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we must unite

THE MOST NEGLECTED AREA IN THE PRISON MOVEMENT - WOMEN IN PRISON

Unity is the answer, but only through struggle can we the convicted class achieve unity. Sisters who are locked down in the concentration camp at the California Institute for Women have got to realize that they are in a prison and not on a campus, that they live in cells and not a room, that they are convicts and not residents, and that they are women and not girls or ladies. The sisters have to realize that they have to join forces and fight by forming a union of convicts, who are locked down in maximum security inside the concentration camp, ex-convicts and all the oppressed people who are also convicted to the system of racism, fascism, capitalism and imperialism. In order to deal with the existing power structure, we must form a multi-racial organization in our quest for total freedom.

If we unite and fight as comrades, our victory is inevitable. We can only be defeated if we allow the powers that be to continue to run their sick, weak little games on our heads and keep us divided.

As long as we spend out time fighting each other, they are safe, they will always end up on top - which leaves us on the bottom. The minute we stop and check ourselves and get serious about unifying, then "they" are in deep trouble. This of course, holds true on the outside as well as inside. But nowhere is division more apparent than inside the monster's belly. You've got to get it together, sisters. It's now a matter of survival.

Comrades on the outside are waiting to support you. But we've got to do things together first. This is the key that will unlock the first door and start us down the path to liberation. What's holding us back? Fear? Of what? The man? We don't think so. Most of us laid our ass on the line against the man for a \$100 forgery or some nickle and dime "hustle." So fear of the man just doesn't hold up. That only leaves fear of each other. This is what the man plugs in on. This is no big secret, everyone knows it. . . you knew it long before you read this editorial.

Women in prison constantly and continually play the pig's game by informing on each other, fighting each other, and being pacified by the T.V.'s, radios, and phone calls, but do nothing to stop the man from charging exhorbatant prices at the commissary. They don't question what happens to the money that goes the the Inmate Welfare Fund. This fund is supposedly set aside for entertainment and recreational facilities for women in prison, but out of this fund, salaries are paid to free personnel such as the commissary manager and the hobby shop manager, etc.

C.I.W. is physically set up so that any visitor who doesn't know better might say, "This place isn't so bad." In reality it is bad - a concentration camp dressed up. The 700 women are allowed to wear their own clothes and most have a radio and T.V. in their "room". The trip with C.I.W. as most women's camps in the u.s., is psychological. Nothing is given to them that they won't be threatened with later. They are pacified constantly with all kinds of little privileges.

Among the many complaints voiced by the sisters at C.I.W. was about the outrageous prices at the commissary. Most items cost more than they do

at your local rip-off neighborhood store. For instance a 10 oz. jar of Maxwell House Coffee costs \$1.90, a 10 oz. jar of Hills Brothers Coffee \$1.70, Baker's Coco costs \$2.10, a box of sugar is 45¢, cigarettes went up in the month of April for \$3.50 to \$3.70, hairspray \$2.25, Tang \$1.00, a can of nuts 90¢, a sample box of Whitman's candy \$2.00. The United Prisoners Union has a complete price list of the commissary items and their prices at C.I.W.

One of the sisters related to us that the recent effort on the part of Reagan's racist attacks and the state to reduce the welfare roles by getting jobs for people has resulted in a lot of women being hired as matrons at C.I.W. The only requirement is a high school degree. These unqualified and untrained women are immediately given a set of keys, authority and power.

For vocational training the sisters are forced to work at such menial and traditional trades as vocational kitchen, vocational laundry, vocational sewing, cosmetology and nursing.

The sisters at C.I.W. are being brutally exploited by the California Department of Corrections. The Calif. Prison Industry is one of the largest money making industries in California and it's based entirely on slave labor paid slave wages. C.I.W. maintains itself. The sisters make uniforms for other Calif. institutions. They do their own laundry and work at various office jobs that the state would have to pay a free person a regular salary. No one is trained to be able to survive when they get out.

The sisters at C.I.W. are deeply involved in our struggle. The subtleness of the psychological brutality they are confronted with day by day is hard to combat. The sisters need our support. It's time women in prison - a neglected area - is neglected notmore. Power to the convicted class. DARE TO STRUGGLE - DARE TO WIN

by Popeye Jackson and Pat Singer

TERM SLET PRIORITIES OF TERM SETTING AND PAROLE - WOMEN'S BOARD OF TERMS AND PAROLE

The following is an official document from the Women's Board of Terms and Parole dated 1973.

WOMENS'S BOARD OF TERMS AND PAROLE SUBJECT: Priorities for Term Setting, Granting of Parole, and Revocation of Parole

Whereas the Women's Beard of Terms and Parole realizes the significance in focusing upon its priorities for term setting, granting of parole, and revocation of parole functions,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the actions taken by the Women's Board of Terms and Parole will be considered on the basis of the following priorities in order of importance:

1. The protection of society;
2. The punishment of offenders; to make the penalty fit the criminal rather than the crime;
3. The future deterrance of the offenders (by punishment imposed) and of others (by example of the punishment imposed);
4. To rehabilitate those who are amenable to and capable of it.

Be it further resolved, that felons committed to prison will be kept until there is reasonable cause to believe they can lead crime free lives in society.

Be it further resolved, that doubts as to whether or not a person should be released will be resolved in favor of public protection.

Be it further resolved, that parolees convicted of new crimes or charged with serious anti-social or criminal behavior which does not result in a court conviction for technical reasons will be reviewed very critically.

Be it further resolved, that violent dangerous criminals and those who make a career of stealing other persons' property will be confined until there is adequate assurance they have been reformed.

Adopted by the affirmative votes of:
M. Joanne Lees, Chairman
Addison H. Fording, Vice-chairman
Lucile C. Hosmer, Member
Joseph E. Regan, Member

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINE FOR SENTENCING IN CERTAIN OFFENSES

The circumstances of each case must be individually evaluated for determination of the appropriate term for the individual felon. All terms are subject to continuous re-evaluation. It is fully understood that there will be those exceptional cases where the following guideline will not apply. Any requested modification of the guideline as outlined below may be initiated by staff at any time in accordance with board policy as set forth in womens' board administrative memo #68/5.

A three year (3) or longer period of incarceration shall be considered for those cases committed to the California Institution for Women for the following offenses:

- 1) murder
- 2) manslaughter
 - a. voluntary
 - b. involuntary
- 3) assault with a deadly weapon
- 4) robbery 1st
- 5) kidnapping
- 6) sexual act with force and/or involving bodily injury



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DARE TO STRUGGLE, DARE TO WIN

As long as there are poor people who suffer from a lack of food, proper medical treatment, decent housing, and the basic needs to survive, and as long as the ruling class continues to update their fascist attacks on oppressed people through racism, imperialism, capitalism, and fascism there are going to be many more S.L.A.'s. The social conditions in this country are the real reasons why the S.L.A. was born. Even though the S.L.A. forced a member of the ruling, Randolph Hearst, through the alleged kidnapping of his daughter, Patricia Tania Hearst, to feed some of the poor and hungry people, it was still a token gesture in an attempt to pacify the people. There remains thousands of poor people in this fascist racist country who still haven't been fed.

