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Brother Ru



The state's basic position on Brother Ru is that he is a convicted felon too stupid to contribute to or conduct his own defense. Prosecutor Albert Harris finds every opportunity to make this position clear to anyone who will listen to him but his audience is growing smaller and smaller. Even straight press people, who have now seen and heard Ruchell in action in the courtroom, have observed the contradiction between Harris' professed beliefs and his reactions to the brother in court.

Magee never fails to correct the state's prosecutor's ailing memory when he mis-cites cases, case numbers, decisions, and other facts. Since Harris has a particularly hazy recollection of the developments in Ruchell's attempt to get his case removed to federal court, the brother has constantly to educate Harris about the particulars of the matter. This flusters the Prosecutor, throws off his timing; Harris gets red in the face, stutters, and finally bursts out angrily that Magee is too stupid to conduct his defense and should be silenced. In short, Harris acts like a man with something to hide.

California appeals courts have given Brother Ru the same short-tempered treatment. Recently, Judge Conti of the Ninth District Federal Court sent down a ruling prohibiting Magee from filing more petitions in federal court without the approval of a state court judge. Conti claimed that Magee has flooded appeals courts with documents and called the brother's petitions "frivolous". By this extraordinary action Magee has been denied his right to petition for redress of grievances -- denied access to the law.

When Judge Allan Linsay was disqualified by Brother Ru on a peremptory challenge three weeks ago, the ill-tempered magistrate delivered a 20-minute attack on Magee as a hopelessly incompetent convict who had prejudiced his own case by fighting to defend himself and was himself responsible for the brutal treatment given him by San Quentin authorities because the brother is "disruptive". These judges, too, act as if they have something to hide.

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A SPECIAL LETTER TO ALL LOCAL COMMITTEES ON THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG RANGE PERSPECTIVES ON THE FIGHT FOR BAIL FOR ANGELA DAVIS

Those of us on the National Staff of the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, by reviewing the work of the last few months of activity around the country have arrived at an understanding that each committee and area views the national office--to one degree or another-- as the center for initiative. That initiative must be in the form of concrete leadership.

The fight for bail is at this point the broadest aspect of our campaign to free Angela Davis. But, we have not previously provided the frame-work within which militant mass action could take place.

Since superior court judge Richard Arnason refused to grant Angela Davis bail at the June 15th hearing at the Marin county courthouse, the National Staff of the National United Committee, through long discussions have arrived at the following perspective.

We are now required to shift gears. Our goal must now be to use a brand new thrust around bail as a means to convince more and more people of the need to fight for her freedom--the actual dismissing of the indictment. Therefore, we are issuing a new bail petition. This petition is intended to reflect the injustice of Arnason's decision, and demands to know why "it is against the law for Angela Davis to be granted bail" while Lt. Calley walks around in virtual freedom after being convicted of murdering twenty-two Vietnamese civilians.

Unlike the previous petition, this new demand for bail rejects the assumption that the courts are an omnipotent category, immunized against mass organized political pressure--except as addressed directly to the court or court clerk. This new petition drive must have a goal--a beginning and an end.

Our projection is for this campaign to begin now and conclude at the end of the summer with a massive national demonstration. The exact date and character of the action must wait for consultation with committees around the country. But whatever date and character of action decided on, this new drive must culminate with tens of thousands in the streets in this country and massive support demonstrations internationally.

The fight to save Angela from legal lynching by the state of California has entered a new stage. Anyone who thinks that we can obtain her freedom by merely addressing ourselves to

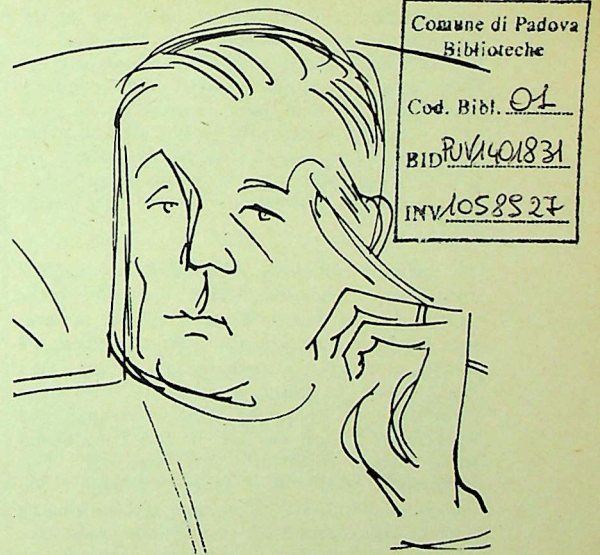
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Bail Denied - This Time

San Rafael, California

On June 15, 1971, Judge Richard Arnason denied bail to Angela Davis. He did this in spite of the international support Angela has received for her fight to be released on bail pending trial. The defense attorneys brought into the courtroom hundreds of petitions bearing the names of more than 36,000 people who believe that Angela should be granted bail. Hundreds of petitions are yet to be bound, and thousands more are still in circulation throughout the country. There have been hundreds of support statements from labor, social, professional and educational organizations across the United States and throughout the world which demand bail for Angela. Despite this overwhelming show of solidarity and concern, Arnason denied bail on what he termed "purely legal grounds."

It had taken Angela and her attorneys months to get a hearing on the bail motion. Finally the Court temporarily set aside the regular court calendar and decided to proceed in special session on a petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus. This petition is used when there is no other recourse to legal remedies. Angela's attorneys could not file the petition for the habeas corpus writ until June 2 because at that time Judge Arnason was waiting for a determination as to whether the state courts or the federal courts had jurisdiction over the case.



WHAT IS THE BAIL LAW?

When Judge Arnason denied the petition for the Writ of Habeas Corpus to Angela he stated that he felt she did not legally qualify for bail. This myth that bail for Angela is not possible has been spread far and wide by the mass media. The law in fact does not contain any phrase that explicitly states that defendants accused of capital crimes cannot be admitted

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The object of such heavy-handed secrecy is the conspiracy which Ruchell continually threatened to expose, the conspiracy to silence and enslave "dissident" convicts. Brother Ru is the target of the cover-up effort because he has played a principal role in the exposure of the conspiracy. In February, 1970, San Quentin because he has played a principal role in the exposure of the conspiracy. In February, 1970, San Quentin guards murdered inmate Fred Billingslea in his cell; Magee, knowing that the pigs would conceal the crime if possible, procured a list of Billingslea's family shortly before all files on the murdered brother were removed. After making certain that Billingslea's next of kin was informed about the crime, Magee filed a "wrongful death" suit against the California Penal System - the first time in the state's history that an inmate had filed such a suit. Magee has also worked hard to expose slave labor in the prisons, a system by which convicts are forced to produce millions of dollars' worth of food products, furniture and license plates for wages as low as 2 cents an hour. In addition, Magee has filed dozens of criminal complaints against brutal, viciously racist San Quentin guards and administrators, and filed complaints about the lack of medical treatment and contaminated food.

