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"Now for the evidence," said the King, "and then the sentence."
"No!" said the Queen, "first the sentence, and then the evidence!"
"Nonsense!" cried Alice, so loudly that everybody jumped, "the
idea of having the sentence first!" "Hold your tongue!" said the
Queen.

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*The following communiques are quoted in our critique. The June 3 "Open Letter to Popeye Jackson" and the June 11 Peoples' Forces communiqué. These, as well as the phony June 9 communiqué were printed in issue #513, June 13-19, of the Berkeley Barb. The Black Guerrilla Family response was printed in the following issue of the Barb. The June 12 SLA statement and the June 20 Red Guerrilla Family communiqué are both available from us.

In case anyone didn't notice, on page 16 of issue #1, we blew it--the Orphans critique is out of order. We apologize to Orphans and our readers. Further, trying to explain how to put it back in order would probably only confuse the matter more. Sorry. WE SEND OUR LOVE TO SISTERS AND BROTHERS EVERYWHERE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE.



The second issue of Dragon focuses on the locked-down segment of our movement and continues the dialog between the People's Forces of the New World Liberation Front and the revolutionary community.

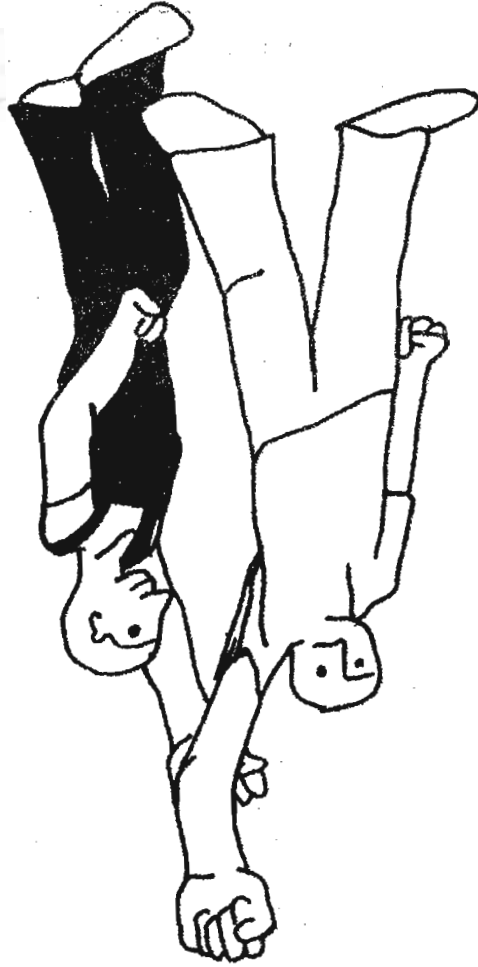
Prisoners of war and political prisoners have consistently pushed the struggle onward, fighting the Man behind enemy lines. Our purpose in this issue is not to create heroes or superstars, but rather to express the need for prison work that transcends liberalism, hero worship, and romanticism. We should relate to our sisters and brothers locked-down to develop a movement capable of protecting their security. This protection at this stage of struggle comes our continued vigilance of all comrades behind the walls, so the Man's games can not go on unnoticed on the outside.

BARC has written an analysis of the trial of Joe Remiro and Russ Little and the communities' lack of response to it. We have also included some of their statements from inside the walls. As captured revolutionaries their vision of the dialog among the underground, aboveground, and locked-down has the clarity of revolutionary practice.

The dialog between the People's Forces of the New World Liberation Front and the community is continued in Dragon II. The People's Forces have issued a further statement on Popeye Jackson, an open letter to comrades behind enemy lines, and an open letter to BARC and Orphans of Amerika. We have reprinted these statements in full. In addition we have written a critique on the actions and statements of the People's Forces in connection with the events of the past two months.

In general we are pleased by the support for Dragon. There was some criticism of our printing the May 9, 1975 communique of the Nat Turner/John Brown Unit, People's Forces, NWLF. This communique included instructions for making explosive devices. We feel that we have an obligation to the people and the underground to print communiques in full; to censor these communications is to distort the necessary criticism/self criticism needed to build dialog.

We further indicated that we could not attest to the accuracy of the instructions. Our printing of such information, in fact our printing of Dragon, is not an attempt to train comrades in the art of guerrilla warfare. We do not want well meaning but inexperienced comrades to blow themselves away by improperly preparing for an action. Dragon is not a manual for the guerrilla and we would not want comrades to use it as such.



In March of this year, the first issue of *Ozawatomie* -- a magazine written and printed by the Weather Underground Organization -- appeared with an understably limited circulation and an appeal to organizations to reprint the magazine. Now that the second issue (Summer '75) is being reprinted, we are trying to build a wide circulation. The second issue has now been reprinted and is available from us for national distribution. Our prices reflect only our costs, which include giving one copy free to a prisoner for each two we sell. Single copies are 30¢ and should include postage costs of 20¢ for five or less. Bulk orders of six or more are 25¢ per copy including postage. We ask people and organizations working in prisons and with prisoners to send us postage costs (25¢ for five copies and 1¢ for each additional copy) and we will mail to you or your organization. Unless you are reasonably sure that prison censors will not destroy the magazine, please do not ask us to mail directly to prisoners. Our address is: JBBC, 6817 Greenwood Ave., N., Seattle, Washington 98103. John Brown Book Club a Prairie Fire/Ozawatomie Distributing Committee

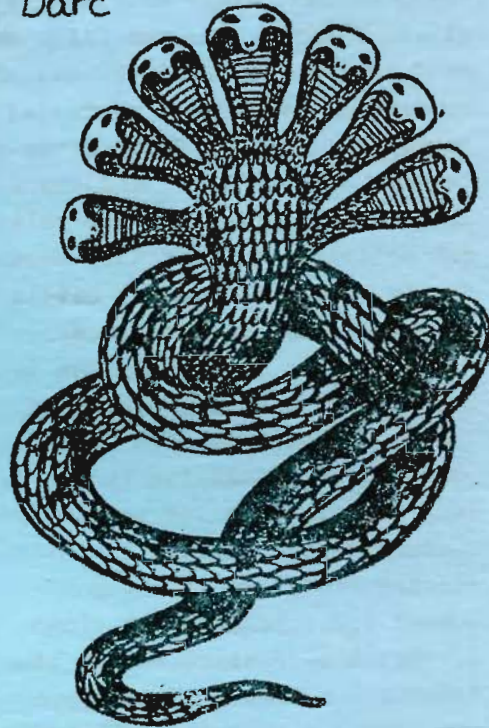
No one will be refused Dragon for lack of bread, but we really do appreciate it if those that have the money come up with a five dollar sub. Dragon is still 35¢ a copy plus postage if ordered from JBBC, but the prices are going to rise in bookstores. Your input into Dragon through criticism, feedback, money, and turning other folks onto it contributes to the maintenance of active dialog and growth. BAY AREA RESEARCH COLLECTIVE

The Trial of Little and Remiro

an analysis by barc

On Monday, June 9, 1975, Joe Remiro and Russ Little were found guilty of the murder of Marcus Foster. On June 27, they were sentenced to life imprisonment. During Little and Remiro's trial, the Prisoners-Of-War Offense/Defense Committee organized a rally in Sacramento and a few leaflets from POWOD, BARC and Orphans of Amerika were put out. The trial itself was sparsely attended except by the mostly straight press trying to cash in on sensationalism created around the SLA.

Having no evidence to convict Little and Remiro as the people who pulled the trigger on Foster, the prosecution pushed the guilty-by-association theory. Jensen, the D.A., tried to link Remiro and Little to the Concord house on Sutherland Court where he insisted the Foster murder was planned and to the murder weapons. In both cases Jensen presented circumstantial evidence that was easily torn down by the defense. The prosecution's star witness, a police informer named Chris Thompson, testifying that he sold one of the murder weapons to Russ Little--was caught in a web of lies and contradictions and his

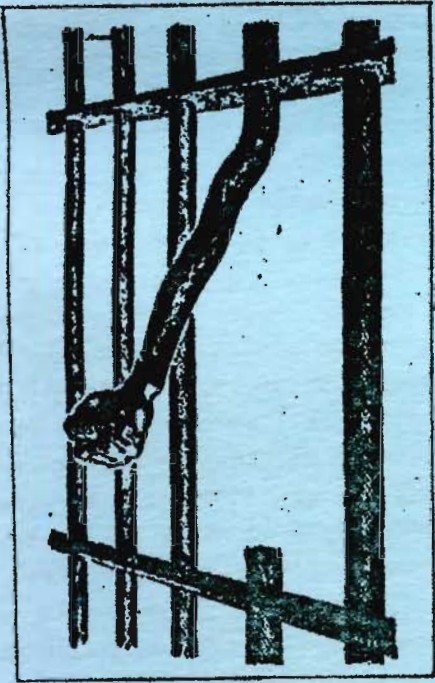


testimony proved false. Michael McMahon testified that Thompson told him that he had sold the gun to Nancy Ling Perry, another SLA member.

Many witnesses for the defense testified that they were pressured in various ways not to cooperate with the defense in this case. The FBI attempted to intimidate witnesses by informing families, friends and employers that these people were "involved with the SLA".

