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On August 20, the SSC held a demonstration in Sacramento to remember George Jackson who was murdered by the CDC three years ago on that day. We marched through a downtown shopping mall on our way to CDC headquarters carrying an open coffin with "GEORGE JACKSON LIVES" on the lid and a banner which read "CDC: MURDERERS". We passed out leaflets which gave a brief history of George's life and politics to the people on the mall and also to the CDC workers who were just going on lunch break when we arrived. We received mixed reactions from the workers ranging anywhere from curiosity and having an interest in what we had to say to the typical redbaiting that can be expected anytime you confront pigs at one of their hangouts. While talking with the workers, we explained to a young black woman that the bombing that took place there three years ago was done by the Weather Underground in retaliation for George's murder. She responded by saying that what was explained to her at a CDC symposium was that some lady came in and planted a bomb in the bathroom for no apparent reason at all!

After about an hour, we finished leafletting, gave a final "fight back" chant and left leaving the coffin behind. By leaving the open coffin with "GEORGE JACKSON LIVES!" written on it at the front door of his murderers, the CDC, it became another symbol of the fact that George has not been forgotten by the people and that although the pigs may kill a revolutionary, they will never kill the revolution!!

REMEMBER GEORGE JACKSON!!! REMEMBER ALL FALLEN COMRADES!!!



In the last issue of the Peoples' Witness we reported a demonstration that the Sacramento Solidarity Committee held in front of the Sacramento County Courthouse. A leaflet was passed out entitled End Fascist Control of Community, which protested the recent attacks against working class, poor, and Third World peoples in the Sacramento area. The occasion was the beginning of the Muslim Murder Trial (4 black men accused of shooting several white men and killing one of them) still going on at this time. See Issue No. 10 for more details of the demonstration.

The Grant Arson Trial ended with all charges either dismissed or found not guilty against the defendants who did not inform to the police. The man who did inform got a probation term for conspiracy to burn several schools.



RESOLUTION OF INTERNAL STRUGGLE

The movement forward of revolutionaries is based on theory and practice. Theory cannot stand by itself and represent movement forward and neither can practice. The combination of the two is what distinguishes the revolutionary from the political worker. The Sacramento Solidarity Committee, through the process of analysis, has arrived at the conclusion that our growth as revolutionaries can not move forward within the context of the Sacramento Solidarity Committee.

Our first decision in resolving the contradictions within the Committee is to discontinue the Peoples' Witness. This will be the last issue of the paper. It is extremely difficult to put down the work on the paper, but as revolutionaries we realize that our obligation is to not only educate and expose, but to grow and fight the enemy by the means necessary for the objective/subjective conditions. The PW was a meaningful task for us and we all have heavy feelings about its demise. No decision is easy especially when it entails qualitative change both in the manner of work being attempted and the manner of relating to each other as comrades. We recognize that our growth was more quantitative than qualitative at this time and the objective conditions call for a definite move forward.

We are convinced of the surge forward of the revolutionary movement in this country and are positive people will pick up the work at a much higher level than we were capable of, this none of us doubt for a second. To despair and look upon our work as the effort of a few individuals is counter-revolutionary and fails to understand the historical movement of the masses of people -- for revolution is a mass movement that is based on historical objective reality. The subjective quality is the conscious effort of people to move forward and that is the realm in which we enter, now.

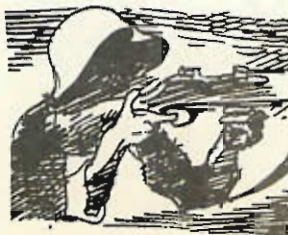
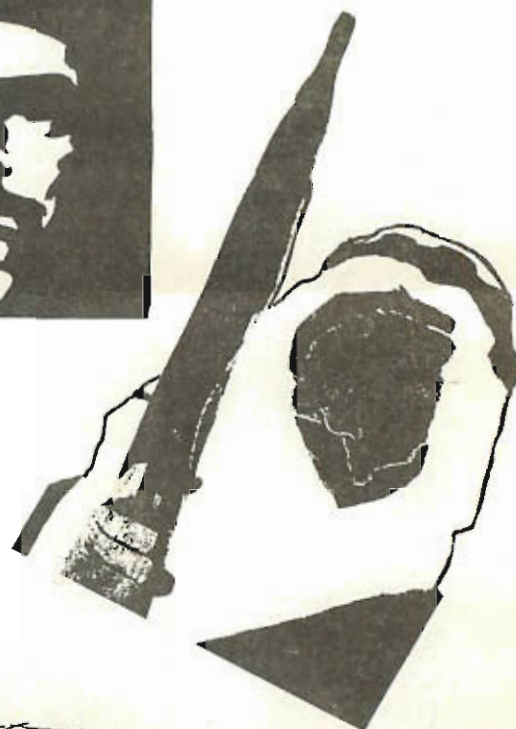
To the people, our comrades, friends and acquaintances we send our deepest revolutionary regards and solidarity. The Peoples' Witness has been our voice and we have tried to send it forth with our love and respect for the people's struggle. All we can say is that different times call for different tactics in the struggle. Everyone of you shall live in our hearts and minds, your lessons and strengths have helped us learn and brought us to this decision.

Our second decision in resolving the contradictions within the Committee calls for us to complete our commitments as a committee to the people. To finish as much of our task as possible is crucial to us. We must always demonstrate to the people our commitment to the struggle. There are many tasks that we feel we are unable to complete and as such stand ready to accept the criticism that is due us.

