

B.G.F. Acting Secretary of General Staff Communique II in support of and in solidarity with the confederation of the S.L.A., and under the seven principles of unity. Regional II, prison sector at San Quentin. Open letter to the People.

We have chosen to break the silence of our underground in these times of wide scale confusion being presented around the political and military actions taken in the Marcus Foster and Patricia Hearst incidents. We see the significance of these events being threatened without having the full historical importance recorded in our time-- and in this period where the U.S. government has clearly shown its incapacity to rule or serve the interest of the majority of the people. Governmental crimes of fraud and corruption is clear for all to see; all working non rich citizens are for the first time presented with the discrepancies of what this country has become, as opposed to what their democratic and human compassions would have it be. Few persons question that the roots of present economic crisis, wasting of public funds and the overall social disorientation is caused by the direct and proven inefficiency of government out of the people's control. Unconstitutional wars, and giant corporations are now seen as the enemy of the people and social production. And the cry for immediate wide range social restructuring is quiet but deeply rooted throughout all class stratum. So what is it that does not allow many to understand the concepts which gives rise to actions taken by the revolutionary S.L.A. are embodiments of these same social observations. The empire of the U.S. Corruption has been challenged with the peoples most desperate resource-- "the use of military means to reach political objectives and social protest." The tragedy and the hope is brought into clear focus. And by the final promise of Americas best products. The young and the brave.

Yet many will question, is violence the way? Is it within the tradition of the American way? And of course the question is violence or, is there another way or the statement of there must be another way are among the soul seeking questions every American who wants freedom and justice will be forced to ask themselves. These are the questions of people seeking amore human society and the end to tyranny. These are also the questions the revolutionary ask and research a thousand times fold before here or his love for the people would allow them to chose revolutionary violence to reach humanitarian objectives. It is a choice that never lose sight of its egalitarian motives. Its a choice we can see in the S.L.A. if the isolation of singular actions were not being reduced to on the spot perspectives. What we see in thier developmentis in fact a historical creation. uite American, and within the American tradition, plus the only course open to trial after all other methods have fallen very short of meeting the American promise. Which by way of point has never ceased to be a nightmare for all its non-white "under" citizens.

The S.L.A, B.L.A., B.G.F. and other revolutionary groups who have chosen the means of arms as social protest and agent for change are within American tradition. They state no less passionately the proclamation of "Give me liberty or give me death"...This spirit of desperate protest has shown its face as long as the distresses of poverty exist beside the rich. American lies. The oppressed people have more than once risen in arms against the injustices of corrupt government, racism and capitalism. As early as the 1876 depression and before, violence has been used to correct distress and poverty when all other methods failed. The Molly Maguires a secret association of workers used violence against employees and government troops to secure economic and political ends otherwise unobtainable. They too were labeled terrorist when in fact the group's origin was an association of workers who came together around organized strikes, but was later forced into counter-violence by the state police and federal troopers which brought in their wake riots, martial law and fatalities. The fight for justice and a equal share in Americas production has historically been met by the government and state with police violence. No mass movement representatives of the people have escaped the violent destructive reaction of the government protecting capitalist interests. Therefore these movements without an organized means of self-defense or revolutionary program

have depended on the legalities and benevolence of those who administer the existence of this double standard country. The dream and potential of America's egalitarianism has been jailed, shot down or diverted through paid off leaders and short term concessions. We are never spared as a people the reminder of This Great Country's gains and riches. We are also seldom reminded these great material and social gains have been the work product of the people and not the government. All industrial wealth, science, and education are collective products of the working people. Yet the fruits of their labor are expropriated by giant corporations and finance capital. Taxes which were once designed for public services have become governmental extortions funneled by the billions into military spending, covert political payoffs and outright subsidies to multi-million dollar private enterprises. Take close notice of these implications. You have a total self-interested marriage between government capital and the military. And its quite consolidated over and against a long hard struggle of the American public. The question of violence must be traced to its source. The history of mass movements and its relentless denunciation of organized violence as a means for reaching socio-political and economic restructuring is unrealistic...and absolutely ridiculous...especially for non white national minorities who are forever between the cutting backlash of labor struggle, racist discrimination and police violence. Any serious political and revolutionary organization must come to terms with the inevitability of violence and the extent to its use--if for no other reasons but self-defence. Failure to understand this very basic but important decision has been the failure in producing a real peoples government. It also has been the failure which allows the present state of economic disparity.

