

"Conventional wisdom would have one believe that it is insane to resist this, the mightiest of empires.... But what history really shows is that today's empire is tomorrow's ashes, that nothing lasts forever, and that to not resist is to acquiesce in your own oppression. The greatest form of sanity that anyone can exercise is to resist that force that is trying to repress, oppress, and fight down the human spirit. -MUMIA ABU-JAMAL



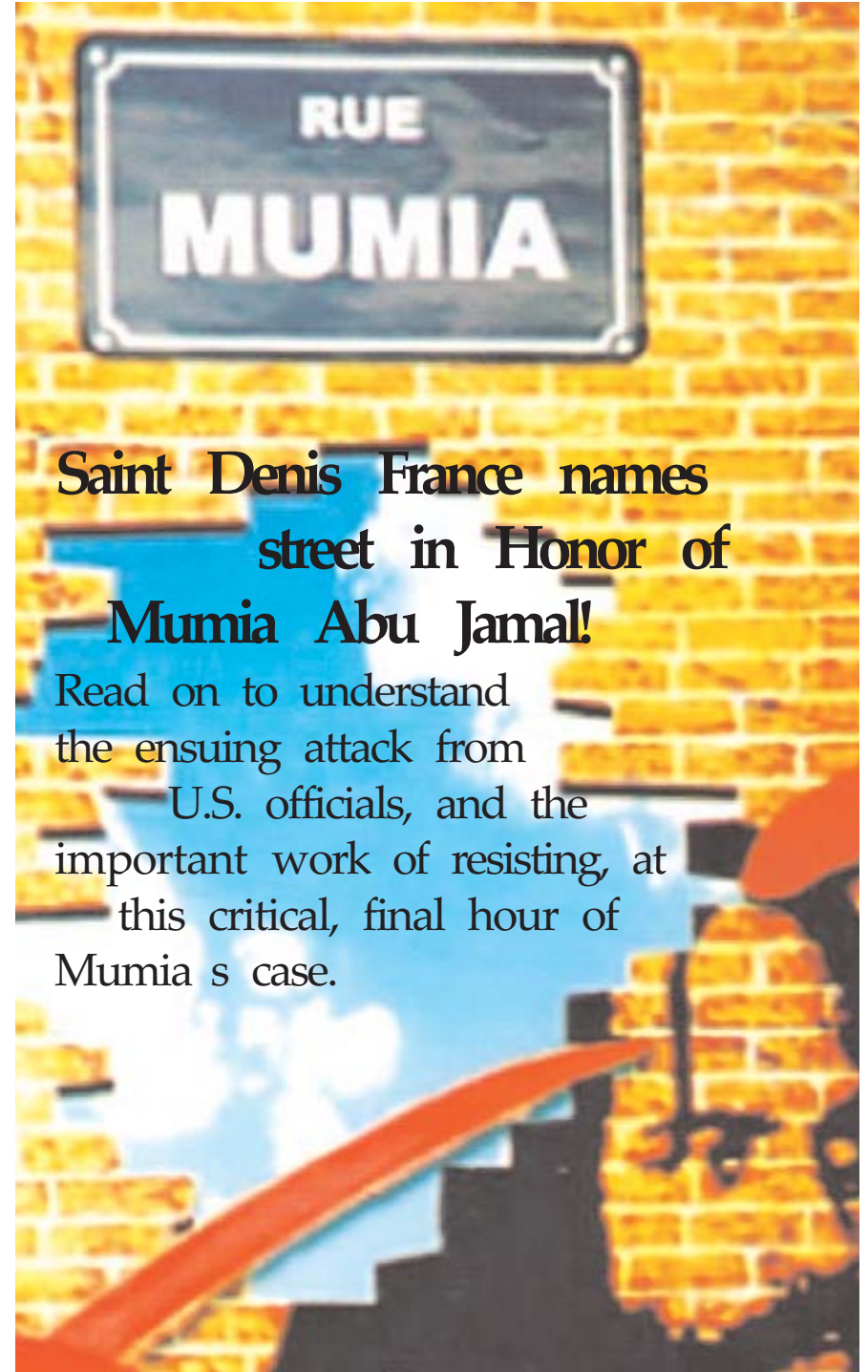
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MUMIA**



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**Saint Denis France names
street in Honor of
Mumia Abu Jamal!**

Read on to understand the ensuing attack from U.S. officials, and the important work of resisting, at this critical, final hour of Mumia's case.

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ON APRIL 29, 2006, A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED STREET IN SAINT-DENIS, (A TOWN OF 100,000 BORDERING PARIS), WAS NAMED RUE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL. IN ATTENDANCE IN THE STREET NAMING CEREMONY WAS THE MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYORS, REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERNED FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MUMIA ABU-JAMAL, FREE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL COALITION (NYC), AND A LARGE AND VERY DIVERSE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS FROM FRANCE AND THE CARIBBEAN.

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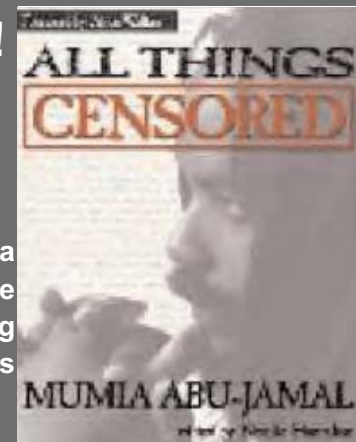
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Educate! Contact the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal and receive copies of flyers and information books to distribute. For a thorough and detailed outline of the case contact us for a copy of "The Case of Mumia Abu Jamal Information Booklet."

Contact us to join our list serve, where you will be provided with bimonthly updates on Mumia's case and the movement to free him. Email ICFF-MAJ@aol.com, subject line: join listserve. If possible, please also include your phone number so we can keep you updated on the case.

Stay updated by checking the listed websites or calling our info number regularly. Be ready to come to Philadelphia or set up demonstrations in your area at a moment's notice.

Encourage your local bookstores to order and stock Mumia's books. Organize book readings or have Mumia's regular commentaries read or published.

Go to open mic's, poetry readings, political events and speak out about Mumia, the death penalty and political prisoners.

Donate funds to the movement or the legal struggle (details follow)

Start your own local coalition for justice for Mumia and let us know.

At press time, Philadelphia City Council, Pennsylvania State Senate, and the United States Congress all have resolutions regarding Mumia on the floor. This is three openings to DEMAND equal time to present Mumia's innocence and push for his release. Make that commitment! FREE MUMIA!

**WRITE TO MUMIA**

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Mumia receives large amounts of mail and can't always respond. However, an encouraging note always helps.

**INAUGURATION OF STREET HONORING MUMIA
ABU-JAMAL**

**ADDRESS GIVEN BY DIDIER PAILLARD,
MAYOR OF SAINT-DENIS**

Saturday, April 29, 2006, 11 AM

On April 26, 2006 a street was named after US death row political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. Since then the US media and the Fraternal Order of Police have been in a frenzy over the situation. US politicians are trying to pass legislation condemning this act, but these politicians, police and the media will not acknowledge the truth behind what the French people are pointing out. Here, read it for yourself!

Deputy Mayor, Elected Representatives, dear friends who have come from the United States, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is very rare for a city to name a street after someone who is still alive. We are doing that today because of these exceptional circumstances. For over a quarter of a century, in the most powerful country in the world, a man who was sentenced to death, is in danger at any moment of being executed,

despite assertions of his innocence. In this struggle for his survival, Mumia Abu-Jamal has already won a victory: he has broken the wall of silence, and has little by little become a symbol. It is a symbol for justice, for the abolition of the Death Penalty, for the respect of the fundamental rights of a human

**Saint - Denis
Mayor
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**Deputy Mayor
Majiid Wannass**

**Deputy Mayor
Bally Bagayoko**

Mayor Paillard, Deputy Mayor Wannass and Deputy Mayor Bally Bagayoko

being. It is a symbol of resistance against a system which has the arrogance to reign over the world in the name of those same human rights which it tramples with complete impunity on its own soil. It is a symbol of absolute opposition to racial discrimination, which we know still exists today when it is the African-American population which has the highest rate of poverty, of homelessness, of incarceration, and of AIDS. In naming a street in honor of Mumia Abu Jamal in Saint-Denis, we solemnly express our solidarity with the ongoing struggle for this man. The inauguration which brings us together today gives continuity to a commitment on the part of the city of Saint-Denis to everything related to human dignity. This morning, we sponsored the citizenship of 80 private citizens granting them the legal status and dignity that the law prevented them from receiving under the authority of France. Tomorrow, we will meet again to commemorate the national day of deportation, paying homage to the victims of the Nazi barbarity.

