

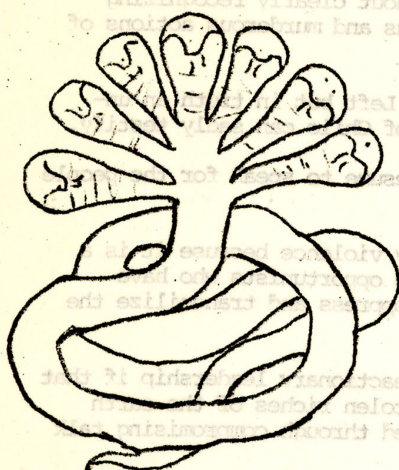
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In our efforts to Support
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The SLA Symbol



The seven heads represent self-determination, cooperative production, creativity, unity, faith, purpose and collective responsibility.

IMANI - FE - FAITH - To believe in our unity, our leaders, our teachers our people, and in the righteousness and victory of our struggle and the struggle of all oppressed and exploited people.

UMOJA - LA UNIDAD - UNITY - To strive for and maintain unity in our household, our nation and in the Symbionese Federation.

KUJICHAGULIA - LA LIBRE DETERMINACION - SELF DETERMINATION - To define ourselves name ourselves, speak for ourselves, and govern ourselves.

UJIMA - TRABAJO COLECTIVO Y RESPONSABILIDAD - COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY - To build and maintain our nation and the federation together by making our brothers' and sisters' and the Federation's problems our problems and solving them together.

UJAMAA - PRODUCCION COOPERATIVA - COOPERATIVE PRODUCTION - To build and maintain our own economy from our skills and labor and resources and to insure ourselves and other nations that we all profit equally from our labor.

NIA - PROPOSITO - PURPOSE - TO make as our collective vocation the development and liberation of our nation, and all oppressed people in order to restore our people and all oppressed people to their traditional greatness and humanity.

KUUMBA - CREATIVO- CREATIVITY - To do all we can in order to free our nation and defend the federation and constantly make it and the earth that we all share more beautiful and beneficial.

Latest SLA Message

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Text of the message received from the Symbionese Liberation Army Saturday:

To those who bear the hopes and future of the people, let the voice of their guns express the words of freedom.

Greetings to the people and comrade sisters and brothers. My name is Genina and I am a general in the Symbionese Liberation Army.

I am speaking to you in behalf of the Symbionese War Council, the Court of the People, and on behalf of the Symbionese federation as a whole.

I (inaudible) the deepest expression of freedom and cry out for revolutionary unity. With profound love we greet the Black Liberation Army, the Weather Underground, the BGF and WO and those brave women and men who by force of arms have shown that there is no compromise for freedom and that the meaning of the Federation's codes of unity holds the truth: That to die a race and be born a nation is to become free.

There have been many on the left who without a clear understanding have condemned the actions of the SLA and the people's forces who have chosen to fight rather than talk. These speakers condemn without clearly recognizing that our actions are a direct response to the vicious and murderous actions of the enemy corporate state against the people.

It has been claimed that we are destroying the Left but in truth an unarmed and nonfighting Left is doomed-as the people of Chile can sadly testify.

The analysis of these so-called leaders who presume to speak for the people can be traced to one of two qualities:

Either they are cowards afraid of revolutionary violence because it is a direct threat to their personal security or they are opportunists who have personal gains in allowing the enemy to enslave or oppress and tranquilize the people.

The dream, and indeed it is a dream, of this reactionary leadership is that the enemy corporate state will willingly give the stolen riches of the earth back to the people and that this will be accomplished through compromising talk and empty words.

In reality, the ~~enemy~~ state forces the people to buy back the goods that the people themselves have produced at the price of blood. To this, our bullets scream loudly. The enemy's bloodthirsty greed will be destroyed by the growing spirit of the people and their thirst for freedom.

The actions of the SLA are based on a clear understanding and analysis of the enemy and its actions against the lives and freedom of the people.

We call upon the people to judge for themselves whether our tactics of waging struggle are correct or incorrect in fighting the enemy by any means necessary.

The SLA and the Court of the People wish to state to the people the reasons behind the present suspension of communications and negotiations.

The people have been experiencing the true meaning of the Hearst empire's sincerity - that true meaning being deception and lies. Throughout the previous period of communication between the SLA and the Hearst empire, the SLA and the Court of the People have dealt truthfully with all concerned. We have at all times followed our revolutionary principles of utilizing our three weapons of war: Our guns, our determination and the truth.

And this means that we will never say anything that we do not totally mean to do.

We wish to place before the people a comparison of the sincere actions of the SLA and the counter-actions of the Hearst empire.

