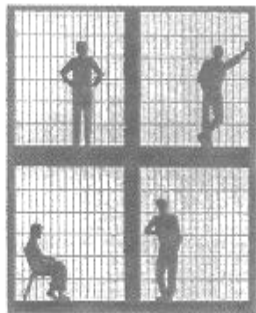


HELEN WOODSON SE ENCUENTRA EN PRISIÓN DESDE NOVIEMBRE DE 1984, CUMPLIENDO UNA CONDENA DE 27 AÑOS POR TRES ACCIONES.

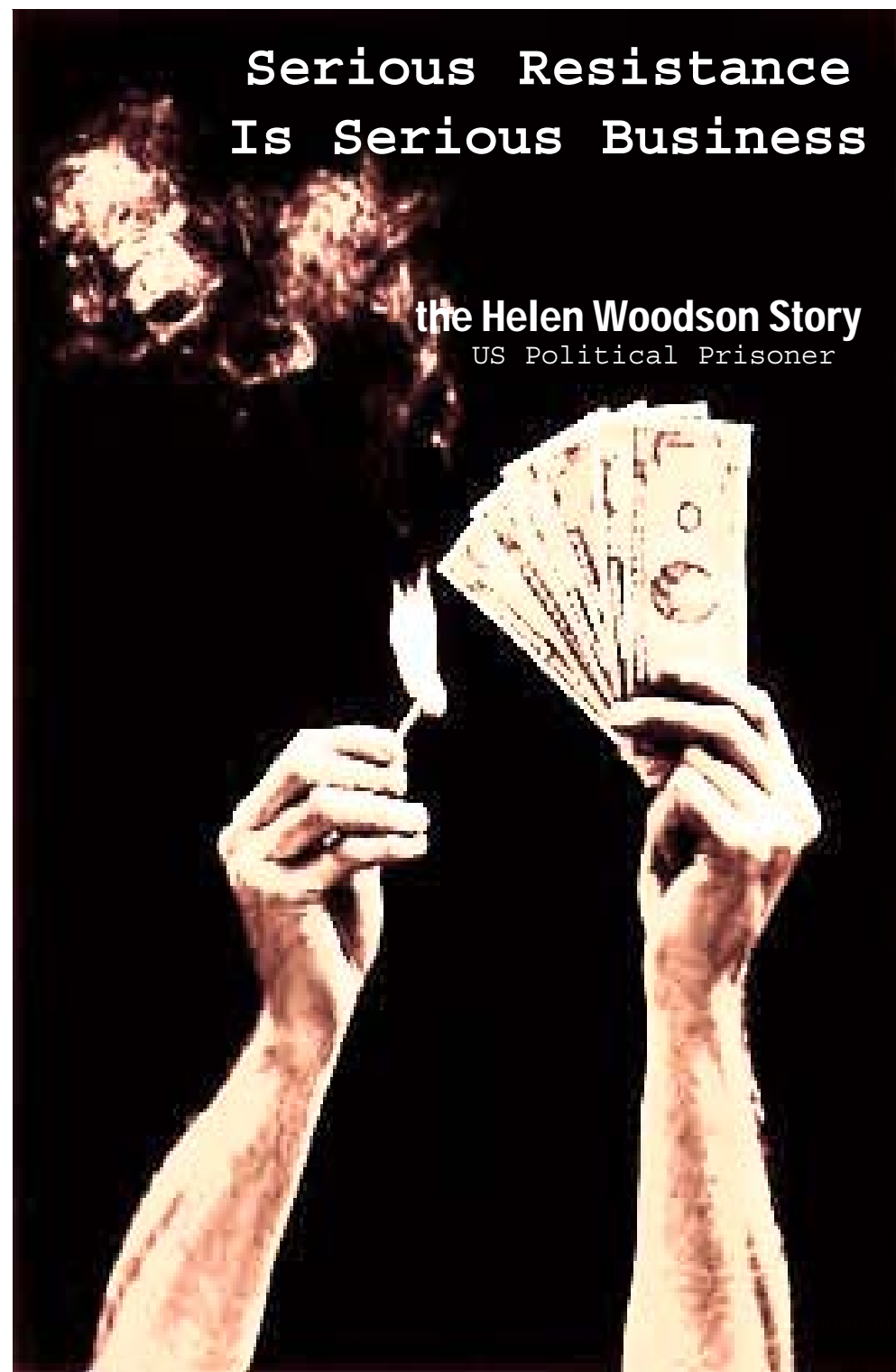
1. Por robar en el banco de la reserva federal de los EE.UU. y prender fuego a 26.000 \$ después de haber distribuido un escrito donde denunciaba el materialismo y la obsesión por la riqueza y el poder, que causan la destrucción del medioambiente, las guerras y otras enfermedades sociales. Por esta acción fue condenada por robo con utilización de la fuerza.