Cynthia Garvey and Karen Franklin

New World Liberation Front's bombing
form of armed propaganda such as the
letters to the brothers, and in the
support through public statements,



Although Remiro and Little's
trial was an opportunity for the
Bay Area left to show support for
the politics of armed struggle, sup-
port which had been ludicrously
lacking while the Symbionese Liber-
ation Army was engaged in their most
active practice, Remiro and Little
were for the most part ignored by
the Bay Area left. The revolution-
ary underground and prisoners of
war around America who had been ac-
tively and vocally expressing soli-
darity with the SIA continued their

were the only hostile witnesses sub-
poenaed by the defense. Garvey is
presently in jail for refusing to
testify in front of the SIA Grand
jury. Neither Garvey nor Franklin
would explain their political mo-
tivation for taking the fifth amend-
ment in order to avoid questioning
by defense attorneys. Refusing to
cooperate with the defense can only
benefit the state. These are peo-
ple who are supposed to be politi-
cal activists and yet they essen-
tially helped to convict Little
and Remiro by their silence.
Throughout the trial, the de-
fendants were very up-front in put-
ting out their politics. They fo-
cused on the situation in the Oak-
land schools that led to Foster's
assassination. Foster's contro-
versial armed-cops-on-campus/
school I.D. program with plans
to keep bio-dossiers on all stu-
dents and enable cops to arrest
students for breaking school rules
was brought out in the trial.
The Little-Remiro trial raises
many legal and political questions.
The defendants were not even charged
with conspiracy, yet they were
clearly convicted on the basis that
a supposed conspiracy existed. The
white middle class jury, mostly gov-
ernment employees were certainly not
a jury of their peers. The intense
security around the trial and the
searches, fingerprinting, photo-
graphing and I.D. checks of spec-
tators is another form of state

of the California Department of Corrections. That the significance of the SLA in furthering the struggle was and continues to be acknowledged by urban guerrillas and p.o.w.'s and is ignored or trashed by large segments of the aboveground left is a contradiction which we feel must be addressed.

We are all familiar with the roll call of leftists rushing to disassociate themselves with the SLA in the Bay Area. Never could the Man have envisioned or planned such a massive exhibition of collaboration against the people's movement.

Huey P. Newton, in a letter to the Hearsts not only disassociated the Black Panthers from the SLA which should have been sufficient but further wrote, "In the past, we the Black Panther Party had attempted to help the U.S. corporate interests avoid bearing such a yoke, by asking and imploring your help for the people's survival. In this interest we ourselves gave away \$154,000 of free food in order to forestall what presently happened (the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst now Tania)." The survival programs that the Panthers and the community had struggled for according to Huey were now designed to forestall the people's rage.

The Socialist Workers Party and the Young Socialist alliance issued a joint news release presenting the possibility that SLA were either

police agents or right wingers attempting to discredit the left.

Angela Davis on Feb. 12, '74 told a press conference, "If you want to build a mass movement against racism poverty, and imperialism you don't do things that alienate people. You do things that will help draw people into your struggle."

Such remarks went so far below the concept of comradely criticism so as to isolate the SLA. The resulting alienation of the left from Remiro and Little was inevitable. What becomes clear is that the left in the Bay Area supports the right of third world people to fight in battles of liberation thousands of miles away, memorializes the deaths of black freedom fighters like George Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas, and Malcolm X, rushes to the aid of the warriors at Wounded Knee, and yet refuses to support white revolutionary soldiers in their own community.

Generally the left relates to trials. The imprisoned guerrilla can be romanticized, mystified and sanctified. The prisoner can become a cause, a force to be organized around, a symbol of the barbaric conditions in the U.S.A. The defense committee mentality is often content to shout hollow phrases about freeing political prisoners but is unwilling to foster the growth of the military forces capable of achieving those ends. Comrades

The necessity of armed struggle in revolution can not be disputed. It is the responsibility of the left to embrace all revolutionary freedom fighters as comrades subject to criticism, but firmly rooted in the context of support. 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-lines 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."--Martin Sostre

We must learn from practice that such collaboration as non-support and unprincipled criticism exhibited in the Little-Remiro trial and in general the attitude of the left toward the SIA and other underground guerrilla fighters is not in the interests of revolutionary struggle. We will gain no favors from the pigs by denouncing our comrades as terrorists. We will never attract the unaffiliated people in this country by deserting comrades behind enemy lines. We will never achieve revolution by isolating ourselves from the underground and locked down segments of the people's struggle.

such as the Black Guerrilla Family, the Weather Underground Organization and the Black Liberation Army had no reservations about their solidarity with the SIA. Revolutionaries such as Marilyn Buck, Martin Sostre, Assata Shakur and Cameron Bishop rushed to embrace the SIA as comrades. Yet many people working in the prison movement have let Remiro and Little be loaded by a shabby district attorney and a judge who would have felt at home a hundred years ago banging a revolver in a saloon. Little and Remiro were rightly accused by the system of being revolutionary soldiers and the Bay Area left community treated them like a communicable disease which they did not want to catch.

How many guerrillas will be gleefully executed by the state while the left denounces freedom fighters as terrorists? How often will the spirit of George Jackson be invoked while his revolutionary vision being practiced by the guerrilla is ignored by his mourners? An aggressive militant left determined to bring the enemy down and must not ignore prisoners of war in order to attract the unaffiliated. Who would join a movement which does not offer its fighters protection and support behind enemy lines?

Behind Enemy Lines



Jan. 18, 1974

Greetings Sisters & Brothers,

We address you in the spirit of revolutionary love and unity.

After the fact of crimes against us — we, the victims are allowed to speak. So what do we say? Do we appeal for justice as sons and lovers of this society!? Or as citizens respectful to the court!?? NO, we do not. Not this time or ever!

We will not close our mouths nor turn our eyes from the history of this country and the realities of today! We are not guilty of crime and will not become so by failure to stand as politically conscious and socially motivated men. If there is defiance in our words — it is meant to be there! We **TOTALLY DENOUNCE** the order of a society which is sustained on the denial, of the rights, of the majority of its people. We denounce the history of this society which murders and reduces the lives of its national minorities to eternal anguish and struggle against the degradation of racism and poverty.

And because of such beliefs — our crime is — the realization that as revolutionaries it is our duty to totally support and recognize all those struggling for National Liberation and the construction of a more humane and egalitarian society! This is our only crime! Yet, we state and restate — wherever inhumane conditions of life exist and there is struggle — our whole-hearted support and solidarity goes to those who take history into hand!

The last few years are full of cases like ours — usually aimed at Black and other non-white comrades. Civil Rights, even on paper, are dead! Political grand juries, preventative detention, stop and search laws, search and seizure laws and a host of other such "laws" which "legally overrule" a person's constitutional and human rights were designed specifically to encourage and support frame-ups such as this. The massive arrests of

Black revolutionaries during 1973, alleging them to be members of the Black Liberation Army was a calculated campaign to rip-off the people's leadership and discourage others from embracing the struggle.

It is FASCISM - loud and clear - and we've been aware of it for some time now because of our relations with revolutionary prisoners who are always the first and hardest hit by repression! The government is trying to make an example of us - to destroy us - to discourage others who think and feel as we do! **THEY WILL NOT SUCCEED!**

We have already been convicted and sentenced to one of their worst hell-holes, San Quentin's "Adjustment Center," even before railroading us thru court! But, we still grow stronger ever day - the spirit of Lolita Lebron and George Jackson thrives here! We feel like the rabbit who was thrown into the briar patch, for punishment.

It is time for all conscious "white" people to pledge their full support for their comrades of color and keep that pledge regardless of the consequences!

These Fascist-Imperialist Punks are losing control over all the oppressed peoples and nations of the world. Revolution is now for a vast majority of the world's oppressed peoples. The corporate police-state's reaction to these defeats is to try to secure the home-front, meaning this country, now so they can concentrate their repressive forces and attempt to keep on exploiting! The first and most obvious phase in this plan is securing the prisons (making them out-front Concentration Camps) and eliminating those lower class people who will be forced to fight back in self-defense!

The "reforms" (lappesements) of the 60's are dead! The ruling class doesn't feel secure with so many conscious people in their midst - in the Belly of the Pig. They tremble before the just fury of the people - afraid they will have to split their repressive forces further, to fight an internal as well as external war! They urgently need the total support of all the white people in this country to carry on their racist, imperialist exploitation. They are very aware that a majority of the lower class non-white people do not support their wars and their insane passion for profits at any cost. Rejecting the path of "reform" as ineffective leaves them only one choice - FASCISM: sterilization, imprisonment, murder and genocide of the non-white and poor white peoples in the ghettos of this miserable U.S.A. Again, we want to stress the fact that - IT IS NOW TIME FOR ALL CONSCIOUS, FREEDOM-LOVING "WHITES" TO JOIN THEIR REVOLUTIONARY COMRADES OF COLOR AND HELP BRING THIS MON-

STER TO ITS KNEES!

We'll close this missive with a quote from Comrade Fred Hampton: "Peace to those who are willing to fight for it!"

A Luta Continua, Venceremos

Russ Little
Joe Rambo

TRIAL STATEMENTS

Joe Remiro & Russ Little

4-4-75

Many people are expecting these proceedings to somehow justify the climate of hysteria that has been manufactured to insure a conviction against us. What they are going to get is a smoke-screen of circumstance and a collage of contradictory lies aimed at mesmerizing the jury into a self-righteousness that will allow them to ignore the injustice of Amerikkkan "justice."