1. The Court of the People requested that all documents of the Court be printed in full (inaudible). The Hearst empire omitted Communiques One and Two concerning the Foster operations and Court documents that were to be published. Also the meaning of the seven-headed cobra on the reverse side of the document showing the emblem of the SLA was purposely omitted.

2. The Court of the People requested that \$70 worth of top quality food, including an equal balance of dry stuffs and canned goods and fresh meat, poultry, produce and dairy products, be given to poor families and in various Bay Area communities as a gesture of good faith so that negotiations for Patricia Hearst might begin. But Hearst and the Hearst empire contributed \$2 million to People in Need, a program set up by Hearst in reaction to the request of the SLA. Instead of issuing a type and quality of food stipulated, PIN showed contempt for the people through disorganization in distribution of surplus commodities instead of top quality fresh meats, vegetables and produce. PIN also intended to sham the people by trying to distribute hog feed instead of top quality dry stuffs. The people had to stand in long lines for hours only to be treated as dogs when the PIN food was thrown at them. Many people were injured by police in East Oakland.

3. The SLA showed severe displeasure with the meager Hearst contribution and with the Hearst PIN program. The SLA reissued its guidelines for an adequate and equitable food distribution and requested that the Hearst empire add an additional \$4 million to the measly \$2 million. In a communique the SLA proved the Hearst trickery by stating just how rich and powerful the Hearsts and the Hearst empire really are. Randolph Hearst responded deceitfully that he could not meet financially the SLA requests and stated in typical capitalist fashion that the situation was out of his hands. As if Hearst had no connection with the Hearst Corporation, the corporation, supposedly out of the kindness of its corporate heart, responded that it would provide the additional \$4 million, but only after Patricia Hearst is released.

Hearst and the Hearst Corporation assumed that the SLA and the people were inexperienced in the area of corporate trickery, and so they said that they would give \$2 million upon Patricia Hearst's release and the rest in January, 1975. However, the people have experienced such trickery too many times in the past to ever be fooled by it again. SLA elements were at Wounded Knee and we too, honored the elders' decision to cease the occupation. But we will not forget the lesson that we learned from our brothers and sisters there: One thing above all, never trust the words of the enemy.

Hearst's PIN program stated that it would follow the SLA distribution guidelines. However, instead of \$70 worth of top quality food, the people have gotten \$8 worth of mediocre food. Instead of fresh meat, half the people received one chicken. Many stood in long, cold lines for only a bag full of cabbages, while others stood in line and got nothing at all.

PIN said it distributed 30,000 bags of food. But this lie was revealed by WAPAC and the Coalition which said only 15,000 walked away with food. After the second day of food distribution WAPAC and the Coalition issued their reports on Hearst's PIN program.

The SLA and the Court of the People and the people themselves want to see this report printed in full in all forms of the media.

There has never been any uncensored, uncut media reporting of any statement made by the Coalition speakers. Ludlow Kramer has boasted the well-known lies that Hearst's program has carried out the terms of the SLA prescribed good faith gesture. The people know his words don't make no bag of cabbages into meat.

The Court of the People have a clear understanding of the actions of the Hearsts and the Hearst empire as a whole in regards to its deceit and silence concerning its interests and crimes against the people.

It is no surprise that Mrs. Hearst has never once said anything about her activities on the University of California Board of Regents and its policy of financing corporations who operate internationally and exploit the hungry and oppressed peoples of the earth.

It is no coincidence that Mr. Hearst has remained silent about his vast interest in the Safeway Stores, Inc., and EXXON, because it is very important that the people of this country not ask questions about these interests.

It is very important to the enemy that people do not begin to question why it is that same man who is so concerned for bilingual education for Chicano people is also the same man who owns vast stock interests in Safe-

way Stores, Inc., and thousands of acres of land robbed from Chicano people in California. And a silver mine and thousands of acres of land in Mexico that the Hearst empire has exploited from the peoples in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Hearst, by constantly maintaining the secure position where they are not forced to reveal their interests and crimes and without really conceding anything to the people, hope to gain the release of the prisoner.

In our analysis of enemy strategy we find multiple reasons for why the Hearst empire has not complied with our request.

1. By frustrating the people, forcing them to continually return to food distribution centers, stand in long lines and receive \$8 worth of food, the Hearst empire attempted to discredit the political point of the action.
2. By handing out surplus and low grade donated food, some of which was not even meant for human consumption, in an undignified manner, the Hearst empire attempted to discredit and disprove the example we intended to display.
3. By prolonging the program, soliciting donations and giving nowhere near the required amount, the Hearst empire could retain control under the facade of humanitarianism with no loss to their bank books.