In several weeks, in this same square, we will salute the

memory of the Spaniards of Saint-Denis who participated in the Resistance (ed. note: referring to the anti-Franco resistance). The action which brings us together today continues a fundamental tradition in the history of the social and political movement of our country. Over time, generations identified themselves with the struggles carried out by courageous freedom fighters. The names and the periods have changed but the profound spirit of these movements remain universal. Today it is Mumia, yesterday it was Sacco and Vanzetti, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Angela Davis, Victor Jara, Nelson Mandela. The dynamism of the Saint Denis Committee to Free Mumia also brings honor to our city. When the activists petitioned us to give special recognition to this particular struggle, naturally the city granted the request. Tradition calls for the names of places or streets to commemorate a page in our collective history. In Saint-Denis we thus have:

- numerous names of streets that are the names of resisters from the Second World War era
- a Place Julian Grimau, the name of a militant condemned to

WEBSITES WITH INFORMATION ON MUMIA'S STRUGGLE

www.Mumia.org - The site of the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal

www.FreeMumia.com - site of the Free Mumia Coalition, NYC

www.FreeMumia.org - The site of the Mobilization to Free Mumia based in the Bay area of California

www.Mumia2000.org - The site of the "Millions for Mumia" branch of the International Action Center"

www.PrisonRadio.org - home of Mumia's radio commentaries which are still recorded, from death row, on a weekly basis

www.FreeMumia.net - Latin@s for Mumia

www.emajonline.com - Educators for Mumia

<http://www.freemumianow.blogspot.com/> - Mumia Blog

www.RueMumia.com

www.MumiaStreet.com - French Sites for Mumia

**www.ChicagoFreeMumia.org - The Chicago Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, 773-381-6507
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www.onamove.com - The MOVE Organization

Buy Mumia Gear! Check out our new store at **www.cafepress.com/mumia**! Get T-shirts, hoodies, mugs, messenger bags, tote bags and more! All funds go to International Concerned Families and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal for organizing work for our brother Mumia.

TRUTH: The demonstration on February 11th was planned in reaction to State Court Judge Dembe unjustly canceling a court hearing for that day. This was months before the meeting was planned with Mayor Street. The demonstration was organized by supporters of Mumia world wide to draw attention to the injustice in the courts and the urgency of Mumia's case.

LIE: (Daily News, 2/16/05, Ned Joseph) "Mumia stated in front of Inspector Al Giordano, Officer Gary Bell, and two hospital security guards in the wee hours of 12/9/81: "I shot the white M*****F***r and I hope he dies."

TRUTH: No one came forward with this tale until nearly two months later, shortly after Mumia filed a brutality suite against the police. On top of that Giordano was even told not to testify at trial by prosecutor McGill because he was brought up (and later found guilty) on charges of police corruption and that would look bad at trial.

LIE:(Maureen Faulkner and various media sources) Mumia has never stated what happened that night.

TRUTH: Mumia has released an affidavit stating clearly what happened that night and making it very clear that he is absolutely innocent.

This only begins to scratch the surface of the heap of lies that has been fed to people by the media for 23 years. However, the real issue here is not John Street, it is the injustice that continues to happen in Judge Dembe's courtroom. Judge Dembe has refused to hear the confession of another man because it was not filed on time, she has heard the testimony of a court stenographer who overheard Judge Sabo say "Yeah and I'm gonna help 'em fry the nigger!" and ruled that that did not necessarily effect his rulings as a judge.

Mumia's next appeal will be heard in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The judges will be selected from a pool of ten justices, including Governor Rendell's wife, Midge. Rendell campaigned on signing Mumia's death warrant and now, more likely than not, his wife will hear Mumia's appeal.

death by the Franco dictatorship

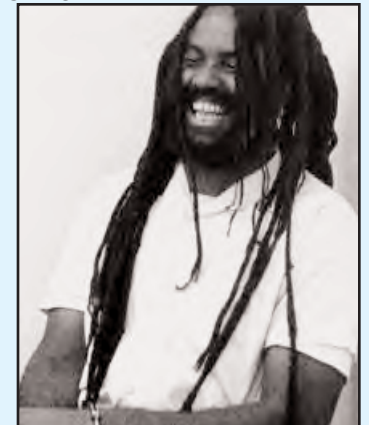
- a Che Guevara Avenue
- a Bobby Sands Street In addition, very recently, we named two streets Kateb Yacine and Mohamed Dib, two great Algerian writers who embody the struggle against the obscurantism of fundamentalism.

Next we will be naming a street Cecile Brunschvieg, the name of this activist who was one of the first women to enter the government under the Popular Front, in an era when women were still denied the right to vote. These names commemorate a work or a struggle that we wish to inscribe in the collective memory. The city of Saint Denis is the first in France, and perhaps elsewhere, to name a Mumia Abu-Jamal Street. This initiative takes on special importance at a moment when international pressure can create the possibility of a significant advance, thus eliminating the risk of killing an innocent person. It is completely intentional that this street is situated in a section of Saint-Denis that is in the midst of being transformed, a section in which new residents are moving in, where there is

growing economic activity, a section resolutely facing the future, Rue Mumia Abu Jamal is thus beside:

- Human Rights Square
- Children's Rights Square
- the street Rol Taguy, the liberator of Paris in 1944
- the street Eleanor Rubiano, an anti-Nazi resister who was deported.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am certain that behind the bars of his cell, at this very moment, despite the time difference, Mumia Abu-Jamal, who is aware of this inauguration is with us in his thoughts. In the name of all of you, in the name of the residents of Saint-Denis, we salute Mumia, we salute your courage, and we hope to find you very soon, among us, a free man.





Inauguration of Mumia Abu-Jamal Street in Saint-Denis

April 24, 2006

After making Mumia Abu-Jamal an honorary citizen of the city, this inauguration sent a message of aid and solidarity to Mumia Abu-Jamal and took a forceful position in demanding his freedom. Mumia Abu-Jamal is also an honorary citizen of Venice, Palermo, San Francisco, Montreal, St-Anne (Martinique), Paris and of 15 cities in the Paris suburbs. Saint-Denis was one of the first of these to mobilize around this movement.

Large delegations came from the U.S., England, Ireland, Spain, Germany and all across France. The people of Saint-Denis were very involved in this day. A collective of local associations was formed for this occasion and led the work around the organization of the event. The collective included the St-Denis Mumia Committee,

was busy.”

LIE: (Evening Bulletin, 2/16/05) quote from Dan Fee: "The courts have made their decision and he (Mayor Street) sees no reason to question that."

TRUTH: This case is still open on appeal with evidence that proves Mumia's innocence and at the very least demands a new trial. Courts are questionable, over one hundred people have been released from death row as a result of innocence and Mumia's case exhibits many of the same characteristics.

LIE: (Daily News, 2/17/05, Ronnie Polaneczy) "(T)wo French officials, like a lot of silly people in Europe haven't read the Faulkner murder trial transcripts"

TRUTH: The French Delegation are very well versed in Mumia's case and are very familiar with the trial transcripts, the constitutional violations, coerced testimony and all that comes with them. It should be noted that the trial transcripts do not include the testimony of the many witnesses who later came forward and admitted that they were coerced and threatened, the confession of another man, and more evidence of innocence.

LIE: (Evening Bulletin, Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News) "There was an impromptu rally that took place when the French delegation came to meet with Mayor Street.”

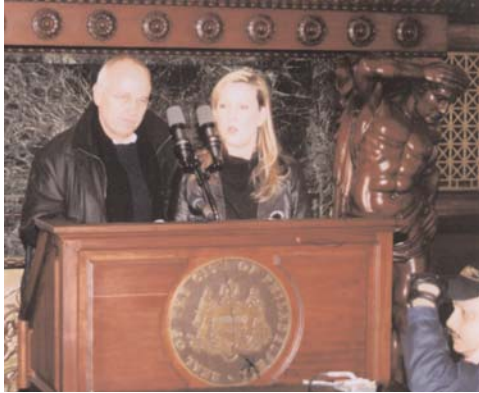


French activists including Raphael, Pam Africa, Chicago supporter, Ramona Africa, and Chairman Fred Hampton Jr. at the Liberty Bell Awards ceremony.

TRUTH: The two French dignitaries are Mumia activists. They are two of the key people who have pushed for a major street in France to be named after Mumia and came here for the sole purpose of working for Mumia's freedom.

LIE: (Evening Bulletin, 2/16/05, Kate O'Connor) quote from Dan Fee: "They showed up with 150 people who demanded to be let in" (regarding demonstrators coming in to the Mayor's reception room).

TRUTH: Only four people of the delegation originally went in for the meeting. It was planned that the demonstration would stay outside, however, they were invited in. Arrangements were made by officials to accommodate everyone in the reception room but demonstrators had been content to stay outside before this invitation. Even police spokesman have disputed this comment by Fee.



Jacques Daguene, of the French labor left, and Marina Rajewski speak at Philadelphia City Hall, accepting the Liberty Bell Award from Mayor John Street's Office.

LIE: (Dom Giordano radio show, 2/14/05) Mumia demonstrators were running through the halls of City Hall and would have rioted if they were not allowed in.

