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Free All Political Prisoners is an often stated demand, but it is doubtful whether the true importance of this demand is understood in terms of the broader struggle of the oppressed people in the United States. The Soledad Brothers Defense Committee understands the necessity for the great majority of people to become aware of, not only the very political case of the Soledad Brothers, but also the depth of State Repression which manifests itself in the many attempts at legal lynchings in the United States.

The truth is, our brothers and sisters have been jailed, not only for their beliefs, but most importantly, for their militant activity in putting those beliefs into practice. They have been jailed because they have attempted to serve the needs of the oppressed communities by effectively raising the consciousness of the people concerning their conditions so that the great majority of the masses will have the proper tools ideologically necessary to seize control of their destiny.

The ruling class understands very clearly that it is the masses, conscious of their oppression and the steps necessary to alleviate that oppression, who are the true threat to their domination.

In their desperate attempt to maintain their exploitation of the people of the United States and the world, they are consciously and overtly attacking those brothers and sisters who best represent the ideals, aspirations, and needs of the oppressed. They believe, because of the contempt they have for the people and their lack of understanding of the role of the masses in history, that by "legally" executing or incarcerating our leadership, that they can destroy or define our struggle for liberation.

Their attacks on those who have courageously taken a stand on the side of the people have had a two-fold effect. In some cases, through violent intimidation and repression, they have been able, to some degree, to diffuse organization. On the other hand, and in a broader perspective, the state has revealed to a great segment of the American people, especially to the Third World Community, the total bankruptcy of American democracy and jurisprudence. The existence of political prisoners blatantly points out the role of politics in the social life of the people.

The real conspiracy is unfolding in the courtrooms of New Haven, Marin, New York and San Francisco. It is the conspiracy of the government and those who profit from our exploitation.

We must free all political prisoners and in doing so, we must make the link between the selective repression of political prisoners and the general repression of the people at large. All political prisoners can and must be set free. This can only be done by mass mobilization and support. This is the era of State political repression and though, heretofore, the majority of political prisoners have been Black and Third World brothers and sisters, we can see that the prisons are swelling with brothers and sisters from the many sections of American society.

It is because they have tried to serve the interests of the people that their lives are in jeopardy. It is because it is in our interest that we must set them free. The Soledad Brothers Defense Committee is calling for Solidarity in freeing all political prisoners. We are attempting through this issue, and those to come, to present to the people information about the trials and historical importance of political prisoners. We are open to suggestions on how we can better accomplish our purpose.

All Power to the People
Free All Political Prisoners



JOHN CLUTCHETTE



FLEETA DRUMGO



GEORGE JACKSON

On January 13th of last year the institutional authorities at Soledad Prison used the most powerful means available to crush the growing liberation movement of Black prisoners.

To keep Brown, White and Black prisoners unorganized and under control, prison guards instigated racial hostility by bribes, rumors and intimidation.

On Jan. 13th, about 16 Black and White prisoners were let out in the exercise yard of maximum security "o" wing, and skin searched for weapons. "o" wing is a "prison within a prison", and adverse conditions, blatant racism and hostility is rampant in this section of the institution. A predictable fight broke out in the mixed group. Without using a whistle, tear gas, or a warning shot, a lone tower guard, known for his marksmanship, fired four shots into the group, killing three Black prisoners, and wounding one White.

The prisoners at Soledad responded immediately with a hunger strike to demand a federal investigation and murder charges against the guard, O. S. Miller. On January 16th, before the Monterey County Grand Jury investigation of the event had begun, District Attorney Burt Young stated that he was assured that the conclusion of the Grand Jury on the deaths of the three inmates would be justifiable homicide.

On the 6:00 news, Young's prediction was broadcast throughout the prison. Within a half hour Officer John Mills, a White prison guard, was beaten and thrown 30 feet to his death. The Grand Jury did, in fact, return the decision of justifiable homicide following the recommendation of the District Attorney.

After 8 days of questioning concerning Officer Mills death, which included bribes and threats to inmates, George Jackson, Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette were charged with murder. It seems clear from the facts that the prison administration and the district attorney could not prove their case in a fair trial. It is also clear that they had reason to frame and attempt to legally lynch the Soledad Brothers.

