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RESISTANCE

- HENRY HIGHLAND GARNETT

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS ON HUNGER STRIKE— DEMAND MEDICAL CARE FOR SOLOMON BROWN

Since October 20th when Solomon Brown was captured in Nyack, N.Y. he has been systematically and repeatedly tortured by the Rockland County Police, the FBI, New York State Troopers, and prison guards and officials.

Every time he demanded an end to the torture and decent medical care, which is his legal and human right, he was beaten again. After finally receiving a neck brace, he was lifted by the brace itself and hurled across a room.

Now, nearly three months after his capture, Solomon has still received no medical care, no pain killing medication and his life is in grave danger.

Due to the dire nature of Solomon's medical situation three of the captured freedom fighters Judy Clark, Kathy Boudin and David Gilbert have initiated a hunger strike in solidarity with Solomon and have issued the following statement:

"Of grave concern to all progressive people and human rights activists is the current life threatening crisis facing Solomon Brown -- Brother Sol -- Black Liberation

Army Prisoner of War captured and tortured following the October 20th attempted Brinks expropriation in Nyack, N.Y. During prolonged torture sessions, following his capture, Solomon Brown suffered a hair-line fracture of one of his vertebrae which is now about to sever his spinal cord. His condition is becoming grave because he's being refused hospitalization and any and all proper medical care. He has been drugged to hide his condition as part of a strategy designed to break or kill this courageous freedom fighter. In the past week, this set-up on the part of the authorities on Solomon Brown has been further revealed by the refusal to allow attorney Chokwe Lumumba to visit him at Otisville Federal Correctional Institution and the transfer of David Gilbert, Solomon's co-defendant and the only person in the prison to speak out on the real situation.

Solomon Brown and the other Black freedom fighters -- Sekou Odinga and Abdul Majid -- who've also been captured and tortured in the wave of terror against the Black Liberation Struggle -- must be supported by all freedom loving people. Because of this crisis, we

On January 9, New Afrikan Freedom Fighter Abdul Majid (slave name: Anthony LaBorde) was captured by Philadelphia police. He was so badly beaten after his arrest that he needed 40 stitches in his scalp and could not stand up in court. Abdul Majid was immediately extradited to New York, where he appeared in a Queens courthouse ringed with riot police. Abdul is charged with the April shooting of New York policemen Rainey and Scarangella, and with participating in the attempted Brinks expropriation.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Coalition to Defend the October 20th Freedom Fighters has been formed to build political/legal support for all those captured or under attack by the u.s. government as a result of the attempted Brinks expropriation in Nyack, New York.

This includes the freedom fighters captured and charged by the u.s. government with the action itself -- Brother Sol, Judith Clark, Kathy Boudin, David Gilbert, Abdul Majid, and Sekou Odinga. It includes Eve Rosahn, unjustly charged with aiding the expropriation and held as a political prisoner because of her public support for the Black Liberation Struggle and anti-imperialist struggle. It includes all those who refuse to collaborate with the Grand Jury that the u.s. government is using to attack anti-imperialist organizations and individuals, Fulani Sunni Ali, Jerri Gaines and Yassmin Fula.

The attempted Brinks expropriation carried out by the Revolutionary Armed Task Force is part of the developing struggle against imperialism, white supremacy and fascism in the U.S. The Black Liberation Army said: "A racist genocidal war being waged against Black people necessitated a revolutionary response." The struggle by Black people in Amerika for human rights, dignity and self-determination, for land and independence, will only be won through national liberation.

The struggle for national liberation is recognized as an inalienable right at the international level, and supported by peace and freedom loving people the world over. It is an inalienable right that must be carried out by every possible means.

It is from these same conditions that the Revolutionary Army Task Force (RATF), under the direction of the Black Liberation Army, came forward. We welcome the formation

of this Task Force because it indicates that white anti-imperialists committed to the defeat of this system and all that it represents, from the rise of the KKK to killer cops to the consolidation of the repressive state apparatus, will wage armed struggle in solidarity with Black liberation and struggle at the highest level against the common enemy that exploits and oppresses the white working class as well.

We in the Coalition believe that the events in Nyack, NY, and the current wave of repression did not begin on October 20, 1981. We believe that the war in Amerika being waged by the u.s. government against the oppressed people has been fascist in character, for a long time. Those who lead the resistance to the terrorism of u.s. imperialism are not terrorists or criminals.