TRUTH: This is a total fabrication. The demonstration was entirely peaceful. There were no disturbances.

French Delegation requested to meet with Mayor Street and he denied the request. However, it is policy that if foreign dignitaries come here, some one will meet with them.

TRUTH: As of the day before the meeting John Street had conveyed to the French delegation that he would meet with them. Fee contradicts his own statement right here: (Evening Bulletin, 2/16/05) quote from Dan Fee: "Mjenzi Traylor, the first deputy commerce director, met with the delegation because the Mayor

COSIMAPP [the French chapter of International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal], Catch, LX-EAR et Plain'art, James Baldwin Collective, Bay Lan Men, and Taf and Maffé.

The street is located in the district Cristino Garcia (an anti-Franco Spanish Republican), and ends on Human Rights Place, two steps from the Nelson Mandela Stadium and the Stadium of France.

The inauguration of the street took place at 11:30 a.m. in the presence of the mayor of Saint-Denis, Didier Paillard; the deputy and president of Plaine Commune, Patrick Braouezec; elected officials of the municipality; foreign delegations headed by Pam Africa, spokesperson for Mumia in the United States; and ten North American guests.



Artist, student, and fervent Mumia supporter Raphael, Ramona Africa and French Youth at the Street Naming.

As reports arrived stateside of Saint-Denis' noble dedication to Mumia, the U.S. press and authorities teamed up to attack. The following details the media and FOP campaign to date against Mumia and all those who support him, in this critical time of his final appeals.

Free Mumia Abu-Jamal !

The State of Pennsylvania has recently filed its appeal seeking to reinstate the order to execute Mumia. If their appeal is upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell has pledged to sign the third warrant for Mumia's execution. Barring the unlikely intervention of the U.S. Supreme Court, Mumia will have 90 days to live!

Pennsylvania authorities are dead set on winning. They, along with the Fraternal Order of Police, are campaigning to bring the matter to national attention.

The Fraternal Order of Police and their collaborators in the media and among politicians have been on the rampage since the Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that there were two issues Mumia could appeal on that might lead to a new trial. These forces insist that Mumia should have no right to appeal. They attack all those who support Mumia's innocence or even his right to a new trial.

The naming of a street after Mumia in Saint Denis, France has only fueled their rage. The new street, leading to the largest sports stadium in Europe, the Nelson Mandela Stadium, has been formally named Rue Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Two U.S. Congresspeople from Pennsylvania are introducing federal legislation to demand that the city of St Denis reverse its decision to name a major street after Mumia. House Resolution 407, which embodies these demands, was supported unanimously by the City Council of Philadelphia.

The U.S. legislation, House Resolution 407, proposes to sanction St. Denis or call for a U.S. boycott of the city, should the St Denis Mayor and City Council refuse to reverse their vote. Both have refused to do so.

Philadelphia newspapers are joining the reactionary chorus damning the St Denis decision.

Mumia's racist detractors know full well that a final decision is coming, one that could lead to Mumia's execution or to a new trial and his freedom.

In October 2003, Mumia Abu-Jamal was awarded the status of honorary citizen of Paris. The mayor of Paris, Bertrand Delanoë, said in a press release that the award was meant to be a reminder of the continuing fight against the death penalty, which was abolished in France in 1981. Additionally, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the NAACP, the National Lawyers Guild, the Japanese Diet, the European Parliament, as well as several national U.S. trade union federations (ILWU,

American tactics of intimidation, harassment, and fear are nothing new. The system's campaign marred Mumia's activism on the street, his arrest, trial, incarceration, and the movement to free him. Just last year, when Mumia was due a trial with Judge Pamela Dembe, the authorities again exploited the impressive French quest for Mumia's freedom to divert people's attention away from the court's injustice. Read on to see how history is repeating today.

On Feb. 11, 2005, French dignitaries visiting in support of Mumia Abu-Jamal received Liberty Bells from Mayor Street's office. Since then the news media and city government have been spreading wild lies and contradictions. Mayor Street's office's statements continue to evolve and become increasingly inconsistent.

Philadelphia officials historically contradict themselves-- during Mumia's trial the prosecution used testimony from police officers claiming two months after Mumia and Faulkner were shot that they had heard Mumia confess. The more you look at their statements, the more ridiculous they become. See for yourself:

LIE: (Evening Bulletin, 2/16/05, Kate O'Connor) quote from Dan Fee (Street Spokesman):

"The delegation presented Traylor with a stained glass figure and, in return, Traylor gave the two French politicians Liberty Bell replicas" and "If you give a gift to the Mayor you get a gift in return."

TRUTH: The French Delegation gave the stained glass figurine to Mayor Street after they were presented with the liberty bells. In fact, it was planned one day in advance that the Mayor would present them with liberty bells. This fact is proven and on the record in press releases sent out on Feb. 10, 2005, in postings all over the internet, and on video tape from that day.

LIE: (Evening Bulletin, 2/16/05, Kate O'Connor) quote from Dan Fee: "No Mumia activists were given replicas."

death sentence: that it is unconstitutional for jury instructions during sentencing to lead jurors to believe they cannot vote against the death penalty unless they all agree on the mitigating evidence which does not support a death sentence.

April 24, 2006 also marks the tenth anniversary of the Anti-Terrorism & Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), which was signed into law on Mumia's birthday. The AEDPA is significant for two reasons: (1) it dramatically limited federal habeas corpus by reducing the filing deadline for habeas claims and narrowing the issues which can be reviewed by the courts; and, (2) it amended Section 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act increasing the likelihood of deportation for any immigrant with virtually any criminal conviction that constitutes a ground of deportation: any aggravated felony, any controlled substances offense, any firearm offense, or any two crimes involving more turpitude w/sentences exceeding one year.

Why is this important? The AEDPA was touted as legislation that would "improve the fair and timely review of state court judgments by the federal courts" and "control illegal immigration," but ten years later Congress is AGAIN reviewing BOTH federal habeas and immigration policies in an effort to further curtail basic human rights. Current pending federal legislation (S. 1088 + H.R. 3035) is looking to further "streamline" federal habeas corpus to make it even more difficult for the innocent/wrongly convicted to obtain relief in the courts at the same time H.R. 4437 and other legislative proposals seek to make it even easier to deport more people, take away more rights from immigrants facing deportation, and make it harder for immi-

grantsto become citizens of the United States-- a country started by settlers on indigenous land!

Mumia is ALL OF US, and we must continue to fight for peace and justice against racism, discrimination, war, and death! On April 29, 2006, there was an honoring ceremony outside of the city of Paris -- whose city council voted Mumia an honorary citizen in 2001, shortly before Judge Yohn's federal habeas decision which is now pending before the Third Circuit -- in the town of St. Denis, where they have constructed a thoroughfare leading into the largest arena in France: the Nelson Mandela Stadium. La Rue Mumia Abu-Jamal will serve as a constant reminder of the work of the PEOPLE on behalf of the voice of the voiceless.

In attendance was the mayor, deputy mayors, representatives of International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition (NYC), and a large and very diverse group of individuals and organizations from France and the Carribean.

Julia Wright, daughter of the lated noted writer Richard Wright, speaks of the significance of this event as well as the 2003 granting of honorary citizenship to Mumia by the City of Paris, in a video which you can view at: <http://www.ville-saint-denis.fr/download/video/2006/10>

Liberte pour Mumia! Freedom now for our innocent freedom fighter on death row! Join our call for a simple demand for justice! Help us bring our brother home THIS 25th year!

AFSCME, SEIU, the national postal union), the 1.8 million member California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, and the Episcopal Church of the United States of America all maintain that Mumia's original trial was not conducted in a fair and impartial manner, and demand either a new trial or Mumia's immediate release.

Angela Davis in France for Mumia.



The Mainstream Media Backlash...

Stu Bykofsky | from the Philadelphia Daily News
Some ideas for the French, who just love our criminals

SAINT Denis has upped the ante.

In 2003, the Paris City Council went bizarro and named convicted cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal a "citizen of Paris." Last week, the Mumidiots in the Paris suburb of Saint Denis named a street after him.

That "honor" brought a riposte in the form of a congressional resolution introduced by U.S. Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick, R-Bucks, co-sponsored by Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz, D-Phila./Montco, asking the city of 95,000, or the French government, to rescind it.

Don't hold your breath. The French have made an Olympic sport

of twisting Uncle Sam's tail and they just love screwing with us. Supplementing the usual French disdain for America, Saint Denis is 80 percent black and Arab. Abu-Jamal is black with an Arab name. What more do they need?

Leftist Saint Denis is not engaging in some high-minded stance about opposition to the death penalty, which France abandoned in 1981 (after wearing out numerous guillotines). You can do that without using Abu-Jamal, whose guilt shakes you by the shoulders.

