

Prison Recriminations

To the Editor:

You bastard!!! Your editorial, "The Violence at San Quentin," of August 24, 1971 reached the absolute bottom of yellow stinking journalism.



John Thorne

It was your paper which published the vicious, unfounded, and malicious attack on members of Mr. George Jackson's family. You printed the unfounded allegations that a letter was found by a dry cleaning shop WEEKS ago in someone's pants pocket.

According to you alone, that letter gave all the officials at San Quentin knowledge that the carnage of August 21st was to occur. Your editorial was printed AFTER the only two men who were there, Mr. John Clutchette and Mr. Fleeta Drumgo, and who had been out to talk to the world, told all that George Jackson had been set-up and brutally murdered by the officials at San Quentin.

None of your reporters had been inside those walls at that time.

I ask you one question: If those officials had that alleged letter weeks ago, and took no action . . . who are the murderers of all that died on August 21st at San Quentin?

You bastard!!!

JOHN THORNE
San Jose

John Thorne was chief attorney for George Jackson. See editorial—Editor

Angela Davis is contending that George Jackson was struck down by "a Fascist bullet".

. . . If we are going to classify weapons in ideological terms, perhaps Angela can also tell us:

What kind of a bullet penetrated the back of Sergeant Jere Graham's head? (He was also stabbed repeatedly).

What kind of cloth and electrical cord, ideologically speaking, were used to choke Officer Paul Karsenes, and what kind of razor was used to make the "very smooth" slashes on his neck, severing an artery?

What kind of razor slashed Officer Frank P. DeLeon? What kind of bullet made the gunshot wound in his head? What kind of electrical cord choked him and bound his ankles?

What ideological persuasion is to be attributed to the razor that made "multiple cuts" on inmate John Lynn?

What ideological category applies to the knife, shiv, or razor that made a deep cut on the side of inmate Ronald Kane's neck, severing an artery? . . .

STANLEY McNAIL
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Airport Safety

Now that the distinguished senator from Massachusetts has favored us with his wisdom in straightening our airport runway difficulties, should we not show our gratitude? I suggest that at least one