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## LYNCHING - FOR BLACK G.I.'S ONLY

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BILLY DEAN SMITH  
POLITICAL PRISONER  
OF THE U.S. MILITARY

# BILLY



# SMITH

# LYNCHING - FOR BLACK G.I.'S ONLY

All poor, Black and other oppressed people within the United States are victims, prisoners of this society, of this oppressive government. But Black people in particular, are subject to imprisonment from birth, for every arm of this society reaches out to kidnap and promise an early death to Black people.

For young Black men, even more so, the oppression of society, their incarceration, is even more defined: imprisonment in the penitentiaries, imprisonment by the poverty and police aggression in Black American ghettos or imprisonment in the racist U.S. Military are the alternatives.

Billy Smith is one such young Black man, a prisoner of the United States Military. He was born tenth into a family of twelve children, in Bakersfield, California in 1948. His family spent approximately ten years in Texas, moving back to Watts (California) in 1957.

Billy attended Jordan High School in Watts. In 1965, he was picked up in the mass dragnet of the Los Angeles Black community, during the military occupation of Watts during what became known as the Watts uprising or the Watts Insurrection. He was eventually found not guilty of the curfew violation with which he was falsely charged.

In 1969, against his wishes, he was drafted into the Army. He didn't want to go, but he faced the alternative of imprisonment or exile if he resisted the draft. After military training and attempts at brainwashing failed at Fort Ord (California) and Fort Sill (Oklahoma), he was shipped to Vietnam in October of 1970, where he was assigned to the command of a typical military racist, Captain Rigby.

Captain Rigby had been harassing Billy in particular since his (Billy's) arrival in Vietnam. Billy had made it known that he, unlike Lt. Calley, who ordered and participated in the murder of 102 people at My Lai, was not going to be a "good American Soldier", that he was uninterested and unwilling to participate in the wanton murder and

mindless slaughter of a people who had done nothing to him.

Billy had already been written up for violations of the military code and infractions of minor rules three times by March of 1971. He was being processed for a 212 discharge from the military because of his "unsuitability and unfitness" for military life. Cap-

tain Rigby had even stated in one of his numerous reports to the discipline board on Billy that, "section chiefs prided themselves on rapid, effective artillery fire, but Smith seems unenthusiastic about closing with the enemy". In fact, one of Smith's write-ups came from an incident when

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*His fellow G.I.'s are not allowed  
to come to his court proceedings.*

# ATTICA: NIXON AND ROCKEFELLER PULLED THE TRIGGERS

The Black Panther Party, one with the peoples of the World's Communities, calls for the people, and particularly in the U.S., to come forth and bring an indictment of First Degree Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder against Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York and also against the U.S. President, Richard M. Nixon, for the same, of First Degree Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder of over 50 prisoners and guards at Attica State Prison, New York, on September 13, 1971.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Black Panther Party - 

One with the Peoples of the World.

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COMMISSIONER OSWALD STALLED PRISONERS, UNTIL NIXON GAVE THE WORD.



STATE TROOPERS AFTER MILITARY ASSAULT ON ATTICA.

Attica Prison in New York became the focal point for the exposure of this country's full turn toward fascism. The men that were killed there on September 13, 1971, all knew, in varying degrees that the state had no concern for their lives.

Rockefeller ordered the massacre with Nixon's full knowledge, backing and approval. However, they miscalculated. They had figured that the people would accept their blatant lies without question or hesitation. But the people neither accepted their lies nor remained silent. They are coming forth to indict Nixon and Rockefeller for their refusal to care or even pretend to care, at least about those guards who were in the State's employ. It has become increasingly clear that maintenance of the State's repressive

machine is the only thing of importance to the Nixons and the Rockefellers.

The relatives and friends of prisoners and guards alike refuse to believe the lies that they were told about the murders of their husbands, sons, brothers and friends. They know that the murders were brutal and unnecessary. Even the wife of a guard who was murdered by the state is reported to have said, "The bullet that killed my husband had Rockefeller's name on it."

In their efforts to cover up the fact that all of the wounds - from high powered rifles, shotguns, revolvers and flame throwers - suffered by guards and prisoners came from the State troopers, they have invaded cemeteries

and funeral homes taking bodies back for further autopsies in a desperate attempt to make bullet holes look like non-existent prisoner-slashed throats.

They are desperately trying to make the victims of Attica appear as the criminals and glorify vicious murderers like Nixon and Rockefeller.

But the maze of lies and distortions that the state is bringing forth, to whitewash their fascist terrorist tactics has fooled no one. If anything, they have further defined our fight. For we know that the humanity and beauty of our brothers at Attica can not be obscured by Rockefeller's commissions and new autopsies. Nor will our will to resist and continue our struggle be thwarted by this latest attempt.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

# BLACK MOTHER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR PROTECTING CHILD

## THE STORY OF NORMA GIST

Idabelle, Oklahoma is a small, typically racist Southern town. Although it is forty-five percent Black, four hundred years of chattel, and now, modern-day slavery have nurtured an atmosphere of a Klan town where "niggers" had better stay in their place. A Black mother must protect her child not only from racial slurs, slights and epithets but bodily harm and even death at the hands of arrogant racists.

Norma Gist of Idabelle, Oklahoma, is a Black mother of two children, Sol and Christeus. She is naturally concerned about all aspects of her children's welfare. Because of the apartheid situation in the South, the education of her children is one of Mrs. Gist's primary concerns.

When the town's Central and Southwest schools were merged under the leadership of racist principal, Winfred Canant, Mrs. Gist became active in the PTA. Her concern for the overall educational welfare of her children in particular and all Black youth in Idabelle in general led her to organize the Community Residential Association (CRA) in an effort to keep Idabelle's Black schools from being phased out of existence and to keep an eye on the quality of education her children, all children were receiving.