Each and every major mass movement of popular interest brought forth in this country has met violent governmental opposition. And each of these movements out of respect and love for human life would not consider or endorse an aggressive peoples armed force. While they suffered imprisonment, beating, deportation, daily assaults against life, home and family--a counter and controlling violence did not develop. Even when it was clear the peoples movement would be defeated by Government troops, national guard and police. Of course there were the exceptional few who did result to defence by violence and always after their struggle for life subsistences had become desperate. Compare the conditions limitations and possibilities involved in the pre-1929 stock market crash, with conditions of present day economic inflation, now recession and fast foreboding depression. If the disaster of depression should fall tomorrow the people or progressive parties would be no more prepared than they were then. Nor would they understand the cause any better than those of the 20's...wage controls...inflationary prices...massive unemployment...government concession to the bloated capitalists (such as the present day concessions made to oil-multi-billion dollar corporations under the guise of the energy crisis.) Before the market crash of 29 much of the very same symptoms prevailed. Indeed the world war of 1917 actually saved the US and postponed the inevitable economic and social crisis which came some years later. The masses must learn that capitalism is corrupt, anti-social and an aggressive war machine. Who was called out to break the strike of workers forced it to speed up production by capitalist bosses in an attempt to make higher profits at the cost of inflated prices and reduced labor forces/ The police, national guard and federal troops were called. Understand the American workers dizzy from the prosperity of post war economic spiral were relative passive patient and loyal to the potentials of their country. Sold out under the leadership of unions and confused left parties who chose class collaboration with capitalism in decline they found themselves subject to merciless wage cutting, massive lay offs and means to protect themselves and their families. By 1933 the unemployed army of workers had reached the total of 17,000,000 as compared to the normal 3,000,000 of so-called good times. Those who were working and under no-strike agreements wages were being cut up to 20-50 percent. Lied to by the government with promises of renewed prosperity held in check by unions such as the A.F. of L., the workers suffered most when mass mobilization could have delivered the means of production into their own control.

What resistance then did accrue cut sharply into the deflated fighting spirits of the great body of unorganized workers. The communist party, trade union league, independent workers and unemployed unquestionably took the forefront in organized and spontaneous resistance. Their basic weapon being mass-demonstration and strike organizing. There were campaigns against government policies, such as Hoover's campaign against unemployment insurance or the federal government responsibility to feed millions of hungry Americans successful in developing very large mass movement as early as 1932, the leaders and

Workers were also introduced to the fact demonstrations that threaten the structural arrangement of capital government would not be allowed. The concept of peoples right to dissent is legally tolerable though practice of this right (regardless of mass appeal) is not and will not be allowed. Under the banner of mass demonstrations and with as many as 1,250,000 workers in the streets protesting the issue of unemployment insurance brought out 18,000 police fully armed from club to tear gas and from revolver to machine guns. The intended march to City Hall was attacked and subverted. That was in the State of N.Y. March 6, 1930...and this fact was relived throughout the country until the most mile of military resistance was totally destroyed.. Mass murder, imprisonment, deportatin, outlawing of political parties and all the characteristics of a developing fascist state was used. This threat to U.S. capitalism when militancy among workers of America reached its most temptuous level it failed...and we must learn from this failure while developmeng theory of the new left...and peoples struggle to overcome government and economic decadenc.

