

**FREE
NORTH AMERICAN
POLITICAL PRISONER
RAY LUC
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FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION

My people are of French-Canadian background. In 1965 I joined the army and in 1967 I did a tour of duty in Viet Nam where I was deeply affected by the devastation of the war on the Vietnamese people.

In 1968 I began my first political activism with the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) in Tennessee. Police repression ensued, and from 1969 through 1971 I spent most of my time in segregation cells of the Tennessee state penitentiary. When released in 1971 I became a state organizer for Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). In 1973 I left VVAW and began working with prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families. I became an organizer with a community-based group called SCAR (Statewide Correctional Alliance for Reform). In 1974 I was involved with the formation of the Red Star North bookstore, which also operated a free books-to-prisoners program.

In late 1974 I went underground because of my commitment to building a revolutionary movement that could grow, sustain and defend itself at each stage of its development. In 1985 I was tried and convicted of bombings against U.S. military facilities, military contractors, and corporations doing business in South Africa. I received a 45-year sentence.

In 1986, I was indicted with others (the Ohio 7 and Kazi Toure) for seditious conspiracy in RICO. In what became the longest sedition trial

in the history of the U.S., I was acquitted of seditious conspiracy.



Since September 11, we have witnessed the increasing criminalization of dissent, although this tendency was in evidence many years ago. As a result, there are almost 100 Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POWs) in North America. In light of this current climate of repression, it is even more imperative than ever that we continue to struggle against this systematic injustice.

PP/POWs are those persons who have been sent to prison for their conscious revolutionary political activities on the streets. Though all prisoners righteously struggling against the repressive prison system should be supported, PP/POW's deserve the priority support of the revolutionary movement that they have sacrificed their freedom to build. As anarchist POW Ojore Lutalo has stated, "Any political movement that does not support its political internees is a sham movement!"



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