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## FURTHER INTERNAL STRUGGLES OF THE SSC

We have arrived at three main areas of contradiction and are now in the process of analyzing them and attempting to arrive at a resolution and move forward. The three areas are: 1). Definition of the SSC and the relationship between Mass organization and Cadre; 2). Internal structure and the relationship between self-discipline and group discipline; and 3). The content and form of our "practice" and the relationship between political work and revolutionary work among the people.

1. MASS vs. CADRE. In our discussions we have determined that we are NOT a mass organization and never have been. We now understand that we have to further define ourselves and cannot just state what we are not. We dealt with two concepts...collective and cadre. In the past we operated like a collective with generalized points of agreement between political people, but again that does not apply to our group now. Now, our ideological thinking is more cohesive and aligned as one than in our formulative stages as a collective and that moves us into the area of cadre.

In our understanding of cadre we identify ourselves as a nucleus of ideologically compatible people with the ability to expand our influence and members beyond our present organization. To differentiate our ideological position with others we further define ourselves as communists. We believe in Marxist-Leninist-Mao Tse Tung thought, the placing of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat in power, and the only means of revolution to do so... Armed Struggle!!!

We further defined ourselves as independent from any organization or specific party line that we are now aware of in this country. But this does not infer that we refuse to align ourselves with progressive people; on the contrary it merely allows us the freedom to search out and struggle with progressive people to develop the correct revolutionary theory and practice needed in this country. Being independent means that we are still engaging in political development necessary before we can even begin thinking about party building. We affirm that "party building" at this stage of our development in legal work is being led by reactionary forces opposed to armed struggle and guerrilla warfare. These forces are using the cry "party building" to disguise their opportunism and lack of correct revolutionary practice and theory. So, at this stage of the definition we have arrived at INDEPENDENT COMMUNIST CADRE.....this brings us to a completely new set of contradictions.

2. Self-Discipline vs. Group Discipline. The understanding of cadre led us to realize that one of the distinguishing characteristics of cadre from collective is the relationship between internal and external discipline. We are not anarchists and realize that revolutionaries must abide

by strict codes of conduct that are internally motivated, but that are guided by cohesive external enforcement. The external state of discipline moves conduct out of the realm of "relativity"....anarchy. We began to realize that in the past our practice failed to realize the relationship between these states.

Historically we made vague references to codes of conduct (no dope, drinking etc. etc.) and relied on statements of "we resolve to struggle with comrades" who fail to adhere to the discipline. As our trump card we held up as ultimate punishment "purging". But as revolutionaries we have failed to establish even a basic understanding about the nature of discipline, let alone liberalism. We know that it will take hard core revolutionaries disciplined beyond anything we know to mount the attack. But we have failed to move beyond a type of anarchistic internal state and that leaves us weakened and unable to move forward as cadre. We do not fully understand this area, nor, in fact, even partially.....YET!!!!

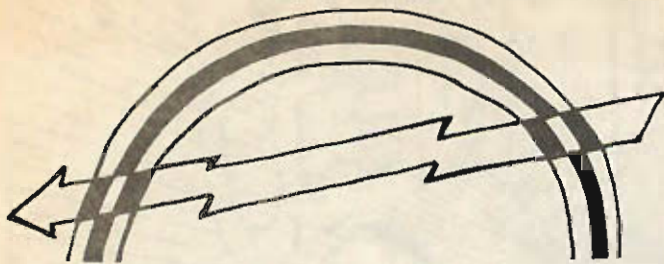
3. Political work vs. Revolutionary work among the people. We understand that work, by its very nature, is political, but what differentiates political work from revolutionary work? We have begun to realize that we have confused the two types of work and have fallen into the common error of political people and defined our political work as revolutionary. Political work (consciously directed to politics as compared to work that is political because of class society) is a necessary prerequisite to revolutionary work; this can include printing leaflets, research, study, target practice, Karate etc., but it cannot stand alone as practice. It is only a part of practice. For practice is revolutionary work among the people and this takes many forms from leafletting to people's warfare (the highest level) and the two forms of work should not be confused. We know that our revolutionary work is the culmination of our necessary political work and it, and it alone, represents the efforts that political work is directed toward.

We understand now that the SSC has been guilty of using political work and revolutionary work among the people synonymously. Because of this error we have continuously misled the people about the nature of our practice. We cannot move forward unless we correct this basic flaw.

Conclusion. The Committee has not resolved any of these issues yet and we feel the struggle is just now beginning. We cannot move forward until they are resolved. We will continue to keep the people informed as to our development.

MOVE FORWARD!!! MOVE FORWARD!!!  
BUILD REVOLUTIONARIES!!!





The following communique is the first communication in a series contained in a pamphlet produced by the Weather Underground in support of the S.L.A.

ACTION AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WEATHER UNDERGROUND IN SUPPORT OF THE S.L.A.— SPRING 1974

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE WEATHER UNDERGROUND:

ON MAY 31, 1974, WE ATTACKED THE OFFICE OF CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL EVELLE J. YOUNGER IN LOS ANGELES.

EVERY WEAPON OF TERROR FROM THE LYNCH ROPE TO NAPALM HAS BEEN USED TO TRY TO CRUSH THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE. YET THE SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE GROWS AND WILL NOT BE DEFEATED.