The S.L.A. has been denounced as terrorists by the pig press, the right, and most of the left, yet the real terrorists: the Nixons, the Reagans, the Rockefeller, the Hearsts, and all the others who form the corporate structure continue to oppress the people. It's terrorism when Ronald Reagan states that he hopes people who accept the free food come down with botulism (food poisoning). It's terrorism when 3 Emeryville racist pigs murder a 14 year old black youth stating that they "thought" he fired a gun. It's terrorism when Rockefeller ordered the murder of 33 convicts at Attica. It's terrorism when Nixon orders the bombing of thousands of people in South East Asia. It's terrorism when San Quentin pigs murdered George Jackson and countless other revolutionary people. These are the real terrorists in the country.

Fear and terror have been the tactics of the ruling class through out the history of this country. Beginning when Indians were slaughtered and robbed of their land, when black people were brought here as slaves, when they brought Asian people here to build the railroads, when Chicanos were brought here to do slave farm labor and when the poor white people were being exploited in the factories, the ruling class still continues to terrorize. This includes the Hunts, Howard Hughes, the Bechtels, the Fords, the Kennedys, the Gettys, the Hearsts, and others. These people have ripped the people off and taken positions of power. They use this power to fatten their bank accounts and continually oppress. Anyone who gets in their way they attempt to eliminate; by murder, imprisonment, or forcing people to go underground. These are the terrorists that need to be dealt with. The S.L.A.'s answer to this terrorism was a direct attack on the ruling class by involving a daughter of one of these pigs. Tania has joined the forces of the people and has stated that she would rather die than return to her family.

The so-called Marxists-Leninists who have been most critical of the S.L.A. have slandered not only brave revolutionary comrades who were willing to die for their cause, but also the revolutionary theory they claim to represent.

As Lenin says in What Is To Be Done?, the communist's "... ideal should not be a trade union secretary, but a tribute of the people, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression, no matter where it takes place, no matter what stratum or class of the people it effects; he must be able to generalize all these manifestations to produce a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation;..."

With few exceptions the left made little comment to support the S.L.A. and let the pig press get away with the lies they put forth. People like Bruce Franklin, Jerry Rubin, Angela Davis, and Jane Fonda condemned the S.L.A., which is revisionism and reactionary.

If the left really believes in the slogan "Dare to struggle - dare to win" we have to be ready to support those who are struggling. The struggle and the revolution will take many forms. Armed struggle is one of these forms. Isolation is a weapon of the pigs. If we are divided and isolated we will never be victorious. We cannot blame the S.L.A. for the confusion and division of the left. We must blame ourselves for allowing the fascist elements in this country to continue their fascist attacks on poor people.

The very foundation of this country is violence. Poor people have been subjected to violence in north america for over 400 years. The violent oppressive and brutal ruling class in america is not called terrorists, but when an S.L.A. comes along they are called terrorists, criminals, and everything except what they truly are; revolutionaries who fought and died because they knew and believed that only through armed struggle will poor people ever achieve total freedom.

We heard most of the left intellectuals denounce the S.L.A. and offer Randolph Hearst help in regaining Patricia Tania Hearst's freedom from the so-called terrorist group, but we heard none of these same leftists denounce the fact that for two generations the Hearst newspapers have exploited poor people. They did not talk about a real fact like it takes 400 million dollars to feed poor people in the state of California alone for one month, or that one man of the ruling class has enough money to pay 400 million dollars to feed poor and hungry people for one month.

We the oppressed people have got to realize that we can no longer fight the oppressor only through demonstrations, rallies, provoked riots armed only with sticks, stones, bricks, and bottles while the oppressor is armed with all the modern war equipment there is. We have to understand that the same weaponry that was used to murder thousands of Vietnamese people will be used against us.

We can no longer wait for the arm-chair intellectual Marxist-Leninists to set back and study to learn the correct line while they put forth no practice. Third world and poor white people are tired of being fronted off and let to the slaughter pen by these plastic revolutionaries. They continue to put forth their racist lines telling us this is the correct line, telling us that they do not agree with the S.L.A.'s political line, but yet they don't tell us what the political line of the S.L.A. is.

Most of these Marxist-Leninist leftist intellectuals are followers of George Jackson and use his book in all their study groups about political education to refer to fascism in this country. Yet they denounce the S.L.A. That is a direct contradiction. From Blood In My Eye, pp. 111-151, George Jackson says: "... We blacks have lived with terrorism for generations. It no longer affects us. It will intensify. We must prepare a counter-terrorism. A man can never be so repressed that he cannot strike back in some way. But it must begin now. ... Revolution is against the law. ... that makes the true revolutionary an outlaw, and the black revolutionary a 'doomed man.' As blacks, we must function as the vanguard in any hostilities.

"Fascism was established itself in a disguised and efficient manner in this country. It feels so secure that the leaders allow us the luxury of faint protest. ... We come to our conclusion: the only historical recourse that is left to us. ... We will have this freedom even at the cost of total war."

The most terrorist act of all was the cold-blooded murder of the 6 S.L.A. comrades in Los Angeles. By covering the massacre on nationwide T.V., the ruling class and the pigs were terror-

izing thousands of people. They wanted to put fear in everyone's mind. They had no mercy - they were saying this is what you'll get. Some people; left, right, and in between went for this line - and are caught up in the same fear that's been generated by the ruling class through out the history of america. The 6 S.L.A. comrades were brutally burned alive and slaughtered. The pigs over reacted through fear and had nearly 100 pigs to each soldier of the S.L.A.

It's the rich against the poor as the S.L.A. so obviously pointed out by showing what a filthy rich capitalist pig, Randolph Hearst, could do if he was forced to. But, throughout the People In Need program (the free food program) the pigs who ran it were doing it to "save Patty", not to feed poor people.

We're involved in a class struggle. 25 billionaires run this country while thousands of people are hungry and poor. Our brothers and sisters who are locked down in the concentration camps are there because they are victims of this capitalist system where the upper class exploits, rips off, steps on, and oppresses the lower class. Through this system of monopoly capitalism, the ruling class owns everything: the labor force, the resources, the industries, and the politicians. Through the system of supply and demand the half a dozen major oil companies, after paying off Nixon and others, are able to manipulate the market to such an extent that one week we waited in a line for gas for 2 hours and the next week there was no line, but continually higher prices. People have to become aware of this, organize and move on it. DON'T BUY THE FUCKING PRODUCT.

