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Newsletter of the People's Organization For Progress (POP)

A New Year's Message

By Lawrence Hamm, Chairman, POP

During this time of the year, we celebrate the birthday of the distinguished civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect upon the history of the Civil Rights Movement, one of the greatest events in American history. Through that movement African-Americans destroyed the apartheid system of legal segregation in the United States.

Dr. King and the martyrs of the Civil Rights Movement bequeathed to the ages a testament of humanity's unquenchable desire for freedom and justice. Through their struggles and great sacrifices they made life better not only for themselves but also for the rest of us.

Let us continue their struggle so that we can make life better for future generations. We must uphold their tremendous legacy by continuing the struggle against racism, inequality, poverty, war, all forms of political oppression, social degradation and unjust economic exploitation.

This year, let us all adopt as one of our new year's resolutions a greater determination to heighten our involvement in the struggle for racial, social, and economic justice. Let us vigorously campaign to rid ourselves both personally and collectively of all forms of apathy and indifference.

The tragic events of September 11 have shown us that we truly do live, as Dr. King said in a "world house." None of us can any longer afford to ignore what goes on in our community, the nation and the world.

Every person that does not already belong to one should join an organization that is actively working to fight injustice. If and when you consider doing so I invite you to join the People's Organization For Progress (POP).

Those who are already members of progressive organizations but who are inactive must become active. The power of an organization is commensurate with the level of participation of its members. When the number of active members increases, the organization becomes more powerful.

Organizations like POP need active members that attend regular membership meetings, demonstrations and rallies, fundraising events, work on committees, volunteer for tasks and projects, and provide financial support.

The struggles for justice are often very long and very difficult. This sometimes discourages people who are active in groups fighting for social change. Some want to give up because the obstacles seem so great.

However, when we reflect upon the life of Dr. King and the history of the Civil Rights movement there are many lessons to be learned. One of those great lessons is that through unity, determination, cooperation, perseverance, and collective effort we can overcome that which is seemingly insurmountable.

We cannot give up. We must keep fighting for justice no matter how hard or difficult the struggle. For it is only through struggle that social progress is achieved.



Martin Luther King, Jr. 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech

"All that I have said boils down to the point of affirming that mankind's survival is dependent upon man's ability to solve the problems of racial injustice, poverty, and war....We have inherited a big house, a great "world house" in which we have to live together - black and white, Easterners and Westerners, Gentiles and Jews, Catholics and Protestants, Moslem and Hindu, a family unduly separated in ideas, culture, and interests who, because we can never again live without each other, must learn, somehow, in this one big world, to live with each other."



POP
Meets Every Thursday
6:00 p.m., at the
Abyssinian Baptist Church
224 West Kinney St.
Newark, NJ

What is the People's Organization For Progress?

The People's Organization For Progress (POP) is an independent, grassroots, community based, politically progressive association of citizens working for racial, social, and economic justice and greater unity in the community.

What is its purpose?

The main purpose of POP is to work for the immediate improvement of conditions in our community and the fundamental transformation of this country toward a more just society.

What are the goals of POP?

The goals of POP include the elimination of racism, inequality, poverty, sexism, unjust economic exploitation, all forms of social oppression, degradation, human misery, suffering and injustice.

When was POP founded?

POP was actually founded nearly two decades ago. It grew out of the struggles for justice of the African-American community during the late sixties and seventies.

Why was POP established?

POP was established because the worsening conditions in urban areas in general and the black community in particular, required organizations that would more actively educate, organize and most importantly, mobilize the people in the streets at the grassroots level.

What we believe.

The People's Organization For Progress believes as the great anti-slavery agitator Fredrick Douglass stated, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." This was true during the struggle against slavery, the Civil Rights Movement, and

the Black Power Movement. It is still true today. POP believes that the organization and mobilization of our community to resist the oppression is essential to our continued progress.

Who are the members of POP?

The members of POP are ordinary working people, most of whom live and work in New Jersey. The majority are African-American adult men and women. All members of POP are volunteers. The founder and chairman of POP is Lawrence Hamm, a long-time community activist.

What are some of the activities of POP?

POP has organized marches, demonstrations, vigils, rallies, public meetings, petition drives, letter writing campaigns and press conferences, educational forums, voter registration drives and conferences.

POP and the fight against police brutality.

POP has waged a vigorous fight for justice for Earl Faison who died within 45 minutes after being wrongfully taken into custody by police in Orange, NJ.

What other issues has POP organized around?