To our sisters and brothers in the Symbionese Liberation Army:

We want to express the grief and rage we share with you and all freedom-loving people at the deaths of Cinque, Fahizah, Mizmoon, Angela, Willy, Camilla, murdered by the pigs before our eyes. They are revolutionary comrades and heroes of whom we are proud. Their courageous lives inspire us, their deaths intensify our will to resist. This attack is for you and all front line fighters.

For Ruchell Cinque Magee:

Ruchell is the survivor of the heroic slave rebellion of August 7, 1970. He has one of the most brilliant legal minds in the country. Because of his revolutionary clarity, he is gagged and chained each time he tries to speak in his own defense. He thunders the irrefutable truth of the right of the slave to rebel against illegal bondage. His example has been a beacon of resistance. This attack is for Ruchell Cinque Magee and all political prisoners of war.

Tonight we attacked the office of Evelle J. Younger, Attorney General of the State of California, and key strategist for the policies and programs of the state repressive apparatus. We do this on the occasion of the most recent act of terrorism unleashed by the government against six freedom-fighters from the Symbionese Liberation Army. The California Police and prison system is among the most brutal in the country, a model for pigs everywhere. Evelle J. Younger bears direct responsibility for its crimes.



#### INDICTMENT

1. Younger is an architect of the policies of the brutal police occupation of the ghettos and barrios.

—Under Younger, as Los Angeles District Attorney, the police rioted against the Chicano Moratorium on August 30, 1970. Reuben Salazar was murdered while drinking coffee at the Silver Dollar Cafe by police using weaponry outlawed by the Geneva Code. No prosecution of the police-murder followed.

On September 6, 1970, we attacked Younger's office on the sixth floor of the Hall of Justice in retaliation for this wanton murder.

—Younger's policies result in regular police murders of unarmed Blacks and Chicanos. Younger bears direct responsibility for these deaths.

2. Younger is a conspirator with the Federal Government in committing murder and denying human rights.

—In the late 60's the Federal Government and police carried out a conspiracy to attack and attempt to destroy the Black Panther Party. Over 20 Black Panther members were killed by police around the country in this period. In Los Angeles on December 8, 1969, under District Attorney Younger, 300 pigs surrounded the Black Panther Party office and initiated a shootout that lasted 4½ hours.

—Younger bears responsibility, along with U.S. Attorney General Saxbe, the FBI, and the Los Angeles Police Department, for the savage attack on the S.L.A. Younger consistently criticized law enforcement agencies for being too timid in the hunt for the SLA; he introduced legislation to prohibit distribution of expropriated food to people. The system cannot tolerate the practical humanity of actually securing food for the people.

3. Younger is an international hangman. His career includes work as an Air Force Major-General, counter-intelligence specialist in Southeast Asia, and FBI agent.

4. Younger heads the operation of railroading people to the state's concentration camps (prisons) and is thereby guilty of wholesale kidnapping and enslavement.

—The California prison system is the largest in the country. The U.S. has more prisons than all other countries combined, and hold over 2/3 of a million people behind bars. Those sent off to California's concentration camps are more than half Third World people and virtually all poor people. Incarceration and the resulting physical and mental torture are based on race and class. Younger, first for L.A. and now statewide, heads the operation. He is Ronald Reagan's right-hand man and an activist for the re-establishment of the Death Penalty.

—Evelle J. Younger is the main buzzard behind the illegal enslavement of Ruchell Cinque Magee. As Los Angeles D.A., Younger forced a phoney guilty plea against Ruchell's will in the May, 1965 trial—a procedure that Younger has used in collusion with public defenders against the vast majority of third world and poor defendants. Further, Younger suppressed the records of the illegal 1963 and 1965 trials of Magee. Younger is still on Ruchell's case today.

The viciousness of the pigs' tactics reflects the depths of their fears of the emerging people's power. People must intensify the attack against enemies such as Attorney General Younger. The spirit of resistance grows, from the people, through the front line fighters, to the depths of the concentration camps. "I am Ruchell Cinque Magee, the one who refused to die in the August 7, 1970 rebellion, and one who will keep on refusing to die until I have exposed the truth of...this corrupt Amerikan judicial system."

FREE RUCHELL—FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS OF WAR  
AVENGE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

YOU CAN KILL A REVOLUTIONARY,  
BUT THE SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE IS INDESTRUCTABLE



## THE SOUND BEFORE THE FURY

The murder of George Jackson on Aug. 20, 1971 and the Attica massacre on Sept. 13, 1971 are two events that in part bring sadness at the loss of these fine comrades but also mark a period of great progress for the revolutionary struggle in America. As the result of these actions, many people were sobered to the reality of what needs to be done as well as to the fact that the fascists will stop at nothing to retaliate against revolutionary activity. By the very fact that slogans such as "George Jackson lives" and "Attica means fight back!" have just as much meaning today as they did three years ago, stands to prove that although the pigs may kill revolutionaries they cannot kill the revolution!