1. The important and crucial coverage of our comrades Ernest Graham and Eugene Allen imprisoned at DVI Tracy and battling for their lives against the State of California. They are accused of killing a guard at Tracy, an incident the State used to justify the lock-down of the prisons. This weighs heavily on us for these two comrades are not getting the support they so desperately need from the revolutionary movement. To these comrades we say, "You are not forgotten".
2. The up-coming trial of Russell Little and Joe Remiro, two SLA POW's needs coverage and support. These two comrades must have the complete support from the revolutionary movement.
3. The list of "general demands" that we attempted to initiate within the prison movement must go unfinished. Our failure to struggle with this important demand represents an area of complete failure on the part of the Committee. We can find plenty of excuses, but none of them are meaningful.
4. The discussion of the "National Question" has been left unfinished by us. We only investigated the problem in terms of white nationalism and as a result left some very bad feelings among some of the white comrades we correspond with. We did not attempt to just attack incorrect thinking among whites and play a liberal racist game with Third World people and not attack certain dangerous qualities of Third World "cultural national autonomy". But we know the discussion and debate will continue -- it must if we are to win.

The list goes on and on. Those in need of help grow daily with the never-ending repression of the fascists and it makes our task that much more difficult to complete with this heavy knowledge about the unfinished work we left. But again the revolution is the work of the people and the people are moving forward. So, to the people we say.....THE STRUGGLE IS THE FUTURE AND THE FUTURE IS OURS!!!

MOVE FORWARD!! MOVE FORWARD!! BUILD REVOLUTIONARIES!



inez garcia & fred madrano :

PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF SELF DEFENSE!

The following is a fact sheet published by the Inez Garcia Defense Committee:

The trial starts in Salinas August 19, transportation will be provided.* If you can attend, or help Inez in any way (e.g. publicity, endorsements, money, etc.) leave a message for Sandy or Claudia or Betty at (415)845-RAPE or call Sheila at 526-3811.

On the evening of March 19, 1974, in Soledad, California, Inez Garcia was raped. She was raped and beaten behind the two bedroom apartment she shared with Fred Madrano. Two men, friends of Fred's and casual acquaintances of Inez's, had arrived at the apartment at 8:00 PM, allegedly to talk with Fred. Fred was not home at the time, and so they waited for him, drinking some liquor they had with them and making disparaging remarks at Inez.

Fred arrived home at about 8:15 or 8:30 PM. He was harassed and threatened by these two men, Louis Castillo and Miguel Jimenez (whose father owns several farm labor camps). A fight broke out initiated by Louis and Miguel. When the fight ended, Fred went to clean up and Inez ordered Louis and Miguel out of the house. She saw them to the door and walked outside to make sure that they left. While outside the two men (Miguel and Louis) forced her to come behind the house with them where they beat her, tore her clothes and raped her. After they finished they left her there, in a dazed condition, alone behind the house. In a state of shock and hysterical from the assault on her person, Inez went into the house--and loaded her 22 Caliber rifle. She then set out to find the two men who had violated her. She found them about 30 minutes later--five blocks away--beating up her roommate for the second time. She saw Jimenez draw a knife and called out their names. Jimenez turned and threw the knife in her direction. Inez took aim and fired--killing Jimenez and missing Castillo completely. For this clear act of self defense, Inez and her roommate have been charged with 1st degree murder, as is typical of what happens to rape victims in court, in this setting the victim is charged with murder--the attacker is the accuser.

The state feels that Inez's actions constitute premeditation and that Fred was an accomplice. Inez and Fred go to trial on August, 19, 1974, in Salinas, California. Inez is represented by Charles Garry of San Francisco and Fred is represented by Thomas Worthington of Salinas, California. Inez is 30 years old, is married and has one child--a son, 11 years of age. Her home is in Florida. She is of Cuban and Puerto Rican descent. She cannot read or write. She was living and working in Soledad, California, waiting for her husband to be released from Soledad Prison. She is a farmworker. She spent most of her time in Soledad working in the fields and caring for children, helping others who needed her, and visiting her husband in prison.

It seems clear, from the story told by both Inez and Fred that the two men, Louis Castillo and Miguel Jimenez came to the apartment that night looking for trouble. They had been drinking, were argumentative and threatening. During the rape--Inez remembers that they continued to make fun of her and laugh at her. After Inez went into the house and was loading her gun, they called on the phone from a friend's house--and again threatened to harm her if she did not leave town.

Inez feels that she acted in self defense--that her life was in danger as well as the life of her friend, and in turn the lives of other women in Soledad. She believes she acted in a correct way and hopes her actions and subsequent plea of self defense will pave the way and end the beating, rapes and threats for other women and children who live in fear in Soledad, California.

(*Note: The trial, which began August 19, is still going on.)

CRITICISM

Coverage and support of the Garcia-Madrano case has been confined almost exclusively to the Feminist Movement. The fact that the primary interest of the Feminist Movement centers in sexual oppression (all too often to the exclusion of class and racial oppression) has resulted in all attention being focused solely on Inez as a woman and a rape victim, and only secondarily as a poor Third World woman, and one who fought back. The puzzling fact that Fred Madrano is also on trial for Murder One, despite the fact that he had no hand in the shooting of Jimenez, is barely mentioned. (For instance, the publicity release states that, "For this clear act of self defense, Inez and her roommate have been charged with 1st degree murder, as is typical of what happens to rape victims in court..." Does this mean that Fred was also a rape victim?)

ANALYSIS

Self Defense

Since the bourgeois government exists only to keep the people down, its claims of "objective justice" are of course only a facade it tries to present to the people. This is necessary because in order to hold power, the ruling class tries to keep the people's faith in bourgeois "democracy." It is crucial to the survival of the bourgeoisie that the people believe that their police/judicial system is the only real authority to dispense justice. As the people increasingly realize that bourgeois justice is a farce, they are going to start moving against it more and more. As the facade of justice crumbles, fascism (in the guise of "law and order") steps up its efforts to disarm and terrorize the people. Self defense is a basic right of all people. The racism and class nature of the courts leaves people like Inez Garcia no alternative but to take action by themselves against attackers.

