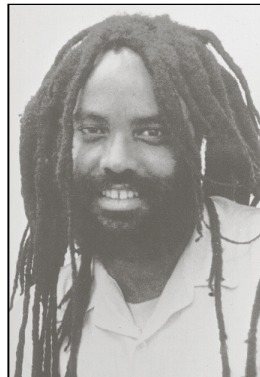
the bosses' thugs. Lowe was singled out by authorities because he was a militant defender of the picket line. For the "crime" of defending his union, Lowe was sentenced to nearly eleven years in jail in Ashland, Kentucky with no possibility of parole. In 2001, his appeal based on new ballistics evidence was turned down in federal court.

**Ed Poindexter** and **Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa**, former Black Panther supporters and leaders of the Omaha Nebraska Committee to Combat Fascism. Victims of racist FBI COINTELPRO operation, framed up for an explosion in 1970 which killed a cop. Both were convicted on the basis of perjured testimony, sentenced to life and have now spent more than three decades apiece in jail. Nebraska Board of Pardons refuses to lessen sentences so that they can be considered for parole. Poindexter is at Lino Lake, MN and Mondo is at Lincoln, NE.

**Jaan Laaman** and **Ray Luc Levasseur** were arrested in 1984 and '85 as part of the Ohio 7. They are radical activists with a shared history of opposition to racism and imperialism. Sentenced to 45 years to life under RICO conspiracy laws on allegations of bank expropriations and bombings targeting symbols of U.S. imperialism in the late '70s and '80s. Jaan Laaman is incarcerated

## Free Mumia Abu-Jamal!

**Mumia Abu-Jamal**, America's foremost political prisoner, award-winning journalist, former Black Panther Party spokesman in his youth, supporter of the MOVE organization and defiant opponent of racist state terror. In 1982 Mumia Abu-Jamal was railroaded to death row at the hands of Philadelphia's notorious cop and court frame-up machine on demonstrably false charges of killing Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner. The PDC



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pamphlet *Mumia Abu-Jamal Is an Innocent Man!* reprints the sworn confession of the man who actually did shoot and kill Faulkner, Arnold Beverly. Beverly's account is affirmed in accompanying declarations by Jamal and his brother William Cook, who was at the scene of the shooting.

Last month the Pennsylvania Supreme court turned down Mumia's PCRA appeal in summary fashion, proving again that there is

no court in the land that will even consider the voluminous evidence of Jamal's innocence. In December 2001, a federal court overturned Jamal's death sentence while affirming the conviction, condemning Jamal to life in prison. That ruling is being challenged by the prosecution seeking to reinstate the death sentence as well as by Jamal's new legal team trying to overturn the conviction. Mumia remains on

death row locked down in a cell the size of a small bathroom. This is a crucial moment in the struggle for Mumia's freedom. The PDC calls on working people, minorities, youth and all opponents of racist capitalist oppression to raise the cry:

***Freedom Now for  
Mumia Abu-Jamal! Abolish  
the Racist Death Penalty!***

in South Walpole, MA. Ray Luc Levasseur is in Atlanta, GA.

**Hugo Pinell**, the last of the San Quentin 6 still in prison. Militant anti-racist, leader of prison rights organizing along with George Jackson, who was murdered by prison guards in 1971. In prison for over 38 years. In January 2002, Pinell was again denied parole and he continues to serve a life sentence at the notoriously brutal Pelican Bay Security Housing Unit in California.

Eight MOVE members, **Chuck Africa**, **Michael Davis Africa**, **Debbie Sims Africa**, **Janet Holloway Africa**, **Janine Phillips Africa**, **Edward Goodman Africa**, **Delbert Orr Africa** and **William Phillips Africa**. Last August 8th marked the 25th anniversary of the grotesque atrocity wherein their home was viciously attacked by an army of cops

under the direction of arch-racist mayor Frank Rizzo. They were sentenced to 30–100 years, falsely convicted of killing a police officer. Last year, the PCRA petition to overturn their frame-ups was presented before the same Pennsylvania Supreme Court that has denied Mumia Abu-Jamal any semblance of justice.

**Jamal Hart**, Mumia's son, was sentenced in 1998 to 15½ years on bogus firearm possession charges, targeted for his prominent activism in the campaign to free his father. Although Hart was initially charged under Pennsylvania laws, which would have meant a probationary sentence, Clinton's Justice Department intervened to have Hart thrown in prison. He is not eligible for parole. Hart is at Fairton, NJ where he is subject to abuse by brutal and racist prison guards.

## Build PDC Holiday Appeal for Class-War Prisoners!

It is in the spirit of class solidarity evoked by the founder and early leader of the International Labor Defense, James P. Cannon, that the Partisan Defense Committee is launching its 18th annual Holiday Appeal fund drive to help maintain our program of monthly stipends for 16 class-war prisoners and to provide extra funds and holiday gifts for them and their loved ones.

We urge you to contribute to and help build the Holiday Appeal for the benefit of these prisoners. This is not an act of charity, but rather the duty of fighters against injustice to those inside prison walls as we struggle for their freedom.

**Contribute Now!** All proceeds from the Holiday Appeal will go to the Class-War Prisoners Stipend Fund. Send your contributions to:

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