The tactics of misplaced supply of the food, delayed and missing trucks, supposed hijackings of mysterious trucks claimed to be loaded with top quality meat are all designed to mislead the people into believing that these things were normal mishaps and that the Hearst empire was not responsible for them and was really attempting to meet some of the needs of the people.

The Hearst empire has attempted to encourage division among the people by giving them crumbs to fight over.

Our strategy was to show by example what can be done: That this goodwill gesture was intended to give some food to the people while at the same time point out our understanding that the people can never expect the enemy to feed them. That, in fact, the people do not want the enemy to feed them, but rather the people must have back their land and control over their own destinies and must themselves realize the fruits of their own labor.

We did this to point out how the enemy can easily afford to feed the people if it were forced to, but what the enemy cannot afford is to reveal to the people the total extent of the sum of the wealth that it has robbed from the people.

The SLA stated that Patricia Campbell Hearst would be kept in accordance with international codes of war regarding prisoners of war and that she would be maintained in protective custody. It was further stated that the captive SLA elements who stay at San Quentin would also have to be kept in accordance with such codes because of their legal POW status.

The SLA requested that Randolph and Catherine Hearst and the Hearst empire see to it that our comrades' conditions follow those guidelines. It was stated at that time that Patricia Hearst's condition would correspond at all times with that of the captured brothers. The SLA has waited with disciplined patience for the agents of the fascist state, including the Hearst media empire, to deal with the conditions of our comrades' confinement.

The Symbionese War Council, the Court of the People, had considered transferring Patricia Campbell Hearst to a security area which would physically correspond to a strip cell on Death Row in San Quentin Concentration camp. This would be an obvious response to barbaric conditions which our comrades are forced to endure.

However, after extensive nationwide intelligence and analysis by the Symbionese War Council, it became clear that the fascist corporate state and its chief domestic police agency, the FBI, and other police state agencies and institutions intended to set up Patricia Hearst for execution in order to discredit and isolate the people's forces.

This is shown by the deliberate disregard for the health, life and safety of Joseph Remiro and Russell Little and the plans of the police state agencies to see to it that Patricia Hearst is killed.

Despite FBI claims that they would not do anything to endanger Patricia

Hearst's life, they have raided homes throughout the country knowing full well that to do so would endanger the life of Patricia Hearst.

The plans of the police state agency are to see to it that Patricia Hearst is killed and then use her death to further rally middle America in support of the Nixon-represented corporate dictatorship and against all revolutionary forces.

The fascist state and the FBI have attempted to manipulate public opinion in support of Patricia Hearst's safety and eventual return while at the same time creating conditions that it knows would force her execution, saving them the embarrassment of doing it themselves.

But, we have repeatedly stated that Patricia Hearst's safety, execution or freedom is totally her family's and its class' responsibility.

It is in the direct interest of the fascist corporate state to eliminate all popular revolutionary forces, even if that would mean sending the FBI to execute Patricia Hearst.

U.S. Attorney General William Saxbe's statement that the FBI should bust in to rescue the prisoner was no slip of the tongue but was in reality a pre-maturely exposed government policy decision.

Just as Nelson Rockefeller and the prison authorities in New York State could easily sacrifice the lives of hostage correctional officers at Attica in order to kill incarcerated freedom fighters inside, just as Ronald Reagan and prison authorities in California could sacrifice the life of Judge Haley at the Marin County Courthouse in order to kill man-child Jonathan Jackson and incarcerated freedom fighters from San Quentin, so, too, can the U.S. government and the FBI with the sick permission of her father willingly and without regret sacrifice the life of Patricia Hearst in order to attempt to kill members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

We know from our experiences in prisons and from our comrades who have been killed in prisons and from all those comrades still locked down that Russell Little and Joseph Remiro have already been insured tickets to ride the fascist corporate state's railroad to the gas chamber and that the appointment by Randolph Hearst of a member of the fascist U.C. Board of Regents to insure so-called due process of law is merely a ploy to hide the already predetermined destination of that train, not to stop it.

In response to Randolph Hearst's public request that Patricia Hearst be allowed to communicate periodically with her family in conjunction with international codes of war regarding prisoners of war, the SLA asks Randolph Hearst:

On what basis should the people's forces allow such communications?

1. The Symbionese War Council has determined that communication between POW Patricia Hearst and her family will come only after the immediate creation of the necessary mechanisms whereby Russell Little and Joseph Remiro can communicate via live national TV with the people and the SLA concerning the full scope of their physical health and all the conditions of their confinement.