2. Por mandar cartas de advertencia donde incluía balas del calibre 38 a varios oficiales del gobierno incluyendo al presidente de la Corte Suprema *(n.d.t juez que preside la Corte Suprema de Justicia y dirige el sistema de justicia)*, al gerente principal y al jefe nacional de la empresa Steppan Chemical Co., al director de la agencia de protección medioambiental (EPA) y al



director del banco de la reserva federal. Las cartas les avisaban de que sus actos eran como balas de fuego para el corazón de la creación. Por esta acción fue acusada de comunicación amenazante y por ser una criminal con posesión de munición.

3. Por desarmar un misil Mintueman II con un martillo perforador. Por esta acción fue condenada por sabotaje, destrucción de propiedades del gobierno y conspiración.



Helen Woodson #03231-045 FMC Carswell, PO Box 27137, Admin Max Unit, Fort Worth, TX 76127. Serving 27 years for robbing a bank and then setting the money on fire while reading out a statement denouncing greed, capitalism and the destruction of the environment.

Regardless of all the christian "god" stuff, Helen has the courage to act on her beliefs. We can't wait for her to get out of jail. This is all the info we could find about her. Thanks to ABC and other prison activists, we would never have known of her.

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Helen Woodson

In a recent letter to our North American group, Helen outlines what she is imprisoned for:

"I have consecutive sentences totalling 27 years for 3 separate actions:



Helen is second from left

1)robbing a federal reserve bank and burning \$26,000 on the lobby floor after distributing a statement denouncing the materialism and obsession with wealth and power that caused environmental destruction, wars and various other social ills. For this, I was convicted of robbery by force.

2)Mailing warning letters with .38 caliber bullets affixed to various government and corporate officials including the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, CEOs of Steppan Chemical Co. and National Lead CO, director of EPA and chairman of Federal Reserve Board. Letters said that their actions were like bullets fired into the heart of creation. For this, I was convicted of threatening communication and being a felon in possession of ammunition.

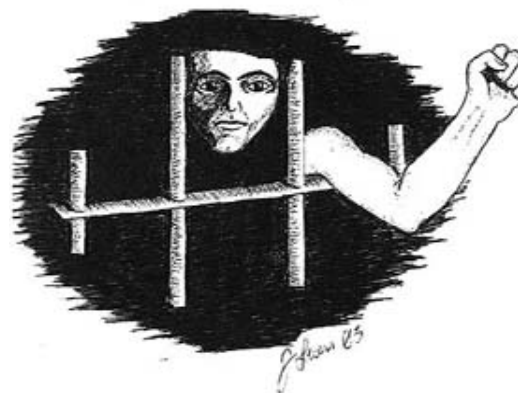
statement elaborating on her belief that money is the root of all evil.

Cash now ashes, Woodson asked the patrons to leave the bank with her. If police were waiting, she would surrender peacefully; if not, she intended to walk on to other planned actions. Police were waiting, and Woodson was taken back into custody.

At her arraignment the next day, June 18, Woodson declined the services of the public defender, and represented herself. The magistrate decided that before he would take any action in the case, he was ordering a psychiatric evaluation to determine Woodson's competence to defend herself. He ordered it completed within thirty days. At press time, Woodson is being held at MCC Chicago, but could be moved at any time for the psychiatric evaluation.

Letters of support can be sent to Helen Woodson, c/o C. Dixon, 3559 Hwy. G, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965.

from the Nuclear Resister no. 89, Jun 23, '92.



THERE ARE NO BARS
STRONG ENOUGH,
NOR WALLS THICK
ENOUGH, TO CAGE
THE LOVE WE
CARRY IN OUR
HEARTS

As a result of a federal appeals court ruling, Helen Woodson was released on parole on June 14. She had been in custody since the November, 1984, Silo Pruning Hooks action, when she and three others used a pneumatic jackhammer and hand tools to disarm a Minuteman II nuclear missile silo east of Kansas City. Woodson's seventeen year sentence for that action is the longest ever given in the United States for an act of anti-nuclear nonviolent direct action.