The realities are easy to understand. We are captive revolutionaries -- Prisoners of War! Some fifteen months ago, we were arbitrarily assaulted by a trigger-crazy pig who shot one of us, in an attempt to murder us both. For defending our lives, we were given two charges which, since then, have been increased to five charges, then seven and now, just before our so-called trial, one of us has eleven and the other thirteen charges.

After four months of imprisonment, our ransom or "reasonable" bail, if you can stomach such a term, was finally set at \$600,000 each and has since climbed to \$850,000 for one and \$900,000 for the other. This outrageous ransom, for two men who cannot even afford private attorneys, has been justified on the grounds that we stand in direct opposition to Amerikkkan imperialism and fascism, at a time when the stink of the "Amerikkkan Way" can tolerate little opposition.

The corporate media has been overtly active in the last 15 months, proving its allegiance to this fascist government.



The media has distorted facts and presented "evidence" that does not exist. From their own lies, they have drawn conclusions of absurd proportion.

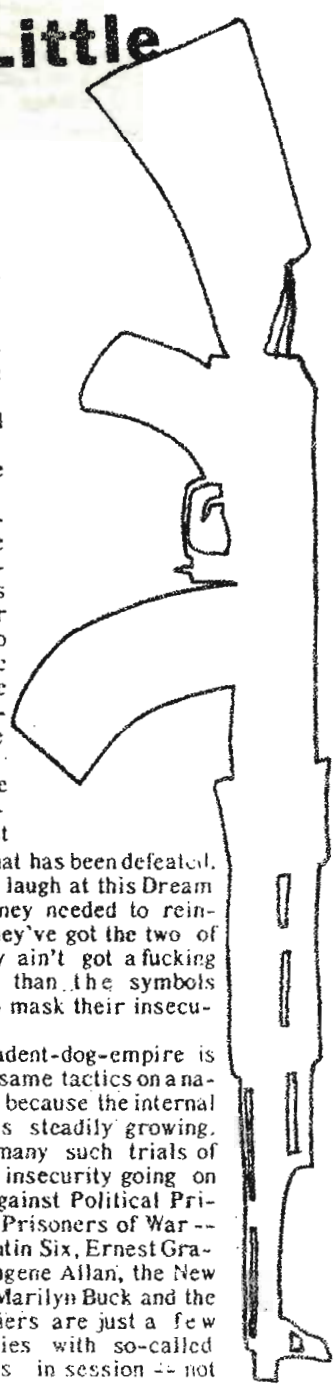
Charges have been brought against us by the media that are even too ridiculous for the District Attorney to consider, as much as he'd like to. It is obvious to us that our trial has already been conducted by the corporate media for the benefit of those insecure fools who need to be distracted while history's most vicious fascist emoire crumbles.

This government and its propaganda machine have not gone to such extremes just to imprison and murder us. The millions that have been spent to murder our six SLA comrades and to frame us, are meant to convince the people of the US that we are the revolution and that our imprisonment and deaths will be the end of it.

They have projected us as the new Amerikkkan Dream -- personified symbols of a socialist

revolution that has been defeated. We can only laugh at this Dream and the money needed to reinforce it! They've got the two of us, but they ain't got a fucking thing other than the symbols they build to mask their insecurity.

This decadent-dog-empire is using these same tactics on a national level because the internal revolution is steadily growing. There are many such trials of Amerikkkan insecurity going on right now, against Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War -- the San Quentin Six, Ernest Graham and Eugene Allan, the New York Five, Marilyn Buck and the Attica Brothers are just a few revolutionaries with so-called "fair" trials in session -- not



to mention the many circuses that are already over or are yet to come.

The treatment that these com-

rades are being subjected to is the same and often worse than

what we have received. Contrary to our enemies' wishes, such

treatment is not intimidating or

crushing our spirit to resist. The

renewed activity of the anti-

imperialist movement and the

revolutionary actions of the

NWLF, FALN, BLA, CLF, SLA

and other peoples' guerrilla

forces within the "sacred boun-

daries" of the US are clear in-

dications of the growing resist-

ance to fascism and imperialism.

So now after recognizing and

experiencing all this and more,

we are expected to act as if this

Walt Disney Special is going to

be a "fair trial" by a "jury of

our peers!!!!" If we had any faith

in this system -- if we believed

in "fair trials" -- we would not

have become revolutionaries.

Our peers aren't allowed to be

jurors -- they don't register to

vote in a system that was found-

ed and has been sustained on the

corpses of oppressed peoples

and nations.

Anyone who can sit in this

court and claim no prejudice with

respect to us and our cases or

claim that the peer pressure of

their friends and neighbors is of

no concern to them, is simply

full of shit.

Since this whole circus is for

the benefit of others, we'd rat-

her not be present.

If the D.A. and the judge

wish only to prove that we will

not sit quietly through this farce,

we are willing to stipulate, for

the record, that we have nothing

but contempt for this court and

everything it represents.

We have entered pleas of "not

guilty" only because it is the

have nothing to do with these

proceedings, we advise all of you

who are conspiring to keep us

imprisoned, to do your worst.

None of you will have to worry about a 15 month waiting period or a circus trial. The revolutionaries' peoples of the world have already held your trial and when it comes time for sentencing, it will cost no more than the price of a bullet!

- edited version

4-18-75

In our first statement concerning this so-called trial, we made it clear that we have nothing but contempt for these hysterically staged proceedings and everything the Amerikkkan empire stands for. We refused to play the part of circus attractions because our participation will in no way change the script of "guilty by circumstantial evidence" that the government has put together with lies, to insure our conviction.

Our feelings about the impossibility of fair or impartial trials have in no way changed or modified. If anything, our views on the deliberate nature of fascist courts have again been confirmed by the process of jury selection, which allowed the DA to pick a jury composed mainly of persons financially dependent on government jobs -- with only one young person and no non-White or poor people.

Originally, we stated that we did not want to be present in the courtroom during this government action against our freedom. The DA, for the first time in 15 months, sat quietly without objection. He actually hoped that we would sit silently, in the basement, while he freely spouted his perverted reactionary politics in this circus, which he assured each juror would not be a political trial.

For three days he has been parading around the courtroom, running his mouth, thinking that he was going to be allowed to go on indefinitely with his fascist distortions.

RUSSELL LITTLE'S STATEMENT AT SENTENCING 6-27-75

Knowing that we are not guilty of these charges, he assumed that we would be too worried about jeopardizing ourselves in the minds of already prejudiced jurors to defend revolutionary politics.

On Thursday, we moved -- we entered the courtroom and demanded that we be allowed to speak in defense of ourselves and our politics by personally questioning certain witnesses. The judge, in a feeble attempt to cloud the blatant injustice of Amerikkan courts, admitted that we have the right to speak in our own behalf.

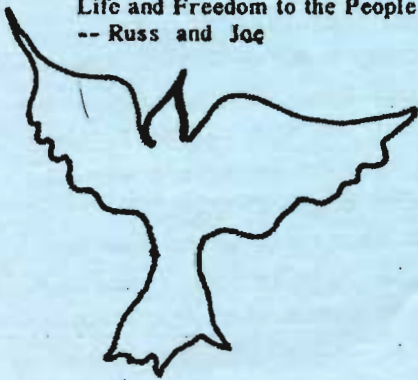
This concession again exposes the State's mad-dog racist actions against Russell Magee who has for years been denied the right to act as his own counsel.

Since the State's star witness, Robert Blackburn, was forced by our attorneys to admit that he could not identify either his or Foster's assailants, the DA has decided to open up the full spectrum of politics surrounding this case.

In an attempt to further prejudice the jurors against us, and propagate the ideology of corporate fascism, the DA is presenting bastardized accounts of the political controversy preceding Foster's assassination, and of our personal backgrounds as political activists.

We intend to confront this bullshit head-on by questioning his witnesses and pointing out the contradictions between their testimony and objective reality. We are motivated by our political understanding and revolutionary commitment to deal, on all levels, with the realities of this fascist dictatorship.

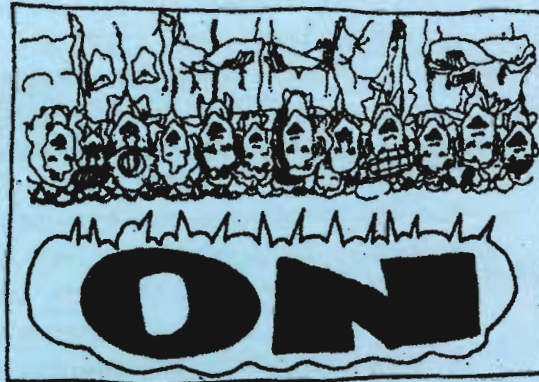
Life and Freedom to the People
-- Russ and Joe



Today marks the temporary end of our first so-called legal battle with the criminal injustice system -- no more, no less. For us, the outcome of this first circus was anything but a surprise. Rather it confirms the validity of our political beliefs and strengthens our determination to continue resisting -- until this system of parasitic Imperialism and all its degenerate manifestations are completely smashed and eliminated; until the people control their own personal lives, communities and work places; until freedom and equality are social realities for all peoples in this country and internationally!

