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# AMERIKA

## Black Panther Party Still Active & Hunted By Pigs

### Soledad Brothers Acquitted ...

After two years of struggle during which George Jackson was murdered by prison guards, the two remaining Soledad Brothers, John Clutchette and Fleeta Drumgo were acquitted of all charges made against them by the State of California. The acquittal came after a 13 week trial during which the prosecution's case was exposed as based on bribery and coercion of witnesses (see centre pages).

### ... But Not Free

John Clutchette was granted parole to begin April 20th 1970. Now that he has spent two years in maximum confinement since then and been acquitted by jury of the charges trumped against him he should be set free IMMEDIATELY. But it is under the sole discretion of the Adult Authority, a group of middle class whites appointed by Governor Reagan. In 1971 this was composed of former policemen, prosecutors, FBI and prison personnel with the exception of a retired dentist. Researcher Jessica Mitford found in 1971 that the AA bases their total control over prisoners (both in prison and out on parole) on many factors including "crimes for which they have been tried in court of law and acquitted". (see centre pages)  
PRESS JOHN CLUTCHETTE!

Fleeta has another court battle ahead, to fight multiple capital charges brought against him and 5 other brothers in San Quentin because of the death of 3 guards and 2 prisoners on the day George Jackson was murdered by San Quentin guards. (see SAN QUENTIN 6 on page 3)

### Angela's Trial Begins

Angela Davis's trial for "murder and kidnapping" opened in the San Jose court house in Santa Clara County, California on Monday Feb 23rd, a few days after Judge Arneson had reluctantly granted her bail when the Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty in California - ostensibly the reason for refusing her bail beforehand.

The state moved the case from Marin to the white middle class suburb of Santa Clara in December 1971 because "security is better there". In fact it was an effort to placate the Marin tax payers but still be sure of a white middle class jury. They were successful and the prosecution opened their case before an all white jury on March 27th.

The prosecution's case so far as been based on sexist innuendo and hysterical scaremongering which has been extended outside the courtroom for the jury's benefit. The courthouse is surrounded by pigs in green battle dress, armed pigs and bailiffs line the courtroom, spectators are forced to go through electronic security checks and be photographed, and the county has announced that thousands of dollars are being spent on remodelling the courthouse "for extra security". (see page 7)

Defence committees all over the world have declared that a special drive will be made in May to bring massive pressure against the plan to lynch Angela in the courtroom. Info: ADDC, 10 Greek St, W1.

The Black Panther Party held a three day Survival Conference in Oakland on March 29th, 30th and 31st to publicise their new direction. Since April 17th 1971 when Huey Newton published a statement on "the defection of the Black Panther Party from the black community" the Panthers have been putting the emphasis on the need for community "survival programmes" to bring the black community out of the degradation which white Amerika has condemned them to and make it ready for revolutionary change. Survival programmes include free breakfast programmes, free bus services to prisons, legal aid, free education, free clothing and shoes, free plumbing and home maintenance service. They are also doing a voter registration drive to get black people to vote in the 1972 elections.

At the rally over 10,000 people were registered to vote and over 13,000 received tests for Sickle Cell Anaemia (a hereditary blood disease which afflicts black people) from the staff of the George L Jackson Health Clinic.

### Jacksons Continue To Petition UN

Third world nations have responded to the Jackson's petition for an investigation of the concentration camp techniques being used on black Americans and the murder of George Jackson. More info: GEORGE L JACKSON FOUNDATION, PO Box 68, Berkeley, California.

### Tombs Seven Face Overkill Trial In May

The Tombs 7 are seven revolutionary brothers who were selected for "legal punishment" following the 1970 New York City Prison revolts (see pages 16 & 17). The Tombs is the name given to the Manhattan House of Detention where the brothers were protesting physical brutality and racial and class repression. They face charges that amount to a document of legal terror as the state continues its massive reactionary offensive on the prison liberation movement. More info: TOMBS 7 DEFENCE COMMITTEE, c/o Patula, 209-16 86th Drive, Queens Village, New York 11427. (See Attica pp 8-10)

George Jackson was a Field Marshall in the Black Panther Party and money from his new book BLOOD IN MY EYE helped to fund the Survival Conference.



