

A Plea on Behalf Of the Rosenbergs

One of the sons of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg raised an impassioned plea to hundreds of persons at Glide Memorial Church yesterday to join his fight to clear his parents' name.

Robert Meeropol told the audience that government documents show that his parents, who were convicted in 1951 and executed in 1953 for espionage in connection with the stealing of secret information on the atom bomb, had been "framed."

"We must remain on the offensive to keep secret government and law enforcement" from repeating their acts, he said.

"(Many) see my parents' case as an aberration but along with Watergate and Vietnam they are normal business," he added. "Reopening this case is not about reopening the past but making sure that the past does not repeat itself."

Meeropol, 29, and his brother Michael, 33, have campaigned intensively over the past two years, subpoenaed reams of government documents on the case and written a book to "tell the real story about the Rosenbergs."