Well-known in San Quentin as a writ-writer who has aided many of his brothers in their legal struggles, Magee has done a good job of exposing the courts' violations of constitutional rights in his own case. "Very succinctly put", as Ru has written, "the judicial system is fighting Magee's right to represent himself, because for many years they have been allowed the privilege of sweeping all unwanted and unexposed dirt under the legal carpet by the ploy of using a "broom Barrister" (court-appointed lawyer). Magee knows of this ploy by his direct experiences in the past 15 years, and the related experience of others. This judicial system knows it's a pig sty that only breeds other pigs through the use of verbal trickery and other clandestine techniques to keep the masses of the people ignorant of the law.

At present Magee is pursuing the removal of his case to a federal court, where his previous and fraudulent kidnapping conviction could be retried. For the state, the removal of Brother Ru's case would be disastrous; as Prosecutor Harris has pointed out, a victory for Magee on this issue would set a legal precedent, automatically giving all California prisoners (most of whom are Black or Chicano) grounds for an automatic appeal of their cases. It is obvious what the state has to hide.

The state's selective repression of Ruchell continues. Recently, the straight press reported that Larry West, a fellow inmate, was Magee's "legal brain"; West replied, "I have a pretty fair knowledge of the law, but I don't know as much as Magee." Two days after the press "exposed", West was transferred to Folsom Prison. He had in fact been doing some legal research with Ruchell. The following day in court Brother Ru commented sourly, "You can't tell me there's not a conspiracy."

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the courts and hoping for a fair trial is sadly mistaken.

We must never reject the participation and involvement of those whose activities are restricted to a fair trial or bail pending trial. Moreover we must continue to utilize the courtroom as a forum of struggle with the prime ingredient a powerful legal defense.

But we must go beyond the court to receive justice. Activity "in the streets" must be our new thrust. "Justice in the Street" must be our battle cry. The people must show their outrage at this unconstitutional denial of bail.

Our every activity must be geared to turning resolutions from trade-unions and Black Caucuses into committed organized actions. Sentiment must be turned into work-stoppages. Letters to the editor must be transformed into sore, marching feet.

Reagan, Hoover, and Nixon must understand that the people--the people in the mass--organized and determined in a thousand different ways, will not stand immobile while they try to murder Angela Davis.

So that it is clear, we must rely on every method of struggle proven successful by the Black Liberation and the working class movement to free Angela Davis--that includes the court, work-stoppages, massive demonstrations, sit-ins and walkouts.

It should be noted that the old petition drive gave evidence of the extremely broad nature of support for Angela's being release on bail. It is obvious that the number of signatures actually gotten (all of them have not yet been returned to the National Office) did not reflect the potential or the needs.

We are launching this campaign with more of a perspective. We are launching it with the addition of educational materials. Consultation with each committee around the country should--if we want to free Angela--bring forth a national commitment of one million signatures in the country.

The people must show their outrage at this unconstitutional denial of bail. So that it is clear, we must rely on every method of struggle proven successful by the movements of Black Liberation and the working class to free Angela Davis; the court, the workstoppage, massive demonstrations, sit-ins, and walk-outs.

The struggle to Free All Political Prisoners has begun. We must win.

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SWEETBACK!!

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to bail. The California penal code (section 1270) states "In all cases, the accused shall be bailable except in capital cases, in those narrow rare instances where the guilt of the accused is evident or the presumption thereof is great." The California constitution emphasizes, with respect to penal code 1270, that the denial of bail is the exception rather than the rule, and even in capital cases bail is to be granted unless the prosecution can show that the accused's guilt is evident or that the presumption thereof is great.

Howard Moore, Angela's chief counsel, pointed out in court that the grand jury requires little evidence to bring in an indictment. However, according to the law, the judge must have a substantial body of evidence that points toward the defendant's guilt in order to deny bail. The only evidence involved in the case so far is the grand jury testimony. It is crucial to understand that the grand jury is a closed proceeding with no chance for the accused to present a defense. So, all of the evidence used to apply the penal code to deny bail is from this closed grand jury proceeding.

When the judge denied bail he implied that the grand jury evidence is sufficient to convict Angela of a capital crime. We know from the grand jury testimony already revealed that the evidence for this indictment was extremely flimsy. Much of this evidence may be found inadmissible when the defense finally is allowed to present its case. The most important thing to note about bail in all cases is that the law is written so the decision on bail is left entirely up to the judge. In this case the decision was an example of unmasked repression since it was Arnason's legal obligation, according to the penal code, to grant bail.

In making this decision Judge Arnason ignored the arguments made by the defense lawyers concerning the ability to prepare an adequate defense while the defendant is in jail. Howard Moore argued that because of the pretrial publicity and the atmosphere in the case a fair trial is impossible. The pretrial detention of a defendant helps to create a public image of her guilt and this creates more problems in selecting a fair and impartial jury. It is important in the preparation of a defense for the accused to be allowed to confront witnesses and make investigations of evidence. This is impossible for Angela if she is held in custody.

The Judge also ignored the fact that, according to the constitution, pretrial detention should never be used to punish a defendant. The recent acquittal of the New York 21 and the dismissal of charges against Bobby and Erika, all of whom spent up to two years behind bars, show that pretrial detention is used as a weapon against political prisoners, and it is clear it is also being used to punish Angela.