It was no mistake that they murdered George Jackson. George gave the people a message that said that now is the time to make revolution. As thousands of people began to listen to this message, the more fearful the enemy became. For instance, anyone caught giving the



clenched fist to George at Quentin was immediately disciplined. When they shot George down on Aug. 20, 1971 it is doubtful that the pigs understood that all they had done was to help touch off a prairie fire in the prison struggle which inturn was to help the revolutionary struggle in general to take a great step forward. In George Jackson's words:

"I am an extremist. I call for extreme measures to destroy extreme problems. To me, life without control of determining factors is not worth the effort of drawing breath.

International captialism cannot be destroyed without the extremes of struggle. The entire colonial world is waiting for us to come to our senses...If we fail through fear and lack of aggressive imagination, then the slaves of the future will curse us, as we sometimes curse those of yesterday.

I don't want to die and leave a few sad songs and a hump in the ground as my only monument. I want to leave a world that is liberated from trash, pollution, racism, nation states, nation state wars and armies, from pomp, bigotry, parochialism, a thousand brands of untruth, and licentious, usurious economics.

If there is any basis for belief in the universality of man, then we will find it in this struggle against the enemy of all mankind."

Shortly after George's murder, in early September 1971, the people learned another great lesson from the brothers in Attica--the only way to victory is through unity. Indeed, the Attica rebellion still stands today as the strongest example of a united revolutionary action between members of all nations within the United States. Not only were the brothers united, but their revolutionary consciousness was very high as can be seen from the following highlights of their declaration to the people:

"The entire incident that has erupted here at Attica is not a result of dastardly bushwhacking of the two prisoners, Sept. 8, 1971, but of the unmitigated oppression wrought by the racist administrative network of this prison throughout the year. We are men. We are not beasts and we do not intend to be beaten or driven as such. The entire prison populace, that means each and everyone of us here, have set forth to change forever the ruthless brutalization and disregard for the lives of prisoners here and throughout the United States. What has happened here is but the sound before the fury of those who are oppressed. We will not compromise on any terms except those terms that are agreeable to us. We've called upon all the conscientious citizens of America to assist us in putting an end to this situation that threatens the lives of not only us, but of each and everyone of you, as well. We have set forth demands that will bring us closer to the reality to the demise of these prison institutions that serve no useful purpose to the people of America, but to those who enslave and exploit the people of America. Our demands are such: we want complete amnesty, meaning freedom from any and all physical, mental and legal reprisals. We want now, speedy and safe transportation out of confinement to a nonimperialistic country. We demand that the Federal Government intervene, so that we will be under direct Federal Jurisdiction..."

Again in the case of Attica, the enemy was forced to attack from a position of fear and even though the pigs were superior militarily, politically they suffered a great defeat. On Sept. 13, 1971, Rockefeller's goons executed 43 men, including 9 of the hostages that the comrades were holding.

Our comrades deaths have not and will not be forgotten. We of the SSC call on everyone on both Aug. 20 and Sept. 13 to go into action by any means they see fit to let the pigs know that George Jackson lives and that Attica means "FIGHT BACK"!!!

Several brothers are still indicted from Attica. If you want more information or want to help their defense write:  
Attica Brothers Legal Defense  
147 Franklin St., Buffalo, NY



The Peoples Witness is the monthly newsletter of the Sacramento Solidarity Committee. It is available free of charge to interested individuals and organizations. We welcome articles, poetry, communiques, criticisms, etc. from comrades both inside and outside prison walls. All materials and subscription requests may be sent to:  
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# Torture in Chile

In the April 15 issue of the Peoples Witness we printed an article on international political prisoners. Since the overthrow of the Allende regime in Chile much attention has been focused on the plight of political prisoners in that country. The following article, Torture in Chile, is taken from the USIA REPORTER, VOL. 4 NO. 4. We feel that it is an excellent expose of what is going on since the military junta took over, particularly the subject of women political prisoners. To the peoples of Chile and throughout the world struggling to defeat the fascist insects, we pledge our support and our solidarity.

"The Four Seas are rising, clouds and waters raging,  
The Five Continents are rocking, wind and thunder  
roaring.  
Away with all pests!  
Our force is irresistible."

MAO TSE-TUNG



## TORTURE OF WOMEN

A document smuggled out of Chile and sent to USIA details the condition of women political prisoners at a Santiago jail called "El Buen Pastor" (The Good Shepherd).

The torture of political prisoners in Latin America, nurtured in Brazil in the sixties with the help of U.S. instructors, now plagues the entire continent. Chile, which had held out the longest against this growing madness, has now taken the lead in savagery against political prisoners. Although a relatively new import to Chile, torture is not a haphazard, disorganized act carried out by clumsy soldiers. It is planned and executed in a systematic, efficient manner by torturers who have been well trained by their Brazilian, Uruguayan and Argentine counterparts, and employs methods which have been tested and proven effective in other countries.

Torture, however, is much more than a way to crush political opponents of a regime. The statement on torture by the Bertrand Russell Tribunal II on Latin America is particularly appropriate:

"The documentation and the witnesses that have been gathered together show that the original objective of torture—to obtain confessions for mounting trials or for extracting information that would lead to arbitrary arrests—has already been superseded. From being a means of investigation, torture has become an additional

and gratuitous means of punishment. Apart from the judgments and penalties, it is used to neutralize the democratic and revolutionary forces, causing physical suffering, annihilating individuals—making them feel guilty and artificially inducing them to commit treasonable acts. But even apart from those who are struggling, torture is essentially aimed at the whole population, to intimidate it and reduce it to the submissiveness of a depoliticized society...from the individual to the collective, from the physical to the spiritual, from the private to the public: torture has thus become a means of government."

