IN MEMORY OF

COMRADE GEORGE



by SEKOU KAMBUI

George Jackson (Comrade George) was a field marshal for the Black Panther Party, and the most well known and inspirational leader of the prison movement in California and around the world.

Through the 1960's, Sekou Kambui organized youth all across Alabama to participate in Civil Rights demonstrations and was associated with the Southern Christianship Leadership Conference (SCLC), Congress Of Racial Equality (CORE), and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). In 1967 he became affiliated with the Black Panthers in Chicago and New York. Sekou like so many others was also targeted by the FBI's COINTELPRO operation, then Governor George Wallace's version of the same operation, and survived numerous assassination attempts. Upon his return to Birmingham, Sekou coordinated community organizational activity with the Alabama Black Liberation Front, Inmates For Action (IFA) Defense Committee, the Afro-Americann People's Party in the mid 1970's, and the Black Liberation Army (BLA) before his capture. Sekou was captured Jan. 2, 1975, and was formally charged with the murder of two white men in separate incidents on the same night. One was a KKK official out of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and the other a multi-millionaire oil man out of Birmingham, Alabama. Sekou was found guilty of both murders in separate trials (May 22, 1975 and August 13, 1975). This was of no surprise in racist Alabama.

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Dear Brothers/Sisters, Comrades/Friends,

We are approaching that time again which we have commonly accepted or embraced as an occassion for remembering/commemorating the life and times, struggle and assassination of our dearly beloved Comrade George. Sometime shortly after his untimely assassination on August 21, 1971, someone said with easy articulation, and I quote:

George Jackson's spirit is an alive and growing revolutionary force, because it is in all of us. If you can already feel it, keep it growing and help others feel it. If you can't feel it yet, just keep walking the streets of America, or the floor of your cell, feel the part of you that's in pain and at war with yourself, then dig down and find that part of you that came out of your mother's womb screaming for freedom, that wants to laugh and feel open and that is struggling to stay alive, and you'll know what we are talking about.

He went on to say further:

George Jackson is very much with us. As he told us himself:

"There will be a special page in the book of life for the men who have crawled back from the grave. This page will tell of utter defeat, ruin, passivity, and subjection in one breath, and in the next, overwhelming victory and fulfillment."

Brothers and sisters, it is long past due that the stage is set for our Comrade George's spirit to be at ease and rest in peace; something I feel has not been possible when we look around us and see our own inactivity, our conceding to passivity in the brutal face of enhanced abject poverty, oppression, exploitation, miseducation/misinformation, and a billion other maladies that can be listed for those on the outside in minimum-custody status; for those of us on the inside whose inactivity/passivity in the face of perpetual dehumanization, brutalization, murder/assassination, 'slave-wage free labor, inhumane living quarters, repressive denial of our basic human/constitutional rights, deliberate indifference to our basic human responses and needs, the blatant racial harrassment/in-

timidation, and the continuing isolation from our loved ones has merely increased the number and force of these offenses against our humanity. We have sat idly by and watched as those who keep and maintain their illegal and criminal domination over us have made our reality a living nightmare. "Tweedly De/Tweedly Dum"

All of this has been made possible because we have refused to make a stand and assert our right - our inherent human right - to live with our dignity and integrity intact. Now this does not speak to all of us, since we all know that lots and lots of our brothers and sisters have not ceased to fight for their human rights; have not ceased to demand respect for their human dignity, and not failed to take a stand against those who oppress, exploit, miseducate, manipulate, and dominate in the form of would-be tyrants, such as Hitler maybe ... The Hitler of Dachau/Auschwitz fame. Yes, that's him with his Gestapo helpers, you cannot but know of this one; but that's his story; you and I know about the present-day Hitlers with their Gestapo helpers, don't we? We are aware of our beloved brothers and sisters held captive in their tiny cells throughout Amerikkka and elsewhere in the world; here they remain humiliated, raped, murdered, brutalized, maimed, terrorized, experimented on, denied their human dignity and human rights; denied the right to speak about what rights they/we are supposed to have under the so-called Constitution of these United States; seems we should know our brothers and sisters, comrades, and friends - for we are all victims of the same conspiracy, we are all refused, denied, abused, oppressed, repressed, brutalized, murdered, and assassinated either in the physical sense or in the spiritual and mental/emotional sense.

