



¡El Coqui Libre!

November 2022 Edition Vol. 2 Issue 164 ~ www.ProLibertad.org

The Newsletter of The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign-Published in New York City

Leonard Peltier's Walk for Justice...pages 1-2

Calendar of Events...page 3

LEONARD PELTIER'S WALK FOR JUSTICE- HALF WAY TO D.C.

Longtime political prisoner Leonard Peltier's "Walk to Justice" has marched 500 miles in four weeks, as of Indigenous Peoples Day Oct. 10, in a 2½-month demonstration, putting pressure on President Joe Biden to grant executive clemency and release Peltier after 46 years in prison.

The LA Sentinel reported Aug. 11 that the American Indian Movement (AIM) had called the 1,100-mile march through eight states. Frank Paro, AIM Grand Governing Council national chairperson, said, "The purpose of this walk is to raise awareness to the case of Leonard Peltier, who was wrongfully convicted in 1977. Leonard's attorneys petitioned President Biden to grant him clemency, so that he may not die in prison for a crime he did not commit. So, please pray for Leonard's health and that his prayers are answered for clemency based on compassionate grounds."

"LEONARD PELTIER'S WALK TO JUSTICE"
8/31/2022-11/18/2022

Minneapolis Rally 8/31/2022
Sunrise Ceremony 9/1/2022

Eau Claire Rally 9/5/2022

Chicago Rally 9/24/2022

Madison Rally 9/17/2022

Toledo Rally 10/11/2022

Southbend Rally 10/1/2022

Cleveland Rally 10/19/2022

Pittsburgh Rally 10/28/2022

Washington D.C. Arrival Rally 11/4/2022
Rally and Concert 11/18/2022

AIM AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

NDN COLLECTIVE

TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND

The AIMGGC held a rally Aug. 31 in Cedar Field Park, Minneapolis, to launch the march. The Walk to Justice is planned to arrive Washington, D.C. on Nov. 18. Rallies are planned in cities along the way. (See map: tinyurl.com/43du3dv4)

Organizer Rachel Thunder told Native News Online: "The walk and prayer for Elder Peltier has been heartfelt, heavy and healing. Our walkers are out every day at 5 a.m. to make sure the 20-plus miles are covered to get this message to Washington, D.C., to free Leonard Peltier. As AIM, we are asking for justice — Justice for Leonard Peltier and justice for our people as the original people of Turtle Island."

Indigenous political prisoner Leonard Peltier, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, turned 78 years old Sept 12. Peltier is recognized around the world as a political prisoner; he was nominated for the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. In violation of

Continued on page 2...

**How to join the work of
ProLibertad...page 4**

**How to donate to
ProLibertad ...page 4**

**Come to one of our ProLibertad
community meetings...page 4**



Continued from page 1, Leonard Peltier...

its own statutes, the U.S. government has repeatedly refused him parole.

The U.S. suppressed hundreds of thousands of pages of documents which would indicate Peltier's innocence, including ballistic evidence, in a 1975 shoot-out at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Two FBI agents opened fire on a tiny village, while children, elders and adults slept in their homes. In the resulting firefight, a Native man and the two agents died. U.S. prosecutors publicly admitted that they do not know who actually fired the shots that killed the agents.

"The day of the shoot-out in 1975, the FBI created a narrative that some super soldier killed two FBI agents," Dr. Nick Estes of The Red Nation said to the Minneapolis rally. "They don't tell you that the vast majority of people at that shootout were under the age of 18." (tinyurl.com/3pcc6rsv)

The U.S. Department of Justice's suppression of a massive amount of evidence in Peltier's favor was done in order to extradite him from Canada, even though his two co-defendants, Bob Robideau and Darrell Butler, had been acquitted on grounds of self-defense. (freeleonard.org/case/)

An international effort grew to seek legal clemency in 1993, after all court venues to obtain his release were exhausted. In 1994 the FBI issued a memorandum outline to counter that campaign, according to Leonard Peltier Defense Council spokespersons.