Another device used by a judge to make the decision on whether or not to grant bail is the report made by the probation department about the accused. Judge Arnason requested an extensive probation report on Angela. The report was written by James B. Soetert, Chief deputy probation officer of Marin County. This officer is an official of the county and closely associated with the judicial structure. Soetert felt that Angela should be released on bail. Part of the probation report reads: "From my investigation of this case, I feel that Miss Davis, if released on bail will not flee the jurisdiction of the court. Her alleged flight following the August 7, 1971 incident would not in my estimation preclude her from being released on bail. Miss Davis at one time estimation preclude her from being released on bail... Miss Davis at one time made public statements to the effect that she could not receive a fair trial. However, she now feels that due to the public support and concern which her case has attracted, the opportunity now exists for some measure of fair judicial treatment. She cites the recent trial of Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins as an example of this possibility." The report concludes, "If the Court finds Miss Davis eligible for bail under section 1270 of the penal code, I would recommend she be released on bail in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars." Ignoring this report that he had requested Judge Arnason denied bail. It must be pointed out that judges rarely override the recommendations of the probation department.

In the face of the lack of evidence, the spirit of the law, and the probation report Judge Arnason refused to grant bail for what he called "purely legal grounds." When asked what the legal grounds were he had no answer. There are no legal grounds for denial of bail in this case, only political grounds. Judge Arnason ruled to deny bail in order to keep a militant Black communist off the streets and for no other reason.....

The petition for the Writ of Habeas Corpus is being appealed and can be appealed up to the Supreme Court. The motion for bail can be brought up again as part of the regular proceedings, so we must continue our fight for bail for Angela.

SIGN THE BAIL PETITION NOW!!!

Brother Hilliard

For the past two years, at a time when many other leaders of the Black Panther Party were either incarcerated, murdered, or in forced exile, David Hilliard has been serving as chief of staff of the party. Since that time Bro. Hilliard has been confronted with such trumped up charges as obstructing a police officer in the performance of his duty (June 27, 1968). After the not guilty verdict in that case Judge Martin N. Pulich stated that the arrest had been made "on the most minimal conduct that you could possibly conceive of to charge interference with an officer."

A year later Hilliard was convicted of unlawful possession of a loaded gun. That case was appealed.

Last month Hilliard was again brought before the courts and charged with threatening the life of Richard Nixon at a November 1969 peace rally. These charges were dropped when the government refused to disclose the information it had obtained about him in illegal wiretaps. But the pigs were determined to keep Hilliard off the streets wasting his energies battling racist judges and the Amerikan judicial system.

On August 6, 1968 the Oakland police force invaded the Black community and initiated a gun battle with members of the Black Panther Party. Seventeen year old Bobby Hutton, a member of the party, was brutally slain during the shoot out. This incident proved to be an excellent opportunity for the pigs to seize another political leader. Subsequently, Hilliard was arrested and charged with two counts of assaulting a police officer and two counts of attempted murder.

The total ridiculousness of this case even coming to trial was made evident in many ways, but there are two specific points which elevate the absurdity of the situation.

First of all, in a court of law, a defendant is to be tried by a jury of his or her peers. Not one member of the jury in Hilliard's case was Black. The average age of the jurors ranged from forty to fifty years. Approximately forty per cent of the jurors admitted to family or other kinds of relationships with members of the police department. Obviously Hilliard was not tried by his peers.

The second point, to add to this madness, concerns the charges of assault with a deadly weapon and attempted murder. Such a charge usually signifies that there is a weapon of some kind involved and that the referred to weapon was used to assault someone. District Attorney Frank Vukota failed to present any such weapon to the court during the trial and members of the police department, who served as his witnesses, admitted that "no bullets or guns were found in the house and none in the driveway or backyard" where Brother Hilliard was overtaken by the Oakland police. Not one of these witnesses could, in fact, testify to even seeing David during the shoot out. It is perfectly clear that the state had no cause to even try this case, not to mention bring in a conviction.

Nevertheless, on Saturday, June 12, 1971, David Hilliard was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon at the Alameda County Courthouse. David was found innocent of the two counts of attempted murder. The fact that David had no weapon and that Vukota could not and did not produce a weapon was evidently meaningless to the jury. To keep the exposure of their issuance of "justice" to a minimum, the only persons in support of David allowed in the courtroom on the day of conviction were his wife Pat and his attorney Vincent Hallinan. Not only was Brother

Hilliard convicted of a trumped up charge but he was thrown in jail without bail for three weeks while awaiting his sentence on that conviction.

On July 2, 1971 at 9:15 a.m. in department 6 of the Alameda County Courthouse in Oakland, David will appear in court for sentencing. At this time a motion for appeal will be heard. David's conviction is a press release by the oppressor to all Black and oppressed people to inform them that facts do not necessarily count in court if you happen to fall into one or both of these categories. It is also a challenge that shows us that the only way David, Angela, Ruchell, the Soledad Brothers, and all other political prisoners will receive justice in Amerika is through the efforts and determined will of the people. It is a challenge that will be met. Only the power and united action of the people will bring freedom to Amerika's political prisoners.

BE IN COURT ON JULY 2, 1971!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!



Soledad 3

The Soledad Brothers are on trial for the alleged murder of a white prison guard. Although it was known throughout the prison that the three men were innocent of the guard's death, they were selected by prison authorities and charged with the crime because of their growing political awareness of the forces which got them into prison and has kept them there for several years. They had individually been organizing within the prison.

This is a case which, in the space of about a year and a half, has revealed an unprecedented amount of intimidation, harassment, and judicial hypocrisy. The Soledad Brothers have been prevented at every turn from building a proper defense. They have been forced to run an obstacle course that has included witness harassment, withholding of vital evidence, prejudiced and inaccurate media coverage, beatings, court appearances in shackle

appearances in shackles and chains, three openly hostile judges, and isolation from visitors and the rest of the inmate population. The Soledad Brothers must once again sit in a racist and unjust courtroom, a courtroom which has had three judges who, rather than face the defendants' filed charges of prejudice, withdrew from the case.

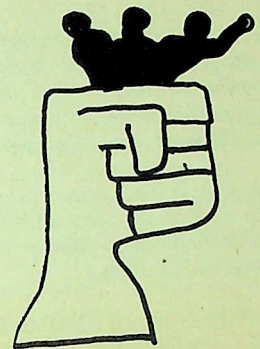
Now the brothers may have to sit in a courtroom behind a bullet-proof shield, a shield which divides the people from the court proceedings. For the first time the State has given physical expression to what has been a reality since this country's existence—the separation between those who administer so-called justice and those who are its victims. By erecting this monstrous device it is clear that the court system not only fears the people, but is attempting to further create an atmosphere of intimidation and hysteria.