A steamed Fitzpatrick told me that while Abu-Jamal "may be viewed as a 'political prisoner' by an extremely small segment of people, especially by radicals in the elite European Left, to me he's nothing but a cop-killer and cop-killers do not get honored; they get prosecuted and thrown in jail."

Fraternal Order of Police President Bob Eddis told me he received word of Saint Denis' "honor" even as local police hunted the killer of Officer Gary Sker-ski. Naming a French street after Abu-Jamal "is like naming a California street after Charlie Manson," he said.

In addition to the resolution, Schwartz faxed a letter of reproach to Saint Denis Mayor Didier Paillard. No word back as yet.

I tried reaching the mayor or his spokeswoman yesterday by telephone and e-mail without success. Among other things I wanted to know was why it took them 20 years to get around to honoring Abu-Jamal, and if they planned to applaud any other American murderers.

Here are a few things France might consider:

- Renaming Place de la Concorde, the largest public square in Paris, to honor girlfriend-killer/unicorn/all-around-health-hazard Ira Einhorn. As a further tribute to the former hippie planetary enzyme, they should order it never to be cleaned by the streets department.

For the French organisations and the French Collective, such a behaviour is the proof that our actions, lead relentlessly for years, count and will go on until Mumia's freedom and the abolition of the death penalty in the USA. For more than 10 years now, people gather together in front of the American Embassy and the actual fund-raising has just reached over 50 000 Dollars and the solidarity will keep on going until our victory.
Paris, le 24 mai 2006

At the root of these attacks are Mumia's current legal situation. He has received a minor victory in the courts that could be overturned. He is at his last appeal, and his death sentence could easily be reinstated. PA Governor Rendell campaigned on signing his death warrant. Given these conditions, the FOP, mainstream media, and all those invested in Mumia's murder are exploiting any opportunity to push for his death. The following is a detailed legal update as of April 2006.

On a Move! 2006 marks the 25th year of the incarceration of Black journalist, former Black Panther, father, and grandfather Mumia Abu-Jamal. Mumia remains on death row in Pennsylvania for a crime he did not commit, and the state of Pennsylvania continues to actively seek his legal lynching despite international support and evidence of his innocence.

In December 2005, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit agreed to review two additional issues raised on federal habeas corpus and in a subsequent appeal. The Court is now considering a total of four issues, three of which could lead to a new trial for Mumia and his ultimate release. These three constitutional issues address Mumia's right to a fair trial, due process of law, and equal protection of the law under the Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

In addition to their constitutional significance, the three issues cur-

rently before the Third Circuit also have another factor in common: bias. These issues shed light on the prosecutorial and judicial misconduct which occurred at Mumia's original trial in 1982 and during post-conviction proceedings, which were presided over by the original trial judge, Albert Sabo, who was overheard by a court stenographer to have said during a trial recess: "I'm going to help them fry the nigger." These issues relate to Prosecutor McGill's prejudicial jury summation that Mumia would have "appeal after appeal;" the unconstitutional use of peremptory challenges to exclude Blacks from serving on Mumia's jury; and, the impact of Sabo's racism on Mumia's rights to due process during post-conviction proceedings where the defense offered evidence of coerced witnesses, questionable confessions, and faulty ballistics which was callously disregarded and illegally denied.

The fourth issue before the Court is whether Mumia will get the benefit of a "Mills challenge" to his

Faulkner's widow, Maureen, has urged a tourist boycott of Paris and U.S. Reps. Michael G. Fitzpatrick (R., Pa.) and Allyson Y. Schwartz (D., Pa.) have sponsored a congressional resolution demanding the name be changed.

Last year, a federal appeals court agreed to consider Abu-Jamal's appeal of his conviction on ground that the jury selection was racially biased.

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PRESS RELEASE

A few days after the inauguration of the Street Mumia Abu Jamal in Saint-Denis (France), the media from Philadelphia, and mainly the Philadelphia Inquirer, started writing scathing and inflammatory articles. The same attitude had already been observed when the city of Paris had adopted Mumia as honorary citizen, which proves that such initiatives are efficient and hit the bull's eyes : bearing the truth in Mumia's case.

After the media, here we go with the FOP which, together with two representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, has given the City of Saint Denis the order to change the name of the street Mumia Abu Jamal. This order has come along with a threat to refer the matter to the French authorities if the representatives of Saint Denis refuse to do so.

All this is madness to anyone who knows about Mumia's case and the conditions in which he has been sentenced to death without being able to prove his innocence, even with the support of many world-wide organisations and personalities (like the UNO Commission for Human Rights and Amnesty International) which have pointed out the injustice of his trial.

The main point is why, while many different delegations of French Officials have kept coming to Pennsylvania and have, each time, asked to meet with political representative, why is that none of them have ever been received by the mayor of Philadelphia himself or the Governor of Pennsylvania? It would have been a good occasion to discuss the case, which could have been fairly reported in the media. Because the truth will come out with the strength of a face to face and not the weakness of a hide and seek game behind newspapers lines, let's face responsibilities and move forward on decisions that are going to affect an innocent man's life.

Mumia has been asking for a new trial for 25 years, and that's precisely when the justice system in Pennsylvania has decided, for the first time, to consider the petitions that the political power and the police have decided to show aggressiveness to try to have influence on the way things are going into court.

- A small plaza adjoining Rue Abu-Jamal should commemorate the groundbreaking work of Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski. A statue in the center in the shape of a mailbox would be a nice touch.

- The market district known as the "belly of Paris," Les Halles, must be reflagged as the Gary Heidnik District, to honor the financial wizard/dungeon-master/cannibal.

- The Eiffel Tower should be rededicated to the memory of Timothy McVeigh, to "honor" the "freedom fighter" who blew up the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

- Rename the Bastille as Holmesburg.

By the way, if the name Saint Denis seems familiar, it was in the news late last year as an area hit by riots.

As the Associated Press reported at the time: "The violence has exposed deep discontent in neighborhoods where African and Muslim immigrants and their French-born children are trapped by poverty, unemployment, racial discrimination, crime, poor education and housing."

Perhaps minority-oppressing France should spend less time honoring American murderers and more time emulating American healers, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He's worthy of a boulevard.

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Sue Africa, long-time MOVE Supporter and Mumia activist, Diarapha Diallo-Gibert, and Ramona Africa speak in France.



Deputy Mayor Majiid Wannass, long-time Mumia revolutionary Tibby Brooks, Saint-Denis Mayor Dedier Paillard, Pam Africa, Julia Wright, and Ramona Africa in France.

The MOVE ORGANIZATION responds to Bykofsky:

This article is typical of the system-controlled robots known as the media in the U.S. and this is how **JOHN AFRICA** teaches MOVE to deal with them. ---Ramona Africa

May 26, 2006

We know that because you're an American Patriot, it's hard for you to understand anything that's not dictated to you by your government's propaganda, but you need to try to stop and think about this- The U.S. is the U.S., France is France, and not the U.S. When are you people gonna get it thru your heads you don't control the world. There's a whole world out there, outside of the U.S., full of people who have their own cultures, their own way of life and they haven't asked for, nor do they need the U.S. dictating to them how to think and how to live. That's been the problem with America's relations with the rest of the world since time immortal, America, so bigoted, so high in the in-step, so opinionated, so judgmental, so dictatorial, just like you Stu Bykofsky. Look at the way you're talking about France and trying to tell the French what to do based on America's dictates. Look at how you're trying to trash Saint-Denis because

there are too many unresolved questions not to give any fair-minded person pause and doubts about Mumia being guilty. The ICFFMAJ, The MOVE Organization, Mumia support groups and people around the world will not stand by in silent frustration and allow this government to murder yet another innocent man.

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Abu-Jamal Resolution Splits PA. Senate on Racial Lines

Abu-Jamal resolution splits Pa. Senate on racial lines

By Amy Worden

INQUIRER HARRISBURG BUREAU

HARRISBURG - Nearly 25 years after the slaying of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner, the racial divide over his killer's conviction was reflected today in a vote on a state Senate resolution.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed the measure condemning the French city of St.-Denis for naming a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, who was sentenced to death in 1982 for shooting Faulkner during a traffic stop.

But the resolution prompted rare debate and ended in a 44-4 vote split along racial lines. The only "no" votes came from African-American senators, all from Philadelphia.

Sen. Vincent Hughes (D., Phila.) said he could not support the resolution because he did not believe that Abu-Jamal received a fair trial.

During the last two decades, Abu-Jamal, 53, a former Philadelphia journalist and activist, has become a symbol for death penalty opponents around the world.

The city of St.-Denis, a multi-ethnic suburb of Paris, dedicated a street in his honor in April.

The resolution's sponsor, President Pro Tempore Robert C. Jubelirer (R., Blair) called the street naming "the most offensive thing he had ever seen" and said it was an "affront to the system of justice."

A similar resolution introduced by House Speaker John M. Perzel (R., Phila.) passed unanimously on Monday with no debate.

