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TO: N.C.D.P.P

"Revolutionaries are not born. They are made by feeling the pain of everyone who has lived and suffered. Some take this pain as their own and others do not. For some, it is impossible to eat a meal and not feel angry because everyone is not eating. For most it is not only possible, but also amazingly easy to live without the slightest spasm over another's pain. Revolutionaries are those who have reached that stage of political consciousness where the alleviation of their own pain is secondary to alleviating the pain of others. Unlike the christian missionary, the florence nightingale, or the liberal do-gooder, revolutionaries recognize that to attempt to alleviate the pain of individuals alone is to become engaged in unending acts of frustration. There are too many individuals in pain to attend to them individually. People are oppressed enmasse, not separately. They can only be FREED en-masse. Thus revolutionaries are concerned with a total change in a society's institutions, for it is the institutions which shape the individuals. At the same time revolutionaries know that to change the institutions they must change themselves. We and our comrades must become new men and women for it is from new men and new women that the institutions will come, which in turn will create the new society. This then Brothers and Sisters is my creed."

An Armed Revolutionary Brother of
the North Amerikkkan Liberation
Forces.
(Currently a Prisoner of War)

FROM: Comrade Don Taylor -3/6/73
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TO: N.C.D.P.P

Revolutionary Greetings Comrades,
I'm writing you again to
bring you up to date on the latest developments in our case.

Also about our living conditions and treatment here in the camp. Since I wrote you last, we have all been removed from the maximum security section of the camp infamously called (double lock), because of the padlock put on the cell door after it's closed. The inhumane treatment of prisoners in that section of the camp such as; no beds (you sleep on concrete), you're locked up 21 1/2 hours a day, the guards in that section are known for their barbaric acts on the prisoners. We are all separated now throughout the camp. This is a "childish" attempt of a divide and conquer tactic by the warden and his mindless puppets. Our visiting days are preset to conflict with court-dates, or the puppets lock us up in a secluded part of the jail and tell the visitors that we are at a conference with our lawyers. We are constantly harrassed by the goon-squads and beaten. Comrade Ben "Tee" has lost several teeth as the result of the last attack at the hands of these mad-men. Our mail is still being stolen incoming and out-going. We are constantly being moved from tier to tier because the administration says we are causing disturbances (We are telling other Brothers the truth about themselves, which they desperately want to

hear.) These measures for our safety (?) and more are just useless attempts on the part of the warden and his lackies to stifle our revolutionary spirit and let this plot to elect hanrahan be silenced.

We are here to let the truth be heard. Looking at present events on a inter-communal* or international scope and at nixons new tactics, it only makes the picture so to speak "crystal clear". Nixons new budget and the cutbacks in social and poverty programs will cause slave uprisings and perpetuate fratricidal behavior on the part of unaware Blacks and poor Peoples.

At the same time nixon adds 6 billion dollars to his defense budget to counter-attack the oncoming violence. Also he's building more "murder plants" in disguise, and tells the masses they are police stations. The pattern is the same in all major cities or where there is a population of 50 thousand or more Black People." The unknowing masses will think it as a necessary measure. The results: We all know! It is also my belief that nixon will send amerikkkan troops to Mother Africa in the near future. As African Liberation Forces push towards Zimbabwe, the colonizers will cowardly scream for help. Nixon, the great white hope, will respond by sending Brothers to fight Brothers, slave against slave, while the ruling clique strictly enforces its apartheid system. And to protect the industries it controls. On monday March 5,, Comrades Nate Burse, Mike Clark and myself will be taken to Waukegan for court. We were also indicted there. Racist pig hanrahan elrod and chief pig conlisk will also be there, to confess the roles they played in slandering our names and arousing the masses not to support us. There was a rally held here in Chicago at Dunbar Auditorium in our behalf friday, Feb. 23rd. Also we have a De Mau Mau Defense Committee located at 21 E. Van Buren, room #601 c/o National Lawyers Guild- Chicago, Ill. 60608

We are slowly counteracting the lies the thought-control mass media has spread across the planet about who we are and what we are about. We are still in the preliminary stages of all proceedings in our "mock trial"s. WE will keep you posted as best we can. Thanks for your solidarity in our struggle.