In the last two hearings (the judge will only hear the case on Fridays) the defense has tried to proceed under the heel of a dictator in the form of Judge Carpenetti. He enters the courtroom with threats of punishment to all those who show support for the Brothers. He has called one of the defense attorneys a liar, although when challenged he refused to give

the basis for the accusation. He continually states for the record that the prosecution has nothing more in mind but the search for truth, honesty and justice. He does not even observe the courtesy of allowing the attorneys to finish their motions before ruling. In the last two hearings, not a single one of the more than twenty defense motions was ruled in favor of the Brothers.

The trial date is set for August 9th in Department 21, Hall of Justice, San Francisco. This date places yet another serious obstacle for the Brothers. The Judge, while granting only Fridays to complete the defense pre-trial motions, has told the court that he will be on vacation the entire month of July. The case shows very clearly that justice for oppressed people does not reside in the courtrooms of this country, but in the hearts, minds, and most importantly the actions of the people. DEMAND A FAIR TRIAL. SAVE THE SOLEDAD BROTHERS FROM LEGAL LYNCHING.

Political Prisoners Solidarity Committee



Soledad 7

The political frame-up constructed by the Salinas County District Attorney and his co-conspirator Soledad prison officials fell apart in court, leaving them with no other alternative but to drop the fallacious charges against the remaining three of the Soledad '7', Jessie Lee Phillips, James Wagner, and Roosevelt Williams. By the admission of the prosecution's own witnesses, inmates from Soledad prison, the brutal terrorist intimidation of them by prison officials in order to construct evidence against the Soledad '7' was exposed.

Tactics of overt intimidation and out-right coercion are the "modus operandi", under the guise of rehabilitational programs, throughout the nation's prisons. Moreover, this kind of treatment is used in crushing any form of political dissent within the prisons.

Soledad prison has become notorious as an institution precisely calculated to rid the California Department of Corrections of any of its so-called troublemakers. The same basic tactic of brutal interrogation, intimidation and bribery of prison inmates to construct a case against the Soledad '7' is in fact how the charge against the "Soledad Brothers" (George Jackson, John Cluchette, Fleeta Drumgo) were constructed.

It has been proven specifically with the Soledad '7' that only the people through an unyielding effort to force justice out of an unjust judicial system can expose the fraudulent cases prepared against political prisoners. And only the people can stop the judicial railroading of prison inmates through the courts and on to the gas chamber. Your support is needed in the struggle to free all political prisoners and to free ourselves.

Free All Political Prisoners.

Los Siete

The Los Siete Defense Fund Committee is a committee set up for the purpose of raising money for the legal costs of defending the six Latino brothers known as "Los Siete de La Raza".

Immediately following their acquittal of murder charges on Nov. 7, 1970, charges of armed robbery and grand auto theft were filed against Los Siete by San Mateo County. We call this particular stage of the case "the San Mateo Railroad".

If the brothers were found guilty of these charges in San Mateo they would be sentenced under California's infamous "indeterminate sentence". It is under this sentence that George Jackson (Soledad Brothers) and Ruchell Magee (Angela Davis' co-defendant) have been kept in jail for over ten years.

Knowing the racism, hatred and contempt felt for "Los Siete" and all Third World people, and faced with the reality of spending the rest of their lives in U.S. concentration camps (prisons) the brothers made the decision to go underground.

When the brothers went underground nearly \$30,000 in bailbond fees were forfeited. When bail was first set, families and friends of Los Siete put their homes up as collateral on the bonds. They are now faced with losing

these homes. It is our current priority to raise the money needed for the bail bondsman. In one and a half months court action will be taken against the families.

The organization of Los Siete de la Raza and the Los Siete Defense Fund Committee fully supports the brothers' decision to go underground and is asking everyone who has supported the movement in the past, and who support La Raza's efforts toward self determination to give what he/she can. The address is P.O. Box 40159, San Francisco, Ca. 94140.

Free All Political Prisoners

Case History

In the eight months since Angela Davis' capture, last Oct. 13, the media have passed on enough misinformation about the case of sister Angela and brother Ruchell to thoroughly confuse most people. We want to try and clear up some of the confusion by setting the record straight with a brief survey of the legal proceedings to date.

Angela was first arrested by the FBI on Oct. 13, 1970 on a fugitive warrant in New York City, but then immediately bound over to the New York state courts for further prosecution. On Oct. 15 she was charged with murder and kidnapping on an affidavit hastily drawn up by California authorities; she was returned to the Women's House of Detention in NYC following her arraignment with no bail set. Angela's attorneys, John Abt and Margaret Burnham, were notified on Oct. 23 that her extradition hearing would be held in three hours. Having refused extradition, the defense filed a Habeas Corpus petition on Nov. 5, demanding Angela's freedom on the grounds that the affidavit was not supported by competent evidence and that Constitutional statutes had been violated. The petition was denied and then appealed all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court, with Angela's attorneys being railroaded through a series of hearings, sometimes with only 20 minutes notice. On Dec. 23 at 2:00 a.m. Angela was tricked into leaving her cell, beaten by guards and rushed away from the prison at 3:05 a.m. amidst a swirling blizzard. A California Air National Guard transport

carried Angela to a Marin County military airport; during the flight a platoon of National Guard troops "guarded" the sister with rifles at the ready. Angela was chained to a bulkhead.

On Jan. 5, Prof. Davis was arraigned on a new indictment rammed through the Marin County Grand Jury by California Assistant Attorney General Albert Harris. Charged at the arraignment with murder, kidnapping, and conspiracy to commit both, Angela said, "I now declare before the court, before the people of this country, that I am innocent of all charges... I stand before this court as a target of a political frameup which far from pointing to my culpability implicates the State of California as an agent of political repression." On that day Angela got her first look at co-defendant Ruchell Magee, who was already engaged in a struggle to act as his own counsel and have his case removed to Federal court on grounds that the state courts had already shown him irrevocable prejudice. The media portrayed Magee as an illiterate 31 year old convict of sub-normal intelligence, a disruptive troublemaker with two prior felony convictions. But careful research done by Angela's legal staff and by NUCFAD had shown that Magee's was a powerful Black voice inside San Quentin, that he had earned a reputation as a brilliant jailhouse lawyer, and that both convictions were racist frame-ups. The indictment was clearly a conspiracy aimed at two Black political prisoners.



they have dealt with brother Ru's petitions. Although Prosecutor Harris has insisted that the state is ready to proceed neither of the defendants has been given a chance to see any of the evidence in Harris' possession; this has undeniably prevented both defendants from preparing an adequate case, and is without legal excuse or precedent.

