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Patricia Hearst: a BARG Statement

The trial of Patty Hearst began January 27th in San Francisco amid the worldwide hoopla of the "trial of the century," the grandstanding of millionaire lawyer F. Lee Bailey and angry responses from the movement. It would be pointless to try to set the general context of the SLA, the media, or even to describe the circus going on in San Francisco. The point of this article is to respond to the many letters we have received asking, what about Patty and the Harrises -- and to add our two-cents on the situation.

From September 18 until the start of the Hearst trial, speculation about Patty's allegiance to the SLA and the people's movement has been abundant from all sectors. For several months it was unclear what course her defense would take, but the introduction of F. Lee Bailey into the case changed that uncertainty. Bailey would not be on a case where even a hint of principle, political or otherwise, was an issue. When Bailey takes a case it becomes simply "Bailey's case." He runs the show, from the media coverage to outfitting the defendant. That Bailey would push for incriminating others still alive to save his client was and is a certainty. That Patricia Hearst has acted in complicity with the strategy is her conscious choice; which we vehemently denounce.

No one, revolutionary or otherwise, wants to go to prison for even a short stretch, much less for life. People who have been inside, write to prisoners or have friends or relatives doing time are especially aware of the conditions of prison life. Not wanting to go to jail is a natural feeling and we have no political sanctions against such an attitude. However, when staying out of jail translates out to snitching and lying in such a way that it seems to implicate others who are still alive, the situation becomes quite different. In her testimony so far Patty has mentioned the names of 23 people who are living, some of whom she has implicated in crimes ranging from the harboring of a federal fugitive to kidnapping, bank robbery and murder. It's clear that Patty is dealing fast and furious, and will say anything to secure her own freedom. Patricia Hearst is a snitch and should be regarded as such.

The following is excerpted from a statement released by Bill and Emily Harris on February 5, after the Hearst jury was sequestered (but before most of Patty's testimony). Bill and Emily have made it clear that they would never testify against Patricia Hearst.

The Hearst machine marches on, convinced that their money and influence is enough to pull the wool over the eyes of the American people and trick them into believing that the daughter who "disgraced" them and exposed them for what they are, was in fact brainwashed by revolutionaries. Now the Hearsts have singled out the two of us to justify their evil fabrication. We will not be characterized this way without a fight, and we believe it is only right that that fight take place in a courtroom in Los Angeles around the charges which all three of us face together as co-defendants. We do not want our trial here to begin before the end of Patricia Hearst's trial in San Francisco. We want to wait until she can be tried here with us.

...Out of this very complicated situation, what is Patricia Hearst's role, both past and present? Well, we will tell you that she is far from the weak, hysterical, pampered little heiress that her family has tried to characterize her as. The Patricia Hearst we knew was strong and assertive, making her own independent decisions. The relative smoothness of the whole evolution of her defense from the beginning until now can only be seen as an indication of her willing compliance. People either stand fast or fall when they are called to the test and Patricia is falling -- falling for a game that is based on the ruthless power and privilege of the wealthy.

...The SLA never had any interest in converting Patricia Hearst. In fact, they wanted her to return to her family, knowing that if she stayed, their own survival would be greatly complicated. The group took the position that if she wanted to stay, she must show that she understood the implications, was ready to deal with all the hardships that the life entailed, and was ready to struggle to become a revolutionary person. But she had seen a viable alternative to her previous life and she had already gained a sense of the warmth and humanity of the people she was with who were struggling to achieve that alternative. Eventually, she wanted to be a part of it. The SLA understood that she would be a liability in the sense that she was easily recognized, that she had many needs that would be a drain on the group at that stage, and that the heat would intensify rather than gradually diminish. It was clear to the SLA that if she was not released, that heat would be augmented by the relentless efforts of the Hearst family to get back their "prized possession." Yet in spite of all these very real problems, Patricia's desire was based on a serious analysis of what was happening and the SLA felt that to release her would be to turn her out to the wolves. So she stayed with them, based on her own initiative and free choice.

It is only now that her free choice has been taken away and that she has been convinced to save her own skin by negating these past choices and thereby evading the consequences. Of course, to do this, she must be willing to serve as a cooperative pawn of her family and to compromise everything that she believed in and lived for the last year and a half.

The Hearst family has given the American people quite an education in the callous power and influence that the rich can buy. But no matter what the outcome of Patricia Hearst's present court battle, we know that no one has been fooled and many are enraged along with us that the Hearsts would fabricate such lies and expect all of us to fall for them.

(full text available from BARC)

--Emily and Bill Harris
Los Angeles County Jail

HEARST CASTLE BOMBING

ON FEBRUARY 12, 1976 A BOMB EXPLODED IN A GUEST HOUSE ON THE ESTATE OF THE HEARST CASTLE AT SAN SIMEON, CA., DOING A MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE AND CAUSING NO INJURIES. SAN SIMEON, THE HOME OF WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, SR. IS NOW A STATE PARK. THE ACTION WAS CLAIMED BY THE CENTRAL COMMAND OF THE PEOPLE'S FORCES, NEW WORLD LIBERATION FRONT, AND THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE, DEMANDING THAT \$250,000 BE GIVEN TO THE HARRIS DEFENSE FUND, WAS ISSUED. RANDOLPH HEARST, PATTY'S FATHER, INDICATED THAT THE NWLF'S DEMANDS WOULD NOT BE MET.



The Hearst's have a history of feeding off the poor! Their whole parasitic fortune has been made at the expense of poor/working people and we therefore demand:

1. In the interests of seeing justice furthered, contribute \$250,000 to the Hill and Emily Harris defense fund.
2. Stop the lying that is designed to save Patty and bury the Harrises.

These Hearst vultures are completely out of their minds if they think we are going to sit idly by and watch ruling-class justice score another victory at the expense of the Harrises. Everyone knows that justice is bought in this country and this is another case to prove it.

This case also shows that justice does not stop at color, it stops at class and money. F. Lee Bailey is bought for Patty while in Los Angeles, Bill Harris is forced to be defended by someone who has said he does not want to defend him, and someone whom Harris says he does not to be defended by! Justice is bought!

We are well aware of why it was decided that Patty was not to get out on bail. If she had, she would never have made it to her trial alive! Let's see if the pig Hearsts are equally wise by meeting our two just demands. If not, we will make examples of these ruling class bloodsuckers and will call on all comrades/progressive minded people/poor people to make life

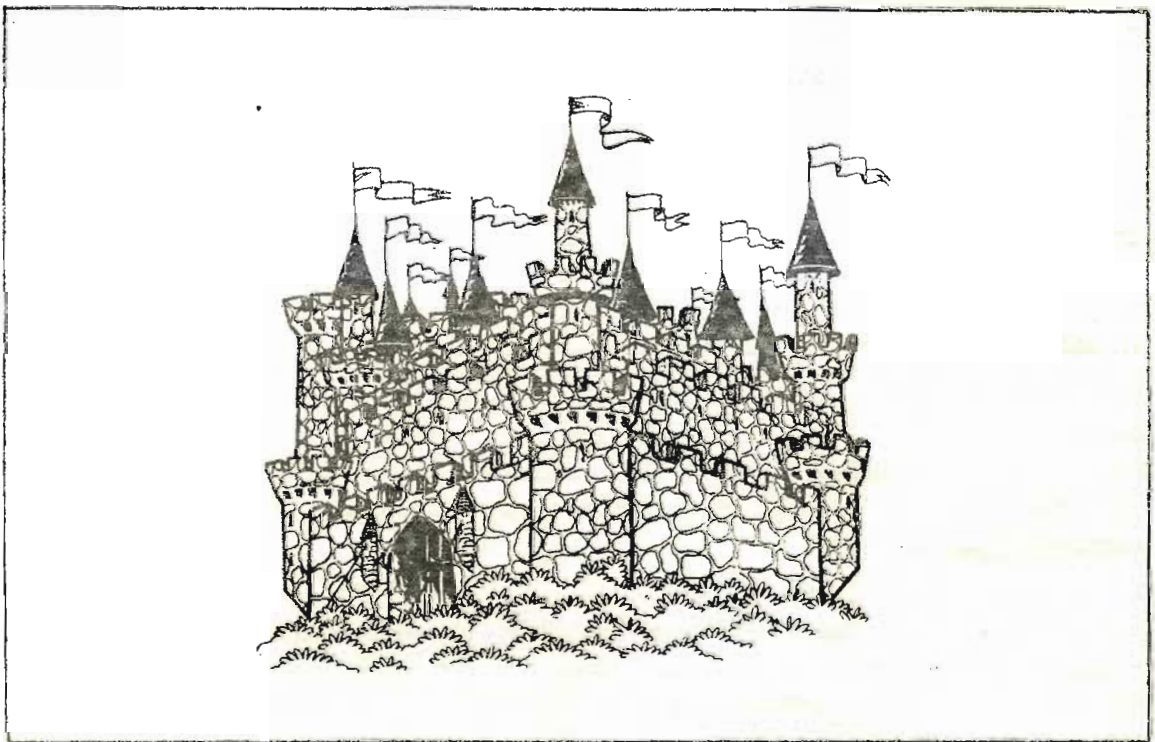
miserable for those deranged and degenerate Hearst parasites at every turn they take!

This ruling class "justice" has enslaved our ancestors and has enslaved us all of our lives. Under this order the poor go to prison, the poor get burnt alive in fires, and the poor suffer from poor or no health care. We say organize! Unite! Fight back!

The bloodsucking Hearsts have 48 hours to move on these just demands! We remind them that this is the easiest way. Hearst castle will only be the beginning if our two just demands are not met:

Toward an order where justice means just that!
A class war is toward a classless society is
toward a just new order and a new day!
Organize and unite toward total liberation!
Hasta la Victoria!