We want to emphatically state our belief in the necessity of building a mass movement and that our final confidence is in the majority of the worlds people. There is merit and a history of revolutionary soundness in the cliché, "With the masses every thing, without the masses nothing"...At this point and with that thought as guideline the position of the paramilitary propaganda units, confederated under the banner of unity and liberation Army, will be defended in none cotradicitional relations with this concept plus we will establish its existence as a direct result of present day political conditions and historical determinant of a more serious left challenge. After setback failure and endless missteps we have now come to terms with the particulars of an Amerikan brand of fascism--- its rise to power--and the stagnated potential of the masses to locate and dislodge this monster who threatens total end to democracy and any remaining concept of freedom in equality. We have witnessed the super-human sacrifices of the Civil Rights movement which left no one in the world unaware of Amerikkas racism, class seperation and willingness to use its armed military might to prevent Black people the right of life, or choice of eating place. We've seen the communities of our roots under military control and block of our brothers and sisters in the streets. We've learnt that the spontaneous revolt against property and police brutality only left black and brown people shot dead in the streets. Every major city has seen the smoke of molotov cocktails curling just above those sectors whze the standards of living has always been proportionately depressed. The white eyes saw also. And the Amerikkan Rifle Association increased by the thousands. The police who suffered early embarrassment when the first young militans appeared armed with guns in place of rocks. The most racist and cowardly among them ran for cover and screamed for reinforcements. Millions of dollars were spent on special innercity military eu ipment, plus methods of assault and containment. Black and Chicano communities became permaantly occupied zones. Then came the beginning of organized resistance. Contrary to the labor/workers movement of the 30's, this new threatening upsurge outstripped organized at the point of production, and went directly into the political context of power over communities. Clearly nationalist in its origin, and coming right down front, in a face to face contradicition with the complete exposure of U.S. racism and poverty balancing of one class against another which sustained capitalism and left third world minority groups perpetually and irreversible at the bottom of a squeeze uite genocideal in its history. There was an is no other course short of liberation through a restructuring of the entire basis and superstructue in this country. The national struggles of liberation throughout the world-found its way to the home of the worlds greatest imperialist power. And the third world minorities were ready. To much hope drowned--endless betrayal dead end streets and each generation witnessing a worsening of thir plight, which finally produced the words which ahs changed the course of history . The Panther said "no More". And in a fashion that through mightly amerikka a decline it will not likely recover, short of revolution The sons and daughters of white america's double standards were inflamed with this new and strange idea of freedom for all and revoltuion. Some came to the call weakly and out of the search for meaning to life...but like the Panthers, they to soon learned revolution was not a game of fun, the maturation was rapid and agina drenched with the blood of the young and the brave. Though this time the other-side tasted the sting of lead as well Young whites for the first time learnt what police repression was and only because they supported--even death visited the privileged. A new era had come. Militancy in all sectors throughout all the U.S. re-kindling voer night. And most often lead or inspired by

by the black national minority coming of conscious and challenging the state from insitutions of education and culture to the basis of labor and worker movements.

Again this mass and socially promising movement on the incline and breaking all boundaries of class separation was attacked directly and for all to see by the police and federal arm of the U.S. government. The court was used--laws were passed--leaders were imprisoned or outright murdered in their homes or in the streets. Some fought back, not yet of the age of armed revolutionary struggle and as a consequence suffered saddening and bloody defeat. The Black Panther Party was paralyzed and forced out of necessity to service, they learnt from mistake and regrouped into another strategy, given much ideological justification--yet however correct the positions proves the fact remains, two major factors influence this alternative...one was the B.P.P. was out-stripped by the masses of potential it had stimulated, and therefore was alienated; and the second, plus most obstinate factor was the amount of police and federal assault that was brought against its members which killed, jailed, or trapped its growth potential. Again separating the revolutionary emphasis from the people. Also victims to this ill-fated start was Weather fraction.