On June 15, in a separate proceeding, Judge Arnason denied Angela's petition for release on a writ of habeas corpus; had the writ been granted, the sister would have been released on bail on the grounds of the lack of sufficient evidence and the cruel and inhuman punishment of her detention. Ruchell had filed substantially the same petition three weeks' previous on Angela's behalf, and it too was denied.

Where are we now, and what's next in the legal fight? The appeal of Judge Arnason's denial of the habeas corpus petition has already been filed, and that appeal will be pursued to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. But, since the bail argument was heard in the habeas corpus proceeding (a separate proceeding, in effect a different case), the bail motion will again be heard in the near future as one of the regular pre-trial motions. Therefore, the bail fight is still our priority. And, Angela will soon be making her own argument on a motion requesting her appointment as co-counsel in the case. For brother Ru, it's going to be a long and continuing fight, first to be allowed to represent himself, and then to get his case removed to a federal court; however, his previous removal petitions have all been remanded to the state courts—in any case, both defendants are totally opposed to severance and separate trials. If people allow the state to pursue its conspiracy and all pre-trial motions are denied, we'll be fighting two final battles before the trial can begin: first, a trial site outside of Marin County must be found (since the Marin judiciary has disqualified itself through its relationship to Judge Haley), a site with a large and sympathetic Black population; second, the difficult and lengthy problem of jury selection itself must be faced.

Angela Davis is beginning her seventh month of solitary confinement in the Marin County jail, while Ruchell Magee has been behind bars continuously for 15 years. If people awake to their responsibility to these political prisoners, we will create a national, united movement powerful enough to free these and all political prisoners. But if it remains a purely legal struggle, this brother and sister may spend the rest of their lives behind bars.

COME TO THE HEARINGS. SEE HOW THE WHEELS OF "JUSTICE" TURN. A CAR POOL LEAVES FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE EVERY MORNING COURT IS IN SESSION. CALL 563-2505.

Angela's legal defense team—Howard Moore, Margaret Burnham, Sheldon Otis, Mike Tigar, Dennis Roberts, and Al Brotsky—rapidly prepared eight pre-trial motions, most of which demanded a dismissal of the indictment on various grounds such as lack of evidence, adverse pre-trial publicity, and the illegal constitution of the indicting Grand Jury. Other motions demanded bail and a move to a larger courtroom. Of these eight pre-trial motions, only one has been argued and decided; on March 9, 1971, Marin Superior Court Judge Wilson (who had earlier disqualified himself because he knew the murdered Judge Haley) denied our motion for removal to a larger court-room.

Why has only one of eight pre-trial motions been argued in the past five months? The principal cause for the delay has been that the California Judicial Council has sent us a procession of racist judges who Ruchell and Angela have had to fight tooth and nail. Of the six judges who have paraded their prejudices before us, four eventually disqualified themselves, one was disqualified (by brother Ru) against his will, and the present judge, Arnason, is trying to decide whether or not he has jurisdiction in the light of Magee's petition for removal to a Federal court. Magee has had to spend a great deal of time in fighting the imposition of court-appointed lawyers he has not wanted, and on appealing denials of his removal petitions; to compound the delay the California appeal courts have been criminally negligent in the slow and sloppy way that



"IT IS THIS SYSTEM THAT SHOULD BE DISQUALIFIED FOR CAUSE." — Howard Moore

Labor Support

Although sister Angela is identified in the popular mind with the intellectual achievement of a professional scholar, some of her greatest support to date has originated in trade unions and within labor's rank and file. Since some people have questioned the stake of organized labor in the defense of Prof. Davis, we want to survey the breadth and depth of this source of support to clarify the motives of the working men and women who have spoken out in Angela's defense.

The clearest statement of labor support we have received comes from Local 10, a San Francisco local of the ILWU. In April of this year, Local 10 passed a resolution in support of Miss Davis which reads, in part, as follows:

"The Angela Davis case has become a national and international cause of all progressive thinking people. We recognize that she is being prosecuted on false and framed-up charges in order to prevent her from working with the people. We recognize the fact that she represents the true desires and aspirations of the people.

"We of the ILWU Local 10, Black, third world and white, are also concerned with the sinister campaign to railroad Angela Davis to the gas chamber.

"We know from California history that anti-radical hysteria and frame-up are anti-labor weapons.

"We know that Tom Mooney, a militant labor organizer, was kept behind bars for thirty-two years before a California governor officially acknowledged that the bombing charges against him were framed. We know that Harry Bridges was prosecuted for twenty years because he was an effective and militant union leader.

"The anti-labor offensive is under way once more. The Nixon and Regan Administrations are pushing anti-labor laws. The railroad workers' strike was broken by government intervention. Open shop drives are underway, such as in the Independent Journal strike in Marin, with a number of union leaders now sentenced to jail.

"Jimmie Hoffa, framed and entrapped by government stool pigeons, is still in jail. Militant labor leaders such as Dow Wilson and Lloyd Green of the local painters and Jock Yablonsky of the miners with his wife and daughter were murdered.

"Now there is a concentrated and relentless crusade to kill Angela Davis. Prejudice and frame-up is now employed to crush Black militancy. The same device has always been used against labor when the powers of big business and government decided that organized workers are "getting out of line" in their struggle for a better life.

"When President Nixon, Governor Reagan and the big money press incite the legal lynching of Angela Davis, experience and common sense tell us to beware. Those are our enemies too, and it could well be us 'next time around.'

"The reactionaries are not stopping with the Black people, third world people, the anti-war people or their leaders. They have already introduced laws to take away our right to strike and our right to vote on contracts. Many of our other hard fought for rights are now being threatened. Angela is being charged with "conspiracy" - an old gimmick used against the labor movement since the time it was first organized in the country. WE DEFEND OURSELVES BY DEFENDING ANGELA DAVIS."

At the 19th Annual International Convention of the ILWU held in Hawaii in late April, this resolution was introduced jointly by Local 10 and Local 6 (Warehouse), and passed with very minimal changes. The resolution stands as one of the most powerful statements made by any labor organization in behalf of political prisoner Angela Davis.