The S.L.A. demonstrated how powerful one man can be, Randolph Hearst. Because he controls the 2 major newspapers in San Francisco, and controls numerous publications through out the country, the S.L.A. got all the press it wanted. Some people are so brain-washed by the system they sent Hearst money for the food program. A racist capitalist pig who has been ripping off poor people for 150 years. But, also Hearst got what press he wanted and that is nothing but a pig line. What we're fet in these 2 daily papers has to be examined and challenged totally.

"Revolutionaries must be bold and creative in giving and accepting criticism. Many serious revolutionaries had criticisms or felt differences with the S.L.A. But so-called criticisms of the S.L.A. outside the context of active support for peoples' right to eat and peoples' right to fight for liberation are indistinguishable, in effect, from the attacks of the enemy." Weather Underground

by Popeye Jackson and Pat Singer



PRISON MOVEMENT ATTACKED

U.P.U. VICE-CHAIRMAN IS ARRESTED

The pigs' witch-hunt for people to lead them to the S.L.A. has claimed another victim - Sleepy Bailey, vice-chairman of the United Prisoners Union. Sleepy is guilty of "knowing the 'wrong' people." He faces a long prison term because of the circumstances around his alleged crime. The following letter is self-explanatory. U.P.U. has hired an attorney for Sleepy from Santa Barbara, but again funds are urgently needed. Donations can be sent to the United Prisoners Union, 330 Ellis, S.F., CA. 94102

Sisters and Brothers -

This is to send comradely greetings, revolutionary love, and keep you up to date.

Yesterday afternoon i was kidnapped by plainclothes police and government agents as i walked by a doorway on the 600 block of Sutter St., in San Francisco. Altho the actual charges i am held for are petty, a parole hold was placed on me, and a \$25,000 ransom bail, making my release as unpredictable as Patty Hearst's release seemed a few months ago.

The real reason for the recent gestapo tactics is justified in their minds, due to the S.L.A. And various paid snitches of law enforcement offered to cut me loose, if i reveal the whereabouts of the S.L.A. or they will retaliate with a prison term. Both the Department of Justice and the F.B.I. have offered "more money than you can count", but what they are saying with this is, "You scratch our back and we'll scratch yours." If i do not know anything about the S.L.A. they will return me to prison with a life top. In fact when i asked just that question, i was told "that's business."

I have three charges; one, a misdemeanor, section 20 of the V.C. code (false information when applying for a license) which stems from a mistake by the Department of Motor Vehicles in the spelling of my name, and two, using that license (another misdemeanor) to visit a prisoner, and three, (a felony) an ex-con visiting a convict without permission.

From all information, i don't think anyone has ever been charged with the last mentioned "crime." But this victimless felony is now applied to revoke my parole and as a weapon to pressure information out of me for the Grand Jury and in the hunt for the S.L.A.

Also, i am accused of acquiring a car from Patricia Soltusek (Mizmoon), visiting someone supposedly in the Black Guerrilla Family on the same day as Emily Harris, and possessing a photo of Bill and Emily Harris stolen in a raid on a room i used to store personal property, and possibly meeting some people who became members of the S.L.A., while working in the prison movement. The stupid bunch of lames who call U.P.U. an S.L.A. front, forget the large number of people U.P.U. comes into contact with.

Because the crime, they say, took place around visiting at C.M.C., i will soon be shipped off to face charges in the county of San Luis Obispo. This means that after the trial, regardless of verdict, i may be violated and bused from there to the Department of Corruptions. But in the meantime, people can write letters protesting what came down and send them to the California Adult Authority and/or my parole officer, Mr. Rouse, 275 5th St., S.F.

Liberation in our time
LOVE AND RAGE,
Sleepy

Sleepy's address at San Luis

Obispo is:

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San Luis Obispo County Jail
P.O. Box 32
San Luis Obispo, CA. 93406
(letters can only be 2 pages
long on one side of the paper)



THE CORRUPTION OF THE PRISON SYSTEM

THE ADULT AUTHORITY IGNORES JURY VERDICT

On August 26, 1973, Popeye Jackson was arrested on drug charges which were the result of a frame-up by the San Francisco Police Department. On November 16, he was acquitted by a unanimous decision of the jury who found absolutely no evidence to substantiate these trumped-up charges. On April 23, Popeye appeared before 2 members of the California Adult Authority (A.A.) for a parole revocation hearing stemming from these same charges. This hearing was a total farce because at a secret hearing, which neither Popeye nor his attorney were present at or even aware of, the A.A. revoked Popeye's parole basing their decision entirely on hearsay evidence. The A.A. went through the motions of having a fair and impartial hearing, that lasted 9 hours, even though, months before, at the secret hearing, they had found him guilty and revoked his parole, thus an example of the arbitrary power of the A.A. Due to the tremendous support of the people these pigs did not keep Popeye behind the walls; however, by finding him guilty and placing a parole violation on his record, they have set the stage for an easy return to prison.

REPRESSIVE PAROLE CONDITIONS

Before Popeye was allowed to leave San Quentin on the day of his hearing, he was forced to sign, under duress, an "Agreement of Parole." These new repressive conditions include: waiving extradition rights from any state, territory or the District of Columbia, and as people well know, Popeye travels on speaking engagements outside the state of California and it is obvious that this is an effort of the A.A. to restrict the prison movement's right of the freedom of speech.

Another condition of the "parole agreement" dealing with "medical and psychiatric advice" states that, "Whenever it is determined by the A.A. . . . that I am incapable of functioning in an acceptable manner, I agree to return to any facility of the Department of Corrections for necessary treatment." This means that Popeye could be sent to the state psychiatric concentration camp at Vacaville at any time for psychosurgery or any other behavior modification program they see fit.

Condition 2 of the "parole agreement" states that Popeye may not change his place of residence without prior permission from his parole agent.

It also states that Popeye cannot travel beyond a radius of "50 miles of my residence without prior written approval of my parole agent." Popeye's parole agent told him that if he intends to go 51 miles from his residence he better have permission.

Condition 8 states that he is to "avoid association with former inmates", yet the A.A. paroled Popeye to work at the United Prisoners Union, which is an organization which includes convicts and ex-convicts.

Condition 9 states that Popeye needs to obtain written permission to operate a car. Even though this is not strictly enforced, Popeye is continually being harrassed by the pigs who have stopped him on this technicality. If enforced, non compliance of this condition could result in a technical violation of parole.

Condition 10 gives the A.A. the power to pressure parolees to inform on their brothers and sisters or face being returned to a concentration camp. It states that "I agree to cooperate with the Parole and Community Services Division and my parole agent at all times."

Condition 13 means that the pigs can search Popeye at any time without reason which subjects him to constant stops and harrassment. This new condition, which is placed on everyone being released from prison now, is a clear denial of civil rights and basic human rights. "I agree to search of my person, my residence, or any property under my control upon request by my Parole Agent, any agent of the Department of Corrections or any law enforcement officer."