The constitutional rights of the three brothers were violated and denied. White prisoners testified at the Grand Jury hearing; Black prisoners did not. The three were held 29 days in isolation and their mail was stopped. Prisoners who might have been witnesses were threatened, bribed and transferred to other prisons. The families of the brothers were not notified. Lawyers for the defense were denied access to prison records and files and were not allowed to view the scene of the crime until it was remodeled.

During the pre-trial motions the defendants were bound by leg irons, and chains were put around their waist and under the crotch. Their wrists were chained to their waist. The bizarre scene was reminiscent of slave trade auctions. The presence of chains deny the fact that one is presumed innocent until proven guilty. After the prosecution had made numerous speculations on the guilt of the defendants, all of which were published by the establishment press, presiding Judge Gordon Campbell ordered the attorneys to refrain from making any public statement about the case.

The Soledad Brothers are being used as scapegoats and examples by the prison authorities in their attempt to crush the leadership of Black resistance.

George Jackson has spent almost 11 years in prison for a crime that usually has a term of 18 months to 2 1/2 years. He has spent 7 years in solitary confinement, mostly for standing up for his human rights. George is an example for all prisoners. He refuses to act in a submissive or inferior manner. The repressive forces want to kill this brother because of his ideas, and his value to the struggle of the oppressed poor. If convicted, he faces a mandatory death penalty.

Even though John Clutchette had a parole date set before the incidents at Soledad occurred, and Fleeta Drumgo's chances of parole were highly probable, these two brothers have supported George and refuse to be divided and conquered. The authorities hoped that Fleeta and John, to insure their own release, would lie and turn state's evidence. Yet these brothers refuse to be bought off. They remain the Soledad Three!!

By supporting and defending the Soledad Brothers we support and defend all political prisoners, and all people who have been victimized by the society and the judicial system. In protesting prison conditions and the factors in society that give rise to the Folsom's, the San Quentin's, and the Soledads, we defend the freedom of us all. The Soledad brothers, as political prisoners, need demonstrations, rallies, symposiums and money to help release them from the clutches of repression. The struggle to free political prisoners is the struggle of the oppressed for self-determination.

Like the legal battle that went to the highest court to have their trial in San Francisco, we must wage a struggle on all fronts to the highest level. The self defense of the people must surpass the repressive forces. The power of the people will free political prisoners.

FREE THE SOLEDAD BROTHERS!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

To make this racist railroading trial of Sister Ericka and myself a focal point to further educate the people, massive demonstrations should occur around the end of the trial. There must also be teach-ins of people's revolutionary ideology - on inter-communalism and the work that political prisoners do and did before being incarcerated.

Ericka and I feel that the demonstrations at the end of our trial should mark a massive national beginning of a struggle to free all political prisoners and prisoners of war throughout the country.

We must educate the people more broadly about the people's struggle to end war, racism and repression. Of course, we revolutionary peace loving people who want to end war, racism and repression know the general outlines of what we must attempt to do to help make a peace-loving society and world. We must make more widely known what we believe in for the people, all the people, beyond our beautiful rhetoric of "All Power to the People."

The youth in America with their peace-loving states of mind and a loving will to see that all forms of exploitation, oppression, war and racism end---really are America. Humane people. The other is Amerikkka...an American nightmare, not the "American Dream".

The American Dream is for world peace and an end to oppression and racism; this American Dream lies buried within the 60% of the population under 30 years of age. (Oh, I'm not 34 years old! Being on death row right now and looking back on the ten years I've been in the struggle, I feel like a new born adolescent with vigor and love for the people in the whole world.)

I saw on the eleven o'clock news where Sister Angela Davis has beautifully taken the position of defending herself with the assistance of fine lawyers. That is right, right, right on time! She's out of sight. Beautiful, full womanhood, revolutionary mind, heart and soul. It seems like it might be summer before that fascist railroad starts.

I'm going to sleep now. I need some sleep and mind rest repair, the nightly adjustments and other mysterious functions that go on while we sleep. We still don't know much about it...

Good morning. I'm in the lock up now at court, waiting to go in and pick a jury. Regular communications to Ericka and me would be good. We do feel that we have some significant things to say with respect to rallying and mobilizing the people around political prisoners.

