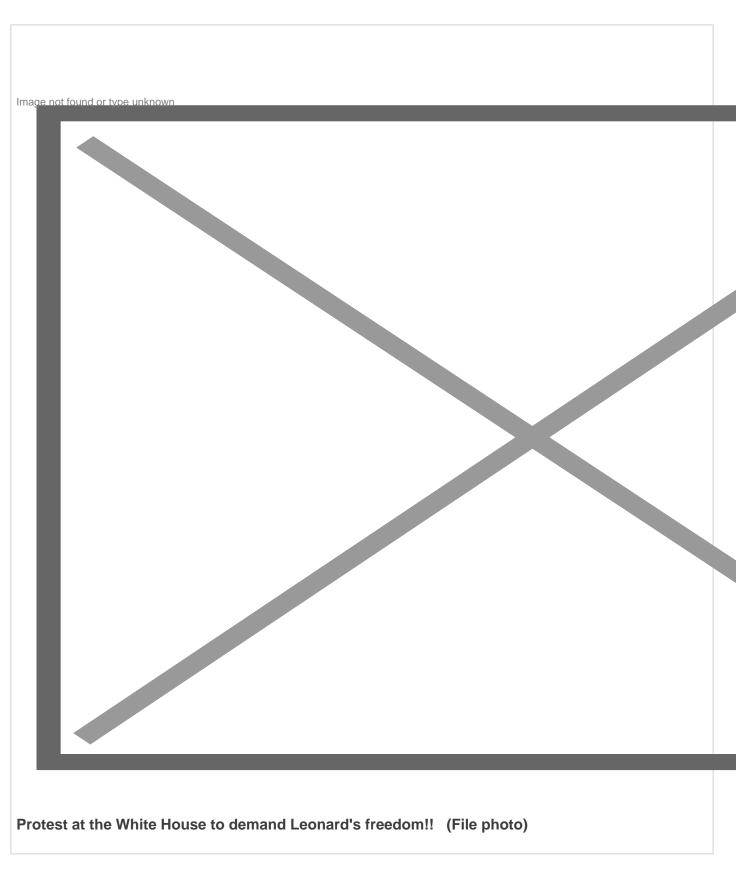
Native American political prisoner Leonard Peltier faces important parole hearing



New York, June 10 (RHC)-- A parole hearing is being held Monday for the imprisoned Native American activist Leonard Peltier, who has been jailed since 1977 -- 47 years!!

Amnesty International has urged the U.S. Parole Commission to grant the 79-year-old parole on humanitarian grounds.

Leonard Peltier, who was a member of the American Indian Movement, was convicted of involvement in the killing of two FBI agents at the Pine Ridge Reservation, but he has long maintained his innocence. Supporters of Peltier fear today's hearing could be his last chance to secure freedom.

This is his first full parole hearing in 15 years!

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