The A.A. openly admits stripping parolees of their civil rights by stating "I understand that a number of my Civil Rights have been suspended by law." A few of the rights remaining are the right to support the capitalistic system by "The purchase of clothing, food, transportation, household furnishings, tools and the rental of such habitation necessary to maintain myself to keep my employment."

These conditions are a blatant example of the extreme power of the A.A., as at any time, they can arrest Popeye for "anything we see fit."

WHAT IS THE ADULT AUTHORITY?

The A.A. consists of 9 members and 15 representatives who are political appointees of the governor. These positions are obviously political rewards. The salary of the chairman of the A.A. is \$27,500 a year and the salary of the other 8 members is \$25,000 a year. All the members of the A.A. have law enforcement backgrounds: ex-prison guards, former F.B.I. agents, former police chiefs, D.A.'s etc. The A.A. is the arm of the law and order regime which reaches into the community in an effort to still further control and oppress. The members of the Calif. A.A. are: Charles Brown, Chairman, former Police Chief, Richmond, CA. Henry Kerr, Vice-Chairman, L.A. Police Department 1937-1967. Manley J. Bowler, Chief Asst. U.S. Atty. for So. CA. James H. Hoover, Chino prison guard for 18 years. Curtis Lyman, retired F.B.I. agent, San Francisco. Daniel Lopez, former prison guard. Walter Gordon, Alameda County Probation and Parole officer. Leland Edman, D.A. 1954-1957. Raymond Brown, Former policeman.

All convicts are subjected to these repressive conditions. The overwhelming power of the A.A. must be stopped. How can the A.A. represent the people or the community when they are political appointees with pig and violent-oriented backgrounds? The absolute power of Reagan's judges must be unmasked. POWER TO THE CONVICTED CLASS!

FROM THE INSIDE

The following letter was received by the United Prisoners Union and is reprinted here exactly as it was written. It speaks for itself. Another blatant example of the degradation and inhumane treatment convicts receive in the California concentration camps. We have forwarded copies of this letter to two doctors and an attorney who is presently working on a lawsuit against the hospital at San Quentin.

Mr. Jackson,

I am writing the United Prisoners Union as a prisoner in need. On 6/21/74 at approximately 9:30 a.m. I was one of approximately 25 inmates permitted to go to the exercise yard of B section, Segregation yard. I was on the 5th tier which is for protective custody and homosexuals. I am a homosexual. I am now laying in a hospital bed as a result of that day. On 6/21 at approximately 9:40 a.m. I was attacked by another inmate. He swung at me with his fist. I defended myself, knocked him to the ground with my fist. The next thing I knew I heard a loud bang and instantly I hit the ground. The gun cage was directly over us. The gun bull shot me in the sheen with a 30.06 approximately 15 feet above me. He shot me without verable or warning shot. I got word today that a lot of the inmates will testify to that, plus, the officer that shot me could plainly see neither the inmate who attacked me nor I had a weapon. Plus there are 6 inmates who were looking out the hospital windows who said the officer gave no warning before he shot me. The hospital you wouldn't believe.

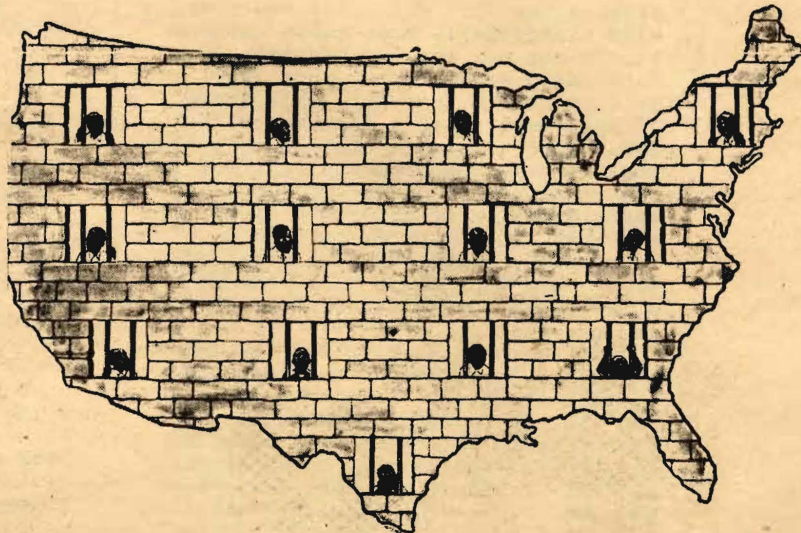
6/24/74 10:00 a.m.

Took me to x-ray. X-rayed my right leg where bullet entered calf. Could not walk. Officers handcuffed both arms behind back, placed me in wheelchair. 10:20 - came back to cell 351. All sheets and bed clothing had been removed from bed. Personal greeting cards, shoes, and Bugler had been removed from cell. An inmate attendant told me he thought I had went back to B-section. Attendant named Chuck. Attendant said he'd have to find some sheets some place.

10:25 a.m. - Dr. talked to me and the R.N. or M.T.A. (Mrs. Taylor) was with him. The officer on duty in "nut ward" was also present as well as an attendant (name not known he is on climate control). The Dr. told me the results of the x-rays show an indent in the sheen bone, & two small cracks from the bullet. Dr. said I would be moved from "nut ward" to his section, 3 floor medical. But the officer spoke up and said, you'll have to wait on that Dr. I don't think "custody" will approve that move. The Dr. said well the patient can't stay in the "nut ward" and you can't send this man back to B-section now. He has an open wound that's running fluids and this wound needs soaking and cleaning at least twice a day! The Dr. told me, Well, I don't know where they're (custody) is going to put you. You'll have to wait and see. I asked the Dr. who runs the medical department - the doctors or Custody? The Dr. said, Custody! I asked the officer, why was he so anxious on 6/22 and 6/23 to move me back to B-section knowing I had just been shot on 6/21. You knew damn well I couldn't go back to B-section with this hole in my leg. What was you trying to do, make me blow it? The officer said, I had my orders!

The officers came to my cell on 6/22 around 8:00 a.m. both mornings, telling me I had to move to B-section. Both times I refused, and told them they would have to carry me cause I wasn't going! They got indignant and locked the door both mornings.

