

MRS. TYLER CLARIFIES HER VIEWS

Mrs. Juanita Tyler, the mother of Black frame-up victim Gary Tyler, has clarified her views on the defense efforts in her son's case.

On December 9, the New Orleans States-Item, and a number of other newspapers around the country, ran a front-page article headlined "Gary Tyler's Mom Shuns Marxists' Aid." The article tried to use various statements by Mrs. Tyler to sow divisions among the defense activists. It alleged that Mrs. Tyler was against communist participation in the defense work; that she opposed demonstrations and militant actions in support of her son, and that she would rely on the courts.

In a January 25 interview with *The Call*, Mrs. Tyler condemned the way the press tried to use her comments, and she affirmed her support for militant mass actions.

Mrs. Tyler explained that when Gary's struggle was going on "the newspapers hid it on the back page." But when they got hold of her statements, they put it on the front page. She also explained the way her views were taken out of context: "They fixed it like they want. When these people see you are trying to get justice, they do that."

Mrs. Tyler further explained that she had only been opposed to one particular demonstration which was held on the courthouse steps in violation of a local law. While reserving her opinion about this incident, she told *The Call*, "I shouldn't have done it," in reference to a question about her statements to the local press.

Summing up her views on the future of the defense efforts, Mrs. Tyler added, "I don't rely on no court. There's no justice in the system. It's going to take the people to make justice."

Expressing the desire to unite the defense efforts, Mrs. Tyler pointed out, "You cannot build here or there or work against each other. That's not how the rich do it. They all work together from the president on down. The poor people, that's how they should work—together."