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AN INJURY TO ONE,

IS AN INJURY TO ALL!!!

Historically, Amerika has always adherred to a very racist policy in reference to Black people. This has been true in the past, and it is true today. We can equate in principle the firing of Gary Jackson to the racist decision handed down in the case of Dred Scott. The overriding implication in both situations is that a Black man has no rights that a white man is bound to respect.

In 1857, the decision in Dred Scott v. Sandford was handed down by then Supreme Court Chief Justice Taney. The factual situation differs from the one surrounding Gary, but that is not what matters. What matters is that historically and presently, the attitude of the white powers has not changed. As Black people we still confront the same questions today that Dred Scott faced in 1857.

In the Dred Scott case, the court faced this basic question: "Can a Negro, whose ancestors were imported into this country and sold as slaves, become a member of the political community formed and brought into existence by the Constitution of the United States, and as such become entitled to all rights, and privileges, and immunities guaranteed by that instrument to the citizen?"

In coming to its conclusion, the court relied heavily on the meaning of the word "citizen." Citizen was synonomous with the words "people of the Unites States" They both described the political body which, according to their republican institutions form the Sovereignty and which holds the power and conduct the government through their representatives. The question was, therefore, whether Dred Scott was of that class of persons. If he were of that class, then Congress could not make any laws foiling his right to establish religion and the free exercise thereof, or abridge his freedom of speech or of the press, or his right to peaceful assembly and petition the government for redress of grievances. Nor could Congress deny him the right to keep and bear arms, the right to trial by jury, or force him to be a witness against himself in a criminal proceeding.

Was Dred Scott of that class? The court held "We think they(Negroes) are not, andthat they are not included and were not intended to be included, under the word 'citizen' in the Constitution, and can, therefore, claim none of the rights and privileges which instrument provides for and secures to citizens of the United States. On the contrary, they were at that time considered as a subordinate and inferior class of beings, who had been subjugated by the dominant race, and whether emancipated or not, yet remained subject to their authority, and had no rights or privileges but such as those who held power and the government chose to grant them." In essence, a Black man has no rights that a white man is bound to respect.

Now, more than a hundred years later, has our predicament changed at all? Of course not. The Kansas Board of Regents arbitrarily dismissed Gary. He did not break any laws and had fulfilled the obligations required of his academic appointment, but his Constitutional and human rights were violated by an arrogant clique of managers who chose to ride roughshod over this University, its faculty, and its students. Deny a man the right to work, and you deny him the right to live.

Malcolm X said that Black people in this country are merely twentieth-century slaves. Only now, we are the happiest, best fed, best dressed, richest best educated, most talented slaves on earth. But, what does that mean if we have no fundamental control over our lives, if white racists and fascists still determine our destiny, if the persons in power rip us off at random every time we do something that they don't approve? One hundred and thirteen years after Dred Scott, Black people still have not received equal protection of the laws or due process of law.

We, as a people, must not allow this unprecedented situation to continue. At some point in our history we are going to have to stand up and say "Enough!" The limitations of a tyrannical government and its agents are only prescribed by what a people will endure. Racism and fascism will only go as far as we let it, or ignore it. Action and resistance will stop it. To call the government, the Board of Regents fascist, faggots and pigs means nothing. History has proven them so. The questions we must ask ourselves are: What are we going to do about it? and What are we willing to endure? All the lamentations and screams in the world didn't stop the pigs from murdering Tiger, from running Eldridge into exile, from unseating Adam Clayton Powell, from murdering Fred Hampton, from dismissing Angela Da vis at U.C.L.A. for her beliefs, and so on down the line from before 1857 until now.

At a time when we as a people are trying to close ranks and speak in terms of nation building and conceive ourselves as a nation within a nation, we cannot allow anyone to violate our most fundamental rights and vamp on us at will. One of the basic tenets of nation building is the ability to protect members of the nation from the aggressions of outsiders. If we seriously believe the idea that an injury to one is an injury to all, then let us not allow the Board of Regents to arbitrarily dismiss Gary Jackson without expressing our most serious protests and political consequences. Today it may be Gary, Tomorrow it may be you or me. The pigs in power have proven themselves historically to have a thirst for lynching A nigger, Some nigger, Any niggers.