Because of her work with the CRA, her son, Sol was especially singled out for unwarranted punishment and harassment from racist school officials. When enrolling her children at the school at the beginning of the school term last year, twenty-nine year old Mrs. Gist had advised the principal, Mr. Winfred Canant, of her son Sol's hernia and his general physical con-

dition and asked that she herself be allowed to administer any physical discipline or punishment, should such an occasion arise. Racist principal Canant laughed at Mrs. Gist and told her that she couldn't tell him how to run "his" school and that he would administer discipline any way he wanted to. He never asked to see verification from a doctor of Sol's medical problem, nor did he care.

After this incident, Canant conspired with Sol's teacher, Mrs. Bolen, another white racist, to build up a case of "incidents" against Sol which would require "discipline".

When another youth tried to jab Sol in the eye with a pencil, Sol was sent to Canant for a reprimand and a write-up for defending himself. When Mrs. Gist attempted to investigate the incident, Mrs. Bolen refused to talk to her. The next day, Mrs. Bolen attempted to slander Mrs. Gist and embarrass Sol by making his mother appear to be a fool. She stood in front of her class and said, "Sol's mother was at PTA last night. She really created a mess; she was acting all besides herself. She showed out quite a bit."

When Sol asked the logical question as to why mothers were invited to PTA meetings if they were not welcome, he was written up again for insubordination.

On December 11, 1970, the incident which was used as a pretext to brutally beat Sol occurred. He had been playing in the gym when he discovered a tack in his shoe, which he removed and left beside the wall. Later, (school officials allege) another youth sat on the

tack and injured himself.

Sol was taken to principal Canant who proceeded to paddle Sol with a one inch thick by four inches wide paddle, despite his hernia and other medical problems and his mother's request that he not be punished in this manner.

A few hours later, Mrs. Gist arrived to criticize Mr. Canant for his vicious and unwarranted attack on her child. He was inflicted with gunshot wounds in the left wrist, left ribs, left hand and the muscles of the left leg, the only thing that seemed to make an inhuman terrorist like Canant understand.

In order to prevent the police from attacking her home and the rest of the Idabelle Black community on the pretext of looking for her, Mrs. Gist voluntarily turned herself in to the Idabelle police station.

When official encouragement of vigilante action failed, Mrs. Gist was formally booked and charged with attempted murder. In a typical "speedy Southern trial", complete with a jury of non-peers, she was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to ten years in the State prison.

Mrs. Gist is presently out of jail on an appeal bond, pending trial in a higher racist court. Because she chose to protect her son from a racist attack and to criticize the inhuman and racist treatment of her son, she has been sentenced to ten years. Her children were dismissed from school in January of this year. Racist school officials stated that any "learning situation" that the Gist children might have had, has been lost. What has been lost is the stranglehold on our Black youth and the fear of Black people. No longer will they/we tolerate the wanton destruction of our heritage, our history or the brutal torture that racist school administrators formerly dared inflict upon our youth.

We must rally around Mrs. Gist and all Black parents who are fighting for our rights to an education that teaches us our true role in this society, our true history and how to survive in the present racist and fascist Empire, so that we too may unite with the other oppressed peoples of the world in our struggle for the liberation of all oppressed people.

For further information or to send contributions to help Norma Gist, write: The Norma Gist Fund, P.O. Box 1034; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73101.

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*We would like to give away free food every week.*

## BILL BOYETTE WANTS NO PART OF THE PEOPLE'S SURVIVAL PROGRAMS

For over a month and a half (since July 31), brothers and sisters from the Black Panther Party and the Black community have picketed Bill's Liquor Store #2 in protest of Bill Boyette's and the Cal-Pac Tavern and Liquor Owners' Association's refusal to make regular weekly donations to the Black Panther Party sponsored People's Community Survival Programs (See the Black Panther Party Inter-communal News Service, Vol. VI, Nos. 28, 29, 30, dated August 9, 14 and 21, 1971, respectively).

The boycott of his store has been initiated for primarily two reasons: One, because our people's needs as a whole, for survival under the oppressive American system of government -- the need to eat, to have decent clothing and shoes, quality medical care, etc., -- are so great that the programs the Black Panther Party has initiated to alleviate those needs require more help; and that help has to come from our own, our own who are able. Secondly, by contributing even the requested small weekly, minimal