ADDENDUM FROM ERICKA

Bobby's said what's important; educating the people about all political prisoners of our war against oppression. No heroes, no rhetoric, but massive educational rallies and street politicizing showing how POW's are examples of the situation every one of us face.

And we have to do it with love, you know, and the understanding that we need more than just movement people and sympathizers at these rallies. We need whole families of people. Young, old, black, brown, red, yellow, beige, whatever. Male, female, gay--everybody. Because everybody is faced with American oppression and all of us are the America that will be, you dig it? So we all really have to get to work and focus on the people, not individuals.

Love, Power, Strength--

Ericka

BOBBY & ERICKA
NEWS FLASH

As of March 11, 1971, two alternate jurors were chosen for Bobby and Ericka's trial, thus finishing the selection. The jury is now composed of 5 Black women, 1 Black man, 3 White women, and 5 White men.

On March 3, the 12th juror in the trial of Bobby Seale & Ericka Huggins was chosen. A 61 year old immigrant bank secretary was seated over the objections of the defense attorneys and, in protest, Bobby Seale. To date, 900 jurors had been interviewed, the longest jury selection in the history of American courts. By this time the defense has used up all of its pre-emptory challenges. Arguing that this essentially left the selection of the 12th juror, as well as the alternates, totally up to the prosecution, the Defense attempted to have the jury selection ended and the trial held in an 11 person court.

Defense attorneys Charles Garry and Katherine Roraback questioned the prospective juror for an hour and fifteen minutes. Charles Garry stated he would never have seated the woman had he a pre-emptory challenge. When Judge Molte announced the selection of the woman as the final juror, Bobby rose from his seat and began to walk out. The judge asked where he was going and Bobby told him he was going to his cell. "You don't understand I've been in solitary for nine months...I don't care what you do. You've appointed a racist to the fucking jury. She's confused about the Panthers and about racism." Bobby was removed from the court. Bobby and Ericka are under extreme pressure: they must feel the strength and support of the people.

Free Bobby. Free Ericka

ANGELA DAVIS
Political Prisoner

URGENT NEED: PEOPLE POWER TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS

It would be an incorrect political analysis to say that America today constitutes a true Fascist State, but not totally incorrect to assess that Fascism is around the corner. This is indicated by the fascist-like repression that falls upon the heads of Black and Brown people, in their communities daily, by means of police brutality and murder. Another indication of the onslaught of Fascism manifests itself in the treatment of Blacks in the judicial process and the numerous revolutionaries held prisoners by the State powers.

The State administration, RICHARD MILHOUSE NIXON, and his reactionary California cohort, RONALD REAGAN, aim to kill Angela DAVIS and RUCHELL MCGEE in the name of the "people." WHY?? It is precisely because Angela Davis represents the basis of a struggle which would change the entire nature of this American Capitalistic system. She fought for relevant education in the universities which would inevitably give the people the necessary tools to wage an effective struggle of liberation against those forces which would like for all the wealth to remain in the hands of a few as well as to continue exploitation, poverty, discrimination and endless imperialistic wars. They wish to silence her by means of death because she had begun to expose the decadent penal institutions such as the California Soledad State Prison in her fight to stop the legal lynching of three innocent Black men, George, Fleeta and John, The Soledad Brothers. The "reactionary gang" wish to kill Angela because she is a Communist, dedicated to the never ending battle for Socialism which would put a final end to this brutal system of exploitation of man by man. In the same vein, Ruchell McGee is a victim of American injustice. He exemplifies the treatment meted out to Blacks by insensitive court appointed public defenders, racist judges, and corrupt Adult Authority Boards. The August 7th "Freedom Attempt" was perhaps the only avenue Ruchell saw open after being slapped in the face by American justice.

Are We, The People, going to allow the murder of innocent people to take place in our name? Only mass concern can stop such action by putting pressure on the courts to insure a fair trial for Angela and Ruchell. On Tuesday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. the people have a chance to show that they support Angela and Ruchell and that they abhor and oppose injustice by being at San Rafael.

