

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR A NATIONAL MOBILIZATION AGAINST RACISM

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Dear friend,

In the last few weeks we have been circulating a letter intended to determine the support that would be forthcoming for a national anti-racist demonstration in Boston among people who are fairly well known and also representative of various fields as well as areas of the country.

There has been an extremely favorable response to the letter and enthusiasm for the idea from the overwhelming majority of the people contacted. Within just a few days of very selective calling, several dozen people had endorsed the letter. There are now over one hundred signers. (A partial listing of the sponsors up to now is enclosed.)

The indication of widespread potential support for such a necessary answer to the racist mobilization has convinced us it can be done!

A concrete step towards developing a really massive demonstration was taken at a consultative meeting in Boston between Attorney Leonard Kolleeny of the Emergency Committee and Representative Bill Owens, a member of the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus. Rep. Owens proposed the holding of a press conference on Nov. 11 in Boston at which time he and other prominent citizens of the Boston area will make the call for a national mobilization. Immediately following their call, statements of support, in person and by telegram, will be delivered at the press conference by individuals and organizations from around the country. (The earliest practical date for the demonstration has been determined to be Saturday, Dec. 7, in Boston. The exact format is still to be developed.)

The Emergency Committee has agreed to proceed with building for the demonstration and to organize to insure that the press conference receives maximum publicity by making evident the widest possible national support.

Since you are known as a supporter of the struggle against racism we appeal to you for assistance in this urgent situation. We are asking you to do one or more of the following as an initial step.

1. Add your name as a signer of the Oct. 22 letter. (copy enclosed)
2. Contact others to add to the sponsors list.
3. SEND TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT FOR THE "CALL FROM BOSTON" AT THE NOV. 11 PRESS CONFERENCE. (Send them to the above address as quickly as possible.)
4. Send financial assistance!

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Yours for human rights,



for the Emergency Committee

I wish I could do more than lend my name to opposing racism, other than I do in my work and life. He knows I can't make a financial contribution.

You sent me two mailings. I include both envelopes so you can cut down on your work and mailing costs.

Success to you! Especially in the nasty Dexter situation. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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Boston, October 22, 1974

Dear Friends,

The forces of racism and reaction in this country are mobilizing and gathering strength in every corner of the United States using the recent events in Boston as their rallying cry.

Their code word is anti-busing. But their real symbol is racist mob violence against Black school children. They have gained strength and confidence from the fact that there has been no sufficiently massive outcry against these attacks.

The eyes of the country and the world are watching Boston to see who will stand up and be heard. But so far it is the racists who have had the momentum and the spotlight. We cannot allow them to continue to appear to speak for the majority. THEY DO NOT! But many of those who are opposed to the racists and would speak out for basic human rights have been intimidated into silence.

We feel there is an urgent need to counter this racist hysteria and believe that one very necessary step in opposing it is a massive National Mobilization against Racism to be held here in Boston — a demonstration that would bring together the largest possible number of people who are against racism, who are against the racist attacks on Black school children, and who are for the elementary democratic right of these children to go to any school in safety.

Such a mobilization is a monumental task and will require much hard work. But the situation absolutely demands it.

If you are in agreement with the need for such a nationally called peaceful mass action, we urge you to lend your name or your efforts to help make it a reality. We are confident that if everyone pulls together, we can turn the situation around and make Boston a symbol of anti-racism.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Identification (position, organization, occupation, etc.) _____

I support the proposed national mobilization against racism in Boston, please add my name to the sponsors list.

Add my organization to the sponsors list.

ORG. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I can aid the Mobilization against racism financially. I enclose \$ _____ donation.