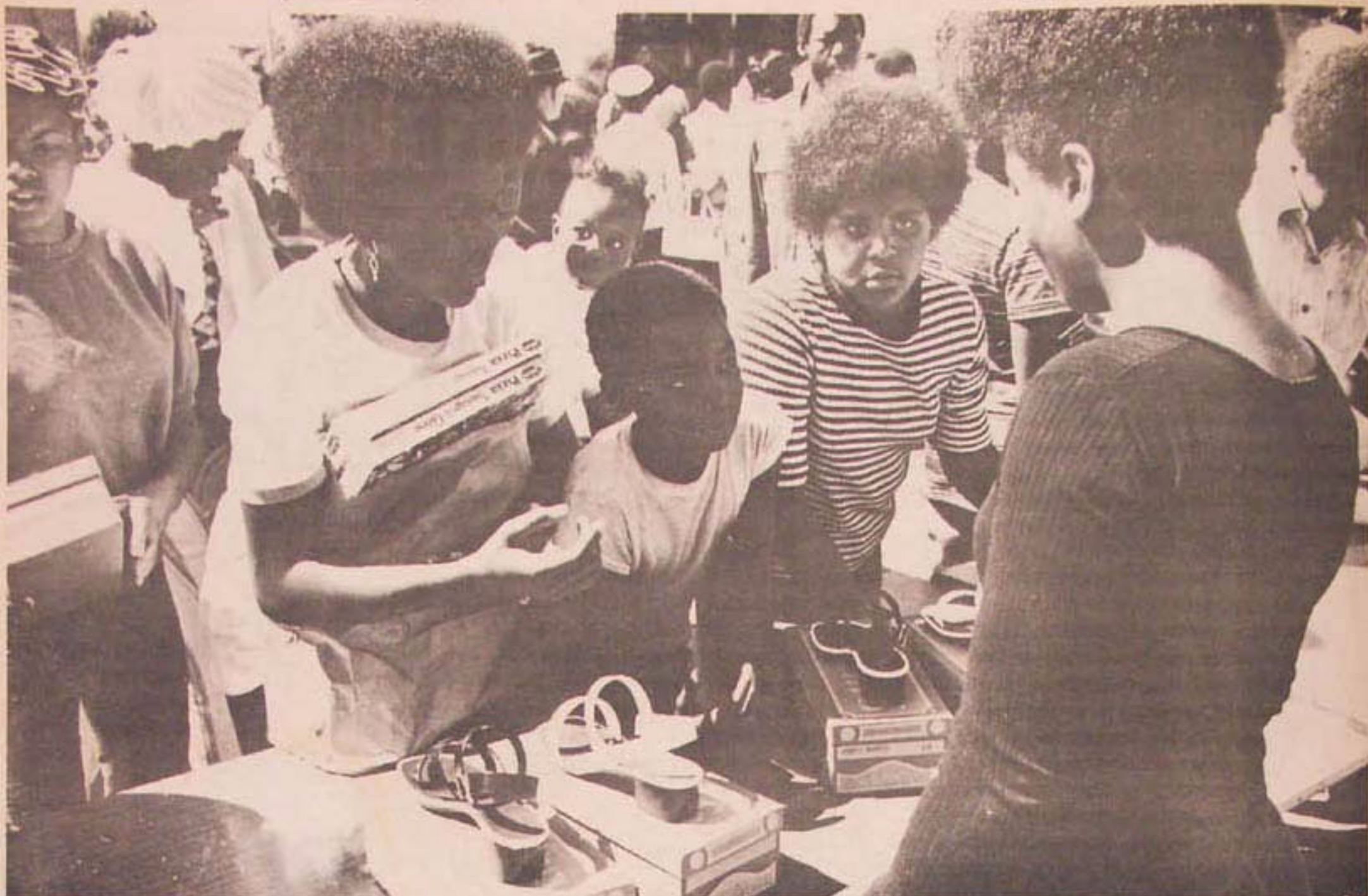


*Boyette doesn't want to be "pressured" into donating to the David Hilliard People's Free Shoe Factory.*

amounts, the Black Businessman, who depends upon the Black community for the survival of his business, could return some of his profits to those who deserve and need it - his com-

munity, his neighbors - and could advance tremendously the need for unity in the Black community.

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*People selecting shoes from the David Hilliard People's Free Shoe Factory*

## BILL BOYETTE WANTS NO PART OF THE PEOPLE'S SURVIVAL PROGRAMS

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However, Bill Boyette still refuses to donate. Momentarily (last week) in a meeting with Huey P. Newton, Servant of the People, he admitted his mistakes and the Boycott of his store was ended. On Tuesday, September 13th, members of the Black community who were beginning to shop at Bill Boyette's store again, because they thought he had returned to the Black community, were dismayed to find that Boyette had betrayed his family once more. Leaflets were being distributed in his store which denounced the Black Panther Party, the People's Survival Programs, and the Servant of the People, Huey P. Newton. The community immediately resumed and continued support of the boycott.

Albert McKee, president of the Fidelis Realty Companies of Oakland, along with other Black Businessmen in the Bay Area have formed an "Ad Hoc Committee to Preserve Black Business". The committee was formed not to defend the Black community, nor to fight the corporate monopolies that victimize and control black businesses as well as the rest of the community, but to preserve Black businesses from the People's control. We find this a sad commentary on the awareness and concern for unity in the community

**BILL BOYETTE AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF BLACK BUSINESSMEN REFUSE TO GIVE A CONTINUOUS NOMINAL AMOUNT TO:**

- ♦ THE ATTICA DEFENSE FUND
- ♦ THE GEORGE JACKSON PEOPLE'S FREE HEALTH CLINIC
- ♦ THE ANGELA DAVIS PEOPLE'S FREE FOOD PROGRAM
- ♦ THE DAVID HILLIARD PEOPLE'S FREE SHOE FACTORY
- ♦ AND ALL OTHER SURVIVAL PROGRAMS

among these Black Businessmen, Bill Boyette, Albert McKee and the rest of those Black Businessmen should have formed an Ad Hoc Committee to preserve the Black Community. Rather than help to build the machinery which could become the liberating force for our oppressed community, they have chosen to be tools of the monopoly

capitalist who would continue to divide and oppress our people. These Black Businessmen need not defend themselves from the Black Panther Party nor the Black Community, for our fight is not with them.

This Ad Hoc Committee has absurdly  
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# BROTHER CHARLES KOEN RELEASED

The Reverend Charles Koen, National Chairman of the Black United Front of Cairo, Illinois, was recently released from his imprisonment in the St. Louis Workhouse. Since Brother Koen's incarceration, he has been on a water fast (surviving only on water), protesting his false imprisonment and that of political prisoners all over the country.

Reverend Koen was imprisoned three months ago when his appeal to higher courts on an old political frame-up charge of assault was denied. The charges of assault stem from an incident in September, 1968, when he was stopped by the racist St. Louis police department for a traffic violation and allegedly "assaulted" a police officer. As usual, with our people, the victim is always treated as the victimizer.

Reverend Koen and a companion, Brother Leon Dent, were stopped by the police after an officer just "happened to notice" their defective brake light. The police then arrested Brother Koen and Brother Dent for this, although ordinarily the average white citizen would have received a citation, if anything at all. Brother Koen was also booked for driving without a license.

At the police station they were both brutally beaten. Of course, the police allege that Brother Dent attacked them and that in the ensuing "efforts to subdue" the two men, eight officers were employed. Brother Koen suffered numerous head lacerations and broken bones in his hands. For this reason he was charged with assault on a police officer. While the governor expressed his disapproval of subsequent disciplinary action taken against the officers involved in the incident, Brother Koen, the victim, was convicted of assault. He was eventually released on an appeal bond pending "consideration" of his case in higher courts. And three months ago, his appeal was formally denied and he went to the St. Louis Workhouse. He was sentenced to six months in jail, without any consideration by the Judge of his probation report (a list of former arrests, convictions, etc.) as is usually done when people are sentenced to serve prison or jail terms.



