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## **DAYS OF RAGE**

**America's Radical Underground,  
the FBI, and the Forgotten Age of  
Revolutionary Violence**



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—David Garrow, *The Washington Post***

every cent of that money, all twenty-five years.

Among Weatherman's financiers, by far the most important single source of money was a group of radical attorneys in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Almost all belonged to the **National Lawyers Guild**, a network of left-wing lawyers founded in 1937 as an alternative to the American Bar Association. "Money? It was the lawyers, all of it," says Ron Fliegelman, a sentiment echoed by several other Weather alumni. Of the dozen or so attorneys mentioned as key supporters, only a handful will admit helping out. One is Dennis Cunningham, then a Chicago attorney who represented Black Panthers. "I gave them money, sure, and I raised even more," he says. "Without the lawyers, I'm telling you, they couldn't have survived."

"You gotta understand, honey, we were lawyers, but we were revolutionaries in our hearts," says Elizabeth Fink. "We didn't have the balls to go underground, you see, but those who did, they were our heroes. You can't believe the excitement of helping the underground, the romance of it, the intrigue. It was enthralling, and addictive. Any of us—Dennis, me, a bunch of us—we would've done anything for these people. Money, strategy, passports, whatever it was we could do, you just did it. This was the revolution, baby, and they were the fighters. But a lot of what they did, you know, was because they had attorneys like Dennis and me and a lot of others aboveground helping out."

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## REPORT ON

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD—LEGAL  
BULWARK OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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# NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, and the Senate

## Legal Bulwark of the Communist Party



SEPTEMBER 17, 1950  
(Original release date)

Constituted itself an organization of lawyers and law students of the United States, to promote the policies of the United States.

These aims—the real aims of the National Lawyers Guild—demonstrated conclusively by its actions from the time of its existence—are not specified in the Constitution or in any of the various state constitutions.

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Mr. Wood, from the Committee on Un-American Activities, submitted the following

### REPORT

[Pursuant to H. Res. 5, 79th Cong., 1st sess.]

The National Lawyers Guild is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions. Since its inception it has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents. It has consistently fought against national, State, and local legislation aimed at curbing the Communist conspiracy. It has been most articulate in its attacks upon all agencies of the Government seeking to expose or prosecute the subversive activities of the Communist network, including national, State, and local investigative committees, the Department of Justice, the FBI, and law enforcement agencies generally. Through its affiliation with the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, an international Communist-front organization, the National Lawyers Guild has constituted itself an agent of a foreign principal hostile to the interests of the United States. It has gone far afield to oppose the foreign policies of the United States, in line with the current line of the Soviet Union.

→ According to  Cuban intelligence (DGI) defector Captain Jesus Raul Perez Mendez, the DGI and the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) controls the Communist Party USA + NLG.

→ WU sent people to Cuba and select members could receive  &  training.

JESUS RAUL PEREZ MENDEZ, chief of the Department of the Community Abroad of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) and captain of the Cuban Directorate General of Intelligence (DGI) defected on July 13, 1983, and informed the following:

That the America Department of the Cuban Communist Party (DA), the ICAP, and the DGI control the ANTONIO MACEO BRIGADE (BAM), CASA DE LAS AMERICAS, CIRCULO DE CULTURA CUBANA, CENTER FOR CUBAN STUDIES, VENCEREMOS BRIGADE (VB), NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BLACK LAWYERS, PARTIDO SOCIALISTA PUERTORRIQUEÑO-NYC, AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY USA. They are all controlled by ALFREDO GARCIA ALMEIDA, chief of the North American Section of the Americas Department and former political counselor at the Cuban Mission to the United Nations in NYC, with the exception of CASA DE LAS AMERICAS, which is controlled by HECTOR MANUEL ZAYAS QUIALA, of the DGI, and second secretary of the Cuban Mission NYC.

The leaders of the BAM and the VB receive training of indoctrination in ideology, psychology, organization, propaganda techniques, interview techniques, and intelligence gathering. The groups are financed by illegal commercial activities of narcotics. The BAM serves for purposes of propaganda and intelligence. ANDRES GOMEZ, MARIANA GASTON ROCHE, ARMANDO D. GARCIA, and MANUEL R. GOMEZ CAINOS are controlled by the DGI. The ICAP considers ALBOR RUIZ SALAZAR unstable. ARMANDO D. GARCIA is a homosexual and MARIANA GASTON a prostitute.

