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UPandOUT 3rd Thursdays, free film series

Showing Thursday, Jan 17

6:40pm doors open 7pm film starts promptly

243 Broadway, Cambridge corner of Broadway & Windsor, entrance on Windsor



Next month, Feb 21: Genetic Roulette (eating genetically modified food is gambling with every bite)

Film screenings: 243 Broadway, Cambridge

Patrice Lumumba

[115 min]

Patrice Lumumba, the first legally elected prime minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), was assassinated 52 years ago, on 17 January, 1961. This heinous crime was a culmination of 2 inter-related assassination plots by American and Belgian governments, which used Congolese accomplices and a Belgian execution squad to carry out the deed.

This docudrama tells the true story of Lumumb's rise to power and brutal assassination. Using newly discovered historical evidence, Haitian-born and later Congo-raised writer and director Raoul Peck renders an emotional and tautly woven account of this man with a flair for oratory and an uncompromising belief in the capacity of his homeland to build a prosperous nation independent of its former Belgium overlords.

Lumumba is led to slaughter by commercial and political interests in Belgium, the US, and the international community — where political entities, captains of commerce, and the military dovetail in their quest for economic and political hegemony.

"Alternatives for dealing with 'the problem' were considered, among them poison (a supply was sent to the CIA station chief in Leopoldville), a high-powered rifle, and free-lance hit men. But it proved hard to get close enough to Lumumba to use these, so, instead, the CIA supported anti-Lumumba elements within the factionalized Congo government" ~Eric Hochschild, author King Leopold's Ghost

"After 2 long tours in the Congo, where he shuffled new governments like cards, finally settling on Mobutu as president, Devlin had been put in charge of the agency's paramilitary program in Laos." ~ John Stockwell, CIA agent

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