Rape

It is necessary to understand the reasons behind rape: we must realize that rape is not merely a manifestation of men's sexism. Capitalism creates and benefits from the kind of sexist values that motivate rapists--divide and conquer, play the people off against each other to divert their attention from the real enemy. We must understand that rape is a product of an inhuman society (as opposed to just a warped, sadistic, or perverted individual as we are often led to believe). We cannot use these facts, however, to justify rape. All people have a right to control of their own bodies and sexuality. Rape is a crime against the people, it is a symptom of a decadent society, and it must be smashed.

The solution is not tougher laws against rape within the existing framework. This is the "law-and-order" advocates' "solution" to rape. Tougher laws can serve only to be a more convenient tool for the fascist and racist oppression of poor/Third World men; certainly they are not in reality going to ease the situation of poor/Third World women. To press for tougher laws and enforcement under fascism is at best a seriously misguided position and can be considered little better than reactionary.

Working/poor people can never expect "justice" from the courts and laws of our oppressors. We must create our own justice. Inez Garcia's courageous act will certainly go farther to strike fear into the hearts of those who would prey upon our sisters and brothers than any number of sham "trials" in the courts of our oppressors.

MARTIN SOSTRE COMMUNIQUE

(Martin Sostre ran an Afro-Asian bookstore in Buffalo which served as a center for community organizing. When the black rebellion broke out in 1967, the fire department tried to destroy the bookstore. The police arrested Martin and his assistant, Geraldine Robinson, when they claimed to have found heroin in the store. They singled out Martin, charging him with "organizing" the rebellion and with arson. When these political charges could not be proven, the police produced a "witness", Arto Williams, to testify that Martin had sold him a bag of heroin. On this evidence, Sostre went to prison in 1968.)

Although Williams admitted in a 1971 affidavit that he had framed Sostre to avoid conviction himself on a grand larceny charge, Sostre has been in jail ever since.

His prison history has been a series of beatings, solitary confinement, prison switches—and struggle. He brought suit against Greenhaven prison for cruel and unusual punishment after 372 days in the hole, and won. Switched to Wallkill prison, he organized 200 prisoners into the Prisoners' Liberation Front, and edited from prison a newspaper called Black News.

Funds and support can be sent C/O Martin Sostre Defense Comm. Box 839, Elliott Station, Buffalo, N.Y. 14205.)

Sisters and Brothers:

The escalating repression by this predatory, racist and sexist capitalist system makes glaringly clear to all but the most politically backward that the dire predictions that U.S. capitalism would evolve into Fascism have come to pass. Restoration of the death penalty, life sentences for drugs, recent supreme court rulings upholding the denial of the right to live in communes, the right to privacy and human dignity (by granting police the right to arbitrarily invade peoples' persons and homes and use an evidence in court anything seized during the illegal search), police electronic eavesdropping, infiltration, frameups, assassinations, brutalizations, dehumanizations, behavior modification, and genocide are some of the repressive fascist measures now being implemented.

The question now is: What are we going to do about this murderous fascism? Shall we continue spouting empty revolutionary rhetoric without commensurate deeds and passively stand by like sheep while our comrades are framed by the Gestapo police, kidnapped off the streets and murdered one by one? Must we each passively await our turn to be led to the oppressors' cages, brutalized or murdered? Or shall we oppose the choking fascist oppression which if allowed to continue encroaching on what's left of our personal freedoms will eventually convert us into dehumanized mindless robots? The answer is obvious. Indeed, to defend ourselves by all means necessary against the destruction of our human rights and personhood not only is the natural right to self-defense but a human duty.

By what means then shall we resist the fascist oppressors? The answer to this is determined by the means employed to oppress us. Our oppression is multi-dimensional. We are oppressed economically, legally, psychologically, culturally, physically and by all other means deemed necessary by the criminal ruling class to maintain themselves in power. Since oppression is multi-dimensional does not common-sense dictate that resistance to it be multi-dimensional; with each level of oppression challenged by a commensurate level of revolutionary resistance?

For example, the fascist lies propagated by the controlled media press must be challenged with revolutionary truth disseminated by the movement press, tapes, films, books, pamphlets, leaflets, posters, etc. Not too many militants and revolutionaries will disagree with this. Only when the same common-sense is applied to opposing fascist violence with revolutionary armed resistance do many of them become horrified. Witness the reaction of most of the movement people to SIA's armed revolutionary response to fascist repression.

The current revolutionary action of the SIA is the correct and inevitable response to the countless kidnappings, frame-ups, brutalizations and murders perpetrated by the ruling class members upon resisters of oppression. At long-last the individual members of this exploitative-racist-sexist system are being subjected to revolutionary justice. As Malcolm X said, "It's a case of the chickens coming home to roost." I extend my revolutionary love and solidarity to my SIA comrades and wish them success.

Why then are so-called militants and revolutionaries so horrified when the armed fascist repression is resisted by the armed might of the people? Do they expect the people to revert to the turn-the-other-cheek stage of the 1950's and respond to fascist murder, sadistic brutalization, frame-ups, and tortures with passive acquiescence, love for our fascist enemies and cooperation in our own oppression?

Or is it that these horrified so-called militants and revolutionaries see the liberation struggle as one dimensional, to be fought solely on the level of consciousness they happen to be on? Surely they cannot be so politically retarded as to believe that in a liberation struggle the enemy should be fought on only one level — that approved by the enemy!