We are committed to fighting the terrorism of 35 Black children murdered in Atlanta, the terrorism of killer cops that murder young Third World people with impunity, the terrorism that creates apartheid through gentrification and destroys the very fabric of life. This is the real terrorism. The u.s. must qualitatively increase the exploitation and oppression of the internal colonies, the Black Nation, occupied Mexico, and the Native American peoples, and the white working class. To implement fascism the u.s. must organize a base of support especially among white people based on white supremacy and patriotic fervor. This fascist base will become allies of the government and help carry out its internal and external program. This means WAR.

In order for imperialist war to be fought, fascism must be built. A key part of the u.s. program for building fascism is to suppress and destroy all revolutionary forces and organizations that lead the resistance.

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STOP THE TORTURE AND ISOLATION OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

We are writing this letter to join with progressive forces in demanding an end to the continued fascist conditions of torture and threat that confront our Black comrades Sekou Odinga and Solomon Brown, imprisoned in the prison unit of Kings County Hospital and Otisville Federal Correctional Institution respectively. Faced with intensified struggles for human rights and self-determination of oppressed peoples within the u.s. and Puerto Rico, u.s. imperialism is escalating its use of torture and denial of medical care as part of its arsenal of counterinsurgency warfare.

Solomon was arrested with us on October 20th, after an attempted expropriation of a Brinks truck. He was immediately separated from us. That day, and for several days running, he was continuously beaten, tortured and interrogated, at first while in police custody and then after being brought to Rockland County Jail. For days, each time he was taken from his cell to be seen by doctors, he was beaten on the way there and on the way back. The prison doctors collaborated in this, by disregarding his injuries and denying him any medical care. When he was brought to court for a preliminary hearing on October 23rd, Judge Lewis refused to order medical treatment for him, despite the fact that he was by then so badly hurt that he could not stand or sit up. While they did not succeed in breaking Solomon's political stand, the police did seriously fracture his neck. After 2½ months of claiming he had no injuries, the authorities now admit that his neck fracture is so serious that it is putting pressure on his spinal chord. They now fear that if he is jolted while being moved, he could die. Yet when he was brought to court last month

he was manhandled and transported with a machine gun held to his head. He could easily have been killed. Solomon must be immediately transferred to a hospital where he can receive proper medical care.

Sekou Odinga, a long-time activist and freedom fighter in the Black liberation struggle, was captured after an assault by FBI and NYC police in which Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata was murdered while surrendering. Sekou was tortured for several days. He was beaten and burned all over his body with cigars; a gun was held to his head and dry-fired several times; and his head was immersed into a flushing toilet. Their goal of breaking Sekou's resistance and firm commitment to the liberation of his people was completely unsuccessful. They did succeed in seriously hurting him. His pancreas was destroyed as a result of the beatings and he must now be fed intravenously. He is being denied adequate medical treatment and his judge denied him the right to see his own doctor. He must be kept on a special machine as part of his minimal treatment. Yet he was taken off the machine to be taken to court and his condition worsened as a result. This denial of medical treatment for both Solomon and Sekou is nothing less than the continuation of torture. In addition, they both face continued physical threat.

This is the sharpest expression of the state's strategy to maintain all of the freedom fighters captured after Nyack in intolerable conditions of captivity, to try to break our will and commitment to the struggle. We have been kept in solitary confinement, in our cells 23 hours a day. We are not allowed to talk to each other or any of the other prisoners. We have not yet been able to all meet together as

RICO GRAND JURY: TOOL OF FASCISM

The u.s. government is using the attempted expropriation on October 20th to convene a grand jury to attack public organizations and activists who support the Black liberation struggle and the building of the Black Liberation Army. The government, unable to infiltrate and destroy the armed clandestine movements directly, is targeting these organizations in an effort to silence them and stop the building of mass support for the development of revolutionary armed struggle in the u.s. The grand jury is a tool of fascist repression designed to imprison activists without a trial and criminalize legal political activity.

The grand jury started after Nyack is using the "Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act" to justify its current witchhunt. Enacted in 1970 as part of the Organized Crime Control Act, the specific purpose of RICO was to prevent organized crime from taking over legitimate businesses using monies obtained through racketeering (loan-sharking, drugs, etc.). The legislation gave the Federal prosecutors broad powers because anyone associated with any enterprise conducting such racketeering activities was subject to arrest and imprisonment.