2. That this tape and a transcript of it be published in full, omitting nothing, in all forms of the media.

AT THIS POINT IN THE RECORDING THERE WAS AN 11 MINUTE STATEMENT BY PATRICIA HEARST. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER WOMAN'S VOICE:

A warning to the fascist military corporate state:

We have declared revolutionary war upon you, the enemy of the people, and our seriousness and determination will not be swayed by any number of your U.S. government-inspected superpigs. For those that you have hunted are now hunting you.

Death to the fascist insect that preys upon the life of the people

Comrade sisters, resistance fighters, we greet you and call you to arms in the struggle to free all people.

Today our daughters and our sons, our mothers and our fathers, stand with the people in the fight for true freedom for all people. No people are free until we are all free.

We women know the truth as it has been revealed in our own lives. We turn our rage toward the enemy in a direct line down the sights of our guns. We must turn our anger toward those who profit off our suffering and have our anger be reflected in military tactics that utilize people's violence against the men and women who are the monsters of capitalist violence. Until we meet in the streets may we have a strong back like that of the grave digger.

This is General Field Marshal Cinque in command. I would like to take the opportunity to speak to my people and all the people and to those who I fight against who prey upon the lives of our children. Black people must come together and stop robbing and oppressing each other and all oppressed people.

It is time that black people understand that the enemy is not white, brown or black people. The oppressor is not a particular color. The oppressor is a system and the corporate ruling class that preys upon the lives of all people.

I call upon oppressed people of all colors to arm themselves in defense of their own freedom while they still have the chance.

I call upon the robbers, pimps, the drug addicts, the prostitutes and all those who have been used as pawns against the people to turn their rage and violence toward the true enemy of the people, the corporate ruling class.

I call upon the people to shed no more blood of the innocent but rather bring death to the makers of fear those that deceive us into fighting amongst ourselves because of our different colors.

I call upon our mothers and fathers to hear the voice that rings in our hearts for freedom.

I call upon them to hear the cries of our children being murdered in the streets and to understand that there is no compromise for freedom.

I call upon the people to join the Federation and that only means one thing: that is, by answering this call to arms with the sounds of your guns and your commitment to save the children.

"This is Information Intelligence Unit Four. On March 9, 1974, this unit was directed to deliver a taped communique to the news media. Due to intelligence reports received by the federation in regards to FBI attempts to intercept and suppress any communications between the SIA and the people, a double decoy system was set up.

"One tape with a gasoline credit card was sent to radio station KDIA Oakland, and another tape enclosed with an automobile credit card was sent to KSAN. We of Unit Four notified KDIA first as to the location of this tape which allowed one of two things to happen:

"Either KDIA, without telling the public or the Hearst family, turned it over to FBI who in turn suppressed it, keeping it from the Hearst family and public, or the FBI intercepted it before KDIA got it and suppressed it from getting to the Hearst Family and the public.

"In any event, this allowed the second tape to get through to KSAN, because the FBI thought that the tape they had already intercepted was the only one sent out.

"We of Unit Four are sending our copy of the tape because it is more audible. Please pass it along."

TEXT OF PATRICIA HEARST'S STATEMENT

MON., MARCH 11

Mom, Dad, I received the message you broadcast last Sunday. It was good to hear from you after so much silence and what you had to say sounded like the best chance I have to get out of here. All you want is to hear from me sometimes. Your silence will definitely jeopardize my safety because it allows the FBI to continue to attempt to find me and Governor Reagan makes antagonistic statements with no response from you.

I'm beginning to feel that the FBI (inaudible) I'm telling you this now because I don't think the FBI will let any more words from me get through to the media.

I hear that people from all around the country are calling on the SLA to release me unharmed. But the SLA are not the ones who are harming me. It's the FBI along with your indifference to the poor that have failed to deal with the people and the SLA in a meaningful, fair way.

I don't believe you're doing everything you can, everything in your power. I don't believe that you're doing anything at all. You said it was out of your hands; what you should have said was that you wash your hands of it.

I guess you can't understand that it is not just the crimes of you and Mom personally that I am being held for but the crimes of the University of California Board of Regents and your voting record, Mom, when you were on that board. And also the crimes of the Hearst Corporation.

Dad, you can't put the responsibility for my status on the corporation, but you seem to be ignoring the fact that you are the chairman of the board and Uncle Bill is president of the Hearst Corporation. I know that if anything happens to me it will be because the corporation advisors and the FBI decided to protect their interests instead of my life.

I don't know who influenced you to not comply with the good faith gesture/ I know that you could have done what the SLA asked, I mean I know that we have enough money.

But it seemed to me that you told the FBI to do anything to destroy the SLA and everybody decided that it was necessary to ignore the SLA. It's becoming true, Dad.

