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**MUST CLAUDIA JONES DIE IN  
PRISON FOR HER BELIEF?**  
A HUMAN BEING'S life is at

stake. NEGRO GROUP LEADERSHIP is being destroyed. WOMANHOOD is being intimidated and persecuted. Had there not been a Patrick Henry, the Revolutionary War would, perhaps, not have been fought and America — the United States — would not have been mistress of the world, as she is today.



When Patrick Mrs. Dodson Henry spoke those immortal words, "Give me liberty or give me death," he shocked the entire country and he was considered by many to be a rank traitor — but as the years go by his fame grows and every school child in this country takes pride in repeating them and memorizing them. He dared to speak as he believed and now all Americans believe as he spoke but not Great Briton.

They tell us that World Powers are on the eve of accepting Communist China into the United Nations Council. The pressure that is being brought to bear by the greater part of the world is forcing the United States to recognize "the handwriting on the wall" and she is beginning to see the other side of the picture — that other people have as much right to their thoughts as we, and they can be just as right to see it their way.

If this great issue can be adjusted — an issue for which thousands have died, there can be no reason why the life of Claudia Jones can not be spared even if she is a communist. Must she die IN PRISON for her belief? CLAUDIA JONES IS ILL.

Miss Claudia Jones, a courageous Negro woman Community leader was sentenced under the infamous Smith Act, to serve a year and a day in the JIM CROW federal women's prison at Alderson, West Virginia, despite the fact that she is suffering from a serious HEART CONDITION. Both Miss Jones' doctors and the court appointed physician agree that imprisonment is a HAZARD TO HER LIFE; but still a callous judge sentenced her, stating that "prison shortens everyone's life."

Claudia Jones has been in prison since January 11, 1955. This month, May, Miss Jones is eligible for parole. In the name of truth justice and humanity, each citizen is asked to join in this mission of mercy to demand her release. Proper rest and diet plus adequate medical care is what Mrs. Jones must have. As a Negro woman in a JIM CROW prison where she faces the worst conditions and treatment, she cannot get these.

A delegation was scheduled to meet the parole board in Washington about May 10. If you are interested, and you should be, for it could be you, write the parole board regarding this matter. The address is:

Chairman Federal Parole Board,  
101 Indiana Ave., Washington, D. C.