

Dear Friends,

Greetings of solidarity.

We are writing to all our friends, supporters, and correspondents. Each one of us writes to you individually, so most likely the issues in this letter are somewhat familiar, but we write this "form letter" to you all because our trial is actually approaching, and we need specific and focussed support (in addition to what all of you have already given.)

As our trial date (still unknown but early 1990) gets closer, we need to intensify the media exposure of our case, and consolidate the support we have gotten. The media blockade against us is a main way that the U.S. Attorney's office in Washington manipulates the real issues of our trial and keeps us silent. Just as the Bureau of Prisons hides the existence of political prisoners through "live burials" in lengthy prison sentences and isolating prison conditions, politicized and militarized trials like the Resistance Conspiracy trial set the stage so that only the government's side will be heard.

We have used this time together to begin to break through this wall of silence imposed by the government. One of the main ways we have done this is through the "Open Letter to the Progressive Community." Prior to actually printing it as an ad in the alternative press (The Nation, Gay Community News, The Progressive, Sojourner's, and The Guardian), we obtained over 500 signatures from supporters, and were able to raise enough money to pay for the printing of these ads. Now the Open Letter ads are beginning to appear in these newspapers, and we are getting responses. For us, this is the first time we have been able to get support and recognition as political prisoners and this will help us to defuse the "terrorist" hype, both at trial and beyond.

What we are asking each of you to do is to take our Open Letter and get it reprinted in any local newspapers or publications that are based in your respective communities. These could include school or university papers, coop newsletters, organizational newsletters, or progressive community-based newspapers. We suggest that these publications be asked to reprint it in one of the following 3 forms:

- 1) In display form, donating space for an ad. This format enables us to include not only the text, but also a partial list of signers and a coupon to simplify readers' responses. (We enclose one sample format.) We would provide camera-ready copy for this purpose.
- 2) As a newsprint leaflet that would be inserted into the publication prior to its distribution. This leaflet would be lightweight enough not to add to mailing costs.
- 3) If either of the above is not possible, as a letter to the editor with a few of the signatures and a request that readers respond to the Emergency Committee address.

There are alternative newspapers that have already agreed to print it as a letter to the editor (Ann Arbor Agenda, Michigan) or as an ad (Bethesda Coop Newsletter, Maryland).

Between the 6 of us, we have correspondences all over the country, and we think this is one way we can get the Open Letter reprinted in many places, and also build a useful list of media outlets for future trial coverage and updates. Because we want to centralize our media contacts, we also ask that you send us a list of the publications you contact. We are enclosing a response letter that outlines the specific information that we need to know. It's particularly important for us to know of any individual journalists in any media that would be willing to help publicize the Resistance Conspiracy case.

Yes, we will reprint the "Open Letter to the Progressive Community" in the following form:

- ☐ We will donate space for an ad. Please send camera-ready copy to fill these dimensions: _____. Our deadline is: _____.
- ☐ We will insert the newsprint edition into our publication for distribution. Send us _____ copies by _____.
- ☐ We will print the Open Letter in our letters column. Our deadline is _____.
- ☐ Please send us additional information about Resistance Conspiracy Case.
- ☐ We are interested in an interview with the defendants.

Name of publication _____

Contact person/Editor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Circulation _____

Circulation Area _____

Suggestions of other newspaper/media contacts:

WE ARE ANXIOUS TO REPRINT THE OPEN LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE RESPOND BY TELEPHONE TO JUDY GREENSPAN
(202) 328-7818

THANK YOU!

If responding by mail, please mail this form to:
Emergency Committee for Human Rights for Political Prisoners
P.O. Box 28191
Washington, D.C. 20038-8191