Huey P Newton, Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins are now free and working for the Party in Oakland. David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party is however still being railroaded. He is in jail pending appeal of his ten year sentence for "assaulting" a pig when Bobby Hutton was killed by pigs on April 6th 1968. The State has now indicted him for perjury through a grand jury because he claimed \$150 for court transcripts on the grounds that he was poor. The state has dug up this charge and taken it through the expense of a Grand Jury because they are determined to keep David in jail even if he wins his present appeal. They are also taking the opportunity to harass financial supporters of the Black Panther Party by subpoenaing them to appear before the Grand Jury.

### Jimmy Carr Assassinated

Jimmy Carr, close friend of George Jackson's, was shot and killed outside his house at 7am April 6th. Two men, Lammarr Mize and Richard Rodriguez, have been arrested. The 2 men allegedly flew out from New York 3 weeks ago and had guns, fire bombs and detailed expense accounts in their possession suggesting that they may have been hired killers. The prosecution suspended Angela Davis's trial on Monday April 10th in an effort to connect the trial with the bloody killing. The attention of every juror was carefully drawn to the sensational press coverage (Jimmy was to have been a witness at the trial and was married to Betsy Hammer one of the founders of the Soledad Defence Committee) supposedly to ensure that they wouldn't be prejudiced but actually to bolster the prosecution's line of fraudulent emotional innuendo. None of the white jurors disqualified themselves. (More on Jimmy Carr on p19)

### California Abolishes Death Penalty

The California Supreme Court 6-1 decision on February 18th declared the death penalty constituted cruel and unusual punishment in violation of a section of the State Constitution. It "degrades and dehumanizes all who participate in its processes," said the court, adding: "it is unnecessary to any legitimate goal of the state and is incompatible with the dignity of man and the judicial process."

Ronald Reagan publicly condemned the decision and announced he would back an appeal against it especially in the cases of people "like Angela Davis".

Thirty six states in Amerika now have the death penalty on the books. Nearly 600 prisoners are on death rows waiting to die. More than half are black and of other oppressed national minorities - a figure outnumbering by far their portion of the population as a whole.

FACT: Of the 455 prisoners executed for rape in the South (since officials began to keep statistics) 405 were black. Of 61 men executed in Georgia, 58 were black.

## BRITAIN

I WOULDN'T SAY I WAS  
A RACIST - I JUST DON'T  
LIKE BLACK  
PEOPLE!

SEE PAGES 11,13,14.





# RUCHELL MAGEE

Ruchell Magee is the only revolutionary brother to survive the August 7th 1970 Slave Rebellion at the Marin Courthouse (see p6). Four other black brothers were killed by prison guards who also killed a judge (Haley) whom the brothers had taken hostage in an attempt to publicise the racism & brutality suffered by the poor, the black and the brown in American courts and prison. Ruchell is now facing a mandatory capital

sentence for "murder and kidnap". Pre-trial hearings are being held in the Marin courthouse.

Ruchell Cinque Magee is 31 and has been in prison since he was 15. He taught himself to read and write when he was 23 and has since been fighting for legal justice for all political prisoners. In his present trial he has refused court appointed lawyers, been denied the right to defend himself, has been gagged many

times in the courtroom and is forced to sit with his hands chained together and his feet chained to the floor. He was originally made a co-defendant with Angela Davis but his case has now been severed and his trial will not begin until Angela's trial is over. Meanwhile he is fighting pre-trial motions & using every occasion to expose fraud and racism in the court.

## GUERRILLA FIGHTER IN THE COURTROOM

Ruchell has just won (March 21st) the right to be his own co-counsel in his trial for kidnapping and murder arising out of the Slave Rebellion of August 7th 1970. This move comes after months and months of trying to overcome the prejudice of white judges and counteract the prosecution's case that he is nothing more than an incompetent moron.

The court has appointed one of his original attorneys, Robert Carrow, as his co-counsel. Ruchell has won the respect of many attorneys, including Carrow, over the past months of struggle and it is likely that Carrow will let Ruchell run the defence strategy.

He has also won the right to appeal his 1965 life sentence which he has been fighting for the last seven years. He is holding this in abeyance at the moment and still fighting to have his case removed from the state to the federal courts - the only place he claims he

could expect racial prejudice and social bias to be at a minimum. There are precedents for this removal but they took place in Deep South states and California judges refuse to admit that California courts are racist ...