New information from Chile on the extent of torture makes it necessary that we not only contemplate it, but that we initiate a campaign to end it.

Like other political prisoners in Chile, most of the women have had no charges brought against them, nor have they been questioned or assigned judges, not to speak of lawyers. One of the women, Viola Muñoz, a sociologist and specialist in preschool education who had no political affiliation, was tried and sentenced to 20 years. Once sentenced the prisoners are transferred to cells with common prisoners and practically cease to exist, no longer appearing on the lists of political prisoners.

Several young women were brought in from Tejas Verdes, one of the cruelest concentration camps in Chile, with terrible vaginal infections, and at least three were pregnant. Since they had been raped innumerable times they naturally did not know who had impregnated them. In desperation they demanded the right to abortion, but when they asked to see a doctor, an ear specialist was sent who told them that "they should be proud of what they bore in their bellies."

Women reaching the Buen Pastor jail have been subjected to the most brutal tortures—several have had live mice and insects introduced into their vaginas, and many arrived with their hair pulled out by the handfuls, their nipples blown off or burnt, and their genitals destroyed by electricity.

One young woman reported being thrown at the conscripts in the 'Buen Regimiento' to be raped whether the soldiers wanted to or not. In another torture camp they were blindfolded and tortured 'en masse', so they did not know what was happening—who was being tortured or raped or whose turn came next.

It was reported that prisoners in Tejas Verdes were often sent to a "recuperation camp" before they were handed over to a more permanent (public) jail, or sent back to be freshly tortured. A considerable number of testimonies indicate that before being freed prisoners were forced to sign a document declaring that they had been well treated. On some occasions this was preceded by other actions which would insure the silence of the tortured person, such as hypnosis and threats against the prisoner and her/his family.

The document ends with an urgent plea to human rights and defense organizations to save the lives of these women, and of the thousands of other men and women who are being subjected to the junta's barbarity in Chile.





## TO THE LEFT AND THE UNNAMED EDITORS OF RAMPARTS

Comrades, I feel that it is necessary at this time to share with you my thoughts, analysis and re-analysis in regards to the Left's response in general and the unnamed Editors in particular of Ramparts, to the S.L.A. The unnamed Editors of Ramparts in regards to your vicious attack on comrade Stew in the July issue and your attack on the B.L.A., Weather Underground and the S.L.A., on all "Armed Liberation Fighters" in this country. Also, your attack on the S.L.A. in your May issue of Ramparts. Indeed we must get a few things straight, and one of the first is, just whose side are you fighting on? I think it is very clear that you do not understand the dynamics of revolutionary struggle, you seem to be existing in some time long since gone, the early days of the civil rights struggle when the bullets were coming from only one direction. If you would wake up from this dream you're living, I think you will encounter a new breed of people, you will hear bombs exploding and bullets ripping into the skulls of children. I think you will find that the people have seized the only viable tool of survival, "the gun", not by choice, but rather by force. The children of oppression dance to the rhythm of bullets.

Why is it that the so-called Left in this country are more than willing to accept passively right-wing terrorism, murder, rapes, kidnappings, genocide, etc., but violently denounce elements of the real Left that counter fascist, racist, corporate oppression and murder by the only means the bringers of murder and oppression understand—"Armed Resistance?" Armed liberation fighters in this country are denounced as murderers, kidnappers, mad freaked out nuts, terrorists in the extreme. Why did the so-called Left in this country turn the courageous brothers and sisters of the S.L.A. out into the streets, streets alive with thousands of machine gun wielding insects; the same insects that gunned down our children, kidnaped our brothers and sisters, hunted us day and night. And they hunted the S.L.A. as they did us and continue to do, and the Left in this country joined the hunt for these mad, killer terrorists that kidnaped Hitler's lovely daughter. The Left in this country helped the corporate pig puppets murder six beautiful liberation fighters and once again the blood of the people stains the hands of the people.

The Left in this country is seeking a non-violent revolution, a turn the other cheek revolution; indeed a very dangerous illusion, but one that is clearly understood. This is the ideology of the bullshit "Armchair, Acid Head

revolutionaries," clowns like Newton and Co., counter revolutionary clowns that stand astraddle revolutionary barricades vomiting bullshit, revolutionary rhetoric on the people, attempting to deceive them into believing that the ballot still lives and that the bullet is dead. These are the same clowns, the same Judases that crouched and cringed as 500 pigs burned to death 6 human beings before the eyes of the world—"Your next motherfuckers." They feared the S.L.A. because the S.L.A. is the Dragon that no 500 inarmered pigs and their incendiary bombs can destroy. The S.L.A. did not bring down heavier repression on the Left, the repression and vicious, murderous pigs have always existed; the Dragon only made the monster manifest and thus elevated the consciousness of the people. The Left sucked in through their intestines the fascist, racist pig propaganda of ex-baby raper, torturer Colson Westbrook and Co.—i.e. General Cinquus a rat, a C.I.A. agent; the execution of House Nigger Marcus Foster was a C.I.A. operation, it was racist. Foster was executed because he was a proven enemy of the people, a pawn in the hands of racist ruling class Amerika, and by virtue of his black skin was leading the people into the pits of fascism.