*Reverend Charles Koen*

Brother Koen began the water fast at St. Louis Workhouse. Due to an excessive amount of dehydration and loss of body fluids, he became too weak to remain there and was transferred to Homer G. Phillips Hospital, where he was chained to the bed.

So when Brother Koen was formally released from his imprisonment, he remained at Homer G. Phillips Hospital, although he is no longer in the prison ward. His health is seriously impaired; his weight has dropped from 170 to 110 pounds. He is having problems with his vision and his hearing. But his faith and his spirit are stronger than ever. Bobby Williams, National Coordinator of the Black United Front, stated that Reverend Koen had been force-fed as stated in the media. His wife had refused to sign papers giving hospital officials the authority to force-feed him. Reverend Koen and his family understood that he might have died, but because

of his deep commitment to the liberation of Blacks and all oppressed people, he continued his fast.

While incarcerated, Brother Koen was visited by many friends and supporters, among them the parents of Comrades George and Jonathan Jackson. Reverend Brother Koen dedicated one week of his fast to Comrade George Jackson. He also said that he hoped the fast would raise the consciousness of the masses of people, so that the murderers of brothers and sisters throughout this oppressive system will not be allowed to continue. He urged greater concern and participation in programs designed to help political prisoners.

Upon hearing that he had been granted a parole Reverend Koen issued the following statement:

STATEMENT BY REV. CHARLES KOEN, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED FRONT UPON HIS NOTIFICATION THAT JUDGE DAVID McMULLAN HAD GRANTED HIM A PAROLE

I am grateful for my release from custody this day. It is my firm belief, that my arrest, conviction and sentence were all unjust. It is still true for my oppressed brothers and sisters still languishing in prison cells and others waiting for court trials. My water fast has continued through today, except for intravenous feeding to maintain minimal life in my body. My body is weak. My physical condition is poor. I will remain hospitalized for a period of time recuperating. My spirit has grown strong. I will recuperate on liquids and juices. I feel closer to universal powers. I will leave here better able to serve my people, the poor and oppressed. When my body is strong enough I will appear before the Judge as requested. Shortly afterwards, I will speak briefly in an open meeting. The work I must do, I will do until racism and exploitation ends. I pray for both the oppressed and those doing the oppressing. I wish to thank Warden Head, John Bass, Director of St. Louis Welfare, Doctors Mitchell, my personal doctor, Lee Blunt and Doctor Fulton, Mr. McKnight, the Hospital administration and all the hospital staff along with the security people, for their assistance and concern and care for me in jail and the hospital. I want to especially thank Judge David McMullan for the divine justice he rendered in paroling me. I want to thank all the thousands of persons who showed their care and concern through prayers, letters, petitions, telegrams and demonstrations. I hope and pray that you will become closer attuned to the universal spirit and continue our work to overcome oppression.

# HOUSTON BRANCH IMPLEMENTS PEOPLE'S FREE PEST CONTROL PROGRAM

A vicious cycle of indecent housing, unhealthy foods, inadequate clothing and medical care, pests and rodents running rampant plague poor and oppressed communities daily. This vicious cycle fostered by capitalist exploitation fathers the American

Empire's highest disease rate which is, of course, in the Black community.

Rats, roaches and fleas that travel from house to house in the community and wretched and inhuman conditions that Black and poor people live

in are responsible for thousands of deaths each year. For instance, rats are carriers of at least eleven different species of intestinal parasites that may be transmitted to man. Tape worms, round worms, trichinosis, and rat bite fever are only a few. The most potent and harmful disease that is transmitted by these monstrous pests is called bubonic plague. Also, fleas belonging to the pulicidae (parasitic) family can transmit bubonic plague from animal to animal and from animal to man. The fleas contract the disease from biting an infected rat.

The most common symptoms of this disease are: a burning sensation in the eyes, swelling of the tongue covered by a white deposit, fevers as high as 102 degrees, vomiting, splitting headaches, delirium, thickness of speech, and a limping gait that conveys the picture of drunkenness.

Another well known pest in the Black Community is the cockroach. Scientific experiments have shown that cockroaches often feed on cholera dejects and corpses of tuberculosis victims. Although the cockroach does not carry disease germs, they are instrumental in spoiling food by nibbling it and dropping excretions on it.

As is natural to this capitalist economy, which feeds on poor people's every misfortune, exterminators who are equipped with the skills and tools to control or eliminate pests charge excessive prices for their work. Thus, the exterminator makes a house free of roaches and rodents a luxury and not a human right. Therefore, the Houston Branch of the Black Panther Party has implemented a People's Free Pest Control Program. The labor, provided by Party members, and the pesticides are absolutely free. To defeat capitalism and re-introduce humanity to society, we will continue to serve the people body and soul.

For further information, call (713) 224-3682

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Houston, Texas Branch  
Black Panther Party



*Comrade from Houston Branch rids house of disease-carrying pests.*



*Decent housing is a human right.*



# ENEMY OF THE SUN

BY GEORGE JACKSON



COMRADE GEORGE JACKSON, FIELD MARSHAL,  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

SEPTEMBER 23, 1941



AUGUST 21, 1971

I may, if you wish - lose my livelihood  
I may sell shirt and bed  
I may work as a stone cutter  
a street sweeper, a porter  
I may clean your stores  
or rummage garbage for food  
I may lie down hungry  
-O enemy of the sun-  
But I shall not compromise  
and to the last pulse in my veins  
I shall resist

You may take the last strip of my land  
feed my youth to prison cells  
you may plunder my heritage  
you may burn my books, my poems  
or feed my flesh to the dogs  
you may spread a web of terror  
on the roofs of my village  
-O enemy of the sun-  
But I shall not compromise  
and to the last pulse in my veins  
I shall resist

You may put out the light in my eyes  
you may deprive me of my mother's kisses  
you may curse my father, my people  
you may distort my history  
you may deprive my children of a smile  
and of life's necessities  
you may fool my friends with a borrowed face  
you may build walls of hatred around me  
you may glue my eyes to humiliations  
-O enemy of the sun-  
But I shall not compromise  
and to the last pulse in my veins - I shall resist

-O enemy of the sun-  
The decorations are raised at the port  
the ejaculations fill the air  
a glow in the hearts  
and in the horizon  
a sail is seen  
challenging the wind  
and the depths  
It is Ulysses  
returning home  
from the sea of loss  
It is the return of the sun  
of my exiled ones  
and her sake is his I swear  
I shall not compromise  
and to the last pulse in my veins  
I shall resist and resist and resist.