Ruchell has been fighting racism and brutality in the California courts and prisons for 9 years. For him the August 7th uprising was the justified rebellion of slaves. Even though, as a lifer, he faces an automatic capital sentence, Ruchell is refusing to capitulate to the state and is using his case to dramatise the closed trap that black people face in the ghettos and the prisons. He is literally risking his life to pursue this course because he is still imprisoned in San Quentin at the mercy of the very people whose inhumanity he is determined to expose. And he is assisting the San Quentin 6 in preparation of their legal defence since they cannot afford lawyers (see p 3).



MANY PRISONERS FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD GET ON THE STREETS BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN THE BLACK MOVEMENT. HOWEVER WE AT THE END OF THE WORLD, IN THE SHALLOW GRAVES OF DEATH, REALIZE THAT EXPLOITATION AND ALL ITS RACIST MANIFESTATIONS EXIST OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS OF BABYLON...THE AWARENESS, THE NEW TREND OF BLACK DIGNITY, HAS INSTILLED IN US THE IRON WILL TO RESIST, RESIST, RESIST, WHEREVER REPRESSION FINDS US.

A DYNAMIC FORCE RENDERS US POWERLESS TO ACCEPT POWERLESSNESS. WE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BOTTOM FEEL THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE LIBERTY TO CHOOSE BATTLE GROUNDS FROM WHICH TO SOLDIER SINCE ON BECOMING AWARE OF OUR BLACKNESS, FROM THAT MOMENT ON WE STARTED ACTING AS RESPONSIBLE BLACK MEN.

Ruchell Magee 1971

**OFF THE OPPRESSOR !  
FREE THE OPPRESSED !**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BROTHER RUCHELL CONTACT FRIENDS OF SOLEDAD



# THE MARIN SLAVE REBELLION

## AUGUST 7TH 1970

The events of August 7th must be understood by everyone - both because they form a great heroic event in the struggle for freedom from racist repression and because they form the basis on which the State of California is attempting to punish and silence Angela Davis and Ruchell Magee.

The State's motive of repression and revenge is obvious, otherwise why not try the men who did ALL THE KILLING on August 7th, who disobeyed orders, supposedly, and killed Judge Haley, three black freedom fighters and paralysed the white DA, Garry Thomas, for life. Garry Thomas himself has confessed to shooting Jonathan, James, William and Ruchell although they didn't harm or threaten him.

### People involved in events of August 7th, 10.45 - 11.21 am

James McClain 37 year old black man who had spent most of his adult life in prison on charges of vagrancy, larceny and shoplifting. Sent to San Quentin for "assaulting a policeman" in the black ghetto of Oakland.

William Christmas 27 year old black man first sent to prison for car theft when he was 17. Spent further time for burglary and possession of grass. Sent to San Quentin in 1964 for 2nd degree burglary. In and out of isolation for his political views and activity.

Ruchell Magee 30 year old black man first sent to prison aged 15 in Louisiana on trumped up charge of "raping a white woman". Life sentence in 1963 for stealing \$10 in a moving vehicle (technically kidnap). Taught himself to read and write in prison, became politicised, and acted as "prison lawyer" for protests against brutal and biased system.

Jonathan Jackson 17 year old black man. Student at Pasadena High School. Active in political defence of the Soledad Brothers, one of whom was his brother George. Visited court trials of black defendants throughout California in 1970, saw callous racist sentencing with no legal redress for the poor.

Harold Haley middle aged white Superior Court Judge. Known amongst whites as a liberal.

Garry Thomas middle aged white District Attorney, nephew by marriage of Judge Haley and racist public prosecutor who had brought James McClain up for a second trial on a purely punitive assault charge.

Three jurors all white women supposedly jurors of the brothers' peers.

### Place

Marin County Courthouse - in multi-storey Civic Centre at San Raphael, Cal. Near San Quentin; 2 hours from San Francisco airport.

### Context of the trial of James McClain

James McClain was accused of assaulting a guard during an inmate protest against the beating and murder of inmate Fred Billinslea by San Quentin guards in February 1970. Naturally the guards were never punished.

