

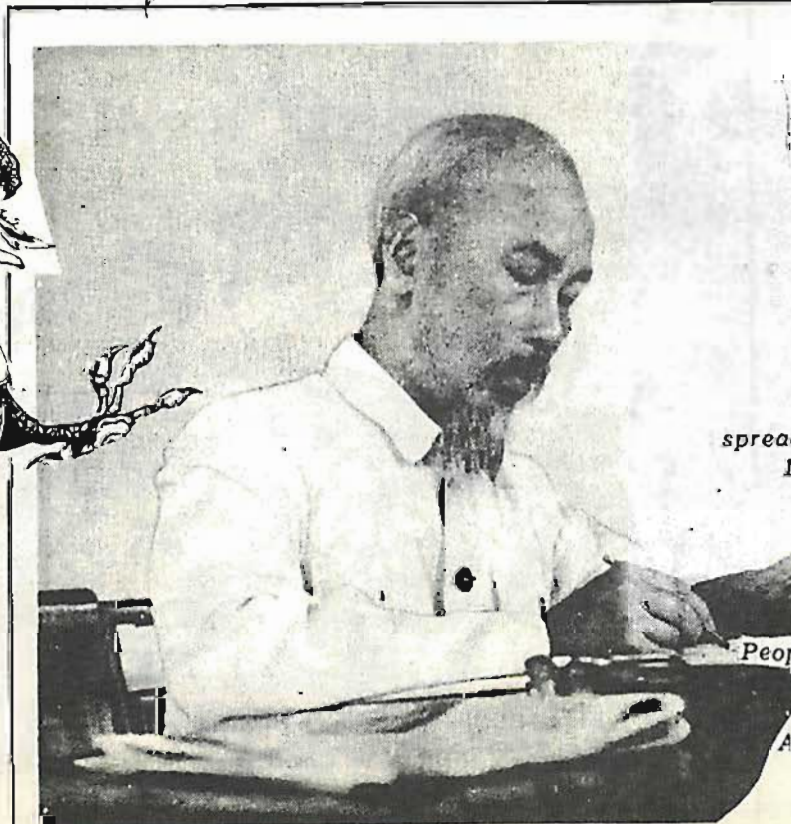


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# AWAKENING OF A DRAGON



*The wheel of the law turns  
without pause.*

*After the rain, good weather.  
In the wink of an eye*

*The universe throws off  
its muddy clothes.*

*For ten thousand miles  
the landscape*

*spreads out like a beautiful brocade.  
Light breezes. Smiling flowers.*

*High in the trees, amongst  
the sparkling leaves*

*all the birds sing at once.  
People and animals rise up reborn.*

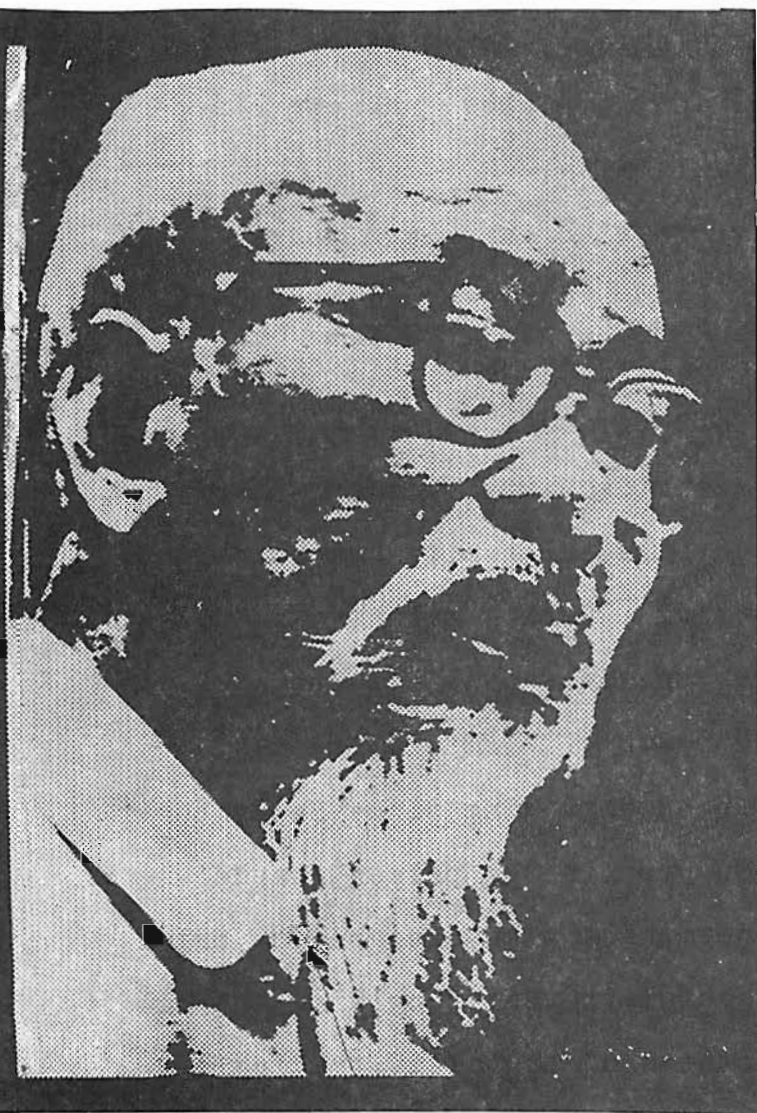
*What could be more natural?  
After sorrow, comes happiness.*

Ho Ch. Minh

# CELEBRATE THE VICTORY OF VIETNAM



Defending their country against the worst aerial bombardment in history. This air defense unit of the South Vietnam People's Liberation Army near Hue in 1970 shot down 8 U.S. aircraft in one day



To gain independence, we, the Indochinese people, must defeat the French colonialists, our number-one enemy. At the same time, we will struggle against the U.S. interventionists. The deeper their interference, the more powerful are our solidarity and our struggle. We will expose their maneuvers before all our people, especially those living in areas under their control. We will expose all those who serve as lackeys for the U.S. imperialists to coerce, deceive, and divide our people.

The close solidarity between the peoples of Viet-Nam, Cambodia, and Laos constitutes a force capable of defeating the French colonialists and the U.S. interventionists. The U.S. imperialists failed in China, they will fail in Indochina.

We are still laboring under great difficulties but victory will certainly be ours.

**OVER U . S . IMPERIALISM**

Q-WING BROTHER, A VOICE FROM MAXIMUM

SECURITY ISOLATION  
( HUMAN TORTURE CHAMBER )

An assault was sadistically made on my person by prison guards, namely, Lt. A. Green, Lt. Gaskins, Lt. Music, Sgt. Crofford, Sgt. Moody, Sgt. Raulerson, Off. Wright, Off. Lane, Off. Hardee, Off. Rutlin, Off. Lyons, and about five other officers whose names I can't recollect right off hand, who obviously exhibited no restraint nor remorse in the perpetration of this "ritual" of sadism, of ferocity, and of savagery... Their desire to inflict physical injuries-not to mention the psychological trauma-was clear: they used a large shield, large rings of huge steel keys, "brass knuckles", and some other unknown sharp-edged instrument to commit the assault with.

Officer Rutlin, a little slim, rural-bred prison guard, wore the "brass knuckles", Officer Lyons, a 200-pound, gorilla-type prison guard, had the large shield; the other prison officials were armed with large rings of big steel keys.

I'm confined to Q-wing, a Maximum Security Section of Florida State Prison, that is reserved specifically for so-called "leaders", "incorrigibles", "agitators", "writ-writers", "revolutionaries", "communists", and other prisoners who attempt to better conditions or pursue penal "reform". I'm also black, formerly from "deathrow". I have been on Q-wing since September 19, 1974; I was transferred to this wing in the prison guards' fruitless effort to squash and undermine a plan designed to bring before the public attention-by peaceful protest: holding eating utensils-all the policies and practices of brutality, medical

negligence, psychological deprivation, physical dehumanization, racism, discrimination, political repression, and economic exploitation that exist so blatantly at Florida State Prison and also to set up a grievance committee with the governor, Reuben O'D. Askew, but all to no avail.

Additionally, about 75 prisoners held their eating instruments at the noon meal on September 23, 1974, including myself. I was selected to be an "inmate" representative, for S - wing, another Maximum Security Section of Florida State Prison. Consequently, prison officials finally suppressed and isolated the movement. Firstly, they sought out all the leaders and planners of the demonstration and isolated us, although I'm yet baffled and puzzled as to how they knew who the "leaders" were - without internal disunity and disorganization. Secondly, they came to our cells, individually and respectively, and, though they apparently already knew our purpose for undertaking such action, asked what were we trying to accomplish. The prison officials were told: then they laughed at and derided us. Forcefully, they invaded our cells with large shields and got the eating utensils - mostly without any physical resistance on our part....