I heard the tape concerning the FBI investigation (inaudible) Governor Reagan's careless and antagonistic remarks and the attempts of federal agencies to maneuver the news media to (inaudible) the support of the public when I die (inaudible).

For this I am forced to draw only one conclusion, that the FBI and other federal agencies want me to die. I no longer seem to have any importance as a human being; rather, I have become all important as a political pivot point for certain right-wing elements and I can only be used successfully by these people if I am killed.

As for the constant reassurances by the FBI that my safety is their primary concern, I can only say that the FBI has never been famous for its concern for the safety of hostages and from what I've seen so far this case is no different.

Whether consciously or not, the news media has been assisting the FBI in what is now an overt attempt to set me up for execution.

It has done this primarily in two ways.

First, by promoting a public image of my father as a bereaved parent who has done all he can to meet the demands of his daughter's kidnapers and who now awaits her supposedly long overdue release.

In fact, the SLA demands have not even been approximated and they have made it very clear that until the good faith gesture is completed, negotiations for my release will not begin.

Second, the media with cooperation from my parents has created a public image of me as a helpless innocent girl who was supposedly abducted by two terrible blacks, escaped convicts.

I'm a strong woman and I resent being used in this way. I've been hearing reports about the food program.

So far it sounds like you and your advisers have managed to turn it into a real disaster.

I heard only 15,000 people received food in the first two weeks and that each of them received only about \$8 worth.

It sounds like most of the food is of low quality. No one received any beef or lamb, furthermore it doesn't sound like the kind of food our family is used to eating every day.

The SLA wanted this program to be over in one month and they ordered that each person get \$70 worth of good food all at one.

If you'd just done what the SLA wanted for the food program the month would be over and I would be ready to get out of here.

What you've done is tell People in Need to set up this program where people get just an \$8 bag of food, so it is stretched out and it's a really discouraging thing for people who need food.

Dad, I know that you got most of the food donated for People In Need. And you have put very little money at all into the program.

Mom, I can't believe that you've agreed with "out of my hands" stands for Daddy's program.

I just hope that you can be stronger and pull yourself together from all these emotional outbursts and see if you can persuade Dad to listen to you and the rest of the family.

Mom, you've got to stand up and speak for yourself.

You seem to be allowing other people to make your decisions. Your statements, if I can call them that, have give the FBI the go-ahead to kill me.

I wish God would touch your heart and get you to do something concrete to help me. I wish someone in the rest of the family had something to say.

It's hard to believe that my sisters and cousins aren't saying anything.

If it had been you, Mom, or you, Dad, who had been kidnaped instead of me, I know that I and the rest of the family and our friends would have done anything to get you back. It could have been one of you and how would you feel if you had been written off the way I seem to have been.

I'm starting to think that no one is concerned about me any more.

I wish that I could hear from the rest of the family. I'd like to hear what my sisters have to say about Dad's decisions not to comply with the terms of the good faith gesture.

Steven, what do you have to say? Willie, I know you really care about what happens to me. Make Dad let you talk.

You can't be silent.

Everyone who hears this tape, I hope you will believe me and not think that I've been brainwashed or tortured into saying this. Please listen to me because I'm speaking honestly and from the heart.

In the last week its become obvious to the SLA and all hungry people and to me that my father is not even attempting to show a gesture of good faith.

I thought everybody knows that is why there's been no further word from the SLA about negotiating for my release.

In the last few days members of the Federation have spoken with me. They have given me some newspaper reports to read about the current practices of psycho-surgery and the daily use of drugs and tranquilizers in prisons throughout the country.

I have also been given some journal commentaries about kinds of conditions that exist in the adjustment center at San Quentin in particular.

Members of the Federation have also given me a choice of books to read.

I have been reading a book by George Jackson called "Blood in My Eye". I'm starting to understand what he means when he talks about fascism in America. Joseph Remiro and Russell Little, the two men in San Quentin, haven't even come to trial yet and already they are being held in strip cells on death row. It's very hard to believe that this obvious violation of the Constitution is taking place, but it's true.

How can people think that these men can get a fair trial? And if there's any doubt in people's minds of what the verdict will be, members of the federation are studying intelligence reports gathered by the SLA on the activities of the FBI.

These combined with discussions the members of the Federation have had with me and my own observations of the way my father's been conducted himself have made me afraid because I realize that the plans are coming from the FBI and the Attorney General's office in Washington to execute the two men in San Quentin.

Or if that is not swiftly accomplished, to execute me by seeing to it that even if I am released I will not get home alive. Or by attempting to raid this place where I am being held and then discredit the SLA by saying they are the ones who killed me.