I think that certain elements of the so-called Left in this country had better wake up to the reality that now more than just threatens to dig our graves. Fascism is no illusion, the monster is no longer stabbing blindly, but has grown a head and is striking lethally decisive blows to the crippled non-violent Left. The Left in this country must again bear the responsibility for the murder of those six beautiful brothers and sisters as well as the countless other brothers and sisters that have made the supreme sacrifice, and for those of us who have yet to be burned on nation-wide T.V.

The Editors of Ramparts are sadly mistaken if they or any other Armchair revolutionaries think for one moment that the B.L.A., Weather Underground or S.L.A. is dead. Ramparts is rapidly becoming a springboard for the perpetuation of rightist, bullshit terror tactics and propaganda, a viable tool for brainwashing in the hands of the corporate class oinkers. Brothers and Sisters I would ask you this, "How thin is the line between fear and dignity, and when does non-violence become cowardice and an accomplice to the assassins of the people?" To the Editors of Ramparts I will say, join the ranks of the people or those of the enemy. Check yourself out, cease to seize comrades like Stew and viciously kicking them to the ground, and get off the S.L.A. The Dragon Lives, the summons of the night Dove summons his flight.

This article was sent to us from Tracy. It has been edited somewhat because of its length. Thanks to our Comrades inside.



# Aryan Brotherhood - An Analysis

In the May issue of the Peoples Witness, we carried an article ("Rebellion" In Folsom Hole") in which we urged the Aryan Brotherhood to issue a statement to the people on the positions and goals of the AB, particularly regarding the issues of Nazism, "white supremacy," and racism. Such a statement is, we feel, most important in view of the fact that the AB has for years been tagged as a neo-Nazi organization; and especially important at a time when Nazism is on the rise in the US. We received no reply from the AB as an organization.

In last month's newsletter, we printed an article on "White Nationalism" which contained a quote from the old Venceremos paper stating that the AB was a white nationalist group.

Though the AB as an organization has been completely silent on all issues, we received response from individual AB members to the "White Nationalism" article. However, these responses did not deal with either the criticisms contained in the article, or criticism of content of the article; rather they conveyed a sarcastic fury at having been criticized which demonstrated a complete lack of understanding the principles of criticism/self criticism.

"...I received a paper I told you about (P.W.) and thought it was just dandy really just fine! Been thinking about writing to them myself and telling them it's easy for all kinds of people to talk long shit about others they know nothing about, but then I won't as you see I try to live as a man of actions and use my mind. Some just run run run off at the mouth and enjoy themselves but they have not done anything else. What's so very cool is the main office in Sacramento receives more copies of the FW than everyone else put together so there will never be an answer to the FW in words, and they can keep on printing others' stupidity but they have forgotten one great thing--they are not toying with a bunch of kids who can't see. Know they feel they're doing right but they are not. Never saw nothing talked to death! I love the FW but not the stupidity I see of others in it." (Aryan Brotherhood Member)

"I just received Volume I, Number 9 of the Peoples Witness--I never received last month's issue.

"It seems that you want to know what the AB is. Well, according to the Sacramento Union (March 10, 1974 edition), I am the leader of the AB, and also I was recently designated an AB Director's Case.

"I read different articles in various newspapers on the subject of the AB. They seem to be conflicting and contradictory. One says we're revolutionaries, other says we're racists. It seems that it all depends on the writer's point of views, or what the politicians need to use as a whipping post.

"I, too, am trying to find out what the AB is, if it does exist, so if you find out please let me know. I have been trying to find out, but no one seems to know.

"In my research on the subject, I did find that in the Sanskrit language, the word "Aryan" means "worthy, holy, noble"--and in Hebrew, it means "God" or "God-affiliated."

"I really wish I could find out. So if you have any information on the AB, I would appreciate you enlightening me. If it does indeed exist--or is it just a label to use for political moves?

"By the way, where did you come from, where are you at, and where are you going??? If you can answer that, may-you'll know and find yourself.

"Oh, on your comment about the using of nationalism. I've also learned that the swastika is a symbol of the sun in the nature religions of Aryan races from Scandinavia to Persia and India. Similar symbols occur in monumental remains of the ancient Mexicans, Peruvians, and on objects exhumed from prehistoric burial mounds in the United States. The swastika consists of a Greek cross, either enclosed in a circle, the circumference of which passes through its extremities, or with the arms bent at right angles, and it is found invariably associated with the worship of the Aryan Sun-Gods (Apollo, Odin). It is believed to represent the sun.

"It is one of the oldest symbols known to man. What is its symbolic meaning?

"It is also found among many Eastern religions--Buddhism, Hinduism, etc.

"What is its true meaning??? Think!!

Peace and Light,

(Aryan Brotherhood Member)

"P.S. Can you give me any answers? I'm just an ignorant Okie that picked cotton for a living all his life."

