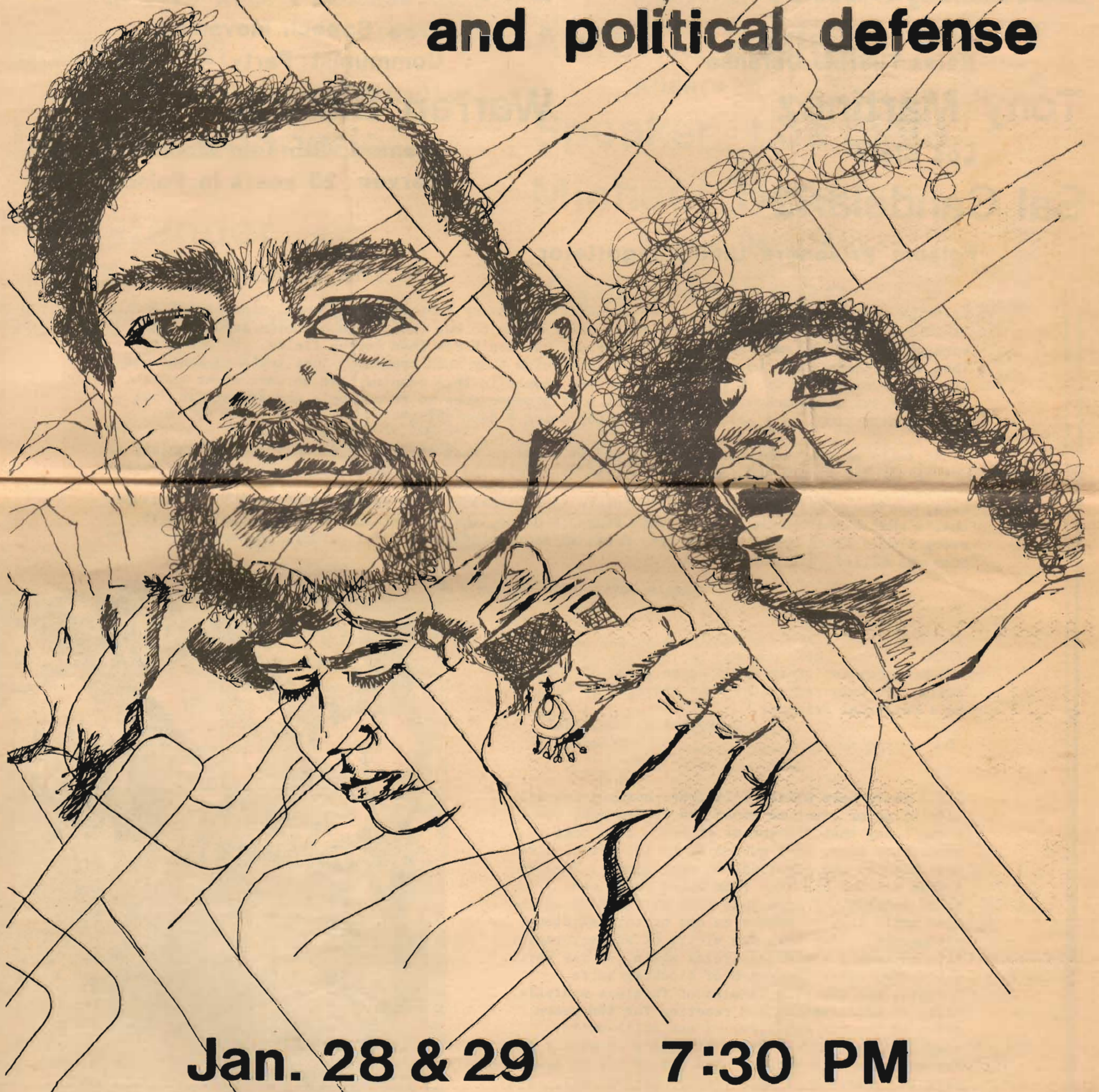


EXPOSE THE PRISONS FREE THE PRISONERS

**SYMPOSIUM on prison conditions
and political defense**



Jan. 28 & 29 7:30 PM

**Earl Warren Legal Center Auditorium
Bancroft & Piedmont UC Berkeley**

free films from A.D.F.

Thursday, Jan. 28; 7:30 p.m.

ON THE PRISONS...

Fania Davis Jordan

Sister of Angela Davis

David Tijerina

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Tony Martinez

Los Siete

Sal Candelaria

Folsom Prisoners Union negotiator

Inez Williams

Mother of Fleeta Drumgo

Bettina Aptheker

Free Speech Movement,
Communist Party

Warren Billings

Framed with Tom Mooney in 1916.
Served 23 years in Folsom.

