

POLITICAL PRISONERS' BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 3, 1953

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Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian/anarchist prisoner sentenced to 90 years for the attempted liberation of an anarchist prisoner in 1979. He has published many writings since his incarceration.

AUGUST 4, 1956

Debbie Sims Africa
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Debbie Sims Africa is one of the MOVE 9. There are currently eight MOVE activists in prison each serving 100 years after been framed for the murder of a cop in 1979. The 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998. MOVE is an eco-revolutionary group dedicated to liberation struggles.

AUGUST 8, 1950

Dr. Mutulu Shakur
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Incarcerated freedom fighter Dr. Mutulu Shakur has been imprisoned since February 12, 1986 for activities in support of the Black Liberation Movement, and during that time he has still managed to contribute to the struggle and contribute to the legacy of his late son Tupac Shakur. Before his imprisonment Dr. Shakur was a tireless educator and healer, and was a key organizer in the historic gang truce between the Bloods and the Crips at Lompoc Penitentiary.

AUGUST 16, 1950

Hanif Shabazz Bey (Beaumont Gereau)
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From 1971 to 1973, there was a rebellion taking place to resist colonial rule in the U.S. occupied Virgin Islands. On September 6th, 1972, eight American tourists were gunned down at the Rockefeller-owned golf course on the island of St. Croix. Colonial authorities picked up over 100 blacks for interrogations, and U.S. colonial troops carried out a series of repressive acts of violence against the black community. 5 known supporters of the Virgin Island independence movement, including Hanif, were apprehended and charged with the attack. In 1973 the 5 were sentenced to 8 consecutive life sentences.

AUGUST 18, 1963

Fernando González (Rubén Campa)
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Rubén is 1 of the Cuban Five who is in U.S. prison, wrongly convicted and serving four life sentences and 75 years collectively. The Five were falsely accused by the U.S. government of espionage conspiracy and related charges against the United States. The Five were involved in monitoring the actions of Miami-based right wing terrorist groups, in order to prevent terrorist attacks on their country of Cuba.

AUGUST 23, 1949

Maliki Latine
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Maliki Shakur Latine was in the Black Panther Party and spent 8 years in the underground working for black liberation. On October 1, 1981, he was sentenced to 25 to life in connection with a series of bank expropriations. He is a devout Muslim (Shia Sufi), is learned in philosophy, community building and organizing, martial arts, and resistance.

AUGUST 23, 1943

Russell Maroon Shoats
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Russell Maroon Shoats is a dedicated community activist and founding member of the Philadelphia based organizations Black Unity Council and Black Panther Party. In 1970 Maroon and others were accused of attacking a police station, which resulted in an officer being killed. For 18 months Maroon functioned underground as a soldier in the Black Liberation Army. In 1972 he was captured. He escaped twice in 1977 and again in 1980, but was recaptured and today he is held in a control unit in Pennsylvania where he is serving multiple life sentences.

AUGUST 25, 1948

Rafil A. Dhafir
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Rafil A. Dhafir is an Iraqi-born American physician, who was targeted along with many other Muslims post 9/11. He started the charity Help the Needy, to respond to the humanitarian crisis created by the Gulf War and US sanctions on Iraq. The charity was charged with violating the sanctions, and when Dhafir refused a plea bargain, the government falsely charged the charity with fraud, money laundering, tax evasion and a variety of other nonviolent crimes.

AUGUST 31, 1950

Ronald Reed
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Ronald Reed is a 60s civil rights activist, who was among students at St. Paul Central High School who demanded black history courses and organized against racist teachers, and was also instrumental in integrating college campuses in Minnesota. Reed began to look toward revolutionary theory and to engage in political street theater in St. Paul and went on to join the Black United Front. In 1970 there was a shooting of a St. Paul police officer. Twenty-five years after the killing, Reed was arrested and convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree-murder. He is serving life in prison.

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.

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