The United Committee to Free Angela David and All Political Prisoners along with all of the local area committees throughout the nation are calling for mass support on this day, "Our day in court." Every concerned citizen should be there. Take off from work or school and participate in a Symposium of all the California Defense Committees. Come and participate in Workshops on political prisoners and learn what you can do to make real changes in our prisons and courts. Come and view a dynamic dramatization called "Angela's Happening." Free food and transportation is available at S.F. United Committee to Free Angela Davis on the corner of Fillmore and Turk between the hours of 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. on March 16th. We need your help and support.

Make sure your rights are protected by protecting the rights of Angela and Ruchell. There is still a brief moment for people to stop Fascism by realizing their political power as an organized force and fighting for the freedom of our political prisoners.

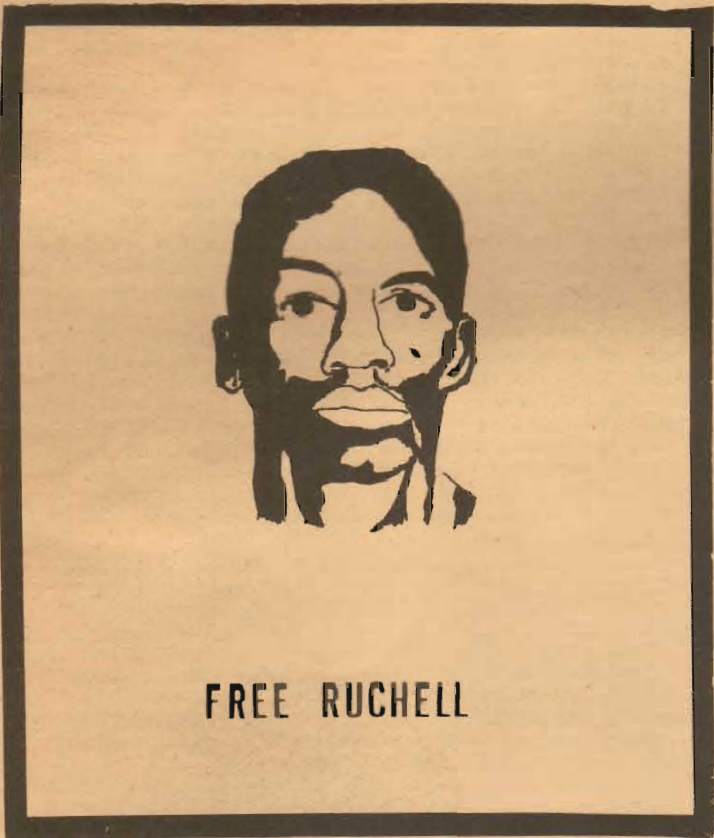
FREE ANGELA FREE RUCHELL

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On August 7, 1970, Ruchell Magee was on the witness stand at Marin County Courthouse in San Rafael, California. He was testifying on behalf of the defense for James McClain. Jonathan Jackson, George Jackson's younger brother, had brought guns into the courtroom. He passed out the guns to three prisoners unknown to him personally-William Christmas, James McClain and Ruchell Magee. The three of them took hostages in a desperate attempt to free the Soledad Brothers and themselves. This incident grew out of the historical failure and obvious injustice of the American judicial system. In the ensuing massacre Christmas, McClain, Jonathan Jackson, and Judge Haley were murdered. Prison guards were acting on the standing order not to allow prisoners to escape. Ruchell Magee was wounded in the massacre. He and Angela Davis are on trial for murder and kidnapping of Judge Haley, and the conspiracy to commit both murder and kidnap.

Ruchell Magee is facing a mandatory death sentence. This sentence, if carried out, will be done in the name of the people. The People vs. Ruchell Magee and Angela Davis. In Ruchell Magee's own words:

"What remedy or fair justice does a Black man have when he has been willfully convicted on known perjured (lies) testimony? Repeatedly beaten unmercifully by the police! Even during his trial, in presence of the trial judge and spectators of the same court! Plead guilty by court-appointed layers over his own objections! Railroaded to prison! Denied the right to have the trial transcript or timely filed appeal! And now, criminally oppressed, harassed and tormented in prison! We must show Ruchell and Angela that the people do not want to prosecute them, but want to set them free. Participate in the people's court after the official court hearing on March 16th in San Rafael!