In the statement we issued on the first day of jury selection, we clearly expressed what we think of and expect from this U.S. "just-them" system. Too many struggling poor people and revolutionaries have passed this way throughout the history of the 1800's and 1900's for us to expect anything resembling true justice. Every time I hear this government or their propagandists in the pig media talk about sinister conspiracies by revolutionaries, I have to smile at the irony of their

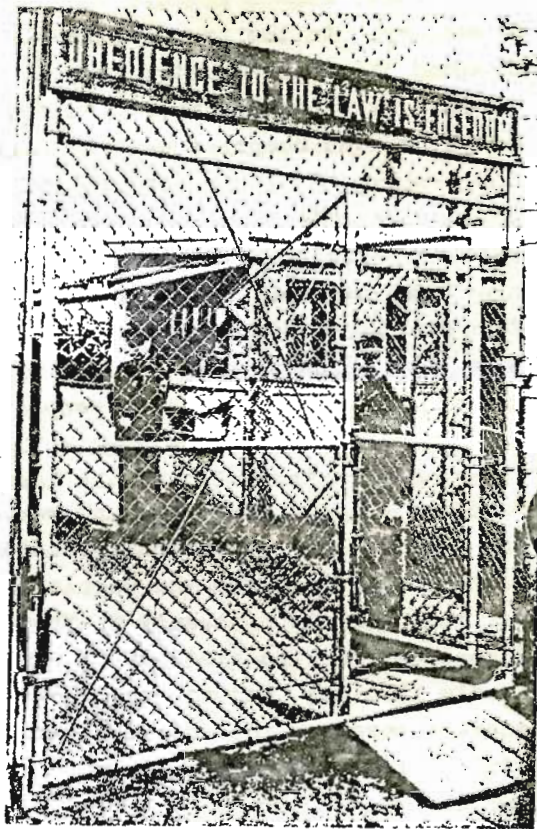
equally bogus -- reasons if we chose to ignore Lenser's and Thompson's lies and actions. Like Blackburn's obviously contrived descriptions of the assassins and like their state-
 that Nancy, Joe and I had taken ID's with the same address, when Nancy King Perry was never connected to the 7th Ave. house in Oakland by any evidence -- direct or circumstantial. Anyway, we questioned Lenser to encourage people in poor and working class communities to critically evaluate situations and not just accept what the pig press prints. When this racist D.A. makes such a big deal out of a black man's execution -- people should ask themselves why. He didn't care when Oakland pigs murdered Bobby Hutton back in 1968! Was he concerned when J. Emeryville pigs shot an unarmed black man-child named Tyrone Guyton, and left him to die in the gutter? No, this D.A. subverted grand jury investigations into Tyrone Guyton's death! When all the "Great White Fathers" of this city -- like Mayor Reading, the late William Knowland, the chief of police, and this scummy D.A. -- lament the death of a black man, it's obviously because that man was useful to them and not because he made great advances for black people! The last thing I'm gonna say about the D.A.'s jury is that their use of our escape attempt to show "consciousness of guilt" makes about as



This country and the majority of the non-socialist world are being exploited by the same gang of barbarian conspirators whose lackey cry "wolf" while pointing their slimy fingers at anyone who resists. The circus itself was nothing but a slipshod conspiracy by the D.A. and judge, with Blackburn, Lenser and Thompson playing supporting roles. My lawyer did a beautiful job of exposing their trickery in misrepresenting the so-called evidence and distorting the conspiracy laws. The main impact of Lenser's presentation was to influence the D.A.'s jury to hold off bringing in their preconceived verdict to give the appearance of impartiality but the fools' remarks to the media showed their so-called reasons to be nothing but lame excuses. We chose to question Lenser and attack Thompson for political reasons. We fully understood that the D.A.'s jury would use our opposition to rationalize their verdict. We also knew they would find other --

much sense as the neurotic lives they lead! If the wanton execution of our 6 comrades in L.A. was not conclusive evidence of the State's intentions to exterminate us, the strangulation-murder of Raymond Sparks last October by Folsom prison guards is proof -- positive. The double-execution of Popeye Jackson and Sally Voyer this June by counter-insurgency pigs is the latest example of the official government policy towards SLA members and supporters. We hope that the guerrilla forces will remember Comrade George's statements about combatting state terrorism with revolutionary counter-terrorism. Action taken against that lying snitch Chris Thompson, this sour-faced dog of a D.A. and his boys, or the two-faced fascist representative of the "just-them" system, the judge, old jolly joker, who subverted our case as a "civic obligation" would be readily understood by everyone!!!

One question I know people have been asking themselves is: "Why would college-educated white folks join an urban guerrilla organization like the SLA or the NWLF, RGF, or Weather Underground?" Simply stated, the answer is because we realize that we have no other choice but to fight for the freedom, equality, and justice that we were lead to believe are the cornerstones of this country. You see, all those lofty ideas we were taught in U.S. history classes,



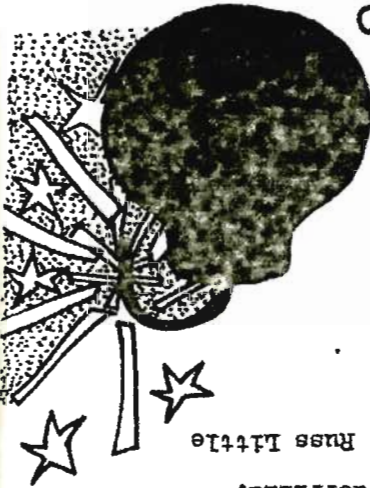
had a lasting effect on us. And once we accumulated enough experience and knowledge to realize that those ideals were just a smoke-screen to hide this racist, exploitive system we exist (I can't bring myself to say live) under -- we began searching for alternatives to this madness. We learned from the struggles and achievements of the Third World nations this country oppresses -- from the Chinese, the Cubans, the Vietnamese, and the people of Mozambique -- that there are other societies that are much closer to the ideals we were raised

world people.

The following is part of a letter from Joe Remiro to BARG in which Remiro discusses the issue of racism in the prisons and among white movement people doing prison work, especially their tendency to relate exclusively to Black prisoners whom they assume to be "more revolution-ary" than Whites and other third

8-16-75

A Letter from Joe Remiro



Russ Little

So I'll just say once more what we've said so many times before. This conviction is nothing -- we do not recognize it as legitimate or binding! Contrary to pig propaganda - the "ill-fated terrorist group" is alive and kicking and this circus has done nothing but increase our forces. We will continue to struggle with the certainty that "WE WILL WIN."

Death to the Fascist insect that preys upon the life of the people. Life and fire-power to the people! Long live the guerrillas!

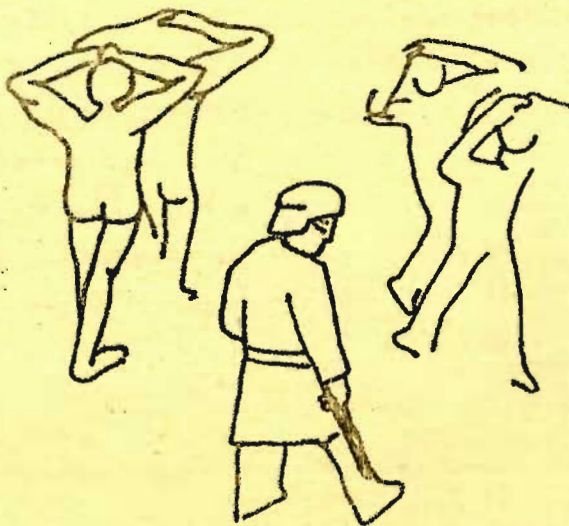
to respect, demand and die for, it necessary! In the process, we also learned that this country is controlled by a gang of barbarian conspirators who comprise what we call the "ruling elite" of this military-armed corporate state -- deprived white imperialists who are power crazy and can only be removed by force of arms; From that perspective, we decide to cast our lot with the majority of the world's people and join the guerrilla struggle that is growing in the belly of the beast. To educate and defend poor and working people thru revolutionary action; to build the base for the Peoples War that will be necessary to free ourselves from the clutches of corporate fascism; and to construct a society based on the true affirmation of life, liberty and justice for all.

Not all but a hell of a lot of the racial antagonisms and reactionary politics in these kamps are a direct reaction to White liberal guilt trippers and romanticists. Too many White folks have turned their struggle against racism into a more sophisticated form of racism which can be just as counter-productive.

Politically oriented White folks who visit and write prisoners usually fall into the routine of only relating to Black prisoners. This has been an effective way of heightening racial contradictions and de-emphasizing the class nature of the revolutionary struggle. Black prisoners are not the only prisoners with revolutionary potential but they are the only ones being focused on by the left.

Among White and Mexican brothers there exists the belief that folks on the left all wish that they were Black. I know that this isn't true but with the way that the left relates to prisons, struggling against this misconception is near impossible. Behind this misconception many righteous brothers are alienated toward any political views coming from the left. Many sit behind these walls year after year, without visits or mail, becoming more racist and reactionary when these totally repressive conditions should have the exact opposite effect.

The revolutionary role of White folks is not to educate and organize the Black Nation, on the streets or in these kamps. The contradictions in here are magnified but essentially the same. Political mistakes become dead serious when they get to this side of the walls. Those who understand the importance of the prison struggle, in relation to the over-all revolution, should analyze and re-evaluate the nature of their motivations, and seriously consider the effect their actions will have on our internal struggle.