POP has supported the struggle for equal funding of public schools in our urban areas, was actively involved in the anti-apartheid movement for the liberation of South Africa, has marched against white supremacists in Morristown, called for lifting the embargo against Cuba, supported the struggle to free Mumia Abu-Jamal, called for the US government to stop bombing Vieques, Puerto Rico, and campaigned against the flying of the Confederate flag.

Who can join POP?

Anyone who supports the goals and activities of the organization.

POP Aims And Purposes

The People's Organization for Progress has been formed for the following purposes:

- ? To educate the people about relevant social, economic and political issues.
- ? To continuously organize and mobilize the grassroots community so that it can effectively solve its problems and fight for its needs.
- ? To improve the social and economic conditions in our community.
- ? To work for the total elimination of racism and sexism.
- ? To further develop and increase the political power of working and poor people.
- ? To strive for a more just and equitable distribution of wealth in our society.
- ? To serve as an advocate of human and civil rights.
- ? To support the struggles of people at home and abroad against oppression and exploitation.
- ? To promote world peace.
- ? To build unity with other organizations and individuals whose goals are similar to our own.

Make a commitment!

Become an active member!

Work on a committee!

You are needed!

Youth Voices

Youth from local high schools and colleges spoke out on their concerns around the attack on the World Trade Center and on war and peace at a forum in Montclair, sponsored by the Montclair Chapter of People's Organization for Progress. Students had varied responses, and several spoke of how their emotions and ideas, as well as those of fellow students, had shifted from September 11 to today.

There were personal reflections, such as those of Aisha Hussain, Chair of the International Intercultural Club of the College of St. Elizabeth. Aisha, who is Muslim, spoke of how the attack on the World Trade Center shook her family "to the core," and how her own father had narrowly escaped the collapse of the buildings. But, at her school, she heard classmates saying "we should kill all the Muslims and kick them out of the country." For the first time, she had concerns for her own safety. But today, more than two months later, students are willing to listen more, are interested in hearing all voices, and are more interested in learning about Islam, Aisha said. She sees this as "maybe a way to come closer together" here and in every country, and to get rid of terrorists.



Another student, Malika Quemerais, of the Civics and Government Institute at Montclair High School, spoke of "Just trying to be a teenager, and living through something I never thought I'd have to deal with." At first, she felt the same wave of patriotism and wanting vengeance as many of her friends. But now she feels scared when she sees bumper stickers that say "Nuke-em." She asks, "What are we doing?" She wonders if we really understand who Bin Laden is, and what power he has. "The attacks were years in the planning. He has money in Swiss banks. We need to be realistic."



Martha Ayenew, of College of St. Elizabeth, reflected on how the attacks made her realize how life is short, and we tend to take it for granted. "Nothing justifies killing five thousand people. The U.S. does have to go to war," Martha believes. But fighting Afghanistan will not solve the problem. "You



can't kill an ideology. We need to be more understanding about each other." Martha's view is that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

is a key issue, and that the U.S. has to be neutral in seeking to resolve it.

Issues of safety and long-range implications of the attacks and our government's response to them were raised by Nia Hamm, Vice President of the Montclair NAACP Youth Group, and Ian Malone of Ramsey High School. Nia called the attack on the World Trade Center "reckless and cruel." But she does not feel safer with the response of war on Afghanistan and more innocent people suffering casualties. We have lost the feeling of safety and security, but war will not "bring back the people killed on September 11." Ian called on people to "mourn the deaths, but pay attention to other countries. "We would be more secure if we fed people rather than shooting them."

Several students reflected on U.S. foreign policy, and the need for us to be more knowledgeable about what is going on in other countries. Buki Ogunsanya, of Rutgers University, said that there is a need to look at the impact of foreign policy in other countries, and to understand the role of oil in shaping those policies. She warned of the possibility of a civil war in Pakistan, which then could have many repercussions for India. Buki also warned of relying on the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan, and mentioned its history of atrocities and oppression of women. Instead of helping to reconstruct Afghanistan after the last round of war, the U.S. pulled out and "left the place in shambles," Buki said. The Afghan people need to be able to choose their own government, and need help in reconstruction.



Several youth from the Newark-based Quest Program also spoke, highlighting concerns about civil liberties and the problems of racial and ethnic profiling. Participants were enthusiastic about hearing the voices of youth on these urgent matters, and will plan follow-up meetings to continue exploring these vital issues.

