

### **Brown Treated Unfairly**

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H. Rap Brown, chairman of SNCC, is near death in Parish Prison, New Orleans, La. His stomach is shriveled from hunger, his mouth is parched from thirst. Since Feb. 23, 1968 Brother Rap has refused all food and water. He has proclaimed, "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 must silence. This government has become the enemy of mankind."

In seven months the United States government has tried to charge Rap one quarter of a million dollars for his freedom from prisons, only to snatch him up again and again and place him behind bars for "telling it like it is" to black people.

Speaking to this harassment and intimidation from a racist government, Rap has stated, "I consider myself neither legally nor morally bound to obey laws made by a body in which I have no representation. Do not deceive yourself into believing that penalties will deter men from the course they believe is right. We stand on the eve of a black revolution."

Civil rights groups, regardless of their persuasion, are building a united front to protest the intimidation aimed at SNCC and its leaders and have declared May 20, 1968, Rap Brown Day in America.

To make contributions to the H. Rap Brown Defense Fund or for additional information write to: Friends of SNCC, 972 Grafton Rd., Apt. 4.

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