Now, as part of their counter-insurgency strategy against anti-imperialist movements, the government is utilizing RICO against political organizations. The broadness of RICO allows the government to conduct a wholesale investigation into organizations and individuals, including their political beliefs, associations, membership, financial supporters, etc. Not even the barest justification need be put forward for the inquisition. The use of RICO is nothing more than an attempt to intern activists and to further the government's attempts to criminalize

revolutionary struggles. Under RICO, any member of an organization can be prosecuted for anything the government claims any other member did.

Already, at least 4 subpoenas have been served. Yassmin Fula, a long time Black activist, is incarcerated at the Metropolitan Correctional Center for her refusal to collaborate. Fulani Sunni-Ali, Chairperson of the People's Center Council of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika, was jailed for contempt, and then released, because she had been denied her attorney of choice, Chokwe Lumumba of the Provisional Government of the RNA. (Fulani had been held in solitary confinement earlier on a Federal complaint charging her with conspiracy in connection with the October 20th action, but all charges were dropped when it was shown that she was in New Orleans at the time.) In addition, Jerri Gaines, a Black woman who had been in the same Gallman, Mississippi, farmhouse when Fulani was arrested, has been subpoenaed, as well as Eve Rosahn. (See article.) Already facing frame-up charges in the Brinks expropriation, Eve was subpoenaed to the grand jury and, in secret proceedings, held in contempt without her lawyer. Eve has since been released on bail pending appeal.

All of these courageous comrades have maintained a firm stance of non-collaboration. This is the only strategy that has defeated grand jury repression, and has successfully thwarted numerous government investigations over the past several years into the Puerto Rican independence movement, the anti-war movement, the Black liberation movement and the women's movement. Currently, Puerto Rican independentista Carlos Noya (member of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena [LSP])

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SMASH COINTELPRO: KEEP EVE ROSAHN FREE!

On December 31, the u.s. government's current repressive onslaught suffered a defeat with the release of Eve Rosahn on bail pending appeal of her contempt of a Grand Jury. Her release is a victory in the fight for the right of political activists to build solidarity with the Black Liberation Struggle. It exposes that the government's campaign to brand freedom fighters and anti-imperialist activists as "terrorists" is vulnerable, and shows how to fight it effectively.

Eve Rosahn has a 13 year history of support for the Black Liberation Struggle. She has worked to build the anti-imperialist women's movement. For the past 3½ years, she has fought COINTELPRO as a member of the Committee for the Suit Against Government Misconduct, and a plaintiff in Clark et al. v. USA, the \$100 million law suit holding Nixon, the FBI and others responsible for this counterinsurgency program. She is one of the Anti-Springbok 5, five anti-imperialists who were arrested at a September 26 demonstration against the Springboks, the racist South African rugby team. After the October 20th attempted expropriation, Eve was targeted by the government offensive against the Black Liberation Struggle and its supporters. She was arrested on totally false charges of "facilitation", held for two months in solitary and then subpoenaed to the Grand Jury.

The state has always known that Eve is innocent. The Rockland County D.A. was forced in court to reveal that there is literally NO EVIDENCE against her. She is being used as an example of what the government will do to activists who support the right of oppressed peoples to wage war for liberation and land. Her case is a testing ground for the consolidation of a fascist society in which public political work is made illegal. The gov-

ernment is sounding out the resistance to the criminalization of the entire anti-imperialist movement.

In Eve's words, "The Grand Jury attack, the charges against me in Rockland County, my portrayal as a "terrorist" have one purpose and one purpose only: to intimidate progressive people away from doing political work in support of Black liberation, of oppressed peoples fighting for liberation all around the world; and, in particular, to frighten those who support their right to wage armed struggle for liberation."

But the government was unable to break her, just as they have been unable to break any of the freedom fighters being held in the Nyack

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WOMEN FIGHT FASCISM STOP THE FRAME-UP OF EVE ROSAHN

On New Year's Eve the anti-imperialist movement won an important political victory in forcing the release of anti-imperialist activist and grand jury resister Eve Rosahn.

On Friday, January 29, there will be a forum to support Eve and discuss the larger issues surrounding her case: "WOMEN: FIGHT FASCISM! STOP THE FRAME-UP OF EVE ROSAHN!"

