

GARY TYLER MAILING 8/12/76 FOR BRANCH ORGANIZERS AND GARY TYLER FRACTION LEADERS---

URGENT INFO: The buttons we had agreed to distribute for the New Orleans Ctte never materialized. Buttons are being made here in Detroit by the Detroit Ctte. Cost will be 20¢ per button to be sold at 25¢ and up.

Button orders were taken at the convention and the following orders will be sent out in the Workers Power boxes on Aug. 20:

Chicago	200
Seattle	100
Cincy	100
St. Louis	100
Philly	100
Springfield	100
New York	500
Pitts	200
L'ville	200

If you wish to make any changes in these orders you must contact Merry immediately at the N.O.

Button orders must be paid in full by September 5, Checks or money orders must be made out to: the Detroit Committee To Free Gary Tyler. This should give Committee plenty of time to have sold enough buttons to cover the costs of your ~~XXXXX~~ order.

REMEMBER: ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID IN FULL NO LATER THAN SEPT. 5.

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August 11, 1976

Comrades,

The attached is a skeletal outline for our Gary Tyler work and beyond for the next period. Point 6 is not a specific perspective but an indication of direction toward local work.

The Gary Tyler committee, and the new black commission will be discussing this further with the individual branches.

GARY TYLER PERSPECTIVE--IS/EC

1. Because of the recent Supreme court ruling it is likely that GT will be free in the early Fall and the litigation around the case will be complete sometime in early winter.
2. In general, the Supreme Court ruling is a defeat for blacks and the working class. The ruling that legally reinstates the death penalty represents a victory for the mounting offensive by the racist forces.
3. But for Gary Tyler and our work around the case the results of the ruling on the La. law is a victory. This is important for us. The GT case was the first defense case we engaged in as an organization. The fact that the work went well and will most likely conclude in a victory and before people got burned out and routinized by the work is important for the ~~XXXX~~ morale of our members and those we work with.
4. At this point our biggest problem could be that the fight is over and a sloppy attitude toward the work developed. We must fight that by continually reminding people that the case is not yet over. There is no reason to believe that the courts (who found GT ~~XXXXXX~~ guilty in spite of their laws) will interpret their own laws justly and let him off. We must also be vigilant that their failure to get GT legally doesn't push the cops to kill him in prison as they did George Jackson. An active, vigilant movement is the way to assure they don't get him in prison.
5. Work on the GT case made big changes in the IS and the Red Tide. Through the work many blacks joined. Much of our black membership was politically developed and organizationally trained quite rapidly thru the work. The IS developed a network of contacts in the black community. Our self-confidence in our ability to do this work was tremendously enhanced. Wherever we did GT work we are now in much better shape to pursue other work around the question of racism.
6. Over the next immediate period we must continue GT work until he is free. We must fight against the tendency to drop the work. We must also consolidate the contacts we have made. We should point out to people that the GT case is just one part of the overall racist offensive. GT committees have done good work and have probably won his freedom, but there are many other issues and cases. Look around. People who have been working together should not stop struggling together around the issue of racism. In every city where GT committees now exist there is much local work to be done. On the East Coast Hurricane Camber's retrial will be coming up. It may be possible to do work around his case. In Chicago the issue of open housing will become increasingly important as the racist movement organizes around keeping blacks out of all white neighborhoods. In Pittsburg, it may be possible to do work around the recent white mob attacks on the projects.

7. The GT Committees should get GT when ~~XXXX~~ he is freed, to do a speaking tour (victory rallies, etc.) in which he links up his case to the racist offensive and the local issues.

8. The I.S. should hold forums on the racist offensive and GT as a symbol. We should also publish a pamphlet on the same question. It is extremely important now that we make clear to our contacts that the struggle does not end when GT is freed. Our fractions should become more political. We should aggressively be attempting to recruit to the IS and the Red Tide out of the work.

PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL GARY TYLER FORUMS

Date: end of August/first of Sept. (not Labor Day)

Suggested title: "Fighting the Growing Racist Movement"

Sponsorship: I.S. and where existing, the Red Tide

Speakers: 3-- approx. 10 min. each.

1st speaker: On GT case, facts and history--relate to defense struggles of past--esp. the Panthers--role of the courts, racist justice--need of movement to free political prisoners.

2nd Speaker: Growing racist movement. Bussing, Boston, Louisville, Det., Cleveland, Chicago (for housing)--building a movement to fight the racists (KKK, Nazis, etc.) tying in National politics--preferably someone in industry with experience in anti-racist organizing--to bring in concretely questions of workingclass strategy

3rd speaker: Black liberation and workers revolution--tie up fights against racism w/ building unified workers movement--S. Africa capitalism's role in racism and racist organizing--joining revolutionary organizations (IS/RT) preferably a black speaker for this.

--Break in between 2nd and 3rd speakers with skit and or music. Should perform Gary Tyler play that was sent out to branches 2 weeks ago in WP box. Changes in play are included in this mailing.

Speakers Notes in form of actual speeches to be sent out 2 weeks prior to forum.

The I.S. Gary Tyler Committee recommends the following changes be made in the Gary Tyler play:

1. Bottom of p.2 at the beginning of Act 3; under Announcer: delete "southern" and in next to last sentences, substitute "American" for "southern."

Motivation: While the "new" south is only superficially different from the "old" south, racism is not limited to the south, but as we know, exists throughout the US. We should not encourage the idea that the south only is racist by such phrases as "southern justice" and "southern" courtrooms.

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2. When the play is used for the IS or the Red Tide, there are no other changes necessary. But when it is used for Gary Tyler Committees, act 4 should be changed to the following:

Act 4 opens up with 3 people sitting around a table or in a circle that is open to the audience. They all where signs labled "committee to Free Gary Tyler;" (continue with the rest of that section).

ANNOUNCER: Act 4 of this play is about all of you in the audience and Gary Tyler too. It's about what we can all do to free Gary Tyler and others like him that are victims of racist justice. It's about how we must all act together if we want to fight racism. If you don't participate in Act 4, Gary Tyler and the hundreds and thousands of others like him will not be freed. But if you all get up, and you all participate, and you all act as one; then we will be able to build a movement that can free Gary Tyler and help to turn back the racist movement in this country. BEGIN ACT4.

1st COMMITTEE MEMBER: Look, the courts won't free Gary; the courts in this country have been putting away brothers and sister like Gary for years and years. Only by building a movement that demands his freedom, and making it clear that we won't stop until he and others like him are freed can we start to put an end to this racism some call justice!

2nd COMMITTEE MEMBER: Yeah. And with the racists taking the offensive like they're doing today--like the Nazi's in Chicago, the KKK ~~XXX~~ in Louisville, ROAR and the South Boston Marshalls in Boston, MAD in Detroit, we'd better start fighting ~~KK~~ back and letting them know that they can't spread their racist filth any longer.

3rd COMMITTEE MEMBER: That's right brother: Gary Tyler could be anyone of us. And if we don't do something about it, it will be some of us. Young people, parents, workers we all have to get together, we have to build this committee, we have to go on to build a movement of black and white people who will fight to keep this shit from going any further.

1st COMMITTEE MEMBER: Alright! Let's see if we can get all these folks here to start yelling about Gary. Let's get them involved now!

(All three begin leading audience in chants about freeing Gary Tyler. They then lead audience over where Gary Tyler is sitting in a chair by himself and they free him. As they approach, the cops who were guarding him run away.)

END OF PLAY