JUSTICE FOR EARL FAISON

It has been two and a half years since Earl Faison's death, and justice has still not been attained for him and for his family. In April, 1999, he was wrongfully arrested as a suspect in the brutal murder of Orange police officer, Joyce Ann Carnegie. Earl died while in police custody after being beaten and tortured by Orange police.

Officer Carnegie also died in April of 1999. But the person charged, tried, and convicted for her murder, Condell Woodson, is now in prison serving the third year of a life sentence. No one has yet gone to jail or even seen a jail cell, for the wicked and horrible things that were done to Earl Faison.

In December, 2000, a federal jury found five officers--Thomas Smith, Brian Smith, Andrew Garth, Tyrone Payton and Paul Carpintieri-- guilty of conspiracy and civil rights violations in connection with the beating and torture of Earl Faison. In May, 2001, U.S. District Court Judge John Lifland outraged our community when he overturned the jury's guilty verdicts on the conspiracy charge.

Why did we have a seven-week long trial if the judge was going to take it upon himself to overturn the jury's verdicts? His action makes a mockery of the system of trial by jury. By overturning the guilty verdicts, Judge Lifland took back the little bit of justice that the jury tried to give the family of Earl Faison. Judge Lifland has shown us clearly that there are two systems of justice: one for the police, one for the rest of us.

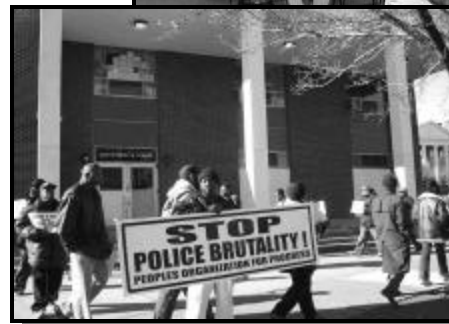
An appeal of the judge's decision has been filed by the U.S. Attorney's office in New Jersey, and will be heard in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia. Earl Faison lost more than his civil rights on the night of April 11, 1999. He lost his life. But no one has yet been held accountable for his death and criminally charged; the New Jersey State Attorney General has refused to bring criminal charges against the officers in the case.

People's Organization for Progress, together with the family of Earl Faison, will continue to organize, to protest, to write letters, and will be a presence in Philadelphia during the Appeal. Join us to demand Justice for Earl Faison and All Victims of Police Brutality and Racial Profiling!

POP On The Move in 2001



POP MLK March and Commemoration January, 2001



POP protests police brutality at the police headquarters in Irvington, NJ



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POP Commemorates the 1967 Newark rebellion

Black telephone Workers Campaign to Win MLK's Birthday, as a Paid Holiday

By Black Telephone Workers For Justice

On January 15th, 2000, Black telephone workers and their supporters led a demonstration in Downtown Newark, New Jersey, at Verizon headquarters. The demonstration was called by the newly formed organization, Black Telephone Workers for Justice. It demanded that Verizon stop its hypocrisy and make Martin Luther King's birthday a paid holiday on a par with other paid holidays. The demonstration called on the union leaderships (The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – IBEW, Local 827; and Communications Workers of America-CWA) to stand firm in the 2003 contract negotiations and not walk away from the table without this demand being met.



While seeking to ingratiate itself with Black organizations by giving them donations (money earned by the sweat of its workforce!), Verizon has repeatedly refused to give its own workers a paid day off on January 15th. In addition, our unions never saw this issue as important enough to make a fight over it.

Black telephone workers, under the leadership of Black Telephone Workers for Justice, know that Dr. King stood up for ALL workers everywhere and Black workers in particular. We remember that he was assassinated while leading a campaign for JUSTICE AND DIGNITY for Black sanitation workers. Were it not for the work of Dr. King, we know that many of us would not have our jobs today. "Dr. King stood up for us, we are standing up for him." We demand that Verizon make his birthday a paid holiday the same way that it recognizes the birthdays of "others."

We are urging all telephone company employees to take the day off (any way you can!), on January 21st, 2002, to show our commitment to the fight to make Dr. King's birthday a paid holiday on the same level as other paid holidays. Let's put the pressure on the company and our unions! **Please support our struggle by sending letters to the Headquarters of Verizon and the IBEW and CWA. Please CC the letters to us so we can keep track.**

? **Ivan Seidenberg**, VERIZON CEO, 540 Broad St., NEWARK, NJ, 07102.

? **CWA** -c/o Pres. M. Bahr, 501 Third St. NW, Washington DC, 20001-2797, FAX: 202-434-1297.

? **IBEW (827)**, c/o Dominic Turdo, 263 Ward St., East Windsor, NJ 08520.