The Dr. told Mrs. Taylor the patient's wound should be soaked and cleaned at least twice a day, so until we know what custody is going to do about moving him to a medical ward,



we'll just have to do the best we can here. Mrs. Taylor spoke up and said, I'll soak and clean his leg right away. That was around 10:30 a.m. 6/24. I waited till 11:00 a.m. still I had no sheets, and Mrs. Taylor hadn't seen me since 10:35 a.m. I called for Mrs. Taylor (her office is only around the corner from my cell). I had been watching her for about 10 minutes sitting, drinking coffee, talking and laughing with an attendant (inmate). Mrs. Taylor came to my cell door and asked, what do you want Collier? I showed her the bullet hole and told her it was running fluids down my leg; when could she clean it? Mrs. Taylor said, Collier, I know about the wound and when I have time I will clean it. I am too busy now. I said, Will you call the Father for me and tell him I'd like to see him? Mrs. Taylor said as she was walking away, When I get time! I looked out my window and saw her sit down at her desk again. Around 11:30 a.m. the chow cart came on the ward for lunch. I still had no sheets the hole in my leg was still uncleaned and still running fluids down my leg. But Mrs. Taylor found time to come out of her office and get a plate of food off the inmate chow cart, and go back to her office and eat. I ate chow. Around 12:00 noon, after the plates had been picked up, Mrs. Taylor opens my cell door, and her and an attendant (chuck) came in. The inmate was carrying a small half moon basin, a paper cup with Phisohex soap and 4x4's. The inmate set all the things on the cabinet beside my bed, while Mrs. Taylor stood at the foot of my bed. The inmate went to the sink in my cell (which has cold water only) and washed his hand in COLD water with state soap, and filled the half moon basin with cold water. He came back to the cabinet beside my bed and emptied the cup of soap into the basin, dropped the 4x4 into the soap and water, and without rubber gloves, with bare hands took the 4x4's out of the basin and dabbed it on the draining wound, put the same 4x4's back into the basin and continued this process 5 times. Then he placed a dry 4x4 over the wound and taped it down. From the time he first started "cleaning" the wound till finished, it took approximately 8 minutes. It is now 1:30 p.m. still no sheets and my room hasn't been swept or mopped since I came in 6/21. Now let me go back to the starting of the inmate "cleaning" the bullet hole. I am no medical R.N. but I know enough to know it will be a

miracle if I don't end up with a staff infection, and possible loss of my leg. Why? Because of negligence and malpractice.

First I have a hole in my sheen about the size of a quarter approximately 1 1/2 inches long, with two cracks in the bone. the wound is approximately 75 hours old, has been poroxided and cleaned and bandaged one time. They came into the cell to clean the wound, which is running fluids, caked with dry blood, to clean the wound, they have no sterile equipment, they set no sterile working area (my leg is laying on an uncovered mattress). Next the attendant washes his hands in cold water, instead of using hot water. He then picks up an unwrapped, unsterile basin - after washing his hands - runs cold tap water in the basin - instead of using distilled water - then with contaminated hands - instead of wearing sterile rubber gloves - then dropped uncovered, unsterile 4x4's and dabbing them onto the wound that is running fluids and dried blood, using the same 4x4's to place back into the water, automatically compounding contaminations - instead of using a new sterile 4x4 each time he soaked the wound. At no time did he use proxide or a boiling agent. It was one beautiful step to staff infection.

2:40 p.m. Dr. White came on the ward. He didn't know I was here. He came to see another patient. When I called him to my cell he was surprised to see me. He said a surgeon was supposed to have saw me today. He was mad because he said the x-rays showed two cracks on the sheen bone, and should be taken care of. He said he would come to see me in the morning.

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The following letter is the second letter received by U.P.U. from Chuck Collier as a follow-up on his predicament. Again, it speaks for itself.

I am writing in response of your letter of 7/9/74. Was pleased to see there is someone out there who is concerned about us inside. As for my letter to you, you may use it in any manner that will help enlighten the people to what really goes on in here. As you know when an inmate makes waves all of a sudden little incidents just happen, hold up of mail, loss of mail, canteen orders lost, and even loss of life. I have kept an account of things that "just happen" or "just don't happen" from day to day since 6/22/74 and will continue to do so. There is a lot I would like to write, but for obvious reasons I can't. Since I wrote you and the Guild I have received a lot of pressure, trying to make me blow my cool, but my mind is too strong for that. Five years of this inhumane treatment has only made me stronger. Oh at times I feel like spitting in some people's face, but one doesn't chop his head off to save a hand. You asked if I am still in the same predicament. Not hardly! Much worse. Like on 6/28, 7 days after I was shot the orthopedic, Dr. Talmadge, who comes in S.Q. once a week, Fridays, removed me from my hospital cell to the operating room and put a full cast on my leg, from toe to thigh. He left orders for me not to walk on my leg at all, that it was not a walking cast. He saved a hole out of the cast where the gun shot wound could be dressed, and left orders not to move me back to B-section Seg. because it was too unsanitary, and the leg couldn't be taken care of properly. Also the Dr. who was assigned to treat me, Dr. White gave orders for me not to be moved from the hospital as I could not walk on the cast. But 5 days later, 7/3 a female M.T.A., Mrs. Taylor, had custody to move me back to B-section. She used the excuse that I was giving her and the inmate attendants a hard time. She chose a day when my Dr. wasn't on duty, and

had a Dr. Cash to sign the discharge. Dr. Cash had never saw my leg or cast, he didn't know he was over-riding 3 doctors orders not to move, Dr. Talmadge Dr. White, and the surgeon, Dr. Burke. So they put me in a wheel chair and wheeled me to B-section, where I was placed back in my cell on the 5th tier. I asked the Sarg here in B-section what arrangements was going to be made to clean my wound and bandage, the sarg. said he would have to see what the hospital wanted to do. He told me later the hospital said an M.T.A. would come every day to clean it. The M.T.A. hasn't come yet, and I have been here 8 days today. On 7/8 the hospital sent me some 4x4's and some sauve for me to clean my leg myself. Today was Doctor's call, the Dr. who made the rounds today was the same one who signed my discharge from the hospital. When he came to my cell I asked him, why he over-rode 3 Dr.'s orders not to move me? He wouldn't answer me. I am in this cell, with no medical care, and no medication. 2 days ago I saw the gun bull who shot me, he was walking on the gun walk in front of my cell. I called him, and asked if he is still using "plastic" shells. He said come to the yard again bastard and find out! There are 6 inmates who saw the whole thing when he shot me and there is one M.T.A. who told me he saw the whole thing from the hospital window, and he said the bull shot me unnecessarily, and would testify to that. I have a list of all inmates who saw it and will testify, but prefer not to place their names in this letter, but will give them to a lawyer. As yet I have seen no one. Wish a lawyer would come soon, cause like I could "just" fall down some steps or something, you know. From the time I was shot till now, they know they have no leg to stand on. They can make it hard in here. Excuse me, but as the old saying goes, they know I have them by the balls. I intend to squeeze as hard as possible. Together I think we can come to a good climax.

DARE TO STRUGGLE - DARE TO WIN
Charles Collier
San Quentin Concentration Camp

It was very good to see that Popeye Jackson gained his freedom during his recent parole revocation hearing held here in quentingate. But I think it was not without a long, hard struggle in which the people lent their active support that made it possible. The Adult Authority is simply not known for it's suddenly "discovered" liberal attitude displayed in his case.