Vita Sa Sa

Brother Don "Tee" 13th. De MauMau

Editorial

* The International struggles of oppressed Peoples have always been conducted in 3 phases. The white worker in babylon (conservative, liberal, marxist-leninist) is the class that feels most threatened by any upward political-socio-economic thrust on the part of oppressed Black and Third World Peoples; and being that national liberation and self-determination is the primary objective of our struggle, we can expect the most ^{racist} reactionary resistance from this class. And to confuse ultimate goals with primary objectives is dangerously opportunist. As a matter of fact the amerikkkan ruling clique (The oppressor) is depending on this reactionary class to insulate him from us. (The oppressed) At this point in our struggle, to engage in the polemics of inter-communalism is tantamount to liberalism and bourgeois romanticism of the worst kind.

Recommended Reading

1) Wretched of the Earth-Fanon

2) Racism & the Class Stuggle-

James Boggs

3) On Black Nationalism and Self Determination- Leon Trotsky

All warfare is based on deception. Therefore, when capable, feign incapacity; when active, inactivity. When near, make it appear you are far away; when far away, that you are near. Offer the enemy a bait to lure him; feign disorder and strike him.

When he concentrates, prepare against him; where he is

strong, avoid him. Anger his general and confuse him. Pretend inferiority and encourage his arrogance.

Keep him under a strain and wear him down. When he is united, divide him. Attack where he is unprepared; sally out when he does not expect you. These are the strategists keys to victory.

Art of War

Sun Tzu

FROM: James X (Johnson Jr)#02329

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TO: N.C.D.P.P

Help:

You must become involved to such extent that you will create some sort of bridge to link the treatment of Black prisoners here with concerned People in society to launch a united impact of litigations against the raw racism here. Yes, Brothers George I9X (Yong), prison number 024802, Cleo Orange, prison number 000921, Shuripshire Vercellio (Williams) and Sandbury Lee, prison no. 027813, are political prisoners like myself; but does this justify the Brothers being brutally beaten into insensibility and barbariously punished inexorably? No sane Black man can be satisfied with these bona-fide Black men being victims of frameups and conspiracies because they are not old docile slaves. Through unfair methods and practices of injustice, these thoroughbred Brothers are being subjected to the miscreant exertions of klannish brutes and plundered of the mere sub-privileges for not being old slaves. Your assistance in this regard is very much needed.

May we hear from you soon?

Dedicated to the Struggle,

James X (Johnson Jr.)

"A society that drives it's members to desperate solutions is a non-viable society, a society to be replaced".

Frantz Fanon

FROM: Larry Gellegos--Box B-8282

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TO: N.C.D.P.P 3/8/73

Comrades,

Greetings and solidarity from a Chicano political prisoner in the soledad concentration camp in California. I have been incarcerated for 7 years and now because of the atrocious tactics employed by the department of corrections, my bid for freedom has been terminated. To tell of my barbarous dilemma, will be to tell of the miseries and untold horrors Chicanos and all political prisoners have suffered at the hands of fascist pigs. Presently I am being prosecuted by racist amerikka for their hideous crimes against the oppressed. I have become their scapegoat to relieve their repugnant conscience of their inhumane deeds.

I do not stand alone in the circle of the damned in soledads "O" wing. Many other comrades and revolutionaries have been "warehoused" and isolated from the main population without just cause, and forced to answer to setup charges they devised. They have succeeded at these tactics by threatening other naive and weak prisoners to testify against us, or be forced to answer to likewise charges; beat or killed at their hands or by their agents. Those who bend or weaken by their power, are rewarded with instant paroles, pardons, etc.

This is their way of keeping us divided and conquered.

For us their victims, we are subjected to life long servitude without any hope of leaving the abyss of their madness. If we resist, eventually we are killed one way or other, or just warehoused for years like caged animals and treated accordingly.