To be quite sure the revolutionary movement did not die, not in ideal. Workers unions continued its growth, started progressive life parties added some spice to their lines and rehatched worn out polemics. And the left gradually found itself in limbo..confused and not knowing how to take one major step forward. Waiting on the great historical depression or social degeneration which would deliver a mass receptive to their socialist teachings and mobilization. They did not even lead the great movement of protest against the war in Vietnam. Of the millions of Americans totally unsatisfied with the state or the nations economy--and with no faith or confidence in the Government, How many have understood the answer in economic stability and the standard of living they are accustomed to is answerable in a socialist economy? How may have been brought to understand the government of the people is answerable only in a society, directly represented and elected from popular vote and functioning always out of a collective decision making body? With the masses everything--without the masses nothing. quite true comrades--but the masses do not lead themselves, nor educate themselves. And the government has shown it will not and has not allowed serious organizing on any mass basis--community or workers sights. Watergate shows it is one rule..it is fascist.

America has become fascist under the diverted eyes of its people who still believe in democracy. It happens when capitalism is threatened. Which can occur as a result of defeat in one or more of its imperial wars, when after it is blustered up war industry inflates with wild capitalist production which must decline with the end of the war and in turn be followed by a deep recession which could fall into full depression. Not including the era of the Great Depression, the US. has gone through the recession following the Korean war--and was only able to recover with the then developing of a military-industrial complex that now actually employes 10% of the entire working force of the country. It also controls and holds hundreds of thousands of American troops throughout the world--as well as over a hundred military out-posts; all on foreign territory, protecting (not the peoples rights regarding against communism) but the protecting of U.S. corporations profits taken from third world peopleland especially in South America... This awesome force has become a business partner to U.S. monopoly--and through their combined power controls the country's government where Wall Street and Pentagon axis make life and death decisions. Such as the Watergate, unconstitutional Vietnam war, wage and price controls, false oil shortages and all the other out front corruption. Maintaining this group is what causes the present economic crisis. It is also what ends in a more powerful fascism, if the people fail to take the control of production and government.

We've seen this power will not allow a mass movement to develop it can not control. But like any government--it could not last long without the peoples support passive or supportingly. They, the forces now in power keep the people unaware, confused or passive. We the revolutionaries or progressive minded groups must strike to enlighten, organize and direct the power and popular interest of the masses...And not 25 years from now--people are hungry and starving now. Depression is in the ghettos and barrios now. And all in this country are threatened. We must go to the masses.

And where we who support or have chosen the course of military means to reach political objectives there is no shallow belief that the armed means is a strategy for revolution

within itself. The para-military propaganda units are instruments forged out of the conditions of concrete need. It is the end result of a very clear political analysis desperate it is true, but none-the-less-as-correct-as theory can be-short of its test in practice. It is of the most extreme selflessness a person choses this most definite step toward a humanity they/ are not likely to see. It is an act of love to all human-kind--though the ironical paradox is in this means to save and give life--some humans will die--and worst of all the truly innocent will fall by death--but never by the intent of the guerrilla...Perhaps now we can address ourselves to the criticism of the left. With one added statement to the People of Amerika who have shown their respect for human life, and their ability to care. We knew and believed in your inner humanness--expected your distress over such actions and even your denunciation--it is your our final belief lie. You must be sensitive to all human suffering so that people will not be pitted against another. You showed beautifully. A special word for Dr. Howard D. Miles of Salinas. You promised to give up your medical practice of 30 or 40 thousand dollars yearly, if Patricia Hearst is released. That you would spend the remainder of his life servicing the medical needs of the poor. We will not hold you to that promise per se. Though it is expected that you could no begin to give your services to the poor in or around your community while maintaining your privilege private practice. Seaside is in need.

We now want to make it clear it is not our intent or political responsibility as a military underground extra legal detachment to organize peoples programs. We complement them and protect them. If police's murdering of children and citizens go unpunished--or some organized righteous workers demands meet violence, its the people's army detachments who will redress the establishments violent potentials with a counter-violence. If political officials are elected or appointed and fail to serve the peoples expressed needs its the military detachment who will bring the peoples discipline. They will conduct themselves under the international codes of guerrilla conduct. Strike when victory is certain, choose your area to be sure not to engage in premature decisive encounters. Irregular means will be used when need be, such as kidnap of ruling class representatives, the ultra-rich or reactionary. Executions of unscrupulous public officials, after trial will be carried out--and by vote of the community when possible. We are now talking about defensive protective violence, our communities or mass groupings has not had in the past. History has demanded we must consider and expect police or governmental violence. The state just simply will not respect legal non-violent people's movements.

