FOUR MUST PAY FOR ONE GUARD DOWN ON ANGOLA PRISON FARM

Typical of most Southern states, Louisiana has its share of small towns, reminiscent today, of past Southern culture, customs and ideals. St. Francisville, Louisiana is just such an area. There is one important actor which differentiates St. Francisville from other "quaint" Louisiana towns. Within its borders is one of America’s most atrocious death camps, known as a prison. To those who have known and know of its horrors, it is called "The Ponderosa"; to others, simply, Angola.

Angola's fascist administration, headed by racist Murray Henderson, as a history of sadistic and bizarre murders which never make it to the newspapers. However, countless acts of brutality and murder of inmates have been cited and told by Angola's new survivors.

The prison administration's latest plot unfolded when a white prison guard, Brest Miller, was recently found dead. He had been stabbed 32 times. Suddenly, Angola was wide open to press coverage. When pig Warden Henderson got enough information, he pitifully reported how the guard had been found in one of the solitary areas with a "hate letter" near him, allegedly proclaiming that Miller had been killed by "revolutionary justice" and that more would follow. Henderson dramatically emphasized that the letter was closed with "All Power to the People".

The guard was found dead back on April 17th. It was not until 2 weeks later that the racist administrators arbitrarily chose Brothers Herman Wallace, Chester Jackson, Gilbert Montegut, and Albert Woodfox, all of whom are members of the Louisiana State Chapter of the Black Panther Party, to suffer for pig Miller’s death.

Although Henderson had carried out well his duty to American Fascism, the other white guards at Angola felt that Henderson vacillated too long in charging the comrades. Therefore, these low-ranking fascists decided to conduct their own reign of terror, and had the gall to go on strike to dramatize how they felt about pig Warden Henderson’s "toughness". Louisiana state troopers instantly re-placed their emotional cohorts. The guards, now calling themselves the "Freemasons", attacked one of the wardens to show their indignation. Their outrage was supposedly over how one of their members had been the innocent victim of an attack and since "nothing" had been done about it, they wanted to be assured of their own future "protection". They were far from Batiste, also incarcerated in Angola, give this account:

"On Monday, April 17, 1972, a member of the reactionary oppressive state apparatus was found dead. As a consequence, all known Black members of Angola’s victimless oppressive tactics were kidnapped off the big yard, beaten mercilessly and locked in the maximum security section (CCRI), left to suffer from head and body injuries and acute burns with no medical attention. We were all locked in 5 X 8 cells in (groups of four, five and six, etc.). We are unable to sleep because there is only one mattress in each cell. The food is cold and has been cut. We only receive a tablespoon of whatever is on the menu of each item. We aren’t allowed to shower. Some have been in the dungeon known as CBD administration lock-down for two and three weeks. The guards have come to the dungeon several nights in consecutive order, dragged Brothers out of their cells, through arbitrary selection, for looking like what they have termed militant and then have beaten these Brothers mercilessly. One Brother in Angola, Wayne, was so viciously beaten he had to be taken to a hospital in Baton Rouge, and a guard checks his cell every hour to see if he is still living. The others who weren’t beaten nearly to death were made to sit while 2, 3, or 4 pigs cut their hair in all directions, then made to claw back to their cells. Their shock treatment consists of baseball bats, iron pipes, pick handles, gas and mace sprayed in Brothers’ faces, so those who attempt to fight off the blows can’t see.

"The Brothers who weren’t locked down, but continued to work in the fields are being worked seven days a week; shots are being fired at them. They can’t get out of line, they’re beaten with bats and forced to say they are ‘whores’; and after these sadistic accomplishments, they are forced to finish working in a badly bruised condition.”

The four Brothers, Comrades Wallace, Jackson, Montegut, and Woodfox,
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have been indicted in St. Francisville, Louisiana. This place is infamous for lynchings, “legal” or otherwise.

Just as in the case of our beloved Comrade George Jackson, Field Marshal of the Black Panther Party, the State will try to eliminate these four revolutionary Brothers for resisting the bitter repression to which they are subjected in Angola Prison Camp. The state of Louisiana has certainly not repealed the death penalty, and these Brothers, therefore, face execution at the hands of the State. The “Angola Four” must have the support of the people in order to have justice rendered to them. It is only with the support of the people that these Brothers will be set free.

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FREE THE ANGOLA 3

The Angola 3 are political prisoners held in the Louisiana State Penitentiary. Single out and framed because of their successful political activity within the prison system, these former Black Panthers have been held in solitary confinement for 30 years. In February 2001, Robert King Wilkerson, one of the three, was released. Both Albert Woodfox and Herman Wallace have legal cases pending.

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