Rep. Harold James (D., Phila.), a retired police officer, voted for the resolution, but agrees with Hughes that Abu-Jamal did not get a fair trial. James said he didn't raise any opposition because he believed the resolution was meaningless.

"I just didn't think that Pennsylvania trying to tell France what to do was going to go anywhere," he said.

Both resolutions ask the French government to "take appropriate action" if the the city fails to act.

It was also reported that there was a call for a boycott of French products (such as French wines, etc.) at this press conference. Nobody is gonna pay attention to this weak, impotent nonsense. People didn't go along with it when officials called for the same thing when France wouldn't endorse America's war against Iraq. This is just another example of the arrogance and superiority of these American fools because if American officials decided to do something that some foreign government didn't like, American officials would tell the foreign government to mind their own business and they would proceed to do what they want to do, but now they want to dictate to French officials what they can and cannot do.

When the U.S. wanted to go to war against Iraq, the French government would not go along them and the U.S. ignored France (and other countries) and went to war anyway. The U.S. didn't listen to France, so how can U.S. officials justify getting irate when France won't listen to them. U.S. officials try to create the impression that these are confused foreigners that don't know the facts, but that's a lie.

These people have investigated and studied the facts of Mumia's case: They know Mumia's case, thoroughly. The FOP also tried to stir up an anti-Mumia sentiment by saying that the naming of the street after Mumia (a "convicted cop-killer") was done at the same time that they were mourning the death of another cop, Gary Skerski, and that it was a slap in the face.

This is a deliberate lie because the government of Saint-Denis made the decision to honor Mumia with this street-naming long before the recent death of Skerski and the street-naming ceremony was on April 29th, also before the death of this cop. In fact, this decision was made while France was being considered as a site for the upcoming Olympic games; it was done with full knowledge that it could cost them the Olympics, but they refused to play politics with Mumia's life and decided to honor Mumia anyway, to call attention to Mumia's case.

Furthermore, we want to point out that there was no mention of any "slap in the face" when there was a proposal by Janie Blackwell to name May 13th (the day the cops bombed and burned innocent people alive) as "kiss a cop" day. That's a definite slap in the face to poor people, especially black people. The point being made here is that Mumia is innocent and



they named a street after Mumia Abu Jamal. Talking about Saint-Denis had riots, like that is a blight on the character of those people and the reason why they would do such a thing like name a street after Mumia Abu-Jamal, who, to quote you, is a "criminal." How do you know Mumia Abu Jamal is a criminal, just because he's in prison!? Do you know there are people being released from prison because they are found innocent, after the courts have found them guilty and labeled them as criminal. Obviously the courts make mistakes, you call yourself a columnist, you should know these things. One thing is for sure, however, that is you don't know nothing about Mumia Abu-Jamal, but you do know a lot about being unfair, even though you are Jewish and you and your people are always crying about The Holocaust, expecting people to be sympathetic with you over Adolf Hitler and nazis but here you are being the Adolf Hitler, the nazi trying to kill off Mumia, a Black man, just like Hitler tried to kill off Jews, your people. The U.S., its citizens and you Stu Bykofsky need to be concerned about child pornography, child rape, child abduction, molestation. Saint-Denis had riots, America's got babies being raped. Saint-Denis named a street after Mumia Abu-Jamal, America dropped a bomb on MOVE, on a street May 13, 1985. You got your priorities mixed up Stu. All you wanna do is build a reputation for yourself and further your career, you don't care about Saint-Denis or Mumia Abu-Jamal one way or the other. It's all about maintaining your job and making money, even when it's off the blood of a living being, in this instance, Mumia Abu-Jamal.

THE MOVE ORGANIZATION

ONA MOVE AND LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!!!



Franz Fanon's daughter and leader in her own right, Mireille Mendez-France, Pam Africa, Claude Guillaumade, and Philadelphia supporter gather at City Hall for the Liberty Award.

The Philadelphia Inquirer comes in for another hit on Mumia...

Philadelphia Inquirer, May 16, 2006

Paris suburb names street for cop-killer Abu-Jamal

By Jennifer Lin
Inquirer Staff Writer

As Philadelphians cope with another police slaying, news comes that a suburb of Paris has named a street for Mumia Abu-Jamal, convicted of the 1981 murder of Police Officer Daniel Faulkner. Hundreds of supporters of Abu-Jamal attended a ceremony on April 29 to dedicate the Rue Mumia-Abu Jamal in the city of St.-Denis.

"In France, they see him as a towering figure," said Suzanne Ross, co-chair of the Free Mumia Coalition of New York City, who was part of the ceremony.

Ross said the street is in the town's Human Rights district, which includes Nelson Mandela Stadium.

Richard Costello, past president of the Philadelphia lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, said the street dedication was "deplorable" but "consistent with the offensive position the French have taken in this matter. They've made him into some type of hero."

Abu-Jamal, 53, was sentenced to death in 1982 for the shooting of Faulkner, who was 25. A memorial plaque honoring Faulkner has been installed at 13th and Locust Streets, where he was shot.

Abu-Jamal, a former Philadelphia journalist, Black Panther member, and critic of police brutality, has maintained his innocence.

ICFFMAJ responds to Congressional Terrorism

May 26, 2006

The International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal finds it necessary to issue this statement in the interest of justice and fairness. We cannot look to the news media to tell people the truth and we cannot look to racist hateful white politicians or weak-minded intimidated black politicians to stand up for fairness, for justice, uncompromisingly. We, the people, must do it for ourselves so that's what The ICFFMAJ has been doing and will continue to do.

Recently, the news media has made a big issue of the government of Saint-Denis, in France, honoring Mumia Abu-Jamal by naming a street after him. The news media did not simply report on the event, they fueled an anti-Mumia furor by deliberately replaying the lies and slanted version of those hate-mongers known as the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Pam Africa, the coordinator of ICFFMAJ, called a press conference on May 18th to present the position of those who support Mumia and to present the statement of the mayor of Saint-Denis, a statement that explains why they support Mumia, and why they named a street after him.

If the media is interested in getting information, getting the facts, why wouldn't they want to get the explanation from the mayor of Saint-Denis himself, why wouldn't they want to hear from people who were actually at the street-naming ceremony, such as Pam Africa and others in attendance at the presence conference? The fact is that the media is not interested in the truth or getting information, the media only says what the government wants it to say. That was made perfectly clear and underscored when the FOP, along with Representatives Allison Schwartz and Michael Fitzpatrick, called a press conference on May 22nd and all the media came out and reported everything these idiots had to say.

Michael Fitzpatrick announced that he had introduced legislation #407 demanding that the government of Saint-Denis change the name of the street they named after Mumia, and if they should refuse, then the national government of France should step in and change the name. With all of the serious issues facing the people of this country today (the war, gas prices, fuel oil prices, missing children, etc), people should be outraged that these fools are focusing their attention on telling people in France what they can and cannot name their streets, who they can and cannot honor, as if U.S. officials have any right to do such things, especially when they should be concentrating on the problems people have right here in the U.S.

I think it is useful, useful for Mumia, useful for the issue of abolition, useful for the totality of democracy whether it be in the United States or other countries that call themselves democracies today but are really undemocratic.

F.O.P. Supports House Resolution Condemning Honor for Cop-Killer

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To: State and City desks

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WASHINGTON, May 23 /U.S. Newswire/ -- Chuck Canterbury, president of the National Fraternal Order of Police, applauded the introduction of H. Con. Res. 407, which condemns the decision of the city of St-Denis in France to name a street in honor of the man that killed Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner in 1981. "On May 15th, our nation observed National Peace Officers' Day, a time of reflection across our country to honor and remember the law enforcement officers who gave their lives while serving and protecting our communities," said Canterbury. "To honor a cop-killer, especially at this time, is deeply offensive to law enforcement officers, their families, to the city of Philadelphia, and to the United States as a whole."

A street in St-Denis, a suburb of Paris, now bears the alias of Officer Faulkner's racist killer, Mumia Abu-Jamal, who was convicted of murder in 1982 based on the sworn testimony of numerous eyewitnesses and overwhelming forensic evidence. Though sentenced to death, Abu-Jamal has avoided justice by abusing the appeals process at every level of the case. His deft manipulation of the media and his network of supporters who do not know or do not care that he is a murderer have conveyed on him a perverse celebrity status.

"Renaming streets should be an honor afforded to those who have positively impacted their communities or fellow men," Canterbury said. "This cold-blooded killer did no such thing -- he killed a man sworn to protect his community. How can we as a nation not be outraged?"

The resolution, introduced by Representative Michael G. Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) and Allyson Y. Schwartz (D-Pa.), condemns the decision to rename the street in honor of this killer, urges St-Denis to change the name and calls on the national government of France to take steps against St-Denis if the city refuses to do so. The resolution also honors law enforcement officers worldwide for public service and commitment to public safety.