Actually, he got no break in being reinstated. There should never have been a hearing in the first place. He was found innocent of the phony narcotic possession charges filed against him by police forces in a court of law. Yet, he was brought back to quentingate and retried on the same charges (and found guilty of possession) under a different standard of evidence. The standard used against prisoners--a preponderance of evidence--which usually is a piece of paper written up by a "peace" officer, a nearly impossible witness for a prisoner to overcome. Regardless of the standard of evidence used, there was nevertheless a clear case of double jeopardy, in DIRECT violation of constitutional law which holds that a person cannot be tried twice for the same crime.

What I am saying is that this law enforcement body, whose job it is alleged is to uphold the laws are flagrantly in violation of same, right before everybody's eyes, and apparently with court approval, because the courts have done nothing to strike down this clearly illegal practice. It makes a distinction between the rights of people beyond constitutional limitations. My hopes are that Popeye will appeal. There is more I would like to say on that but I'll have to wait for another time because of space.

I would like to briefly deal with the question making a distinction between the rights of people. Both the Adult Authority and the California Department of Corrections have a spokesperson on the matter. Calif. state Sen. H.L. Richardson. He made the following statement/testimony before the House Internal Security Committee on July 24 and/or 25, 1973: "It must be obvious that Congress should legislate on the subject of the difference between the rights of the incarcerated and the free man." Prisons, as with other institutions, have historically made these distinctions, but now the "Honorable" Richardson wants to put some legislative teeth into it. Only there is much more to this than meets the eye. Why? I submit that it is a plan that, should the Congress fall for it, the way would be paved for "legal" implementation of all sorts of mind and body control programs such as lobotomies, drugs and electrical devices--and the public would not have a say-so in the matter because of law enactment.

But there is another side to this as well. Attitudes, If we closely examine Richardson's remark, we will see that the essence of what he is saying there is at the very heart of the contradictions that exist in this system. Is there any real difference in what was used to "justify" slavery than what he now advocates? Is there any real difference between Hitler making a distinction between the rights of Jews and Aryans? Or between Caetano, Ian Smith and Vorster? Is there any real difference between what the Senator advocates, and what Nixon represents on the distinction of rights between the ruling class and the working class? Of course not!! They all fit into the same mold. And there should be no surprise that the prisoners, who feel the consequences of these distinctions rights along with the oppressed masses worldwide, are rising in discontent.

These distinctions held by those purportedly representing the people, but actually representing the ruling class, presuppose that the dominated and oppressed will feel less indignant at the many injustices heaped upon them merely because the oppression becomes sanctioned by legislative enactment! On the contrary, they (we) will feel more indignant, for it only heightens the contradictions that are becoming more irreconcilable by the day.

One of these intolerable contradictions in quentingate is the creation of a "modified hole" for prisoners, following the lock-down that went into effect in December. A category system was put into effect, and these men are called "Category III" prisoners. It is defined as inmates who are suspected of being a potential threat to staff or other inmates. Now that is a heavy trip! SUSPECTED of being a POTENTIAL threat.

Many of these men have years of clean time. They are being hurt very badly on their chances for parole, though many have passed the median time served on their sentences.

A special "exercise yard" is now being built for them right in the middle of the "big yard", as it is sometimes called, with a high fence separating them from the main prison population. It is said that they will also have different clothing issued to them so they can be readily distinguished from other prisoners. I might add that this action taken by authorities is thoroughly despised by prisoners who will not be subjected to this, as well as by those who are. Many of us feel there are two immediate purposes in doing this. One, to exhibit the Category III prisoners; and two, have a ready-made death trap. I have been one of those contending that something must happen with the screws being tightened more and more, and when it does, bullets are going to fly freely. I have also contended that blacks, being the majority population of Category III, would be slaughtered. Why? Something must be done. A few years back Mr. Procnier, Director of Corrections said after the

Eldridge Cleaver thing, that he would never let another revolutionary out, and he has made good on that promise. What can be done, except commit murder, but to keep building prisons? Since they're determined to create and not let their creations see light, something must be done. They have done nothing to violate the rules, but they are now in a "special" hole built specifically for suspicion of potential threats. I would like for someone to remember that.

Robert L. Duren, Jr.
San Quentin



live on, george!

This monster - the monster they've engendered in me will return to torment its maker, from the grave, the pit, the profoundest pit. The descent into hell won't turn me. I'll crawl back to dog his trail forever. They won't deceit my revenge, never, never, I'm part of a righteous people who anger slowly, but rage undamned. I'm going to charge them for this, twenty-eight years without gratification. I'm going to charge them reparations in blood. I'll never forgive, I'll never forget, and if I'm guilty of anything it's not leaning on them hard enough. War without terms.

GEORGE JACKSON

"Once started a journal must be run conscientiously and well. This is the responsibility of the readers as well as the staff. It is very important for the readers to send in suggestions and write brief letters and articles indicating what they like and what they dislike for this is the only way to make the journal a success."
---- Mao Tsetung

"Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle.

Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did, and it never will. Find out just what people will submit to, and you have found out the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them; and these will continue until they are resisted with either words or blows, or with both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress . . ."

Fredrick Douglass
August 4, 1857

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

When Ruchell MaGee changed his plea to guilty in the kidnapping charge he is presently face with, a lot of people were confused by his actions. Ruchell wrote the following press statement the day he changed his plea. Because the pig press has been keeping the news about his case out of their papers, Ruchell has had difficulty in publishing the reasons for his change of plea. At the present time, his request to have his plea changed back to not guilty is in the appeals court.

RUCHELL MAGEE CONTINUES TO FIGHT

PRESS STATEMENT

Today, May 13, 1974 in the Superior Court of Santa Clara County proceedings against Ruchell MaGee again shown barbarism going down by one Judge William Ingram and the agent from the attorney general's office.

I have been since returned to this jail November 29th, 1973 held in an oppressive bind, and driven over in the Court while judge Ingram and the news media kept the entire public blindfolded with adverse and no publicity.

The public has been deceived to believe that Judge Ingram has appointed me counsel, when I am being denied counsel and held in a web of intimidation. Many of times I have been persecuted by judge Ingram and the Public defender Sheldon Portman in such a way my mind at times becomes befuddled, as the where it had me speechless and on May 10th, 1974 caused a forced guilty plea to their will.

I was kept isolated from November 29th, 1973 in this jail, up and until recently May 1974 a relative of mine came from Louisiana state to help get truth of my case out to the people. Psychologically, speaking it was not a guilty plea made by me May 10th, 1974. Rather a protest against the acts of Judge Ingram and the Public defender Portman. Repeated I have filed legal motions for dismissal of the Public defenders on grounds that requires his (P.D.) dismissal. The public defender has filed fraudulently prepared documents in my name through use of also transcripts and he has gotten repeatedly caught by me and shown lying on me in documents and his arguments. Each time, he just call his acts mistakes and judge Ingram would say that part will be deleted from the records or documents.