This letter is an example of the sort of confusion which the ruling class is working to produce with regards to Nazism. To try to "clean up" the swastika's image is at best a waste of time, and at worst part of a growing Nazi movement. No amount of "peace and light" in ancient history can begin to negate the blood of oppressed people spilled for what the swastika came to represent in our century.

This total silence on the part of the AB as an organization leaves us no option but to piece together what we have learned through our associations with them and draw those conclusions which have become clear at this time.

The wide gaps in political awareness between individual AB members make it clear that, although the AB is allegedly a very "selective" organization, the conditions for AB membership do not call for any political consciousness; that is, the AB has no cohesive political ideology. Lacking an apparent common political goal to unify the group, the AB is held together by a blind loyalty on the part of each AB member to the AB which does not acknowledge political consciousness, possible incorrect actions or attitudes on the part of members towards nonmembers, or the necessity of criticism/self criticism. This blind loyalty can thus easily prompt a more progressive member to side in a fight with another member who borders on Nazism (against a nonmember), without even asking who is fighting for what.

On the issue of racism, AB members reflect the overall lack of political cohesiveness (varying from, "Of course interracial solidarity is needed to defeat the ruling class and have a successful revolution," to, "Niggers are the enemy and should be exterminated"). However, the overall tone of the AB is clearly racist and it seems doubtful that even the most progressive members are coming out in a firm stand against racism in their dealings with fellow members. All AB members we have dealt with have echoed feelings that "we must take care of our own kind first"--"our own kind" being white people, not oppressed people of all races. In a society where whites have been "taking care of our own kind first" since the beginning of recorded history, and exploiting non-white peoples left and right in order to better "take care of our own," this statement can be nothing but racism and thus counterrevolutionary.

While we do not know what all the criteria for AB membership consist of, certain requirements have become clear through our dealings with the AB: in order to become an AB member, a man must be a fighter--a "good soldier"; he must be willing to put loyalty to the AB and his "Brothers" above all other considerations; he must either be white (the AB is "99%" white) or at least see his place in any dispute between black and white as on the white side. In piecing together those membership requirements we can feel certain of, it becomes clear that the purpose of the AB is that of a "white protection" gang. When we realize this it can come as no surprise that Nazi tendencies are common within the AB.

Within the AB there are some progressive people who are sincerely struggling to educate fellow AB members and combat racism and fascism. However, the most effective method to accomplish this education is through practice--strong working alliances with progressive people of all races around common goals and active criticism/isolation of fascism. This "blind loyalty" to other AB members regardless of their political tendencies (e.g. severe racism or Nazi leanings) is extremely crippling to anyone who wishes to adopt a progressive stance and work towards such alliances.

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## BOURGEOIS JUSTICE

It would seem at first glance that there is a contradiction when Ronald Reagan in his recent press conference on Watergate pleaded for no prosecution of Nixon (after Nixon had confessed to withholding evidence) because he felt that Nixon had already suffered enough and out of the other side of his mouth he continued to scream for the death penalty, larger police forces, and harsher laws and sentences to maintain law and order. It begins to make sense, however, when we realize that when the ruling class talks about law enforcement for their peer group and on the people they are talking about two different things.

There are two kinds of bourgeois justice in America today. One is the "justice" we hear about in the Constitution. It includes the ideals of leniency, compassion, innocence until proven guilty, trial by peers, etc. This type of justice is reserved for people who actively support the ruling class. The closer to the top in the bourgeois democratic system the person is, the less likely he or she is to be prosecuted at all. This is because the closer to the top criminal behavior is exposed, the more obvious to the people it is that the whole system is criminal. (This is why it was so crucial to the bourgeoisie to try to isolate Watergate as being the actions of a few extremist individuals).

The other kind of bourgeois justice is law and order. Law and order is the enforcement wing of fascism. It seeks to smash resistance to the ruling class. This repression must be harsh because the very existence of the ruling minority depends upon its ability to exploit and keep under its control the majority of people.

The ruling class tries to rationalize fascist repression to the people. We hear cries from the Reagans, Youngers, Rockefellers etc., that the major crises today are caused by the people. Crime on the streets is because the people won't obey the laws; inflation is because the people are demanding too high a wage; the energy crisis was (and will be again) because people are driving their cars too fast and too much, heating or cooling their homes too much; unemployment is because the people don't want

### NATIONAL INJUSTICE

Stephen Kessler and Joe Martinez are co-defendants indicted by the federal government in Atlanta, Georgia on charges that are 6 years old. These charges stem from 2 unsolved murders and one attempted murder that occurred in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary in 1968 when both men were incarcerated there. Why have the authorities waited this long to bring charges against these two men?

Stephen Kessler is a 31-year-old white prisoner from Oregon. Because of his political beliefs, his organizing ability that breaks down racial barriers fostered by the prison system itself, and his instrumental role in the formation of the Church of the New Song, Stephen has been transferred from prison to prison across the country for the last 7 years in an attempt to silence him. During the last 6 months, after his return to Oregon State Penitentiary from San Quentin, he has been fighting the transfer from OSP to Atlanta. But on July 12, Gov. Tom McCall refused to intercede and Stephen was sent to Georgia. Stephen is within a year of his parole and was appealing his original conviction.

