Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton

Dec. 4, 2004, is the 35th year after one of the most brutal acts of terrorism to occur on domestic soil. On Dec. 4, 1969, the United States" sanctioned hit resulted in the assassination of two of Mother Africa's finest sons: Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party and Defense Capt. Mark Clark of the Peoria, Ill., branch.

This was a crime against the African community in general, and the criminals responsible have yet to be brought to justice. This crime was committed via the U.S. government's infamous COINTELPRO program.

U.S. government documents detail how this program was created to disrupt, dismantle and destroy any Black Nationalist militant organization that existed, especially among the youth. The majority of COINTELPRO tactics in the "60s were directed at the Black Panther Party. These tactics included slander campaigns, the use of police informants and agent provocateurs to counter any progressive activities, and creating rifts within organizations and coalitions.

COINTELPRO forced freedom fighters into political exile, used torture tactics and assassinated Black Panther Party members Lil" Bobby Hutton, Capt. John Huggins, Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter, Chairman Fred Hampton and Defense Capt. Mark Clark. Countless other casualties were incurred throughout this vicious war that has been waged on African and colonized people.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS after what has been officially deemed the Massacre on Monroe, 35 years after suffering one of the severest blows to the Black Power movement of the ‘60s and witnessing attempt after attempt to have this history hijacked, 35 years after withstanding one of the “colonized communities" Sept. 11s,” WE ARE STILL UNDER ATTACK! WE STILL FIGHTING BACK!

National Revolutionary Day 2004

A resolution introduced and passed at ground zero in Chicago - 2337 W. Monroe - declared Dec. 4 National Revolutionary Day. The City of Chicago unanimously approved a resolution introduced by former Alderwoman Marlene C. Carter commemorating Dec. 4 as "Fred Hampton Day in Chicago." That resolution stated: "Fred Hampton, who was only 21 years old, made his mark in Chicago history not so much by his death as by the heroic efforts of his life and by his goals of empowering the most oppressed sector of Chicago's Black community, bringing people into political life through participation in their own freedom fighting organization."

NRD is a clarion call to communities around the world to henceforth and forever observe five minutes of silence in recognition of the contributions of Chairman Fred Hampton and Defense Capt. Mark Clark in making the ultimate sacrifice of living and dying for the liberation of African people. NRD 2002 "Welcomed Home Chairman Fred Hampton Jr.," unleashed political prisoner and chairman of the PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE COMMITTEE. In accordance with the commemoration of our heroes, Chairman Fred and Defense Capt. Mark Clark, NRD is also a call for YOUR attendance and participation in the listed events.

If you’re in Chicago, join us for three days of commemorative events. On Thursday, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m., a silent vigil will be held at 72nd and Dorchester behind Enrico Fermin Elementary School, scene of the brutal murder of 17 year-old Daryl "GMan/ManMan" Hamilton, our modern day Emmitt Till, on the anniversary of his death. Hamilton was shot several times in the back and head and his body dragged across the ground by the Chicago Police Department.

On Friday, Dec. 3, join dead prez at Area 5, Grand and Central. On Monday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m., we"re going to see "bout Aaron ... "cause Aaron came to see "bout us! Aaron Patterson’s court date is at 219 S. Dearborn, Federal Building Courtroom 2119.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, National Revolutionary Day, there's NO WORK! NO SCHOOL! NO PLAY! At 11:45 a.m., we'll gather at the colonized communities" ground zero, 2337 W. Monroe, and at 12 noon, we'll observe five minutes of silence for fallen Freedom Fighters. If you can"t be at GROUND ZERO, STOP wherever you are at high noon Chicago time. At 12:05, we'll have speakers, solidarity statements and a virtual tour circa Dec. 4, 1969. 12/4/69

That afternoon, People's Panels will convene at the Peoples Church, Beth-El All Nations Church, Bishop E. Jackson, 1534-40 W. 63rd St., Chicago. And at 6:15 p.m., we'll have a meet and greet and at 8:15 screen the film, "The Assassination of Chairman Fred Hampton," hosted by the 1st Revolutionary Family. Guests are dead prez and Chicago's own MalikYusef!

For more information, contact the December 4th Committee, Akua Njeri, chair, Fred Hampton Jr., co-chair, and Nkrumah Anpu, co-chair, P.O. Box 368255, Chicago, IL 60636, D4Committee@aol.com. Donations are welcome to the P.O.C.C., same address.

REMEMBER THE 4TH OF DECEMBER!

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