# JULIAN TORRES RIZO'S SPEECH TO THE COMMUNISTS TERRORISTS WEATHER UNDERGROUND VB

“...the first thing that a **U.S. Revolutionary must be convinced of** is precisely the fact that he does come from a decadent society, that **he comes from a society that must be destroyed...**”

“...we are preparing our people to be ready for our cities to be totally destroyed and built again.”

“...how should we educate those who aspire to become **revolutionaries in the U.S.**, we will tell them to educate themselves within the idea of a **long, very long struggle**. A struggle that maybe many of you will not see its end.” –Rizo to the 4<sup>th</sup> Venceremos Brigade



“We are a guerilla organization. We are **communist** women and men...Our intention is to form an underground...a base from which to attack...without armed struggle there can be no victory.” **Fingerprints at Pine Street Bomb Factory**

Bernadine Dohrn of Weather Underground placed **Julie Nichaman** and Brian Murphy in charge of organizing Venceremos Brigade to Cuba



See: [@JorgeDBI](#) & [@CUBANNATOR](#) on X for Additional Information Regarding Communist Cuba's Intelligence Operations

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- Weather Underground (WU) member Julie Nichaman (✋ prints at Pine Street Bomb Factory) was involved with the creation of these Venceremos Brigades to 🇨🇺
- WU declared 🔥 war on the U.S. government in their Prairie Fire document: Revolution inside the imperial U.S + seize power

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# **PRAIRIE FIRE**

**THE POLITICS OF REVOLUTIONARY  
ANTI-IMPERIALISM**

**POLITICAL STATEMENT  
OF THE  
WEATHER  
UNDERGROUND**



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correct ideology and win people over. In this way we create the conditions for the development of a successful revolutionary movement and party. We need a revolutionary communist party in order to lead the struggle, give coherence and direction to the fight, seize power and build the new society. Getting from here to there is a process of coming together in a disciplined way around ideology and strategy, developing an analysis of our real conditions, mobilizing a base among the US people, building principled relationships to Third World struggle, and accumulating practice in struggle against US imperialism.

PRAIRIE FIRE is written to communist-minded people, independent organizers and anti-imperialists; those who carry the traditions and lessons of the struggles of the last decade, those who join in the struggles of today. PRAIRIE FIRE is written to all sisters and brothers who are engaged in armed struggle against the enemy. It is written to prisoners, women's groups, collectives, study groups, workers' organizing committees, communes, GI organizers, consciousness-raising groups, veterans, community groups and revolutionaries of all kinds; to all who will read, criticize and bring its content to life in practice. It is written as an argument against those who oppose action and hold back the struggle.

PRAIRIE FIRE is based on a belief that the duty of a revolutionary is to make the revolution. This is not an abstraction. It means that revolutionaries must make a profound commitment to the future of humanity, apply our limited knowledge and experience to understand an ever-changing situation, organize the masses of people and build the fight. It means that struggle and risk and hard work and adversity will become a way of life, that the only certainty will be constant change, that the only possibilities are victory or death.

