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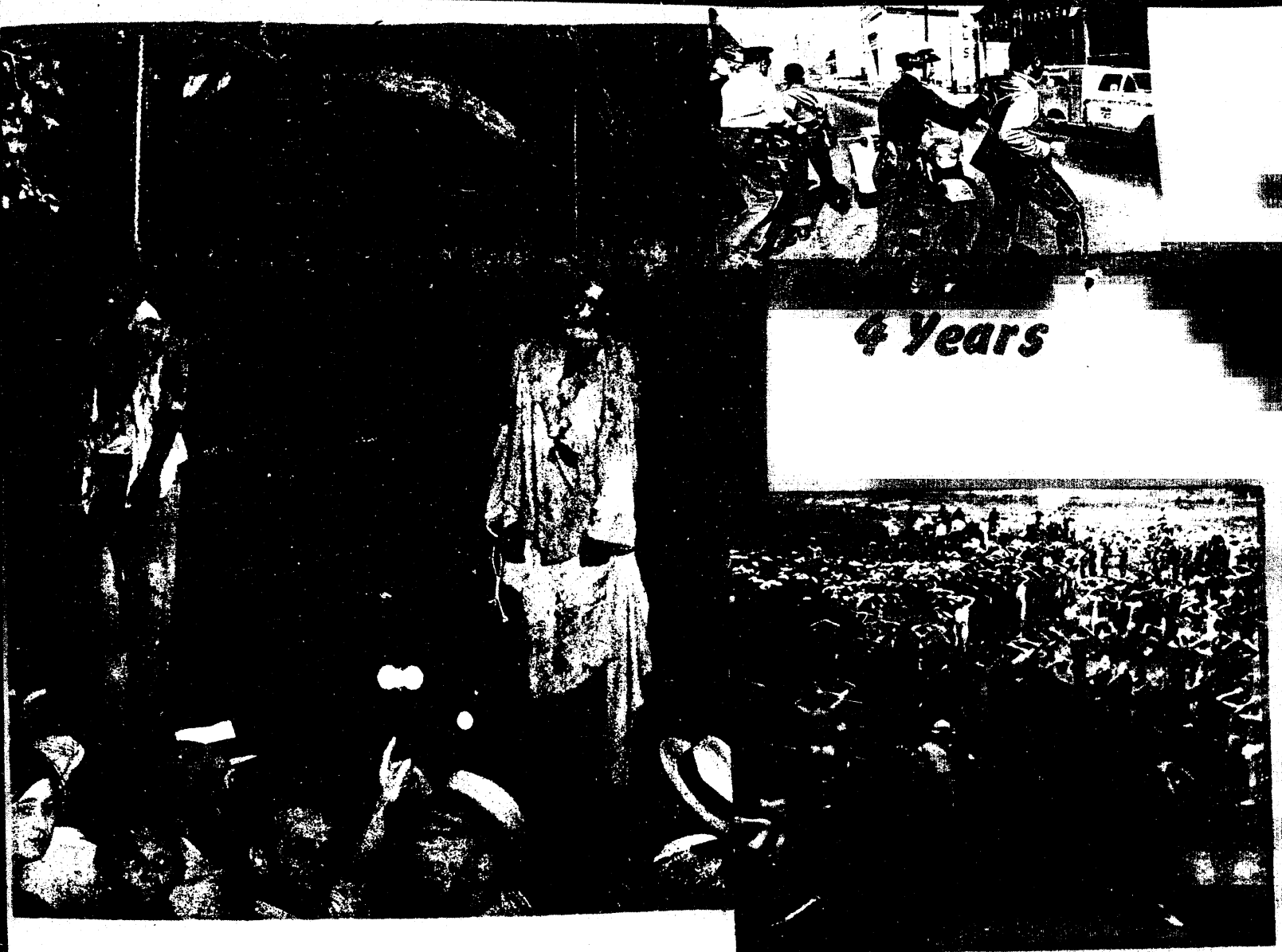
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EDITORIAL... Israel: Lackey of U S Imperialism

The recent forays into Syria and Lebanon by Israeli Zionist military forces, allegedly for "security purposes", but in reality are reprisal for the recent attack by "Arab terrorists". As Karl Deutsch puts it, "control of the social institutions of mass communications, and generally of the storage and transmission of information, is an obvious major component of power". The Zionist ability in persuading the world of their "cause" did much in shaping the course of events.

The State of Israel, proclaimed in 1948, was born from the Zionist claim that the Jews of the world constitute a separate nation entitled to a land of their own based on racial and religious premises. There are presently some 140 plus nations in the world community and not one has been established with a people composed of disparate nationalities linked together by the vague contours of a political doctrine claiming to be based on religious premises. The fanatic "zionist movement" which began its activities in 1897 with its objective to change "by any means" Palestine into a Zionist state with no regards for the indigenous population which at that time was 92%.