Ruchell Magee filed a legal complaint for wrongful death but like his other legal petitions against injustice and brutality over many years, it was ignored by the courts. Inmates were left with no alternative than to stage a protest in the prison.

This was harshly put down by guards who then charged McClain with assault. McClain was tried May 1970 but lack of evidence led to a hung jury. However, the prison and the DA, Garry Thomas, forced the brother to submit to another trial to be held in Aug.

Also in San Quentin in August 1970 were the Soledad Brothers, three black men facing possible death sentences because of their political activities in Soledad Prison. The charges arose after a white guard was killed after another was exonerated without trial for murdering three unarmed black prisoners.

The Soledad Brothers had been beaten and threatened with death in prison and denied most of their legal rights in court. One of them, George Jackson, faced a mandatory death sentence because he was already serving an indeterminate life sentence and had been denied parole for ten years because of his revolutionary politics.

### August 7th 1970

10.45am: Jonathan Jackson walked into James McClain's trial carrying a flight bag containing 4 guns. McClain was chained in the dock, Magee was testifying as defence witness & Christmas was waiting to be called as a witness.

10.47am: Jonathan stood up, gun in hand, and said "This is it. I've got automatic weapons. Everybody freeze". He went to the front of the court and gave McClain a gun and then covered the courtroom. McClain forced a

deputy to unchain him and was reported as saying: "Take these chains off me. I've been in prison too long. I want my freedom, so help me god". He then unchained Magee who went to the hall to get Christmas; 2 other black witnesses refused to move.

Judge Haley was ordered to call the Sheriff and tell him to call off any police. He did so saying "I have a bunch of armed cons up here". Ruchell and James then addressed the jury for 15 minutes explaining why they were taking control, to publicise prison brutality and the conspiracy of the courts and the prisons to victimise black people.

The four brothers then selected hostages - the judge, the state prosecutor and three white jurors. They taped a shot gun to the judge's neck and moved off down to the parking lot and got into a yellow rented van.

### "We are the revolutionaries"

Before they left the courtroom they shouted "We are the revolutionaries!" Court clerk Frank Kirby said that he heard James McClain say "I want no shooting here".

As the van drove off police held their fire under orders from Sheriff Louis Mountanos but some San Quentin guards "on their way back from a session at the rifle range" ran to the parking lot and opened fire. They wounded two women jurors, killed Judge Haley with a bullet in the chest and wounded the DA in the spine. The DA claims that he killed Jonathan, William and James and shot Ruchell in the chest. When the judge was fatally hit in the chest he jerked forward triggering the shot gun taped to his neck. The shooting ended at 11.21

### After August 7th

Ruchell was charged with murder and kidnapping and faced a mandatory death sentence because he was a lifer.

Angela Davis was witchhunted by the FBI because the guns used by the revolutionary brothers turned out to be hers. She was charged with murder and kidnappers and was denied bail.



AUGUST 2 - Angela and her attorneys begin to investigate way Marin County Grand Jury works through evidentiary hearing won in the previous court session. All Marin County Superior Court Judges (who choose the jurors) are called on to testify.

SEPTEMBER - Howard Moore argues motion to suppress evidence obtained illegally. A considerable amount of confiscated material is involved. Though most of it is completely irrelevant to the case and all of it gotten illegally, very little of it is ordered suppressed and returned to Angela. Sheldon Otis begins to argue a series of "discovery" motions, aimed at making the prosecutor show the defense the so-called "evidence." Although the prosecutor is supposed to cooperate here, the defense has to go back to court at least once to get the prosecutor to follow the judge's discovery orders.

OCTOBER 21 - Attorney Moore argues motion for a change of venue due to extreme prejudice against Angela in Marin County. Prosecutor agrees that Angela can't get a fair trial in Marin, but denies that defense can ask for a move to San Francisco County (where prejudice against Angela would be lessened). Arnason surprisingly orders a venue change to Santa Clara County, where a defense survey earlier showed prejudice against Angela equal to Marin.

OCTOBER - After a series of lengthy, unexplained delays, the California State Supreme Court considers the bail appeal. Instead of scheduling an open hearing, the court sends a postcard to defense indicating that appeal has been denied. The court, having "heard" the appeal privately, submits no written opinion. Plans are made to appeal in the Federal courts.