Further, in the process of forcefully taking the eating utensils, Brother Jaribu ( James Edwards ) was assaulted by prison officials. To make the situation look like they were assaulted by Bro. Jaribu - prison administrators spuriously charged him with criminally assaulting prison guards....

I'm scheduled to testify in behalf or defense of Brother Jaribu. Other prisoners are also slated to testify in his de-

fense - most of whom have been endlessly, systematically and continually harassed and physically attacked by prison officials....

For example, on March 29, 1975, Darnell Smith, an 18 - year old black prisoner, was physically attacked by a racist group of about 15 prison guards while he was taken from his cell under the pretext that he was going before the prison disciplinary committee. Unmercifully, and without visible constraint, they kicked, stomped and beat him on the body with those large steel keys which they carry around with them, thus causing irreparable body harm and disfigurements; to satisfy the viciousness, the truculence of the assault, they summarily but systematically denied him medical treatment for his wounds....

On April or March 31, 1975, Samuel Harris, another black prisoner, was physically assaulted by prison guards; unfortunately, he was tricked out of his cell, under the pretext that they were taking him to the shower ( we are allowed to shower only three times per week : Monday, Wednesday and Friday).... With all ferociousness, about 18 prison officials simultaneously beat him with iron chairs and with the same huge steel keys, while Officer Phillips held a gun on him - although guards have been prohibited by statute or law from carrying any form of weapon while on duty. The viciousness of this assault can be seen in the fact that he received facial lacerations, head wounds, and numerous other body injuries....

On the same date, by the same prison guards, Bennie Demps, another black prisoner who is also scheduled to testify in Jaribu's defense, was brutally assaulted: under the same pretext

they employed to "trick" Samuel Harris out of his cell - prison officials told him that he was going to the shower. As he proceeded from his cell here on Q - wing the guards waged their unsavory attack on his person, thus leaving him badly wounded but medically unattended. They arbitrarily and systematically denied him medical care or aid.

On April 21, 1975, I was attacked by prison officials in the same manner - only difference I received numerous stab wounds in the head. With the large shield Officer Lyons forced his way, backed by at least 18 other prison guards, into my cell. This was after Sgt. Moody, Off. Wright, Off. Lane and Off. Rutlin had assaulted me in the corridor, while I was in the process of going to the shower, which is situated about 12 feet from my cell. They hit me a few times with the keys while in the corridor; then departed for their reinforcement - the prison "goon squad", a group of about 20 prison guards, mostly led by a lieutenant, who terrorize, brutalize and mutilate prisoners.

Dissatisfied with their first attack, they forced their way into my cell armed with harmful instruments - e. g., the large steel keys, the shield, the "brass knuckles" and the other unknown sharp-edged implement. Without any visible remorse or restraint I was beaten on the head with the "brass knuckles" by Officer Rutlin, while the other guards simultaneously beat me on the body with the keys and the shield.... Suddenly, an Officer stabbed me in the head; with the unbearable pain of the devastating blows to the head with the keen object I immediately fell into a state of utter unconsciousness.

Later, they shot some debilitating drug into my body to undermine any ability to physically resist their inhuman, cruel, unscrupulous brutality. The drug was "prolixin", super potent or ultra potent drug that makes its victim totally, completely, absolutely defenseless, weak, apathetic, morbidly drowsy, and lethargic. When I regained consciousness I couldn't even speak, the drug had rendered me so utterly weak that I couldn't speak.

In consummation of their acts of racism and barbarism the prison guards deprived me of medication for almost three hours. After I was obviously weakened from loss of blood, they finally took me to the medical clinic, then to the hospital at U. C. I. ( Union County Correctional Institution ) for X - ray, etc., and released me after I had been stitched up where I had received those stab wounds. ( Unfortunately, there is no hospital at Florida State Prison, despite the fact that there are over 1200 prisoners housed here.)

To justify their assault on my person, prison officials have made pre-fabricated allegations to the effect that I attacked them first, with a zip gun and a home - made knife as they opened my door to allow me to the shower; nothing can be further from the truth. How can I attack them with anything when I was, as usual, thoroughly shaken down in what constituted a "skin - search" before I was even let out of my cell? They further claim that they confiscated the knife out of my cell when they shook it down, after I had been taken to the hospital. Naturally, since I don't possess any knowledge whatsoever of a knife being in my cell or of having a so-called zip gun, I concluded that, as I have all the reasons in the world to believe, prison guards planted the knife in the cell in order to make their



acts look justified or warrantable....

Needless to say, they are preparing to take me to outside court for assault on prison guards!!! I'm the one who should be making the charge considering the physical damages they intentionally, deliberately, premeditatedly and capriciously inflicted on my person. However, they have concocted and falsified evidence to use against me when they take me to outside court. This hocus - pocus of theirs must be exposed and counteracted by all means, for it constitutes nothing more nor less than a political conspiracy or collusion to destroy, isolate, assassinate and/or suppress - whatever the cost in blood or however many pre-fabricated lies it might take - any and all people who are striving to better conditions, who daringly struggle to "reform" the penological defects of the prison system and who just refuse to accept the present factors and circumstances of racism and discrimination perpetuated by this tradition - bound, racist, anti-reform prison administration.

I'll face and receive 20 more years if convicted - in addition to the life sentence which I have originally . As of yet, I haven't been indicted for anything, officially. But I have been confronted by the criminal investigator for the prosecution or state. Accordingly, he has told me that information has been filed against me by Sgt. Moody, one of the prison guards who initiated the assault on me.

Bro. Jaribu is presently being taken to outside court for trumped-up charges deriving from similar circumstances. Finally they've framed me; I just happened to be next on their "list"

( however secret ) to "get". This frame-up is, as can be seen, a product of an administrative endeavor to suppress me forever. The administration does not like a so-called "writ-writer", and I've filed innumerable civil rights suits against them in the federal district, contesting and challenging the validity, legality and constitutionality of certain institutional practices and policies of human degradation, deprivation and dehumanization, challenging practices and acts of brutality and official malfeasance and misconduct, and of economic exploitation.

I legally assisted Samuel Harris in the preparation of a civil rights suit in regard to the assault on his person when he was physically assaulted by prison officials who had animosity and partiality in their hearts from this. They hate "writ writers", they generally go out of their way to harass - penalize - falsely punish - isolate - deprive - and physically attack them.

Tension is high: this group of prison guards called the "goon squad" keep prisoners - especially black prisoners - under extreme terror, duress, and fear of being killed or brutalized by the murderous hands of this "goon squad". According to the law concerning corporal punishment, prison authorities are not supposed to inflict corporal punishment on prisoners: they only are required to use just enough force to subdue an inmate....Irrespective of what the rules say, they use brutality in a manner that can be described as unrestrained and absolute.

Also, prison authorities have the tendency to penalize prisoners who try to organize other prisoners, who try to unite

white and black prisoners into one force of cohesion to combat the present penal system which offers nothing whatever in the way of education, vocation or rehabilitation....They obviously detest any form of intraprison solidarity among prisoners, especially black and white; it's no accident that they always try to encourage, instigate and prolong an atmosphere here of racial antipathy, hostility and aversion among white inmates, thus creating a climate of racial polarization between black and white.

Most of the prison guards, in addition to their racist, anti-black attitudes, are completely brainless, ignorant.... I guess this is one of the reasons why they practice these acts of brutality here: to compensate for their lack of intelligence, education, and literacy.

As long as there are people like these employed in the prison system, there will always be future events of brutality, there will always be the prospect of prisoners' getting secretly beaten to death by such unrestrained idiots. Reformation is unthinkable; rehabilitation is just another euphemistic expression for dehumanization or brutalization or demoralization. ...Tragically prison officials here are people who are very difficult to relate to: they resort to physical force and coercion when they can't cope with the situation psychologically, and that's all the time. Apparently, because we are prisoners, guards think we deserve to be treated like animals - vicious, insensitive, senseless, socially anesthetized animals!! What are we to do? Must we accept these unwarranted, unrighteous acts

of brutalization in passivity, docility and submissiveness? Or display our courage, will and determination to resist, by any means necessary, such inequities, injustices and partialities?

As prisoners who have directly experienced social, political and economic injustices and inequalities in their nakedest, cruelest and most undisguised form, we feel it is our responsibility, as we are unequivocally compelled by the most dehumanizing of circumstances, to bring, regardless of the consequences, ( they'll most likely subject me to some form or other of administrative reprisal for writing this article), this plight to your attention and only hope that our cries and endless clamors for justice don't fall upon the ears of an unconcerned public.