We need to build a movement that fights for a principled stand of non-collaboration out of a recognition that the imperialist state is the enemy of women. We are building a movement that protects and defends freedom fighters, prisoners of war and political prisoners.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th * 7:30 PM
UKRANIAN NATIONAL HOME
2nd Avenue & East 9th St.

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co-defendants. Nor are we able to have any visitors beyond our immediate families. We are denied contact with our children and our attorneys have been harassed. This has been coupled with broadside attacks on organizations in the Black Liberation Movement and anti-imperialist struggle, including armed police attacks, FBI harassment and grand jury witchhunt. All of this is being orchestrated by the highest levels of government and counter-insurgency apparatus and is being implemented by the FBI, local police, the media, prison administration and the courts.

Progressive forces must recognize that if these policies are allowed to be implemented unchallenged, the u.s. government will have made a qualitative advance in consolidating fascist rule. This is about legitimizing their use of wartime techniques to combat the struggles of Black and other Third World peoples in this country for human rights and self-determination. Torture is the backbone of every military fascist dictatorship in the world -- from El Salvador to South Africa. Thousands of people have protested the torture of political prisoners and captured freedom fighters in El Salvador. Now we must take up that fight here. This is not the first time a Black

freedom fighter has been tortured by the FBI and local police. But now, people must recognize the implications of the u.s. government's ability to make torture of captured Black freedom fighters a part of their routine procedure. The official use of torture is the counterpart to the government-sponsored white supremacist terror being launched against Black people today. People must fight for the right of oppressed peoples to fight for human rights and liberation.

We demand that Solomon Brown and Sekou Odinga be given full and adequate medical treatment, and be allowed access to the doctors of their choice as insurance of that. Furthermore, we demand guarantees for their safety and the end to all physical threats and attacks. And we demand to know who gave the orders for torture and who carried it out. We demand an end to isolation and our right to contact visits with our children and our comrades. These demands are based in the basic rights accorded all political prisoners and prisoners of war under International law. The u.s. government must be forced to abide by International law.

Judy Clark
Kathy Boudin
David Gilbert

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and Norberto Cintron are jailed at the Metropolitan Correctional Center. They continue to refuse to cooperate with a grand jury in Puerto Rico investigating the assassination of two naval personnel at Sabana Seca (see p. 10) in 1979, a retaliatory action taken by forces in the armed clandestine movement in answer to the u.s. government's murder of Puerto Rican revolutionary Angel Rodriguez Cristobal in a Tallahassee

prison that year. There continue to be victories won in the current period, with the government's inability to jail other activists from the Puerto Rican and Chicano-Mexicano movements -- Julio Rosado, Ricardo Romero, Steven Guerra, Maria Cueto and Andres Rosado (see p. 10). And both Fulani's and Eve's winning of their release on bail pending an appeal of their contempt is only the result of their stance of non-collaboration, and the growth of a strong movement of resistance against the government's campaign. □

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(Judy Clark, David Gilbert and Kathy Boudin, freedom fighters and political prisoners also captured in Nyack) demand that Judge Miller, D.A. Kenneth Gribetz and Otisville Warden Michael Quinlan:

(1) Safely transport Solomon Brown to a hospital. If jolted or beaten, Solomon Brown could lose his life. We hold all of them responsible for his safety.

(2) Provide proper medical care to Solomon Brown.

(3) Allow him access to his own physicians and the attorney of his choice.

Should these demands remain unmet as of Monday, January 11, we will begin a hunger strike. We urge all concerned people to call or send telegrams to the following:

Judge Miller D.A. Kenneth Gribetz
914-425-5338 914-425-5001

Otisville Warden Michael Quinlan
914-386-5855

The show of concern from large numbers of people could literally make the difference between life and death for Solomon Brown.

We urge all people to unite with us in this effort to stop the use of torture against New Afrikan Freedom Fighters.

Judy Clark
Kathy Boudin
David Gilbert.

Addresses

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The u.s. government is trying to use the attempted Brinks expropriation to consolidate its repressive apparatus at every level. Torture techniques taught by the CIA to every fascist dictatorship in the world have been brought home. The torture of Sekou Odinga and Brother Sol are among the first documented case of torture in the U.S. This must be stopped now.

In the same way, everyone imprisoned as a result of this case has been placed automatically in punitive segregation and stripped of all "rights" that even nominally exist inside u.s. prisons. We oppose these conditions and struggle to guarantee the survival of all political prisoners and prisoners of war held by the u.s. government.