DECEMBER 2 - Angela is transferred before dawn to a tiny, cold holding cell in Palo Alto, Cal. Protests against the total lack of facilities at the jail pour in by the thousands from all over the country. The conditions are improved somewhat. Angela has been in jail for 14 full months without trial. Why?

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JANUARY 12 - Angela and her attorneys Howard Moore and Leo Branton argue in Federal court that her bail denial should be overturned. After one day's consideration, Judge W. T. Sweigert denies the appeal. But, he suggests that the lengthy delay in her case constitutes "cruel and unusual... punishment." We agree.

JANUARY - Special security tunnel started in courthouse. Special cops in green battle dress brought in when Angela appears. Old laws called on to deny right of demonstration near courthouse. 12 members of defence committee including Angela's sister Fania arrested for carrying placards.

FEBRUARY - California overthrows capital punishment.

FEBRUARY - Arnason forced to grant bail since capital charge supposedly only reason for not granting bail.

FEBRUARY - Selection of jury commences.

MARCH 27 - Trial starts with evidence from prosecution.

The Angela Davis Defence Committee (10 Greek Street, London W1 / 437 5960) publishes regular bulletins about her trial and has for sale other information, leaflets, posters, badges etc.

# Intimidation in the courtroom

## THE PRICE BROTHERS

The Price brothers were acquitted at the end of February of assaulting pigs and resisting arrest on August 26th 1971 when the tac squad overran the Soledad Brothers courtroom - supposedly to remove Mrs Doris Maxwell, John Clutchette's mother, who was vehemently protesting against the brutalised condition of her son in the dock.

The tac squad (California's specially trained riot pigs) beat up spectators and made a particularly vicious attack on Phil Price, the chairman of the Soledad Defence Committee, and his brother Marty. Members of the tac squad had told Phil they would get him after he spoke on the steps of the Hall of Justice and they did. After beating him bloody they charged him and Marty and put them in jail. Friends raised bail and a local lawyer Dan Boone defended them without fee. The trial took place in February & police lies were exposed when the defence introduced some TV newsreel footage which showed a San Francisco sheriff clubbing Phil over the head and knocking him to the ground.