For me now it may be to late, for the beast has his tentacles rapped firmly around me, slowly sucking my lifes substan-

ce away. But for my Brothers and comrades destined to become their victims, they still have a chance hope, and a will to survive. If only you print the contents of this letter to let the People know what's really happening in the concentration camps of California, you will be helping us fight for our liberty.

Hasta La Victoria

Larry Gellegos Robert Cabral

"This country, with its institution, belongs to the People who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their 'revolutionary' right to dismember or overthrow it".

Abraham Lincoln

Ist. Inaugural Address, 3/4/1861

FROM: Tyari Uhuru a/k/a Ronald
TO: N.C.D.P.P Payne
Comrades,

I just took this time to express my present national and international view. We are too busy engaging ourselves in petty disputes and personality conflicts.

These types of open-before-the-"enemy" irrelevant name callingsquabbles, only serve to isolate us more from the masses and thus leaves us open to attack from the forces of reaction. The masses are tired of putting confidence in those organizations claiming to be vanguard elements, while at the same time engaging in childrens name calling games and giving up nothing but rhetoric; when the masses immediate needs must be dealt with. (Food, clothing, medical care, shelter, etc;).

The vanguard parties have a collective lifestyle among themselves, that is, taking care of each others material needs. This type of collective lifestyle should/must be taken down into the

Black community (colony) among the masses. "Revolution will not be and is not tolerated in racist amerikkka". So we must practice self-reliance for survival's sake and if we plan to get the support of the masses. Whether the vanguard party has the correct methods, will be determined by its actions and whether the party gets the masses positive reaction.

Right now rhetoric with nothing concrete in the process relating to the masses immediate needs has only served to bring about a negative reaction from the masses and waves of subjective and objective criticism. While the vanguard is the Party of the masses; it must also "be concerned with the well-being of the masses at the same time. The ultra-right wing racists are using the opening through reform (surplus food, welfare, food stamps etc;) to warp the struggle and isolate the vanguard. The ultra-right wing fascist press quickly grabs hold of any quarrels vanguard elements bring out into the open and turns these quarrels into false propaganda weapons, so as to get the masses to undermine the revolutionary struggle and look upon the vanguard elements as children playing at revolution. "When revolution fails, it is the fault of the vanguard Party".

Comrade Malcolm X was very correct when he said, "Leave our differences at home behind closed doors and pose a united front when out in front of our enemies, and settle our indifferences in the closet." (Ed. The N.C.D.P.P position on the amerikkkan communist party was written in that spirit of settling our indifferences indoors.) We have a common enemy that is bent on enslaving the world through fascist, racist aggression. We must relate to trying to create united mass action and not individual subjective actions. We must relate to our imm-

mediate material needs within the vanquard and within the streets while at the same time working endlessly to put an end to the wretched conditions and tearing up the oppressive contract and throwing it back into the fascist producers face, letting the People run the show. Unity in the Black Community.

Black Power to Black People

All Power to the People

Ronald Payne R.D.I

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"Can guerilla tactics be employed successfully against guerillas?

The answer is negative. To suppose otherwise is to fall into the methods fallacy. Headhunters (mercenaries) are not querillas.

The distinction is simple enough. When we speak of the querilla fighter we are speaking of the "political partisan", an armed civilian whose principal weapon is not his rifle or his machete but his relationship to the community, the nation, in and for which he fights".

Robert Taber

War of the Flea

FROM: Kreenhaven Koncentration Kamp

TO: N.C.D.P.P

A few weeks ago a white racist guard at greenhaven state prison chopped a mouse in half, put it in between 2 slices of bread, sprinked ketchup on it and gave it to Lawrence Hayes, a Black inmate, to eat for a sandwich. This beastly act is one of the million atrocities which Black inmates at Greenhaven and all other prisons throughout this racist country are subjected to. Previous to this incident, Hayes was bitten by a rat in his cell. He pleaded with prison officials at least 100 times to see a doctor before he was treated. By the time the racist doctor saw the Brother, the Brothers leg was nearly infected.

Hayes is presently on death row, even though the death penalty in new york has been halted.