**for the Weather Underground**

**Bernardine Dohrn**

**Billy Ayers**

**Jeff Jones**

**Celia Sojourn**



## I. ARM THE SPIRIT

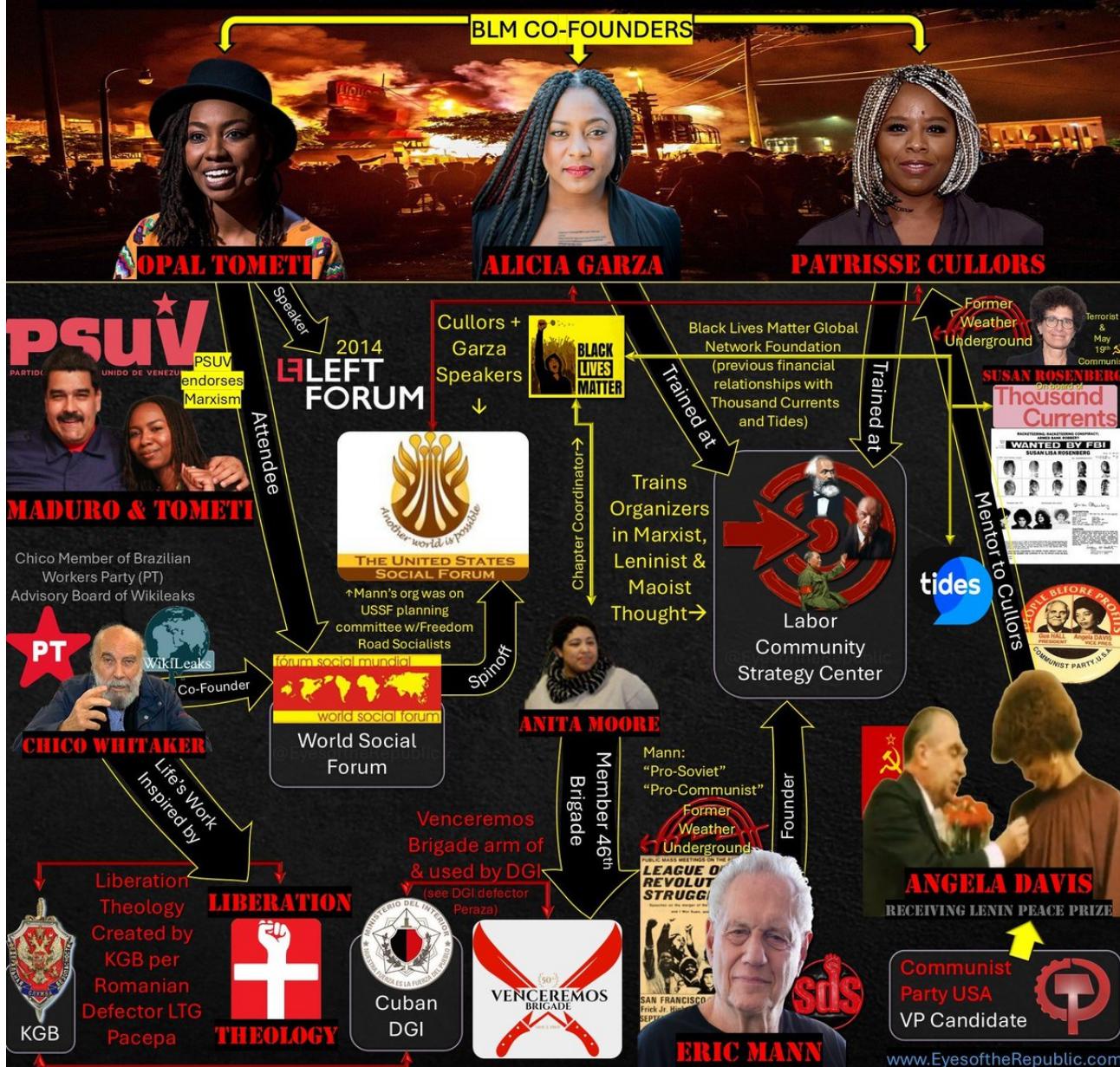
That is good, because revolutionary spirit must always be present, revolutionary spirit must reveal itself. We must arm our spirit. When the spirit is armed, the people are strong.

Fidel Castro  
Santiago, Chile  
November 29, 1971

► BLM top leaders were trained by Weatherman Eric Mann's Labor Community Strategy Center (Marxist, Leninist & Maoist thought).

► Lower level BLM members have participated in the Venceremos Brigades to 

# Communist & Terrorist Influence Behind BLM Co-Founders



- The People's Forum (PF) wants a "nationwide" shutdown to protest against ICE.
- PF reportedly is fiscal sponsor of Venceremos Brigades to 🇨🇺
- Who is the Executive Director of PF? Manolo De Los Santos.
- He studied KGB created Liberation Theology in communist 🇨🇺

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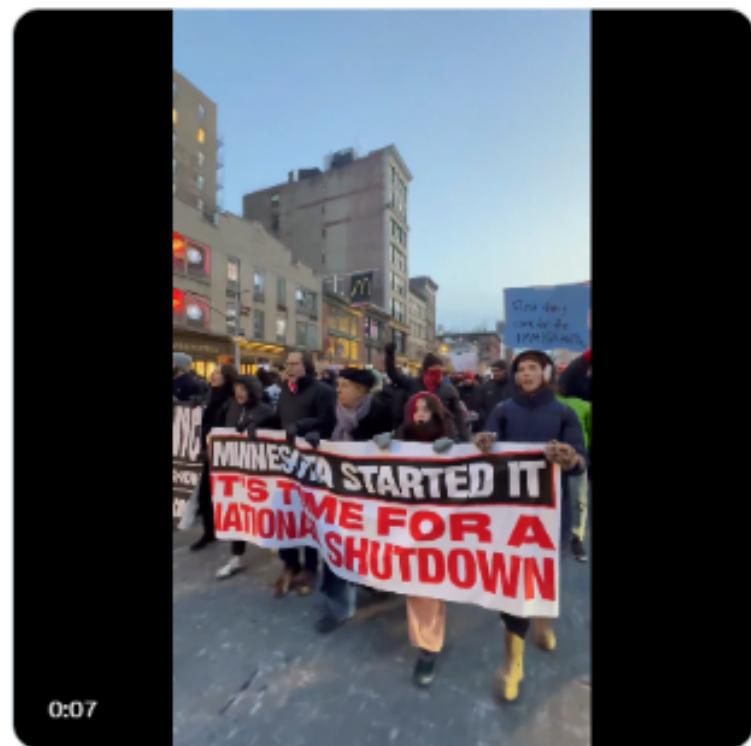
Minnesota started it. Now it's time to take it nationwide. Only together can we win against ICE's terror and murderous brutality. This is bigger than one state. When we move together, we will SHUT IT DOWN!