In conclusion, by no stretch of the imagination can one say prisons are the answer to the problem of crimes; such a belief is erroneous, fallacious at best. Prisons are human torture chambers, "medieval chambers of horror". Institutionalized violence, racism and other adversities have indisputably destroyed the whole concept of prisons as rehabilitation centers. Prisons, even Ramsey Clark noticed, are the "saddest chapter in the history of penology". The continual physical mistreatment and abuses of prisoners by people deemed suitable to look after the overall welfare of us prisoners only reflect the precise degree of humanity left in society at large. After all, prisons aren't isolated entities uninfluenced by the general mentality and attitudes of the society

in which they originated. Something should be done about the conditions described above. Really, all of you who are aware of this plight but fail to do something to show your concern are equally responsible for the existence of such conditions. - "Forward forever, backward never"!!!

Struggle for justice,



# GERONIMO

On January 17, 1969 Bunchy Carter (Deputy Minister of Defense-Southern California Chapter of Black Panther Party) was murdered at UCLA. At this time Elmer Geronimo Pratt was placed in the difficult position of taking over where Bunchy left off. Geronimo's leadership ability, self-discipline and love for the people was quickly recognized by members of the chapter. Our ability to recognize and deal with the crises arising out of the struggle in Babylon was increased greatly by Geronimo's example and his constant emphasis on each party member accepting the responsibility of revolutionary leadership. "On Monday, August 17, 1970, Geronimo failed to show up in court for a case and his bail was revoked. At the time he had four charges against him--a bomb case, false imprisonment, assault on a pig, and the Los Angeles 18 shoutout. Geronimo went underground to avoid the clutches of the pigs because it was "time to concentrate on living to fight another day."

Geronimo was captured by the pigs in Dallas on December 8, 1970 along with several other brothers. He was extradicted from Texas to California, where he was indicted for another trumped up crime, murder. That charge was premised on the testimony of an ex-deputy sheriff, pig informer by the name of Julio Butler, who sought to "take over" the local chapter of the Black Panther Party upon the death of Bunch Carter and John Higgins. His resentment of Geronimo's progression to this position, his apparent fear of his own imprisonment for crimes he was charged with and finally, his desire for revenge for his earlier expulsion from the party, left him "ripe" for the pigs. In return for immunity, he helped the courts and the pigs to convict Geronimo of a two year old unsolved murder. In an effort to justify their racist plot of genocide, the system has tried to poison the public's mind against him by presenting only one-sided views and lies in their puppet mass media about Geronimo's case. It will take the supporters of G and all political prisoners time to uncover the plot that this government has been using to commit genocide on the whole black and poor oppressed communities. Some doors have already been opened. With the recent flow of information in reference to the CIA involvement in the Black revolutionary movement and the plot against Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King, The leadership and rank and file of the Black Panther Party, and all other progressive people in this country. It will be left up to the people in this country to uncover

these facts and to show the illegal practices of the courts.

Facts concerning Geronimo's case:

1) Mrs. Olsen, a white woman, in Santa Monica was killed during a robbery by two men December 8, 1968. Geronimo was accused later as one of the suspects and the search for the second man was apparently dropped. The LAPD not only investigated and charged Geronimo with a Santa Monica killing but also went into the files and removed all other suspects' pictures, replacing them with Geronimo's. However, when Geronimo's wife, Sandra Pratt was viciously murdered in November, 1971, eight months pregnant at the time, the LAPD refused to investigate saying that the case was out of jurisdiction.



2) Testimonies clearly showed Geronimo was in San Francisco at the time of the murder and not in Santa Monica.

3) There was no substantial evidence. No fingerprints, no murder weapon located or even connected to G. The letter which Julio Butler claimed to have written that allegedly discloses a confession to the crimes by G was never presented to the jury or the court for viewing.

4) Julio Butler, A Black beautician, on whose testimony the prosecutor's case rested, is a paid police informant and provacator and has been for over five years. This fact was confessed to during the trial by his sheriff friend, Sgt. Rice but never reported by the news media.

5) The lawyers, Charles Hollopeter and Johnny Cochran III, one white and the other black, both middle-class capitalist, court appointed lawyers, both unprepared and unconcerned about social ills and political problems concerning black people show very little interest in the case of the life of Geronimo. Both refused to listen to family members and showed no interest in the case whatsoever.

# Sandra Pratt



TO SAUNDRA PRATT

Through the many missions of valor endeavored, through your wit, sustained through your strong ties and love for our people, culminating in success and victory, through your rare leadership traits and the audacity, the excellence you showed in combatting and conquering the chauvinism in men, you endured and excelled....

Geronimo Pratt  
1971



Sandra Pratt was one of the many courageous women who have fought for liberation of their people and their sisters. She was a young Black woman, a member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the old BPP and about to be a mother when she was murdered. Her love of the people, her practice and her leadership made her stand out, and unfortunately made her a target for assassination. She was also the wife of Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, the chair of the LA BPP Chapter after the police-agent murder of Bunchy Carter.

The much publicized brutal, slow torture, execution of Sandra Pratt has not been solved. The LAPD refused to investigate stating that her body was not found in Los Angeles. Lynwood police refused to investigate stating that they didn't feel Sandra was killed there. The state police did nothing. The FBI took over and threw water on the fire and forgot it. However we haven't forgot.

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On July 28, 1972, the jury convicted Geronimo of the murder based on no substantial evidence whatsoever. Even the judge and DA were shocked at the verdict. Everybody was. The first week, eight of the twelve jurors were in favor of acquittal; however, after going home that first weekend, all eight slowly changed their verdict to guilty due to pressure.

On January 10, 1975, Judge Kathleen Parker, resentence G. Of course the resentence was the same as the first. Life- Since his capture, Geronimo has been in the adjustment centers of Folsom and San Quentin, and now presently doing time on Death Row at San Quentin. He has struggled to educate people within the revolutionary movement. The two points he has stressed are: The total incorrectness of allowing hero worship to grow within the movement. (Hero worship is when people allow or hope that a perfect hero will come and lead them in the right direction and save them from the necessary study which all revolutionaries must do) and the necessity of revolutionary men to adopt a correct and dialectical attitude towards their women comrades, to not weaken the movement by pushing sisters into weak roles.

FREE ALL PRISONERS OF WARS

Elmer Pratt  
B-40319  
San Quentin, California



# HONOR OUR FALLEN ONE



MELVIN REMA KEARNEY



BLACK LIBERATION ARMY

## SALUTE TO BROTHEER REMA

THE MOST RECENT OF BLACK WARRIORS TO BE KILLED WAS MELVIN REMA KEARNY WHO FELL SEVEN FLOORS FROM THE BROOKLYN HOUSE OF DETENTION ON THE NITE OF MAY 25th, WHILE TRYING TO FREE HIMSELF. AN ESCAPE FROM MAXIMUM SECURITY BY A PRISONER-OF-WAR IS ONE OF THE MOST DARING OF REVOLUTIONARY ACTS. PEDRO CHANGO MONGES MADE IT, 'BEYOND THE WALL' BUT WAS RECAPTURED. SUCH BOLD EXAMPLES PAVE THE WAY FOR OTHERS TO DO LIKEWISE.

TODAY, IN SOLIDARITY, WE GIVE TRIBUTE TO BROTHER REMA AND ALL FREEDOM FIGHTERS LIKE HIM WHO WAGED FIRRG STRUGGLE AGAINST GREAT ODDS. THEY HAVE PROVEN TIME AND AGAIN THAT NOTHING CAN STOP A PRAIRIE FIRE THAT HAS BEEN IGNITED FOR A PURPOSE. DESPITE THE NUMBER OF WARRIORS KILLED, WOUNDED, MAIMED, CAPTURED, AND BRUTALIZED, THE BLACK LIBERATION ARMY CONTINUES AS A MOBILE, INVISIBLE, GROWING THREAT TO THE RACIST IMPERIALIST POWER STRUCTURE, ITS APPARATUSES AND ITS LACKEYS.

REVOLUTIONARIES MAY DIE, BUT THE SEEDS OF REVOLUTION MULTIPLY IN THE WAKE OF THEIR PASSING.



IT IS NOT STRANGE OR UNUSUAL FOR WARRIORS TO ALSO BE POETS.