It is just as absurd to propose that everyone resist fascist oppression through peaceful means as to propose armed resistance for everyone. Just because I'm a revolutionary anarcho-communist who believes in armed struggle does not dogmatize me to propose that everyone arm and go underground. Nor would I denounce those who refuse to do so.

Paradoxically, though these leftists bitterly denounce all violence by U.S. revolutionaries against the U.S. ruling class, they highly praise as "heroic" the armed violence of revolutionaries in Africa, Asia, Ireland, Mideast and Latin America. The rule seems to be that armed violence is an acceptable form of revolutionary struggle except when employed by the U.S. revolutionaries against the fascist ruling class of the U.S. In effect, it's as if the role of these left groups is to protect the ruling class from violence and confine the liberation struggle to the boundaries of legal activities approved by the ruling class.

However, the irrefutable truth is that a liberation struggle is revolutionary war. Revolutionary war is a complicated process of mass struggle, armed and unarmed, peaceful and violent, legal and clandestine, economic and political, where all forms of struggle are developed harmoniously around the axis of armed struggle. Anyone who by now has not grasped these basic facts does not know what liberation struggle is — or is trying to palm off reformism for liberation struggle.

A distinction must be made between reformists and revolutionaries. Reformists seek merely to reform through legal means, and not overthrow the existing fascist system. That's why they panic when the people exercise their right to armed self-defense against the genocidal violence of the fascist ruling class. Revolutionaries seek the complete overthrow of the fascist system by all means necessary including armed struggle. Revolutionaries seek moreover to subject to peoples' justice individual members of the criminal ruling class for their many crimes against humanity.

The spreading to the East and West coasts of the philosophy of subjecting members and agents of the ruling class to people's justice attests to how widespread this revolutionary concept has become. It can never be erased from the consciousness of the people, the revolutionary clock.

At long last the peoples' armed force has emerged within the United States to oppose the Gestapo of the fascist ruling class. The balance of power has radically shifted. Gone forever are the days when the fascists could perpetrate every conceivable crime with impunity. The price of oppression has been raised, and shall soon become prohibitive.

The stolen billions of dollars possessed by members of the criminal ruling class shall soon become a liability. They'll be forced to convert their mansions into fortresses protected by round-the-clock armed guards and electronic protective devices. Every venture outside the besieged fortresses will require escorts of armed guards. Even this will not guarantee safety. For revolutionary justice shall stalk the fascist criminals at every turn. Already the people's army has sent shivers of fear through the spine of the criminal ruling class who clearly recognize the signs as meaning: the beginning of the end.

Conversely, the people's armed self-defense force has created new hope in the hearts of the oppressed—particularly revolutionary comrades held hostage in fascist prisons serving long sentences. Soon the fascist ruling class will be forced to free these prisoners of war in exchange for captured members of their own class.

The denunciation of the SIA by the movement press is indistinguishable from that of the ruling class. Indeed, some movement newspapers quoted statements from the controlled press to support their claim that the people rejected the kidnapping. The criminal ruling class rubbed their hands in glee and publicized how divided the left was over the SIA. Each left organization seemed to be competing with the others for legitimacy by denouncing the SIA. It was utterly disgusting, reactionary and opportunistic.

Nor were the denunciations made in a spirit of constructive criticism by fellow comrades. No attempt was made by the movement press to publicize the SIA program, analyze it and point out where it was erroneous. The criticism was deliberately hostile and designed to isolate the SIA by poisoning people's minds against them.

Conspicuously absent from the denunciations of the SIA in the movement press is any discussion of the role of armed struggle. The impression given is that armed struggle is not an essential part of the revolutionary struggle; that revolutionary violence is something repulsive which should be shunned. The left movement press would have one believe that to overthrow the criminal ruling class we have merely to organize mass movements, demonstrations, protest and repeat revolutionary slogans. Even after Chile (the latest of a series of tragedies where thousands of defenseless comrades were slaughtered because of the criminal refusal of leftist leaders to arm the people against the armed might of the ruling class) the movement in the United States still follows the same ill-fated line of Allende — as evidenced by the bitter denunciations of the armed action of the SIA.

Most movement organizations are so busy following their dogmatic party lines, repeating revolutionary clichés and downing other movement groups that they're unable to see the self-evident. Were their natural powers of perception and consciousness not stultified by party-lineism they would know that a revolutionary liberation movement must deal with the enemy concurrently on all levels, including armed violence. Otherwise when the inevitable showdown with the ruling class comes, the revolution will be left defenseless and the lives of our beloved comrades needlessly sacrificed.

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Victory - Justice - Freedom!

Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel-Miranda, Irving Flores, and Andres Figueroa-Cordero have been in jail for 20 years since their demonstration in Congress on March 1, 1954. Oscar Collazo has been in prison for 24 years since his demonstration at Blair House on Nov. 1, 1950. They are not criminals but rather members of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico who are dedicated to struggling for the independence of their country. In prison, separated from their country and children, they have left behind their youth and have entered old age. Furthermore, Lolita and Andres are both seriously ill. These prisoners are the longest held political prisoners in the United States. They should not spend another day in prison.

These Puerto Rican patriots were driven to bring the desperate situation of Puerto Rico to the attention of the world. Puerto Rico is a colony of the United States and conditions under colonialism are terrible. The United States controls the economic, political, social, and cultural life of the Puerto Ricans, a situation which reaps huge profits for the U.S. (\$1 Billion annually), but has forced almost two million Puerto Ricans to leave the island. Puerto Rico's wealth goes to the U.S. corporations, leaving P.R. with 30% unemployment, 50% of the population on public assistance, an average per capita income of less than \$2000, over 400 slums. The U.S. takes Puerto Rican youth to fight in its wars, uses 13% of the island's arable land for military bases, and an inhabited island, Culebra, as a target practice area. U.S. corporations pay no taxes, yet they pay Puerto Rican workers 1/3 of their U.S. counterpart's salary.

