

Geraldine Robinson to Be Sentenced July 10



BUFFALO, June 20 — Mrs. Geraldine Robinson appeared in court here today to face sentencing on the phony charges of aiding in the sale of narcotics and interfering with an arrest. Mrs. Robinson, co-defendant in the political frame-up of Martin Sostre, had been convicted by an all-white jury, May 29. After appeals by her attorney, Charles McKinney, she was granted a postponement of sentencing until July 10.

During her trial, Mrs. Robinson, 25, a mother of five children, was subjected to a racist character assassination by the prosecution. Because the D.A. had no factual case against her (cops and police agents lied and contradicted each other throughout the trial), he resorted to whipping up the prejudices of the white jurors against her because she is forced to live on welfare.

Mrs. Robinson was arrested along with Martin Sostre in July of 1967 when cops raided the Afro-Asian Bookstore. She was working in the store, helping to sell rev-

olutionary literature in the black community here.

Since the conviction, Mrs. Robinson's probation officer has been illegally harassing and threatening her. The welfare caseworker assigned to her has also been viciously hinting that he may try to take her children away. He was previously involved in an attempt to deprive Mrs. Robinson of the children on the trumped-up charge that she was associated with a "convicted narcotics pusher." By this, of course, the authorities meant the black political prisoner Martin Sostre.

Every effort is being made by the Martin Sostre Defense Committee to use the temporary reprieve won in court today to exhaust every means of keeping Mrs. Robinson from prison. Money is being collected in case the bail at the time of sentencing is raised again (it was doubled by Judge Colucci after her conviction) so that Mrs. Robinson can be free during the appeal of her case.