ONE OF THE LAST POEMS THAT REMA WROTE BEFORE PASSING ON WAS THE FOLLOWING

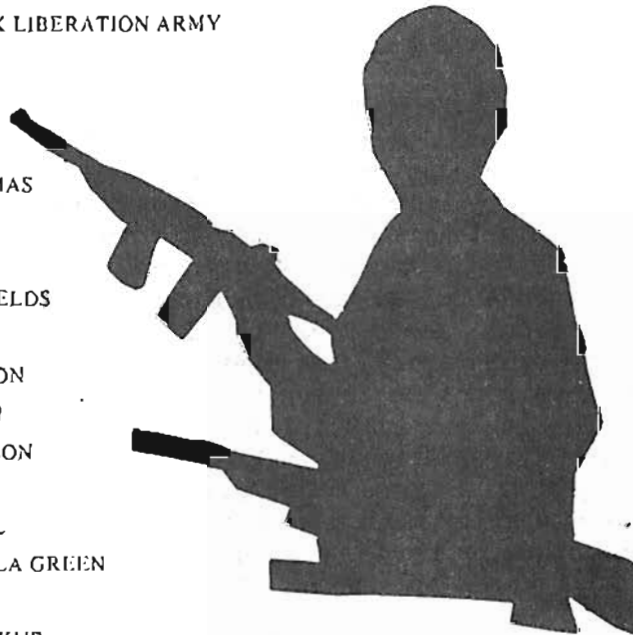


I dance with death  
I make love at a fraction of an inch  
    outside my window bars  
I make love with freedom  
And she invites me to be with her  
    and she's right outside my window bars  
My love is great  
I cherish her  
    and she's right outside my window bars  
I dance with death  
But my mind is set .....  
FREEDOM!  
We're going to get it on a fraction of an inch  
    outside my window bars  
I love you freedom  
I Dance with death.

TO LIVE IN THE HEART THAT ARE LEFT BEHIND  
IS NOT TO DIE, AS ALL REVOLUTIONARIES KILLED-  
IN-ACTION LIVE! THEIR DEEDS AND ACTS BECOME A  
LIVING LEGACY.... A WAY OF LIFE FOR FUTURE  
WARRIORS.... THE ON-GOING WORK OF THE  
BLACK LIBERATION ARMY

IN THE SPIRIT

RONALD CARTER  
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WOODIE OLUGBALA GREEN  
TWYMAN MYERS  
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ANTHONY KIMU WHITE  
AL KOMBOZI BUTLER  
MELVIN REMA KEARNEY



LONG LIVE THE  
BLACK LIBERATION ARMY A LUTA CONTINUA

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE BLACK LIBERATION ARMY: (JANUARY 30, 1975)

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLES' JUST WAR FOR FREEDOM!

WE, THE BLACK LIBERATION ARMY, GIVE OUR SOLIDARITY TO THE F.A.L.N. FOR THEIR JUST WAR TO LIBERATE BORINQUEN (PUERTO RICO). WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR ARMED STRUGGLE AND FIND IT FUNNY THAT NOW THAT THE MONSTER IMPERIALISTS (AMERIKKA) ACTS OF WAR ARE COMING HOME TO THEM THEY FIND EVERYTHING TO CALL IT UNDER THE SUN (TERRORIST, CRIMINALS, MURDERS, MAD-DOGS) EXCEPT JUSTICE.

THE REAL MAD-DOGS ARE RUNNING AMUCK ACROSS THE PLANET EARTH AND ANYWHERE THERE ARE THIRD WORLD PEOPLE THEY'RE TRYING TO STOP THE PEOPLES' BIRTH. EVEN NOW, THEY'RE PLANNING TO RIP OFF OUR FELLOW ARAB REVOLUTIONARY'S OIL, CLAIMING SOME ONE TRYING TO STRANGULATE THEM WHEN IN ALL REALITY THEY ARE STRANGULATING THEMSELVES BY CHOOSING TO BE BLOOD SUCKERS IN NATURE AND TRYING TO SUCK UP EVERYBODY'S RESOURCES. WE SUPPORT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY THE LIBERATION OF BORINQUEN (PUERTO RICO) AND ANY AND ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD — BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY. LET ALL LIBERATIONARY FORCES JOIN TOGETHER THRU ACTION TO SLASH THE IMPERIALIST DOGS THAT BARK IN THE FACE OF THE PEOPLES.

RAGE ON....

ALL POWER TO THE SHARPSHOOTERS!  
TWMAN MYERS UNIT 3 OF THE  
BLACK LIBERATION ARMY

(Following is part of the text of a note the police found in a phone booth near the scene of the blast....January 24, 1975, called Communique No. 3)

We, FALN, the Armed Forces of the Puerto Rican Nation take full responsibility for the especially detonated bomb that exploded today at Frances Tavern with reactionary corporate executives inside.

We did this in retaliation for the CIA ordered bomb that murdered Angel Luis Chavonier and Eddie Ramos, two innocent young workers who supported Puerto Rican independence and the conscienceless maiming of ten innocent persons and one beautiful Puerto Rican child six years old in a Mayaguez, Puerto Rico dining place on Saturday, the eleventh of January of 1975.

The Yanki government is trying to terrorize and kill our people to intimidate us from seeking our rightful independence from colonialism. They do this in the same way as they did in Viet Nam, Guatemala, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, the Congo, and in many other places including the United States itself. But this CIA/Colby method will fail.

In our communique number 2 we warned the North American Government that to terrorize and kill our people would mean retaliation by us. This was not an empty warning.

The bombs exploding in Puerto Rico and the United States in support of striking workers, in demand of the release of our political prisoners and our independence and to protest the Rockefeller-Kissinger visits, have avoided any injury to innocent people. The attacks on our people have been elevated vicious criminal brutality and murder of hungry hard working people. You have unleashed a storm from which our comfortable Yankis cannot escape.

Release Oscar Collazo, Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Andres Figueroa Cordero, and Irving Flores.

Free Puerto Rico right now!  
Comando Griselio Torresola

UNITED NATIONS MAY 30TH STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PRISONERS-OF-WAR AND POLITICAL PRISONERS.

National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners

Historical Analysis

The purpose of European imperialist invasions into Africa during the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries was to colonize African people and to remove valuable natural resources—gold, diamonds, ivory, oil, timber, etc.; and of course, Africa's most valuable natural resources—living human beings, African people, for enslavement in other parts of the world.

Everywhere and in every way, we Black people resisted the encroachment of the enemy. We used spears, rocks and captured weapons. Trudging chained and barefoot to waiting coastal ships, we broke our chains and used them as weapons against our enemy. We fought for and seized slave ships. We continued to resist after we landed on alien shores. We fought in union with Native Americans such as the Seminole Nation, and resisted. We rebelled with Denmark Vesey, Nat Turner and Sojourner Truth. We organized and conducted escapes with Harriet Tubman.

Back home on the continent, Tchaka Zulu and the Zulu warriors resisted the Dutch invasion of South Africa, the Ashanti fought the British in West Africa, the Ethiopians fought the Italians, and the Mau Mau's fought the British in East Africa. Always Black resistance continued against European imperialist aggression.

In amerikkka, resistance continued for oppression and violent brutal repression continued. Blacks formed the Deacons for Justice to resist lynchings in the South. The hundreds of murders and vicious maimings of Black people in the sixties saw the advent of revolutionary organizations such as the Black Panther Party that were geared to organizing Black people to defend themselves against the violence of their oppressors.

We restate these clear facts to show the historical and centuries-old resistance of Black people to the violence and oppression perpetrated by amerikkkan fascists.

The state has always been, since 1776, a tool for carrying out the orders of the amerikkkan ruling class. In this way, persons, institutions of the state has always been used to maintain maximum security on all those who have resisted their oppression. These maximum security flesh pits are in fact, according to amerikkkan constituted law, legal slavery.

Article 13, Section I of the 13th amendment of the constitution states: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction." Maximum security penitentiaries are therefor clearly slave institutions that had been tried and tested in 300 years of Black chattel slavery. It is no wonder 75% - 85% of all inmates in prison are Black. For us, slavery is still a very cold reality of our oppression.

A modern slave system has built roads and railroads throughout this coun-

try. Industries in prisons make uniforms, clothing, shoes, furniture and fixtures of all sorts. There are large farms cared for totally by convicts. There is not a major forest fire in California that convicts do not fight, at the risk of their lives. New drugs are experimented on and the countless victims rarely make it outside the walls. Slaves - inmates are expendable. Convict labor-slave labor, has been a major work force in amerikkka; it must be emphatically noted that private companies put their labels on goods produced by convicts and then sell them to the public.

Slavery in prisons has been brought to public attention by a long line of brave and courageous warriors from Nat Turner, Denmark Vessey, Gabriel Prosser to George Jackson, Ruchell Magee, Martin Sostre and countless others. Events at Attikkka (just one example out of many) has shown the world how cruel and inhuman the overseers are and throughout the country, and in fact, the world's people are struggling to alleviate these intolerable conditions by whatever means that will be successful. In the 35 year history of the U.S. federal prison system, they have grossed in excess of \$96 million dollars in profits from these multi-million dollar slave industries of exploitation, oppression and genocide. In 1970 the state of Michigan accrued 14 million in profits from their slave plantations.