The United States has consistently denied that Puerto Rico is their colony. However, on December 14, 1973, the United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly recognized that Puerto Rico is a colony of the United States. One hundred and four (104) nations of the world stated that they "reaffirm the inalienable right of the Puerto Rican people to self-determination and independence." Thus, the international community has agreed with the imprisoned Nationalists' analysis of the political reality of Puerto Rico.

Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel-Miranda, Irving Flores, Andres Figueroa-Cordero, and Oscar Collazo must be given unconditional amnesty so they can return to their beloved Puerto Rico and their families in 1974. Justice will be served only when they are FREE.

Lolita Lebron Committee
THIRD WORLD WOMEN'S ALLIANCE
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The above group has petitions, more information, etc. if you are interested in helping out. FREE ALL THE PEOPLE!!!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS



A BLACK WOMAN SPEAKS ON WHITE WOMANHOOD

"It is right that I a woman
black,
should speak of white womanhood.
My fathers
my brothers
my sons
die for it, because of it.
And their blood
Chilled in electric chairs,
stopped by hangman's noose
cooked by lynch mobs' fire,
spilled by white supremacist mad desire to kill for profit,
gives me that right.

I would that I could speak of white womanhood
as it will and should be
when it stands tall in full equality.
But then, womanhood will be womanhood
void of color and of class,
and all necessity for my speaking thus will be past
Gladly past.

White womanhood too is enslaved,
the difference is degree...
They brought me here in chains...
They brought you here willing slaves to man....
If they counted my teeth
they did appraise your thigh
and sold you to the highest bidder
the same as I.
They trapped me with the chain and gun,
They trapped you with the lying tongue.
He purchased you.
He raped me.
I fought!
But you fought neither for yourselves nor me.
Sat trapped in your superiority
and spoke no reproach.

You bore the damning mockery of your marriage
and heaped your hate on me....



Yes, they condemned me to death
and they condemned you to decay....

I would that the poor among you could have seen
through the scheme
and joined hands with me.
Then, we being the majority, could long ago
have rescued our wasted lives....
It was no mistake that your naked body on an
Esquire calendar announced the date, May Eighth.
This is your fate if you do not wake to fight.
They will use your naked bodies to sell their wares,
though it be hate, Coca Cola, or rape.

This is the depravity they would reduce you to.
Death for me
and worse than death for you.

So be careful when you talk with me.
Remind me not of my slavery, I know it well
but rather tell me of your own.

If you will fight with me then take my hand...
as we set about our plan
let our wholehearted fight be:
Peace in a world where there is equality."

Beulah Richardson
(Workers World)

COMMUNIQUE

Ernest Graham and Eugene Allen

(These communiques were written by brothers incarcerated in Deuel Vocational Institute at Tracy. Since they were written the Graham/Allen trial date has been changed to October 7th with a possibility of further postponement.)

THE SILENT RAILROAD

In the past five years the California Department of "Corruptions" has been in the spotlight of the news media. The incidents which caused attention to be focused on CDC have all been behind the CDC's abuse and outright murder of prisoners--mostly black. After the bloody episodes of recent years, the CDC still wishes to abuse and murder black prisoners. Many of you may not be too familiar with the case of Ernest Graham and Eugene Allen--two black prisoners in DVI accused of slaying a prison guard last November 27th, 1973. Perhaps you've read a short paragraph on it in the back section of a newspaper, because the CDC doesn't want news about this case to reach the people--excepting that information which is beneficial to them and their scheme to murder these two black prisoners. The trial date is set for September 23, 1974--less than 60 days away, and these two black prisoners have no valid support. The CDC has a method it uses to rationalize and win support for its vicious animalistic treatment of prisoners. The method is using the news media to spread tales of vicious prisoner gangs and revolutionary-inspired violence. This is what the State is basing its "new fascist" policies on. Ernest Graham and Eugene Allen are being railroaded silently through the Stockton Superior Court, while the people are kept uninformed about this case. These two black prisoners are at the mercy of a predatory pack of deranged, racist dogs whose only purpose is to murder these two brothers via the courts and add another notch to the long line of black prisoners who have been murdered in the past. Right now, one of the brothers, Eugene Allen, is being kept on a tier with nothing but racist white inmates, some of whom are presently going to court for stabbing black inmates! This is only a small part of the foul play. The State has propositioned various white, pro-Nazi-fascist inmates to murder black prisoners as a result of the guard slain here on November 27, 1973. The guards are arranging set-ups on black prisoners in "K-Wing." When a black prisoner attempts to send word out to his family about this, his letter is simply thrown away. Ernest Graham and Eugene Allen are in danger--they might not make it to trial. Recall, brother George L. Jackson never made it to trial...The State murdered him before his trial date--two days before! So we, the concerned black prisoners--victims, hope that black and all people in the communities will respond to this appeal and come to the aid of Ernest Graham and Eugene Allen--before a cruel fate overtakes them.