Even though I have brought civil action after action against the Public Defender showing the hypocrite cloaked in the arena of counsel, and shown where he again filed prejudice documents in the civil court trying to have my suit against him dismissed judge Ingram in a desperate effort to hound me with his agents refused to recognize the facts of the CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR DISMISS THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

Its explanatory facts that a person sued by another can not legally or properly be counsel, or lawyer for the person suing him. Only bias and prejudice would not let judge Ingram recognize the fact of misconduct by the Public defender or himself, because judge Ingram's only concern is to make a record convicting me through use of his agents.

Today, upon my motion to withdraw the forced plea of guilty the Prosecutor as usually with negative logic objected claiming that upon MaGee making such plea he was cool, calm and collective. A legal guilty plea is one free from agitation, excitement or disturbance. The records show that I stated on May 10, that "I wish to change my plea from not guilty to guilty." Further told judge Ingram that I was in a bind that's damn near driving me insane, just sitting and watching things wrongfully happening to me. That it

mess with mind to the extent that I came to the conclusion that I had no choice but to get it over with. Pages 6-7 of the reporters' transcript. Judge Ingram ignored the frustration plea or no plea and accepted it as a freely and voluntary guilty plea. A guilty plea is a confession, but I am not guilty of kidnap for extortion. August 7th, 1970 was a fight out of desperation to over come unlawful slavery. Slave rebellion that was not be choice, but forced upon me by the judicial system. Publishing of this will help the public better understand what has taken place.

CLASSIFICATION PLAN C.D.C. 12/9/73

1. Maximum, close, medium and minimum will be an evaluation of the inmate propensity to escape.
2. Numerical designations will mean an evaluation of the inmates potential to function acceptably within the institution with respect to safety of staff and inmates. This designation would also include an evaluation of the inmates willingness to perform acceptably within the institution guidelines.

Maximum - This designation will identify those inmates considered to be an extreme escape risk not to receive better than category III classification.

Close - This designation will identify those inmates who have demonstrated history of escape and are considered to still have a relatively high escape potential not to receive better than category III classification.

Medium - This designation will identify those inmates who are not considered a serious escape risk but are deemed to need further observation and evaluation. New arrivals will be given this designation excepting those requiring special housing because of past history.

Minimum - This designation will identify those inmates considered to have minimal escape propensity.

CATEGORY I - Those inmates who have demonstrated over a reasonable period of time a pattern of behavior that would indicate he is able to function acceptably with minimum supervision. Inmates with maximum or close designation will not be classified category I.

A. Housing - Category I inmates will be housed in an honor unit. Those with minimum classification may also be housed in the ranch dorms and fire house.

B. Assignment/Activities - Eligible for any assignment or activity on institution property. Inmate may visit in the outside visiting room and the family visiting units.

C. Supervision/Medium I - Frequent and direct observation by personnel while on assignments and activities. Eligible for night assignments and activities.

D. Classification - Classification to be consistent with requirements of the Inmate Classification Manual but not less frequently than once every twelve months.

CATEGORY II - This category will include those inmates who have not demonstrated by their behavior that they need controlled housing or are not yet ready for consideration for Category I. New arrivals will be given this designation excepting those requiring special housing because of past history.

A. Housing - Category II inmates will be housed in general population units (other than honor or control housing).

B. Assignments/Activities - Eligible for all day and certain night assignments, in approved jobs, inside the main and industrial walled area, provided wall prots are manned by armed officers. Eligible for assignments outside the front court and lower sally port gates, but within the security fence, during daylight hours and when fog conditions do not exist. Not to pass through the fence or inspectroscope gates except for Adult Authority appearance or by pass signed by the Associate Warden or Captain and under escort.

This group will have night movement. The third watch Lieutenant may deny night movement in individual cases. Cases denied must be referred to the classification committee in writing. Visiting will be in the inside visiting room limited to an approved list of visitors consistent with institution visiting procedures. No family visiting.

C. Supervision - Frequent and direct supervision on assignments and activities within the walled or fenced areas. Constant supervision by personnel when outside the above area, in groups of not more than five and kept within the range of an armed port. Supervision by an employee must be direct and constant.

D. Classification - Classification to be consistent with requirements of the Inmate Classification Manual but not less frequent than once every 12 months.

CATEGORY III - Those inmates who have shown by their behavior that they are disruptive, incooperative, or are unwilling to conduct themselves acceptable within the institution guidelines.

A. Housing - Category III inmates will be housed in a control unit.

B. Assignment/Activities - Day Assignments only. No night activities. Work assignments will be allowed in approved areas. Many of these inmates may be unassigned. Visiting will be in the inside visiting room, limited to an approved list of visiores consistent with institution visiting procedures. No family visiting.

C. Supervision - Constant supervision. Direct observation of the area of assignment and the inmates by personnel.

D. Classification - Classification to be consistent with requirements of the Inmate Classification Manual but not less frequent than once every six months.

CATEGORY IV - Dangerous inmates who are considered to be a threat to the inmates and staff. P.C. cases who require security housing.

A. Housing - Category IV inmates will be housed in a security housing unit. Those classified maximum will be single celled.

B. Assignments - Work assignments will be limited to assignments within the unites with the exception of those classified as "maximum" who will not be given any assignment.

C. Supervision/Activities - Constant supervision. Direct observation of the area of activity by personnel. Visiting will be in the inside visiting room, under controlled conditions as covered by the institution visiting procedure.

D. Classification - Change in category status will be considered at regularly scheduled classification hearings as designated in Chapter V of the Inmate Classification Manual.

THE CONTINUING USE OF PSYCHOSURGERY

by Steve Peterson

Carson City, Nevada (AP) "The man who has been in the Nevada State Prison longer than any other inmate will be paroled to a California convalescent home Tuesday.

Eugene Austin, 51, blind and mentally crippled, will be escorted to the home in the Sacramento area by state prison officials, Parole Board Secretary Carl Hocker said.

Austin was sentenced to life in prison in 1941 at the age of 18 for the killing of a woman during a shooting spree in Fallon.

Prison officials said Austin went blind as a result of long years in a dark isolation cell and due to injuries suffered in prison brawls.

In 1953, in an attempt to control a violent temperament, Austin was given a prefrontal lobotomy, prison officials said.

Since then, he has been "extremely subdued and docil," Warden Ed Pogue said.

Increased use of various forms of psychological repression has been taking place all over the world and specifically in the concentration camps of the United States of North Amerika.