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Last year, a federal appeals court agreed to consider Abu-Jamal's appeal of his conviction. The court said it would consider Abu-Jamal's allegation of racial bias in jury selection, as well as claims that the prosecutor gave an improper summation and that a judge in a previous appeal was biased.

The street naming in St.-Denis was part of a three-day event sponsored by the French city, Ross said.

She said there were speakers on such issues as the death penalty, human rights, the Abu-Jamal case, and the 1985 bombing of the MOVE headquarters in West Philadelphia.

Ross said Pam and Ramona Africa, MOVE leaders and supporters of Abu-Jamal, spoke about the "unfulfilled quest for justice in that case."

When notified of the French dedication, Maureen Faulkner, widow of the victim, called it "disgusting."

"This is so unnerving for me to get this news," Faulkner said from Los Angeles, where she lives. "It's insulting to the police officers of Philadelphia that they are naming a street after a murderer."

The campaign to free Abu-Jamal has generated international attention, particularly among anti-death-penalty activists in France. At the dedication ceremony, Julia Wright, a translator in Paris and daughter of the late African American author Richard Wright, called Abu-Jamal "our Mandela."

Maureen Faulkner, on the other hand, urged Americans to boycott Paris.

"The people of Philadelphia should think if they have any trips to Paris this summer, to cancel those trips," Faulkner said. Of the French support of Abu-Jamal, she added: "These are the people who sheltered Ira Einhorn" - a fugitive who was finally

returned to Philadelphia and convicted of killing his girlfriend, Holly Maddux.

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Dr. Suzanne Ross, Co-Chair of the NYC Free Mumia Coalition and Mayor Didier Palmer of Saint-Denis, France.

issue at government level today would be useful.

Concerning the question from a youth as to whether we should take orders from American capitalism, I say NO, I take orders from no capitalist even if we are compelled to accept capitalism as part of our lives, even if we have to make accommodation at this juncture with the situation it creates. We know perfectly well that we are living in a capitalist system, but the issue is much larger than the American capitalist order. I believe that there are American democrats, as well as democrats throughout the world, who fail to question capitalism but who nonetheless adhere to certain human rights and that, even in the absence of challenging capitalism, there are still many citizens in the world who are probably against the death penalty and consider that Mumia Abu-Jamal has the right to an honest trial.

As far as our media notoriety in the U.S. is concerned, as mayors who named a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, our only objective as far as any media interest is concerned (whether the media be American or not) is to enhance the fairness of our claim. What is our claim today? We are among the many people who simply ask that Mumia be granted a new trial so that the evidence of his innocence can be heard. That is all we ask and I think that all the exposure we can obtain in the media should establish the claim concerning this issue. So let us make efficient use of the mikes or cameras that seek us out to validate our claim.

My thoughts are very much today with Mumia Abu-Jamal and the situation that entraps him. I am currently reading the most recent book by Michael Connelly, *The Lincoln Trial*, which exposes all the blemishes, all the abuse at the core of America's legal procedures, including the ways a trial can be manipulated. And we are made to see that it is money that fuels the neurological system of American justice-and that is a fact we can only condemn. If our statements, my statements are known throughout a number of radio stations and their networks-so much the better.

countries.

This struggle against the death penalty is a vital one. In my opinion, it is not permissible to play games with the lives of people. There are too many examples in the world, and first and foremost in the United States, of people who were sentenced unjustly. Sometimes they have been condemned to death or to very heavy prison sentences while proof of their innocence is established either after execution or after they have spent a great many years in prison. So we must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by these types of actions but rather recognize that the show of pressure is more a form of weakness than a demonstration of force.

As far as raising the FOP's proposed resolution in the French National Assembly, I believe that we must work on some type of action at that level. I do not know at this stage whether it can be a "current events" issue like the ones we raise every week, which take the form of a written question to the government. It is necessary that we elected representatives initiate action against the death penalty at both the national and other levels. I am speaking also of those who, as elected representatives, support Mumia in his struggle, for example, by adopting him as honorary citizen or conferring other tokens of support.

I believe that all these people should raise the issue with the French government in a very direct manner, including a request that our government should react explicitly even if in the end the American government does not challenge the French government in response to the proposed draft resolution that some are attempting to introduce today. But this would be an opportunity for the French government to take a clearcut position concerning this affair and cut through any ambiguity there might be. So I am completely in favor of raising the issue in one form or another through the voices of a certain number of elected representatives- "députés," mayors or municipal councillors-because there is also within cities governed by the political opposition a great deal of political mobilisation for the defense of Mumia. I think raising the

Take Action!

This government does not respond to truth, or justice. It only responds to pressure! Currently, there is internal pressure (fear of exposure of corruption, among other motives) guiding this campaign to kill Mumia. Our movement's objective is to create such international pressure as to make it impossible for any outcome other than Mumia's release!

WE NEED YOU!

There is something everyone can do. EVERYONE, worldwide, needs to participate-- this is not solely a struggle for Mumia's life-- it is in protection of all of our lives!

Write letters! Both to the Editor and Authors! Make them back up their words or print the TRUTH! Expose this worldwide-- their lies become our platform for disseminating the TRUTH!

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Mayor Didier Paillard of Saint-Denis, France.

Michael Schiffman, long-time Mumia Supporter and activist based in Germany, speaks out in defense of Mumia and all those who work for his release.

Heidelberg, Germany, May 17, 2006

Dear Editors,

Thank you for your report on the important event in France, staged in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

But I'm sorry to have to say that the reader's comments that went before this one I'm posting now are, except for the first posting, just ill-informed hate speech.

The same is, unfortunately, true of the regular rants of Ms. Faulkner.

Responsibility for this sad state of affairs rests not least with the Philadelphia Inquirer itself.

With all due respect for Ms. Faulkner's loss and suffering, she has no privileged knowledge about this hotly contested case whatsoever, and it is simply an abdication of journalistic responsibility to regularly trot out her simple- and single-minded calls for Abu-Jamal's execution at every opportunity.

This man has been in jail for almost a quarter century, and almost 23 years with an active death sentence - what more revenge does Ms. Faulkner want?

Why does the Philadelphia Inquirer never interview anybody who can spell out the true facts of the case, instead of giving vent to emotional calls for killing a man who is already utterly defenseless, having been sitting in a super-max prison for years on end and awaiting a cold-bloodedly planned death by the hands of his

abuse their power and do not play the role we expect of them as custodians of the equal treatment of all citizens. So let us not put the entire police force in the same basket. Statements such as those made in the proposed resolution regarding police forces as a whole constitute a false generalization-since it holds these police forces immune from any suggestion that they are capable of breaking or abusing rules.

Concerning the current situation confronting Pam Africa and the movement in Philadelphia, I have two reactions. First, when one is reduced to resorting to fear, to imposing the law of silence, it means that somehow there is a degree of uneasiness, somehow there is a lack of confidence, somehow there are those who are afraid of the final verdict of truth. So my first reaction is that when a group of individuals tries to impose the law of silence in this way, it means that the final truth is not what we are led to think nor is it what is made to appear as such. And my second reaction is to say that one should definitely not allow oneself to be intimidated. Beyond the struggle Mumia is waging to gain recognition of his innocence, he is also waging another struggle to abolish the death penalty, and this struggle should be waged by all democrats worldwide. Also, it is obvious that by exerting this type of pressure, very strong almost physical pressure, a certain number of police unions, not to mention rightwing or extreme rightwing unions, are intimidating all those who are waging a struggle today against the death penalty, whether it be in the United States or in other



Pam Africa, Julia Wright, Mike Africa, Leslie Jones, and more Mumia supporters in France.



committed by Mumia. But everybody knows that the point of naming a street in Saint-Denis in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal is to underscore the fact that Mumia has always maintained his innocence and has always demanded a fair trial. These are entirely two different matters: condemning the murder

of a police officer is one thing, but the absence of a fair trial for Mumia is an entirely different matter. Finally, it seems outrageous to me [that this resolution] demands that the French government force the city of Saint-Denis to reverse its decision.

Cities in France have the right to name streets in honor of individuals. We have experienced in our recent history many un-namings linked to political change. It is true that in choosing the name of Mumia Abu-Jamal we made a choice, a political choice, a choice aimed to show that we stand at his side in the struggle he is waging to obtain legal recognition of his innocence-and we proclaim our choice for all to hear. In the same manner, a few years ago, we named a street for Bobby Sands, who had resisted the British occupation of Ireland. We have also named other streets in honor of other resisters, other individuals who fought unconditionally against the bullying established orders that refuse to acknowledge injustice.

One last thing concerning the proposed resolution's third paragraph, commending all American and police officers worldwide: I must tell you that, while I recognize the role played by the police today, under certain circumstances, I am not willing to consider all police officers of equal valor whether those officers are American or hail from other parts of this planet. Because I know for a fact that many of them do not act in the constitutional way we would expect of them under all circumstances, especially as far as minorities are concerned. This is so whether we are speaking about the United States or certain other countries where the police

own government?

