

MOVE 9 denied parole! System exposed again and MOVE is still strong!

April 22, 2008, MOVE women that survived the August 8, 1978 police attempt to kill off MOVE were denied parole by the Pennsylvania Department of Probation and Parole (Shortly after Mike, Eddie, Phil, and Del Africa were also denied. Chuck Africa was denied in the fall of 2008.) The Inquirer quotes parole board spokesperson Leo Dunn as saying that parole had been denied on the grounds that the three MOVE prisoners had "minimized or denied the 'nature and circumstances' of the offense, 'refused to accept responsibility' and lacked remorse. He said the fourth reason for the rejections was the 'negative recommendation' by the prosecutor."

The parole board used several of the stipulations that MOVE spokesperson Ramona Africa had predicted that they would try and use to deny parole, including that they "refused to accept responsibility" and lacked remorse.... The unfairness and arguable illegality of this is so obvious, because how can you expect someone to "admit guilt" when they've always said they are innocent? Where does remorse come from if someone is actually innocent? The "nature and circumstances" stipulation is a blatant re-sentence, since the serious nature of the charges were considered by the judge at the time when he ruled that MOVE should be eligible for parole after 30 years. How can this fairly be used to deny parole? **THE MOVE 9 GO BEFORE THE PAROLE BOARD THIS 2009 SPRING! TAKE ACTION!**

What you can do:

Contact the parole board:

<http://move9parole.blogspot.com/2008/03/call-sign-petition-and-write-letter-for.html>

Sign the petition:

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/move9parole/>

Write a letter to the editor (comprehensive list of Philadelphia media contacts and sample letter available at

<http://www.move9parole.blogspot.com>)

Call into radio shows, facilitate speaking engagements (contact onomovellja@aol.com), hold film showings, fundraisers, benefits, create a campaign linking with all other Political Prisoners eligible for parole: Herman Bell, Robert "Seth" Hayes, Romaine "Chip" Fitzgerald, Sundiata Acoli, Veronza Bowers, Sekou Kambui, Hugo Pinell, and Jalil Muntaqim. They, like the MOVE 9 are ELIGIBLE for parole and being continually denied! If we bring these people home we will have that many more committed revolutionaries to work for the release of those who are not eligible for parole!



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Although known as the MOVE 9, there really are eight survivors of the August 8th, 1978 police assault on MOVE's West Philadelphia home and headquarters.

They are: Phil Africa, Janine Africa, Mike Africa, Debbie Africa, Janet Africa, Eddie Africa, Chuck Africa and Delbert Africa. The late Merle Africa died at the women's prison in Muncy, PA (near Williamsport, PA) under quite mysterious circumstances.

All 9 MOVE men and women were convicted in one of the longest (and most contentious) trials in city history, on dubious charges of 3rd degree murder of a city cop engaged in the raid on their home, and related charges. Even if all the charges were true (and they most certainly are not), the sentence 30 to 100 years can only be termed grossly excessive. At the time of trial, 3rd degree carried a sentence of 7 1/2 to 15 years --so essentially the MOVE people got more than double, and indeed, quadruple the maximum of what the statute provided. Indeed, the woman got the same sentences as the men, even though none of them faced weapons charges!

There's little real doubt that they're in prison today because they're MOVE members. . ."