Talk about exile  
I defy  
silence my argument with chains  
and a foolish prison cell  
I defy  
Turn plague and sadness against me  
I remain defying  
Cut my wrist  
With my bloody chest I defy  
Cut my leg  
I mount the wound and walk  
and with my violence I defy  
with my forehead I defy  
with my teeth  
and the teeth of songs - I defy  
and kill me - I defy  
I kill death  
and come to you a defying god  
all what I own of my father's and grandfather's  
inheritance is to defy  
and all that I understand from the wind  
the secrets of crazed villages  
and the songs of springs  
an dying grass  
a concealed sob  
the roots of the tree  
memorize it for me  
A sob:  
to defy all the eyes of children  
living within me  
in bloody exile  
All what I live of my absent country  
in name and deed  
-ascream bruising me - to defy!  
My anger drips oil  
and honey  
My pain bears almonds, flauts, and roses  
so jail my piece of bread - I defy.

Do not say farewell  
Tomorrow we shall meet  
Twenty years ago my father told me:  
"A tragedy is a sail".  
Therefore, I didn't sell my boat  
Therefore, do not say good-bye  
Tomorrow we shall meet.

- GEORGE JACKSON

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# "WE MUST LEARN HOW TO FIGHT."

September 21, 1971

Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

I received your letters of condolence and offerings of love; all have been comforting and appreciated. The warmth that people of the world have given me in the past weeks cannot be compensated.

The gentleness expressed in many of these letters was misplaced. I did not mourn the death of my son George L. Jackson.

We have been taught to mourn and weep when our loved ones are slaughtered by this system. It is a technique of misdirection conceived, fashioned and perpetrated by the Fascist-Corporativists for us to expend our hatred and bitterness in tears, rather than in biting the hand that is killing us. My son said, "We must learn HOW to fight."

Learn we must that prison reform is inadequate.

Learn we must that being in the counter-attacking position is weak, our losses too great, and our deaths are mere further symbols of the barbarity of this system and therefore without meaning.

Learn we must that only a complete renovation of the penal systems across this nation will permit those there incarcerated to live with dignity and humanity.

Learn we must that a segment of

this society profits from those incarcerated in penal institutions.

Learn we must that penal institutions across this nation are used to sap the strength and vitality of the movement afoot in this nation to insure dignity and humanity for the oppressed.

Learn we must that AUGUST 21, 1971 -- SAN QUENTIN, and SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 -- ATTICA, were maliciously planned and executed by numerous state and prison officials.

JOIN ME IN THE GEORGE L. JACKSON PRISON MOVEMENT: - not to be confused with the opposite prison "Reform" or "Law Movement" - but the GEORGE L. JACKSON PRISON MOVEMENT, aimed at the protection and liberation of political prisoners and the convict class in general, and also politically motivated to prove to Amerikan Fascism - Corporativism that the concentration camp technique will not restrain our movement.

We must attack now! We must realize that the monster that has taken root and grown into penal institutions is rooted in this society. We cannot use that as an excuse not to wage our war. We cannot rely on Congressmen, Senators, judges, or lawyers whom we know are forced to work within this system to speak and act for the masses of the people! We must do it ourselves because it will be as it's always been--the wrtched of the earth, the dispossessed, burying their dead silently, quietly.

Our first attack will be through the UNITED NATIONS to expose to the non-

believers what is happening to human beings in these state and local prisons. We must follow this Petition with every conceivable approach to bring about the total renovation of penal institutions in this nation.

We will demand that the GEORGE L. JACKSON BRIGADE (San Quentin 27) and all political prisoners confined in "Maximum security" and "Adjustment Centers" throughout this penal system be transferred to a designated Federal Prison, and segregated to an area which is permanently open to an investigating committee, in order to protect these prisoners from the brutality of vengeance-seeking prison guards.

GEORGE L. JACKSON had faith in the people. His body has been murdered, but his ongoing spirit must manifest itself through the GEORGE L. JACKSON PRISON MOVEMENT.  
Yours for Freedom,  
(Mrs.) Georgia Jackson



Mrs. Georgia Jackson

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# "SO, HE HAS SICKLE CELL ANEMIA"

Sickle Cell Anemia is the disease that cripples many Black people in America. People who have the disease are known to suffer extreme pain, sometimes for months during a sickle cell crisis (this occurs when the elongated, sickled, cells clog the vasculature-the blood vessels and veins-causing a lack of oxygen throughout the entire body). This causes disrupted circulation, swelling, hemorrhage and tissue death. Very often doctors have told people they had sickle cell anemia and, being unaware of its seriousness, they give it less thought than a common cold. Since the country has been made aware of the symptoms, tests and detection of the disease, more people have begun to understand its effect upon the entire Black population - it is a killer of Black people.

It is not contagious, it is hereditary. Therefore, though a person does not have the disease means little, there is a possibility that he or she could be a carrier (able to pass on the disease to their children). Ever since the disease was "discovered", it has been clearly understood that it was a disease that originated primarily as the body's own protection from malaria - before black people were carted here from Africa to become slaves.