Trade unionists in general are very conscious of their own history of oppression, and the selective use of the frame-up in purging trade union ranks of effective organizers. In a long pamphlet issued by the prestigious National Coordinating Committee for Trade Union Action and Democracy, it is pointed out that:

"The very birth of trade unions was marked by frame-ups. Workers attempting to build unions were charged with 'conspiracy to combine into organizations to raise wages and shorten hours.' When those frame-ups were defeated, the controllers of great wealth cooked up new frame-ups, against the rights to strike and boycott. It took decades to win some of these rights as law and now there are hundreds of bills in the hopper in state legislatures and in Congress designed to take away some of the most basic hard-won rights of working people including the rights to strike, to ratify contracts, to picket, etc."

The roster of labor victims is very, very long indeed. A list of only the best-known cases would include, in addition to those mentioned above, the Knights of Labor, the Molly Maguires, the Haymarket victims, the IWW, Joe Hill, Tom Mooney, Warren K. Billings, Harry Bridges, the Taft-Hartley victims, Jimmy Hoffa, Jock Yablonsky, Dow Wilson, Smith Act victims (Gus Hall, Henry Winston, Ben Davis, Claudia Jones, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, etc.), and many others.

Here's a brief survey of labor leaders who have come out in defense of Angela Davis:

Harry Syverson, president of UAW Local 329, Detroit - "I remember Tom Mooney, the Rosenbergs, McNamara brothers, the Panthers today, when I see what they are doing to this woman. They want to crush Black opposition, wipe out the leaders like they used to do with labor leaders.

"I am a president of a UAW local, hell man I can smell a frameup a mile away on this one. Remember the Smith Act trials of the fifties, well it looks like we are off again, press hysteria, flimsy hearsay evidence, and then the FBI's ten most wanted list. The people have to come to her defense, yes, I'll sit in on any defense committee - she is a living symbol of militancy and justice, they should not be allowed to get her - it's our responsibility to America's youth, Black and white who are fighting."

Charles Hayes, District 12 director, Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcherworkmen of North America; Vice president, Illinois State AFL-CIO; President, SCLC-Operation Breadbasket, Black Labor Leaders Division - "Angela Davis is a young person who has been convicted of a crime in the press without it being proven she has committed one. My main concern is that if the law enforcement authorities are permitted, without public outcry and resistance, to get away with this method of conviction without a trial, then none of us are safe."

Thomas Turner, president of the Detroit Metropolitan AFL-CIO Council - "I think the allegations don't hold water. If she purchased a gun or guns, so what, you have a right, they haven't proven anything to make out she is connected with murder.

"One of the things J. Edgar Hoover is trying for is to knock off or run out of the country many of these young Black revolutionaries, militants. He (Hoover) has done more to polarize race in this country, outside of his president, than anyone I know. I am concerned as a labor leader, a Black labor leader, that it could be Miss Davis today and me, Tom Turner, next time around if I don't speak out."

Grady Glenn, chairman of the Frame building unit of the 34,000 United Auto

Workers local at Ford Rouge plant, Dearborn, Michigan - "They are trying my sister in the man's press - they have no god-damned proof, its a railroad job, typical of our country. We in the Frame Building where 6,000 work, are starting a defense committee and to raise defense funds. If we let them go on her, we all get it, unions, peace movement, Black revolutionaries.

George L. Brady, Municipal Drivers Association - "No more long silences from the jails, courtrooms, and uninformed public. Angela Davis, as well as other political prisoners, and the people in our communities are being vociferously clear about the injustice of her situation and of all political prisoners. Denial of rights is no longer seen with the blind lover's eyes but with the sharp clear vision of a just, strong people.

"The Muni Drivers association adds its voice and support to the groundswell for justice for Angela Davis and other political prisoners. We believe that Angela Davis should be out of jail on bail. This is the only course that can be taken if the court system is to be consistent with its basic philosophy and laws. It is a course that must be taken."

Support statements are not enough, of course, to free all political prisoners; patient organizing is required to mobilize labor to the point that its enormous weight can be brought to bear against the Nixons and Reagans. Several tentative steps have already been taken in this direction. In its pamphlet, the National Coordinating Committee for Trade Union Action and Democracy called for the formation of a National Labor Committee for the Defense of Angela Davis; such a committee would take the task of bringing the case of

Angela Davis and other political prisoners to the trade union movement in a thorough, systematic way. Rank and file unionists, the NCCUAD recommends, can form committees in their shops and locals to begin the struggle; in addition, resolutions could be introduced in membership meetings and rank-and-file groups, funds can be collected and activities can be publicized through shop bulletins and letters to local union papers.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, the Trade Unionists for the Defense of Angela Davis committee has been formed under the leadership of Preston Stalinger (ILWU local 34) and Caron Amos. This committee agreed that its primary and immediate focus would be to engage unionists and the community to work for Angela's release on bail; it decided to work, in addition, at getting resolutions from trade unions and finally resolved to try to stop the railroading present in the case and educate the community on trial proceedings. This committee has begun to set up some sub-committees, including a speakers Bureau, to further its work and has every expectation of success. Other ad hoc labor groups have sprung up across the country, of which there will be more news in subsequent issues of this paper.



INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

International support for Angela continues to mount with thousands of cards, letters and telegrams pouring into NUCFAD offices in New York and San Francisco. Here is a selection of recent statements of solidarity and support we have received.

Our Dear Angela,

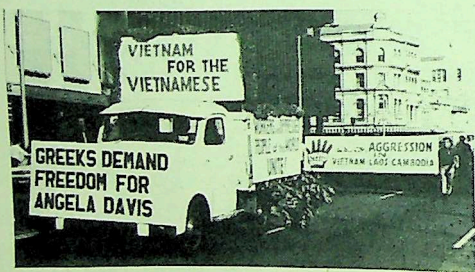
With the opportunity of your birthday we Greek political prisoners--hostages of the fascist junta, hostages of our common enemy, international imperialism--together with our warmest wishes and our wishes for your prompt liberation that come from our struggling spirit, are sending you a symbolic present which expresses our deep esteem and love for you, who, true to the most beautiful human ideals, face machinations of the conspiratory forces of reaction, obscurantism and war with fighting spirit, courage and consistency. It is with good reason that the liberal American people and with them the whole of progressive humanity feel deep pride for you, a worthy struggling daughter.

We believe, dear Angela, that you will feel an additional pleasure to hear about our own voice of assistance to you, too; the voice of the Communist fighters of the Greek people whom the militaristic junta with the inspiration and assistance of imperialistic powers and with the direct help of the CIA and Pentagon chained, unleashing at the same time an unprecedented orgy of violence, terrorism and persecution and the throwing in prison and places of banishment the best youth of the Greek people.