Important Trials in Denver

In Colorado two comrades, Gary Garrison and Cameron Bishop, are fighting to stay on the streets. Their real crimes are resistance to imperialism and racism. Garrison, a Chicano brother active in the Crusade for Justice has been harassed since early 1974 for an alleged conspiracy concerning a bombing. The community has been supportive of Gary in fighting this obvious frameup. The jury should reach a verdict soon. Send contributions, telegrams, and letters of support in c/o Denver Chicano Liberation Defense Committee P.O. Box 18347, 1567 Downing St., Denver, Colo. 80218.

Cameron Bishop, busted March 12, 1975 after six years underground, is fighting some equally trumped-up charges. He is charged with four counts of sabotage in connection with a bombing of power lines which supplied electricity to Coors Porcelain, a war profiteer and a cog in the racist, fascist Coors empire. Cam goes to trial in September, and he's building an offense instead of a defense, an offense against the war criminals in Washington and the "higher-ups" and Law enforcers in the Denver community. For more information, expressions of support, and badly-needed funds, write, The Cameron Bishop Defense P.O. Box 3071, Denver, Colo. 80201.



The Correct Handling of Communiques Among the People ...

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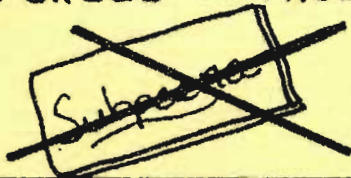


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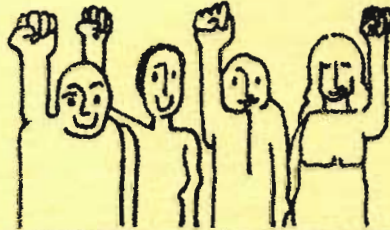


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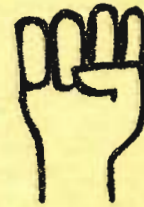
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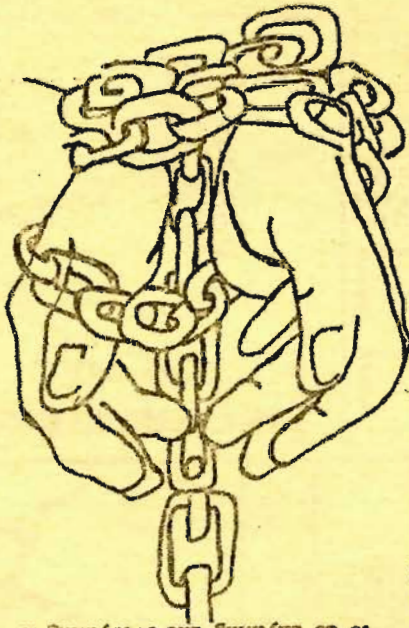
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August 25, 1975

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whether or not a person is a

snitch. We feel a person's dress

& style reflect a lot; yet we also

feel this matter was the least

important of the issues we raised

concerning Popeye.

We would like to make it clear

to the BGF that we didn't expect

them to find information that

Popeye was a snitch in the joint,

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We chose this approach not only for our security, but for his, too. Later we found out he saw little need for security for some reason. Had we answered his questions it would have been the same as giving our name, birthplace, etc. Why didn't he just ask what our name or birthplace was and save the time of going through that other process, which would have given him the same information anyway! After so short a time these questions would have seemed treacherous; yet these are the same things he was asking us indirectly. We can't believe Popeye couldn't see the danger behind asking those questions.

Our comrades, starting to feel wary and suspicious, discussed a second meeting (out of impatience to grow, and out of past respect for Popeye.) Popeye suggested we phone him at his home but this was quickly rejected because both knew his phone was bugged. Our comrade next suggested an outdoor location near Popeye's home so we could watch anyone possibly following him. This was rejected because Popeye had a meeting that night until 9:30, so he suggested our comrade come by his house after the meeting. A misunderstanding occurred-- he thought we agreed on 9:30 (the end of the meeting) and we thought after 9:30.

On our way to Popeye's around 10 p.m. we saw Popeye stopped by a pig on Mission near 14th. He saw us, as there was definite eye contact made. We stopped

nearby, hoping to catch him when he left; but we lost him at a signal. We thought he might return to his home a few blocks away so we observed it from a distance, but he didn't return. After a half hour a comrade went in disguise to his house to see if there was a message and learned of the time misunderstanding.

In analyzing the evening, we sharply criticized ourselves for risking our security in our impatience to create a communications base and to meet comrades. On the one hand we knew we shouldn't meet at an obviously closely surveilled house with an obviously closely watched person, but our impatience to grow blinded us. Then we asked ourselves and we ask comrades now, why would Popeye, with 19 years prison experience, who well knows he's bugged and watched, suggest to comrades, who he knows are fighting underground and have the advantage of being unknown, why would he suggest, not only that we call him, but that we come by his house at a time when a meeting's ending and it's likely other people would be there? And why was our suggestion, which offered more security, rejected?

To really catch the dynamics of this, we ask comrades to imagine themselves in a position of their phone being tapped and their house being watched. A comrade that you know the pigs are looking for wants to get together. Would even the most unaware suggest a meeting under these treacherous circumstances? How about

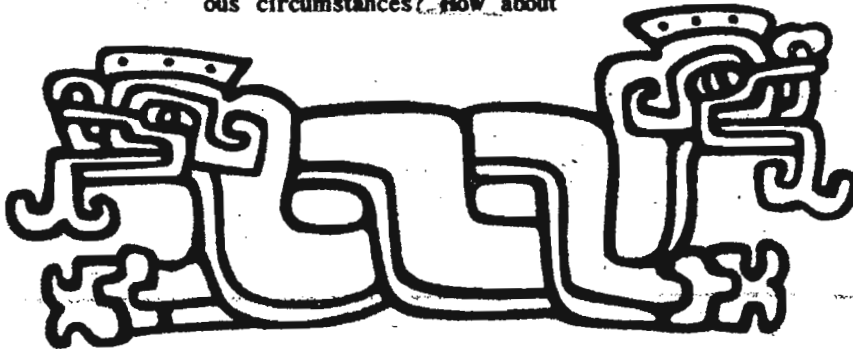
an ex-convict who claims to support armed underground activity?

This kind of treachery cannot go unchecked, especially when dealing with people in key positions who we expect to have a more developed political awareness. It's of the essence that we learn to detect a snitch before and not after the fact. Too often we've seen our comrades fall prey to this most effective pig tactic -- Fred Hampton, AIM, BLA, Weatherpeople, SLA to name a few.

We knew the risks involved in raising questions to expose Popeye. We also knew the risks in not raising these questions. For our own security we cut off contact completely, as one of the greatest advantages we have is remaining unknown to all enemy elements. For the security of our comrades we felt it essential to warn them by exposing the contradictions publicly. We may have moved prematurely in issuing our June 3 communique, as we couldn't present all the information at that time. (In that communique we felt certain Popeye was a snitch, but we decided his reply would best speak for itself.) On the other hand, to wait would have risked the lives of comrades.

Unity in struggle
Towards total liberation
A luta continua

New World Liberation Front



NWLF BOMBS EMERYVILLE POLICE

August 13, 1975
REAL DATE: 5 years, 6 days

"WE RECKON ALL TIME IN THE FUTURE FROM THE DAY OF THE
MAN-CHILD'S DEATH"

The explosion at the Emeryville Station of Fascist Pig Repression is a warning to the rabid dogs who murder our children in cold blood. Remember pigs: everytime you strap on your gun, the next bullet may be speeding towards your head, the next bomb may be under the seat of your car. The people and the people's armed forces will no longer quietly submit to the occupation of our communities and we will never forget the executions of Tyrone Guyton, Clifford Glover, Claude Reese, Alberto Terrones and Derrick Browne.

"IF THERE ARE TO BE FUNERALS, LET THERE BE FUNERALS ON
BOTH SIDES."

LONG LIVE THE GUERRILLA

DEATH TO THE FASCIST INSECT THAT PREYS UPON THE LIFE OF
THE PEOPLE

Jonathan Jackson/Sam Melville
Unit
New World Liberation Front

On August 13, the Jonathan Jackson/Sam Melville Unit of New World Liberation Front bombed the Emeryville Police Station damaging several patrol cars. We support this action of the N.W.L.F.; their choice of target is clear and decisive. The occupation of our communities by agents of state power such as the F.B.I. and the police has deadly consequences. The people have asserted that they will no longer passively accept this occupying army as is shown by the resistance at the Pine Ridge/Rosebud reservations, the Casa Blanca barrio and the continuing offensive actions of our guerrilla forces.

The strength and effectiveness of the guerrilla are increased by continued communication between the underground and aboveground. The deaths of Popeye Jackson and Sally Voyer have raised several questions which have troubled the revolutionary community.

The People's Forces of the New World Liberation Front in their criticisms of Popeye June 3 and June 11 asked for an investigation of their charges. Since that time the Black Guerrilla Family, the Weather Underground, the Red Guerrilla Family and the Symbionese Liberation Army have all expressed their solidarity with Popeye and that to their knowledge, he was not a snitch.

At this time what is unclear is whether the N.W.L.F. is continuing their investigation or whether their allegations about Popeye could not be substantiated. There is also the possibility that the pigs may have intercepted such communication in order to alienate the aboveground and underground. An N.W.L.F. response clarifying their view of the events surrounding the death of Popeye and Sally can only serve the interests of the people.