Central Command - Peoples' Forces
New World Liberation Front



The following is a revised statement released by Bill and Emily Harris to accompany a \$30,000,000 civil suit they filed in federal court against law enforcement agencies for leaking prejudicial, distorted, sensationalized and untrue information to the mass media.

Statement of Emily and Bill Harris

January 1976

Viewed by an isolated and frightened government as a threat for having committed the political atrocity of surfacing the poor and hungry in America and surfacing the fact that they could be fed by the rich and powerful, we, like others before us who have attempted to expose the true nature of this country, have been subjected to a vicious propaganda campaign designed to discredit us with most Americans and sever us from the growing revolutionary support base.

Regardless of the shortcomings and errors of the SIA, the food giveaway program showed many thousands of people throughout this country and the world that the SIA's commitment was in the interest of the people and further confirmed what has already been shown through out the history of people's resistance -- that a determined guerrilla front can creatively relate to our needs. The failure of the FBI to capture us for over a year and a half not only exposed them as a domestic paper tiger, but revealed the extent and depth of our support in the community and the threat to the government posed by this growing base.

It is for these reasons that the government, violating its own laws and rules, intentionally leaked false and misleading information linking us with numerous murders, bombings, robberies and conspiracies; all of which supposedly happened while we were dodging history's largest posse. And, of course, they have no facts to prove their allegations, nor have we been charged or indicted for any of them. The FBI has also systematically leaked incorrect and misleading information to the mass media regarding so-called evidence found in two "suspected SIA safe-houses."

Much of this "evidence" has never existed and will never appear in court. The District Attorney's office in Los Angeles, the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department have consistently tried our case in the media. In fact, the majority of the prosecution's case has been detailed on at least two occasions over a period of a year and a half in the Los Angeles news media.

The same tactic was used against Russ Little and Joe Remiro in their trial in Sacramento. The government's case was so weak that an up-tight jury, composed predominantly of government employees deliberated for over 11 days before reaching a verdict. These innocent brothers were found guilty as a result of the hysteria generated by the mass media which was used by the prosecution to cover up the fact that there was no evidence linking them to the Foster assassination.

For those people who have been mis-led and taken in by this campaign, we feel compelled to point out these facts:

1. We are not the New World Liberation Front or any other underground group. When this charge was made shortly after our capture we could only smile to ourselves knowing that comrades-in-arms in the underground would prove the absurdity of this fantasy by their actions. We were proven correct. Since our incarceration their actions continue unabated on an even more righteous level than before. We send our most heart-felt love and support to the revolutionary underground.

2. We did not kill Popeye Jackson and Sally Voye. Popeye was a friend of ours and in fact the SIA publicly criticized these murders as counter-revolutionary.

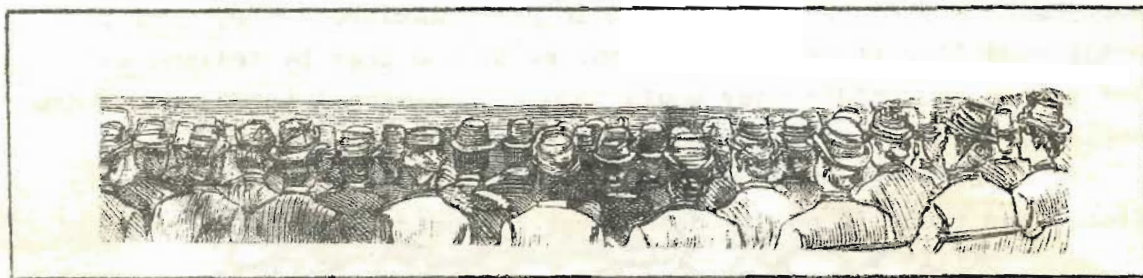
3. We did not murder a woman bank employee in Sacramento. Circumstantial evidence placing us in the Sacramento area a few months before this incident has been used to imply that we are responsible for all of that area's unsolved crimes. The FBI has even gone so far as to contend that Bill Harris, himself, committed this murder, an allegation which they have not backed up with evidence or formal charges, and which is, in fact, totally unfounded. There

prisoners. This is pure counter-intelligence propaganda originating from CIA conspiracy patsys, Freed, Headly and Rhodes, with the obvious intention of setting the 4 of us up for attack and/or execution in the prisons. These are the same fools that hype the line that SLA is a CIA plot hoping to implant mistrust in people's minds and fear that all successful revolutionary activity originates from the CIA.

The objective of these tricks has been two-fold. The first motive is political and entails the tactic of divide-and-conquer. By branding us as criminals or as CIA operatives, police agencies hope to isolate us and other revolutionaries from the larger mass of struggling people; and therefore, erode or prevent the building of mass support for revolutionary change.

The second motive entails the further subversion of an already unequal judicial process. By polluting the atmosphere of our trial with these fantastic tales of criminal behavior, the government and police agencies hope to prejudice the minds and attitudes of our jurors and by doing so insure our conviction.

It is not our intention to have these contradictions viewed in a vacuum. We are hardly the only victims of state-sanctioned, police agency subterfuge. And we are but two among millions of poor people who have been at the mercy of the American system of criminal injustice, our destinies controlled by the whim and caprice of the state. It is our hope in filing this civil suit and in sharing our experiences with others that we will bring some relief to us all by continuing the process of uncovering illegal and repressive police activity and further identifying the real enemies of freedom and liberty.



Little and Remiro Trial



On February 19, a jury in Los Angeles found Russ Little not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and attempted murder of a police officer. The following day the jury told Judge Ross Bigelow that they could not reach a verdict on Little's co-defendant, Joe Remiro. The charges against Little and Remiro stem from the night of January 10, 1974 when they were arrested in the Bay Area suburb of Concord. The trial was moved to L.A. because of widespread publicity in Northern California around their conviction of the murder of Marcus Foster.

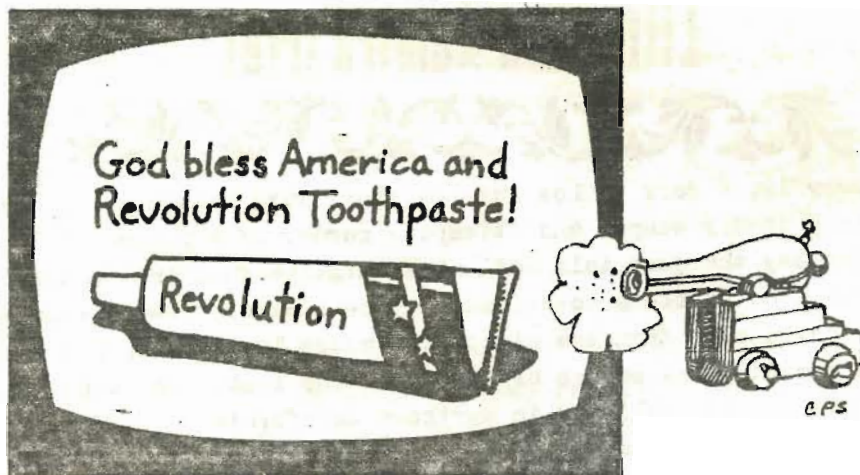
The prosecution's star witness, Sargeant David Duge, said he observed the van driven by Little and Remiro cruising the streets of Concord late at night. Duge testified that he thought they were "casing the neighborhood" for a robbery and so he followed them for a while with his lights off. The driver of the van was obeying all traffic laws and the vehicle itself was in perfect condition.

"This is what made me suspicious," Duge told the court. "It is very unusual for a van 8 or 9 years old to be in such good working order. Usually a vehicle this old is missing a headlight or the turn-signals don't work." He went on to explain how he was taught at the Police Academy that burglars always keep their vans in perfect condition so as not to be stopped on a minor traffic technicality. Finally, Sargeant Duge's suspicions overcame him and he started flashing the lights in his patrol car, ordering the van to pull over.

He told the passenger, Joe Remiro, to get out of the van. As Remiro stepped onto the street, Sargeant Duge reached for his gun. Remiro responded by pulling out his own gun and fired at the officer. Remiro and Sargeant Duge exchanged shots while Little sat in the van. One of Duge's bullets hit Little in the shoulder.

In court, Joe Remiro did not deny that he fired at Sargeant Duge, but he explained that he did so in self-defense.

"I was trained in the military," Remiro testified, "and I was taught that when somebody pulls a gun on me, it means they intend to use it. I wasn't going to stand there passively and let him shoot me down in cold blood. Of course I fired at him." Remiro reminded the court that in the past month alone, over 100 unarmed people have been shot by policemen in the city of Los Angeles.



Before their arrests, Little and Remiro did a lot of support work for prisoners in California. They subpoenaed several political prisoners to come to their trial and testify about the harassment of friends, families and other people who did work on their cases. Through the testimony of these prisoners, Little and Remiro wanted to explain their distrust of police in general, and also to show how their political activities affected their state of mind when the van was pulled over.

Ruchell Magee was the only prisoner who made it to the courtroom. Before the start of the defense's case, Magee was brought in for a hearing outside the presence of the jury, so the judge could determine whether or not his testimony would be relevant. Before Magee came to court, Judge Bigelow ordered that he be chained, hand-cuffed and shackled with a deputy standing next to him at all times. The judge justified such treatment by saying that "Mr. Magee is known to have violent outbursts in courtrooms."

Joe Remiro angrily protested this. He pointed out that when Sargeant Duge was on the stand and became insulted by a question put to him on cross-examination, he threw a piece of wood against the wall next to the jury box, and no attempts were made to restrain him. Nonetheless, Ruchell Magee entered the courtroom surrounded by extreme security precautions.