? **Contact: Black Telephone Workers for Justice**, 883 Sanford Ave., Irvington, NJ 07111. FAX: 201-423-8431. Or e-mail: BLACKTEL4JUSTICE@AOL.COM

POP URGES YOU TO SAVE "LIKE IT IS" WITH HOST GIL NOBLE

Again, we must help put a stop to the threat of ABC-TV canceling the award-winning national treasure, "LIKE IT IS," with host Gil Noble. For over 30 years, "LIKE IT IS" has been televised on Sunday on ABC-TV, currently at 12 noon, Channel 7 in the New York/New Jersey area.



We cannot begin to measure the positive impact that this Afro-Centric program has had in the media, with its balance, fairness and objective views on the continuing struggle for human rights of people of African descent, Latino, Native American, Asian, the poor and the progressive community. Not to mention other foreign and domestic issues that receive little attention in the media. How can you help? Write and call: **Tom Kane, General Manager and President, ABC-TV, 7 Lincoln Square, New York, NY 10019—(212) 456-7777**

Grand Jury Decision in death of Bilal Colbert

Members and supporters of P.O.P. and other community groups have been picketing and rallying at the police headquarters in Irvington, New Jersey, since the killing of Bilal Colbert on April 30, 2001. Mr. Colbert was killed while sitting behind the wheel of a car, after being shot once in the neck by Officer Mildon. Mr. Colbert was driving the two daughters of his fiancée to school. The two girls, aged ten and eleven, were sitting in the vehicle when Officer Mildon fired on Colbert. According to police reports, Mildon fired on Colbert after he refused to get out of the car when ordered to do so, and had hit Mildon in the leg with the car door.

In December, the grand jury dismissed charges against patrolman Mildon. Among the speakers at a rally protesting this decision were Councilman David Lyons of Irvington, Fredrica Bey, of Women in Support of the Million Man March, Delacy Davis, of Black Cops Against Police Brutality and James Carey, of Civil Rights Watch. POP Chairman Larry Hamm said, "The grand jury has finished its deliberation but this struggle is not over. We are calling for an official and full federal investigation into this case." Hamm added, "This is why we need an Office of the Independent Prosecutor to investigate cases of police brutality and racial profiling," and supports a bill introduced in the NJ legislature to create such an office.

POP pledges to keep the pressure on for Bilal Colbert, Earl Faison, Stanton Crew, Randy Weaver, Michael Anglin, and Jenny Hightower. We will keep organizing and marching to demand justice for all victims of police brutality and racial profiling.

CALL UPON NEWJERSEY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO END THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN AND PROTECT CIVIL LIBERTIES

On November 28, 2001, People's Organization for Progress called upon the Congressional delegation of New Jersey to end the war in Afghanistan and protect civil liberties at home, while continuing pursuit of those responsible for the September 11 terrorist attacks against the United States. Below are excerpts from the letter, which was co-authored by Larry Hamm, POP Chair, and Matthew Johnson, Chair of POP's Human Rights Committee.



Dear Senators/Congressmen:

The members of the People's Organization for Progress (POP) strongly condemn the terrorist suicide airliner hijacking attacks of September 11 on the World Trade Center and other sites. We especially condemn the targeting of civilians during those assaults. The individuals responsible for these heinous and despicable crimes must be brought to justice.

The terrorist attacks on the United States resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians and tremendous property damage. Our organization believes that the response of our government to these attacks should be one that is focused on bringing the assailants to justice and ensuring the safety and security of the nation. We believe that these efforts should take place within the framework of international law and United Nations policy.

We believe that our prolonged war effort in Afghanistan is increasing tensions in the region and fueling antagonisms toward the United States in that area, thus setting the stage for future crises and terrorist activity. We are also concerned that the "war on terrorism" is targeting democratic freedoms and civil liberties here at home as well as diverting resources from domestic priorities.

According to the Bush administration, the war in Afghanistan has achieved certain military and political objectives. However, it has also caused the deaths of innocent civilians, inflicted tremendous damage on that country's infrastructure, produced famine, social upheaval and dislocation among the population ... in an already extremely impoverished nation. The massive US airstrikes and the resulting death and destruction have caused many in that part of the world to view our military efforts as marginally distinguishable from the "terrorism" we are seeking to eradicate.

Therefore, we ask:

?????..That you initiate and support legislative efforts to immediately **put cost controls and limits on spending for the war in Afghanistan**, which is costing taxpayers billions of dollars that are needed to meet domestic needs.