Dr. Frank Ervin, of the Neuro-Psychiatric Institute at UCLA, came into prominance in 1967 when he co-authored a letter with Dr. Vernon Mark, and Dr. William Sweet to the Journal of the American Medical Association, entitled "The Role of the Brain Disease in Riots and Urban Violence". This letter made the argument that it was not the slum conditions, high unemployment, high prices, and police brutality that caused the riots, but rather the brain malfunction of individual people living under these conditions. Dr. Sweet, now Chief of Neurosurgery at Mass. General Hospital, has written "The proponents of urban disorders seem to be the people who are most likely to suffer from organic brain diseases". Dr. Mark and

Dr. Ervin say that up to 15 million people in the U.S. may be suffering from brain damage. These doctors are wrong. It is not brain damage or individual problems which cause riots, it is this sick society which exploits and murders its members. In the riots these doctors speak of, the murders and violence were perpetuated by police forces.

Yet these doctors go on to say the "violent people" must be diagnosed before they "committ violence"; the solution they propose is to operate on the brain.

As a result of their letter in the medical journal, Dr. Ervin and Dr. Mark got a \$108,930 grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and Dr. Sweet received half a million dollars from the National Institute of Mental Health to carry on their research. Funding for these and related projects (chemical control of violent behavior, behavior modification programs) has sky rocketed when the Nixon administration has generally cut back funding for medical research.

Dr. Ervin was hired by Dr. Jolly West of UCLA Neuro Psychiatric Institute to begin a Center for the Reduction of Violence. Its goals, outlined by Dr. West and Dr. Ervin are to "detect potential violent people and intervene" before the violence takes place. They have proposed a center for lobotomies to work in conjunction with them, and also propose to make their funds and procedures available to "public school programs, law enforcement activities, governmental actions and private organizations".

It is clear that this center and its doctors are a fascist threat and would like to create mindless docile robots out of people.

Dr. West, in a confidential letter to the state, requested that the violence center be located at a Nike Missile base in the Santa Monica mountains. Why would he want that? "It is accessible but relatively remote. The site is security fenced: studies could be carried out there, in an isolated but convenient location, of experimental or model program for

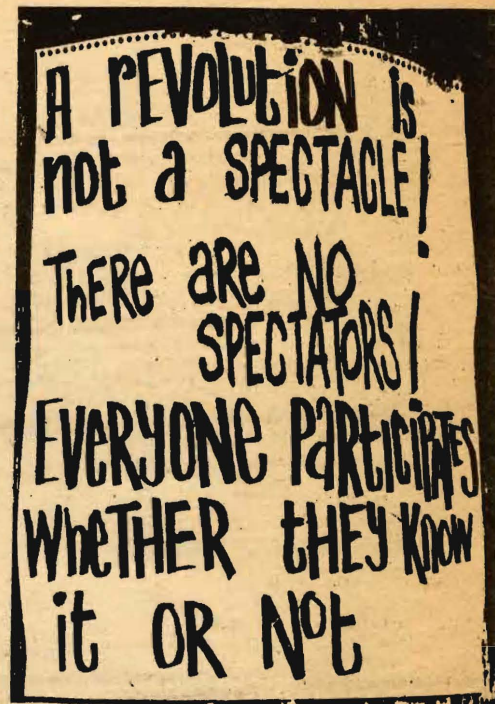
the alteration of undesirable behavior."

What Jolly West is proposing would extend the California concentration camps system to a level undreamed of by Hitler. The victims of this assault would be Third World people, politically aware people, children, workers, jobless, all people of the convicted class.

LEGAL LYNCHING BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRUPTIONS

I'm Eugene Allen. I, along with another black prisoner, Ernest Graham, are accused of murdering a prison guard. Our recent court appearance on June 13 signaled a blow heavily struck by Judge James Derrah on the pre-trial motions by brother Graham and myself. We are being driven over by this racist judge representing the American judicial system. The 2 largest issues denied were the death penalty and a change of venue. These 2 motions are very important and the outcome of the trial is reflected to a great degree on this matter. To explain it further it's necessary to deal with this totally. First of all, Judge Derrah ruled the legitimacy of the death penalty in this case. He based this on outright racist logic which was pleasing D.V.I. staff as his political objective. A writ of prohibition has been filed so the ruling is yet to come. On Nov. 27 last year, 1973, a guard was slain here at D.V.I. Brother Graham and myself was immediately picked up and brutalized. From the outset these mad guards in their thirst for revenge mostly talked of contacting organizing the necessary people to push the constitution of the death penalty in order to make it apply to us. To show you who and what perpetrates inmate violence, white inmates are being propositioned in D.V.I.'s west hall to make a retaliatory move against black inmates. And hundreds of prisoners have been rehoused and reclassified through out the California Dept. of Corrections. The validity of corporal punishment is contested by us on the grounds of its unconstitutionality under any and all circumstances. In Article I, Section 6 of the Calif. Constitution, this eliminates the death penalty possible under Section 4500 of the Penal Code. The same Penal Code which brother Graham and myself are being charged with after the Supreme Court 5/4 decision it was still ruled unconstitutional with the exception of certain types of crimes. So with the passing of proposition 17 last November 1973, the death penalty was re-enacted in this state to be effective and placed in the law Jan. 1 1974. So the crime which we are accused of does not fall under this law because the alleged murder of the guard took place Nov. 1973. The new death penalty law wasn't effectively placed under the law until Jan. 1974. This is evident enough to expose the racism of a Judge James Derrah and the fascist conspiracy to murder 2 black prisoners. This fact is intensified and weight is given to this by the denial of change of venue which would greatly improve our chances for receiving a fair trial. Stopping one of the legal lynchings is presently being carried out. Stockton's a very conservative racist town. The courts are very biased towards prisoners from D.V.I. not to mention the unity between the courts and the prison staff. A fair trial's impossible. The state is also doing all of its power to cut us off from the people of support. Lawyers are not allowed to interview us, our mail is sometimes thrown away depending on how the guards feel. The media, notably the Stockton and S.F. papers, are being used to spread propoganda and turn the people away from this trial because it's a political trial and the state does not want to be exposed for the murderous overt acts of oppression which is one of its many trademarks.

Cont. on next column.



So remember Soledad, San Quentin, and Attica. The same plight is being carried out now and we need the support of the people in order to stop another illegal act. To those of you in the black community who are concerned we call on you to investigate and oppose this legal lynch mob, the Calif. Dept. of Corruptions. We are on a fund raising drive to get the necessary legal defense materials necessary. Right now I think our problem is funds and support. We call on you the people to counteract this conspiracy by the C.D.C. and their political crime partners. All donations would be greatly appreciated. Send all donations to Eugene Allen or Ernest Graham, P.O. Box 600, Tracy. I don't think it's necessary to go any farther. I made my point. POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

The following in an exact transcript of a tape by Eugene Allen who, along with Ernest Graham, is locked down at D.V.I. and is facing the death penalty for allegedly killing a prison pig.

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