Magee told the court that Remiro wrote to him often at San Quentin and did work around his various cases. Remiro asked him if his supporters ever had their lives threatened. Without hesitating, Magee responded, "Yes, definately. All the time."

Despite constant objections by the District Attorney, the judge ruled that Magee's testimony would be relevant to the defense. However, because

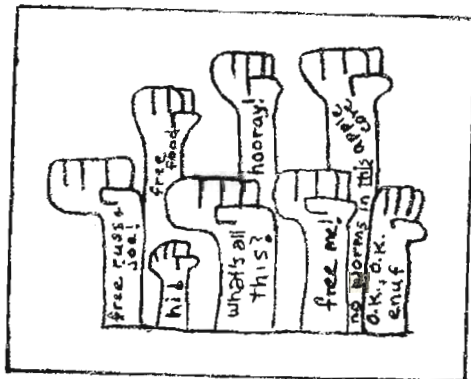
of the extra security needed to keep Magee in L.A., the judge ruled that he would have to testify right away or not at all. This would mean that Little and Remiro would have had to call Magee as a witness before they had a chance to lay the foundation for his testimony. They requested that Magee's testimony be postponed for a week, but the request was denied. Because of the atrocious conditions in which the prisoners who came to testify for Little and Remiro were housed, the defendants withdrew their subpoenas and the inmates were returned to the state prisons where they are currently serving time.

Both defendants acted as their own attorneys throughout the trial, until the very end when Judge Bigelow revoked Remiro's right to represent himself because of his use of "obscene" language on the witness stand. This action brought on a storm of protest from the defense, especially because the judge read his announcement from a prepared text in the presence of the jury, immediately following three full days of testimony by Remiro.

William Gagen, Remiro's "stand-by" attorney, accused the judge of trying to discredit Remiro's testimony in the eyes of the jury. He told reporters that Judge Bigelow is inherently prejudiced against Little and Remiro. Gagen made at least 15 motions for a mistrial on this issue alone and all were denied. Judge Bigelow said he did not want to hear the word "mis-trial" used in his courtroom.

But he did hear it on February 20, when the jury came back after three weeks of deliberations, saying they could not reach a verdict on Remiro and a mistrial was then declared. A hearing has been scheduled for March 25, at which time it will be determined if and when there will be another trial for Remiro on these charges.

Little and Remiro still have another trial to go--stemming from their escape attempt from the Alameda County Jail in Oakland last year.



THE TRACY BROTHERS AND PRISON REPRESSION



Since Nov. 27, 1973, the California prison system has adopted a new policy of repression. It has struggled to become Amerika's most blatantly, overtly, fascist concentration camp system. And it has done well. Many of you may ask why this has come about. So, let us return to Nov. 27, 1973 and briefly look at the events of that day...

On this day--Nov. 27--a guard was found dead in Tracy. Shortly afterwards, Eugene Allen and Ernest Graham were picked up and subsequently charged with slaying the guard. Ray Procunier, then the director of CDC (California Department of Corrections), ordered a major lock-down of four prisons--Folsom, Soledad, San Quentin and Tracy. Prisoners, mostly blacks, were locked up in the various isolation-segregation holes all over the state. Prisoners who were in the holes already were sent to various holes--back and forth. Ernest and Eugene were at the mercy of the CDC...

Although the death penalty didn't go into effect until Jan. 1, 1974, Judge James Derrah of Stockton Superior Court ruled in '73 that the death penalty was constitutional and would apply to these black prisoners case! A legal struggle ensued, but the state disregarded the "law" in order to please the prison system and help them in their plot to murder Eugene Allen and Ernest Graham. A change of venue was vehemently denied--even after a judge made a statement in court to the two Tracy Brothers that they did murder the guard.

In Oct. '74, the brothers went to trial in Stockton Superior Court. In Nov. '74, the trial ended in a hung jury. And a change of venue was finally granted. During the trial, very, very few people attended because the CDC had effectively cut Eugene and Ernest off from the outside world. Some people who did try to attend and demonstrate against the fascist plot were run off by a phalanx of machine gun wielding fascists. The terroristic-gestapo atmosphere of the court room and streets surrounding it made one think of German occupied Poland during the war years. And, no one likes to have machine guns pointed at them. Eugene and Ernest go back to trial on March 8th, 1976 in San Francisco Hall of Justice. The atmosphere will be fascist and terroristic again, but we shouldn't let the guns of the fas-

cists frighten us into not attending the trial. Just like the San Quentin Six trial, the trial of Eugene Allen and Ernest Graham is a very important trial. We cannot allow them to be railroaded to death!

A lot is at stake--the lives of these two men. So, attend and demonstrate and show your solidarity. In the last two years the CDC has invented a new propaganda line to isolate prisoners from the people: Prison "Gangs". First, any time prisoners get together on the yard to talk and its over four people, its called a "gang". Any prisoners who are political or revolutionary are called gang "leaders", etc. The state fears prisoners who stick together, simply because this unity of prisoners prevents the guards from killing or beating prisoners at will like it used to be! Being cowards, the guards tremble at the very thought of unity among prisoners in general, blacks in particular. Recall how they panicked at Attica and murdered prisoners and guards!



In order to help murder (legally) Eugene Allen and Ernest Graham, the CDC has accused them of being the Black Guerrilla Family. Is this a "gang" or a revolutionary organization of "political" black men? This question should be asked. Also, if you could manage to see a list of the people accused of being in this group you will immediately notice that you've been reading a "political" history of people and not just a prison record. Eugene and Ernest are both political and are working to bring people together in unity--both are very beautiful people--and the CDC has been plotting against them for a long time, before the case. Right now, they're being isolated from other prisoners and any black prisoner who is their friend is labelled "B.G.F.", with no proof, whatsoever.

The hole is full of alleged gang members. The New Name for the warehousing is "Security Housing Unit". In SHU, prisoners do years for such small things as tearing up a state sheet or cursing at a guard. This SHU is not

to protect prisoners from so-called gangs, it is to protect guards from prisoners they walk on! The atmosphere of the SHU is one of fear and terror...The guards come to work each day as if they were going to a front-line battle. Every guard who works in the SHU is taught that inmates are animals and should be treated as such. This breeds conflict.

The SHU is run on an "indeterminate" sentence policy. For each offense you're given a minimum and a maximum time date--but this doesn't mean you get out of the hole. If the CDC feels you're a threat, you don't get out. This is the present situation in Tracy as well as the other major prisons in Calif. The death of the guard is the pretext used--but revolutionary ideals and a refusal to be docile slaves are the real reasons behind this repression in prison. Two black prisoners are being railroaded. CDC intends to use them as an example of what happens to prisoners who stand up against the Amerikan brand of fascism. If we look at past events and whats been happening to people inside and outside, we can see what is coming.

Attend the trial of Eugene Allen and Ernest Graham on
March 8, 1976 in San Francisco at the Hall of Justice.

SAVE TWO LIVES!

--A Comrade at Tracy Prison



Weather Underground Analysis and Criticism



This section consists of responses we've gathered from our correspondence to some of the issues recently raised by the Weather Underground Organization. Most of the following comments refer either to the WUC's paper "Politics in Command," which was reprinted in Dragon #5 or to their article "The S.L.A. and Armed Struggle," which appeared in issue #4 of their quarterly magazine Osawatomie (available from BARC or from the John Brown Book Club, P.O. Box 22383, Seattle, WA. 98122).

The Weather Underground Organization is one of the oldest and most widely known revolutionary underground groups in this country. Since 1970 they have been responsible for more than 25 armed actions against agencies of US imperialism. They have also created the book Prairie Fire: the Politics of Revolutionary Anti-Imperialism. Most recently they have printed and distributed Osawatomie, a magazine which combines theoretical articles with anti-imperialist analysis of current happenings around the world. They have stated their program to be as follows: "Mobilize the exploited and oppressed people to wage the class struggle against US imperialism, the common enemy."

We have the greatest respect and support for the WUC, despite the differences we sometimes have with them on specific subjects (as we do with just about everybody). We hope that this section will be only a beginning in our printed dialogue about the WUC, and we invite our readers to contribute to its continuance. The John Brown Book Club is planning to include in their reprints of Osawatomie a section for discussion of issues raised in the magazine; they can be contacted for further information at the address printed above.

Jan. 19, 1976

Comrades,

This is in reference to the criticism "Armed Struggle and the S.L.A." written by Bernadine Dohrn for the W.U.O.

I have a high regard, and love, for both the the S.L.A. and the W.U.O. altho I don't always agree with some

minor aspects of either spot. But, I never forget that We Learn By Doing. Theory only takes one half-way, without practice it is empty, we also learn that in practice, mistakes are made. If Bernadine had chosen to analyze these mistakes, along with their own, to help comrades keep from making the same, I could readily under-

stand that. But I've read and re-read her criticism, and altho I don't disagree with the main thrust of the text, I surely do disagree with the application of it to the S.L.A., it just doesn't fit.

I've watched and analyzed closely the words and actions of the S.L.A., and to say that "the S.L.A. place the military in command of the whole struggle" is erroneous on its face.

It's obvious that these comrades all had, and have, a strong political understanding and awareness, and their actions were firmly based on Politics. They were and are very aware that there is No Separation between Politics and Armed Struggle for the guerrilla, it is a unity; One. Armed Struggle being a natural outgrowth and extension of their political thought. It would appear from Bernadine's statement that because the S.L.A. picked up the gun and chose to confront the ruling class at a more direct level, that she confused this with a militarist tact, instead of Action based on solid Political ground. Also, that there is some kind of separation. Again, for the guerrilla there can be no separation. It's true that a "Military without Politics is useless" and to finish that, it's just as true that that "theory without practice is useless."