(?) He was found guilty of an all-white jury accused of killing a pig, even though it was proven at his trial he was nowhere near the scene when the pig got righteously wasted.

Ed. Queens d.a fascist mackell was just cracked for embezzelling the People of n.y.c out of 4 million dollars in a get rich scheme. He was charged with misdemeanors for ripping off 4 million. This is the pig responsible for prosecuting these Brothers. If you're white, you're allright *****

Solidarity and Greetings:

Today we mourn the premature death of two revolutionary comrades-Anthony "Kimu" White, and Woody Green. Bro. Kimu we knew personally, as our fellow prisoner, Brother and Comrade...about Bro. Woody, all we need toknow is that he too was a warrior of the People, who fell in an armed clash with the mercenary arm of our oppressors. Two more victims among the many who have chosen to fight and die, rather than to submit to the slights of despicable, degrading existance as a passive slave. Two of our best, who like many resisting slaves before them have found freedom in death. Yes, in death.. but not a craven, cowardly death at the service of tyranny; but the glorious heroic death of the fighting guerrilla.

Their deaths should not shock or suprise us. Nor should our very real loss cloud our understanding of the ultimate reality.

The relationships between these Brothers deaths, and our life situation. We are an oppressed People, at war with our oppressors-Brothers Kimu and Woody are casualties of that war-blown away by the minions of the state killed in battle, with smoking weapons in hand. In the process of

of mobilizing our total resources for the Peoples Liberation, we must bear in mind that we are all oppressed, and that the demands of history has made a soldier of every oppressed individual. We are all soldiers, and we must commence to move and act in a military manner. For in the final analysis, there is no alternative.

In all of us, somewhere in the depths of our beings, there lives a smoldering anger, a burning rage for all the wrongs we have suffered. Oppression is a cunning provocation of feeling and rebellion. It gnaws away at the mind and hearts of People who choose to be free. Destroying their insides although it may not be visible from the surface. It is like a termite, always nibbling, and exposing the choice between eradicating the evil thru any and all means or being ourselves devoured. All of us must die-this is an irrefutable truth, a law of nature. But it is how we die that makes the difference. Our comrades death should not discourage us, or drive us to despondency, for it is certain that the good comrades would not have cared to go out by any other way. We can say they died as men and warriors. For those of us who are determined to overcome the impediments of modern day slavery, death is a price that we are willing to pay. Those of us whose life oozes out drop by drop, languishing in these pits, know that a quick death is preferable to the slow death of imprisonment-A man would rather choose an honorable death, than to live a cowardly existence without any control over the factors that determine the quality of our lives. Our mourning should be short-lived, our pain, our excruciating hurt can only be assuaged by redoubling our efforts to snatch our freedom. Our solace and comfort will come from working and fighting, from seeing progress in the development of our struggle, from organizing our People, and

laying the groundwork for our eventual liberation. This is our task-if we get down and move on it. There can be no thought of Brothers Kimu and Woody having died in vain-for they will live on- in our memories and our work..as Bro. Mark Essex lives, and the countless other warriors who have fallen to live on in our hearts and our practice. Victory will be ours-sudden death at the hands of the enemy and his puppet mercenaries will not be allowed to deter us from our aim. As the People grieve their warriors, they should be preparing for struggle-sharpening our knives and loading our weapons. Our answer to the assassins should not be sobs, tears or lamentations, but pay-back. Let them tremble waiting for cold-steel and hot lead. Our debt in blood will be paid in full, because the ultimate resolution of all long standing accounts can only be through our liberation, and the death of the oppressor. So do not shed any tears for comrades Kimu and Woody, it is luxury we cant afford, for they require a placid, harmonious life-a peaceful life.. Reality tells us there can be no peace until we win the war and gain our freedom. That would be the best remembrance we could give our beloved comrades, whom today we give our last salute and full military honors in the name of the Revolution.

"Long Live The Peoples Warriors"

4th. Floor Collective

Tombs Slave Camp

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Due to this editions shortage of space, we're compelled to omit the committee's guidelines. Nevertheless, if you wish to know what you can do to help;

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