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Founder of Armed Queers, Ermiya Fanaeian, (right), led a PSL student group at the University of Utah. Credit: [David Chenworth in The Daily Utah Chronicle](#)

In July 2022, Fanaeian was pictured at The People's Forum in New York, a self-described "movement incubator for working class and marginalized communities" linked to ANSWER, the PSL, and the International People's Assembly. The People's Forum, led by Manolo de los Santos, operates as the **fiscal sponsor** for the Venceremos Brigade, one of several Cuban government-sponsored "brigade" trips to the island.

### Alleged Cuban Intelligence Ties to Radical Leftist Networks

Wirthlin raises particular concerns about the National Network on Cuba (NNOC) and its direct **collaboration** with the Cuban government's ICAP (Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples), **alleged to be an arm of Cuban intelligence**. The report notes "the increasingly violent trajectory of other individuals who have passed through the May Day Brigade/NNOC program," adding that Armed Queers, a **member organization** of the NNOC, exemplifies the network's radical affiliations.



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### Manolo De Los Santos

#### Executive Director

Manolo De Los Santos is a founder of the People's Forum and a researcher at Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research. His writing appears regularly in Monthly Review, People's Dispatch, CounterPunch, La Jornada, and other progressive media. He coedited, most recently, *Viviremos: Venezuela vs. Hybrid War* (LeftWord, 2020), *Comrade of the Revolution: Selected Speeches of Fidel Castro* (LeftWord, 2021), and *Our Own Path to Socialism: Selected Speeches of Hugo Chávez* (LeftWord, 2023).

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stand between the police and our students.” Breakout sessions on “resistance” followed De Los Santos’s rant and the overall meeting concluded at 9:30 p.m., three hours before protesters stormed Hamilton Hall by breaking through its windows.<sup>68</sup>

*Where The People’s Forum Fits in the Revolutionary Ecosystem.* When De Los Santos told the gathered protesters to recreate the violence of “the summer of 2020,” he spoke from experience. He was studying liberation theology in Cuba in early 2014 when the BLM Ferguson riots took place, but he told an interviewer in 2015 that he avidly followed everything on state TV. “Every evening on the news, this story is one of the top stories. We hear about our brothers and sisters being killed and assassinated on a regular basis,” said De Los Santos, who is black.<sup>69</sup> Five years later, he was in the U.S. and promoting BLM’s protests. Barely two weeks after George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, and as America was rocked by street violence, De Los Santos, along with Claudia de la Cruz of the International People’s Assembly (IPA), co-authored a long essay urging revolutionaries to use the moment to seize power, writing,

We have been a country at war, domestically and internationally. The United States government has been in a prolonged and vicious war against poor people since its inception. The capitalist system of the United States is upheld by oppressive and exploitative systems like racism and white supremacy. It is a class war with racism at its very core!<sup>70</sup>

Later, he became a conduit between BLM and communist Cuba, taking a BLM Grassroots delegation on a 10-day visit to Cuba (jointly organized with the IPA) to learn from government officials about “the experiences of the Cuban people building socialism.”<sup>71</sup> In 2021, he, along with the ANSWER Coalition and Code Pink, organized the writing of a letter—published by *The New York Times* on July 13, 2021—urging President Biden to undo President Donald Trump’s actions against Cuba. This letter was signed by Black Lives Matter GNF and 400 people, including the actors Danny Glover, Susan Sarandon, Jane Fonda, and Mark Ruffalo.<sup>72</sup> TPF also rallied support for BLM by joining the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) and the



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Leaving Cuba after 10 days learning with its people & President Miguel Diaz-Canel.

Young people in the U.S. have great tasks ahead of them. We have a responsibility to defeat, once & for all, this genocidal blockade for the survival of the Cuban people & the future of humanity!



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The Tyrant of Cuba Diaz-Canel  
when he was in NYC.

Manolo De Los Santos



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The executive director of the platform The People's Forum, Manolo De los Santos, considered today that the economic, commercial and financial blockade of the United States against Cuba amounts to a genocidal policy.

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