The S.L.A. were in close touch with the People, and they were in the process of building and sinking their roots deeply. Before they were forc-

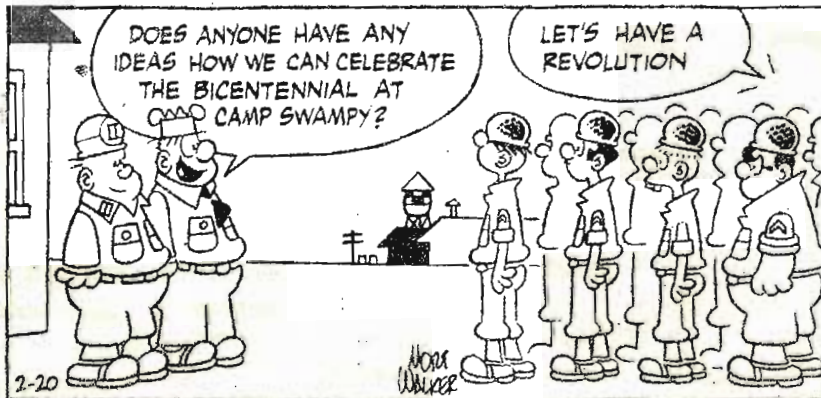
ed underground, they were involved in the Prisons, forming study groups there, and in the community, involving themselves in many aboveground struggles, doing things such as the Christmas packages they sent to convicts in the Prisons, many of whom they didn't even know (such as myself) who wouldn't even have received a package otherwise. Their active support of strikes here at Folsom A-C and San Quentin A-C in Oct. and Nov. of 1973. Their offer to help comrades pay for broken sinks and toilets that got smashed during the Folsom Strike, because the Administration had "frozen" their trust accounts and wouldn't let people order from the Prison Canteen unless they paid for the damage. That kind of support, given or offered, speaks loudly.

The action against Foster and Blackburn (the latter name is appropriate) only points out that what is sound theoretically doesn't always come out that way in practice. Again, this is how we learn. But make no mistake, Foster was a black Judas goat, leading his own people/children



into a cold fascist trap. "Pre-delinquency" information for state computers (building dossiers on the parents in the process), police run campuses, special I.D. cards, etc. A pilot project, and forerunner, sponsored by the L.E.A.A. that they would like to implement in all ghetto schools across the nation. The background and past and immediate actions of Foster and Blackburn showed clearly who was pulling their strings and that they were picked to implement this program because of their past complicity with repressive school tactics. Children are the most Precious resource of Any Nation; if we don't protect them from this type of action Who Will? Foster is dead, Blackburn (a white) was killed also, but he just didn't die. That project of repression was quietly shelved and administrators in other districts who liked the idea have also backed off it. At the time, theoretically it no doubt looked like the best move, given all circumstances, but in practice, when the straight press and

police propogandists got through with it, it was difficult for the people to see it clearly and understand it. But I was somewhat surprised to read that part in the W.U.O. statement of Feb. 20, 1974 about "We do not comprehend the execution of Marcus Foster, and respond very soberly to the death of a black person who was not a recognized enemy of his people." A surface investigation of the months prior to Foster's execution would've clearly shown the Oakland community anger over these proposed "programs" in the city schools, directed properly at Foster and Blackburn. There were demonstrations and heated debates at school board meetings, even the Black Panther paper was editorializing against it and Foster. (Later to turn around after his execution, and eulogize this renegade.) Of course after the fact of his execution the propagandists turned it all around, gave the children a day off school and made them attend a memorial service that was well publicized. The mistake was not that he wasn't a judas goat, but in



not anticipating how police propagan- dists would turn it around and use it. But again, if we analyze it objecti- vely, it did in fact stop and set back repressive police tactics in those schools and many others, and it did make people aware of those tactics. Also the W.U.O. statement was indica- tive of old locked-in liberal thought, as if they couldn't understand it be- cause he was Black, and thus couldn't be an enemy of the people. Very simply, they come in all colors, and that shouldn't even be a considera- tion, except that he was all the more dangerous because he was a black in a largely black community, thus, more capable of doing his dirty work. If we are afraid to denounce, or re-cycle traitors and pigs on the basis of skin color, or degrees of oppression, then we're in serious trouble.

Anyway, after that, the S.L.A. com- rades kept on working, organizing and building just as they had been, and which they undoubtedly planned on continuing, Political Work, but the unfortunate event of Russ Little's and Joe Remiro's arrest forced the rest to cut short this work and move underground. Yet they didn't stop, they translated their Politics into the clearest, most significant act of Armed Action that has Ever been put out on this Continent. Millions of People all across the land wanted to read what the S.L.A. had to say, and it was there for them in all the news- papers, pages and pages of their

statements, declarations, and com- muniqes. It reached over the rele- tively small radical enclaves of the cities into the hands of People Every- where, to the ghettos, prisons, cities, farms, and middle class suburbs, every- where! The demand for Free Food for poor people in the Bay Area was a Po- litical Masterstroke. I could write a book analyzing this action. It poin- ted out the stark reality of one mem- ber of the Rich ruling class able to feed tens of thousands of poor hungry people with little effort and virtually no real sacrifice. (tax write off.) These tens of thousands of people, who defied Evelle Younger's threats to accept the food packages, also accep- ted the S.L.A. psychologically. And poor, and hungry and people just barely making it, who watched the giveaway on T.V. or read about it in the papers also identified with it. Many thou- sands of People who hadn't been reached before, were made aware, politicized and activated in varying degrees, per- haps millions. The seed was planted in the four corners, in nooks and crannies that we usually don't see, People who don't go to the traditional radical meetings and places, who've never gone to demonstrations, who've never listened to standard communist rhetoric because they couldn't under- stand it. But they read, and listened to the S.L.A., they accepted the free food, they looked at the stark reality of one ruling class Fat Rat, who had lived off the blood, sweat, and des-



peration of the poor, feed those same poor people by the thousands. It electrified and motivated these people to lock, read, and become more aware. It was Armed Action, translated from a solid Political Strategy that did it. Both as ONE, not one without the other.

Another important thing that happened was that it left many of the so-called "movement leaders" and superstars who had been sitting on the revolution, in the backwash of their own rhetoric. This was a very important development. These "leaders" who supported armed struggle as long as it was Viet Nam, Africa or Brazil—anywhere, as long as it wasn't them, on their doorstep, here in the very heart of World Imperialism. They were finally forced to take a stand here. For some reason, many felt it threatened their status quo, and it definitely made them nervous, so they denied the comrades, denounced armed struggle here in the belly of the Monster with that same old Bullshit rhetoric and trashed the Sisters and Brothers just as viciously as

the pig press. Many of their so-called "radical" followers took the same "line". But again, the words and action of the S.L.A. reached over these people, into the masses. I too had to evaluate these "movement leaders" actions and any way I looked at it, they were incorrect, and mislead many good people.

I'm fully, painfully aware of the need for organizers and movers above-ground, and certainly wouldn't put any of them down for not physically participating in armed struggle. Aboveground political organizing is Strategic, and of the utmost importance. But if they support the armed struggle against imperialism



in other countries and refuse to lend at least passive support for it here, then quite simply, and logically they're Running on Pure Bullshit and are not to be trusted under any circumstances. There should be no separation between armed and unarmed struggle, between the above and underground. There are no "higher levels" in that sense, there is no division. With the exception of positive, comradely criticism (such as the W.U.O. has profferred to the S.L.A. for the most part) there's a lot to be said for the old adage of "if you don't have anything good to say, don't say nothing at all."

I would also like to point out that the S.L.A. did not seek out armed confrontations with the police, but I certainly respect their choice to fight rather than be captured and to die rather than surrender. They made a conscious choice, and stated so before six of them were murdered in Los Angeles. I personally believe if one is in a hopeless situation, with no win whatsoever, its better to live to fight another day. Nevertheless, I can understand their choice, and they even made a heavy political statement with their own deaths. Millions of people watched it on T.V. live, and in color--the real Pig, the real S.W.A.T. teams in action, not that Bullshit porpaganda fantasy they saturate normal T.V. programming with. The people saw

literally hundreds of pigs surround a small house with six people inside and fire thousands of rounds of ammunition into it, and tear gas, and finally incendiaries.(all with no regard for the people who lived in the area). And every person who watched that house begin burning, with the comrades still inside and still fighting had to wonder and think about Why these people would lay down their lives and die by bullets and fire without even attempting to surrender.

I would also like to point out that if it were not for the many successful acts of armed propaganda put out by the W.U.O., there'd be precious few who would read what they have to say. As it is, their actions are newsworthy in the establishment press and people have come to expect to hear Why these actions were taken by the W.U.O. The same goes for the beautiful way "Prairie Fire" popped up all across the U.S. one day. It made many people want to read it, who ordinarily wouldn't have, because the W.U.O. has established a certain amount of credibility and have captured the attention of people, not thru their words but thru their actions--which in turn makes many people read what they have to say--which is the first step!

I would also like to offer some criticism on the manner in which the W.U.O. writes their statements. If

you're only trying to reach and talk to people who are already aware comrades, I'm sure everyone in that spot understands you. But if you're reaching into the masses, then you'll have to talk and write like common people in ways they can more readily relate to in their everyday lives and understand clearly. If they run up on words they don't understand in every paragraph, chances are they won't understand any of it, and chances are even better that they won't even finish reading it. Also, the masses in the U.S. have been heavily programmed against the words communist or communism, and if we use words and catch phrases that are heavily associated with communist thought, people hear them and automatically turn off behind it, even tho' they are open to the very same thought when you talk about it in their language. And once you get them open to it just a little, they tend to seek out more knowledge-- they become aware of the daily contradictions in front of them, where they were blind before.