We recognize for these reasons and others that all Black and Third World people who are incarcerated in maximum security penitentiaries are Political Prisoners--victims who have responded to the racist dehumanization and political and economic oppression of their daily lives. Any time oppressed people move to destroy this reality of their daily lives, the fascist state defines it as "crime." We must see that any act against our oppressor can never be a crime but are clearly legitimate attempts to free ourselves; in essence they are political acts. They are political acts because they are diametrically opposed to the interest of the racist amerikkkan ruling class (fords, mellons, rockefellers, morgans, hughes, etc.) Based on this understanding we estimate there are at least one to one and a half million political prisoners in amerikkka.

Prisoners-of-War as we see them in this country are revolutionaries who have taken direct action against the monopoly capitalist ruling class and all their lackeys and running dogs in the bourgeois "democratic" state. Prisoners-of-War are genuine freedom fighters who pose a direct and clear and present danger to ruling class interest; and their incarceration in maximum security is a necessary step by the fascist to snuff this danger out.

The number of Prisoners of War is a direct correlation to the intensity and form of armed struggle in amerikkka. We have stated that violent repression of Black and Third World people has been a historical reality. Too many of our people here and abroad think the existence of revolutionaries involved in armed struggle is non-existent or either "isolated acts by frustrated, misguided adventurists." Their position is that armed struggle on any level is premature and thus has no legitimacy. We clearly disagree with this position for many reasons. As our late revolutionary comrade, Amilcar Cabral once said: "We believe that each people and each leadership should be free to choose the road of struggle that best suits it, but we also expect each people and each leadership to know how to recognize when the real moment of struggle has arrived because the enemy always fights with every means at its disposal. There will be disputes over whether or not to carry out armed struggle. Within the framework of the national liberation of the peoples, there is no problem of

armed or unarmed struggle. There are two kinds of armed struggle; the armed struggle in which the people fight empty-handed, unarmed, while the imperialists or colonialists are armed and kill our people; and the armed struggle in which we prove we are not crazy by taking up arms to fight against the criminal arms of the imperialists."

From this concrete statement on armed struggle we look at our own situation and see that those conditions for armed struggle have always been present in the Black community, contrary to the belief our brothers and sisters here and abroad who say these conditions are not present. To our comrades abroad we believe that those of you who do not outwardly support our struggle, we feel it may be because of pressure forced on you by amerikkkan imperialism or your incorrect analysis of our conditions. To our comrades we say that the ability for monopoly capitalism to pollute revolutionary ideas has been its most potent weapon. We are all effected by this cancer although many of us refuse to admit it. Usually it is manifested as social passivism.

This passivism has 2 aspects; one that is totally non-violent and the other that says any form of armed struggle is premature. They say urban guerilla activities will bring overt repression down on the people; as if the 50-75 million Africans who were murdered during the slave trade and the tens of thousands murdered, lynched and raped in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in amerikkka, and the thousands of us who are being murdered, brutalized and harassed in our communities and in maximum security prisons 24 hours a day; as if this isn't overt repression! Clearly you would have to be politically unconscious or someone who is using their political rhetoric to mask their cowardies, to say we should not be about inflicting a military consequence on our oppressors. We believe sincerely that our brothers and sisters around the world who have fought revolutionary war against imperialism, fascist dictatorship and who are fighting revolutionary war against neo-colonialism and neo-fascism are deserving of our support and comradeship. Clearly they, like all living organisms in the universe, have a strategy for self-preservation, a strategy that must entail the physical elimination of those forces opposing their survival. We ask ourselves can we as a people expect these comrades to truly respect and support us if we do not have a similar strategy, a strategy of building a Black Peoples' Army through a protracted process, that is a long hard road to liberation, a road that must surely end in the destruction of our enemy.

This brings us to the question of why we support the B.L.A., but more importantly what they represent. As we have said, we do not believe that the phenomena of a Black Liberation Army is without historical justification and necessity. We do not believe that revolutionary action as long as it takes a military form has the quasi miraculous capacity of unleashing a great revolutionary process. But in capital letters: **WE ADHERE TO THIS PRINCIPLE THAT REVOLUTIONARY WAR IS THE CONTINUATION OF POLITICS BY VIOLENT MEANS; THAT STRATEGY MUST BE SUBORDINATED TO POLITICS; OR BETTER SAID, THAT POLITICS AND STRATEGY ARE CONJOINED IN REVOLUTIONARY AND GUERILLA WARFARE.**

As another revolutionary comrade, Abraham Guillen once wrote: "Strategy is not created by geniuses or by generals, but by the development of the productive forces, the logic of events and the weight of history. If the urban masses find themselves without work and are discontent, it is not a question of encouraging them to demonstrate in the streets just to be trampled by the horses of the police. They should be placed in guerilla units which unexpectedly, here

and there, with superiority of arms and numbers disarm the agents of authority who have been dispersed. In this way the liberation army grows as the repressive army diminishes."

Our freedom fighters who are incarcerated in maximum security must have our support. Comrades like Sundiata Acoli, Assata Shakur, Timothy Adams, Herman Bell, Albert Washington, Gabriel Torres, Francisco Torres, Anthony Bottom, Pedro Monges, Melvin Kearney, Henry Sha Sha Brown, Victor Cumberbatch, Robert Hayes, Richard Dhoruba Moore, Robert Vickers, John Thomas, Michael Ashanti Alston, Harold Hodari Simmons, James Gunnis Haskins, Fred Kamau Hilton, Elmer Geronimo Pratt, and all other Prisoners of War who have shown their examples—their dedication and deep love for Black, Third World, and all oppressed peoples.

These comrades must be supported continually, overtly, on the streets, on our jobs, and in our homes. Without the support of Black People, a Black Liberation Army, no matter how many tactical victories it achieves, will not be able to prevent the enemy from defeating it strategically. It must be clear that the Black Liberation Army must enjoy the support of the people! Political organizing in work places, schools, and communities must also have the support of the people.

To our brothers and sisters in the International community; to our revolutionary comrades who represent their nations: we say that you will continue to receive our wholehearted support, but clearly this must be reciprocated. We urge you not to treat the struggle of Black, Third World and oppressed people in Amerikkka as if this is an internal affair of this government. You comrades who are fighting reaction and neo-colonialism, and comrades who have fought and won national liberation in Indochina, your struggle has given us tremendous belief that we will be victorious too against the racist amerikkkan ruling class. We say, comrades, that you have a duty to uphold all the points of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Accords on the treatment of Prisoners of War.

Some of these rights are: (From the Declaration of Human Rights)—

- Article 4 — No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.
- Article 5 — No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.
- Article 9 — No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.
- Article 10 — Everyone charged with a penal offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defense.
- Article 14 — Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.
- Article 15 — Everyone has a right to a nationality. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality, nor denied the right to change his nationality.

What else can be done by our comrades in Africa, Asia, and Latin America?

1. Political asylum to our imprisoned freedom fighters when this asylum is asked. We understand fully that since oppression is a worldwide phenomena that any freedom fighters who are granted asylum have the obligation to work with the nation who is offering this asylum.

2. U.N. Committee to bring to General Assembly the question of oppressed Black people in amerikkka.

3. Exchange of information on plight of revolutionary Black P.O.W.s wherever they are struggling against oppression.

4. Bring up to the floor of the General Assembly by an Ad Hoc Committee of revolutionary and progressive nations, the condition of B.L.A. P.O.W.s and all political prisoners—especially the murders, brutality, and "behavior control" experiments on our comrades.

In the spirit of: Ronald Carter  
William Christmas  
Mark Clark  
Mark Essex  
Frank Fields  
Woodie Chango Olugbala Green  
Fred Hampton  
Bobby Hutten  
George Jackson  
Jonathon Jackson  
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Long live the B.L.A. A luta continua!

Post-script:

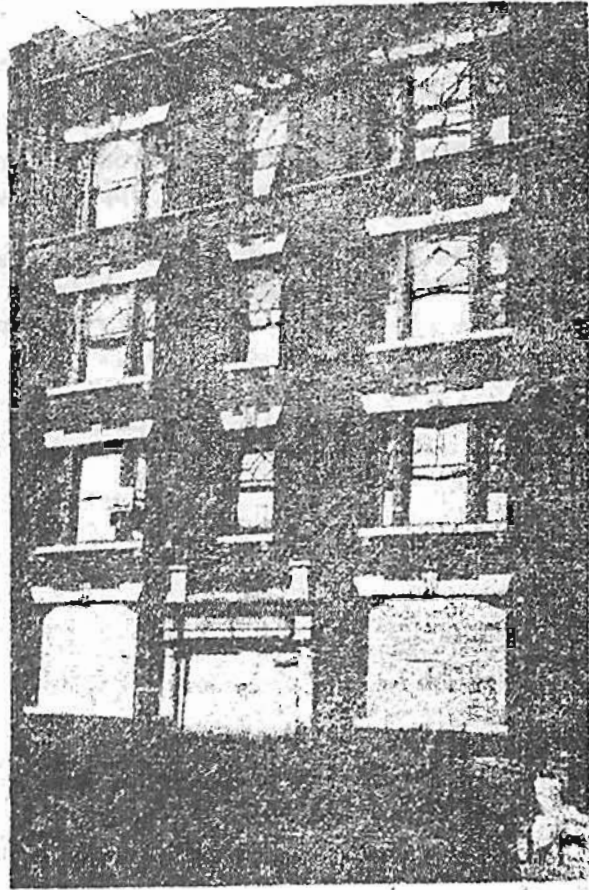
The most recent of Black warriors to be killed was Melvin Rema Kearny who fell seven floors from the Brooklyn House of Detention on the nite of May 25th, (last Sunday) while trying to free himself. An escape from maximum security by a Prisoner of War is one of the most daring of revolutionary acts. Pedro Chango Monges made it 'beyond the wall' but was recaptured. Such bold examples pave the way for others to do likewise.