Joe Martinez is a Chicano brother in his 50's. He has spent the last 17 years in prison. Joe was in the Marion, Illinois Federal Penitentiary last December when the indictments came down. He was transferred to Atlanta where he has been kept in the hole, in isolation from outside contacts, for no apparent reason. Joe's health is not good—he is a diabetic. He was due to be paroled in September.

The prosecution refuses to release any of its evidence or names of witnesses for this case. What kind of promises did the prosecution make to "uncover" testimony and evidence that didn't exist 6 years ago? Whose justice will the trial of these two brothers serve?



to work. The ruling class tries to criminalize the people to camouflage the real crimes; slave wages, unsafe working conditions, forced sterilization, price fixing, unsafe housing, racism, sexism, denial of decent medical care and nutrition, firing workers who try to better their working conditions - in short, stealing a decent living from the majority so that they, the minority, can grow ever richer.

It will do us no good to put our energies towards reforming the judicial system. (Although we should always educate people as to the inequities.) The bourgeois system of "justice" can only become more fascist as the capitalist system increasingly weakens.

Bourgeois justice can only serve the needs of the bourgeoisie. The only true justice in this country will be at the hands of the people - with the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat following a socialist revolution.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**  
**THE ONLY TRUE JUSTICE IS THE PEOPLE'S JUSTICE!**



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However, to say that the AB lacks a cohesive political ideology does not mean at all that it is a "non-political" organization in reality, merely a politically disunified group. A lack within an organization of a clear understanding of the organization's purpose makes such a group a prime target for manipulation by the enemy. No organization is non-political or without function; and as was said, the AB is not a "bunch of kids," but a group of men who live their lives under conditions of intense repression and "play" for high stakes. Thus it is that much more important for them to clearly define which side they are on and what the AB's function is, in order to prevent being used unconsciously against other oppressed peoples as a tool of the ruling class.

"Policy is the starting-point of all the practical actions of a revolutionary party and manifests itself in the process and the end-result of that party's actions. A revolutionary party is carrying out a policy whenever it takes any action. If it is not carrying out a correct policy, it is carrying out a wrong policy; if it is not carrying out a given policy consciously, it is doing so blindly." (Mao Tse -Tung)

WORK TO BUILD A CORRECT LINE!  
DEATH TO ALL NAZIS!!!

### DEMO AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

On August 12, the Sacramento Solidarity Committee made an unexpected appearance at the Sacramento County Courthouse with banners and leaflets protesting fascist attacks on poor and Third World communities by police.

Despite the fact that there were only six protesters, there was quite a stir created because of the nature of demands presented on the leaflet and the outspoken slogans on the large banners that were displayed. The banners read, "No justice from the racist and rich," and, "DA Tochterman--White Racist, Nazi" (Tochterman is the prosecutor in the murder case against four Black Muslims in Sacramento).

The fascists were obviously taken aback because of the suddenness of the surprise protest and the discipline involved; it was not on their terms, and was a direct political assault on the nature of the police and judicial system.

Exchange between Committee members and people coming in and out of the Courthouse varied from solidarity to the animosity of hostile courtroom lackeys who gritted their teeth in disgust... The education that took place between the people and the demonstrators has proven to be very valuable in linking political work directly with the people. The entire action lasted an hour, from nine to ten a.m., ending with chants of, "Attica means--FIGHT BACK," "George Jackson means--FIGHT BACK," etc.

The demonstration itself was a result of an awareness among our Committee members that there exists in all of us an incredible lack of activity against the fascist attacks on the community and with the realization that practice is the spearhead to our liberation.

In the next issue of the Peoples Witness, we will cover the Black Muslim case in more depth.

Below is the text of the leaflet that was distributed at the courthouse:

#### END FASCIST CONTROL OF THE COMMUNITY

We charge that the recent racist attacks upon the black community are an attempt by the Government and its repressive arm, the police/judicial system, to provoke a racial war or at a minimum foster racial tensions between the different peoples of our community.

We, the Sacramento Solidarity Committee, protest this Nazi-like tactic to use peoples' color as a racist tool to divide the community.

We further charge that the Government uses any excuse to attack and harass the poorer and Third World Communities with no thought to "justice" what-so-ever.

It is clear that working, poor and Third World people will never be able to have "justice" at the hands of racist Nazi police forces that only serve the interests of the ruling class.

We refuse to be played off into the racist "divide and conquer" tactics of the ruling class and stand in solidarity with the oppressed peoples of this community.

#### WE DEMAND

1. All charges be dropped against the Muslim defendants in the interest of "JUSTICE".
2. All charges be dropped against the Grant Arson defendants in the interest of "JUSTICE".
3. All attacks by the police in the Third World, working class and poor communities be halted immediately.
4. All police forces be disarmed and their weapons turned over to the people to defend themselves against police attack.
5. The murderers from the police department and the sheriffs department be brought to justice for the killings of Raymond Brewer and Brian Singh, both 15 year old Third World youths.
6. Immediate review of all persons in jail and prison by a genuine jury of their peers to determine whether or not their "crimes" were against the people.