This past spring, the appeals court overturned a lower court ruling, and re-affirmed the government's position that it could release Helen Woodson on parole. Woodson had filed a civil suit asking to be held in prison until the expiration of her sentence, and then unconditionally released.

Three days after her release, Woodson walked into a Chicago bank, produced a starter's pistol and asked the teller to empty all the cash drawers. When patrons began to catch wind that something was amiss, Woodson announced she had no intention to harm anyone, and asked everyone in the bank to please sit down and hear her statement.

After receiving about \$25,000 in cash, Woodson piled it in the middle of the floor, doused it with lighter fluid, and ignited it. She made a



3)disarmament of a Minuteman II missile silo with a jackhammer. For this, I was convicted of sabotage, destruction of government property and conspiracy.

I'd prefer you list actions 1,2,3, state the total sentences as 27 years and say that I'm starting my 19th year.

September 4th Letter from Helen Woodson

The Government in Washington DC has taken a new tack in my case. They have ordered that an evaluation be made to determine the "suitability" of my release at the eventual end of my sentence. They are proposing that I be permanently detained as a threat to national security. An attorney told me that the US is now being ruled by "King George" and that no one in government is willing to stop him. It is even possible to have activists labeled "dangerous and insane" and confined in psychiatric hospitals as was done in the former Soviet Union and is reported to be common in China today.

During the eighteen and a half years that I have been imprisoned for anti-war and environmental actions, I have never sought personal publicity, and in my occasional writings I have tried to keep the focus solely on the issues. But now, I must get a little personal. When I left my beloved children, friends and home to do these actions, I knew I would never return. Many old friends have dropped out of contact, I have a daughter-in-law and grandchildren whom I've never met, and I have no assets besides my prison commissary account.

Serious resistance is serious business. It is not easy, but the rationale remains simple. Jesus said "Render to Caesar that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Thus the question is, what does rightfully belong to Caesar? Not the lives of my family and all families, not the lives of all other species, not the mountains, deserts and aid, not the earth itself. In religious terms resistance is a way of rendering the creation back to God from whom it came. People whose action is framed more in political terms will express it differently, but the meaning is the same.

Nuclear weapons, war, the destruction of the natural world, and government and corporate greed must be resisted. Whatever the outcome here, I will remain faithful to this witness, either with another action if I am released or as a permanent detainee if I am not. Obviously, though, my situation has implications for others. As the post-September 11 hysteria spreads, any serious opponent of official policy may become a target. I may be the first to be subjected to this particular process, but undoubtedly I will not be the last. Be forward, be serious, be conscientious, be joyful and be alive!

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by Helen Woodson

A news report on the recovery efforts at the World Trade Centers cautioned people to prepare for the “ghastly possibility that their loved ones were simply vaporized.” The U.S. government knows all about that, having pioneered the mass vaporization of civilians at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Another report discussed the plans recently discovered in Afghanistan to target American farmland with biological agents. The U.S. government knows all about that, its Army having developed that technology in the 1950s to cause mass famine in the Soviet Union and China.

As experienced by its victims, all war is terrorism, and accordingly, the U.S. government is the foremost terrorist organization in the world. And it is a leader in domestic terrorism as well through abortion, capital punishment and environmental destruction.

The U.S. government is at war. I am not, and I cannot stand by and have this terrorism waged in my name. My life and conscience belong to God and not to Caesar. Therefore as a matter of religious faith, I cannot abide by any terms of supervised release. Furthermore, as long as war, environmental destruction, abortion, and capital punishment are legal, I must, as a matter of conscience, act again outside the law whenever I am released.

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” -*Isaiah 2:4*

“I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse: therefore choose life so that you and your children may live.” -*Deuteronomy 30:19*

[Helen Woodson is serving an 18 year sentence for her part in the November, 1984 Silo Pruning Hooks disarmament action.]

On November 25, Helen Woodson completed the prison sentence resulting from her 1993 actions against corporate pollution and the lust for money. Those actions occurred shortly after her release on parole from an 18-year sentence for the November, 1984 Silo Pruning Hooks disarmament action at Minuteman nuclear missile silo N-4 in Missouri. Woodson was informed that a probation revocation hearing would be held at the prison, where she continued to be held under the original sentence. She prepared a following statement for the occasion

Woodson wrote, amused, that “although there was no change in my status when I officially ‘rolled over’ from the bank sentence to the Pruning Hooks at midnight November 25, the medical department thought I’d been released, canceled my prescriptions and archived my files...”