?????..That you **publicly call for and support legislation to bring an immediate halt to any further US bombing of Afghanistan**, the de-escalation of military forces in the region, and an end to the war.

?????..That you actively **oppose encroachments upon our civil liberties** through legislation and other means.

?????..That you **call for more efficient enforcement of current law** and policy rather than granting new powers and expanding the potentially abusive surveillance and detention powers of the involved governmental agencies.

?????..That you publicly **oppose the use of secret military tribunals**.

?????..That, regarding Middle East policy of the US, that you **support a more balanced policy**, and that you support the right to self-determination for the Palestinian people and their efforts to create an independent state.

?????..That you **call for a halt to the bombing of Iraq**, and an **end to the embargo of that country**. In addition, that you oppose any effort to expand the current war in Afghanistan into Iraq, as this would further destabilize the region.

?????..That you **support legislative** efforts to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and **develop ecologically safe alternative sources of energy**.

?????..That you call for **Congressional hearings** into the massive failure of our intelligence agencies on September 11, ... as well as call for a **public inquiry into our previous involvement with Osama Bin Laden**, his Al Qaeda network, and the Taliban, the objective being to determine how to prevent this from happening again.

STOP U.S. NAVY BOMBING IN VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO



For more than fifty years, the U.S. Navy has been using the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, of approximately 9,300 inhabitants, as a bombing zone. The Navy also currently occupies more than 60 percent of the small island. In 1999, a faulty Navy bomb test killed a Puerto Rican civilian, David Sanes, on the island. Much of the island's land, shoreline and sea life have been contaminated, and its people suffer from higher rates of illnesses due to the toxic substances and damaging noise from the bombardments.

The People's Organization for Progress finds President George Bush's decision to resume the Navy bombings in Vieques in the near future and end them only in the year 2003 unacceptable. The bombings in Vieques need to stop now, before any more damage is done to the island and its people.

The people of Puerto Rico, together with their President, have stated, again and again, that the bombing must stop. They have voted, and have protested for years to stop the bombing. The People's Organization for Progress commends all of the protestors who have stood up against the U.S. Navy's test bombings on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, including the "Vieques Four": Reverend Al Sharpton, New York City Council Members Adolfo Carrión and José Rivera, and Bronx County Leader Roberto Ramirez. We stand with the people of Puerto Rico in their battle to **STOP THE BOMBING NOW!**

Hundreds Rally In NJ To Protest War

On December 12, 2001, The NJ Peace Action Network held a very successful anti-war and anti racism demonstration that began in the Peter Francesca Park in Newark and ended with a teach in about the horrors of war in the Essex County College auditorium.

Over 200 activists, representing organizations from all over NJ marched through downtown Newark, calling for "Justice, not War", and demanding an end to the current war in Afghanistan. While all decried the vicious terrorist 9-11 attacks, the overwhelming sentiment among the protestors was that the US should not deal with the terrorist acts of September 11 by creating more death and destruction of innocent people with bombs, nor should the US respond by desecrating Constitutional rights. Instead it should utilize International Law to bring those criminals responsible for the attacks to justice.

Another strong focus of the demonstration/teach-in was that American foreign policy in the Middle East and in Third World Countries must change. Some of the guest speakers included Alphonse Nkunizimana, who called for the US to ratify the International Criminal Court, Sylvia Zisman, a specialist in science education who spoke about the overwhelming dangers of using depleted uranium in bombs, and POP's own Lawrence Hamm, who spoke of US hypocrisy whereby Congress could immediately okay billions of dollars for warfare, but yet can't find money to fund much needed social, medical and educational programs for its young and its poor.

PHILADELPHIA COPS ATTACK PEACEFUL RALLY FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

On December 8, hundreds came to Philadelphia to march for freedom for death-row prisoner, world-renowned writer and activist, Mumia Abu-Jamal, despite the cold and rain. A busload of People's Organization for Progress members and supporters were among them. When boarding the bus to return home, as the peaceful march continued up the street, some were able to see Philadelphia cops surround the march from the rear, but, of course, did not realize that this was the first step in a coordinated, clearly pre-planned attack on the march.

Beating marchers, throwing people to the ground, pulling their guns, the cops launched a vicious, hate-filled attack which resulted in at least four people being hospitalized, including P.O.P. supporter, Rev. Kobutsu, an ordained Buddhist priest who has dedicated his life to working for human rights and against the death penalty. A Vietnamese activist, Hai Au Huynh, barely weighing 100 pounds, was slammed to the ground and dragged, knocking her unconscious and breaking her bones.