We have the absolute certainty that victory will be ours. It will be a victory of all oppressed peoples and nations, of the whole of progressive humanity in our titanic common struggle against the powers of hatred, injustice, obscurantism and war.

With the Greetings of Comrades,

Political Prisoners of Aegina Prison



Anti-Imperialist Demonstration in Sydney Australia

Dear Comrade Angela,

We want to show you our respect, admiration and solidarity. We hope that in our struggle we will have of the courage that you've shown at this historic moment.

...like you and all of our oppressed sisters throughout the world, we'll continue our work to give a just, independent and productive life to our children.

Courage,

Le Comité Tanguay

[The Tanguay Committee, a Quebec group of revolutionary women, has been actively involved in organizing support for the Quebec Liberation Front (FLQ). Former political prisoners themselves at Tanguay Prison, these sisters have recently formed the Movement for the Defense of Political Prisoners in Quebec]

Dear Angela,

We, Arab women, think of you and send you our best regards and wishes on the 8th of March. On this special day, we raise our protest against the threats to your life and liberty. The FBI and reactionary bodies are aiming at your life and liberty as a means to suppress all democratic, anti-war and anti-racist forces.

To all women, you represent the fighter for women's rights and position in a suppressed society. To all people you represent the fighter for democracy, peace and progress. To us, you represent the fighter against the imperialist state backing the Israeli aggression against our people.

We understand your case as part of the killing in Indo-China and the Middle East. Sisters of yours are fighting U.S. aggression in Indo-China and Arab sisters are fighting and resisting Israeli occupation and aggression backed by U'S' imperialists.

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Your case has brought to light the threat against lives of tens of militants in the U.S., the suppression against anti-war and anti-racism fighters. Nonetheless, the cause of liberty, democracy, peace and equality will win.

Love,

Arab Women of Jordan

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the information on Miss Davis which we have distributed among people concerned.

In order to make the signature campaign more widely known, we have printed leaflets in Japanese and asked the following organizations and people for cooperation: labor unions of teachers, labor unions of mass-communication media workers, associations for protection of children and progressive scholars.

Activities against environmental pollution and rising prices, for support of Indochinese sisters who are all on the go.

On top of this we are amid the election campaign for local governors and assembly members, including the governmental election in Tokyo. As we have our hands full with these, paper worth 5,000 signatures has not yet been returned to us.

Please find enclosed 481 signatures so far collected. ...

Till victory become our reality,

Hamako Matsuzaki, General Secretary, Federation of Japanese Women's Organisations, Tokyo, Japan

Dear Friends,

Fraternal Greetings.

I would like to inform you that my organization has joined with the world wide movement in support of Dr. Angela Davis and has tried to expose the treatment meted out to her in prison.

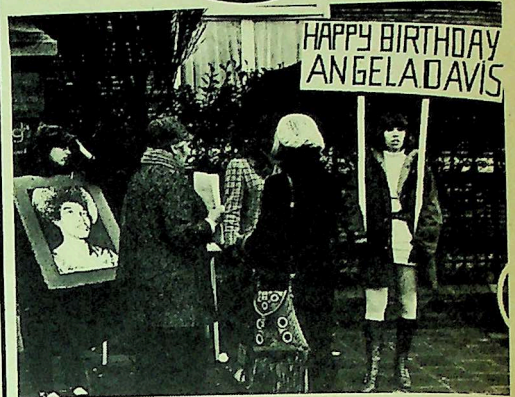
I enclose a copy of a press statement issued by us to the local press. Please convey our message of solidarity to Dr. Davis.

Yours fraternally,

Iris Persaud, sec., Women's Progressive Organisation, British Guiana, South America

Expressing solidarity with Angela Davis and respect for her courageous stand in face of the frame-up threat which hangs over her - I join the just demand of progressive America people from the Authorities: Freedom for this out standing woman-fighter. Stop the persecution of the courageous fighter for the rights of the Black people, for peace, progress and friendship between peoples.

Esther Vilenska, Member Executive Committee of the Histadrut, Member Presidium, Israel Peace Committee, Tel Aviv, Israel



Dutch Womens organization Dolle Mina demonstrating in Amsterdam

The Indochinese Women's Delegation is deeply moved by your greeting of solidarity. We strongly protest against Nixon's policy of racial discrimination and repression. We demand Nixon stop acts of terrorism against Black Panther Party and courageous fighters in the U.S. antiwar movements. Set free all political prisoners struggling for peace and justice. Dear Angela, we firmly support your struggle. We know your trial is only a farce, a fabrication in order to cover up Nixon's scheme of sabotaging the movement and of divide and rule. Nixon must set you free. American and World people will force Nixon to set you free and will give you full protection and support. We send you our most affectionate love and wish you success. Toronto, April 10, 1971

Telegram from Indochinese Women's Delegation to 1971 Conference of Women, by women from North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Laos.

Dear Angela,

We wish we could send a larger contribution but we also want to express our support and solidarity with your struggle against American capitalism, racism and repression.

We want you to know that the people and the press are following your case and are in sympathy with your cause here in the Sudan.

Revolutionary and right thinking people all over the world join you in your important struggle.

All Power to the People

You are truly a Revolutionary Sister

Carolyn F. Lobban, Dept. of Social Anthropology University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan

"We would certainly appreciate some financial aid to initiate an extensive campaign for the freedom of our esteemed comrade Angela Davis. In that our organization, as much as all democratic ones, continues to be repressed, among the hundreds of political prisoners in Mexico, you will find Ramon Danzons Palomino, Rafael Jacobo Garcia and Fernando Granados Cortes, members of our national committee."

Independent Farmworkers Central Office Mexico

community notes :

MISSION HEALTH CLINIC

El Centro de Salud (a serve the people program of the organization Los Siete de la Raza) is dedicated to serving the Latin community, to defending our people's health against the greedy businesses that live by exploiting our people.

Our clinic is here because the city administration obviously doesn't care whether poor people have medical care or not.