The Grand Jury is a tool of political repression used by the u.s. government. Since 1976, it has been used against the Puerto Rican and ChicanoMexicano liberation struggles; in a futile attempt to stop the armed clandestine movement and to imprison revolutionaries who support the armed struggle. In this case the FBI and the Justice Department are utilizing "racketeering" laws in conjunction with the Grand Jury to attempt to destroy entire public organizations and to place individuals who refuse to collaborate in jail for contempt. As revolutionary struggles grow, these laws and methods will be increasingly used against any public organization or individual that supports armed struggle -- or, potentially, any resistance against the state. The Grand Jury and these "new" laws must be opposed, and the principled and progressive stance of total non-collaboration upheld.

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case, or any of the other Grand Jury resisters. In spite of her arrest in a police terror raid by a 15-member SWAT team; in spite of the fact that she has been convicted in the press, held on \$250,000 ransom and for 2 months in solitary confinement, her stance has remained one of absolute non-collaboration with the state. In fighting for these principles as an anti-imperialist activist and supporter of the Black Liberation Struggle, Eve Rosahn's example is one that all people struggling for human rights and against imperialism in this country must emulate. And it is this stance, collectively embraced by our movement, that is crucial to win

victories in overturning the grand juries and the overall current reign of terror.

That is why every progressive person needs to oppose the government's attacks on Eve Rosahn. A two-month offensive won Eve's release by exposing the political nature of the frame-up and grand jury, and the state was forced to retreat. Now, progressive people's participation in joining that continuing offensive -- to drop the charges and stop the grand jury -- is a critical part of protecting and defending the right of political people to resist and the right of an anti-imperialist movement to be built.□

After being targeted in a massive frame-up in relation to the Rockland case, Eve Rosahn was targeted by the RICO Grand Jury. (See article, p. 5). She was subpoenaed on November 6, and forced to appear the following Monday, having been prevented from seeing an attorney. U.S. Attorney John Martin intervened -- illegally -- in the Grand Jury proceedings because of "security" reasons. After she refused to collaborate with their fishing expedition, in a secret hearing, with her mother and supporters barred from the courtroom, she was held in contempt, and sentenced to 6 months, or the life of the Grand Jury.

The following are excerpted statements from Eve's statement to the press, upon her release from Metropolitan Correctional Center, on bail pending appeal of her grand jury contempt for refusing to collaborate:

"The Grand Jury is a nakedly political weapon, used to jail public activists who are accused of no crime, for refusing to cooperate with a government witch hunt..... I refused to cooperate, and will continue to refuse to help the government trample on my constitutional and human rights."

"Many people's eyes have been opened by the blatant attacks on me. They should look with these new understandings at the government's entire "anti-terrorist" campaign. Look at why the combatants captured in Nyack continue to be held in solitary confinement, forbidden even to see their co-defendants. Why was Black revolutionary freedom fighter Sekou Odinga shown on t.v. walking into a Queens police station -- and is now hospitalized with severe internal injuries from police torture. Why Solomon Brown, arrested in Nyack, was denied medical care for two months, after being beaten almost to death by police. Prison doctors now say that Brother Sol's condition is so serious that if he is "jolted" he could die. Why the U.S. government launched a full-scale military assault on Fulani Sunni-Ali and 12 children. Why New Afrikan Freedom Fighter Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata was shot in the back of the head by New York City policemen. Look at that, and ask who the real "terrorists" are."□

SOLIDARITY MESSAGE FROM THE ELEVEN PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS OF WAR

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Newsletter of the National Committee
to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners
of War/December, 1981

Companeros, Brothers and Sisters in
the struggle,

We, the eleven Puerto Rican
Prisoners of War, extend to you
today our warmest revolutionary
embraces and greetings. We salute
with the fervor of armed struggle
comrades Judy Clark, Kathy Boudin,
David Gilbert, and Samuel Brown.
These valiant brothers and sisters
captured by our common enemy, U.S.
imperialism, have once again
reaffirmed their commitment to the
struggle.