Today, in solidarity, we give tribute to Brother Rema and all freedom fighters like him who waged fierce struggle against great odds. They have proven time and again that nothing can stop a prairie fire that has been ignited for a purpose. Despite the number of warriors killed, wounded, maimed, captured, and brutalized, the Black Liberation Army continues as a mobile, invisible, growing threat to the racist imperialist power structure, its apparatuses and its lackeys. Revolutionaries may die, but the seeds of revolution multiply in the wake of their passing.

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# World's Largest Dope Pushers !

Eli Lilly & Co. produces methadone, seconal, and tuinal, the biggest selling black market drugs in the Bronx and in many U. S. Communities. Each one of these 3 drugs has killed and maimed more people than any other "legally" produced drug in history. The federal Drug Enforcement Administration reports that methadone deaths now outnumber heroin deaths by 5 to 1 in New York City. Methadone deaths have increased 400% in the past year. Methadone, once hailed as the miracle cure for heroin addiction, has become the disease instead. Yet Eli Lilly continued to increase production of methadone rapidly. Production of billions of barbiturates ("downers") which have no medical use has been reported by Congressional committees as far back as 1960. Yet Eli Lilly continues to make enough Seconal and Tuinal to flood our streets.

Eli Lilly & Co. is a huge Indiana-based corporation with profits of \$155 million which have increased 20% per year lately. The management of the controlling company, Lilly Endowment, has close ties with the John Birch Society and the world Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. The key directors of Eli Lilly also sit on the boards of IBM, General Foods, and other corporate giants. You can see that Eli Lilly -- the world's largest legal poison factory -- is fully supported by government and other big business interests. The story behind Lilly reveals the inner workings of the economic rulers of America.

Methadone was invented by Nazi Scientists as a synthetic replacement for morphine and heroin. When Eli Lilly began making the drug in 1947, they continued to use the Nazi's name, "Dolphine", named after Adolf Hilter. Research at the federal prison hospital in Lexington, Kentucky in the late 1940's clearly showed that methadone is much more addictive than heroin and how easily an overdose can be fatal. Methadone was used infrequently until the late 1960's when researchers at Rockefeller Institute (NYC) created the theory of methadone maintenance. This theory says that high daily doses (90-120mg, which are equivalent to \$100-150 worth of heroin) of methadone cure heroin addiction. In reality methadone maintenance is a substitution of an addiction to Eli Lilly's product for addiction to the underworld's product. Of course Lilly's profits are also substituted for the underworld drug profits.

In the 1940's many companies made brands of methadone. Now in the heyday of methadone maintenance, only 2 companies make it. The other producer besides Lilly is Mallinckrodt Chemical Works (St. Louis), which does little advertising and has only a secondary interest. With enrollment in maintenance programs at 100,000 and rising rapidly, the methadone making business rakes in tens of thousands of dollars in profits every day. And these are guaranteed profits, because the patients are addicted to the drug. Nixon budgeted \$1.6 billion dollars for methadone maintenance in 1972. This equals 95% of all federal drug treatment funds. We taxpayers have been financing the booming methadone business.

## ONE PILL CAN KILL

One of Lilly's advertisements in a national magazine shows a picture of an elderly Black woman and a young girl. The caption reads, "For four generations we've been making medicines as if people's lives depended on them." Maybe they mean "as if the owners' rich lives depended on them," because more poor people die from Lilly products than from any other drug company's products. Many children have died as a result of taking their parents' methadone by accident. One pill of methadone (a 10 MG. disket) can cause death in a non-addicted person.

By law Eli Lilly is responsible for safe manufacture and packaging of its products. Could anything be more dangerous than making one pill -- one mistaken ingestion -- strong enough to cause death in most people? Lilly has also failed to disprove reports of dangerous side effects of methadone. Medical specialists have shown that methadone seems to cause unusual degenerative brain damage and decreased levels of sex hormones. Babies born to methadone-addicted mothers go through painful withdrawal for 30-60 days. Eli Lilly is legally responsible for these reactions. Since methadone is used exclusively by poor and working people, no one at Lilly or in the government seems to give a damn.

A secret House Crime committee report quote in Jack Anderson's column states that 20 billion pills of barbiturates and amphetamines (that's 1,000 tons) are produced by U. S. drug companies. It is commonly accepted that most of these pills have no legitimate medical use. Barbiturates especially are sold on the blackmarket with estimated gross profits of \$5-10 billion, which is similar to the level of heroin profits. Housewives, young people, workers on a job, etc. -- many different people take barbiturates to escape from the realities of American life. 1,600 people die each year from barbiturate overdose. Thousands of others become addicted to the pills and often suffer the related problems of brain damage, epilepsy, unsteady walking, and memory-loss.

For 20 years Eli Lilly has made excessive amounts of Seconal and Tuinal. Known as "reds" and "GBs", these barbiturates have always been among the easiest "downers" to get on the street. Eli Lilly knows. Everyone in the government and the medical and pharmacy profession knows this. Yet no top level pusher of Seconal or Tuinal has ever been arrested. Certainly no one at Eli Lilly has ever been arrested. The source of this poison is stamped right on every pill and yet nothing has ever been done to avenge the victims of barbiturate usage. Eli Lilly must spread their profits around in high places to keep themselves so safe.





### DOCTORS ARE MIDDLEMEN

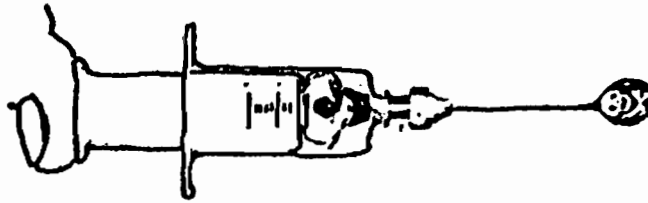
Doctors and drug store owners act as middlemen in many of Lilly's drug deals. For a price they will write up or accept a phony prescription for barbiturates. 60 million prescriptions a year are written for barbiturates Eli Lilly spends large amounts of money sponsoring "high class" medical journals, Independent "research, and professional association. 1,200 "detail men" are hired just to negotiate with doctors. Eli Lilly gives a doctor's bag and stethoscope to every medical student. On graduation they are given a leather doctor's bag. This bribery paid off in 1964 when the AMA squashed a report from the Senate subcommittee on barbiturates.

Who owns Eli Lilly and Co. Although there are 22,000 individual stockholders voting control rests with the decendants of the founder, Colonel Eli Lilly, and the Lilly Endowment. Lilly Endowment is second only to the Ford Foundation as the largest "charitable" foundation in the U.S. It was established as a tax-exempt non-profit organization in order to avoid the inheritance tax. In 1972 Eli Lilly endowment reported \$177 million profit. All this money would be paid to the U. S. Government and thus reduce our tax bill if it was not for the free disgusting loopholes that exist in the tax laws.

James Ryan the manager of Lilly Endowment from 1959 until he retired in 1973. Lynn is a leader of the Christian Anti-communist Crusade and was closely associated with the John Birch Society is a nation-wide ultra right wing organization which attacks social security, medicare, unions, the United Nations, etc. as "subversive communist plots." Birches push for expanding war with nuclear attacks abroad and tight police control in the U.S. They use the excuse of anti-communism to support outright fascist attacks on poor and working people. Lilly's production of death drug certainly fits in with these plans.