CLASS WAR IN CASA BLANCA



Last week in the Casa Blanca barrio in Riverside, residents of that community fought with a police team including Riverside police and Special Weapons And Tactical officers (SWAT) from San Diego. In the fighting four residents and two policemen were wounded. In addition, a police helicopter and airplane were damaged by shotgun fire and forced to land. The fighting began when police came into the community to investigate a report that a man, allegedly a narcotics agent, had been wounded. When police came to the scene, the crowd gathered in a nearby cornfield and a gun battle took place. Police were shot at from the rooftops of houses into the early morning.

This incident, coming as it does on the tenth anniversary of the Watts rebellion and during the continuing siege at the Pine Ridge/Rosebud reservations in South Dakota, indicates that the right of a community to defend itself from unwarranted occupation must be upheld. In Casa Blanca and Pine Ridge/Rosebud, the invasion of police forces has been compared to Viet-Nam style attacks. It is also no coincidence that these attacks have taken place in third world communities. It is in these communities that the naked face of Amerikan brutality is most often seen. It is in these communities where resistance is most advanced. The only official changes that have come from the era of Watts have been the creation of SWAT type military forces within the police department. Local police, FBI, and other arms of state power must be stopped from occupying our communities.

The institutionalization of poverty, hunger, sexism and racism is a continuing historical reality of life in this country. However, resistance is also imbedded in our history and is continuing to develop today. Ultimately our goal must be to build a movement with the force to combat the capitalist state meaningfully and daily. Only our strength will enable us to take power over our communities and our lives.

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE IS NOT DISCUSSED
IT IS DEFENDED BY GUNS

An NWLF Response

This NWLF communique is in response to an open letter which appeared in Dragon No. 1 and previously in leaflet form.

An open letter to BARC and the Orphans of Amerika in response to an open letter to the NWLF---

We salute BARC and the O of A for responding quickly to the needs of oppressed peoples by creating a principled alternative information source.

First we would like to clarify that we are the Peoples' Forces of the NWLF. The name NWLF includes many units who share a common ideology in this war of the poor against the rich.

We feel your criticism could have been written from a more constructive, less speculative point of view. Your tone on the issue of the BARB staff was subjective--we felt you weren't seeking clarification but rather making accusations. With your limited information you should have been looking for additional information rather than rushing to premature conclusions. In short, the tone of this letter seemed quite different from your other criticism.

Your statement, "whatever the real reason, we feel the NWLF and the Barb should do what is necessary to uncover the truth", seems to suggest we should continue struggling with the Barb. We feel we have exposed the Barb sufficiently and the Barb has exposed itself sufficiently by their response. We must not forget that through this struggle with the Barb, our goal of a revolutionary principled communications base is being realized. We salute any and all comrades who join in this struggle!

We agree with your criticism about not explaining the ruling class controls of the Barb sufficiently. We should have run down the workings of Int'l News Keyus and pointed out how it is controlled by the ruling class. We encourage people who know the inner workings of Barb and its corporate ties to add information, and in the future we will provide more information. It is important to bring these criticisms to our attention; it's important that you add your own information and experiences too--our goal to educate the people to the workings of these ruling class parasites and to offer alternatives that serve the people. Expose the old death order--struggle to build a new life order!

We feel we moved correctly in exposing our direct experience with Stans-
ill, lackey of Int'l News Keyus. He was in charge of imposing the corpo-
rate will, and people that implement the will of the ruling class, over
and on other people, will be held responsible. We feel we acted correctly
in using his name, as people who work against the interests of oppressed
people as well as their acts should be publicly exposed, especially when
they mislead people into believing otherwise.

We consider naming the other staff member no different than our ex-
pression of support for another reporter (who was subpoenaed in Los Angeles
for handling Peoples' Forces NWLF communiques). Both people took a public
stance, realizing harassment would be eminent even though no "laws" had
been broken. Our purpose in mentioning these two people was to draw support
for unjust pig acts. We had and provided no information that was not
public knowledge. If we acted incorrectly we would like it pointed out
in a clearer manner.

We do not see any reason to go into Barb's handling of the June
3 communique. By process of elimination you answered the question cor-
rectly. The Barb has shown clearly their policy on printing communiques,
which is that anything too controversial will not be printed. Barb has con-
tinued to show its pig policy by printing Moore's statement in spite of the
fact that the VVAW told them their investigation revealed Moore to be a pig.
The Peoples' Forces of the NWLF will nonetheless continue sending Barb co-
pies of our communiques in order to reach as many people as possible. We
would like to make it clear that we are in opposition to their treacherous
liberal policy. In the final analysis we realize we can not depend on them.

We fully support the development and growth of any/all peoples'
principled communications bases and urge they develop with a protracted war
in mind. BARC and the O of A have taken revolutionary steps to unify the
aboveground with the underground forces. We send comradely love to BARC and
the O of A.

a luta continua
Peoples' Forces
NWLF



This letter is in answer to an article/letter from Rafiki/Edward Sanchez, a prisoner in Marion, Illinois. Sanchez's article ("Letter to the Vanguard"), which addresses the subject of prison breaks, is printed in Issue #3 of BAR NONE, P.O. Box 124, W. Somerville, MA. 02144 (available free, donation appreciated).

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL COMRADES TRAPPED BEHIND ENEMY LINES--

We feel the questions you raised point the need for dialogue between the underground forces and political prisoners as to tactics. It would be incorrect to assume our revolution could move in a progressive manner without a show of solid revolutionary support for any/all trapped comrades. We've asked the same questions as you--why with all the examples of prison breaks and ransom demands for liberating comrades, have so few occurred in this country?

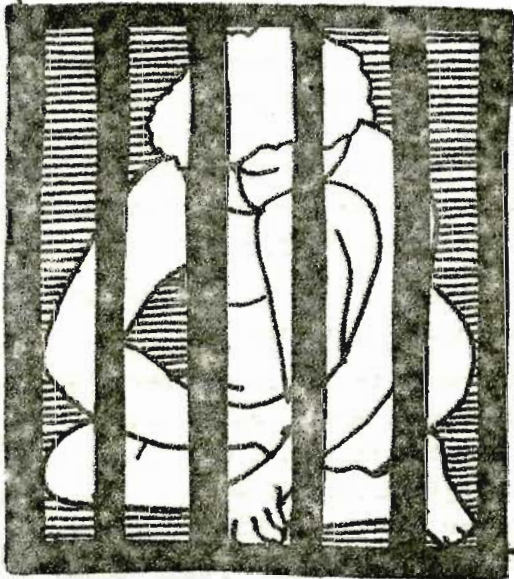
To answer this question ourselves, we would like to present some of our history. The name Peoples' Forces of the NWLF was chosen after an NWLF communique (spring '74) issued a call to arms. The NWLF encompasses all armed units sharing the same goals, but this does not mean that these units have found ways to reach each other. We criticize ourselves for a tactic we once thought valid, used to confuse enemy forces but which is now confusing the people. We exaggerated our size, leading enemy forces (and the people) into believing we are four units and geared our acts to indicate this large a force. In the past we have said that liberating comrades trapped behind enemy lines is our top priority and that it is necessary to have at least four comrades to carry such acts off. When our forces reach that size we will move in that direction! Now we are working to build a strong secure base, geared for a protracted war, and we will continue to attack the ruling class dogs and their lackeys who perpetuate this degenerate, life-destroying order. We along with our comrades in these dehumanizing concentration camps all accross Amerika are wondering why comrades who have sufficient numbers aren't snatching ruling class parasites and ransoming them for the release of comrades?

We have tired to show, by our acts, what a show, by our acts, what a small force is capable of doing. We must again stress the advantage comrades have in being unknown to the pigs. We are unknown to the enemy and we have room to grow. For us, our inspiration comes with what we will be able to do with 6, then 12... hasta la victoria!

We are dedicated in our determination to stop the suffering and misery imposed on poor people by these ruling class parasites, their thugs and their decadent order. The capitalist imperialist order thrives on the nightmare suffering of poor-people--here and around the world. Free enterprise, a word invented by the ruling class in reality means we are "free" to prey on each other in a competitive manner while the ruling class hordes their blood-money watching us scuffle for a mere existence--and often times early death--under this dog-eat-dog ruling class order. We refuse to scuffle to the tune of their death order.

From the ruling class nightmare Koncentration Kamps come dragons of the oppressed and for the oppressed. When these dragons are freed from their iron-concrete caskets, their rage and determination strengthened by their suffering, coupled with a knowledge and deep love of the oppressed, has and will move the struggle to higher levels toward total liberation!

We send our warmest revolutionary love to the Jonathan Jackson/Sam Melville Unit of the NWLF, HLA, FALN, SLA, Weatherpeople, RGF, CLF, AIM, Zapata Unit, Rainbow Underground, all comrades held captive behind enemy lines, and all comrades engaged in arm struggle.



Unity in Struggle
A luta continua
Peoples' Forces
New World Liberation Front

Please copy and distribute to unemployment, welfare and food stamp offices, high schools, prisons, barrios, ghettos and any place poor people gather. Copies of past communiques available through BARG, PO Box 4344, Sather Gate Sta., Berkeley, CA. 94704

TO: NAT TURNER AND JOHN BROWN UNIT
PEOPLE'S FORCES, N.W.L.F.

In response to part of your communique dated May 1, 1975 ("The Attack on CDC"), reprinted in the first issue of Dragon, it should be explained that silencers are not as easy to make as television has them appear.