Because of these things I have been transferred to a special security unit of the SLA combat forces, where I am being held in protective custody.

I have been issued a 12 gauge riot shotgun and I have been receiving instructions on how to use it.

While I have no access to ammunition in the event of attack by the FBI. I have been told that I will be given an issue of cyanide buckshot in order to protect myself, because it is the Federation's opinion and my own from observation that if the FBI does rush in, it will obviously will be doing it against the wishes of my family and in total disregard for my safety.

In fact, they would be doing it to murder me.

Under international codes of war I am allowed to communicate with members of my family and because of the scope of this incident to the public as well.

However, I have been told that the practice of allowing me to communicate with you will not continue until the SLA hears from the two men at San Quentin.

They want to hear what the two men have to say in a live nationwide broadcast so they can hear all the conditions of their confinement.

I really want to get out of here and I really want to get home alive. I am appealing to the public and asking them not to assist the FBI in their investigation. Doing so is simply helping them to dig my grave.

I ask those people who say they pray for me and those who sign petitions to the SLA for my safe release to redirect their energy into opposing the FBI's brutal attempts to murder me and the two men in San Quentin.

I no longer fear the SLA because they are not the ones who want me to die. The SLA wants to feed the people and assure safety and justice for the two men at San Quentin.

I realize now that it's the FBI who wants to murder me. Only the FBI and certain people in the government stand to gain anything by my death.

A LETTER TO THE PEOPLE
 FROM FAHIZAH(former name nancy ling perry)
 TO THOSE WHO WOULD BEAR THE HOPES AND FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE
 LET THE VOICE OF THEIR GUNS EXPRESS THE WORDS OF FREEDOM."

Greetings, my comrade sisters and brothers. All love, power and freedom to you. I am very glad to have this opportunity to speak to you, even though I know that what I am feeling cannot be completely expressed in words. You may have heard of me, not because I am any more important than any of you, but simply because my former name has been in the news lately. My name was Nancy Ling Perry, but my true name is Fahizah. What that name means is, one who is victorious, and I am one who believes in the liberation and victory of the people, because I have learned that what one really believes in is what will come to pass. So, my name is Fahizah and I am a freedom fighter in an information/intelligence unit of the United Federated Forces of the Symbionese Liberation Army. I still am that, in spite of the fact that I am now being sought for a political action, and in spite of the fact that two of my closest compañeros are now chained in the Adjustment Center (the prison's prison) at San Quentin concentration camp. I am still with other members of the SLA information/intelligence unit, and I am hiding only from the enemy and not from the people. I have no intention of deserting my commitment nor would I ever try to run away from it, because I have learned that there is no flight to freedom except that of an armed projectile. Although it is the practice of the Symbionese Liberation Army to act rather than talk, I am compelled to speak because I wish to make clear my position and why I am fighting, what it is I am fighting for, what the purpose and nature of the SLA information/intelligence unit is, and why I will continue to fight.

First of all, I think I should tell you something about my background and the evolution of my consciousness. Basically, I have three backgrounds. I have a work background, a love background, and a prison background. My prison background means that I have close ties and feelings with our incarcerated brothers and sisters. What they have taught me is that if people on the outside do not understand the necessity of defending them through force of arms, then it is because these people on the outside do not yet realize that they are in an immediate danger of being thrown into concentration camps themselves, tortured, or shot down in the streets for expressing their beliefs. What my love background taught me was a whole lot about what love was all about, and the greater one's capacity for love is, the greater is one's longing for freedom. What my work background taught me is that one of the things that every revolutionary does is to fight to get back the fruits of her or his own labor and the control of his or her own destiny.

When I was in high school in 1963-64, I witnessed the first military coup against the people of this country. I saw us passively sit by our t.v.'s and unconsciously watch as the military armed corporate state took over the existing government and blatantly destroyed the constitution that some of us still believed in. I listened to the people around me deny that a military coup had taken place and claim that such a thing could not happen here. The people that I grew up around were so politically naive that their conceptions of a military coup only recognized those that have occurred in South America and African countries where the military and ruling class took over the government by an open force of arms. But the method of taking over the government was different here. Here the coup was accomplished by assassinating the then president John Kennedy and then assassinating any further opposition to the dictator who was to take power: that dictator is the current president Richard Nixon. In 1964 I witnessed these and other somewhat hidden beginnings of the military/corporate state which we now live in. And I heard my teachers and the government controlled media spread lies about what had happened. I saw the Civil Rights protests, the killings and bombings of

my black brothers and sisters and the conditioned reaction of extreme racism in my school and home. When I questioned my teachers about how these occurrences related to the meanings of democracy and freedom that we were told existed to protect us all, the answer I got was that we were better off not knowing the truth about what was happening. I told my teachers and family and friends, that I felt that we were all being used as pawns and puppets, and that those who had taken over the government were trying to keep us asleep and in a political stupor. I asked my teachers to tell me what happened in Nazi Germany: I asked them to tell me the meaning of fascism: I asked them to tell me the meaning of genocide; and when I began to hear about a war in Vietnam I asked them to tell me the meaning of imperialism. The answer to all my questions when was either silence, or a reply filled with confusion and lies, and a racist pride and attitude that well, after all, it was all for us.