Yes, that is the point that brings us back to this time for commemorating Our Beloved Comrade George. It is inside this moment and within his memory we should discover a commonality of experiences sufficient enough that we are moved with a desire to make fast alive our spirits, and join together in the spirit of Our Comrade, and begin to attack this vicious monster fighting to maintain



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us in a state of abject fear, apathy, inactivity, isolation, estrangement, and displacement with ourselves and with our brothers and sisters everywhere in captivity. It is time to question where we are now in our respective, individual, collective selves and devise a method of evaluation, a self evaluation that don't show favorites; a self-evaluation that will bite the bullet for saying "yes" to life, and say "yes" - it is time we turned around and reached out to our fellow brothers and sisters and lifted them up to walk stoutly and staunchly beside us. We have work to do ... lots of work to do today. We have a responsibility to ourselves, our loved ones, families and friends, our fellow comrades, whether sister or brother/male or female, comrades still; and last but not least, we have a responsibility to our children, to include all the children of the world, to sit down and develop a common bond, a mutual understanding and a multinational/multicultural/multiracial focus on the direction necessary and appropriate for us to take towards actual liberation of our minds, bodies, and spirits, to include a better life for all within our lifetime, especially for our children. It is time now that we utilized every available means for complementing each other, joining together to strike a blow against further imperialist/capitalist aggression, exploitation and oppression; against sexism/racism, slavery/enslavement, miseducation, ignorance; against the rape of our minds, bodies, and spirits. It is time we united our hearts and minds and spirits, combined our resources, and joined together in support for overcoming all of these ills, and the many others unnamed but shared and experienced by all of us throughout Amerikkka, and especially by our brothers and sisters held incommunicado, isolated, and estranged from us in Koncentration Kolonies within and without the U$, the so-called "United $tates". Wherever our brothers and sisters are held in bondage, neo-slavery, victimized by the arbitrary rule and domination of capitalist/imperialist aggression, exploitation and oppression, Let us stand hard and in unity to gether no matter what they label us, no matter how they define us, howsoever they respond to our actions. Let us say "YES" to life and the power of revolution to give life new meaning and a quality well worth the

sacrifices and the protracted effort of us all. Let us take back control of our own lives, our own destinies and define our life and our living with our own actions toward the absolute liberation of humanity and the creation of a new world order in which we can live together, work together, and play together with our dignity and self-integrity and values intact.

This is not just a call to our millions of brothers and sisters held captive throughout Amerikkka and elsewhere, but a call to those outside of Amerikkka's $lave kolonies, residing in minimum custody, whose support we need for protesting against the perpetual dehumanization and genocide being implemented with impunity against us all, whether in maximum security (inside the prison $lave-kamps) or in minimum custody (outside of prison in our communities, cities, and states). We must unite in heart, mind, and spirit. Let us welcome in a new day: A Day of Reckoning and a Day of Victory!

We need
. . . words like grenades
leaving the shrapnel of ideas in our bodies
bursting walls of ignorance
and patient
and strong
and constant
they explained
and in the words we discovered the truth.

We need to renew our commitment to protracted human liberation struggle, and to draw to a scheme of operation that mixes with the concrete realities of our respective lives and times, and provides us with a basis of understanding whereby our combined efforts will suffice for combatting the present-day ills we are perpetually subjected to and victimized by. We must renew our commitment to a new sense of ourselves born and inspirited in the spirit of our brothers and sisters who have become martyrs in the



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cause of human liberation. It is time now to take a stand and make a firm commitment to a new world order of absolute liberation. Let us move together and make a significant leap forward and unite with others whose ideas, thoughts, and actions show them to be our true brothers and sisters, whose every act is motivated by an unselfish motive, and whose every intention is to liberate themselves and preserve their human dignity and integrity. We stand together no matter what the odds, no matter the repressive responses; WE STAND TOGETHER AND FIGHT BACK.

And later I will forge simple words
which even children can understand
words which will enter every house: every prison cell, every slave quarter like the wind; and stop the laughter, stop the tears and fall like red hot embers on our people's souls.

We must absorb and understand--Cabral's--profound--statement:

"the dialectic of colonial repression has proved that today no colonial aggressor can overcome a people's spirit as motivated with the determination to win their freedom..."By any means necessary!"

Yes, let's do more than say that the spirit of Comrade George is alive within us; let's prove it by our combined actions, our unified spirits and our collective support towards eradicating ignorance, correcting miseducation, oppression, exploitation, human suffering, human slavery, and all other manufactured dehumanization practiced and designed to alienate and promote our continued displacement and estrangement from each other. We have been unhappy much too long now. Our lives are too full of pain, righteous bitterness, unreasonable deprivations, etc., all of which suffice for us to be too greatly depressed, apathetic, frightened, and empty. We have a duty to abide our inherent instincts to identify with and support each other, to work together to define our own lives, and to collectively work to build a new and better world for the mutual benefit of all people, a world of actual lib-

eration that protects our humanity.

It is our time now and we need to use it for educating ourselves and teaching ourselves discipline, a discipline necessary for constructing a new sense of direction, enabling us to hold true to the course defined by our wants, needs, and desires for a better life and more meaningful world. We need to reach out to one another and embrace each other with "revolutionary love and understanding", support each other in compelling ourselves to respect ourselves, respect each other as we show ourselves respectful; becoming better equipped to sustain the long, long struggle ahead of us, and not hesitate to stand on our commitments and prove true to our common cause in the human rights/liberation struggle.

The Unity Collective from behind the walls salutes all of our brothers and sisters inside/outside and everywhere liberation fighters are employed. We salute you with a clenched fist, in perpetual solidarity and continual support in every aspect of the struggle ahead, and you will hear lots more from us herein and you will know that the spirit of Comrade George is alive and well herein within our lives and actions as it is in yours. Our hearts, minds, and spirits remain ever striving to maintain unity with yours. We are also in a perpetual state of war, and we do not hesitate to hold the banner of revolution high in the spirit of our brothers and sisters, comrades all, whose lives have been exhausted by those who control, dominate, and oppress us in one aspect or another. We do not intend that their life's blood should appear to have been spilled in vain, nor that the message they intended for all concerned go unheard or their demand for and denial of freedom from oppression, exploitation, racism, sexism, slavery, capitalist-fascist-imperialist aggression, domination, and manipulation go without a challenge. YES! We salute you with a clenched fist and we stand by you to take up our arms in the ongoing fight. We stand that we may be counted with you (and not against you); we are ever ready for what our destiny decides for us; but

more than that, we, no less than you, intend to take hand in hand for the molding of our own destiny and creatively chart our own paths to liberation in the field beside you. We have no intentions of being resigned to our dungeon cells while silent and passive and condescending to the heel of our enemies upon our heads, perpetuating our human suffering and human bondage, while the Human Rights Struggle passes us by! NO! The line has been drawn, the bond made, and the commitment seriously embraced; the spirit of Comrade George resonates from deep within us and its echo will touch-down deep in the hearts stirring the spirits and inspiring the minds of all of you who are our brothers and sisters in the struggle we share in common: "We look to share the victory of fulfillment and liberation with you too!!!"

In the spirit of Comrade George, and all of our fallen brothers and sisters whose lives were snatched from them before they were able to share the total victory with us, and for those of us who are repressed and isolated behind steel bars, ostracized, defamed and perpetually harrassed, brutalized, racially/sexually intimidated - murdered even - We share with you the same understanding and acceptance of the responsibility and consequences before us, both respectively and collectively. Like our brother/comrade in whose memory we share this moment, let it be clearly acknowledged and emphasized in his own words, so that none can doubt its truth:

Although I would like very much to get out of here in order to develop a few ideas that have occurred to me - although I would not like to leave my bones here on the hill - if it is a choice between surrendering the things that make me a man, then the hill can have my bones. Many times in the history of our past - I speak of the African here in the U.S. - many times we were presented with this choice, too many of us choose to live the crippled existence of the near man, the half man. Well, I don't care how long I live. Over this, I have no control, but I do care about what kind of life I live, and I can control this. I may not live but another five minutes, BUT IT WILL BE DEFINITELY FIVE MINUTES ON MY TERMS. (Comrade George, 1971)

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So be it; let's get to work. As you are certain to agree, it is long overdue now, and there is quite much to be done. We need to unite our hearts, minds, and spirits, to sustain and maintain the fight ahead of us.

In between times, the protracted human rights-liberation struggle continues! Unite with us! Join the human liberation struggle to FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR! It will take real power to win; we have the potential elements necessary to attain a victory - seize it - from those who presently deny us our human dignity and the human right to control our every living reality that enhances our mutual growth and personal development in a free society.

As Lao Tazu has said:

To understand is hard but, once one understands, action is easy!

If you are available and willing to join our growing ranks in the fight for TRUTH, JUSTICE, and HUMAN LIBERATION for ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR, or want to make contributions in one way or another; offer constructive criticism and information that you think will enhance our work and struggle you are welcome to contact us and join with us.

If we stand tall it is because we stand on the backs of those who came before us.

(Yoruba proverb)

"We must stand tall knowing the power, strength and wisdom of the ancestors is as close as a breath. All that we ever need to be, to do, to know, to have is available. All we need to do is take a stand."

CHIRMURENGA, PAMBERI NA' -
Your brother and comrade, I remain,

In Protracted Struggle,

Sekou Cinque T.M. Kambui





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Support the War Chest Program

NJ ABC, through an ABC Federation, has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks into those Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no support during their imprisonment. We currently are able to support seven PP/POW's by sending them monthly checks of up to $60. We have been able to maintain this since November '94. There is also an Emergency Fund designed to send one time checks to those PP/POW's in need of emergency assistance. With the guidance from the prisoners, a list of other PP/POW's who are in great need of this type of support is being made. Though still small, the "War Chest" program is having an impact. As Sekou Odinga (a POW currently receiving a monthly check) writes, "Thanks much for the support you've been organizing, I really appreciate it. After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like (people) have all of a sudden realized that I am alive." We ask that you endorse this program by giving any monthly or one time donations to this effort to increase the number of prisoners being supported monthly. A financial report is published that documents all money received and the prisoners it was sent to. The prisoners addresses are also printed so that endorsers may write and hold us accountable.

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