



Are you going to sit back while another black leader dies then hold your memorial services and weep your tears? H. Rap Brown has been imprisoned since February 21. Since that time he has been fasting for his people. He is weak, and we must get him out NOW. The black people want him. Money is needed, not sympathy, to pay the exorbitant bail placed on him. Make checks payable to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and place in Box 417.

Adele Smith

LET RAP RAP!

H. RAP BROWN is being held in a Louisiana jail for exercising his right to freedom of speech here in Los Angeles. His purpose in coming to Los Angeles was to see his lawyer, which was not in violation of any travel restriction. He is also being falsely accused of intimidating a Negro F.B.I. agent.

Remember! He did not break or violate any travel restrictions. He is being punished because he raps against our oppressor, the United States government!

You must help him by contributing to the H. Rap Brown Defense Fund.

AMERICA, WE WILL GO DOWN FOR H. RAP BROWN

Send money to: H. Rap Brown Defense Fund
100 Fifth Avenue, Room 803
New York, New York



H. RAP BROWN
Chairman of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee

A Letter from H. Rap Brown from the Parish Prison, New Orleans, Louisiana, Feb. 21, 1968

Being a man is the continuing battle of one's life. One loses a bit of manhood with every stale compromise to the authority of any power in which one does not believe.

No slave should die a natural death. There is a point where caution ends and cowardice begins.

For every day I am in prison I will refuse both food and water. My hunger is for the liberation of my people. My thirst is for the ending of oppression.

I am a political prisoner, jailed for my beliefs—that black people must be free. The government has taken a position true to its fascist nature.

Those who they cannot convert they silence.

This government has become the enemy of mankind.

This can no longer alter our path to freedom. For our people, death has been the only known exit from slavery and oppression.

We must open others.

Our will to live must no longer supercede our will to fight, for our fighting will determine if our race shall live. To desire freedom is not enough.

We must move from resistance to aggression, from revolt to revolution.

For every Orangeburg, there must be ten Detroits. For every Max Stanford and every Huey Newton there

must be ten dead racist cops. And for every black death, there must be a Dien Bien Phu.

Brothers and Sisters, and all oppressed people, we must prepare ourselves both mentally and physically, for the major confrontation yet to come.

We must fight.

It is the people who in the final analysis make and determine history, not leaders or systems. The laws to govern us must be made by us.

May the death of '68 signal the beginning of the end of this country.

I do what I must out of the love for my people. My will is to fight; resistance is not enough. Aggression is the order of the day.

NOTE TO AMERICA

America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and to organize your jails to revolt against you and to organize your troops to revolt against you and to organize your children, your god, your poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here is my life. But my soul belongs to my people.

Lasima tushinde mbilashaka. We shall conquer without a doubt!

H. RAP BROWN