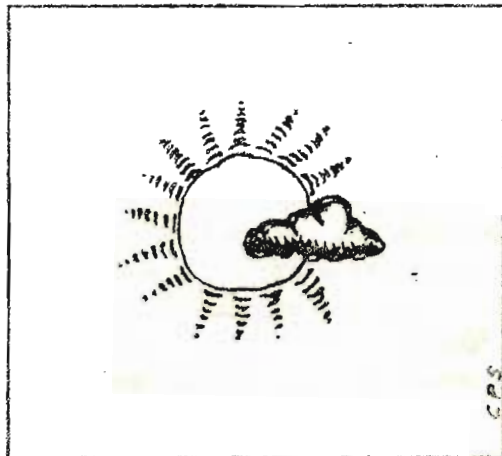
Also I would like to compliment the W.U.O. on their very positive work, and especially their continued Success, even to the point of embarrassing the F.B.I. so much they had to takethem off the "10 most wanted list". I know it isn't easy, but its showed us all it can be done, they shattered another myth. The making of the W.U.O. film was a beautiful

move. I'm sure millions of people will want to see it if its shown on T.V. and last, but certainly not least, allowing captured comrades to use it to help raise funds, who otherwise don't have much, or any, monetary support would be sayin' a whole lot!

In closing I would like to point out that the captured S.L.A. comrades have constantly upheld revolutionary principles, have never compromised their politics and have fought harder in a Motherfucker all down the railroad line. They continue to do so right now despite the fact that they have very little active support. Altho' there are some righteous (but poor) Sisters and Brothers who are not scared to work and support them with the little means they have. They deserve a lot more.

Whatever You Do Best, Do It In
Unity!

Ken Como
Folsom Prison



more on Weather

In regard to a response/analysis/ criticism of WUO's "Politics in Command" and "Armed Struggle and the SLA I hope to bring forth only reponses to WUO poli/military stance: one, in regards to "Politics in Command" I felt over all the work is very good politics and precise in it's analysis except for in respects to its position on fascism; my question is, when do we begin to prepare, propa- gandize and agitate around the con- tentions of fascism if not at a time when the LEAA is spending 4 million dollars annually securing its Nat- ional Police apparatus, when revela- tions of such police, F.B.I., C.I.A. conspiracies are being exposed, poli- tical assassinations of movement lea- ders nationally and internationally, when the Defense Department, Treasury, F.B.I. has a computer network which can give the White House access to 5 million people (called Interface- Message-Processor, or IMP), when SWAT teams have become a common part of police hardware and many metropolitan police forces have had C.I.A. train- ing in counterinsurgency tactics and intelligence -- all of this done to secure the present capitalist mode of production and institutions. On the most part these are condoned and en- couraged by the so-called national bourgeoisie: if Webster dictionary adequately defines fascism as "a sys- tem of government characterized by

dictatorship, belligerent nationalism and racism, militarism," then we rev- olutionaries are indeed waging a soc- ialist struggle against a fascist capitalist system...should we wait until the S-1 bill is passed to con- demn it as fascist, a bill helped written by ex-Attorney General Mitch- ell, a Watergate casualty who had once stated, "This country is going so far to the right you won't even recognise it". WUO first contends



that "Terrible fascist conditions prevail for Third World peoples liv- ing in the U.S.," then characterizes fascism as "intolerable prison life, Indian Reservations, mass deportation for Mexicans, widespread steriliza- tion without consent of Black and Third World women," and then goes further to state, "this is different from characterizing the present stage

of the development of imperialism as a fascist system, and therefore the stage of the struggle as the war against fascism"; does this sound like a contradiction? It is! Is U.S. imperialism fascist? If our definition of fascism is correct, then U.S. imperialism is indeed fascism, and if we are anti-imperialist we are also anti-fascist, and if the imperialist war is waged by such means as "detente" (diplomatically, politically, economically) do we not struggle against such effort(?), and if such "detente" reaches a stage of militant belligerency do we not combat such efforts(?). Mao said, "Politics is war without bloodshed, war is politics with bloodshed," and so the genocidal efforts of U.S. imperialism within the country is indeed fascist.... WUO also states that "Based on the war against fascism analysis of this period is a primarily military conception of the role of action." We will not be dogmatic in our military conception if we should guard against police wanton murder of our youth and elders, or the sterilization of our women, we will not be dogmatic if we organize our people to defend themselves from such fascist genocidal efforts and teach the masses that such acts are fascist. With a class analysis we will better isolate and expose those who uphold fascist ideals, and organize defense efforts how to deal with them; for Black and Third World Peoples police occupation

of the communities is a daily reality and it's imperative that they know what fascism is and how to combat it. In a highly technological society such as this, fascism can be disguised in many forms to prevent any protest and militancy to state control and power. Why wait until foot soldiers and check points are built in and around Black Third World communities to start agit-prop and organizing against fascism, when cameras are on every other corner and civilian (hippie looking and little old ladies looking males) dress police are present — isn't it our responsibility to expose such covert activity, to have the repression brought down in such a way that the covert becomes overt in the eyes and mind of the masses -- did we not proclaim Nixon a pig long before the masses recognized his "oink" and in the same regards gain substantial support from the masses because of our arduous work and proclamation.... It is my faith that in the same light this country should be regarded as fascist and organized against as such, at least we will consolidate our own forces against fascism, and at best, expose fascist intentions of the government and bring more peoples into the folds of revolution, in our contention for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In respects to WUO armed struggle and the SLA, objectively Bernadine Dohrn made a concise analysis but

there were areas that could possibly be rehashed because of subjective conditions. As in the case of Marcus Foster and political assassinations; the military aspects of political assassinations is difficult to express in political terms and for the masses. In most cases political figures who are contrary to our purposes in revolution are very well padded and insulated within the framework of the system. To expose such figures politically could cause greater security to be placed upon them and make them even more difficult to reach. The behind the scene activity of the counter-revolutionary work of reactionary political figures would probably take on a new guise and different mold, but the same objectives. Since these reactionary political figures manifest counter-revolutionary work, they are the primary target.

Political assassinations in most cases will be committed without fanfare, and it is the responsibility of the above-ground political organs to educate the masses to the necessity of the armed action. I believe the fault lies here in regards to the political consequences of the Foster assassination. Now it can be argued that if the masses are educated and understand the intentions of reactionary political figures it nullifies their counter-revolutionary work. This is possible, but it doesn't negate the threat this reactionary or his/her continued attempts to thwart the revolutionary movement, and as the saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

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Steve Soliah Trial in Sacramento

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Trial is scheduled to begin on March 8th for Steven Soliah, a comrade who was arrested with Hearst, the Harrises, and Yoshimura on Sept. 18th, and was later charged with a bank robbery in Carmichael, California. Even though a recent defense survey indicated widespread prejudice against Steve in the Sacramento area, the judge in the case refused a change of venue motion. The prosecution has yet to come up with anything approaching convincing evidence, and pre-trial hearings have featured a parade of "witnesses" whose descriptions seem to be as stable as clouds in a high wind. The high wind in this case is the government's pressure to railroad another innocent person in order to scare us away from helping each other when we need it. Neither the railroad nor the scare tactics will work. We urge everyone to come to Sacramento for the trial and show your support.

New World Liberation Front

Steps Up Activity..

During the past month, the New World Liberation Front has stepped up activity in three areas. They have taken responsibility for the bombing of the Hearst castle in San Simeon where reportedly \$1,000,000 worth of damage was caused. They sent a second communique attacking slum landlords demanding that rental dwellings in San Francisco be brought up to code and that P.G.&E. pay 50% of the costs needed to bring houses up to fire safety codes. In this communique they took credit for three bombings: 1. the house of Beatrice Present (who owned the Gartland Apts. which burned down killing 12-25 people) 2. the car of Jack Osheroff--a landlord and 3. P.G.&E. power transformers. The bombs at the P.G.&E. targets and at Present's house were dismantled by police before they went off, however, the car bombing was successful.

This was followed by another action: cutting P.G.&E. poles and severing power cables. So far, 11 power poles have been discovered in Tiberon, Ca. sawed part way through. The NWLF warned workers to be careful of all poles--some poles have been marked and some have not. They have demanded free utilities for the

unemployed and poor senior citizens. In their communique, they intensified their campaign against slum landlords and supported the demands of Tenants for Action, a group based in the Hunters Point/Bay View Area of San Francisco who are being "relocated" from their homes.

In Dragon #5 and #6 we discussed the NWLF's health strategy and campaign against the San Francisco Supervisors who they were pressuring into providing adequate health care in the San Bruno jail. The NWLF gave the Supervisors three weeks to meet their demands. The deadline has passed and since that time, no progress seems to have been made.

The Supervisors cancelled their participation in a public hearing on health conditions at the jail with the Prison Health Project saying that they refused to be intimidated by "terrorists". However, the PHP, a community organization which has been involved with the health care issue at San Bruno Jail has decided to hold hearings of their own sometime in mid-March.

The two most recent NWLF communi-ques follow. We offer our comradely support in their continuing offensive.

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COMMUNISM

NWLF COMMUNIQUE ...