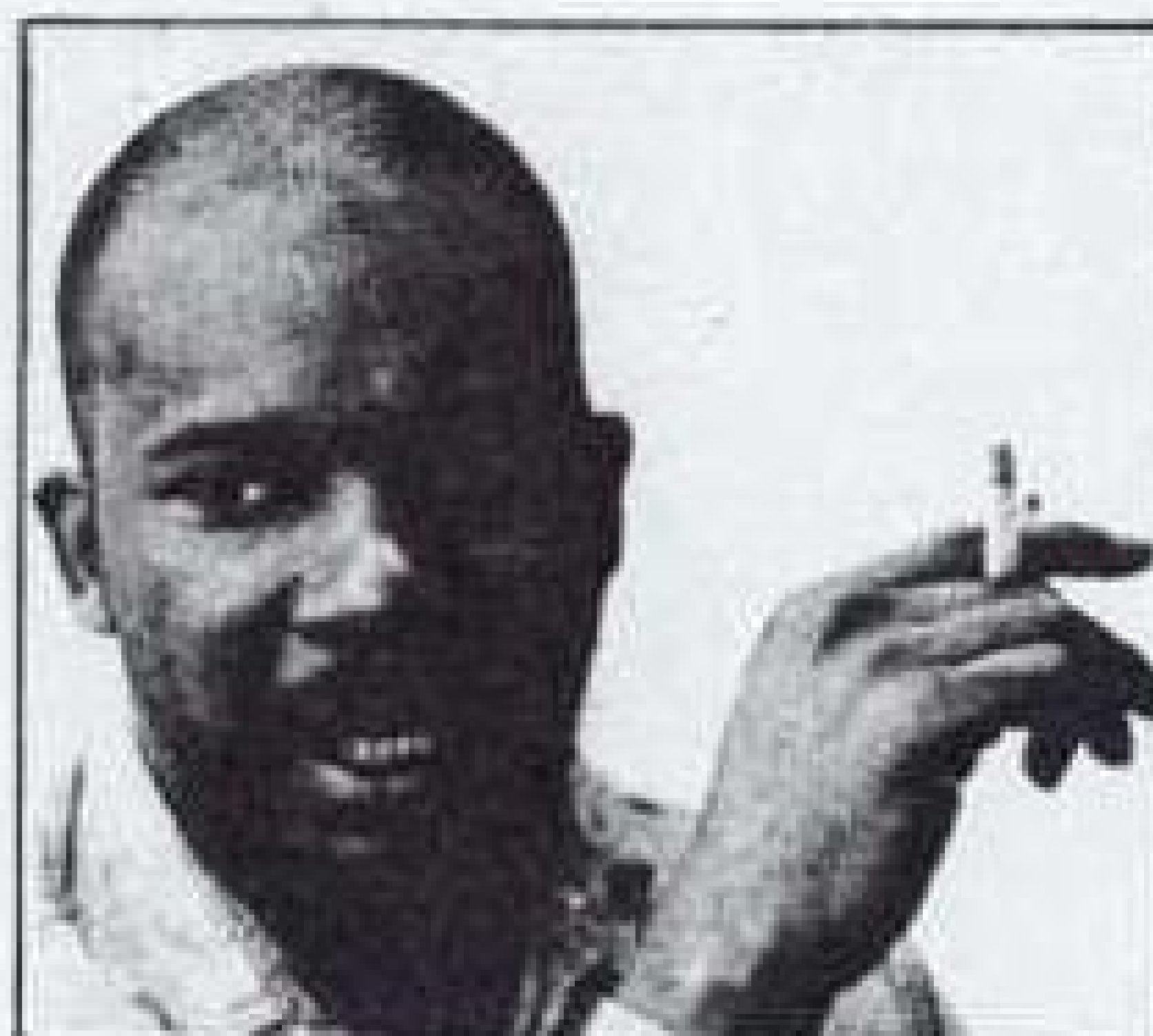


The August 26th attack was designed to intimidate spectators from going to the trial, justify the state's paranoid security measures and get at the leaders of the Soledad Defence Committee.

## JIMMY CARR

On April 6th 1971 Jimmy Carr and two others jumped up in the San Francisco courtroom to defend George Jackson who was being clubbed by ten court bailiffs for karate chopping one who had repeatedly tried to tear from his hands a copy of the Black Panther paper.

