

THE TRIAL OF LYNNE STEWART

U.S. District Judge John Koeltl refused to throw out the charges against Lynne Stewart allowing the trial to proceed next month. Questioning of potential jurors is scheduled to begin May 17th in Manhattan federal court. 40 Foley Square, New York, NY.

Lynne Stewart's attorney, Michael Tigar, said the judge pointed out in his opinion, received by the defense on April 20, 2004 that **"the government has a heavy burden of proving that Lynne Stewart intended to help a terrorism conspiracy. They can't prove it because it didn't happen,"** Tigar said.

Lynne Stewart: **"although disappointed in the extreme, the Judge's 92 page decision was not a surprise. His demeanor at the oral argument (4/9) made it clear that the Terrorism charges would be included. So now, we prepare to engage in a great struggle. More than ever we need everyone's support. The Bill of Rights must not end up on the rubbish heap of history!"**

The Lynne Stewart Defense Committee, while disappointed, is not surprised by the Judge's decision based on the tone of the hearings on April 9th, two years to the date from Lynne Stewart's arrest. We have strengthened our resolve to fight for the vindication of Attorney Lynne Stewart. We ask that people make plans to come to trial beginning with the opening statements, which will begin at the end of jury selection. No firm date for the openings is set yet but email announcements will be sent out and people are encouraged to keep checking the website: lynnestewart.org for all announcements. Jury selection will begin on May 17th and Lynne Stewart would appreciate a strong show of support outside the courthouse at 40 Foley Square. We are not asking to fill the courtroom during the jury selection process but instead encourage people to show support by rallying outside the courthouse beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 17th. Once the trial begins it will be important to Lynne that a steady show of support for her is evident throughout the trial – although most of the trial will not actually be about her own conduct.

The seats in the courtroom (which is in the old federal courthouse in Manhattan and the site of many a historic trial, including the trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg) are notoriously uncomfortable. Most people will benefit by bringing

cushions for themselves. The Lynne Stewart Defense Committee will have a number of cushions, which can either be returned at the end of the court day or purchased at cost available for people to pick up at a law office not far from the courthouse. Please contact Pat at 212-625-9696 if you wish to observe the trial and need a cushion or any other information. Remember New York City will be the site of the Repugnant er Republican Convention this summer and folks planning to demonstrate or visit the city during this time should plan to get out of the sun and come to court to support Lynne Stewart. It's all part of the same protest.

On Thursday, May 6, 2004 the Lynne Stewart Defense Committee is holding an event to rally and inspire all of us to face the fight ahead with strength and resolve. The event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the 205-year-old Friends Meeting House at 15th St. and Rutherford Place on Stuyvesant Square, and will feature, Lynne Stewart, her attorney, Michael Tigar, The Poor Righteous Teachers, Nana Soul, Letisha Devine, WBAI's Robert Knight, Stand Up for Lynne Stewart by activist/comedian Randy Credico, a visit by John Brown, portrayed by Norman Marshall and MC'd by Michael Smith. Surprise guests. Suggested donation \$20 for the Lynne Stewart Defense Committee. First come basis.

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