The Gartland massacre screamed out the dehumanizing death-trap conditions we poor people are forced to "live" and many times die in. The cockroaches and rats we are forced to live with are but an extension of the scumlord leeches who feed on our misery. Hand in hand with these leeches are all the "officials" and their Watergate justice. Their "due-process, 5-year delay" legal shit is just that: legal shit, with the end result being to BURN POOR PEOPLE ALIVE!

The common bond between the Gartland victims was they were all poor! Fire doesn't stop at color or age -- it stops at money! The same is true for health, and just as we say HEALTH SHALL AND WILL BE A HUMAN RIGHT, so we say that DECENT HOUSING SHALL AND WILL BE A HUMAN RIGHT!

The first and most direct enemy of decent housing is the greedy scumlord. They don't care about poor people's lives or safety. If they did care, after seeing the Gartland massacre they would rush down and take steps to ensure that this unnecessary slaughter of poor people would not happen again. They would install basic fire-safety devices, smoke and heat alarms, smoke barriers, sprinklers, fire-escapes and emergency exits.

That woman at the Gartland apartment who fell back away from the window, consumed by fire that could have been prevented, would have lived if she had a fire-escape



to put her foot out onto! Beatrice Present, owner of the Gartland, is typical of scumlords. We aren't blinded by the fact that she is in a wheelchair. We see many old people in wheelchairs who are forced to live in deathtraps throughout the Tenderloin; an unjust reward for old, poor people who have worked hard all their lives and are now discarded. What could they do in a Gartland fire? Scumlord Present was told time and again, either directly or through the managers, of the dangerous conditions in her buildings. The city officials - in their feeble-ass way - told her the same thing by issuing code violation citations and then condemning the building. But the "officials" turned their backs while scumlord Present continued sucking money from her tenants, not only in the Mission, but in the Tenderloin too. The Lassen Apartments she owns are no differ-

ent -- 68 code violations and 7 fires in the past 2 years!

We poor people have been telling scumlords all our lives about these dehumanizing conditions, but they have refused to move to correct them. Scumlords are nothing more than buzzards who prey on poor people, causing suffering, misery, and sometimes death, all for their personal greed.

We will show these buzzards the same respect they have shown poor people. **WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO PUT POWER IN THE HANDS OF TENANTS SO THEY CAN FORCE SCUMLORDS TO MOVE ON FIRE-SAFETY CODE VIOLATIONS.** If scumlords fail to move on the just demands of the tenants, their names will be put on the scumlords list and they will be subject to the people's justice. We will not burn alive!

We poor people will raise our living conditions through a united front. **SCUMLORDS HAVE A WAY OUT--TO MOVE DRASTICALLY WITH A FUROR TO CORRECT THESE DEATH-TRAP CONDITIONS.** Yes, it boils down to some of their money, or their sanity, safety, and lives. We'll see how much they love their money! We will drive these greedy scumlords and corrupt officials crazy and to their graves if they don't change their ways and move to meet tenants' demands.

Rich parasites and their stooge enforcers prey on us at every turn in our lives--from our housing, to our utilities, to our health care, to our food, to our air, to our minds and souls, driving us to early graves by fire, by alcohol, by heroin, by robbery, by prisons! We must organize and unite the many to smash this death-order controlled by a greedy few!

75% of the residents of San Francisco are renters, yet the laws serve only the needs of the scumlords. We see how long it takes a scumlord to get a tenant kicked out, and we see how long it takes to force scumlords to bring their buildings up to code. Ed Johnson even admits he hasn't prosecuted one scumlord in the four years he's been city attorney.

"Officials" have shown they will not prosecute the Gartland owners. They have said the condition of the building had nothing to do with the deaths. They have centered all their blame on an arsonist (sick and deranged by this order) in an attempt to cover-up their complicity in this murderous act.

Clearly we will not get rid of arsonists until we change this dehumanizing death-order that drives people to become deranged arsonists. Further, these officials, using the media, have tried to mislead the public into believing only 12 people

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died in the Gartland fire, when the manager estimates it's more like 25.

These lies are told to try and keep us poor people from seeing the truth. But we know why our life expectancy is one-half that of the ruling class: it's because these parasites thrive on the misery, suffering, and butchery of poor people here and all over the world--San Quentin, South Africa, Mission, Chile, Fillmore, Rhodessa, Hunter's Point/Bayview, Haiti...

Freitas, DA and voice and defender of the ruling class, is asking for \$72,000 to counter the just revolutionary attacks against the ruling class and their stooge enforcers. We say the cheapest, fastest way to put an end to these attacks is to change the priorities of city government. 'Serve the vital needs of poor people and not ruling class greed.

We realize this means a complete turn-around for these "officials", especially supervisors Barbagelata, Tamaras, Francois, vanBeroldingen, Mendelsohn, and Gonzales, whose campaigns were financed by land developers and real estate interests, and who continually promote high-rise development. They must recognize we poor people have a right not only to decent housing, but also to our communities. WE WILL NOT SETTLE FOR DEATH-TRAP HOUSING OR THE

DESTRUCTION OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TO SUIT RULING CLASS HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES. WE DEMAND, THEREFORE, THAT THIS \$72,000 GO TO DEFEND TENANTS' RIGHTS! Remove corrupt officials like building inspector Frankoni, who owns a building with 13 violations. These "officials" have defended the rights of the ruling class to drain our lives for long enough. If the supervisors allot this \$72,000 to Freitas, but neglect health care and housing for the poor, we will declare war against these upholders of the ruling class and this death-order. WE WILL STRUGGLE UNTIL GOOD HOUSING AND HEALTH CARE ARE HUMAN RIGHTS SHARED BY ALL PEOPLE!

In a communique that came out before the Gartland fire, we pointed out that many apartment buildings were/are in need of fire-safety devices. At that time, we demanded that PG&E move to help correct these conditions. WE DO NOT EXPECT SCUMLORDS TO PAY ALL THE BILLS AND WE WILL NOT STAND FOR "OFFICIALS" CONDEMNING OUR HOMES SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE ISN'T THE MONEY TO REPAIR THEM. YOUR SOLUTION IS OBVIOUS -- TAX THE RICH WHO ROB US!

These PG&E parasites have a long record of deceit, trickery and robbery. WHAT WE ARE DEMANDING



FROM PG&E IS BUT A CRUMB TO THEM, BUT LIFE FOR US. WE DEMAND THEY PAY FOR 50% OF ANY/ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS TO BRING UNSAFE HOUSING UP TO FIRE-CODE SAFETY STANDARDS.

We realize that PG&E, because of their size, will be slower to yield to our just demands than scumlords and corrupt officials. We urge all top PG&E officials to realize that it would be cheaper for them to repair our housing than it would be to "buy protection" and repair shattered nerves and damaged equipment. We are prepared to drive them to their graves!

They are very vulnerable. Any person on the street can damage their trucks and cars by pouring sugar or sand in the gas tanks. To blow up a car or truck, puncture the gas tank with an ice pick or else loosen the drain plug. Set a book of matches with a lit cigarette in the matches (which will ignite when the cigarette burns down and reaches the matches) about 1 foot from where the gas is leaking. It takes about 10 minutes for a non-filter cigarette to burn down. Practice first! Towers and generators in ruling class/corporate/military areas are also good targets.

WE CALL ON SYMPATHETIC
PG&E WORKERS TO SABOTAGE

ANY/ALL THE EQUIPMENT THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH. The damage that can be done is only as limited as our imaginations. Clearly, it would be cheaper for PG&E to pay 50% of the repair bills. THEY HAVE 48 HOURS TO MOVE ON THIS! If they fail to move, we then urge all comrades and progressive-minded people to use their imaginations and let our voices be heard and our actions felt. We will not burn, we will fight!

We call on all tenants who are forced to live in unsafe death-trap housing in the Bay Area to unite and organize. Your nearest community tenant's union is a good place to start. Within each building, tenants should present a list of demands to bring their building up to fire-safety standards. Tell your scumlord that tenants do have the power to change conditions. If they fail to move to fix up our buildings, get their name, address, phone number, business address and phone, car make and license, and any other relevant information and give this to your community tenant's union. We will add these names to the scumlord list as they are made public and revise and publish the list periodically. We urge all comrades and progressive-minded people to subject these scumlords to revolutionary justice. Names will remain on the list until these scumlords move to correct these nightmare conditions.



NWLF most-wanted...

1. Ben and Mel Swig -- inspiration behind Yerba Buena and the destruction of South of Market. See Yerba Buena by Chester Hartman and the December 1975 edition of Common Sense.
2. Arthur Goldberg -- head of the bureau of building inspection (BBI). Arch enemy of tenants. BBI plays a critical role in the housing market. Arthur Goldberg lives in Marin County.
3. Redevelopment Agency -- destroyed over 5,000 units of low income housing in 15 years. Front group for the destruction of Yerba Buena and the Fillmore and Nihonmachi (where the fight continues under CANE, Citizens Against Nihonmachi Eviction).
4. Dr. Francis Curry -- head of the public health department. Critical in evictions, he ordered the tenants at 333 Hyde Street into the street.
5. Summit Land Company -- owns the Gartland Apartments under the control of Beatrice Present. 135 Cedro Street.
6. Orville Pratt -- offices in the penthouse at 690 Market. President of the Apartment House Association. Top scumlord attorney said to have bribed Curry to condemn 333 Hyde for Jack Osheroff, scumlord of 333 Hyde and owner of Sunset Carpets at the corner of Market and Van Ness.
7. David Finn -- President of the Haight Improvement Association, a counter insurgency front for SPUR. He hates hippies and blacks and has been instrumental in denying the community of the Straight Theatre and the Homeowners' Assistance Program, and in pushing the destructive RAP program.
8. N. Arden Denekas -- President of the Richmond Planning Association and owner of 10 Lyon Street. Sponsor of San Francisco For, a right-wing group that pushed the anti-strike ordinances in November 1975. Close associate of David Finn; may also get money from SPUR. Lives at 1327 Cabrillo.
9. Anchor Realty -- owner of large properties along lower Haight Street which figure strongly in the next big redevelopment push. Noted for especially poor maintenance practices.