George had his teeth and glasses broken and



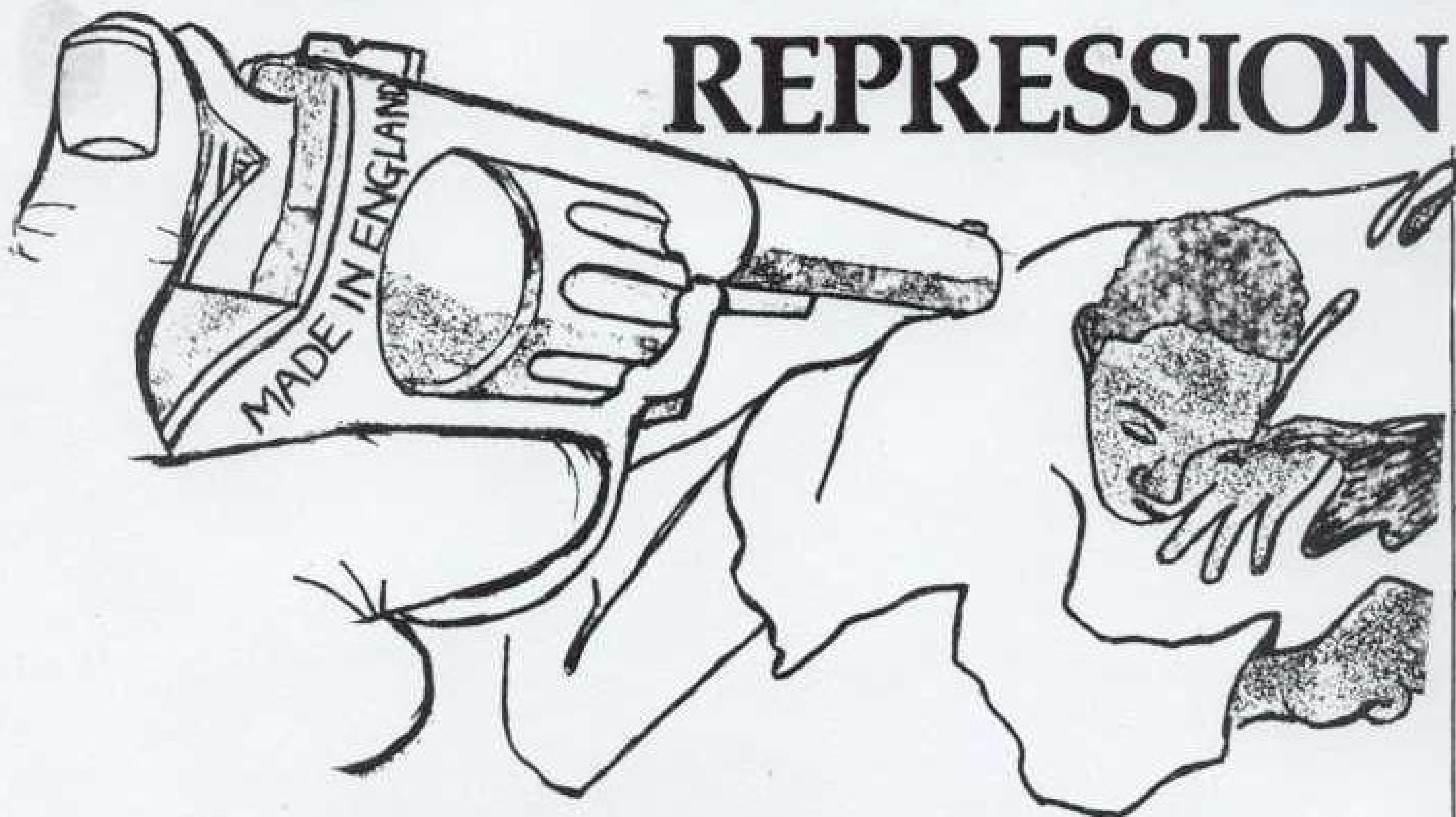
he and John and Fleeta were dragged from the courtroom and beaten in an adjacent holding cell. Jimmy Carr was arrested and thrown into jail.

The whole incident was aimed at punishment of any attempt by the Brothers to fight for their rights in public, and intimidation of their supporters. Jimmy was kept in jail for nine months before being released on restrictive parole in January 1972, by which time George Jackson was dead. Jimmy was also assassinated, on April 6th 1972.

Jimmy was a close friend and ex-cell mate of George. He had been politicised by him. Prison authorities split them up (physically) in 1965 because they were "agitators and organisers". He was released in December 1970 when he became a student instructor at Santa Cruz university and worked for the defence of all political prisoners and the formation of a black revolutionary vanguard. Of his first meeting George he said:

"and I ran into a fellow by the name of George Jackson - oh, back in 1959 - and a very different type of Black man, because he never carried himself like other Black men...George was a different type of fellow, you know, like in those days, you had no Panthers, you had no nationalists, that we knew anyway, you know. Like people never, we never knew anything about Dubois or Garvey or nothing like this, because it wasn't taught to us in school so therefore we never knew...At the time I couldn't read or write, or anything like this, you know. Let me see, I was to find out later that George was a very selfless person, selfless in that George would go out of his way to help anyone. Like George started me to writing. He taught me my basic grammar, basic mathematics, and all this stuff. He took time with me...in things that I really needed help in, and he started bringing me up to a stature that I could respect."





## Aseta Simms Murdered

Era Aseta Simms, a 42 year old Black woman and mother of 6 children was murdered whilst being held in the Stoke Newington Police Station on May 13th 1971. At 11.30 that night she was picked up by the police whilst on her way home to Tottenham. She was taken to the Police Station and an hour later was dead. The police claim she had died of alcoholic poisoning although 2 separate doctors' reports state that the amount of alcohol in her blood was certainly not fatal. Injuries to her face and a swollen brain are irrefutable proof that Mrs Simms was attacked whilst in the Police Station. At the inquest held on June 10th 1971 the coroner told the jury that the case was a special one, and to emphasise the point, retired with them to consider the verdict (a highly unprejudiced move). They declared death by misadventure.