### LILLY FOUNDS YOUTH GROUPS

Lilly Endowment is the largest source of corporate funds for right wing activities in the U. S. White lightning has the full list of their donations. Some of their largest donations to "moderate" organizations in 1972 include: American Institute for Character Education (2,000.00), Americans for effective law enforcement (\$3000,00), Boy Scouts (\$510,000), Boys Clubs (\$500,000). Addiction Services Agency in Indianapolis (\$175,000),



project to reduce student failure at Black colleges (\$300,000), Young Life (\$500,000), and Junior Achievement (\$320,000). It blows your mind to think that the largest drug pushing organizations. In 1965 a group of Indiana doctors threatened a boycott of Lilly products in opposition to Lilly's far right viewpoints. The board of directors of Eli Lilly has close ties with the very top levels of U. S. finance, industry, and government. Recently retired chairman Eugene Beesly is a director of General Motors and Proctor & Gamble. Board member Albert Lynn Williams is a recent president of IBM, and a director of Mobil Oil, General Foods, and First National City Bank. Board member William McChesney Martin, Jr. was the head of the powerful Federal Reserve Board for 19 years and an ex-president of the New York Stock Exchange. His father is a director of General Foods, which makes Tang -- the phoney food product used to dilute methadone.

#### METHADONE SELLS BIG ON STREET

Recently methadone has become the most common street habit in the Bronx. Local drug workers tell us that it is also the most common blackmarket drug in Lilly's factory town, Lafayette, Indiana. Barbiturates and alcohol are usually taken in combination with methadone. Methadone is replacing heroin on the street because (1) It has the same narcotic effects as heroin, (2) It's a cheaper "high" (3) It's less risky in terms of law enforcement, and (4) It's easier to find. Most of the methadone seems to be sold by doctors, workers, or patients in methadone maintenance programs. However some of it -- sold in pill form -- undoubtedly comes from factory source. Comparing methadone production levels and expected usage in legal methadone programs leads to the conclusion that Eli Lilly produces several thousand pounds of methadone each year. These statistics were obtained from the federal drug information services in Washington, D.C. A \$10 investment in blackmarket methadone at the factory brings \$2,000 on the street.

Eli Lilly is growing rapidly into a giant international corporation. It has subsidiaries in 34 countries, especially in location with fascist dictatorships and low wages, such as Spain, Guatemala, Taiwan, and South Africa. Lilly's factory in Puerto Rico brings \$17 million yearly profit, because of a special U. S. tax exemption law. These laws are supposed to encourage investment in Puerto Rico, but the main products that Lilly brings to Puerto Rico cause the death of hundreds of young Puerto Ricans.

Lilly also manufactures other prescription drugs (Ilosone, Darvon, V-Cillin-K, C-Quens) and over the counter drugs (Trisicon, Mi-Cebrin, many other vitamins, Merthiolate, Trisogel, Surfacaine, etc). Darvon and alcohol. Now Darvon, which

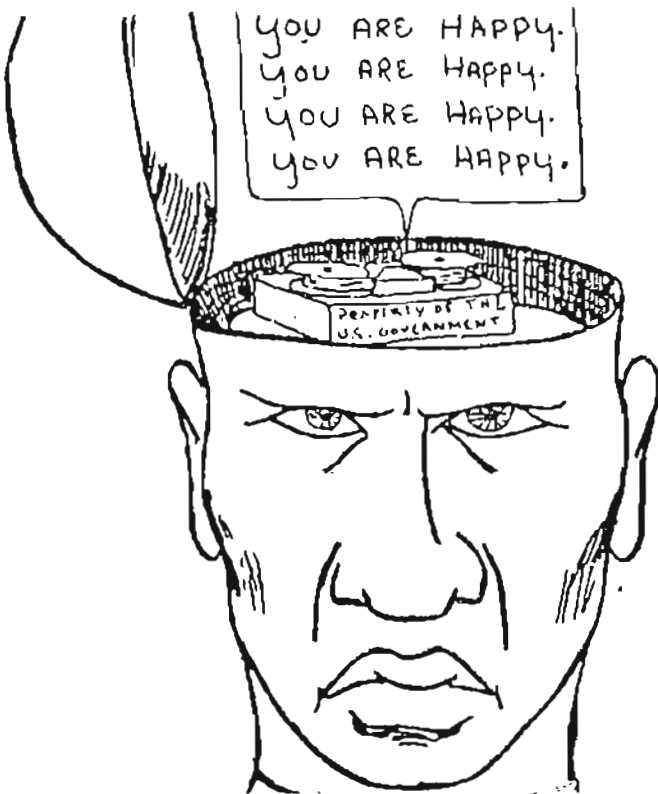
is chemically very similiar to methadone, is facing re-classification as a "dangerous drug." Lilly owns Elizabeth Arden cosmetics, a world famous "uppermiddle class" line. Lilly's Elanco Products makes herbicides like Treflan, sold in 52 countries for \$160 million yearly and Tylan, an anti-bioatic sold in 76 countries that is supposed to make pigs fatter.

Beesley and Williams are members of the Links Club (36 E. 62nd St., NYC, phone TE 8-8181) which is described by Ferdinand Lundberg, author of the 'Rich and the Super-Rich', as the place where the highest, most exclusive business deals are transacted. The Rockefellers, DuPonts, Mellons, and Vanderbilts are all members. Behind the close doors of the Links, connections can easily be made between Lilly's becoming drug business and Rockefeller's drug laws that force people on to methadone, for example .

Eli Lilly & Co. represents a gruesome coalition of dope dealers, rich corporation owners, and ultra-right pressure groups. Directly and indirectly, Lilly is responsible for the suffering of millions of poor and working people.

ELI LILLY IS A CRUESOME  
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OF DOPE DEALERS  
AND BIG BUSINESS....

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ROCKEFELLER  
CONNECTION



At the Gold Star Mother Clinic on Canal Street.

## REVEAL ELI LILLY & CO.'s 55 YEAR HISTORY OF DOPE DEALING

Eli Lilly & Co., a huge Indiana-based corporation, produces seconal, tuinal and methadone, the biggest selling street drugs in our communities. Each one of these 3 drugs has killed and maimed more people than any other "legally" produced drug in history.

Methadone, once hailed as the miracle cure for heroin addiction has become a disease in itself. Illegal street sales are booming. Thousands of people are trapped on methadone maintenance programs for legal reasons and because methadone is much more addictive than any other known drug. The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration reports that methadone deaths now outnumber heroin deaths by 5 to 1 in New York City.

In the last 3 issues of Lightning, we have printed detailed evidence about the connection between Lilly's methadone empire, the government and other big business interests. Now we have discovered documented evidence of 55 years of dope dealing by Lilly -- from the sales of heroin in 1919 to the promotion of the "hottest drug of the century," Darvon-N in 1975.

In 1898 Bayer Co., the aspirin people, invented heroin, a "non-addictive" treatment for minor aches and pains. Eli Lilly & Co. jumped on the bandwagon as millions of bottles of heroin elixirs and tonics were sold.

Heroin was also touted as a miraculous cure for morphine addiction. Usually heroin was substituted for morphine. Heroin maintenance would have been an appropriate name for the treatment. By 1910 most scientists admitted that heroin was addictive and undesirable as a common home remedy. In 1914 Congress passed the tough Harrison Narcotics Act, which outlawed most narcotics used but left loopholes just as today's laws do.

Eli Lilly & Co., like most powerful businesses that are not forced to conform to health laws, continued to sell heroin in wild cherry syrup five years after the Harrison Act was passed! Lightning has obtained a copy of a 1919 Lilly catalogue which lists 4 kinds of heroin cough medicine. The extra-strength brand is so powerful that 8 oz. would kill an average person. The catalogue never mentioned how deadly or addicting their cough medicine was. The Harrison Act caused the arrest of thousands of ordinary people in those early years, but Lilly was never touched.

### METHADONE 'COUGH MEDICINE'

The growth of the methadone business has been a carbon copy of the history of heroin. For many years Lilly marketed methadone as a cough medicine in 10 and 15 mg. tablets. Dr. Hanus Grosz, who works at the Indiana Univ. Medical School and is a chief research consultant for the Indianapolis Addiction Services Agency told us in a private interview that Lilly really isn't interested in methadone maintenance programs; it just wants to sell methadone as a "damn good cough medicine." Sure

thing, doc. Four of those cough pills would kill the average person. Incidentally Dr. Grosz's work is heavily funded by the Lilly Endowment.

The tradition of Eli Lilly & Co. being above the law stretched from 1919 to the present. Lilly produces thousands of lbs. of excess methadone and literally tons of excess barbiturates each year (see prior Lightnings for details). According to an article in the New York Post on March 3, 1973, Eli Lilly & Co. publicly admitted that they lost 12,027 methadone pills "in transit" in New York City alone during 1972. Not stolen, mind you, just "lost". The government didn't penalize them at all for this occurrence.

An individual nurse can be fired if one narcotic pill is missing from the supply without cause. Under the new drug law anyone of us can receive life imprisonment for the unauthorized possession of a few dozen narcotics pills. Eli Lilly however, just deals off the top of the deck -- and kills thousands of people in the process.

As street sales and deaths from methadone increase wildly, Eli Lilly has "discovered" another common home remedy -- this time it's a headache pill -- that just happens to be a "non-addictive" replacement for methadone.