A Black Prisoner at DVI Tracy

A new wave of repression has emerged and expanded in the California Concentration Camp System. The California Department of Corrections has for many years been perpetuating many crimes behind those walls, and has used the names Rehabilitation and Corrections as a means to conceal and shield the many wretched and unjust things they have executed against the people they have incarcerated, and especially the Black prisoners that have fallen victim to the merciless and racist pigs. They are existing in a very inhuman and rotten condition in solitary confinement, which is called the Hole. They have isolated many Black brothers, who they consider too militant or a threat to the establishment. There are a lot of brothers who have been in this condition nine and ten years and even longer who will never get out. The quarters in which they are kept are rat infested and filthy. I do not consider it fit for the lowest of animals, much less a human being. The prison

officials and newspapers have mastered and perfected the art of deception, and they have very successfully, if not skillfully deceived you and I for a long time. Approximately 76% of the prison population are Black. Whenever you pick up the papers and read something along this line, you are made to believe that these are ruthless and dangerous criminals, who are a threat to your society. Which in essence these are your own Sons, your own flesh and blood. But what else can be expected when masses of Black people are being deprived and brutalized, and subjected to death daily throughout the United States. Not to mention that we are at the very bottom. There are not sufficient jobs, and many Black people do not have the proper education or skills to attain what little jobs there are. As a result many are imprisoned and murdered, while trying to escape the gutters and slums. Since the November 27th incident last year where a guard was slain in Tracy DVI and two Black prisoners were arrested and charged with this, the prison administration has brought to the public's attention a Black organization called the "Black Guerrilla Family." It seems somewhat strange that the prison officials would wait this late to bring this organization to the light. Anyone with a scant of perception can readily conceive that this is a lie and a plan to try and deceive us once again. This is the same plan the executed in Attica in 1971 when they indiscriminately slaughtered masses of unarmed Black prisoners. This is an old tactic that they have used effectively for many decades throughout our oppression. If the prison Administration knew of such an organization and felt that it was a danger to them in some way, they would have brought this out long ago, instead of waiting until a specific incident and then make a frantic effort to build sufficient evidence against the Black prisoners. There are many flaws that can be seen in this. Their accusations are not valid. Even if there was such an organization, it would be in the interest of the Black brothers to establish some type of defense for their own survival against the sadist oppressors. We (as Black people) are all involved in this, directly or indirectly, for the simple reason we are all Black, and the majority of us are in poverty. Poverty is what creates these conditions.

So the fight for survival in this racist and capitalist society does not only concern Blacks, but anyone who is a victim of this mass repression. We who are incarcerated, need support from everyone.

There is power in unity
A Brother from Tracy

From: The Smyrna Five Cadre -- Delaware

To: My Revolutionary Brothers & Sisters;
To: All Underground Comrades;
To: P.W.

Comrades:

We are more than concern about recent "claims" by the pig press; relating to Sister Tania and co. Let such "claims" be totally untrue. There are more than sufficient revolutionary elements in the wilderness of North America, in which ones soldiers and comrades shall be able to go under in. The west is not the only place. The enemy must not be allowed to also "murder" this sister and co.; "As the light shines from the east to the west, so let that light reflect back -- from the west to the east." Do not (my fellow comrade SLA) let the "light of the enemy", find you sleeping. You know the proper "channels"! Trust few; sleep on no one!

Victory; Until Victory; Until Freedom;

Revolutionary Love; Delaware (S-5 Cadre)

UNIONISM vs INTERNATIONALISM

At a recent farmworkers rally in Davis, California, Cesar Chavez, head of the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee stated that no matter what the pseudo-revolutionaries say, the UFWOC was going to take a hard stand against the illegals. He further said that there was a conspiracy from the White House to send the illegals into the fields to break the strike. The UFWOC, he went on to say, demands that the Immigration and Naturalization Service crack down on the illegals. This position on immigrant workers without visas was further laid out by the UFWOC leadership in an editorial published in the July 31, 1974, issue of El Malcriado, their official newspaper:

"The position of the UFW is undaunted...the illegals must either be granted full democratic rights, including the right to join a union of their choosing, or they must go. The UFW takes an unequivocal stand against the use of illegals to impede unionization in the agricultural fields of the Southwest."

In practice the UFWOC has issued directives to its supporters and organizers to find and turn in all illegal immigrants. Many of the organizers who protested this practice and refused to carry it out were fired.

The position of the Chavez union leadership is one of reforming the capitalist system- in this case corporate agribusiness - to allow decent wages and benefits for farmworkers. This reform outlook has led to the stressing of short-term gains and a chauvinist attitude about building the union at any cost.

The primary emphasis of revolutionary union work in a capitalist economy must be in building working class solidarity against the ruling class and pushing for a concrete understanding of imperialism and its affect on workers worldwide. It has been shown once again in the UFWOC that this lack of socialist analysis can lead to the union becoming conscious or unconscious, a tool of the state.

The UFWOC has scapegoated the immigrant workers for the problems of the farmworkers struggle to unionize and stage successful strikes. This tactic can benefit only the American corporations. Demanding deportations and channeling the hate of oppressed workers towards other even more oppressed workers does not help to create decent working conditions for American workers. The Immigration and Naturalization Service has never functioned to benefit the workers. The corruption of the INS was so obvious that the U.S. Department of Justice was forced to conduct an investigation on it a couple of years ago. One of the typical situations that the investigators found was documented in the Sept, 1974 issue of The Call/El Clarion newspaper:

"It was time for one of the big Texas ranchers to harvest a crop. He hired a crew of illegal aliens and notified the chief of that particular Border Patrol sector of his action. The chief patrol agent saw to it that the ranch was not raided during the harvest. When the crop was in, the rancher notified the sector chief, and before the Mexicans were paid, the patrol arrested them and sent them back across the border.

The rancher got his crop out of the field, the chief patrol agent got year-round hunting rights on the ranches, and the Mexicans were introduced to slavery and deportation."

It is obvious that Mexican workers are here not because they want to scab on the just struggle for the farmworkers to gain decent wages and working conditions. They are here because U.S. corporations have super-exploited their country. Mexico has raging unemployment and poverty.