THE ONLY JUSTICE.....IS PEOPLE'S JUSTICE!!!



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Sentenced under North Carolina's revised death penalty statute are Jesse Walton, 24; Vernon Brown, 22; Bobby Hinee, 23. The men were to die on Jan. 10, but a stay of execution has been granted pending an appeal. The Southern Poverty Law Center, a Montgomery, Alabama based organization, has taken on their appeal. We received the following letter from them to spread the word and gain support from the people.

Dear Sirs,

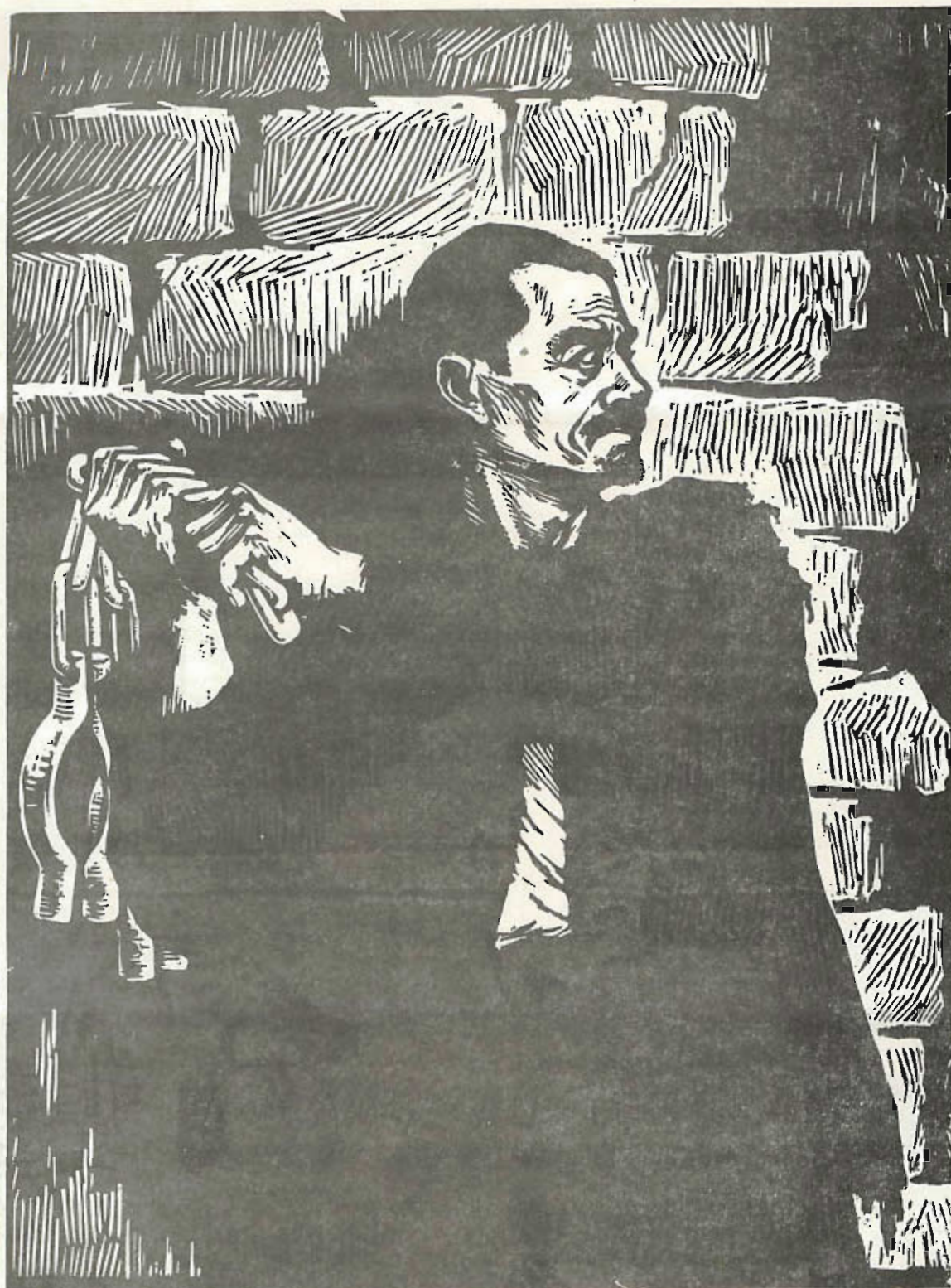
We are the defendants in the accused case of rape last Aug. the 5th 1973 in the County of Edgecombe, town of Tarboro, N.C. We were tried on Dec. the 3rd in Tarboro Superior Court. We were convicted Dec. the 9th and the death penalty was pronounced against us....

We now face the death penalty because of injustice and prejudice. Also because we turned down the state's offer to plead guilty with an intent to commit rape. We said we were not guilty of the crime of rape, therefore we wasn't pleading guilty to anything. We also feel that justice wasn't rendered unto us during the entire matter. More because of prejudice, which we and others even smelled as we walked through the Courtroom doors. It was altogether an unfair, unjust, and prejudiced trial and we will fight to the very end. We feel that the battle can be won and the truth of the matter can be revealed.....

For further information and to show your support in their struggle, contact:

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