A defense committee for Ruchell Magee has been formed to educate the people about the true facts of the case....Contact Ruchell Magee Defense Committee, 1830 Sutter St. San Francisco or call 921-3814 or 921-3815.

Future issues of this newsletter will carry more detailed and comprehensive information on the Ruchell case
FREE RUCHELL

TIJERINA HELD IN JAIL ON PHONY CHARGE

ALBUQUERQUE - Reies Tijerina remains today in solitary confinement in the Springfield, Missouri federal penitentiary although his two-year term for supposedly "assaulting a Forest Ranger" was completed last month.

At a January hearing Tijerina was denied an appeal bond on a second conviction on the charge of "participating in the burning of a four-by-five foot redwood sign" and ordered to serve three more years. Judge Vearic Payne, ruled without hearing evidence, that the land grant leader is "a danger to the community."

"He will be serving time for nothing," said Vice President Wilfred Sedillo of Alianza, the land grant organization founded by Tijerina. "If the appeals court considers Patsy Tijerina's testimony that it was she, and not her husband, who burned the sign."

The sign in question proclaimed Forest Service ownership of the San Joaquin Land Grant. Its burning was witnessed and participated in by about 150 heirs to the grant and their friends. Only Reies Tijerina was jailed. Patsy Tijerina, who testified that she had burned the sign because the "land belongs to the people," was given a suspended sentence.

Several Alianza leaders and supporters say the real dangers to the community have never been arrested. They are the individuals who in January, 1969 bombed the Tijerina home, blowing a hole in the side of the building where his wife and children were sleeping while Tijerina attended a meeting in San Diego.

Another "danger to the community" pointed to by Alianza supporters is State Police Officer Jack Johnson, a plainclothesman who held a 30-30 Marlin rifle aimed at Tijerina's head the day of the sign burning and was only deterred from pulling the trigger by members of the Alianza who intervened.

The two incidents for which Tijerina is now serving a total of five years stemmed from peaceful efforts by the land grant organization to force the federal government into court to prove Forest Service ownership of land that has been worked for centuries by northern New Mexico villagers. No one was hurt in the confrontation.

Supporters are circulating petitions for Tijerina's release which may be obtained from: David Tijerina, 1010 No. Third St., Albuquerque, N.M.

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LOS SIETE DE LA RAZA

There are few cases which show the lengths to which the state will go to suppress the struggle of a community as clearly as the case of Los Siete. These brothers have spent 18 months in jail for a crime of which they were proven innocent. Since their release, the brothers have been subjected to perpetual harassment and intimidation. Jose Rios was brutally beaten; Brothers Rios and Rodriguez were framed on dope charges. Yet, throughout this repression these brothers have courageously escalated their work in the Brown community. They have devoted themselves to the people, the people who were most instrumental in securing for Los Siete their brief moments of "freedom." Because their work is synonymous with the liberation of the Chicano and Latino community, and because their commitment has merely been strengthened by the repression they have experienced, the state must take much greater and more co-ordinated steps to remove these brothers from their people.

The state is once again attempting to use the court system to insure their control over the lives of Los Siete de la Raza. They now face a 5 to life indeterminate sentence; for oppressed people this always means life. The charges of armed robbery and kidnapping grow out of the incident of almost a year ago, for which they were originally tried. As Los Siete put it, they fled the scene of Officer Brodnick's death because they were brown and to stay would have been suicide. As people of color, they had an understanding of their relationship to American justice. This understanding is born out by their treatment since that incident. Los Siete, for five days, tried unsuccessfully to surrender with lawyers present, the only possible way to insure their safety. Finally, sick, penniless, and hungry, they took a couple's car.

While a good percentage of the people believe that Los Siete is free, the authorities are once again attempting to take their lives. This trial has not received the mass attention of the people and under the cloak of the people's silence they hope to succeed in their vindictive railroading. Los Siete can and must remain on the streets. This trial, in Redwood City, must be made a focal point of the people's outrage. Los Siete needs money and people to work in raising awareness of their plight. It is not enough to free political prisoners; we must safeguard that freedom.

Send money to Rudolfo Martinez, 14 Regent St., San Francisco, or call 648-1048 or 647-8884.

