By David B. Koretz

"At no time during the trial did I consider giving up," Michael Meeropol stated emphatically. It is in 1973 that Meeropol traded active obscurity in Springfield, Massachusetts, for a series of battles from which he hopes to emerge into the limelight. With the release of his book, "Implosion Conspiracy," Meeropol, the son of the Rosenbergs, has become involved in the Rosenberg case in a way that he has never been before. According to Meeropol, he has always been aware of the circumstances surrounding the trials of his parents, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, in 1953. The Rosenberg Case was officially formed, not by the brothers but by their supporters.

In evidence of this national anti-communist feeling during the early 1950's, Meeropol's biggest fear was that the Rosenbergs were being used as "bookends" to "the dangers of communism." Meeropol considers "going public," the Rosenbergs were "victims of the political process," victims of the "mindless anti-communism" that was rampant in this country in the decade following World War II.

According to Meeropol, the government wanted to "charge their policies towards wartime allies" such as Russia. Starting with the loyalty program of Harry Truman, the government began to "understand intellectually" that they were innocent as their monthly publications about the trial during the late 1940's and early 1950's showed. In 1965 Walter and Miriam Meeropol was in town to promote a benefit concert being held next Tuesday night at the Berklee Music Center. Headlining will be comedian Robert Klein, who became involved in the Rosenberg case in 1974, when he first agreed to appear at a benefit in commemoration of the executions.

Meeropol spends as much of his time as possible in giving interviews, making speeches in radio and television hearings, and attending court sessions. He received a PhD in economics from the University of Wisconsin, and now teaches at Western New England College near his home in Springfield. He is remarkably calm when talking about the deaths of his parents, the only married couple ever put to death in the United States."