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark used blunt words to describe Peltier's trial and conviction: "There was no evidence that he did it, except fabricated, circumstantial evidence, overwhelmingly misused, concealed and perverted."

Clark said in a speech in 1997 that Peltier "should have never been in there in the first place — never. While Leonard Peltier is in prison, we all are." (tinyurl.com/y32wm9ju)

Former U.S. Attorney James Reynolds, who was the government's prosecutor in Peltier's trial, sent a letter to President Barack Obama to urge clemency. In the letter, Reynolds argued for granting Peltier's clemency petition "as being in the best interests of justice considering the totality of all matters involved."

Worldwide supporters who have called for freedom for Leonard Peltier include Nelson Mandela, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Coretta Scott King, Harry Belafonte, Pete Seeger, the National Congress of American Indians, Amnesty International, a working group of the U.N. Human Rights Council, Pope Francis and hundreds of

thousands of activists.

Peltier suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure and a heart condition. The time for justice is short.

AIM Grand Governing Council
Announcement

"LEONARD PELTIER'S WALK TO JUSTICE"

JOIN US FALL 2022

"We need to do more than just what is right. We need to join together and right what is wrong."
- Leonard Peltier

A spiritual walk for the release of Leonard Peltier
Minneapolis, MN to Washington D.C.
September 1 to November 14, 2022

No drugs, alcohol or weapons.
For more information please contact AIM Grand Governing Council via email at aimggcouncil@gmail.com

To donate please follow this scannable QR code

Artwork titled "Keeper of the Forest" by Leonard Peltier, Oil on canvas, 24" x 20" 1992

FREE Leonard Peltier



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



SAVE THE DATE:

¡FRANKY VIVE! ¡LA LUCHA SIGUE!

**A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND POLITICAL
LEGACY OF FRANKY VELGARA!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023 FROM
3PM-6PM @ HOLYROOD
CHURCH, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS**

WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED!



PROLIBERTAD RESOURCE PAGE:



HELP FUND US! SEND PROLIBERTAD A DONATION!

Endorse the check or money order to:
**IFCO/Pastors for Peace. In the memo
section please write ProLibertad and mail
it to:**

**IFCO
PO Box 1368
Orange, NJ 07051-1368**

FOLLOW PROLIBERTAD ON ALL OUR SOCIAL MEDIA/YouTube:

Facebook:

[Facebook.com/ProLibertadFC](https://www.facebook.com/ProLibertadFC)

Instagram: [@ProLibertadFC](https://www.instagram.com/ProLibertadFC)

Twitter: [@ProLibertad](https://twitter.com/ProLibertad)

**Subscribe to our YouTube Channel:
ProLibertadTV on YouTube**

JOIN THE PROLIBERTAD FREEDOM CAMPAIGN:

You have the power to free Nina and Ana.
Join ProLibertad and help us:

- Organize a community workshop;
- Put together a letter writing night;
- Facilitate a community discussion on Puerto Rico;
- Get your union or school to pass a resolution calling for the prisoner's freedom;
 - Dedicate a mass to the prisoners.

Come to one of our meetings!

Contact us at 718-601-4751!

Email us at

[ProLibertad@hotmail.com!](mailto:ProLibertad@hotmail.com)



ProLibertad Freedom Campaign

The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign has been working for the release of the Puerto Rican Political Prisoners. With the release of 11 of the Political Prisoners in September 1999, we re-dedicated our efforts to securing the freedom of the remaining Puerto Rican political prisoners. Through educational events, lobbying and public pressure work and activities it is our goal to secure the freedom of these patriots whose only "crime" has been the love of their home land, Puerto Rico. We support the release of All U.S. held Political Prisoners, oppose the U.S. colonial control of Puerto Rico, oppose U.S. imperialism throughout the world, and the U.S. military presence in Vieques.