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A BILL

## BILL HISTORY

After 27 years, South Africa has released Nelson Mandela. This event coupled with the Soviet Union's release of her Political Prisoners gives us here in the United States hope for a future in which Human Rights will play a significant role. Unbeknownst to many however, is the fact that the United States herself has at least 150 Political Prisoners! People who are in prison, not for any crime, but for their political ideologies. Leonard Peltier is the most famous of our Political Prisoners. He is a household name in the Soviet Union with seventeen million Soviet supporters and has support groups in Canada, Japan, Germany, Italy, and Holland as well as here in the U.S. 50 members of Congress support a new and fair trial for Leonard as does Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Indigenous Peoples Support Group will be sponsoring "Equal Justice Before the Law?", a two-day conference on April 6 and 7. Our purpose is to raise public awareness of the plight of our Political Prisoners and the case of Leonard Peltier.

The conference will include speakers and workshops; the workshops being conducted by the speakers. The speakers are as follows: William Kunstler, Bruce Ellison, Ward Churchill, Deward Walker, Bob Robideau, Paulette Robideau, Nilak Butler, Jim Page and Christos. Due to the importance of this issue and the speakers' commitment to it they have donated their time, a significant amount adding up to six thousand dollars.

## BILL SUMMARY

This bill requests a total of \$2,052.58 + GAR from Central Reserve towards the "Equal Justice Before the Law?" conference, April 6 and 7, sponsored by the Indigenous Peoples Support Group.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

SECTION 1:

An amount not to exceed \$2,052.58 + GAR from Central Reserve shall be allocated to I.P.S.G. for the "Equal Justice Before the Law?" conference.

SECTION 2:

Additional funds received will be placed back into Central Reserve.

SECTION 3:

A written report will be submitted pursuant 24ECB#4.

SECTION 4:

This bill will take effect upon passage.

# 32 Legislative Council Bill #36 - Page 2 BUDGET

Speakers: Interpreter for hearing impai	red	\$ 30.00
Bruce Ellison Airfare Food	Subtotal	\$ 240.00 40.00 \$ 280.00
Bob Robideau Airfare Food	Subtotal	\$ 291.00 60.00 \$ 351.00
Paulette Robideau Airfare Food	Subtotal	\$ 275.50 40.00 \$ 315.50
Jim Page Airfare Food	Subtotal	\$ 352.00 40.00 \$ 392.00
Cristos Airfare Food		\$ 352.00 40.00
Advertising:	Subtotal	\$ 392.00
<pre>1/2 page Thursday Campus 1/4 page Thursday Daily 1/2 page Friday Daily Flyers</pre>	Press	\$ 151.13 97.65 195.30 25.00
-	Subtotal	\$ 469.08
Reception for 100 people: 5 gallons of punch @\$7.56 8 1/2 doz. cookies @\$4/do 1 Table cloth  Committed Revenue Sources:		\$ 37.50 34.00 \$ 1.80 \$ 73.50 \$2866.58
Dennis Small Third World	Center minus Total request	\$ 250.00 \$2052.58

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From:

Cynthia Bowden

Student Coalition for Human Rights

Re:

Equal Justice Before the Law? Conference

April 6/7, 1990

Date:

May 4, 1990

As a new student group we feel our first conference was a success. Everything went off without a hitch - no problems whatsoever. Our Friday night event drew about 200 people. We feel this was a good turnout considering the fact that none of our speakers were well known. We also received alot of compliments on our mix of speakers and music and poetry that evening. The subject matter was controversial, political prisoners in the U.S. and people of color in the prison system, because many people don't realize that we do indeed have political prisoners here in the U.S. (hence, the purpose of the conference). I was approached by many Friday night who thanked me for organizing the event because they had learned a great deal. There were students, faculty, a few attorneys and community members in attendence. Saturday's attendence was more than expected. It was the first nice day (upper 60's) in a while, there were also alot of other very important things going on around campus and yet at least 100 people showed up for the workshops! The forum that ended the two-day conference was an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the participants. The dialogue that ensued was, I feel, one of the most positive aspects of the conference.

The only thing I will do different next year is to incorporate more issues. We ended up this year focusing mostly on political prisoners and one in particular, Leonard Peltier, and only touched on people of color in the prison system. I hope to have a more

balanced platform next year.

All in all, I feel the Equal Justice conference was a great success and look forward to organizing next year's.

Note: We came in \$.23 under our budget!