For you who speak of mass movements. At what point can we expect to see you organizing the people around demanding equal property rights, or rent in proportion to the standard of their housing and income? Who is doing it now on a zone or community wide base? Who demands that the mother on welfare--or organized a state wide protest against California's outrageous new policies which are degrading and often leave families without means of food for weeks and even a month. Why isn't there organized blocks to given these dependance who purchase food by stamps a discount buying power at the corporate food store chains who profit most by being in these depressed communities? No one--in the answer. And if you would attempt to make these demands by picket lines strikes or boycotts. The sole presence of the people would now enforce such demands. The law would wait you out, or push you out with the latter being more likely. But with a people's guerrilla everywhere and no where at the same time--waiting and watching with the unspoken promise of enforcing those demands or protesting their denial with a counter people's law of rights--a balance of action can begin to develop. Then perhaps mass movements will inspire actions by the people. Make it mentally clear in your mind and in fact--this military detachment does not expect your endorsement, or seek alliances with the above group legal parties or organizations. It claims no one sector nor form of progressive struggle as its protectorate. Any front that capitalist exploitation and government misuse of power exists--the people arm detachment will materialize. We stay away from the masses, as not to endanger them with further police repression seeking the elusive faceless, colorless, sexless undetected armed people.

So much criticism from you who spend so much time analyzing. It is possible the S.L.A surprised you so profoundly? You knew of the B.L.A. out there alone, assaulting directly a force 30 hundred times its strength in arms and manpower. You said little. And perhaps you could have been forgiven. We do because we understand the importance that you be about

building a mass-movement. Workers, women, students, and all races must be drawn into the political level, which requires pragmatic stuff in which they can relate. So be about your job of the above ground legitimate revolutionary party and or group organization be with the people. But remember when you do go out there this countrys rulers are counter-revolutionary peoples power. When third world communities demand their right to control the community in which they live it will not be excepted, land-lords, petty-bourgeoisie taxes and othe capitalistic profits are all at stake...the law is against the People. And violence by the law uphold that position. What th en do you do? The age of postional defence is past, in terms of armed defence unite. (At this poi t and from the stand point of liberated zones). However, the rightful demand of political, economica dn socio-cultural control is not to be postponed to some indefinite future objective. Agin it is the mobile arm detachment of the para-military un ts which will counter strike and make any aggression of the government feldt in his rearguard. If he orders the community ax invaded then the peoples detachments can and has the power to place governors in peoples jails. Police chief and army gene r als cn n be brought to account for orders issued againstthe peo le. Crime against the people is the law we will uphold and charge for. The program of the armed phase of struggle is to give people powe and isplay they have a means to struggle and win. It is education through example--plus th e victory which inspires more militant struggle. My scared comrades we do no endanger the mass movement and with sliigh political flexibility without compromise of supporting actions contrary to your political line.

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~~Is it~~ counter revolution ary to recogniz e the trend of fascism, or the fact? ~~It's~~ counter-revolutionary to recognize the forces which produces the S.L.A.-B.L.A and B.G.F. and other groups who struggle for a better world and country for all people--and by me s hardly uestionalbel after the history we have seen. After set back and defeat. Could you revolutionaryies who critized have tanen advangage to inform the poep l of America whoat produced such actions? Did any of you comrade notice that for the first time since John Brown's guerrilla, blacks fought in plain organized assault agains racist and inhuman injustices in this country. Only this ti me the ideal and numbers are eual. All races, from all walks of life out of the historically divided people has step forward into an irreversible determination.

