



December 4th Committee

Remember
FRED HAMPTON
MARK CLARK

WHY THE CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT?

In 1970, the families of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, together with the survivors of the raid filed a civil rights law suit against Hanrahan and his raiding squad. When the evidence of the Federal involvement in the raid surfaced, the informant, William O'Neal, and three other FBI officials were added as defendants. The main purpose of the suit is to discover and expose all levels of governmental involvement in the deaths of Hampton and Clark. Up until this time, all official investigations and trials have been controlled by the government. This suit is an important and unique opportunity for the "people" to set the scope of the investigations, and to demonstrate to the government that the public will not allow the issue to rest without making all those responsible answer for their acts. The cover-up continues to this day as U.S. Attorney Thompson condones FBI officials who hide behind "Executive Privilege" in order not to reveal the parameters of *COINTELPRO*.

An independent pathologist's report showed that Fred Hampton was drugged into unconsciousness with sedatives. The evidence is clear and yet no federal charges have ever been issued. Hanrahan and all of the raiders were found to be not guilty of any criminal offense by a Cook County judge. If the truth of December 4th is ever to be revealed, if any form of justice is to be had, it must come from this LAWSUIT!

*"You can kill a
freedom fighter, but
you can't kill
the desire to
be free."*



"We must prevent the rise of a Black messiah who could unify and electrify the Black Nationalist Movement."

Counter Intelligence Program
1968-1971



All programs and organizations that are designed to help aid the survival needs of Black and oppressed people, will be considered for donations if punitive damages are awarded to the plaintiffs by the courts.

**DECEMBER 4TH COMMITTEE
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On December 4th, 1969, at 4:30 a.m., Cook County States Attorney Edward Hanrahan's police raided Fred Hampton's apartment. The raid was planned and coordinated by officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The raiding party was a hand picked squad of Chicago policemen armed with a machine gun, shotguns, and other weapons. They murdered Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, and seriously wounded 4 other persons in the apartment. Contrary to the raiders' version that they were continually fired upon by the occupants of the apartment, a Federal grand jury found that 83 shots were fired and of those, only one may have been fired by the occupants of the apartment.

WATERGATE

With the revelations of Watergate, we have been able to begin to establish the breadth and nature of the Governmental conspiracy to murder Fred Hampton and to "prevent the rise of a Black Messiah".

Recent disclosures have shown that the FBI, in 1967, issued orders to their local offices to "neutralize and disrupt" leftist organizations and the Black Panther Party. This was the thrust of their *Counterintelligence Program*.



COINTELPRO

This *Counterintelligence Program* was closely patterned after the CIA. Counterintelligence Programs overseas provoked political assassinations and coups in Chile, Vietnam, Greece, and Cambodia. As Kissinger and the CIA plotted Allende's overthrow and assassination in Chile, so did Hoover and the FBI coordinate the raids against Black Panther Party offices throughout the United States.

They engineered the murder of one of the Black Movements's most inspiring young leaders — Fred Hampton. *Cointelpro* was established in Chicago under the auspices of Marlin Johnson, Special Agent in Charge. This program employed informers, provocateurs, the use of wiretaps, and other illegal means against the Black Panther Party. Documents released from the Watergate hearings established that Military Intelligence and the Secret Service were informed in advance of the raid on Fred Hampton's apartment. The CIA trained members of the Chicago police in 1967, helped them set up their Intelligence Division, and funded local right wing groups which burglarized leftist organizations.

FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT

Against this background, there is now very strong evidence of direct federal involvement in a premeditated plan to murder Fred Hampton, in particular, and to destroy the Black Panther Party throughout the country. Evidence uncovered thus far from sworn statements shows that William O'Neal was paid \$10,000 in 1969 and 1970, by the FBI for provoking illegal activities and feeding information to FBI agent Roy Mitchell in the Chicago office. Evidence shows that O'Neal met with Mitchell to draw up a floor plan of Hampton's apartment indicating the bed that Fred slept in. Mitchell, in turn, took this information to Hanrahan's police and the Gang Intelligence Unit.

WHO WAS FRED HAMPTON?

FRED HAMPTON grew up in the Chicago suburb of Maywood, Illinois. At Proviso East High School, he had already shown strong leadership abilities, in addition to being a good student and athlete. At the age of 17, Fred became the head of the Maywood NAACP Youth Chapter. Under his guidance, the Chapter grew within a short time from 17 to over 700 members.

As Fred matured politically, he began to speak out about conditions such as unemployment, bad housing, police brutality, bad school conditions, not enough food at prices people could afford, thus pointing out the unequal distribution of wealth in this country. Late in 1968, Fred began to organize the Chicago Chapter of the Black Panther Party. As Chairman for the Illinois Chapter, Fred Hampton initiated the Free Breakfast For Children Program, opened a Free Medical Clinic, and began the Free Bussing to Prisons Program.

WHY WAS HE MURDERED?

In the six months prior to December 4th, twelve black youths, including the Soto brothers, were killed by police in the Westside community where Fred's apartment was located. Fred called on that community to defend itself against these and similar attacks. Fred was beginning to expand his base of support with Latin and white community groups, as well as youth gangs in Chicago by forming coalitions with them.

Fred Hampton was murdered because he gave people confidence that together they could overcome their oppression. He inspired them to dedicate themselves to challenging an exploitative system and building a society of true equality. He was murdered because he refused to accept the system that condemned poor people in general, and Third World people in particular, to powerlessness, starvation, and violent deaths. Fred was murdered because he refused to accept only peaceful means of resistance when all forms of weapons were used against the Black Panther Party.

THE DECEMBER 4TH COMMITTEE

The December 4th Committee has been organized to support this essential lawsuit. We have come together to educate the people with the information discovered in the suit. We are attempting to raise the desperately needed funds so that the suit may continue to trial. Hanrahan and his cohorts are represented in court by their private lawyers, appointed as public officials by the court. They have already received over \$150,000 from city and state funds for their pretrial legal work. The legal team for the families of the two slain men and the other survivors of the raid have donated their time and effort for free or subsistence wages. We are asking for everyone's support of this people's lawsuit. There are many things that you can do to help:

- 1. Send funds.
- 2. Show the movie, "The Murder of Fred Hampton" to your organization or social group.
- 3. Sponsor a tea, coffee or a cocktail party, at which members of the legal team or December 4th Committee will be glad to come and speak.
- 4. High schools, colleges and other institutions should schedule the film and speakers on the suit in their activities programs.
- 5. Distribute this brochure.
- 6. Report on the suit in your school or organizations's newsletter.
- 7. Volunteer to help do publicity around the trial and the soon-to-be-scheduled Fred Hampton Day events.
- 8. Come to the trial

This suit can only succeed with substantial public support. The evils which Fred saw and dedicated his life to eradicating still exist. They will continue as long as acts such as the Dec. 4th raid are allowed to go on unchecked. Your help is the strongest way to fight back.