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Sunday, 03 June 2007

AWWIP Calendar from the 1/23/06 show

Many thanks to those who joined us on Monday's special show (2PM). Not only were we joined on-air by several callers - but also by former KPFK News Director MT Karthik, and political researcher John Judge (currently a staffer in the office of Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-GA).

An additional and extra-special thanks goes out to KPFK's Volunteer Coordinator "Tony", who took time out from his busy day, and did a great job, helping me out with the phones. I forgot to thank him on-air, and as in his usual, down-to-earth and mindful way, he refrained from mentioning my omission - Big props to you anyway, my man!

We had theme/musical assistance from Stephen Marley (whose new - unreleased - single "Mind Control" can be found here <http://www.stephenmarleymusic.com/>), Immortal Technique, and David Rovics.

At the end of the show, I mentioned my failure to address the calendar issues, which I had prepared. As promised here is a listing of items, which people might wish to be aware of.... (e-mail me if you've got something important, which I might've missed - I will update this page.)

Calendar Items (in Chronological order - not order of importance):

1) Peace and Freedom Party (<http://www.peaceandfreedom2006.org/>) members - and those who are willing to join - Are invited to a screening of "Bush's Brain" - the film exposing much of Karl Rove's craven political exploits. The film is free but the organizers of the screening ask you to BRING finger food to share.

The Reason for the event is to generate nominating signatures for a "Peace Candidate" for US Congress - Adele Cannon. Adele is known to many activists in the greater LA area, and US, peace community - for her years of

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- > Hoy 2 de Junio a las 5PM Enfoque Latino: Debate Migra + Ecos + Semblanza Lat.
- > Governance, 6/04/07, 7:00 pm
- > Monday June 4, 2007 Global Village w/Maggie LePique and Porcho Sanchez
- > The Dark Room 6/5/07 Playlist
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- > Global Village - 6/01/07 - Leny Andrade, Zera Vaughan
- > Leimert Park Book Fair

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work, in conjunction with her husband O'Neill Cannon. She needs 150 signatures from Peace and Freedom Registrants, to get on the ballot without paying excessive filing fees. She is running against Henry Waxman - who still hasn't joined the 'Out of Iraq caucus'.

The Event kicked-off her campaign in the 2006 election cycle.

Tuesday January 24th from 6:30-8PM

Screening is past - for more information on helping out with the signatures or 2006 political campaign cycle try:

<http://www.peaceandfreedom2006.org/>

<http://la-peaceandfreedom.org>

http://www.freevenice.org/VPFP/Venice_PFP_Info.html

Monthly Meetings - L.A. County Central Committee - Call: 323-759-9737

Venice Chapter - (310) 399-2215 or email PFP@freeevenice.org for information about the next meeting. Saturday Morning 10AM in Venice.

Help is needed gathering signatures! Call or e-mail to volunteer.

2) Frank Wilkinson Presente'

A memorial service for Wilkinson - The man J. Edgar Hoover plotted to kill - will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 28 at Holman United Methodist Church, 3320 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles

Contributions in Wilkinson's memory may be made to the Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research, 6120 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90044, or to the First Amendment Foundation, 3321 12th St. NE, Washington, D.C., 20017.

"Wilkinson also co-founded the First Amendment Foundation in 1985 to promote the right to dissent. This past fall, a biography was published about him titled 'First Amendment Felon: The Story of Frank Wilkinson, His 132,000-Page FBI File, and His Epic Fight for Civil Rights and Liberties.'"

Frank Wilkinson, civil rights activist during 'Red Scare,' dies

PAUL CHAVEZ
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Frank Wilkinson, who became a prominent civil rights activist after he was targeted in the 1950s "Red Scare" era over plans for a public housing project in Chavez Ravine, has died. He was 91.

Wilkinson was surrounded by family and friends Monday when he died at his Los Angeles home from complications of an infection, said Kit Gage, a longtime associate.

Wilkinson was an assistant director of the Los Angeles Housing Authority when he backed plans in the 1940s and 1950s for a federal housing project in the Chavez Ravine barrio, populated primarily by Mexican-Americans.

But he was suspended from his job after a 1952 eminent domain hearing, during which he asserted his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination when asked by company lawyers which groups he belonged to. The question came at a time when Sen. Joseph McCarthy was spearheading a nationwide anti-communist campaign.

After being called before California's equivalent of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Wilkinson again asserted his constitutional rights.

This time he was fired. The public housing project in Chavez Ravine was later scrapped and the barrio razed to make way for Dodger Stadium.

"It wasn't an accident that public housing got derailed in L.A.," said Gage, director of the Washington, D.C.-based First Amendment Foundation. "The Red Scare was used not only to silence folks on the left, but it was also used to destroy a whole range of progressive works."

Wilkinson became an activist opposed to Red Scare tactics. A Communist Party member from 1942 to 1976, he twice asserted his First Amendment rights in refusing to answer questions before the HUAC.

In 1958, he was cited for contempt of Congress but challenged the case. Three years later, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against him in the matter and he was jailed for nine months.

Upon his release, Wilkinson traveled across the country urging citizens to stand up against the HUAC, which was effectively killed after another committee took over its jurisdiction in 1975.

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Wilkinson is survived by his second wife, Donna; children Jeffry, Tony and Jo; stepchildren John, William and Robert; and his first wife, Jean.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be sent in his name to the First Amendment Foundation.

<http://www.commondreams.org/views/06/01/07-27.htm>

<http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/california/la-me-wilkinson5jan05,1,4270578,full.story>

To join in the discussion about Frank and his influence in your life, go here:

<http://frankwilkinson.blogspot.com>

3) Please attend and pass this announcement along!

Sunday, January 29, 2:00 pm

GUEST SPEAKER FROM EL SALVADOR
Unionists & Feminists Resist Free Trade and Privatization in Central America

Though the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) is now law in the U.S., Costa Rican workers are still blocking its passage in their country. In El Salvador, the first country to ratify CAFTA, resistance to free trade continues to rise. Hear firsthand accounts of the ongoing fight for the dignity and sovereignty of the women and