

**Solidarity Statement from Nuh Washington**  
**Black Political Prisoner**  
**1 of the New York 3 which includes Herman Bell and Jalil Bottom**

The lull in political activity over the past 15 years has produced gaps in the history of our Movement. It is important for us to rectify this by filling in the gaps so that those who come behind us know those who went before. This gathering is a step in the right direction. For we are here, many of us in spirit, to honor and remember one whose life is a living definition of commitment. Marilyn Buck is that person.

Many of you only know Marilyn in relationship to Brinks and the conspiracy case in Washington, D.C., but that is recent. Her history goes back to the 60s where she participated in the Black Panther P.E. classes and Free Breakfast Program. Her solidarity and commitment to the cause of Human Liberation is more than that of an ally. Marilyn is a true sister and comrade to Oppressed People in general and Black People in particular. Marilyn was first sent to prison from San Francisco because she refused to betray the Black Movement.

I don't think of sister Marilyn as a North American because the North American is anybody from here to Canada. But politically for people in South America, the North American is an oppressor, an exploiter. Marilyn is neither. She is, if anything, the spiritual descendant of the "indentured servant" brought here to be exploited and used by an arrogant aristocracy. Who, having endured this brutality, found common cause with Black slaves and rebelled. Such a people as this knew white skin didn't mean anything unless it was put into the cause of Human Liberation.

And so it is with our Marilyn. She stood on her principles and was punished to be an example to others of what happens to Whites who refuse to go along. Just as John Brown fought, so has Marilyn. She is after all these years unbroken, still committed and a living example of a true anti-imperialist, anti-racist person. By recognizing her and her long history in the Movement, we recognize a true sister and comrade who has sacrificed her life. Does anyone think 70 years in prison is less than life for a just cause?

We in the Black Liberation Movement embrace her as all should.