The enemy has finally realized
that the struggle against exploita-
tion is a single struggle. The Black
Liberation Army, B.L.A., the Irish
Republican Army, I.R.A., the Pales-
tine Liberation Organization, P.L.O.,
the Red Brigades, and the Fuerzas
Armadas de Liberacion Nacional,
F.A.L.N., and all other revolutionary
organizations are one and the same.
We have the same objective: to stamp
out imperialism, and we are bound
together by the only legitimate
bond -- ideology, and method of
struggle -- armed struggle.

The political climate in the U.S.
is rapidly becoming one of fascism.
No longer can it be said that fascism
is around the corner. Brothers and
sisters, it is here amongst us on a
daily basis and heightening at an
accelerated pace. Fascism is not an
accidental aspect of capitalism. It
is an on-going worldwide conflict
between the positive forces of
liberation, peace, and socialism, and
the negative opposing forces of
imperialism, exploitation and geno-
cide, which is reaching its point of
culmination. In order to maintain
their hegemony and economic controls,
the capitalists are exhibiting their
fear of powerlessness by creating

police states, and militarily in-
vading the underdeveloped countries
of the third world.

Under the guise of stamping out
terrorism, a war of aggression is
being launched. The universities in
the United States and Puerto Rico
are being militarized as part of
their campaign of war preparation.
An all-out propaganda blitz is
being conducted in order to justify
the billions of dollars in expendi-
tures used against oppressed peoples
of the world. We are constantly
barraged with exorbitant military
budgets, to date 8 million dollars
have been allocated for military
hardware. All of this to protect
"democracy" from the threat of com-
munism. When in reality the state
is merely creating cover-ups for
the inflation, over-production, and
unemployment that the working class
must live with, because this country
chooses to fortify itself militarily
at the expense of the lives of the
working people.

It is also no accident that
grand juries are being convened in
New York and Puerto Rico, and that
their targets are the most progres-
sive sectors of the independence
organizations.

With the recent capture of our
beloved comrades, and the imprison-
ment of the eleven Puerto Rican
Prisoners of War, our enemy wants to
give the impression that they have
smashed the revolutionary element in
their midst, and that our liberation
movement has been paralyzed. Once
again we must remind them that
revolutionaries are created by con-
ditions and shaped by people's
oppression.

There is no question that the fear
this state has of national libera-
tion has caused it to overly expand
the scope of their intelligence

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On January 7, 1982, in a clear attempt to further violate the rights of all the freedom fighters captured in connection with the RATF. Judith Clark, Kathy Boudin and David Gilbert were all transferred to Woodburne State Correctional Facility, a New York state men's prison. They were transferred in the middle of the night, only hours before Judge Duffy released his decision declaring their conditions of confinement illegal.

A Federal writ was filed against the Warden of the Metropolitan Correctional Center, where Judith Clark and Kathy Boudin were being held. The suit challenged their being held in punitive segregation and the denial of contact visits with their children.

Judge Duffy ordered the prison to release Judith Clark and Kathy Boudin into the general population at MCC and permitted them contact with their children. He found that the government had acted unconstitutionally and with punitive intent in their treatment of the women.

Lawyers are now planning to go back to court to demand that Judith Clark, Kathy Boudin and David Gilbert be brought to MCC and put in general population.□

The u.s. government's attacks against Fulani Sunni-Ali continue as she fights their attempts to re-imprison her for her refusal to cooperate with the Federal grand jury. Through a massive struggle for Fulani's freedom waged by many people and organizations in the Black community, the Black liberation movement and white anti-imperialist movement, the government was forced to admit that Fulani was totally innocent of the charges brought against her in connection with the Brinks case. She was then imprisoned for refusing to collaborate with the grand jury -- to which she was subpoenaed solely because she is a long-time activist and leader in the revolutionary Black nationalist struggle for land and independence.

One of the most blatant examples of the government's attacks is that the government refused to permit her attorney, Chokwe Lumumba (Midwest Regional Vice President of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika), to represent her. In a continuing effort to attack the RNA, Fulani was again subpoenaed to the grand jury, along with Jerri Gaines (who had been present at the Mississippi farmhouse when Fulani was first arrested), and they are presently fighting the subpoenas.□

WRITE TO THE COMRADES

We urge people to write to the imprisoned comrades and combatants. Mail is a concrete expression of support for these people, and gives them some leverage in dealing with the prison authorities. Writing to people cuts through some of the isolation of being held in seclusion, and it is a major way of insuring that these heroic political prisoners and prisoners of war can continue to participate in and provide leadership to the political struggles and the work.

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