Now our clinic is in danger. The owner of the building, who runs the pharmacy downstairs from us has given us until the end of July to move. His reasons stem from the fact that we will not supply him with patients to buy medicine from him. We will give our patients medicine whether they can pay for them or not. So it seems he doesn't care that our clinic is here to serve our community—he cares more for his money. For this reason we will not move. We are asking people to support us. Supporting the clinic is supporting our community. The clinic benefits all. If it is lost - we all lose. We need people to man information tables, to man picket lines, but above all, we want people to pass the word to others— not to buy from this man, boycott him.

Write him or drop by and ask him why he wants us out.

His name and address is: Mr. William Gamba
2599 Folsom St., S.F. 94110 647-4103 & 647-0100

For further information call the clinic Mon.-Thurs. 6:30 to 10:30 or leave a message at 648-1048.

Subscribe to "Free Angela":
Send a donation of \$1.50 or more to:
Free Angela
1203 Fillmore St.
San Francisco, Cal.

Name _____

Address _____

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Everyone we talk to asks the same question: what can I do to help free sister Angela? The possibilities are almost infinite. The first step is to locate the nearest Angela Davis Defense Committee office; more than 100 such offices exist in towns small and large across the country. Some are community offices, some are located on campuses and others operate out of private homes; we suggest beginning with your 'phone book, since most of these offices have 'phones, but you'll have better luck by just asking around on the street or among political folks that you know. These local committees always have great man and woman power needs, and will tell you how to use your time and talents.

If you want to start a committee from scratch, our National Office will supply you with literature and do its best to help you get your committee together. If you are limited to your own individual efforts, here are some further ideas: --circulate the Bail Petition, collecting signatures; --organize small fund-raisers in your home; --send out your own mailing (we'll supply needed materials), gathered from your personal 'phone book and organizations to which you belong, asking for support through contributions or planned activities; --send letters to Gov. Reagan at the Governor's Mansion in Sacramento demanding Angela's release from prison; --use your imagination!

PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

A people's law school will be starting in San Francisco in the beginning of July. It will be a "law school" with no tuition, no grades, and no degrees.

Classes will be for community people who want to learn some basic "legal defense and survival" information in areas of law that affect their daily lives; and small group training sessions for legal workers (people with legal skills who don't have bar cards and aren't in regular law schools) who want to learn more specialized legal skills so they can work to meet the legal needs of their communities.

A tentative list of classes includes: landlord/tenant, search and seizure (particularly gun and drug laws), criminal court procedures, prison law, military law, juvenile/high school rights and laws, welfare/unemployment, labor law, wage garnishment/consumer rights, divorce, women and the law, legal research and writing, and history and analysis of the legal system. Other classes and training sessions can be set up depending on peoples' needs.

Call the National Lawyers Guild if you are interested, and you should be. 863-5193



Fidel, Cubans demonstrate solidarity for Angela in day dedicated to US political prisoners.

All committees functioning in the defense of Political Prisoners are urged to submit news articles concerning the local defense activities for Political Prisoners in all areas of the U.S. Help us make the newsletter an organ of communication for all dedicated to the end of political repression in this country.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

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"THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE WILL NOT DECIDE THIS CASE"

-Albert Harris, prosecutor in Davis-Magee case

Sign the Bail Petition!

PEOPLE'S PETITION DEMANDING BAIL FOR ANGELA DAVIS

To: The Honorable Judges of the Appellate Courts for the State of California, the Federal Courts, and to World Opinion



We, the people, do hereby demand the freedom of Angela Y. Davis on reasonable bail pending trial.

Angela Davis was refused bail on June 15th, 1971 by Judge Richard Arnason, Superior Court Judge of Contra Costa County, California.

We, the people, feel that the denial of bail to Angela Y. Davis is a further example of the increasing refusal of the Judicial System to grant Miss Davis a fair trial.

The Court's excuse for not granting bail was "purely legal" according to Judge Arnason. Yet today, Lt. William Calley walks in virtual freedom after being convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians. Stan Duke, Black sportscaster for CBS TV, was released on \$50,000 bail while awaiting trial in Los Angeles, California on the capital charge of murder.

The people demand to know why it is against the law for Angela Davis to be granted bail. Is it because she is a Black Woman, a member of the Communist Party, a consistent fighter for the freedom of all Political Prisoners?

We, submit, finally, that it is the grossest kind of denial of equal protection and due process for Miss Davis to be held in punitive detention while awaiting trial.

THEREFORE, WE THE PEOPLE, DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE FREEDOM OF ANGELA Y. DAVIS ON REASONABLE BAIL.

NAME

ADDRESS

Copies to:

Albert Harris, Deputy Attorney General, State of California

Ronald Reagan, Governor, State of California

Richard Nixon, President of U.S.A.

U Thant, Secretary General of United Nations

return to: NUCFAD
2085 Sutter St.
Suite 209
San Francisco, Cal.
94115

San Francisco Committee
STAMP APPEAL! 1203 Fillmore St.

There is more to the struggle to free Angela Davis than what the eye can readily see—more than our attempts to mobilize people to demonstrate at court houses, at historical landmarks, on campuses, and parks. The unseen part of our fight involves the struggle for the most simple and practical things necessary to keeping a committee running: an office from which to work, typewriters, desks, thousands of sheets of paper, telephones, and other basic office equipment.

Our priority at this point is the purchase of a duplicating machine that will efficiently reprint the millions of words spoken in and around the defense of Angela Davis. We need 296 books of Green and Blue Chip stamps to keep this duplicating machine in our office, and these books of stamps must be collected

and paid to the Gestetner Corp. within the next 60 days! So, if you receive these stamps where you shop or have friends who collect them, we appeal to you and your friends to donate these stamps to the San Francisco Defense Committee for the defense of Angela Davis. Struggle on all fronts!!

HOT TOWN: SURVIVAL IN THE CITY

July 3-6 in Ho Chi Minh Park in Berkeley !!

Music, Films, Theater, Foods! Workshops on printing, radio, auto mechanics, self-defense, health, liberation, organic gardening, construction and welding. Information on China, Cuba, political prisoners, grand juries, legal defense. Spontaneous guerilla theater...

CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE

July 4 at Project Artaud, 2800 Mariposa (at Alabama) in San Francisco --- 8:00p.m. to 2:00 a.m., with \$2.00 donation.

ABEL THE GHETTO

Los Siete Benefits Committee sponsors this dance --- all proceeds going to Los Siete's "Save the Homes" campaign. This campaign is \$26,000 short of its goal. If homes in the Chicano community are to be saved by August 1 when the bondsman comes knocking at the door, the people are going to have to get it together.....

