

*"And while the enemies of the world's oppressed people rejoice,
albeit behind closed doors, and while our sorrows are great*

*We must see the silver lining
of our struggle...*

*... we have acted before
and we must act again*

*Let us look to our friends
who are left."*

- Tyree Scott, excerpt from "Eulogy to Samora Machel", 1986.

*"We must, as ordinary working people, create our own
forums and enter into a discussion about what really is
important to us. We will enter the discussion as the people
with the greatest need for the transformation of our society...
(and) emerge as the only force capable of carrying out that
transformation."*

- Tyree Scott, "Whose Movement is it Anyway", 1997.

SPECIAL THANKS To Tyree's healthcare team

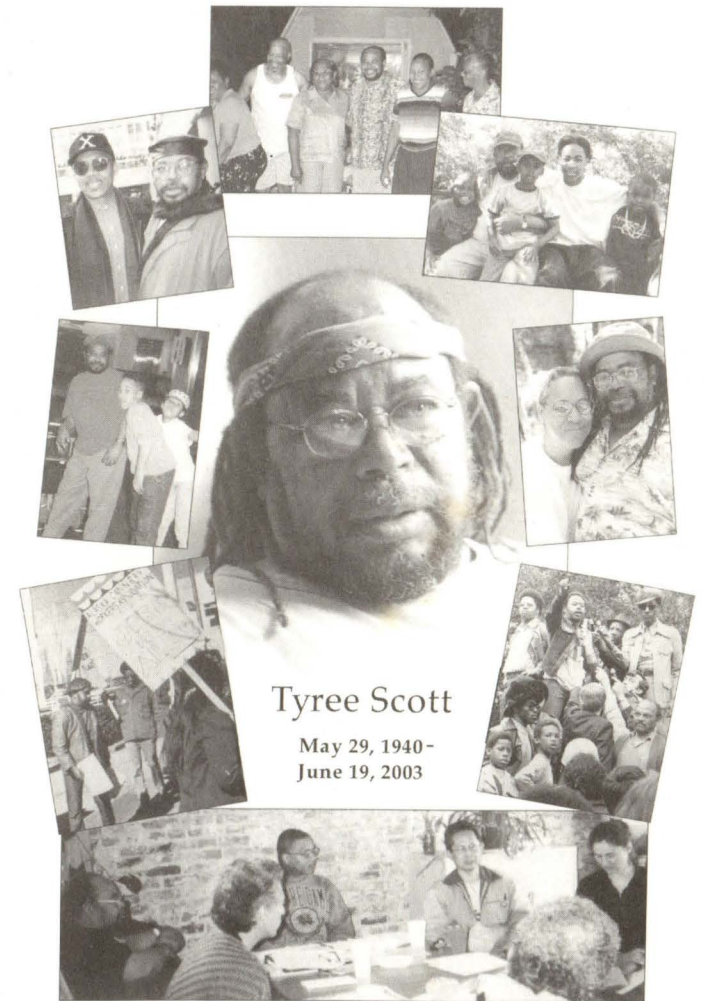
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A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF TYREE SCOTT*

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The Struggle Against Racism:

The United Construction Workers Association

Harley Bird

No Separate Peace:

LELO's Early Years

Michael Fox

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(Written by Tyree Scott for the Venceremos Brigade, 1974)

Performed by Rodney Camarce

Solidarity with African Workers: To Mozambique and Back

Diane Narasaki

"Vietnam" (by Tyree Scott)

Performed by Duwan Tyson, Alonso Alvarado, Matt Remle & Dustin Washington

Speaking for Ourselves To Each Other: The International Worker-to-Worker Project

Cindy Domingo

"Boots on the Corner" (by Tyree Scott)

Performed by Denise Cooper, Megan Wilbert, Katherine Harris-White, Rodney Camarce & Charhys Bailey

Words from the Sims-Scott Family

Beverly Sims & Seth Scott

Closing

Garry Owens

Reception

* All musical selections had special meaning in Tyree's life.

TYREE SCOTT: Four Decades of Struggle for Social Justice

Founds the United Construction Workers Association (UCWA) in 1970—which grew out of the Central Contractors' Association—and organizes other workers of color to force their way into Seattle's unionized construction industry.

1966

Returns home from Vietnam a skilled electrician only to be denied a job due to racism.

Joins with Filipino American cannery workers and Latino farm workers in 1972 to merge their struggles for racial and economic justice under the umbrella of LELO.

1975

Stands arm-in-arm with Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes in their work to link Filipino workers' struggles under the Marcos dictatorship with struggles led by U.S. workers—work that cost them their lives in 1981.

1984

Organizes a worker-to-worker relief drive to support the newly liberated people of Mozambique and then moves with his family to live in Maputo for two years. In 1994 returns as a human rights observer in Mozambique's first democratic elections and visits the new South Africa for the first time.

Helps lead a national organizing campaign to include the Wards Cove Alaskan cannery workers in the 1991 Civil Rights Act.

1994

Brings together ordinary workers from 10 different countries—at the historic 1997 Seabeck Meeting—to speak for themselves about the impact of the global economy on their lives and develop worker-led alternatives for the world's peoples.

Influences countless young activists—through his leadership in the months leading up to Seattle's 1999 WTO demonstrations—to not merely protest injustice, but work to make another world possible.

2003

Returns to the Port of Seattle—after retiring in 1999—to help his co-workers on the crane maintenance crew make the fight against privatization of their jobs a community-wide struggle.

Travels to Mexico, Brazil and Cuba, working to support and expand LELO's International Worker-to-Worker Project and inspires all whom he meets.

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Sybil Ellen Ascher

A service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, June 23, 2003, in Willamette National Cemetery for Sybil Ellen Ascher, who died June 12 at age 72.

Mr. Conte was born Nov. 24, 1924, in Belmont, Mass. He served in the Air Force for more than 20 years. He was a lockmaster for the Army Corps of Engineers and lived in the Portland

'Epitome of a civil rights leader' dead at 63

Tyree Scott led efforts to open construction trade unions and contracting to racial minorities

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Tyree Scott, an electrician who led campaigns to break the color barrier in construction trade unions and contracting in Washington and other states, is dead at age 63.

Scott, who also worked to restore stability in Mozambique following a bloody civil war, died Thursday morning after a long

battle with prostate cancer.

"He was the epitome of a civil rights leader," said Oscar Eason, former president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Born in Wharton County, Texas, Scott served with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam, then arrived in Seattle in the mid-1960s and got involved in labor and civil rights work when he saw the discrimination facing his father, also an electrician.

He helped lead work stoppages at Harborview Medical Center and other prominent sites, won entry for racial minorities in previously all-white unions and helped gain a

fair chance for minority builders and construction trades workers to win local government contracts.

Scott later did much of the same in dozens of cities in the Southwest.

In 1972, he joined with Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes to form the Northwest Labor and Employment Law Office to fight racial discrimination in Alaska canneries and the corrupt regime of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines.

Domingo and Viernes were assassinated in 1981 by agents of Marcos.

Scott began working for labor

and civil rights causes abroad in the 1980s by organizing international labor conferences and worker-to-worker relief groups to help laborers in developing countries.

In 1990, Scott and his family moved to Mozambique for two years, working on relief, small business development and irrigation projects. He was an international observer in the country's first post-civil war election in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Sims; six children; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending.