

Celebrate the life of

W.E.B. Du Bois



**Saturday 3/3/2001
3:00 p.m.
African American
Theme House
2347 Prospect**

February 23rd is the anniversary of the birth of Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois, pioneering Black leader, important academic, Pan-Africanist and communist. His commitment to the liberation of Blacks and the whole of mankind remained firm throughout his long life, even as he constantly sought out the best strategy.

Du Bois founded and led the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) until 1934. Then, having seen the failure of integrationism and reformism first hand, he moved towards self-determination and revolution. He officially became a communist when he was 93 and died in exile in newly-liberated Ghana.

Mao Zedong said: **[Du Bois was] devoted to the struggles and truth seeking for which he finally took the road of thorough revolution. His unbending will and his spirit of uninterrupted revolution are examples for all oppressed peoples.**

Join the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialist League (RAIL) and Maoist Internationalist Movement as we celebrate Du Bois accomplishments and spirit — event includes a brief biography, poetry, discussion, and excerpts from the video “W.E.B. Du Bois: A Biography in Four Voices.”

As W.E.B. Du Bois made use of his birthday and autobiography for the political issues of the day, it is fitting that the organizations and individuals listed at the bottom of this page came together on an issue that Du Bois raised again and again in his lifetime: The material basis of white supremacy and how to combat it. We will read and discuss this statement at the event - as well as upcoming events and actions!

Signatories of the “Statement on the Birthday of W.E.B. Du Bois” (<http://www.etext.org/Politics/MIM/dubois.html>)

Russian Maoist Party (RMP) * RAIL-France * Ghetto Liberation Political Party (GLPP) * Studies for the Liberation of Aztlan and Latin America (SLALA) * RAIL-Santa Barbara * Thomas Wayburn, Executive Director of the American Policy Institute, Inc. * Barry Stoller * RAIL-Boston * RAIL-New Orleans * Pacific Politics Organization * Ascending Dragon * Lord Grim, Marxist-Leninist Maoist/Latin King * A Colombian comrade * An Illinois prisoner * A Norwegian anti-imperialist * The Coalition Against U.S. Empire (CAUSE) * Meia Dawn