As Mumia himself wrote after the attack, "In Philadelphia, the so-called City of Brotherly Love, where the Constitution was crafted and quarreled over, the right of free speech is a crime punishable by bruises, broken bones, and jail cells." Eight of the marchers were arrested, baselessly charged with inciting to riot and assaulting the cops (!), another form of harassment to try to stop protests for Mumia's freedom.

Only a few days later, a Federal court overturned Mumia's death sentence, because of improper instructions to the jury. While this is undoubtedly a victory, we must remember that Mumia still sits on death row, his murder conviction has not been overturned, and the state of Pennsylvania threatens to appeal this ruling. But all those who are victims of police attacks like the one on December 8, their friends, families, and supporters, are spreading the truth about Mumia, about the protests, and about the city of Philadelphia, the state of Pennsylvania, and the judicial system that perpetuates the injustice of his original trial. **We Demand Freedom for Mumia!**

Save The Dates

? **January 15 (Tues.) 6 p.m. Town Meeting on the War in Afghanistan**, Essex County College, Main Building, 2nd level Auditorium 2131. Co-sponsored by: WISOMMM, Inc. People's Organization For Progress. For information: Call (973) 297-1275. Make your voice heard.

? **January 16 (Wed.) 7:30 p.m. Racial Justice and Police Accountability**. Recreation Center, 6th Ave. near Benner St. Highland Park. Guest Speaker, POP Chairman, Larry Hamm. Call (973) 801-0001.

? **January 19 (Sat.) Starting at 3:30 p.m. Realize The Dream, Teach-In, March and Rally**, sponsored by the Bergen Action Network and the Ridgewood Root and Branch Collective. Friends Meeting House, 224 Highwood Ave., Ridgewood.

? **January 19 (Sat.) March On Washington to Protest Attacks Against Civil Rights and Liberties**, Called by Rev. Al Sharpton. Rally 12 noon at DC Convention Center, Washington, DC. For POP bus information call (973) 801-0001.

? **January 21 (Mon.) 9:30-12:30 a.m. Community Celebration to Commemorate The Legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Ethical Culture Society of Essex County, 516 Prospect Street, Maplewood, corner of Parker Avenue. POP Chairman, Larry Hamm featured Speaker.

? **January 21 (Mon.) 12:00 noon Martin Luther King, Jr. Rally, Demonstration and March.** 12 noon Demonstration Location: Washington Park (Broad Street side), Broad and Washington Place, Newark (near the Newark Public Library). March begins at 1:00 p.m. Program will be held after the March. Sponsored by POP, BTWFJ, BFSJ, NCN, Enough is Enough Coalition.

? **January 26 (Sat.) 6:00 p.m. First Annual Community Awards Banquet sponsored by Muhammad's Mosque #25.** Rouzeau's manor, 180 Main Street, Otange, NJ. Honorees include Fredrica Bey, Delacy Davis and POP Chairman, Lawrence Hamm. Tickets \$50. For information call (973) 624-5532.

? **February 2 (Sat.), 4:00 p.m., Coalition for Justice Planning Meeting** for the May 15 march on Trenton Against Police Brutality and Racial Profiling. Imani Church, 2 Prospect Street, Trenton.

? **February 28 (Thurs.), 7 p.m. Public Meeting**, featuring **Amiri Baraka**, hosted by the Montclair Branch of POP. St Peter Claver Church, 56 Elmwood Ave., Montclair. Call (973) 801-0001 for information.

? **April 11 (Thurs.) 6:00 p.m., Vigil to Commemorate the death of Earl Faison** at the old Orange Police Headquarters Corner of Lincoln and Tremont Avenues in Orange, NJ.

? **May 15 (Wed.) March on Trenton Against Police Brutality and Racial Profiling Rally at the State House 12:00 noon.** . For bus information and details call (973) 801-0001.

? **May 19 (Sun.) 3:00 p.m. Malcolm X Commemoration.** Masonic temple, 883 Sanford Avenue, Irvington, NJ, (2nd fl.) Co-sponsored by Black Telephone Workers For Justice.



People's Organization For Progress wishes to say a sincere *Thank You* to New Jersey Peace Action for the Hope Shapiro Bread and Roses Peace Award that was given to P.O.P. recently.

Black Telephone Workers For Justice Dinner Dance

Saturday February 9, 8:00 p.m. Robert Treat Hotel, Newark.
Call for tickets and to reserve seats or tables (973) 984-8641.
POP Chair, Larry Hamm, will be one of the speakers.

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