The interview below emphasizes the lack of understanding and concern for the welfare of Black people. If sickle cell anemia were a disease that affected white people primarily, there would be research, treatments and a cure being developed; the sickle cell test would be mandatory, for children and adults alike, in every hospital, clinic and school in the country. Of course, this is not the case. Mrs. Otistine Jones, of Berkeley, California explains how carelessly she was told that her child, Sonny has the disease. He is eleven years old.

QUESTION: What symptoms of Sickle-Cell Anemia has Sonny shown?



Sonny Jones

MRS. JONES: Sonny's always complaining about his leg hurts or something like that, and I say boy, your leg always hurts, ain't nothing wrong with you. He's complained about being tired and all this time I mistake it for laziness. Children are supposed to be active, you know. You don't often find kids that are this way, slumping around all the time. I really want to be sure now because I don't want to help to kill him if there's something I could prevent happening to him.

I just read something they brought out about guys going into the service--I've just recently read about a few of the guys having Sickle Cell disease (who didn't have the tests before they went into the service) getting extremely tired from going through all that rigorous training. And they just fell out, you know. In high altitude and all that.

QUESTION: Did Sonny have any other symptoms?

MRS. JONES: Do you have headaches?

Because he has headaches all the time. I took him to one doctor who said it had something to do with his sinuses. But we couldn't discover anything he was allergic to or why the sinus problem. And when I took him to get his exam today the doctor said he couldn't find anything wrong with his sinuses, yet Sonny has headaches. Frequent headaches, too many headaches for a child to have, to me.

QUESTION: When did you first find out he had Sickle Cell?

MRS. JONES: It was before he was 6 months old. I remember he was a tiny baby. I remember when I took him to the clinic, a county clinic. I don't know what prompted me to take him to the clinic, but it was something wrong with him, so I took him to the doctor and they ran all these tests on him. They were doing all these blood tests on him and they told me well it seems he has Sickle Cell Anemia. So, he has Sickle Cell Anemia. But they didn't tell me anything.

QUESTION: Did they tell you if it was the trait or the disease itself?

MRS. JONES: They didn't tell me anything. Matter of fact, I've never had a Sickle Cell test done on myself and none of the other kids have had one, but I plan on taking them this Saturday to the George Jackson Clinic and have some tests run on the whole family. Because I don't even understand the carrier and all that jazz, you know. All they ever told me was that he had Sickle Cell Anemia. There was no follow-up involved, no nothing. I don't know if it's inherited from me or from the father's side.

QUESTION: When they found out he had Sickle Cell, did they give you anything for him?

MRS. JONES: No. The only thing was some headache pills for the so-called sinus condition (that this other doctor told me today that he doesn't have). I was just trying to think back, when he was a baby, if they gave me any kind of medicine. I don't think so. I don't think they even gave me any kind of liquid medicine.

QUESTION: Did they tell you he might have any symptoms that would show he had the disease?

MRS. JONES: No, nothing. And so I just go around thinking, well he has Sickle Cell Anemia. As far as I was concerned, some people are anemic and you just don't worry about it, because it was real casual like when the doctor told me. It was just as casual as if I said, "You have a bug in your hair."

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The above photo is of Julius Evans, age 8, who is a positive sickle cell case. He is standing in front of a magnified illustration of red blood cells taken from a patient in a sickle cell crisis. The cells are sickled, stretching away from their normal donut shape.

# FIGHT SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

In Western and Central Africa, where there is a high incidence of Malaria - particularly the most severe type of Malaria, *Plasmodium falciparum*, a natural immunity against this dreaded disease was built up in some of the People. Since the Malaria germ attacks the red blood cells, some Western and Central Africans began to develop an immunity to the germ. The actual shape of the red blood cells in these people began to transform. Instead of being the normally round, donut shape, their blood cells became elongated into a sickle-like shape.

When the Euro-american slave traders invaded the African continent and forcibly removed the people from their homeland to the U.S., the people naturally began to be affected by this new environment. That is, what was once an advantage in their homeland, became a disadvantage in this foreign environment. Those who had the sickled red blood cells, no longer needing them to fight off the Malaria germ, began to suffer terrible consequences of their transportation from one continent to another. For eventually, as these blood cells are transferred from generation to generation (they are hereditary), Black People in the U.S. began to suffer from anemia from these sickled red blood cells. This sickle cell anemia has, then, been peculiar, for these reasons, to Black People.

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# BILL BOYETTE WANTS NO PART OF THE PEOPLE'S SURVIVAL PROGRAMS

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charged that the Black Panther Party is demanding that only money be donated to the People's Community Survival Programs. This is not the case, for the Black Panther Party has always been willing to accept the actual commodities needed to maintain the People's Survival Programs, in lieu of cash or monetary donations. The contradiction has arisen out of the unwillingness of Bill Boyette, Cal-Pac and now this Ad Hoc Committee to donate either money or commodities, on a regular, weekly basis.

They are still attempting to shrewdly divert the issue. The issue is not the people's request for these small, minimal donations regularly, but their continued and persistent refusal to support, through their contributions, the Attica Defense Fund, The George Jackson People's Free Health Clinic, the Angela Davis Free Food Program, The David Hilliard People's Shoe Factory and the rest of our Community Survival Programs. They are aware

that in order for these programs to be maintained and effectively serve the people, such donations are necessary. And they also know that they have only been asked to donate according to their capabilities - a reasonable request. On Friday, September 17th, Albert McKee, representing Bill Boyette and the Ad Hoc Committee, held a press conference at Bill's liquor store pledging continued support to Bill Boyette, but not the People's Survival Programs.

In spite of the refusal of some Black Businesses to donate, there are others who would serve the interests of the people and who are continuing to do so. And, on Saturday, September 18th, the Black Panther Party was able to distribute free women's summer shoes and free food to the people. A Free Food and Free Shoe Rally and press conference was held at the site of Bill's Liquor Store #2. A statement of our continued intent to serve the people and their needs was read by Deputy Minister of Infor-

mation of the Black Panther Party, Elbert Howard.

