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"FREE ANGELA DAVIS"

A Statement Issued by the Political Committee, C.P.U.S.A. Gus Hall William L. Patterson

The most savage manhunt since the days of barbarous slave hunting is over.

As if the manhunt was not sufficiently brutal, now the Government has demanded a quarter of a million dollars ransom for Angela Davis and \$100,000 for her companion, David Poindexter.

Angela Davis, brilliant Black Communist and freedom fighter whom Nixon's Department of Justice seeks to implicate in an attempted prison break in San Rafael, California, has been seized by J. Edgar Hoover's ruthless F.B.I. agents.

It is imperative that a movement of national proportions fighting to free this heroic woman be immediately organized. There is no time to lose.

Angela Davis is guilty of no crime save that she is a Black woman courageously fighting a racist policy of government, destructive of national morality, integrity and making for the debumanization of millions of Americans.

Nixon's government seeks to sharpen its racist terror. It seeks to blunt the national liberation struggles of the millions of Black citizens, their progressive friends in labor's ranks, the militant white students, peace forces and others who demand an end to racism in the U.S.A.

The unity in struggle of these forces must relentlessly be fought for. That is the road to freedom for Angela Davis.

A mobilization drive of national scope must be initiated. A massive movement for Angela Davis' freedom is the imperative of the day. This is the main direction for the moment in the battle to end racism and smash reaction's drive toward a police state.

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Angela Davis

Through Angela Dwvis' arrest and persecution the government seeks to terrorize all who fight against racism. It seeks to smash all unity movements and set up white back-lash fronts of terror on a national scale.

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As the United Nations gathers to celebrate its 25th anniversary and seek enforcement of its Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Convention for the prevention and punishment of genocide, the government of our country seeks to intensify its racist aggression at home and abroad.

The defense of Angela Davis is of universal importance. Her freedom is our historic responsibility. Her right to be heard will be a monumental gain to the liberation struggle in the U.S.A.

Angela Davis is a courageous foe of racism.

Racism is a deadly menace to peace, national security and to unity of the working class.

It is to bring about such relations and universal respect for human dignity that Angela Davis has fearlessly fought.

A defense Committee of national scope is an imperative necessity.

Resolutions, telegrams and phone calls to the White House demanding the safety of her life, an end to the dastardly frameup and her immediate freedom are on the order of the day for all who value democratic and civil liberties.

We are confident that Communists and all honest leaders of labor and the many movements against the anti-democratic drive of America's rulers will join this fight.

The nation cannot remain free and at the same time split along the color line.

Free Angela Davis and David Poindexter.

Advance the national liberation struggles for a people free and indivisible.

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COMMUNIST PARTY PLEDGES SUPPORT TO ANGELA DAVIS, BOBBY SEALE, ERICKA HUGGINS AND REIES TIJERINA

The National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A. at its meeting Nov. 21-23 in New York City, issued the following two letters: "Dear Comrade Angela Davis:

"We extend to you our warmest comradely affection and revolutionary love. Your imprisonment on frame-up charges and the urgent necessity of gaining your freedom has been central to our deliberations this weekend. We have placed the task of building a movement to free you in the forefront of our efforts in the coming period.

"Your courage, your determination and abilities have prompted the ruling class to imprison you. Your commitment to Marxism-Leninism, your identification with the struggle of the working class and your commitment to ending the oppression of Black people have inspired people all over the world. Today, throughout this country and the whole world a cry has begun to rise demanding your freedom.

"We now pledge all out efforts to build this widespread and broad movement everywhere powerful enough to free you and all other political prisoners.

"The capitalist state apparatus has imprisoned your body but has been unable to contain your spirit. It has been amongst us during our deliberations. Yours is the spirit of Sacco and Vanzetti, of Tom Mooney and Angelo Herndon. It is the spirit which has sustained Communists imprisoned by the ruling class for over 50 years. It is true spirit alive in the jail cells and torture chambers holding Communists, working class leaders and democrats throughout the capitalist world. It is the spirit that says to the enemy: No matter how much force you employ, no matter how many of us you jail -- you cannot overcome the power of the people.

"Angela, we long to have you free, amongst us working to rid the world of imperialism and exploitation and building for a socialist society." MORE (See p. 2)

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Two Letters of CP

To Ericka Huggins and Bobby Seale

"The frame-up charges which have been brought against you and the continual coordinated brutal efforts on the part of the U.S. government to destroy your organization are a matter of great concern for all people. This persecution constitutes an affront to the people of the United States, contempt for the Constitution, an attack on all Black people and a serious threat to the interest of all working men and women of the nation.

New Haven, Conn. and Reies Tijerina in Federal Penitentiary

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"This effort on the part of the ruling class must be turned back. We pledge ourselves to extend every effort to build the broadest and strongest people's movement possible throughout the country to free you, our comrade Angela Davis, Reies Tijerina and all other political prisoners. The three of you two daughters and a son of the working class and the Black community - belong back on the streets, among the people, working to build for socialism, the new society which will free us all.

"Power to the working class! "Power to the People!

> Free Angela, Free Bobby, Free Ericka, Free Tijerina.

"Free all political prisoners"

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