The experience of living in Amerikkka has since taught me the realities of what fascism, imperialism, and genocide mean; and I have discovered the truth about the military take over and the police state dictatorship, not because I studied about it in college, but because I see it everyday and because truth is something that is honestly known, even as beauty is seen. There is no reason for me to relate here everything that I have seen, or everything that I am sure you are already aware of. I am sure, my sisters and brothers, that you realize that the government is now in the rapid and steady process of removing the means of survival from the lower class and giving these benefits to the middle class in an effort to rally support from them. And as the government is removing these means of survival from the people, then naturally the people who have been robbed must in turn take back what rightfully belongs to them, and take back what they need in order to survive. This, the current dictatorship calls a crime. Whether they take food from the grocery store or take to the streets to make a speech, or take a gun in their hands to defend themselves.

As a member of the Symbionese Liberation Army information intelligence unit, I fight against our common oppressor and this I do with my gun as well as my mind. I try to use my mind and my imagination to uncover facts, so that when the SLA attacks it will be in the right place, and that the actions of the more experienced SLA combat units will truly serve to benefit the people and answer their needs. The action taken by the SLA combat unit in reference to the Oakland

Board of Education was a specific response to political police state programs and the failure of the Board of Education to heed the rights and demands of the people in the community. The specific program was one of the photo-identification (similar to the system of apartheid in South Africa) biological classification in the form of bio-dossiers which classify students according to race and political beliefs internal warfare computer files and armed police state patrols within the schools. Intensely through intelligence operations carried out by one of the SLA information units was able to obtain factual information that Foster's signature was the first to appear on the Nixon Administration inspired proposal for armed police agents within certain Oakland schools and various forms of computer classification of students. Further intelligence revealed that Foster's background included membership on the Philadelphia Crime Commission. Foster's sideman, Blackburn, is a CIA agent. As director of education in East Africa he worked to implement test programs against black people there, and he trained other agents to carry them out so that he could return to this country and introduce those same programs here. I feel a need to explain this again because I want to make it clear that the SLA was not indiscriminately issuing death warrants for Foster, Blackburn or anyone else, rather we were attacking the programs and proposal of which they were the initiators, supporters and first signers. Such an attack was the only means left open to us to demand that the people's wishes be met, and that all such dangerous, genocidal programs be stopped.

The government controlled media has made some refer-

ence to the effect that this action was carried out by white people made up in black face. Members of the SLA do not have to make up in black face in order to defend the black community, since the SLA is a federation formed in the style of a revolutionary united nations whose commanding leadership is composed of representatives of the black, brown, yellow, red and white communities. We have more than enough members from every race to carry out any operation. As revolutionaries we would never disguise ourselves by race, because we would never deliberately act in a manner that would bring further police investigation onto any one race of peoples. But I would like to ask, since when does one have to be black to care about the murder of 14 year old Tyrone Guyton by political police state death squads, since when does one have to be white to feel for the starving children in Appalachia, since when does one have to be Asian in order to care about stopping the napalming of children of Vietnam, since when does one have to be brown in order to fight against the mass slaughters being conducted by the military junta in Chile???? Since when???? Not since we have come to realize that we are all in one struggle.

I am a member of the Symbionese Liberation Army's information/intelligence unit and that means that my responsibility is to aid the combat units with information, and keep myself armed at all times. I am in a race to learn to fight because I am in a race to survive. SLA intelligence units have a military/political alliance with SLA combat units. What that means is that information units totally support armed struggle. That is to say that all members of the SLA understand that politics are inseparable from struggle, in fact politics has no meaning without armed combat and information units give politics a purpose.

The Symbionese Liberation Army is unlike many existing political organizations in this country which support the armed liberation struggles of peoples throughout the world but when it comes to the struggle here in Amerikka, they consistently denounce militancy and revolutionary violence, and in so doing denounce the only means left to the people to achieve their liberation.