KEEP LOS SIETE FREE



TONY MARTINEZ



MARIO MARTINEZ



GARY LESCALLET



BEBE MELENDEZ



NELSON RODRIGUEZ



JOSE RIOS

The case of the Soledad 7 is another known genocidal attack against Black inmates at Soledad Central Training Facilities. In July of 1970, prison officials at Soledad locked up 15 men in solitary confinement (the Hole). This was done in retaliation for the death of William Schull, a white prison guard. These men were held incommunicado for 49 days, during which time they were subjected to brutal interrogation by prison officials.

Seven Black inmates, Jessie Phillips-20, Jimmy James-23, O.C. Allen-26, Jimmy Wagner-21, Roosevelt Williams-27, Alfred Dunn-20, and Walter Watson-27, have been charged with murder and conspiracy to commit murder. The seven have been defined by prison officials as Black militants; all seven are serving indeterminate sentences (life tops) and if found guilty of these charges, under penal code section 4500, they get automatic death sentences. Soledad officials, in an attempt to frame the seven, posted signs promising automatic parole and a five hundred dollar reward for any inmate that would testify against the brothers.

Nothing was known about their situation until Mrs. Bessie Phillips, mother of Jessie, received an anonymous letter from San Diego which said, "Jessie and another six are in confinement for suspicion. Jessie may not get a chance to contact you until they build a case against him. Bring your lawyer as they are trying to put it on any one."

The past hearings of the seven that Judge Gordan Campbell presided over exemplify the true nature of American courts. This was seen every time the brothers have had a hearing or an arraignment. Security at Salinas Municipal Courthouse is very heavy. Guards with shotguns stand all around the driveway where the brothers are driven in. The brothers are chained and shackled inside the cars and in the courtrooms. Families of the brothers have been given green cards with their own fingerprints on them for identification. American courts only provide justice for those who can buy it. The brothers are not in such a privileged class. Pat Hallinan (a San Francisco lawyer) asked the court to appoint him as their lawyer, but Judge Campbell instead appointed him as the lawyer for Jimmy Wagner only, and appointed court lawyers for the six other men. The next week, Hallinan and five other lawyers came to the arraignment and asked to be appointed by the court in place of the five Campbell-appointed lawyers, who did not really want to get involved with the case and were not trusted by the seven brothers. The courtroom scene that day was so irrational, so cruel, and so obviously intended to railroad the brothers, that even the lawyers whom Campbell had appointed were angry. Each of them asked to withdraw from the case, asking that the five new lawyers be appointed in their places. The judge refused to do this on the grounds that he did not "personally know the ethical and professional competence of these men." Some of the lawyers Campbell had appointed agreed to testify in behalf of the new lawyers, and the new lawyers volunteered to take the witness stand, but Campbell refused to allow this. Finally Hallinan objected to Campbell's proceedings, saying "You appointed me counsel for one of the defendant's, but you don't know my ethical and professional competence either." Campbell cleared the courtroom and subsequently fired Hallinan, but he has since been reinstated.



VIETNAM WAR EQUALS POLITICAL PRISONERS

Just as the U.S. Government has escalated its war against the people of Indo-China, so too have progressive forces within the United States escalated their activities against their government's war. Revolutionary actions in the form of desertion, refusal of the draft, and the building of an ever growing G.I. movement are examples. The G.I. movement is now waging a struggle to free thousands of prisoners of war in the military, and an untold number of political prisoners held in maximum and minimum security.

THREE FORT ORD WAC'S - Three Black sisters were busted for being "rowdy" because they wouldn't take military discipline and because they were talking with their sisters about conditions under which they lived. They were kept in a civilian jail away from other prisoners, and kept from seeing a lawyer. But strong support from community and G.I.'s made the brass give them light sentences. They're all out now.

JOSEPHINE RIVIERA - MIRIAM VASQUEZ - Two Brown sisters serving in the WAC's at Ft. Lewis were attacked by their C.O. and her lackies on January 26, 1971. Both sisters defended themselves and as a result of that action were court martialled. Miriam Vasquez received an Undesirable Discharge, which will prevent her from getting a decent job, if any at all. Josephine had a Kangaroo Court martial and received 30 days hard labor, a fine of \$150.00, and a demotion in rank from a Specialist Fourth Class to a private. The A.S.U. (American Servicemen's Union) pledges full support to these fighting women.