How many of you who have spoken out in blanket denunciation of the S.L.S'a action supported a sang praise of the revolutionary legacy and though of Comrade George L. Jackson? There is no contradiction in this practice as viewed by many of his comrades who remain and carry on his teachings and exumple. We ask why do you falter now?

Obviously opportunism and inability to inter-relate political practice out of the area of your immediate theoretical scheme was a factor. However, we will no enter into counter criticism through this method as it is not our in t ent to cause further disunity to a very young left..Only the necessary is raised in uestion form. Party line or party interest must never be protected above the interest of the revolution. Criticism without observation or collective analysis is immature sh ort sightedness.

Imagine the entire left movement had access to a nation-wide establishment paper to voice as much of the conditons of this country as they chose. Simply by saying "we do not support nor are we part of the actions taken by the S.L.A," "But we do know and have known desperation, repression brings about many soci al tragedies; and then go on to educate the masses." You had that very rare opportunity.

Not one left spokesperson came fo rth with the denunciateion of the 50 major corporations that control the enit re us much of the worlds eco nomy whi ch in tern is in the hands of very small financial groups and families, and that the Hearsts represents part of yhis executive class. Its true though Patricia Hearst is not viewed as the peoples enemy, therefore she holds our love as aliving human. Her stature in detainment is political and the result of a weaker force at war with an unmeasurably strong and more violent government force. This war is to win through presening ideas to the people thought military menas has been said and shown her life is important to us as it is to all America. More so. No truly love inspired revolutionary could doubt she will be released in good health and spirit. Can you the people understand that 3 to 8 weeks out of a normal every day fulfillment is not to much to give so that thousands of hungry children and adults can eat.

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Thus her forced sacrifice has taught many there are very needy people who can be fed off the excesses of private wealth. [Also ask yourself why is it when young blacks are murdered no major outcry is heard. Why is it when some poor person's child is taken away by theft for sale on baby markets--no massive F.B.I. is called out? How many of you care that a committee to bring murdering police to justice for shooting a 14 year old Black youngster in the back. How many of you even know? This is part of an education. An upper class millionaire's daughter is viewed a thousand times more important than a poor or black son or daughter. We view life equally. What will you do to assure or support the release of two men charged with a murder they did not commit? They are being held because they are part of a ~~group~~ group. We will see when Ms. Hearst is released--the human actions or expression of you the People. Will the hungry continue to be fed as promised?]

In conclusion--every action taken must be weighed from the standpoint of its objective--What was accomplished--the expected and unexpected events and then the measurement of success can be determined. And we all learn from our actions.

The military objective--carried out in plan procession--capture of Ms Patricia Hearst completed, safe return. No casualties, frightened resistance by Weed (Force necessary as to not cause more serious threat to lives and mission...military success.

Political intent--the control of an entire mass media was captured, for the obvious use of speaking to the masses with out customary slant and censorship. Open to the use of the S.L.A., and other left groups who could have spoken to the people of relevant social issues. That was accomplished though not fully used...

The people have learned there are poor who are needlessly hungry.

The left movement has been stimulated into critical observation and again feel their presence.

Possibilities for the thoughts of other young militantes--have seen the positive and the negative of para-military form. They have seen hundreds of F.B.I agents in pursuit of a supposed few ~~poor~~ rebel forces--as well as the entire states police.

Lessons of human treatment to our captives is proof of the guerrilla's birth and life is in and with the people.

We have learned from our criticism..And will work harder to have our actions understood. The assault on the people's enemy is a difficult objective to make clear to all at once. AND no military can exist without the people's need. They will not exist in a society where the people are in power--Power to the People--Long Live the spirit to fight Injustice Long live the Armies of Liberation. Special love to our comrades in arms and in danger.

To the S.F. Examiner "as an arm of and in solidarity with the S.L.A. Confederation--We expect an entire reprint of this communique. As serious as there is misery and suffering throughout the World. We can say we feel it as you feel for Patricia Hearst--We want her freedom, we want the freedom and end to suffering for all throughout the world.

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