I believe that wherever people are confronted with oppression, starvation and the death of their freedom that they want to fight. It has been the history of many political leaders to suppress this will of the people, and to pretend that the people do not have the right to fight, and to pretend that the people will somehow achieve their liberation without revolutionary violence. But the truth is that there has never been a precedent for a non-violent revolution; the defenseless and unarmed people of Chile can testify to that. All members of the SLA recognize that we, right here in Amerikka are in a state of war, and that in a state of war, all must be armed, and understand the true meaning of self-defense. When any member of the people's army strikes out at the murderer of our people and children, we are doing so in self defense, we are doing so because we are left no alternative, and force of arms is now our only legal means to affect revolutionary justice. However, the natural instincts of many people in our country have become perverted by the conditionings to which they have been subjected, they have been conditioned to be afraid of revolutionary violence. I no longer have these fears because as a comrade of mine named Osceola has taught me, "The only way to destroy fear is to destroy the makers of fear, the murderer and the oppressor".

A revolutionary is not a criminal nor is she or he an adventurer, and revolutionary violence is nothing but the most profound means of achieving internal as well as external balance.

I would like to correct and clarify the information given to you by the regime controlled media and police state reports associating the Symbionese Liberation Army with the August 7th. First of all, statements about August 7th literature and original communiques being found in the Concord house are completely untrue. The Symbionese Liberation Army is NOT the August 7th; in fact the August 7th is a counter-revolutionary Oakland City and California State

police plot to discredit revolutionaries and confuse the people. Freedom fighters act only in the interest of the people, they do not unnecessarily shoot down a helicopter whose crashing would endanger lives of people in their communities, nor do they credit themselves with events or accidents that occur in which they had no part, nor do they issue threats which they are unprepared to carry out, nor do they expose the nature or whereabouts of their forces, as for example in the recent statement issued by August 7th saying that armed guerilla units existed inside the prisons. The events and communiques associated with the August 7th served only enemy purposes; that is, a statewide lockdown went into effect in the prisons and the people begin to think of revolutionary action as that which would endanger their lives and homes. As a member of the SLA, I can tell you that the SLA takes full credit and responsibility for its actions, we acknowledge everything that we do, and if we had shot down a helicopter, we would say so; and if I had participated in as a decoy in a taxicab incident I would say so. However I would like to tell you not to rely solely on my analysis that the August 7th and the Oakland and California State Political Police are one and the same, but instead, just take a look for yourselves. Ask yourselves of the extent to which the police state will go to discredit revolutionaries by labeling all street violence as revolutionary activity and by issuing nothing but threatening communiques and then saying that such threats were coming from revolutionaries. It isn't just a coincidence that the week the August 7th issued an idle threat against the life of prison official Procunier, was the same week that the California legislature re-instated the death penalty.

The house in Concord California was a Symbionese Liberation Army information/intelligence headquarters, nothing more. The house was set on fire by me only to melt away any fingerprints that may have been overlooked. It never was intended that the fire would totally destroy the premises, because there was nothing left there that was any real consequence to us, nor was there any material left behind that could stagnate the functioning ability of the SLA to carry on the struggle. The reports that mass armaments were found in that house is a lie. It is an attempt to frame my two comrade brothers and it is an assertion to cover up the fact that there were no weapons found there. All that remained were 3 broken BB guns, a couple of malfunctioning gas masks a few research books and several liberation posters on the walls. Also, let me tell you that no one living or coming to that house was a part of the SLA combat forces. This can be easily verified; first of all, everyone in SLA combat forces is offensively armed with cyanide bullets in all weapons that they carry; and up until today this had NOT been the case for SLA information/intelligence units or any support units, at that time all units but combat were only defensively armed with hand guns and carried no cyanide bullets. Secondly we can easily verify that the ballistics on the .380 now in the hands of pig agents do not match those of the weapon used in the attack on the Oakland Board of Education. Information intelligence units or any support units were never allowed to possess or have any contact with combat unit weapons. Beginning January 11th however, a directive was issued by the SLA and The Court Of The People stating as of that date all units of the Symbionese Liberation Army are to be heavily and offensively armed with cyanide bullets in all their weapons. I would like to convey the word to my two captured companeros; you have not been forgotten, and you will be defended because there has been a set back and all combat forces are intact.

There really are no words available to me to express what I feel about the capture of my two companeros. They are in a concentration camp now because none of us were offensively armed, and because I was not aware that they were under attack. But my beautiful brothers, as we have said many times, we learn from our mistakes, and we learn from our active participation in struggle, not from political rhetoric, so we won't cry but simply fight on; and right on with that. A comrade of mine Bo, says something that I'd like to leave you with: "There are two things to remember about revolution, we are going to get our asses kicked, and we are going to win." DEATH TO THE FACIST INSECT THAT PREYS UPON THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE