

## Exercise 5

**Key Questions:** Do you think Rosa Parks thought that the police and criminal justice system operated differently in the North than they did in the South?

Examine the section called [“The Northern Promised Land that Wasn’t”](#).

### Discussion Questions:

- What did the police murder of Cynthia Scott reveal about the criminal justice system and about the police in the North?
- Did police act justly during the Detroit Uprising of 1967?
  - Why did Rosa Parks think the Uprising took place?
- How did Rosa Parks and other black freedom fighters challenge unjust police practices in Detroit?
  - Why did they establish a People’s Tribunal in response to the Algiers Motel killings?
- Why was Judge George Crockett criticized for his handling of those Republic of New Africa members who had been arrested in 1969?
  - What does this reveal about the nation’s criminal justice system?
- What is a “political prisoner”? Why did Rosa Parks help to fight for them?

### Sources:

- [Coverage of the march against police brutality in the wake of Scott's murder](#)
- [Interview with Ed Vaughn](#)
- [“Acquit Detroit cop in killing of Negro youth in '67 riots” article in \*Chicago Tribune\*, 11 June 1969](#)
- [Statement of George Crockett, 1969](#)
- [National Lawyers Guild ‘Resolution in Support of RNA Citizens Unjustly Held in U.S. and Mississippi Prisons](#)
- [Hurricane Carter’s support for the Gary Tyler campaign, October 18 1976 \(page 8\)](#)
- [October 25 1976 issue of \*Worker’s Power\* article on a recent demo of the Detroit Committee to Free Gary Tyler](#)