...scumlord list

10. Mr. & Mrs. Kingsley -- large and notorious Haight scumlords.
11. Four Seas Corporation - Owners of the International Hotel.
12. Judge Wollenburg -- property owner and terrible Municipal Court Judge, especially against tenants.
13. Bay View Federal Savings & Loan -- big owners in the Mission around BART stations.
14. Landmark Realty -- fast buck artists, mostly in the Mission District.
15. Pyramid Development Company -- represents development of the Fillmore district. Headed by PUC President H. Welton Flynn
16. Ed Johnson -- Deputy City Attorney (See S. F. Examiner, 1-16-76).
17. Arthur Evans -- Executive Director of the San Francisco redevelopment Agency.
18. Wilbur W. Hamilton -- Deputy Executive Director of the San Francisco redevelopment agency.
19. Robert E. Boldt -- Assistant Regional Director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Offices in the Federal Building.
20. Pacific Gas & Electric -- see the S. F. Examiner (3-9-75) for information on PG&E executives.

For more information on scumlords, see the 1-15-76 edition of the S. F. Examiner or your Tenants' Union. ●



Communique!

The NWLF claims responsibility for 3 bomb attacks in our struggle to make safe and decent housing a human right!!

On January 28 at 9:15 P.M. we bombed the home of scumlord Beatrice Present.

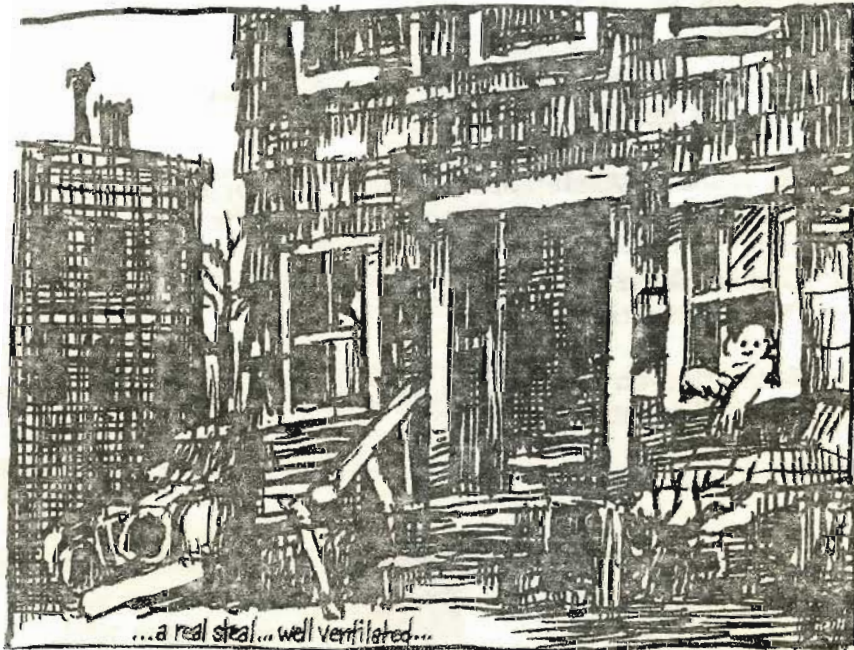
On Friday, January 29th, we bombed the car of scumlord Jack Osheroff at 1:15 A.M.

On Saturday, January 30th at 1:30 A.M. we bombed PG&E, parasites of the poor, at their San Geronimo station in Marin County. 5 power transformers came under attack.

Toward safe and decent housing
being a human right!
Toward health being a human right!
Unity in Struggle!
¡Hasta la Victoria!



Peoples' Forces - Lucio Cabañas Unit
New World Liberation Front



PG and E COMMUNIQUE

BE CAREFUL!

TO ALL PG&E WORKERS: Be careful of any poles with a spray painted circle, they have been cut!

Be careful of all poles - regardless of painted markings - as they may have been cut too. Watch for severed cables!

PG&E is a known parasite of poor/working people. We would like to remind PG&E officials that there is still a peoples' demand that has not been met;

FREE UTILITIES FOR ALL UNEMPLOYED AND FOR THOSE OVER 65 WHO ARE FORCED TO LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL ON FIXED INCOME IN THE BAY AREA.

It would be easier for PG&E to meet these demands and the fire-safety demands. Otherwise, they will find themselves with their health failing and driven insane. They cannot protect themselves sufficiently for a sufficient amount of time.

We will no longer live in these dehumanizing conditions. These parasites are going to have to adhere to this reality! If they don't believe us, we say: ask the supervisors!

Unite/Organize

We must unite/organize, apply pressure, attack, educate, and study/analyze. The only way we are going to get safe and decent housing is to use many tactics, on many fronts, uniting around our common goal.

We call on all PG&E workers to sabotage and destroy PG&E equipment until such time as these leeches get off some of their blood money that they've robbed from poor and working people.

Training Units

We call on all NWLF Training Units to coordinate attacks against PG&E windows in as wide an area as can be covered in San Francisco and Oakland.

Attack!

Attack all the smaller PG&E offices and vehicle windows, using sling shots. If you make your own, stiff, thick surgical tubing works well. Small ball-bearings of about one half inch in diameter won't make noise, yet will go completely through and will crack the window, a reminder for all to see and an inspiration for people wanting to confront this beast.

Scumlords

We issue a stiff warning to the scumlords of the Redevelopment Agency in San Francisco for their recent attack on the Community of Hunter's Point/Bayview. The community's 7 demands as set out by Tenant's for Action are just!

They say: stop dragging us through this nightmare, forcing us from one barrio/ghetto to the next (no better than the last) and destroying our communities, all for money! Our lives are more important than their money!

We will "relocate" any and all top officials of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency if they do not yield to the peoples' 7 just demands! It is obvious that these scumlords don't care

about the suffering and misery they create. We will show these scumlords how miserable it is to be driven out of house and home! Their armed thugs cannot stop the rage and determination of an outraged, just, united people!

We can pick our time, place, and circumstances and with a united effort, we will drive them to their graves unless these 7 just demands are met. The Redevelopment Agency has 48 hours to respond to and agree to meet these 7 demands.

If these demands are not met; we call on all comrades, and all people who are struggling for a just order, to press home these 7 demands. Additional information to help track these buzzards down is forthcoming. These officials are part of the NWLF scumlord list, derived from the people! (TUG # 1)

Our Struggle Continues!
¡Hasta La Victoria!

Central Command of the
Peoples' Forces
New World Liberation Front

February 17 1976



SEVEN JUST DEMANDS

1. We demand that tenants who want to move completely out of public housing receive at least \$4,500 in just compensation. We demand all rights - and full compensation - under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Acquisition Act.

2. We demand that all tenants wanting to return to Hunter's Point 17-A after rehabilitation be placed in the same unit or area at the same rent. We demand that no extra expenses be required when we return such as: security deposits, first and last month's rent, or moving costs. We demand that there be no rescreening of eligibility for public housing on the basis of the move.

3. We demand that all tenants moving because of rehabilitation be placed in Naval Shipyard Housing until we return to our previous housing or until such time as tenants who intend to move out of public housing completely can find adequate housing.

4. We demand that all tenants receive a written con-

tract that guarantees all conditions of the move including rent, time periods for relocation, moving expenses, and condition of housing. We demand that this contract be approved by representatives of Tenants for action and that it be ready and signed 30 days before moving starts.

5. We demand that all moving expenses be paid before the move and we demand that such compensation not be deducted from our welfare checks.

6. We demand that eligibility to return to our homes or other public housing be recognized, regardless of any back rent due.

7. We demand that all negotiations be with Tenants for Action and the elected representatives of that organization.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADD MORE DEMANDS AND CONDITIONS TO THIS LIST AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT "TARGET PROJECTS PROGRAM" AND THE PLANS FOR OUR AREA.





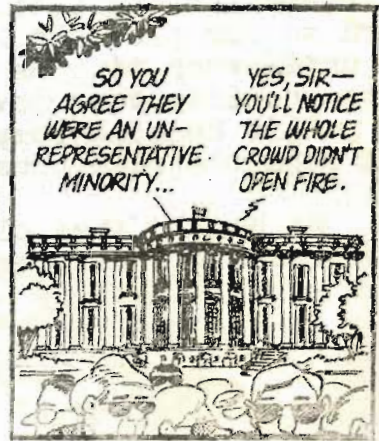
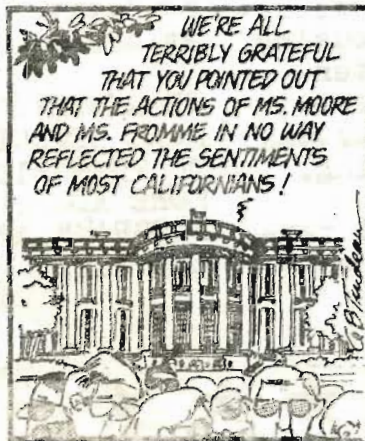
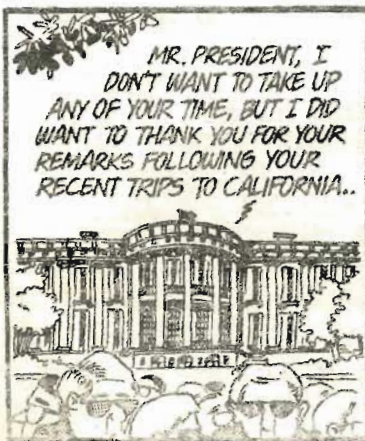
ON REPRINTING ARMS INSTRUCTIONS...