"I think that if we look around us we see that somehow or another a very small minority of people in this country have all of the wealth in their hands to top that, we don't even see them out working. We do not see them in the factories. We don't see them in the fields. We don't see them using their labor to produce the product which they then present. That tells me that something is wrong. Why is it that masses of the people in this country have to work eight hours a day every day and somehow or another what they produce goes to some people who are sitting out at a country club, on a golf course, and not doing a damn thing?

"That tells me that something is wrong and it tells me that the real criminals in this society are not all of the people who populate the prisons across the state, but those people who have stolen the wealth of the world from the people. Those are the criminals. And that means the Rockefellers, the Kennedys, and that means the state that is designed to protect their property, because that's what Nixon's doing, that's what Reagan's doing, that's what they're all doing. And so every time a black child in this city dies, we should indict them for murder, because they're the ones who killed that black child."

Angela Davis, June 27, 1970

"To be a Revolutionary is to be an Enemy of the state. To be arrested for this struggle is to be a Political Prisoner."

Bobby Seale, Political Prisoner

"If I leave here alive, I'll leave nothing behind. They'll never count me among the broken men, but I can't say that I'm normal either. I've been hungry too long, I've gotten angry too often. I've been lied to and insulted too many times. They've pushed me over the line from which there can be no retreat. I know that they will not be satisfied until they've pushed me out of this existence altogether. I've been the victim of so many racist attacks that I could never relax again...I can still smile now, after ten years of blocking knife thrusts, and the pick handles of faceless sadistic pigs, of anticipating and reacting for ten years, seven of them in solitary. I can still smile sometimes, but by the time this thing is over I may not be a nice person. And I just lit my seventy-seventh cigarette of this twenty-one-hour day. I'm going to lay down for two or three hours, perhaps I'll sleep..."

From Dachau, with love,
George"

"The program which we are submitted to, under the ridiculous title of rehabilitation, is relative to the ancient stupidity of pouring water on the drowning man, in as much as we are treated for our hostilities by our program administrators with their hostility as medication."

Folsom Prisoners' Manifesto



The Prisoners by Kathe Kollwitz

Friday, Jan. 29; 7:30 p.m.

BUILD THE DEFENSE!

PANEL DISCUSSION

Kendra Alexander

National United Committee
to Free Angela Defense

Mark Allen

Soledad Defense Committee

Jesus Maldonado

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Fay Stender

Soledad Brothers Atty.

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Manzanar "Detention" Camp Inmate

Antonia Padilla

Alianza

Speaker - Los Siete

Michael Tigar

Angela Davis Atty.

Kayo Hallinan

Presidio 27 Atty.

"Consider these facts: In California there are 30,000 prisoners half of whom are black and brown. From our knowledge of the judicial process, of the nature of the charges against people; of the shortage of concerned lawyers who seriously defend their clients; of the indeterminate sentencing procedures in California - such as one to fifteen or two to life sentences; of the absolute authority of the parole board whose members are appointed by the Governor and who are answerable to no one; of the disproportionate number of black and brown prisoners, it should be abundantly clear that thousands of prisoners have committed no crime whatsoever."

- Bettina Aptheker, Rally for Angela Davis, October 24, 1970

"If masses of people will fulfill their obligation to protect the men and women who have devoted their lives to the struggle for equality and freedom, let there be no doubt about it - victory will soon be ours."

Angela Davis
Women's House of Detention, N.Y.
Nov. 10, 1970

While there is a lower class
I am in it,
While there is a criminal element
I am of it,
And while there is a soul in prison
I am not free.

Eugene V. Debs

People who come out of prison can build up the country.
Misfortune is a test of people's fidelity.
Those who protest at injustice are people of true merit.
When the prison-doors are opened, the real dragon will fly out.

From the Prison diary of Ho Chi Minh

WHY A SYMPOSIUM ?

ANGELA HAS SAID THAT IN HER DEFENSE SHE DOES NOT WANT ONE OUNCE OF ENERGY DRAINED FROM THE DEFENSE OF OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS. IN THIS SPIRIT, THE SYMPOSIUM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED.

The organizers of this symposium believe that a great unity can be built among the people of this country to defend political prisoners.

In the struggle to halt repression, there are almost as many avenues open to us as there are groups of people. In whatever ways people see or feel the inequities of the system - unemployment, strike injunctions, taxes, bad schools, environmental pollution - we have a place to explain the country in crisis and why we need to defend those people fighting to change it, the political prisoners of the United States.

We also must expose the brutality, racism and inhuman conditions of the prison system. The problem is not prison reform for we cannot reform something that destroys human life. We can only do away with it. The basic premise of the prison system is to crush the inmate, smash his resistance - not to reform or rehabilitate him. Its responsibility is to keep off the streets those people who have been or may be disruptive to the functioning of the system.

We will examine the prisons in relation to the crisis in this country and the threat of facism. We will expose the myth of the "criminal" and explain the economic basis of the jails and their class nature.

