

## I THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE INTERRELATED GROUPS THAT ARE SEEKING PUBLIC SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION.

I. You can help the Afrikan People's Survival Committee to achieve its goals. You can do this

A - helping with financial support in the form of

1- a contribution now

2- a pledge of a monthly contribution

B - helping to make the already functioning Center function better.

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1- helping us locate good duplication equipment such as a miniograph machine and/or rights to a xerox machine.

2- helping us obtain a car. Currently, transportation is a central problem. If you know of a good, cheap used car, please let us know.

II. You can help Families For Action (FFA), already established in other cities, become a viable organization here in Birmingham. You can hook up with a family of a prisoner. These people experience a great deal of hardship and there are many ways you can help. For example, since the only way to get to Atmore and Holman (220 miles away) during the "energy crisis" is with the WEIN bus, and since it costs \$12 per person to go, perhaps you could assist members of a prisoner's family to make a trip they otherwise could not have made. Perhaps you could help the family with any of their other numerous problems, which are both directly and indirectly related to the imprisonment of one of their family.

III. You can help by joining and/or supporting the Committee for Prisoner Support in Birmingham (CPSB).

A - You can join the sub-committee which will collect items such as underwear, pencils, paper, stamps, and the many other articles most Alabama prisons do not provide. Prisoners are expected to purchase all of the above, and a good deal more, including cigarettes, on the 25¢ per week salary that they receive. This committee will solicit from individuals as well as corporations.

B - You can join the sub-committee which will establish a prison newsletter. This newsletter will include prison news, letters to and from prisoners, information about penal legislation and other related issues. The people must be informed, must know the truth. It is hoped that this newsletter will make a contribution in that direction.

C - You can join the sub-committee, working in conjunction with the Legal Evaluation and Action Program (LEAP), to find legal assistance for prisoners and their families. We sincerely believe that with good legal assistance we could free several brothers and sisters, provide a good deal of support to those who continue to struggle, without and within, against the injustices of the penal system, and lift enormous burdens off the families so that they might function in a healthy manner during the absence of one of their family.

D - You can join those in CPSB and in "Braceltes" who are writing to prisoners and offering moral and spiritual support. In addition to the clear need for contact with the outside world, this correspondence serves another purpose. It is strongly believed that those prisoners who are paid attention are treated less terribly. Letters from the outside are signs to the keepers that someone is watching.

E - You can join the sub-committee which will devote itself to research and informing the public on such issues as Alabama's Legal Action and Planning Agency (LEPA), which is charged with the responsibility for making ten-year plans, prison construction programs (Alabama is one of the few states in the nation still building new prisons), and more.

F - You can join the sub-committee which will try to raise funds, from individuals and organizations, to make all of the above possible.