Two quiet weapons, one old and the other new, were employed during World War II to meet the silent weapon requirements. One was the cross bow, modernized with a spring steel bow and mechanical string crank. The arrow was a short, stubby steel tipped projectile that could be delivered accurately to targets up to 25 yards distance. The other weapon was a modified bolt action rifle employing .45 caliber ammunition.

Two factors must be considered when attempting to silence the report produced when discharging a firearm: 1) the sound of the expanding gas and 2) the noise of the projectile as it passes through the atmosphere. A projectile passing through the air makes a noise of its own, but those traveling in excess of the speed of sound (approx. 1100 ft. per second) generate a shock wave commonly referred to as "breaking the sound barrier." Bullets propelled at velocities in excess of 1100 ft. per second CANNOT be silenced! This little known fact has stymied many an amateur silencer designer. The bullet velocities

must be kept under 1000 ft. per second in order to meet the silencers requirement. Lowering the bullet velocity consequently reduces the kinetic energy and results in lower killing power. Thus the projectile weight has to be increased to offset the reduced speed. The .45 caliber pistol ammunition meets this requirement with muzzle velocity between 800 and 850 ft. per second and a bullet weight in excess of 200 grains. This combination is well suited for silenced weapons.

The revolver has one mechanical characteristic that makes its conversion to a silenced weapon almost impossible and that is the gap between the cylinder and barrel. It is at this point that the expanding gases escape with maximum velocity. While it is true that a silencer can reduce the overall sound produced by the explosion, it has no effect on the gases that pore from between the cylinder and the frame.

For those interested in more details, you should write to:

American Defense Preparedness Ass.
Union Trust Bldg., Suite 819
740 Fifteenth St., N.W.
Washington D.C. 20005
Ask for details on how to obtain a paperback edition of Silenced Weapons, by David DeMulle.

This letter was sent to BARC --
the sender did not sign his/her
name.

NWLF CRITIQUE



We send our love and support to all units of the New World Liberation Front. They have consistently shown themselves to be revolutionary comrades of the highest order. In the spirit of comradely criticism, we present this analysis.

We would like to respond to and discuss the open letter to BARC and Orphans of Amerika from the Peoples' Forces of the NWLF, their August 25 statement concerning Popeye Jackson, and the events starting from June 3 surrounding Popeye's death.

The New World Liberation front, on June 3, issued four criticisms/questions about Popeye Jackson in an open letter. On June 8, Popeye, along with a comrade Sally Voyer, was killed. A phony NWLF communique dated June 9 claimed credit for the assassinations. On June 11 the NWLF issued a statement (this one authentic) denying responsibility but re-stating their original questions. They were:

"1. Privileged treatment by the Adult Authority.

"2. Projecting a capitalist image.

"3. Urging people to premature acts.

"4. Subjective criticism --- trashing."

In the June 11 communique, the NWLF specifically called on the Black Guerrilla Family (an underground revolutionary organization inside California prisons) to "analyze these contradictions, because they are in a position to best judge...."

We fully agree that the BGF was eminently qualified to analyze Popeye's practice and history inside. And they did. In a communique printed in the Berkeley Barb (issue #514, June 20 - 26) the BGF responded, "We feel that the murder of Popeye Jackson and Sally Voyer was the work of pigs. As to the murder of Sally Voyer, there was no justification to the left... especially the guerrilla army, but it serves the pigs' interests to create confusion within the left and to maintain control through that confusion.

"The charges lodged against Popeye, we feel, are void of foundation. If not we command a factual root of proof.

"The constant attacks of the Adult Authority does not appear to be favored treatment. Since when has harrassment become favored treatment?"

Earlier, the Symbionese Liberation Army in a communique dated June 12 responded to the criticisms. "We have long considered Popeye Jackson to be a friend and comrade. We supported his work in the prison movement, and his outspoken stance in critically supporting guerrilla fighters. Popeye was constantly under harrassment from the pigs because of his uncompromising position

in support of armed struggle and the rights of the convicted class." The Weather Underground Organization also issued a statement of support for Popeye. On June 20, the Red Guerrilla Family bombed an office in San Francisco of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau of the Treasury Department. "We take this action in response to the pig murder of Popeye Jackson.... Popeye was a revolutionary who actively sought to expose to the people the fascism of the pigs and the necessity of armed struggle to overthrow the ruling class...."

To build up the resistance of the people to the required pitch needs more than guerrilla activity. The aims of the movement must be popularized, the objectives clearly stated, and the world must be informed of what is happening---and why.

--NOTES ON GUERRILLA WARFARE
Irish Republican Army

The criticisms made of Popeye couldn't and haven't only been answered by the underground, inside or out. The night of the murders, BARC, Orphans of Amerika, Prisoners of War Offense/Defense Committee and the East Bay Chapter of (then) Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (now Winter Soldier Organization) all wrote and posted around the Bay Area state-

ments of support and sorrow at the deaths of Popeye and Sally. The United Prisoners Union issued a statement denouncing the murders and re-stating that Popeye was a comrade and revolutionary. At a rally for Popeye on June 13, these organizations along with Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, the White Panther Party, Spartacist League and other comrades also expressed their sol-

idarity with Popeye. Russ Little and Joe Remiro sent a message of support. These are people and organizations who had had political experience with Popeye. When the phony (June 9) communique was issued, BARC and Orphans posted a statement denouncing it as the divisive work of the pigs.

Later in June we, BARC and Orphans, issued a critique of the NWLF in leaflet form, later reprinted in DRAGON # 1. We asked the Peoples' Forces to respond to the answers they'd received regarding their criticisms and the assassinations. We've waited this long to make a more complete critique/analysis of the NWLF role in this situation primarily to leave them time to assimilate and analyze the body of information since made

public about Popeye and his role in the revolutionary movement. We now feel that the criticisms of Popeye have been answered

Our analysis of the NWLF's handling of the entire situation from June 3 to the present must be sharply critical.

First, on June 3, the NWLF suggests that Popeye may be a collaborator or snitch. Our examination of the NWLF's communiques and actions clearly indicate that they understand the severity of labeling someone a snitch, particularly someone with close connections with prisoners. Snitches and collaborators are killed and exposed. That is how it is. Whether the killers were personal enemies, misguided, or pigs the open letter should have been foreseen as a possible set-up.

IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ARM OF CRITICISM CANNOT REPLACE
THE CRITICISM OF ARMS.

--Karl Marx

"Being an informer is a deadly serious offense against the people and the revolution. The process of denouncing and administering revolutionary justice is also deadly serious. In all cases, concrete evidence of complicity with pig agents must be known and presented to support the action.

"It is not sufficient to base accusations on subjective analysis or upon details of opportunistic personal behavior. If an execution is carried out without a sound analysis, then confusion and disunity are created within the left and throughout the community. Even if the person executed is a pig,

if the act is not clearly understood by the people it will create a serious obstruction to the building of unity between the Guerrilla Front (underground) and the Mass Front (aboveground). The result is the division of the Left forces and the creation of sectarian infighting when we should be united to fight the enemy.

"If the person is not a pig, her or his execution is then nothing more than a criminal act, and is therefore indefensible."

Strategic Command
SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY
June 12, 1975

On August 25, the Peoples' Forces issued a communique further detailing their reasons for suspecting that Popeye was a snitch. They say, "Our feelings about Popeye have not changed...According to our sources, many elements in the movement feel Hearst used his power to influence the Adult Authority during Popeye's revocation hearing." It is a publicly known fact that Sally Moore, an exposed FBI agent, was infiltrating many left movement groups (including Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization and United Prisoner's Union) and was spreading false rumors about Popeye, specifically around his supposed "deals" with Hearst. VVAW/WSO (now WSO) who did an investigation exposing Moore, stated in a letter to the Berkeley Barb, July 4, "Popeye's main allegation was that she (Moore) repeatedly offered him money, from Randolph Hearst, to send his son to the best schools in the country, in exchange for information about Patty Hearst. Popeye repeatedly refused the offer and began getting suspicious that Sally Moore was not only a Hearst lackey but also that she worked for the FBI...Since then she has liberally trashed Popeye, not with substantiated allegations but with emotionalism." It seems logical that the stories about a "deal" were part of a well-planned effort by the FBI to discredit Popeye.

Popeye was a vocal supporter of



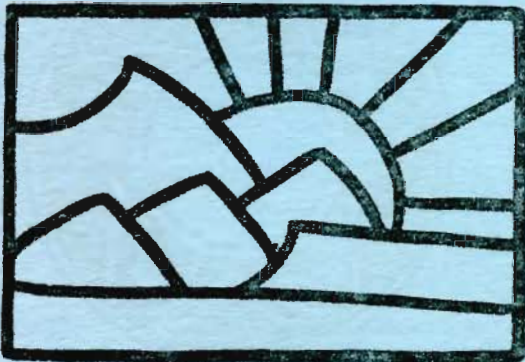
the Symbionese Liberation Army at a time when most other leftists whose views got media coverage were denouncing the SLA. It is entirely possible that Hearst wanted to keep Popeye on the streets because he felt that Popeye might somehow have contact with Tania. He was desperate to find his daughter and wanted the possibilities of all avenues open. But to assume that Popeye made a deal with him simply does not follow.

The Peoples' Forces say that they believe the Black Guerrilla Family when they say Popeye was not a snitch in prison. There is nothing in our experience working with him over the past year that indicated so drastic a change as him becoming one on the outside.