This kind of political defense strategy must use tactics that are flexible, diverse and creative. They must be encompassing of all those forces needed to fight repression. We can no longer depend solely on rallies and demonstrations to reach and move large numbers of people. Now we need strong sustained action, not just agitation.

We hope that this symposium will begin to develop this kind of strategy. Answers in concrete terms are needed to the many questions on how to build a mass defense:

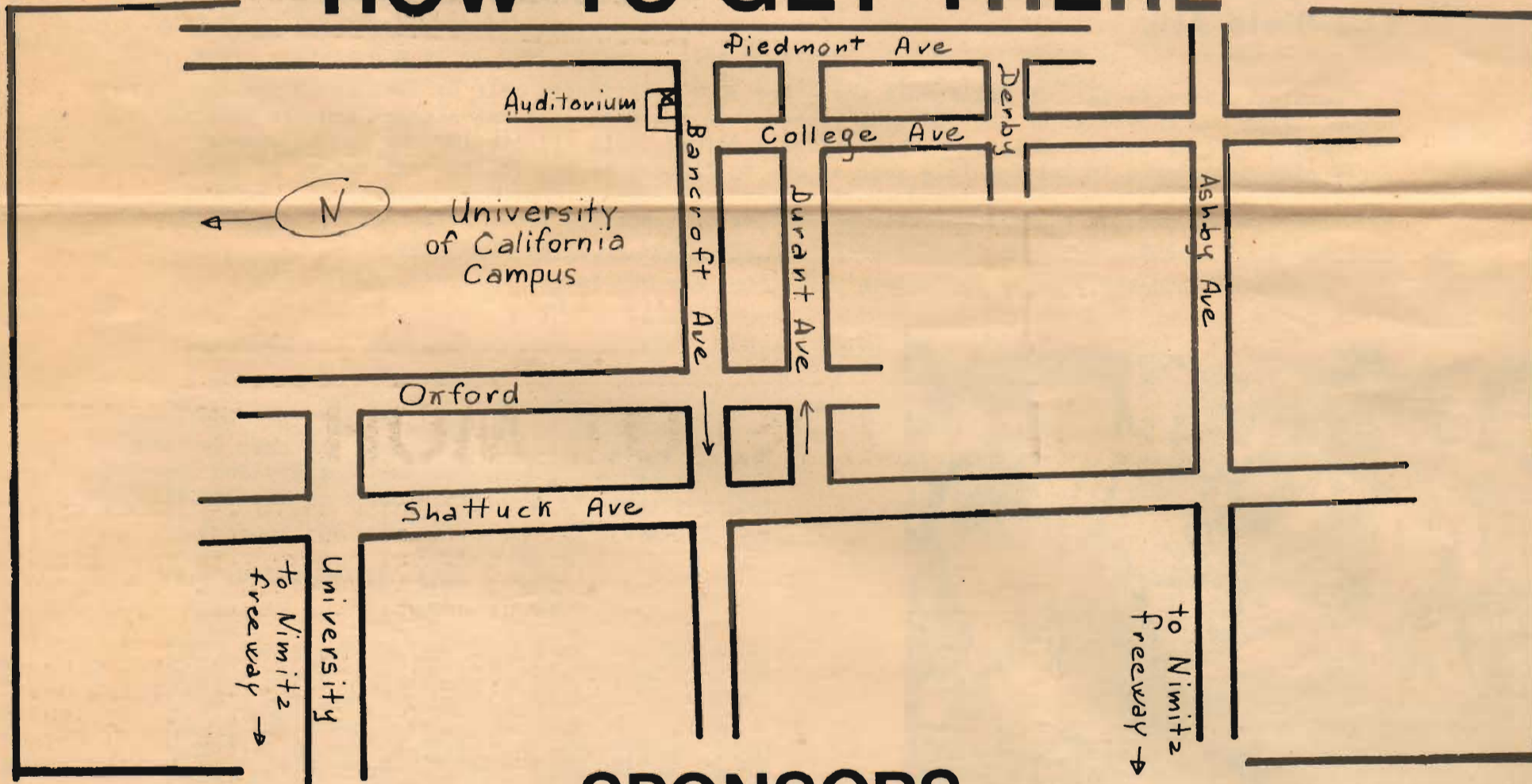
"What good are petitions? Does addressing churches or seeking support from trade unions really help free political prisoners? How do we approach white workers about defending Black and Brown political prisoners?"

"What can the history of political frameups in the U.S. tell us about our present struggles? Do you have to have faith in the courts to believe that a political prisoner can be freed? Are coalitions of "radicals" or "revolutionaries" and "liberals" either possible or desirable in building a defense?"

Another goal of the symposium is to spread the word about other defense efforts in the area and around the country.

The men and women who will be addressing the symposium will be speaking from experience about conditions in the prisons and the nature of the penal system.

HOW TO GET THERE



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