I can help organize others in my area

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Partial list of signers of the call for a national mobilization against racism
in Boston:

David Auerbach, M.D. - Boston
Beverly Axelrod - Attorney, San Francisco
Reverend Lee Ball - Methodist Federation for Social Action, New York
Lloyd Barbee - Wisconsin State Assemblyman
Clyde Bellecourt - Co-founder and Executive Director American Indian Movement
Father Phil Berrigan
Gladys Bissonette - Member Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization
John Black - Vice President of District 1199 Drug & Hospital Workers Union
Chief Howard Brooks - Tuscarora Council, North Carolina
Barry Castro - Professor William James College, Michigan
Bruce Childs - President Local 2514 International Brotherhood of Carpenters, Norfolk
Noam Chomsky - Professor of Linguistics Massachusetts Institute of Technology
John Collins - President Methodist Federation for Social Action
Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr. - Chaplain Yale University
Robert K. Colwell - Assistant Professor of Zoology University of California, Berkeley
Jim Cooney - Editor of The Phoenix, West Whately, Mass.
Larry Durgin - Broadway United Church of Christ, New York
Irene Duvall - National Coordinator Feminist Party
El Centro Chicano - New York
Eugene Coalition - Eugene, Oregon
Carlos Feliciano
Carlos Feliciano Defense Committee
Irving Fierstein - Artist, New York
Charles Fisher - Associate Professor of Sociology Brandeis University
J. Clayton Flowers - Elementary School Principal, New York
David Garcia - La Raza Unida Party, Madison, Wisconsin
Reverend David Garcia - St. Marks Church, New York
Charles Garry - Attorney, San Francisco
John Gerassi - Author
Carlton B. Goodlett - Publisher Sun Reporter/Metro Reporter, San Francisco
Z.L. Goosby - San Francisco School Board Candidate
Larry Gossett - Third World Coalition, Seattle
Ted Glick
Jim Green - Professor of History Brandeis University
Gene Guerrero - Executive Director ACLU, Atlanta, Ga.
Holger Hansen, M.D. - Assistant Professor School of Public Health Columbia University
Richard Harris - Jamaica Plain/Mission Hills Education Coalition, Boston
J.C. Hellinger - Professor of History, Norfolk State College
James Herndon - Attorney, San Francisco
Jeffrey Hines - Secretary of Norfolk Chapter Local 23, Hotel Restaurant and
Cafeteria Employees
Bill Hoffman - Author and journalist
John Holloman - Vice President of Local 2514 International Brotherhood of Carpenters,
Norfolk
William Homans, Jr. - Attorney, Boston
Herman Hunt - Business Rep. Local 2514 International Brotherhood of Carpenters and
Joiners, Norfolk, Va.
Danny Kalb

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Sponsors - continued

Paul Jacobs - Pianist New York Philharmonic Orchestra and Associate Professor of Music Brooklyn College
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William Kosiak, M.D. - Minneapolis, Minn.
Jonathan Kozol - Author
Kessler and Martinez Defense Committee
Richard Lashoff - Professor University of Chicago
Denise Levertov - Poetess, Boston
Richard Levins - Professor of Biology University of Chicago
Muriel McGill - Native American actress
Peg Michel - Milton, Massachusetts mother
H.L. Mitchell - Co-founder Southern Tenant Farmers Union, Montgomery, Alabama
Consuela Lee Moorehead - pianist and composer
Alex Munsell
Yvonne Perry - Virginia Welfare Rights Organization
Holly Near - recording artist
Alphonso Pinkney - Professor and author, New York
Viola Plummer - Committee for Justice for Clifford Glover, Jamaica, New York
Leontyne Price
Marty Reisman - Former World Table Tennis Champion
Janet M. Roache - President Lower East Shore ACLU and Black Women's Caucus University of Maryland
George Ross - Professor of Sociology Brandeis University
Paul Rider - Indochina Peace Campaign, Santa Monica, California
Mel Rothenberg - Professor of Mathematics University of Chicago
Byron Rushire - Director of Black Arts Museum, Boston
Anthony Russo, Jr.
Sylvia Sherman - Secretary AFSCME Local 171, Madison, Wisconsin
Jed Schlasberg - Coordinator Visiting Artist Program, Connecticut
Seer's Catalog - (Albuquerque newspaper)
Dennis Serette - Vice President Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and Vice President Local 1101 CWA, New York
Julia Shulman - Professor, New York
Jay Shulman - Professor, New York
Margaret Sloan - National Black Feminist Caucus
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Howard Zinn - Professor Boston University and author

(organization named for identification only)