THE BLACK UNITY AND FREEDOM PARTY (BUFP) are organising protests and demanding investigations into the murder of Aseta Simms. INFORMATION from BUFP, 31 Belgrave Road, E.16

## Brother Murdered In Prison

16 year old Brother Douza (Lorraine Bartley) who was serving a 3 months sentence in HM Detention Centre Oxford was murdered there shortly before he was to have returned home. His mother, Mrs Bartley, was refused permission to see his entire body, but she observed that her son had a swollen jaw and that his mouth and nose were smeared with blood. The "inquest" held in the Oxford Coroners Court declared that Brother Douza had died from pneumonia; however 2 doctors, both representing the state, could not explain how a youth who had been declared healthy throughout his 3 months in detention suddenly developed a disease in which his organs became inflamed. Although the suggestion that Brother Douza had suffered physical attacks from the screws was strongly denied, no attempt was made to explain his swollen jaw and the blood stains on his face.

INFORMATION from 38 Shakespeare Rd. SE24

## Joshua Francis Beaten, Charged and Railroaded to Prison

Joshua Francis is a 40 year old Black man who was sentenced to 9 months imprisonment on March 7th for allegedly assaulting 3 pigs. Whilst in bed sick on Sunday morning November 22nd last year he was savagely beaten by 4 racists, one of whom was a policeman. Reinforcements were called. He was arrested. At Kings College Hospital he received over 30 stitches and was treated for severe bruising. Although Brother Francis has no previous convictions he was held without bail for 14 days. He was convicted by an all white jury and sent to Brixton Prison. He is still very ill in prison and the fight for his immediate release is being organised by THE JOSHUA FRANCIS DEFENCE COMMITTEE c/- 38 Shakespeare Rd. SE24 DONATIONS: Please send to above.

## Roddy Kentish Railroaded

Brother Nathaniel Kentish was given an 18 months prison sentence on April 17th. Roddy was one of the defendants in the notorious frame-up trial (The Mangrove 9) who spent 13 weeks at the Old Bailey last year proving the lies and brutality and racism of police in the Notting Hill area. This latest appearance at the Old Bailey was for the vicious and absurd charge of attempted murder of PC Lewis when Lewis arrested Brother Roddy on the Mangrove charges last year. And in case they couldn't get a conviction on this they brought 2 additional charges of assault and possession of an offensive weapon. Although Lewis and Pulley (the arch oppressor of the Black community in Notting Hill over the last 10 years) were proved to be such dangerous liars during the Mangrove trial, the judge chose to believe their testimony and not Brother Roddy's and his witnesses'. The judge was Melford Stevenson, a notoriously racist, right wing Conservative (who, in a recent case involving a Pakistani defendant - when told that he had returned to Pakistan - said that it was the best

## Metro Brothers To Face Courts

Following an offensive by over 60 police, accompanied by dogs, against the Metro Youth Club in Notting Hill, in May last year, 11 young Brothers were arrested and will appear at the Old Bailey in May this year.

The police violence started when they tried to arrest 2 young Brothers who were outside the Club for allegedly carrying offensive weapons (2 pieces of thin wood). After the Brothers managed to get inside the Club and had barricaded the doors, the police then called reinforcements; 8 buses and over 60 plain clothes and uniformed police. By now many people had gathered on the pavement; they were immediately harassed by the police in their usual manner. Later, when the police had given their "word" that no arrests would be made, the Brothers and Sisters started coming out of the Club. Immediate attacks and arrests were made by the pigs. One Brother was knocked over by a Black Maria - both his legs were broken, head bleeding and ribs badly bruised. This police violence lasted approximately three hours.

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news he had ever heard!). Brother Roddy is appealing this unjust and cruel sentence.

INFORMATION AND DONATIONS TO HELP THIS BROTHER FIGHT FOR HIS APPEAL to: 38 Shakespeare Rd. SE24

## A Frame Up - Eddie Lecointe Jailed

One of the spectators at Roddy's trial, Brother Eddie Lecointe of the BFM, was charged with contempt of court on April 17th, accused of passing out a leaflet. Although 2 other people claimed responsibility for it he was sentenced to 7 days imprisonment without even a trial, the right of legal representation, or the right of appeal. This is an example of classic fascism, and not an isolated one.