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Of all the people who have appeared on the pages as much respect as self-described revolutionary Saul Ann Arbor at the age of 90.

His was a remarkable life.

"I suckled the ideas of socialism at my mother's breasts," *comes home*," *Metro Times*, June 26-July 2, 2002). throughout his long life. He summed up his philosophy in *One Man in His Time*, saying: "I want things to change where equality emerges as a reality ... where the horrible t

That documentary, co-produced by Wayne State University professor **Ron Aronson**, is in the final stages of production.

"Many of us have been trying over the years to capture the essence of Saul Wellman," explains Aronson. "He had a powerful effect on a whole generation of Detroit activists."

Wellman was first arrested at 16 while participating in a massive New York City labor demonstration. In 1936, at 23, he joined the Lincoln Brigade to fight fascism during the Spanish Civil War, a commitment that resulted in him being named an honorary Spanish citizen in 1996. At the age of 30 he joined the U.S. Army as a paratrooper, and was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge.

"He was a dedicated and committed anti-fascist," since the late 1940s. "He was so committed that he he believed in."

As the head of the Michigan Communist Party, Well early 1950s. As one of the "Detroit Six" he was convicted advocating the overthrow of the U.S. government. A sentence he was released when the Supreme Cour

"He was a revolutionary at a time when revolution w Fishman.

His absolute certainty in his political beliefs could be he was not afraid to change. After the horrors of Sta Communist Party in the mid-'50s, but continued to a

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and member of the so-called New Left, participating movements. According to Aronson, starting in the 1970s, he would have weekly breakfasts with younger activists:

Earlier this year, using a wheelchair, he participated in a protest. That scene was captured on film for the documentary "You could hear him saying, 'Don't be passive,'" says Aronson. "You could hear him saying, 'Don't be passive, you should be passive. Do something, and never give in.'"

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Until his last days, the man once tried for sedition charges against the City of Detroit and the Michigan Legislature, both of which were acts of social justice.

“I have always felt that I was performing in the best of a true hero has passed.

A true hero has passed.

Wellman is survived by son **David** and daughter **Vivian** and their grandchildren. A memorial gathering is being planned for 11 a.m. on May 15 at the Wellman Film Project, both at 5700 Cass Ave., No. 100.

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