DRAFT PERSPECTIVE FOR NEWTON-SEALE CAMPAIGN

For Black Panther

The Black Panther Party for Self Defense and the Peace and Freedom Party are running Huey Newton for Congress (7th CD) and Bobby Seale for Assembly (16th AD) on the Peace and Freedom Party Ballot. In terms of the BPP-PFP coalition, this means essentially that the Black Panther Party will run the campaign in the Black community, and that the PFP will be responsible for the campaign in the white community.

We believe that these two campaigns are potentially very significant, and that their major thrust should be in the following three areas:

I. FREE HUEY NEWTON

Huey Newton faces possible death or imprisonment, Bobby Seale faces a possible prison term because of a conviction based on an obsolete 1860 gun law. Both are clear examples of an attempt to use the legal system for a political end -- namely the liquidation of the Black Panther leadership.
Our campaign could play an important role in publicizing the facts of the cases and especially the way in which the power structure is trying to eliminate the Panthers. As such it must be viewed as part of the more general Huey Newton defense.

II. FIGHT RACISM

PFP has stated that an important use of the electoral process is a means of educating people on issues, and as a means of organizing people. These two campaigns, more perhaps than any others offer a great opportunity to take the issues of racism, repression, and black liberation into the white community, and by so doing to build support in the white community.
More specifically, we should have a very specific educational purpose, over and above describing the repression and exploitation of the black community. While we of course must talk about this, we must also emphasize that the ghetto in the coming months and years faces the ultimate danger of outright mass genocide. The plans and technology of rebellion repression should be researched and talked about, and their genocidal nature pointed out. And it is in this context that we should talk about the Panther action program of self defense, and the attempt to suppress that Panthers.
It is understood that in order to best fight racism, the campaigns should also raise the questions of U.S. Imperialsim and foreign policy, and relate them to the ghetto situation.

III. SUPPORT BLACK LIBERATION

The campaign should also be used as a means of involving people in various actinn programs in support of Black Liberation. Some examples ...

a. pledging of support, financial, housing, etc in the event of a rebellion in the bay area.
b. A focusing against the police and legal system, such as a campaign for a police review board, or the creation of independent community controlled police forces in the ghetto.
c. Participating in or supporting a "commission of inquiry" about the nature of oppressionx of black americans, modelled after the Intl. War Crimes Tribunal.
d. Participating in or supporting the projected effort to bring the case of afro-america before the United Nations.

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Large numbers of college students and others are currently groping for ways in which to support Black Liberation, as witnessed by the many groups which are independently coming together around this question. A newton-seale campaign and related action programs should have the potential for involving a large number of people.

In summary, these campaigns are important as a part of the political defense of two black leaders, as a means of talking to white people about racism, imperialism, and oppression, and as a means of building support, through the pfp, for the Bpp and for black liberation.