Any close inspection of the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal shows that the government's case against him was built on lies from end to end.

In the following, just a few gross examples.

First, there were only two "eyewitnesses" who identified Abu-Jamal as the shooter, and both witnesses', prostitute Cynthia White and cab driver Robert Chobert's, testimony was demonstrably false. The same is true of a third witness, Michael Scanlan, who did not identify Abu-Jamal as the shooter but gave an account of the events that was very similar to White's and Chobert's.

According to these three witnesses, Faulkner's killer stood over the prone officer and fired several shots at him at point black range, missing him every time but once, when the deadly bullet entered the policeman's brain.

The problem with this account is that it may make for good courtroom drama but is incompatible with the facts. Had things unfolded as these three witnesses described them, the bullets, or at least traces of the bullets, that missed the officer would have had to have been found on the sidewalk around the position where P.O. Faulkner lay - but the photographs of the crime scene very clearly show that this was not the case.

Abu-Jamal's defense has insistently pointed to this simple fact already in 2001, and has repeated it from then on more than once, loudly and clearly - but curiously, this has never spurred any investigative zeal on the part of the Philadelphia Inquirer and its twin paper, the Philadelphia Daily News, even though this simple fact alone should give anyone pause and trigger the question about what else might be fishy in this case that the

prosecution described right from the start as "open and shut."

No such questions were raised, at least not in the mainstream press in Philadelphia.

How proud we are in the Free World when it comes to our Free Press! But aren't Mark Twain's wise words from more than a century ago according to which the Americans have the right of free speech and the good sense not to use it a much more appropriate description of what is actually going on?

Second, the prosecution's case was built in no small measure on an alleged confession by Abu-Jamal. The first person who claimed to have heard such a confession was the ranking police officer at the crime scene, Inspector Alphonso Giordano. Unfortunately for the prosecution, this witness could not be presented at the trial against Abu-Jamal, since Giordano had to resign from the police force on account of his corrupt activities and would have done the government's embarrassingly weak case against Abu-Jamal more harm than good. The prosecution used Giordano's confession claim to get the courts to deny Abu-Jamal bail, to keep him in jail up until the trial, and to build the murder charge against him - but when the time approached for Giordano to testify, this witness disappeared and was nowhere to be seen.

Later on, five (!) persons, three police officers and two hospital guards (from Jefferson Hospital, where both the slain officer and Abu-Jamal were brought for treatment) testified that Abu-Jamal either had shouted epithets about the killed officer and had boasted of killing him or had threatened to kill all police officers in his reach. Quite apart from the obvious dubiousness of the claim that an almost mortally wounded person, and an experienced journalist such as Abu-Jamal at that, who was under the total control of the police would make any such statement, the prosecution had another problem: None of these claims were made until after more than two months after the original event that ended in the death of P.O.

in the service of truth or justice. A video of that confrontation will be up on our website some time next week.

Yesterday, June 1st, we were at Philadelphia's City Hall to confront that council with the one-sided picture they had been given, to the resolution they had passed with no presentation of the "other side" -- the statement by the Mayor of Saint-Denis about why they were naming the street in honor of Mumia, and the endless statements from around the globe about the total lack of fairness of Mumia's, trial, conviction, sentence, and appeals process. In this context, the response of Patrick Braouezec to the FOP vitriolic and fascistic campaign, aimed at intimidating and SILENCING the legitimate and just worldwide demands for a new and FAIR trial for Mumia, are extremely significant. Please give his analysis and his proposals for action your serious attention.

Ona Move! Free Mumia and All Political Prisoners! Long live the people's struggle for justice!

Suzanne Ross, Co-chair, Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition (NYC)
Saint Denis, June 1, 2006

**Statement by Patrick Braouezec, former Mayor of Saint-Denis;
President of the Community of 12 Suburban Cities, including Saint-Denis;
elected representative to the National Assembly of France**

Concerning Resolution 407, introduced by persons close to the FOP [Fraternal Order of Police], I first want to say that I condemn the murder of the police officer. I believe that everyone must condemn this act. That is clear.

This draft resolution claims that the murder was undoubtedly

Dr. Suzanne Ross, Co-Chair of the NYC Free Mumia Coalition, responds to the attacks on Mumia.

Friends and comrades of Mumia and the Free Mumia Coalition:

This ongoing struggle with the Fraternal Order of Police and its allies, particularly in Philadelphia of course, has escalated considerably. Last week Congressman Fitzpatrick and Congresswoman Schwartz co-sponsored House Resolution 407, calling on the US Congress to denounce the honoring of Mumia by the city of Saint Denis in naming a street after him. The resolution demands that Saint-Denis UNname rue Mumia Abu-Jamal and, alternatively, if it refuses to do so that the French Government force Saint Denis to withdraw that name. Interestingly, and note the former Mayor of Saint-Denis' response to this issue, the resolution also calls for commending "all police officers in the United States and throughout the world"(!). Surely that includes those cops who sodomized and tortured Abner Louima, the cops who shot 41 shots and killed Amadou Diallou, and the cop who killed Anthony Baez because his football hit the police car -- just to mention a few police officers who would be included in this blanket honor.

On May 25th, while a group of us called a press conference at the Fraternal Order of Police in Philadelphia, the City Council of Philadelphia, in response to City Councilman Ryan's initiative UNANIMOUSLY passed a resolution supporting Fitzpatrick's and Schwartz's congressional resolution.

The media, other than noted, meticulously detailed, and researching journalist Linn Washington, studiously avoided our press conference so as to be able to continue to present their totally one-sided picture of "Cop killer gets street named after him in France". The press conference quickly turned into a confrontation with the FOP, who came out with their "Fry Mumia" raggedy banner (which they could not keep up despite repeated attempts to do so!), and tried to silence our attempt to get out information about why the Congressional resolution was one-sided, inaccurate, and was not

Faulkner!

Under normal circumstances, and if the "free press" had done its duty, which it definitely did not in the case of Abu-Jamal, such preposterous claims involving five persons with "belated" memory would have been simply laughed out of the room, attracting well-deserved scorn and derision - but not in the case of Abu-Jamal. The Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Daily News, the official Philadelphia media and people like the talking head, talk-show master, pundit and Maureen Faulkner, attorney Michael Smerconish and many others as well accepted and accept all this as gospel truth without batting an eye-lash.

Even I as a non-journalist can smell a really hot story here, but investigative journalism, where arest thou when we - and justice, and due process - need you most?



French freedom fighters Raphael, Jacques Dagenet, and Marina Rajewski.

Thirdly, the last "leg" on which the murder charge against Abu-Jamal rested was ballistic evidence. It was a leg that never deserved the name. Even the makeshift crutches in countries ravaged by Western-made and limb-destroying landmines and explosives such as Afghanistan, Laos, Mozambique, and Cambodia support their users better than the ballistic evidence against Abu-Jamal supports his conviction for murder. The deadly bullet was never matched to his weapon, and could have, according to renowned prosecution ballisticians (of 1983 Sacco & Vanzetti fame) Anthony Paul, come from "multiple millions" of weapons; Abu-Jamal's gun and hands were either not tested for the firing of a gun, or else the results were deep-sixed, and finally, by now we know that even the testimony of the policemen who claimed to

have been the first to arrive at the murder scene and to have found Abu-Jamal's gun besides him on the sidewalk is highly dubious, since according to the police radio, the police kept on for almost a quarter of an hour looking for the murder weapon.

If all of this sounds new to you, I'm not surprised. In matters Mumia Abu-Jamal, you at the Philadelphia "Inquirer" and Philadelphia Daily "News" have since 1995 spent a good decade in basically researching nothing and reporting less and less - and when the matter comes up because you just have to say something because everyone else does, it's Maureen Faulkner, Ira Einhorn, and a little popular Bush-inspired French bashing to the rescue.

Since you haven't been reporting this issue properly for so many years, the mindless and nutty comments of some of your readers are hardly astonishing.

I hope you will do better in the future. Justice, and therefore democracy, and with it the life of a man are at stake.

Sincerely

Dr. Michael Schiffmann,
lecturer, translator, author

I'm the author of a Ph.D. thesis and forthcoming German book on Mumia Abu-Jamal (Race Against Death. Mumia Abu-Jamal - a Black Revolutionary in White America) which will hopefully also soon appear in the U.S.

Comments are welcome under mikschiff@t-online.de; please also visit my website www.againstthecrimeofsilence.de.

send people to their death, but become unmentionable if they show the slightest signs of timidity in that regard.

I might add that it is a nice understanding of federalism and states rights to urge the French government to take steps against the street name in a municipality. Agreed, France is a centralist state, but how come there is all of a sudden such respect for French traditions? (And still, to the best of my knowledge action against a street name by the central government would be an unprecedented step in modern France, centralist or not.)