Teenage Mexican youth waits for night to fall to cross the Mexican border into the U.S. Needing jobs, thousands of Mexicans cross illegally each year - - LNS

The UFWOC is smokescreening the manipulations of the U.S. ruling class. In times of economic crisis the government tries to make the American working class believe that anyone except the capitalist class is the cause. They deport immigrant workers after they are brought in to break strikes. They expand racist agitation (i.e. forcing busing, creating Zebra conspiracies, funding and giving credibility to Nazi genocidists like William Shockley, cutting back welfare programs). At the same time the U.S. corporations are moving their manufacturing bases abroad into Europe or into underdeveloped (over-exploited) countries where they are able to pay very low wages and have no labor unions to contend with. More than a million jobs have been taken from American workers in manufacturing during the last five years. U.S. corporations constantly threaten that they will leave the country without any consideration for the workers, reduce production, or completely close down factories so as to force acceptance of wage cuts, speed-up and dangerous working conditions.

The question for revolutionaries is: What position do we take in regards to the UFWOC leadership and that of other unions who fall into the trap of doing the capitalist's propagandizing for him? To give unconditional support to the Farmworkers Union at this time would be compliance with their divisive and anti-worker line on 'illegals'. We must not, however stop supporting the rank and file farmworker. The struggle of the farmworkers for decent working conditions, pay and benefits is a just one and we must support all workers' struggles against the capitalist class. We must demand that the UFWOC changes its position on immigrant workers without visas. The UFWOC itself has had successes when it appealed to Mexican workers in border areas to join the strike by appealing to working class solidarity. The UFWOC must constantly agitate against the real enemy of the farmworker; the people who own the fields, control the economy of Mexico and other Third World countries to keep the people desperate for any type of outside work, make sure that when union organizing is successful that there are machines ready to take over workers jobs, and who run the Immigration and Naturalization Service. If the UFWOC is to meet the real needs of farmworkers it must work towards building working class solidarity and a socialist revolution.

THE FIELDS BELONG TO THE FARMWORKERS!
BUILD WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY!

NATIONALISM WITHIN U.S.

"Victorious socialism must achieve complete democracy and, consequently not only bring about the complete equality of nations, but also give effect to the right of oppressed nations to self determination i.e. the right to free political secession."

Lenin

Communists in the U.S. in order to build international proletarian solidarity not only have to examine and deal with colonies and nations externally oppressed by U.S. imperialism but those which are right here on this continent. This article will consider primarily the posing of questions and the beginnings of analysis on the internal national situation.

Because of the complexities of the national question and the various applications of previous definitions set down by Stalin and Lenin, there is much confusion surrounding the national question as it applies to the U.S.-- even to the extent of avoidance of issues by the left.

The purpose of encouraging and supporting the right to self determination of nations is a political demand under capitalism and should not be confused with cultural national autonomy. The aim of socialism is the merging of nations and the abolition of class society, neither of these will be achieved without proceeding through revolutionary stages of development i.e. the struggle for political and democratic rights and the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is also important to make clear distinctions between a dominant, oppressing nation and an oppressed nation such as the indigenous native to this land, the Indian. It is to the oppressed proletariat and poor of the dominant culture that communists must look in building socialism and class solidarity rather than the culture as a whole.

Perhaps the most obviously ignored issue in terms of America is that of the role the native peoples of this land play in the democratic and political right to self determination, nowhere have we the comfortable and preplanned solution, even traditional communist analysis leaves us only with indications or methods of finding an answer. The indigenous peoples are the only peoples who have claim to this land through historical origins not defined by colonial conquest by an alien nation or through forced importation (slavery), Indian nations existed here as a people, nations existed in every sense of the word, with land, heritage and culture.

The colonialists not only had the intention of conquering the Indian peoples for subjugation and to claim the land but to displace them, to uproot them and to destroy any semblance of a nation or of nations of people with a face and culture which is directly linked to this land and which is one with it, how else could the invading nation claim this land as its own and call itself one nation under God?

Despite the ruthless attempts at genocide the Indians of today still constitute nations and are becoming more cohesive and united in outlook. So it is not only the historical crimes of the ruling class we must view but the Indian nations of today which existed previous to colonial domination, this is one of the primary questions in terms of the national situation in the U.S., more and more it ceases to be a question and begins to serve as an exciting part of the answer for the liberation of the land and people of this continent.

In considering the relationship between the Indian and Chicano nationalist movements, imperialism is the historical factor that separated nations through domination, first through the rule of the Spanish and later by the white Anglo Saxon Ruling class...Are the Indian and Chicano nations one nation or two separate nations? i.e. La Raza nation and the Indian nation.

The issue of criteria for nations is obscured by the courts of the ruling nations. For instance, the native people of the Mexican/Californian border are considered two separate peoples by the ruling class apparatus, suffer language separations once and twice removed, live under laws defined by different courts and face uneven development because of it, yet if we penetrate the struggle between the conquering powers and the native peoples we have an increasing awareness of these people as a nation. If the criteria for nationhood is based simply from present relations back to colonial domination, it is to say the least (in a historical materialist sense) a case of national chauvinism from a European perspective, and/or a lack of in depth penetration into the nations of original inhabitants that exist in the realm of present relations as oppressed nations.

The attempt to define the original nations is not an attempt to rekindle tribalism but to trace the occupants of areas to original nations of those areas... if we fail to do so, an entire nation with rights as a nation could again be placed in a subordinate position, neglected of its rights, clouded and divided as a nation, all as a result of imperialist domination.