Therefore, we are calling on all Blacks at this University, in this community, in the state of Kansas, in Amerika, and in the world; we are calling on all progressive and freedom loving people to defend Gary and demand that he be reinstated by the Board of Regents, who so flagrantly, arrogantly, impudently, and arbitrarily violated his Constitutional rights today, just as Dred Scot's were in 1857.

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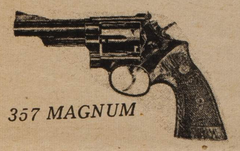
Unity Trust and Respect

At present, we are asking every one to sign the petitions individually,and as interest groups or organizations. The petitions will be located in the main area of the Union. Also, there will be persons carrying petitions at at various locations. Help us get Gary reinstated and sign the petitions.

of acting in the interest of maintaining the white power and United States world dominance. The chancellor has once again proven his ability to approve the largest group of people even if it is at the expense of a smaller group. Justice, obviously, means little to these men.

This is but another example of the arbitrariness and brutality of Justice meted out to Black people in this country. Such examples abound in Amerikan history; and there is no reason to believe things will change unless we change them. I hope we will not do business as usual while allowing Brother Jackson to be isolated and taken off in such a cold blooded manner. Remember that this could happen to you.

Judge Taney's Dred Scott Decision lives on. A Black man does not have any rights that a white man is bound to respect. AND NEITHER DO HIS SO-CALLED FRINEDS!!!



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"FREEDOM IS NOT A COMMODITY WHICH IS GIVEN TO THE ENSLAVED UPON DEMAND. IT IS A PRECIOUS REWARD, THE SHINING TROPHY OF STRUGGLE AND SCRIFICE." KWAME NKRUMAH

As many of us read about the injustice dealt Gary, we will probably say, "Damn, the pigs are something else." And with that, the reaction stops. But, empathizing or sympathizing with Gary's situation is not enough. White liberals have been sympathizing our oppression away for four hundred years, and Black people are still oppressed. Instead, we, as citizens of an African nation, must be about defining some concerted action that we can take to reflect our disgust and resistance to the white Board of Regents' dictatorship.

Most, if not all, of us are here riding on the white man's free ticket. But, we can't let concern for our scholarships override our concern for a Black brother. We have to realize that our scholarships can be taken away at any given moment, and, most important of all, with or without provocation. According to the new policy instigated by the Board of Regents via the administration, students can be expelled for using profane language on University grounds. Now, how many of us don't say a lot of MF's?

So, push that scholarship out of your minds. The strings are there, and we can't "good nigger" them away. Besides, what we are dealing with is much more fundamental than a college diploma (what it mean, anyway?). At issue is our basic human right to defend ourselves against cowardly attacks by self-proclaimed protectors of this racist society.

"An unarmed people are slaves, or subjected to slavery at any given time."

QUOTATION:
HUEY P. NEWTON

Perhaps each of us should put himself in Gary's position. It is not so improbable or impossible to imagine. So what if you don't break any laws. Don't forget that Gary didn't either. Right now we don't determine if or when a law is broken. The pigs have the power, therefore, they define and determine who breaks the law and what punishment the so-called lawbreaker deserves. If and when the pig decides to vamp on us, he will vamp, then devise a law to justify our destruction and to perpetuate the myth of a civilized and legalized society.

It is common knowledge that the Black athletes are a spineless entity at KU. But, we can't stop at simply condemning them, but, look at the reasons why. They, too, like the rest of us, are controlled by a monarch whose primary concern is to win games, thereby encouraging the monied, white alumni to keep dropping bills on the University. The Regents showed this very clearly when they delegated funds to the athletic department that the Student Senate (which legally authorizes student funds) had not appropriated. It is true that Black athletes here cannot take a stand for Black people or, in fact, for their own manhood if it conflicts with University policy. But, the time is long overdue for each of them to decide where their loyalties belong--with their Black brothers or with the white man. They must realize that they, like Gary, can be vamped on. Some of them may be blinded by a pro contract dangling before their eyes. But, that, too, is subject to the whim of the white man. Many of the athletes already realize that they are being messed over. They are not allowed to play, and, at best, are being underplayed. This disgust should be transformed into some decisive action--action directed toward getting Gary Jackson reinstated.

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WE WILL FALL ONE BY ONE.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!