In sum, this bipartisan resolution is a national disgrace (and were it not for the danger to Mumia's life, I'd say a laughing stock) and piece of trash, and the Philadelphia electorate should do their best to tell the representatives who submitted it where it belongs, namely on the trash heap.



Pam Africa, Yuri Kochiyama, and Indigenous Revolutionaries in California.

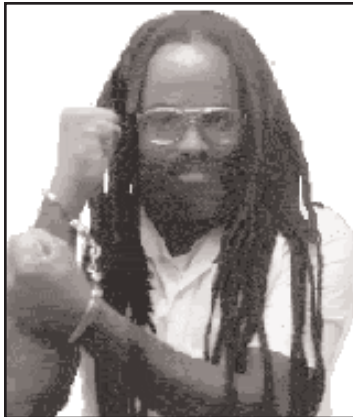
Michael Schiffman exposes lies against Mumia in government resolutions.

Mumia's brother did NOT travel "the wrong way down a one-way street." They lifted that out of the description of the events on the cop's website, but had those folks read their Bible, the trial protocols, they would know that Cook came on LOCUST from the direction Juniper/Broad Street.

No one ever claimed Mumia struck Faulkner's back four times. While this may evoke the image of a heroic officer striking back against all odds, it is sheer fantasy.

One might say such "details" are unimportant, but if they are so unimportant, why bring them up? In order to make something these law and order representatives know nothing about seem more real.

In actual fact, the prosecution claims that Mumia shot three to four times at Faulkner's FACE while the latter was lying prone on the sidewalk, shots the traces of which were never found in the sidewalk besides Faulkner's head, for the simple reason that they were never fired and the central part of the prosecution's case is a lie.



Fourth, among their enumeration of courts that upheld Mumia's conviction, these parliamentarians so devoted to the rule of law and so committed to the constitutional principle of the separation of powers forget two courts: the 3rd Federal District Court that threw out Mumia's death sentence and the 3rd Federal Court of Appeals that in December 2005 certified for appeal three points of Mumia's 1999 petition for habeas corpus. So the courts are just wonderful if they



Filmmakers and interpreter of Street Naming, including Sundiata Saadiq of the NYC Free Mumia Coalition and Ossining NAACP.

Dissatisfied with Media Attacks and governmental terrorism against Mumia supporters, the FOP takes their lethal campaign to Congress. The following is House Resolution 407.

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Fitzpatrick and Schwartz Stand Up for the Honor of Fallen Police Officers Introduces H.Con.Res.407 to Condemn French City for Honoring Mumia Abu-Jamal

Washington, May 19 - Today, Congressman Michael G. Fitzpatrick introduced legislation, H.Con.Res.407 that denounces the decision by the Paris suburb of St. Denis to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal. The street naming was first mentioned in a Philadelphia Inquirer article on May 15th, spurring Fitzpatrick to draft legislation immediately.

Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz joined Fitzpatrick as the first cosponsor of the legislation. Within hours of its introduction, the bill has already gained the support of 9 additional cosponsors. "I was sickened to read that St. Denis decided to honor Mumia Abu-Jamal with his own street in the human rights district of the city," Fitzpatrick said. "This ill-conceived decision by the city government of St. Denis is a slap in the face to the memory of Danny Faulkner." "I was deeply angered when I learned of the news that a suburb of Paris, France, Saint-Denis, dedicated a street in honor of convicted cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal. This is more than just an offensive and callous action. It is an outrage to the memory of Officer Daniel Faulkner and to his family and loved ones," said Representative Schwartz. "We cannot stay silent on this," Fitzpatrick added. "This is an affront to every police officer whether they serve in Philadelphia or St. Denis itself. My legislation will send a message to France that Americans - especially people from the Philadelphia, area don't take the idea of honoring cop-killers lightly." Robert Eddis, President of the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5 remarked; "to honor a "Cop Killer," at the same time that we in Philadelphia were searching for a "Cop Killer," is despicable! How much more pain must our Widows and Families suffer?" On Monday at 12:30 in front of the FOP Lodge 5 offices, Fitzpatrick will join President Robert Eddis in a press conference to formally announce the legislation and express outrage at the French city's decision.

House Resolution 407

Condemning the decision by the city of St. Denis, France, to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner. (Introduced in House)

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H. CON. RES. 407

On December 12, 2006, the National Caucus of Black State Legislators passed a Resolution in support of Mumia. They stated:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Caucus of Black State Legislators demands that the courts consider the evidence of innocence of Mumia Abu-Jamal and that he be released from prison; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCBSL demands that Pennsylvania Gov. Edward Rendell instruct his Attorney General to take over the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal from the Philadelphia County District Attorney's office and actually pursue justice; namely, go to court, make a legal confession of error, and stipulate that the conviction be vacated;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCBSL will communicate its views on this matter to Gov. Rendell, 225 Main Capitol Bldg., Harris burg, PA 17120, and to the appropriate courts in consultation with the legal defense team of Mumia Abu-Jamal; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCBSL will work with the legal defense team of Mumia Abu-Jamal to petition the courts to file any necessary friend of the court brief on behalf of Mumia Abu-Jamal."

TAKE ACTION!

Demand that the NCBSL back up their words and stand for Mumia on the floor of Congress! HR 407 is a very real threat against Mumia's life. Pressure the NCBSL to take a very real, committed, principled and unwavering stance in opposition and for Mumia's release!

We are calling for a Congressional Hearing into the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Join us in demanding equal time to present Mumia's innocence!

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United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, The government of St. Denis France impertinently dedicated a street to honor the convicted murderer on April 29, 2006; and

WHEREAS, The actions of the government of St. Denis is a deplorable insult and condemnation of the U. S. Judicial System, Philadelphia Police Department, District Attorney of Philadelphia, the citizenry of the City of Philadelphia, and Officer Faulkner's family; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That this Council calls upon the 108th United States Congress and the Senatorial and Congressional Representatives of the City of Philadelphia to support H. Con. RES. 407. City of Philadelphia

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Engrossed copies of this resolution be presented to the leadership of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States, both U.S. Senators of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Congressional delegation of the City of Philadelphia as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-fifth of May, 2006.

Anna C. Verna

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty

CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Kelly

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kelly, DiCicco, Kenney, Rizzo, Ramos, Goode, Nutter, Krajewski, O'Neill and Council President Verna

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 19, 2006

Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania) submitted the following concurrent resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the decision by the city of St. Denis, France, to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner.

Whereas on the night of December 9, 1981, Police Officer Danny Faulkner was shot and killed in cold blood during a traffic stop in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

Whereas in the process of arresting the driver of a car traveling the wrong way down a one-way street, the driver's brother appeared from across the street and proceeded to open fire on Officer Faulkner while his back was turned away; the driver's brother was identified as Mumia Abu-Jamal;

Whereas Mumia Abu-Jamal struck Officer Faulkner four times in the back with his gun; although seriously injured, Officer Faulkner returned fire, striking his attacker; undeterred, Mumia Abu-Jamal stood over Officer Faulkner and shot him in the face, mortally wounding him; Mumia Abu-Jamal attempted to flee, but collapsed several feet from the slain Officer Faulkner, murder weapon in hand;

Whereas Mumia Abu-Jamal was charged and convicted of first degree murder by a jury of his peers; although Mumia Abu-Jamal has had numerous legal appeals, including appeals to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court of Appeal, the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court, his conviction has been upheld each time;

Whereas on April 29, 2006, the municipal government of St. Denis, a suburb of Paris, dedicated a street in the honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal; and

Whereas the official recognition and celebration of a convicted murderer of a United States police officer is an affront to law enforcement officers across the Nation: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress--

- (1) condemns the murder of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner;
- (2) urges the municipal government of St. Denis to take immediate action to change the name of Rue Mumia Abu-Jamal and, if such action is not taken by the municipal government of St. Denis, urges the Government of France to take appropriate action against the city of St. Denis to change the name of Rue Mumia Abu-Jamal; and
- (3) commends all police officers in the United States and throughout the world for their commitment to public service and public safety.



Marina Rajewski, Pam Africa, and Angela Davis speaking in France for Mumia.

Not satisfied with their current campaign for lynching, Council of the City of Philadelphia passed Resolution No. 060487 on May 25, 2006 to both support HR 407 and call for further persecution of Mumia and his supporters.

Typical for racist Philadelphia, the Resolution passed unanimously.



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 060487)

RESOLUTION

Beseeching the 108th United States Congress and the Senatorial and Congressional Representatives of the City of Philadelphia to support H. Con. RES. 407 introduced by Congressman Fitzpatrick and Congresswoman Schwartz condemning the decision of St. Denis, France to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner.

WHEREAS, On December 9, 1981, Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner was shot and killed by Mumia Abu-Jamal; and

WHEREAS, Mumia Abu-Jamal was convicted of first degree murder by a jury of his peers in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Mumia Abu-Jamal has exhausted all legal appeals, his conviction being upheld by the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court of Appeal, the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court, and the