We've received criticism from several sources concerning our printing instructions for making explosive devices (in issue #1 and as a supplement to issue #5). In fact, we ourselves were uncomfortable with printing the instructions but didn't want to censor the underground (in both cases the instructions were part of NWLF communiques). The criticism centered around the danger of putting these instructions in the hands of anybody who might read the paper. We agree.

An integral part of any principled political development is the development of the practical capabilities (skills) for implementing the politics. In the case of the armed revolutionary, this practical development must be undertaken with extreme care. As we stated with the instructions we printed, we cannot attest to their accuracy. We feel that anyone considering or working on developing the skills of an armed revolutionary must have better sources for instructions. DRAGON cannot function as an arms manual because it is beyond both our capacity and desire to do so.

It is necessary to make certain severe requirements of armed (even potentially armed) revolutionaries: that they develop a fairly high degree

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of political sophistication; that they are developed in security practice to the degree that they can insure their own and other people's safety; that they are developed in the technical skills of their "trade" to the degree, again, that they can insure their own and other's safety. BARC cannot see to it that our readers develop these necessities. A little knowledge can indeed be a dangerous thing. Consequently, rather than be a source for insufficient (and possibly dangerous because of its insufficiency) knowledge, we leave armed and potentially armed revolutionaries to other resources*. We hope that the process of our comrades' practical development will aid not only in the development of these technical skills, but, perhaps, will aid in the development of the wisdom and sophistication, an understanding of the protracted nature of our struggle, necessary for the survival and success of an individual revolutionary, or a group, or the entire movement.

*This is not to say that we absolutely will not reprint arms instructions, but rather that we feel that we are under no obligation to do so and will make a general policy against such reprints. As always, anytime we edit a communique, we will state that it has been cut and will make the complete text available upon request.

The Urban Guerrilla (TUG) is a new publication, put out by People's Information Relay 1 (PIR-1). Its primary objective is to relay information for the New World Liberation Front; TUG contains communiques, articles and analysis.

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ZAPATA BUSTS

Tuesday, February 17, Diana Lee Harmon and Laurence Allen Kissinger were arrested in Marin County, CA., and charged with assault with a deadly weapon and firing at an inhabited house. Details of the incident are very sketchy and as there is great deal of federal interest in the case, press accounts provide little information. Allegedly, the two arrested and two others (who escaped unidentified) were attacking a house in the small town of Lagunitas. Witnesses heard gunfire coming from the four and fire being returned from inside the house. The same witness then said he saw the four people "dive into a red van which peeled out like crazy." The van was stopped in a police roadblock and Harmon and Kissinger were taken to Marin County jail and questioned for six hours by the F.B.I. before being booked.

The quietness of the investigation (the arrests were not made public for two days) indicated that the cops and the feds were still on the job. The first reports said that documents found in the van led them to the discovery of two houses, one in Richmond and one in Oakland. The Richmond house was busted early in the morning of February 21, and the Oakland house

later that same day. The Richmond house was surrounded by 25 to 30 members of the F.B.I. and Richmond police SWAT teams. Six people were found in the house and booked on federal charges of "unauthorized possession of destructive devices." The people arrested were identified as: Janice Marianne Orson, Stephen Robert Sciepes aka Lawrence Steve Harter aka Gerald, Carolyn Jennifer Ann Williams, Frederick Franklin Solkind aka James Francis Garbien, Ellen Judith Kesend and Alfonso Rico Garcia aka Jason Morrison aka Daniel Greg Rico/Adornatto aka Chepito. Charles Bates (F.B.I.), best known for his Patty Hearst Hunt, stated that 130-150 lbs. of explosives, two revolvers and a sawed-off shotgun. Anthony Joseph Barker (David Miller) was arrested in the Oakland house where some explosive material and "radical" literature was seized. He was also booked on the federal bomb charges and is wanted in Madison, Wis. on assault charges.

F.B.I. officials immediately announced that these raids had "broken the back of the New World Liberation Front," a statement they modified later when those arrested were linked in the media with the Emiliano Zapata Unit. The Zapata Unit has taken credit



for bombings of Safeway stores, PG&E towers, a branch of the Bank of America and rip-offs of drug dealers. Media accounts reported that it was unclear whether the Lagunitas attack was a kidnap attempt or an attack on drug dealers, although the latter seems more likely.

Those arrested have also been linked to the New Dawn Party, an above-ground Marxist/Leninist/Maoist organization operating out of a storefront in Berkeley. New Dawn supports the revolutionary underground and functions as a radical bookstore and information distribution center. They also publish a paper called The People United. Kissinger and Harmon have also been linked in the press to the New World Liberation Front, the most active of the underground guerrilla organizations in the Bay Area.

The local and national media, caught up in the Patricia Hearst trial and the latest "terrorist news" has been filled with inaccurate, misleading and wildly hysterical information. The New Dawn/Zapata link is being played up despite New Dawn's denial that the organizations are one in the same. While the two groups have political and ideological ties there is no proof that they are the same group. Likewise, the Zapata Unit and the NWLF share a common purpose and are both underground; however, they are two different organiza-

tions. In addition, Larry Kissinger stated, in an interview with a local news station, that not all those arrested were members of New Dawn.

Out of this complicated situation there have developed two events which seem very dangerous and very serious. The F.B.I. is now saying that a woman named Judy Stevenson who lived at the Richmond address tipped them off that the six people later busted were moving into her house. The F.B.I. has refused to say whether or not Stevenson is a paid informant -- she is now in protective custody.

Another disquieting report is that Alfonso Garcia (Chepito) has decided to turn state's evidence (S.F. Examiner, 2/26/76). Garcia was immediately separated from his companions after the arrests, and has been booked under the cover alias of Jessie Citrano, one of the many names supplied by the feds. He has been moved around to several jails and his whereabouts are unknown. Chepito was a member of New Dawn, often taking a leadership role. It is unclear at this time whether or not he too is an agent or a snitch, or if this is just another media hype.

Sifting through the media barrage is quite a task. The feds, police and other officials carefully manipulate the flow of information to the media, often using "leaks" to publicize unsubstantiated, and often un-

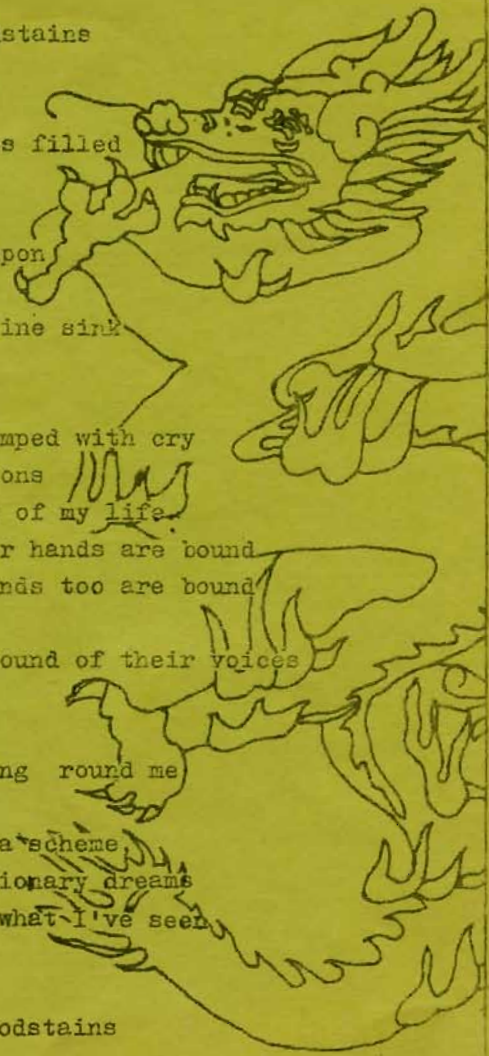
YOU CAN'T BE A

"In my last letter I mentioned a Bro. that had a poem he wanted to send you, and told you he would write. He never will, he was murdered on this tier the next day (January 13, 1976.) His name was Van Purcell, and you can see where his head was at by his poetry."

Ken Como, Folsom Prison

mc/v/w/p

Young dragon, young dragon
I see you softly cry, what looks like bloodstains
Splashing on the carpet of my life
I wipe your tears and my hands become red
I touch them to my lips and my mouth becomes filled
With the bittersweet taste
Of my brothers and sisters lying dead
I look up for something to wreck vengeance upon
And see only bars and concrete walls
I look the other way and see a white porcelaine sink
With shiney chrome buttons
reflecting distortion back at me
One button stamped with hate, the other stamped with cry
And around them i see hot and cold reflections
Splashing crimson bloodstains on the carpet of my life.
In this nightmare i look to my woman and her hands are bound
I look to my brothers and sisters, their hands too are bound
And what only makes it worse
Is the look in their eyes and the muffled sound of their voices
Crying out to me
Whose hands are also bound
And I'm drowning in the bloodstains splashing round me
In the deep pile carpet of my life
Then someone tells me brother, this is but a scheme,
A fascist plot to frighten off your revolutionary dreams
So i agree to slake their fear-yet knowing what I've seen
I gather strength to drink the blood
Of revolutionary tears
And bask in the comfort of the warm wet bloodstains
Splashing softly
On the carpet of my life



for c/1/p 6/6/74

by Van Purcell