Bill Boyette glowered from behind his cash register and made malicious statements about the Black Panther Party to the press. He had to make them to the press, for the people were busy trying on their new shoes from the David Hilliard People's Free Shoe Factory and receiving much needed groceries from the Angela Davis People's Free Food Program.

Boyette made the statement that "a leopard can't change his spots..." and "the Black Panther Party is trying to change their image...they were carrying guns and rifles last year... they're just trying to look nice, but we know what they're like." Yes, we are doing the same thing that we did last year and the year before that. The Black Panther Party is continuing to serve the needs and desires of the Black community. The Free Breakfast Program began in November of 1968, and since that time we have built Free Clinics, Free Shoe Factories, Free Food Stores and Free Clothing Programs. We are still determined to defend and serve our community.

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# BUT BILL, WHY DO WE EVEN HAVE TO ASK?



Boyette refuses to donate to the Angela Davis Free Food Program, the David Hilliard Free Shoe Factory, the Attica Defense Fund and the George Jackson Free Clinic, too.

The following is a letter we received from a member of the community in response to Bill Boyette's continued refusal to support the people's community survival programs:

The Black Panther Party boycott against Willie Boyette, owner of Bill's Liquor #1 and #2 in Oakland, has aroused strong, but understandable, reaction from various interested and disinterested segments of the community.

This is a healthy reaction as we've at least achieved some semblance of thought among an otherwise dormant and unconcerned spectator of the poor, the middle class, and of course, the self-labeled Black Bourgeoisie.

Much has been said in this particular action of "extortion", "pocket lining" and too, the Minister of Defense... living in the lap of luxury...at the expense of Party members and those from whom donations for the Survival programs have been solicited. These are camouflage as they tend to be a verbal jousting match of a truly important issue: Hunger.

Does hunger exist in the ghetto? Do kids run rat infested streets without shoes? Without clothes? In need of medical care? If the answer to these are "no", then there is no need for a boycott of what genuinely could

be described as a parasitical, exploitative Boyette, and those like him around the country.

What Boyette, and those others who feed upon the poor must be taught to realize is that the situation is a two way street; simply put, "it takes some to get some". There is an underlying obligation upon those who can, to see that others do not starve, do not walk unshod, nor unclothed. More so, those whose very livelihood is eeked out from welfare checks, unemployment compensation and strike pay should be highly responsive to the fact that Blacks are "their thing" and, without the system per se their businesses are passe.

Bill Boyette, is typical of Black America--a hard working, lucky Black Cat that happened to be in the "right" place at the right time. Lucky--Lucky indeed--for now Bill sees no difference in exploiting those that can afford his product least--for the sake of profit--than do the distributors who supply him his products aimed specifically at the "nigger" market.

The real question, without rhetorical by-play is responsibility. Does Boyette, and other Boyettes have any responsibility to the poor from whom they extract profits?

Perhaps not. If a Black man doesn't understand the plight of a ghetto dweller, to whom do we address the

question. Our common goal, irrespective of motive must be the survival of ourselves. Surely that, within the framework of "Boyette's" understanding, must be economy meaningful.

Bill Boyette cheerfully--as do his counterparts--contribute to the March of Dimes, the United Crusade, and other Tax Deductable Charities (if their tax returns are to be believed) yet, these organizations are at best, racist, very costly, in terms of administrative expense--and have really no real thrust toward the Black poor community.

The Chamber of Commerce for instance, invites Boyette to participate in "a worthy undertaking" and without the hesitation he responds.

The Black Panther Party invites Boyette to participate in a survival matter and it becomes extortion.

Bill, and all the other Bills, we've got to get together. For your sake as well as ours. We need to plan as do you, a method of feeding kids in an orderly fashion like you eat everyday, they'd like to as well; our position is not quantity, in terms of money, but consistency.

Pocket lining? Rip off? Bill you know the answers--it's convenient for you to hide behind untruths, but why should we even have to ask? ♦

# STATEMENT FROM THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

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realize that our lives are in constant danger, and that every time investigators leave the prison ground we are brutalized and put back on a restricted food diet. We feel that our true words are not getting to the people without being diluted and distorted; therefore, this paper is necessary.

There are Black, Brown and White Comrades here that don't belong to any particular political organization. All they ask for is the people's support in our day to day struggle. We realize that people have the habit of not identifying with people that don't adhere to a certain ideology or concept. However, there are men among us from all walks of life and some of us don't read Marx, Lenin, Engels, Mao, etc! As a matter of fact, some of us can't read period! What we are saying is that we need help from anybody...It is time for the people to come together in spite of our political beliefs.

Petty politics is just another form of division that has kept us from working together.

Also, we have formed the habit of counter - attacks instead of attacks. Meaning that we wait until one or more of our comrades have been murdered before someone decides to react out of emotional impulse, which results in the capture or death of more comrades. We cannot continue to swap lives with the pigs, that is not winning. Comrade George said that "we must learn how to fight". Anybody can die; dying is easy, living is the most difficult part, living and being respected as men and equal among all men. We do not mourn or weep for our beloved Comrade. He - the dragon - has instilled in our hearts and minds the courage and knowledge to carry on his ideals, in his dynamic spirit. He has made the ultimate sacrifice and his Black blood is the nourishment that gives us (the baby dragons) the strength to struggle against the overwhelming

odds of repression. We shall avenge him, for we are the ones who knew and loved him most. We shared his joy and sorrow, his pain and pleasure. We are a part of him and he a part of us.

There are many who came to know George within the last year or so. All seem to show a lot of concern for him, but where were these so-called revolutionaries when he needed them. We have failed him just as we have failed Malcolm X and other brothers who have placed their lives on the front line of struggle.

We have reached the point where the people must understand that we're not dealing with creeping fascism, but fascism proceeding in leaps and bounds. Fascism allows no positive mobilization of the masses without the bitterness of resistance, and we (S.Q. 27) will resist until the bitter end!

GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE PAROLE OF BROTHER DAVID HILLIARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA PRISON SYSTEM OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND WITH A RETRIAL JURY OF HIS PEER-GROUP.**



WE THE PEOPLE, RESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, IN THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTIONARY INTERCOMMUNALISM, DO HEREBY REDRESS OUR GRIEVANCE AND PETITION THE COURTS OF AMERICA AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT AND PAROLE BOARD: THAT DAVID HILLIARD BE RELEASED FROM HIS PRISON INCARCERATION IN THE CALIFORNIA PENAL SYSTEM TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES ON PAROLE OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND.

BROTHER DAVID HILLIARD, POLITICAL PRISONER AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, WAS IN FACT WRONGFULLY CONVICTED ON FALSE CHARGES BY A PREDOMINATELY WHITE RACIST JURY, AS ALL MEMBERS OF THE OAKLAND BLACK COMMUNITY WERE SYSTEMATICALLY ELIMINATED FROM THE JURY SELECTION PROCESS IN HIS TRIAL.

IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTS, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREFORE PETITION THAT DAVID HILLIARD BE GRANTED HIS HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, THAT IS, PAROLE FROM PRISON OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND BY THE AMERICAN COURTS PENDING APPEAL OF HIS CASE BEFORE HIGHER COURTS, AND THAT HIS RETRIAL JURY BE OF HIS PEERS, A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF A CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

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Captain Rigby told him to suit up and prepare to go out on a mission with his company to engage in combat. Billy refused to go, returning to his card game in the foxhole in which he was located.

On March 15, 1971, when a fragmentation grenade exploded in the officers' barracks at Bien Hoa, Vietnam, killing two lieutenants and wounding a third, the first person that came to Captain Rigby's mind was Billy Dean Smith, the "incorrigible", unwilling member of his company. Here was "Charley" Company's opportunity, the military's and the State's opportunity to be rid of one more dissident, one more Black man who was refusing to play their dual role of victim and oppressor, for Billy Smith was neither the Army's "boy" nor the Vietnamese's enemy.

So without a shred of evidence, without a single accusation or witness, Billy Smith was singled out to be persecuted for his political beliefs and his refusal to compromise his manhood or his humanity. Battalion formation was called and Billy Smith was pulled from the line, accused of murder and placed in the stockade at Bien Hoa to await a general court martial, a military-style railroad.

They charged Billy Smith with murder, attempted murder, and assault. The term "fragging" pertains to the use of a fragmentation grenade, which upon breaking huris shrapnel and other bits of metal into the air. The brother is charged with murdering, by "fragging", two lieutenants; attempted murder of his C.O. (Commanding Officer), a captain and a first sergeant; and two counts of assault on two M.P.'s. The so-called evidence to prove that he threw the grenade is one grenade pin, supposedly found in his jacket pocket. It continues to be evidence, even though it was sent to a laboratory to be compared with the grenade handle found near the incident, and was found to be completely different.

Presently, Billy is going through

pre-court martial proceedings at Fort Ord (California). His "jury" will be composed of military career men, men who have committed themselves to 20 and 30 year terms of duty in the Army. They will be arbitrarily selected from the racist Majors, Lt. Colonels and Colonels on the Fort Ord base. The judge and jury are all hand-picked by the office of the Staff Advocate Judge who is the personal friend and attorney of the base commander.

Billy is in solitary confinement and comes into contact with no one on the base other than the military police assigned to guard him. His fellow G.I.'s are not allowed to come to his court proceedings nor are they allowed to visit him. Yet, Lt. Calley, who pled guilty and admitted to the murder of 102 men, women and children, was kept in the Fort Benning (Georgia) Stockade for less than one day, and then moved to luxurious housing at the order of Richard Nixon.

Considering the racism inherent in the civil court, one can be assured that the military courts and their brand of "justice" are even worse. The judge and jury have been specifically selected because they have best internalized the racist ideals and goals of the U.S. Military and they have the best understanding of the American Empire's hypocritical values and double-standards. They are the men who tried Lt. Calley. They are Calley's peers and Nixon's peers; but not Billy Smith's peers.

It must be understood that the United States Army intends to kill Billy Smith. They are asking for the death penalty. The State and its Military-Industrial war lords have decided that Billy has no right to live. To them, Billy Smith is a criminal because he committed the cardinal sins of thinking and realizing the absurdities, the inhumanity of the Vietnamese war, and so refused to kill anyone.

With their racist, hand-picked jury of known murderers and war criminals, with their dual standards of justice-- Calley is white and killed "gooks", Billy Smith is Black and is accused of killing white American officers -- it

would be very easy for them to kill Billy.

In every arena of oppressed peoples' struggle for liberation, the ruling circle answers the people's pleas for change, understanding and redress of grievances with intensified repression, brutality and murder. Those who control the Empire seem intent on stopping the progress of the people through examples of repression calculated to terrorize every man, woman and child on earth who desires change.

The mass murder of the Vietnamese people (male and female, young and old, combatant and noncombatant) is calculated to make the poor and oppressed people of the world - SUBMIT. The shootings at Kent State, Jackson State campuses and the planned conspiracy against Comrade Angela Davis are designed to make the people on the campuses - SUBMIT. The murder of George Jackson, Field Marshal of the Black Panther Party, at San Quentin, the wholesale slaughter at Attica,



Billy Dean Smith

the railroading of Ruchell Magee and the planned execution of Romaine "Chip" Fitzgerald are designed to make the inmates - SUBMIT. The frame-ups and railroading of community leaders like David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party are designed to make the people of the Black community - SUBMIT.

This same logic is contained in the pre-planned murder of Billy Smith. This murder, they hope, will stem the tide of rising resistance in the military forces. The regime of this empire, led by Richard Nixon, Agnew, Rockefeller, Reagan and others, thinks that since all of the progressive people of the world cannot be eliminated, that the next best solution is public executions on an unprecedented scale.

Those who would kill Billy Smith, would kill anyone who values justice, freedom and the struggle for the liberation of oppressed people everywhere. That is why we must help Billy Smith, if we are to survive, to defeat this reactionary Empire and build a new world.

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