FT. MCCOY - Three white GI's busted by the military for supposedly blowing up military property. They were taken back to Ft. Carson, Colorado, their home base, and are presently awaiting court martial with the possibility of extremely high sentences. These men were singled out in large part because of their work with the GI movement while at Ft. Carson and because they voiced their feelings about the war.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN - A Black GI who was chairman of Movement for a Democratic Military at Camp Pendleton took a holiday from the Marines to help out his family in Philadelphia. He is now serving a sentence for Unauthorized Absence in the Pendleton brig. He received a 9 month sentence and bad conduct discharge.

It should be known that the repression of GI's in the military has increased as the level of GI resistance has increased. In the Long Binh jail in Vietnam, 85% of the prisoners are third world GI's. They are there for desertion or violence against officers, both of which are ways GI's have learned to respond to the government's imperialist war.

In the final pretrial hearing, the sic court appointed lawyers tried to withdraw from the case again. The judge insisted that either the brothers take these unwilling lawyers as their defenders or get lawyers of their choice at their own expense.

The judge asked the brothers to enter pleas. The brothers all replied that without adequate legal counsel they could not enter pleas. One brother, Walter Watson, was sick that morning as a result of a thirteen day hunger strike in support of Angela Davis. This was another reason why Walter Watson refused to plea. Campbell entered pleas of "not guilty" into the record for all seven, and set their trial date for December 7th. This is American justice. A judge known for his racism and soon to retire, gives six unwilling lawyers four weeks to prepare a defense for the lives of seven Black inmates.

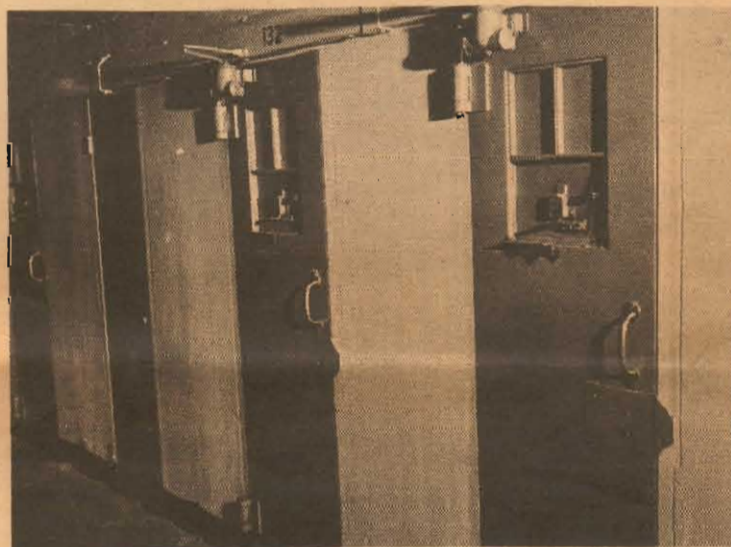
The most recent developments in the case have been the dismissal of murder charges against four of the seven, O.C. Allen, Walter Jow Watson, Alfred Dunne, and Jimmy Lee James. This is but a small concession in the face of the vicious attempts at legal lynchings throughout America. The fact is that all seven brothers are innocent. It should be known that five of the witnesses for the prosecution have dropped out, and have also written letters to defense attorney Hallinan saying that they submitted testimony under coercion. We should understand that the order to drop the murder charges on the four brothers was given by a newly appointed district attorney, William Curtis, who had been in office only a week. He dismissed charges on the four in order to tighten a frame-up of the remaining three, Jessie Phillips, James Wagner, and Roosevelt Williams.

We see, as the brothers see, that there has been no victory. Jessie Phillips, James Wagner, and Roosevelt Williams are scheduled to go to trial on May 3rd. Victory for the brothers and all oppressed brothers of the world can only come through you, the people.

We ask for your support at the Salinas Municipal Courthouse May 3rd. The cost of transcripts and other necessary legal tools are unbelievably high. We need funds. Contributions may be sent to:

Soledad 7 Defense Committee
P.O. Box 4301
Compton, California

FREE THE SOLEDAD BROTHERS FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS



MAXIMUM SECURITY

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

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