

Press release charges prison murder

We charge the California Department of Correction with the cowardly execution of Brother George Jackson last Saturday, August 1, 1971, at San Quentin. George is one of many thousands who has symbolized and continues to symbolize the resistance and liberation efforts of caged and repressed men caught behind enemy lines.

(1) WE strongly feel and intend to prove that the "official" accounts of this brutal murder are fabricated and designed to mislead the people as to what is in fact going on behind those walls, and be used as a tool to further the oppression of brothers and sisters.

(2) WE feel that farcical statements about a gun being in a tape-recorder (all such gadgets are completely disassembled) and being hidden in hairnets and hair are made with the belief that the public is easily fooled and will accept these astounding blanket statements without question.

(3) WE feel that "official" reports of the "escape" attempt are false and unfounded. An escape from the adjustment center prison yard or the inmate visiting area is impossible. All prisoners are subjected to four security checks, one before leaving the adjustment center, one before entering the visiting area, one on leaving the visiting area, one before entering the adjustment center. (Please refer to the attached security check breakdown).

The Press has the responsibility of reporting both versions (official vs. inmates), but so far has published

only "official" accounts. How many brothers in the prisons have you interviewed? WE challenge the Press to refute any of the truths we have surfaced so far.

(4) WE have information that George Jackson was forced out into the adjustment center yard by tear gas, shot in the ankle, then, while in a face down position shot in the brain. The same source of information revealed also that four other brothers, John Cluchette, Fleeta Drumgo, Ruchell Magee, have been brutalized, and continue to be severely brutalized and at present Johnny Spain is in critical condition or dead. Therefore, WE call upon all dispossessed people, Black, Chicano, Asian, Indian, and other progressive people to pay tribute to Brother Jackson by escalating the struggle inside the United States against racism, capitalism and imperialism, and to work untiringly for the abolition of the brutal penal system.

"They've pushed me over the line from which there can be no retreat. I know that they will not be satisfied until they've pushed me out of this existence altogether."

George Jackson
from Soledad Brother

Ex-Cons San Quentin
B.S.U. East Los Angeles College
Southern California Prison Coalition
Avalon Gardens Community
Organization
Representative of Afro-American
Community Awareness Group
Tehachapi, Medium Institution

Asian Involvement Office
Harriet Tubman Prison Movement
Ruchell Magee Defense Committee
Ex-Contestants of Watts Summer
Festival Pageant
Chicano Prison Movement
Ex-Cons Soledad, Central Facility

Security Check Breakdown

Each security check involves a skin search, whereas, prisoners are forced to strip naked . . . show both sides of their hands . . . open their mouths and, wiggle the tongue . . . raise the penis for inspection of the testicles . . . turn-about and bend at the waist; thus, splitting the rectum for anal inspection . . . again raise, and raise the foot (left and right) to show the heel and sole . . . run fingers through the hair in brisk fashion . . . and, turn the head left and right for inspection of eardrums.

The inspection for Adjustment Center Inmates is required a minimum of four times if a visit is involved. It occurs as follows:

1. Upon leaving the Adjustment Center Area
2. Once before entering the Visiting Area
3. Once upon departing the Visiting Area
4. Upon re-entering the Adjustment Center Area