### THE NEW 'MIRACLE CURE'

The new drug, Darvon-N, has already been called the "hottest drug of the century" by a clinic doctor in San Francisco. Darvon-N a new variation on plain old Darvon, still a second largest selling drug in the country. Lilly still keeps the exclusive patent on both products. Darvon itself is so closely related chemically to methadone that it shows up on a list of narcotic urine tests. In 1960 Dr. H. F. Fraser and Dr. Harris Isbell tested Darvon extensively in the government narcotics prison at Lexington, Ky. Remember, methadone was found to be deadly at this same hospital in 1948. They found that people get high on more than 5 pills of Darvon. 44 Darvon deaths were reported in Oakland in 1973. Strange as it may seem, Darvon is not a pain killer in the recommended doses - 2 pills). The Mayo clinic reported that Darvon is no more effective than a sugar pill in controlling pain. Why, then, is Darvon sold to the tune of \$100 million every year? The Wall Street magazines always claim Lilly's advertising campaigns are solely responsible for Darvon's phenomenally high profits. That's just part of the medicine rap. Darvon is dope, pure and deadly. Darvon-N is less soluble in water, slow-acting, and supposedly safer than Darvon. (Is arsenic in a time release capsule good for you?) Dr. Ivan Bennett, the Director of Medical research for Lilly, is in charge of The Darvon-N project.

Regular side effects from Darvon-N include: Headache, rapid pulse, feeling spaced and detached, hyperactivity, weight gain, and persistent insomnia. Five years ago Dr. Bennett was in charge of telling the public about how safe and useful methadone was.

### 'I GOT A YEN FOR DARCON-N'

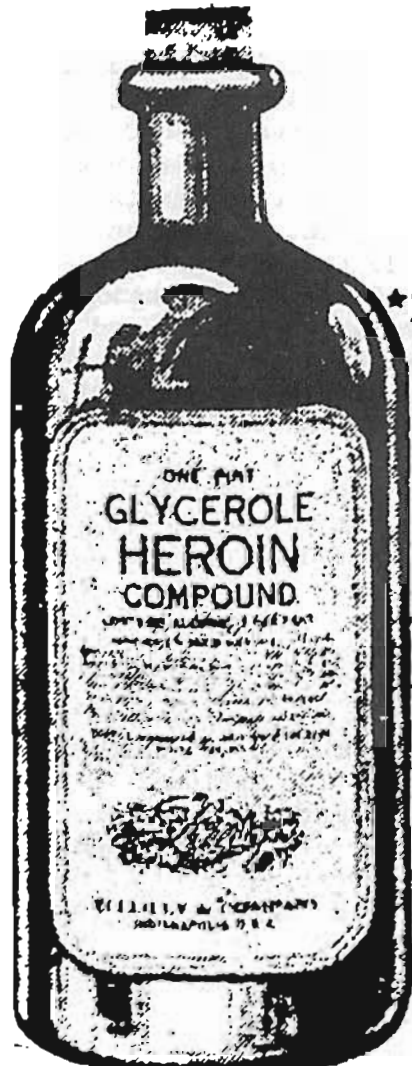
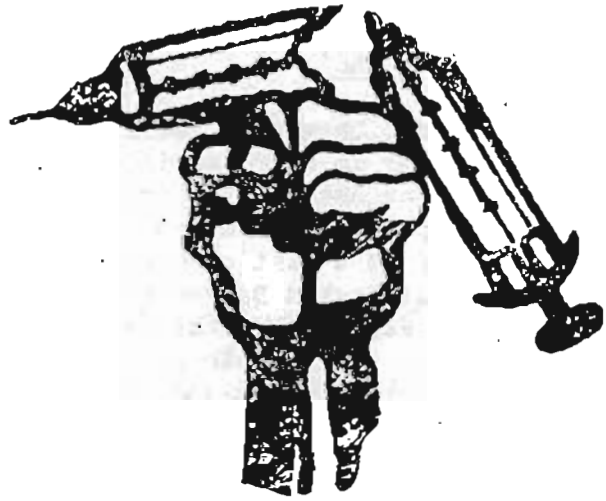
In November, 1973 Lilly called a private conference on Darvon-N in Washington. Representatives of Nixon's special drug abuse agency (SAODAP), the National Institute of Drug Abuse, and the following private researchers were present: Dr. Forrest Tennant, who runs Central City Kick in Watts and several other clinics in Black and Chicano communities in Los Angeles, has been made the main investigator of Darcon-N by Lilly. One of his articles states that the main advantage of Darvon-N is that it

"Helps us treat the thousands of addicts who don't find methadone acceptable." He explains that Black drug victims in Watts and young white victims in San Francisco have heard so many bad reports about methadone that they are refusing it for treatment. Drs. Gay & Whitehead of the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic in San Francisco submitted an article to the Lilly meeting entitled, "I got that yen for Darvon-N." It makes a lot of lame statements about being "ultra-careful" and then suggests that maintaining drug victims on Darvon-N for 4 months might be the best plan. Eli Lilly & Co. has sold deadly drugs, legally, and illegally, for 55 years or more. Like Darvon-N, most of Lilly's narcotics have been marketed for poor young people. As our struggle for freedom grows stronger, the filthy dope pushers at Eli Lilly & Co. will get exactly what they so richly desire.

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June 16, 1975

This morning we attacked the Banco de Ponce in Rockefeller Center, a bank controlled by the multimillion dollar Ferre Enterprises of Puerto Rico. We act in solidarity with the 500 striking cement workers and their families at the Ferre-owned Puerto Rican Cement in Ponce, who have withstood all forms of company and police terror in the course of their courageous four-and-a-half month strike. The strike has become a rallying point for the militant independent trade union movement in Puerto Rico -- a movement which the US, the Puerto Rican colonial government, the big corporations and the top leadership of the AFL-CIO are trying to crush. We say to the cement workers of Ponce: we are with you companeros y companeras.

The cement strike directly challenges the Ferre family, which owns iron works, hotels, newspapers, banks and construction companies and functions as a full partner in the US plunder of Puerto Rico. Luis Ferre -- President of Ferre Enterprises -- is a former colonial governor of Puerto Rico, a close friend of Nixon and Rockefeller and head of the right-wing pro-statehood New Progressive Party. The Operators and Cement Workers Union went on strike after Ferre tried to cut pension payments for retired workers in half and attempted to wipe out a medical plan from the workers' contract. The Union fought back, demanding a restoration of the cuts, higher wages, an end to forced overtime, a cost-of-living clause and better working conditions.

The strike has received the full backing of the United Workers Movement (MOU), a federation of 40 progressive unions in Puerto Rico. On May Day 10,000 workers marched in a MOU-sponsored demonstration dedicated to the cement workers and two other striking unions, to the Puerto Rican woman worker and to the Vietnamese victory. The Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) has launched a major drive for funds and strike support. Acts of sabotage have also taken place on the Island against operations of Puerto Rican Cement and other Ferre-owned companies.

Ferre has gone all out to break the strike, hiring professional strikebreakers and thugs from a US firm (Security Associates). Puerto Rico's secret police (the C.I.C.) have arrested and tortured union members. The FBI has openly intervened in a Puerto Rican strike for the first time, harassing striking workers and threatening their

families. Strike leader Efrain Fernandez was arrested on a phony charge (later dropped) of violating the Federal Explosives Act. The Seafarers International Union -- an AFL-CIO international -- has started signing up the strikebreakers into a scab union. The company has waged an unsuccessful redbaiting campaign to divide the workers from their union leaders and from their supporters in the pro-independence movement.

Since 1898, when the US grabbed Puerto Rico as a colony, US corporations have used Puerto Rico as a profit paradise while distorting and wrecking its economic life. US investments return more profit per year than the entire annual budget of the Puerto Rican government. Those profits come from the superexploitation of Puerto Rican workers, who work long hours under dangerous conditions and receive 1/3 the wages of US workers at comparable jobs. The recent wave of strikes by telephone workers, waterworks employees and the cement workers are threatening this system -- and in the process shaking the very foundations of US colonialism in Puerto Rico.

An incorruptible, fighting workers movement in Puerto Rico terrifies the US rulers not only because of its impact on Puerto Rico but also because of its effect here. With two million Puerto Ricans now living in the US and a broad movement of solidarity with the Puerto Rican struggle emerging, the lessons of the cement strike can be brought home to further challenge the imperialists' rule in the US. Solidarity with the cement workers is part of the class struggle here. With the US testing out its anti-worker, strikebreaking tactics on our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters, this is the time to show militant support for the Ponce strike.

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# Free the Dragons!

People who come out of prison  
can build up the country.

Misfortune is a test of  
people's fidelity.

Those who protest at injustice  
are people of true merit.

When the prison doors are opened,  
the real dragon will fly out.

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