As to not exposing the fact that the AA wanted to set him up, this is simply not accurate. Popeye knew that the pigs wanted him dead—and he stated so publicly. He was constantly harrassed and the pigs were continually trying to provoke him. An unmarked police car once tried to run him down. He was shot at previously when sitting in his

car. The pigs have their own reasons for deciding where to murder someone--inside or out.

Popeye's statements about being a "dangerous organizer" referred in part to the large amount of support he was able to gather around his revocation hearing in April '74. Revocation hearings generally pass unnoticed by the public. However, at Popeye's hearing, 150 people showed up including Cecil Williams, Ron Dellums and Willie Brown. This was the longest revocation hearing



in history and the charges against Popeye were successfully refuted. The board backed down. We can't dismiss the power of public pressure and big names. Visibility is usually one of the major protections and strengths that prisoners and everyone dealing with state oppression can use. The recent trial of Joan Little is an example of the success of such visibility. The board probably did not want to stir up any further public controversy.

People who have worked closely with Popeye have said that his sense of security was very bad--his own security and other peoples. For this he should have been sharply criticised. The incident the Peoples' Forces relate pertaining to their direct contact with Popeye brings this out very clearly. They ask why Popeye would suggest a meeting at his home? Why would they agree to that? The answer to both of these questions is exactly the same--poor security.

Extreme caution should be practiced in every recruitment attempt. Before aboveground contacts are made, the underground should take responsibility for protecting its own security and should be familiar enough with whomever they contact so as to be sure of that person's sense of security. It is obvious that this type of research did not take place before contacting Popeye.

We agree with the Peoples' Forces decision to cut off contact with Popeye. It is very dangerous to deal with someone who has a poor sense of security. However, to brand someone a snitch because of their poor security shows improper reasoning. Popeye should have taken better security precautions especially considering his prison/political experience. However, prison does not create perfect superstars coming out with all their shit together. Often prisoners and ex-

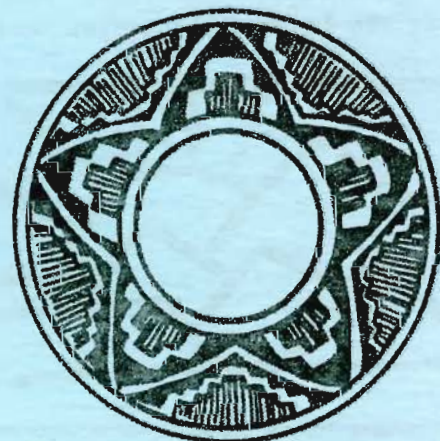
prisoners become mystified and expectations of them are somewhat based on our images of what we want them to be rather than what their practice in fact shows. We consider Popeye a true comrade. We do not consider the evidence presented by the Peoples' Forces sufficient proof to change our analysis of the situation and our feelings about Popeye.

We would also like to respond to some of the questions raised by the Peoples' Forces open letter to BARC and OOA. In this letter the Peoples' Forces are dealing with specific questions raised by BARC and OOA in issue #1 of DRAGON. (The same criticism appeared previously as a leaflet.) In this criticism, we asked questions concerning the Barb's handling of the June 3 NWLF communique, criticized the NWLF for naming specific names in their open letter the Barb on June 27, and questioned why the NWLF had made no further statements concerning their investigations of Popeye Jackson.

The Peoples' Forces, we feel, misunderstood our statement that "whatever the real reason, we feel that the NWLF and the Barb should do what is necessary to uncover the truth." We never meant to suggest struggling with the Barb. Actually, we advised cutting off all ties with the Barb. We did suggest that the Barb find out who in their staff

might be a pig and that the NWLF figure out if their communique was dropped and/or picked up correctly.

In making an assessment of Stanstill's role at the Barb we must take into account that the Barb does not operate on a collective basis, and therefore a hierarchy is set up. Stanstill was the editor of the Barb at that time. While we do not consider him a revolutionary comrade, we feel his interests do not coin-



cide with the publishers' to the point that he should have been openly denounced by the underground.

We agree that the Peoples' Forces did not provide any new information about other Barb staffers that they showed support for. Yet, we still feel that naming names is a dangerous policy when done by an underground group. The pigs can use this to further harrass and/or set someone up--blaming it on right wing elements. The thing that

should be considered is that criticism and support when coming from an underground group is much heavier and has different implications than when it comes from an aboveground group. The underground is engaged in armed struggle. This fact makes people take them very seriously. They are also unseen(of course). This can create rampant speculation and mystification. An underground group should be very cautious in expressing such specific criticisms or support because of the great seriousness with which people take them, the possible implications that can be drawn from their statements and the use of this criticism or support by the pigs.

We accept the criticism about

being too speculative. It is important to develop means of getting the information needed to fully analyze a situation whenever possible. However, we don't feel that we stated any conclusions. We asked questions in two areas--what happened with the June 3 communique and whether the investigations of Popeye were completed, and if so was there any new information?

We look forward to continuing to struggle with the NWLF around these and other issues. We ask the Peoples' Forces to re-examine the processes and criteria on which they based their conclusion that Popeye was a snitch. We support their continuing determination to actively push the struggle forward.

LONG LIVE THE GUERRILLA!

BAY AREA RESEARCH COLLECTIVE

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We applaud the NWLF bomb attack in Marin County.
Their communique follows.

August 21, 1975

In celebration of the spirit of Comrade George Jackson we assaulted the Marin County courthouse -- scene of the slave rebellion of August 7, 1970 and presently the scene of the fascist railroad known as the San Quentin Six trial. Last night's action is in offense of all prisoners, an expression of love and solidarity from the underground.

The rebellions of San Quentin, Attikkka and the Women's Correctional Center, Raleigh, North Carolina have become symbols of the flames of resistance that burn throughout

Amerikkka's concentration camps. On the streets the fire also rages because the barbaric conditions in the prisons are merely the reflection of our brutal, inhumane society. Let us remind the ruling class and their pig agents that we will not passively accept the occupation of our communities! We will not stand by and do nothing in the face of genocide!

"Violence is not supposed to work in Amerika. For no one, that is, except the omnipotent administrator. But this has yet to be proved to my satisfaction since I know that a bomb is a bomb; it twists steel,

shatters concrete and dismembers men everywhere else in the world. Why not those made in Amerika?. A bullet fired from an assault rifle in the hands of a Vietnamese liberation fighter will kill a pig in Vietnam. Why won't it kill a pig in the place where pigs are made?"

George Jackson
LONG LIVE THE GUERRILLA
DEATH TO THE FASCIST INSECT THAT PREYS UPON THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE

Jonathan Jackson/
Sam Melville Unit

New World Liberation Front

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THE FOLLOWING IS A POEM FROM A COMRADE IN WASHINGTON.

Jotted down this day of August 7th, the month of the Dragons, 5 A.D.

"To the black communist youth and to their fathers, we will now criticize the unjust with their weapon."

They came with a rush and a roar and a shudder. They came howling and laughing, shrieking and moaning. They came so fast you couldn't help yourself, you stretch out your arms to embrace them, you feel them before they came, you tense yourself for acceptance and the earth which is our eternal bed trembled at the moment of their union. Heads raised, they went stone faced among scattering substances. Their footsteps non-yielding to whatever broke forth from below. Clothed with chains and carnations and girthed by a simple clock.

They bore the same mark, suffered the same pain and writhed in identical passionate love. Among all the blazon of oppression, life gone barbarous, between humid perspectives where prisons are holocausts of pain and people rampant on the other side of the world. Prisoners hopes shrunk like wet shoe leather, a wreckage of nerves brings them down to knees. We looked and see them devoured by the parasites; We stop and watch these leeches circles (with satisfied faces) upon our Dragons. We turned in the monstrous derangements from its viciousness and ponder on what resembles us. They walked resolute through the world of the world of the dead repelled by its downfalls and wanting to sprout life. The sun presses hard on our lips, we feel kissed by a river; Made of long buried tears that will nourish the last seed. Again we stop, to the unfriendly gesture of a pointed gun. We listen to the rage of its merciless shriek and stand witness to the fire and smoke from its phallic like barrel that strikes anger to our souls.

From the blazing birth to the celestial cinder, we are shadowed by the sound of successive screams of torment, and the bellowing echoes run chills up our spines. In return we cry out aloud to the world, midst its invasions and confusion, from the gross and bitter taste of the sights of our existence. We endure what remains of their perishing fate and move towards our coming destiny. Each day we learn something new, a flood tide of virtue and truth. Jonathan and George taught us to love, to sing, to know the wonders of life, and assisted us in our birth. The new day awaits our hands for the plowshare, to make the useful war for the simple Dragons who need not the immutable bases of this unjust order. Now, we leave others to mope in this scornful house; We salute the naked world whose only ransom is its revolutionary comrades. I pick up a truly great book (Blood In My Eye) by many gifted tongues in its coiled and thrashing stance, clad only in loves lightning flash. We merge to the page that is never lost to our sight. Vaulting through its transparency, to grow infinitesimal, till a day when the wind carries us off to the roar of their silence, to wade in the mesh and to catch of the world what is left to save.

Old men get some soldiers, keep them close at hand. The seeds that were sown yesterday now flower in the land. And guard yourself most carefully with military might; for plants that cannot bloom by day must flower in the night.

"All right, gentlemen, I'm taking over now."