The black peoples have been the primary colonised people extracted from their land and nations to be used as a labor force in the development of capitalism in America, the subhuman treatment imposed upon these peoples places the masses of blacks at the vanguard of proletarians and colonised people as well as Asian, Puerto Rican, Latinos and other displaced third world peoples. The question is, how do peoples displaced as a labor force and colonised in another land become defined in terms of the land struggle and the struggle for self determination in relation to oppressed indigenous nations in that same area i.e. The black belt south as a historically constituted nation for the blacks because of the effects of colonialisation and slavery?

Oppressed nations within the U.S. have already been "promised" rights under domination, none have experienced without extreme violations the right to self determination. Before we create solidarity among nations, before nations merge on equal footing, these nations must be recognised and their right to self determination supported. Just as it is incorrect to define nations solely on the basis of what they are after conquest (accepting ruling class definitions) it is also incorrect to define nations in terms of race as the primary criteria because that would negate the extremely crucial issue of class, ignoring the bourgeoisie of nations and establishing cultural national autonomy--which is in the end a digression from a progressive relationship of nations and the proletariat of those nations.

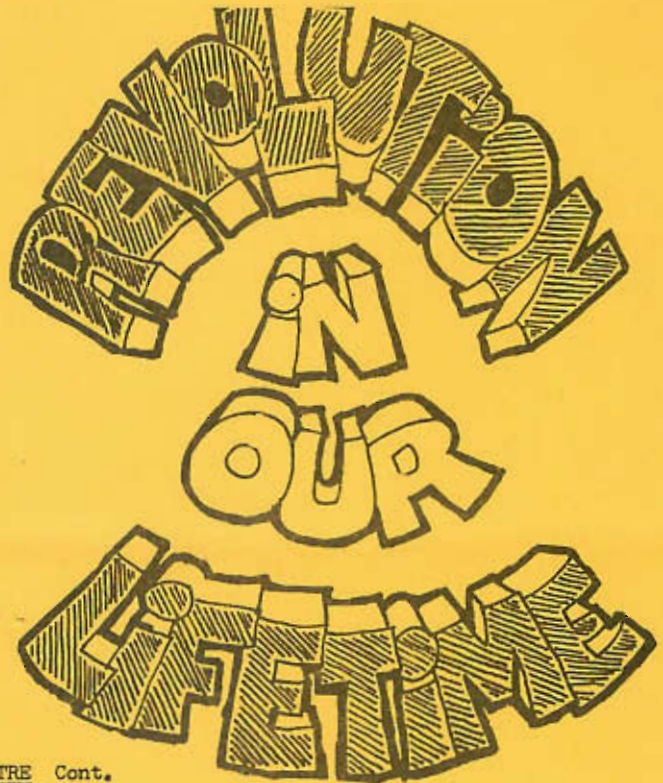
The complex aspects of the national question are resolved finally through the resolution of class, but the dictatorship of the proletariat and the initial stages of democratic and political rights of nations today remain grossly neglected in America. As communists we must always consider the primary relationship of nation to class, because we cannot return to tribalism, because we can only move forward, just as previously existing relations of production are lost, so we must carefully account for the historical development of present relations and how they have shaped the directions of the world and condition of the people.

In order to fully understand the land struggle and the ownership of the means of production we must intensely examine the nations of Indians of this continent, the relationships between colonised and third world peoples...and the proletarians and lumpen proletarians of all nations and peoples under capitalism. Within the realm of nations we must consider the criteria for the development of equality among nations for the eventual merging in a "free Union" or federation of nations with the right to political secession.

NATIONALISM Cont.

Certainly in the final analysis we must recognise the universality of the people, that we will have to unite all oppressed peoples of the world in order to really achieve the deepened revolution and liberation of the masses. Regardless of that eventuality we must grasp the issues at hand and move from our present position in a forward direction...progressing to international communism.

SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION!
STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE MULTIRACIAL SOLIDARITY!
UNITE AGAINST THE BOURGEOISIE OF ALL NATIONS!



MARTIN SOSTRE Cont.

The SLA is the armed resistance of the people to the exploitative, racist and sexist fascism which now is upon us. All resisters of oppression, on whatever level of conscience they may be, should rejoice at SLA's existence, at their successful deeds and the fear they put in the hearts of the criminal ruling class. It's therefore the duty of us all to support, by all means necessary, our SLA comrades. We must close ranks with them and give them the support they need. Let's not fall for the malicious lies spread by agents of the F.B.I. about the SLA which are designed to isolate SLA from the people to make it easier to capture or murder them.

I have carefully studied the declaration of Revolutionary War and the Symbionese Program of the Symbionese Federation and the Symbionese Liberation Army and find it generally sound. It incorporates much of our historical revolutionary experience. I believe the Symbionese Liberation Army has one of the most advanced revolutionary programs for liberation in operation within the United States of America.

The SLA represents the greatest challenge to fascist power because it objectifies the nucleus of the people's army which as history shows is necessary to deliver the death-blow to the military arm of the fascist parasitic class.

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A WARNING IN TIME
Venice 1848. "Ours is a large country, but there is room in it for only one flag."

A few months back the PW promised to publish a list of publications which are free to prisoners. Due to our work load and the changes we have been going through, the list has never been completed. Below are some names of papers we will send along to you in case you do not know of them. There are many more and these few can turn you on to more.

Akwesasne Notes, Mohawk Nation, via Roosevelttown, New York 13683
Bay Area Worker, P.O. Box 7154, Oakland, Calif.
Challenge, P.O. Box 562, San Francisco, Calif. 94101
Midnight Special, c/o National Lawyers Guild, 23 Cornelia St.,
New York, N.Y. 10014
Rising Up Angry, Box 3746, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill. 60654
Sunfighter, Box 22199, Seattle, Washington 98122
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