The so-called "victims" of the recent Munich attack, forget, and also the world, that the "chosen people" declared war on its benefactor as well as the Palestinians. It was not an "honorable war", but rather one of terror, massacre and destruction sponsored and financed by western Jewish capitalists.

This reign of terror was perpetuated by the notorious Hagana, Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern gangs at a time when British soldiers were locked in a life and death struggle with Nazi Germany to save Jews from Nazi persecution!

The Irgun Zvai Leumi (National Military Organization): formed in 1935 from dissident members of the Hagana. Operated underground with estimated strength of 3 to 5,000.

The Hagana and Palmach: An illegal and well armed military organization with a central command and subsidiary territorial commands which included women, viz:-

A static force composed of settlers and townsfolk, with an estimated strength of 40,000;

A Field army, based on the Jewish settlement police and trained in more mobile operations, with an estimated strength of 16,000.

A full time force (Palmach), permanent mobilized and provided with transport, with an estimated strength of some 6,000.

The Stern Group: originated as a dissident faction within the Irgun Zvai Leumi when the latter decided to suspend activities in 1939. Strength said to be between 200 to 300 dangerous fanatics. They have for some time been in total agreement with the Irgun Zvai Leumi. Since both are equally committed to a policy of unrestrained extremism.

As the world now recoils in horror at the attacks on the "chosen people", one can readily see the paradox - the oppressed have become the oppressors, the people of the book, the men of light, the victims of Russian pogroms, of Nazi genocide, of Dachau and other Polish concentration camps have changed roles. This is the dilemma of modern times. It clearly reveals the ethnocentrism of the western imperialist powers, particularly the United States, and their ability to transform and legitimize their power thrusts under the cloak of international law and morality. In the final analysis, Israel as a tool of imperialism, must be destroyed along with the other imperialist powers so that "man's inhumanity to man" will cease to be a philosophy among men.

Death to the Imperialist Dogs
All Power to the People!



The New York Times/Micha Bar-Am
At Malkiyya, an Israeli armored vehicle smashes border fence and rolls into Lebanon

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From Comrades To Comrades....



Recently, our hearts were enlightened immeasurably by the courageous act of the Palestinian commandos...The courage and valor of commando operation performed by a righteous people, made a mockery of the eternal flame of peace flying over Munich, while napalm and millions of bombs per day are dropped on Vietnamese people. The pretenders cried moral outrage, while the same Nixon-Mier Brandt clique of international bankers have billions of dollars controlling the land, the lives, and the natural resources of Africa, most of the Middle East, and all of Europe.....

The Hussein-Meir-Nixon clique attempted to crush you righteous Fedayeen in September of last year, and now you reappear cold and more calculating than ever; you and our George have that in common. You reappeared from what the international, counter-revolutionary fascist called your defeat during dark September of last year.....You reappear more refined because you are the only Palestinians who see the International quality of fascism and therefore understand that repression has forced our battle onto the international arena. They brought in armor and heavy artillery and slaughtered your people housed in those refuge camps; so you were right by going underground further and stretching from your homeland to all parts of the enemy occupied world...and...then you appear in Munich.....That is our strength, secrecy and the element of surprise....dialectics will have it no other way. You were caught on fixed bases (refuge camps) by the real international gangsters and outlaws.....

You chose that moment to remind the world of false peace!



Arab guerilla attempting to negotiate with two West German plainclothesmen.

To remind the world of Black September 1971!

To free your comrades from Israeli concentration camps!

You moved swiftly and with purpose but you should have remembered August 7, 1970, San Rafael U.S.A. (Baby Jonathan, Bros. Magee, Christmas, McLain, plus hostages) and Attica U.S.A., where all guerillas and hostages were executed by ruthless international gunslingers....It is only natural that the same fate would be lurking on that NATO American controlled German military airfield. They can't allow the righteous people a clear cut victory, that would erase that prestige of power.....

We love you comrades, you are an example of what we hope most of our fellow Afro-American will someday become...There

are a few of us now, bred from the disillusionment of the revisionist Black Panther Party, (similar to your cowardly Al Fatah) and from the blood of George and Jonathan Jackson... We form the nucleus of the guerilla units U.S.A.....We hope to meet you someday, somewhere on this international battle front....

We hail your courageous act as a masterful piece of armed propaganda technique monitored by international satellite all over the globe, as a political, and military stroke of genius!!!!

We Will Win!!!!

George Jackson Political Front

Afro-American Liberation Army

3 West German Lawyers Prepare Guerrilla Defense

BY JAMES L. SAYLORS
BONN (UPI)—Three West German lawyers have begun preparing the defense for the Arab guerrilla survivors of the Sept. 5 Munich massacre, but a Bavarian Interior Ministry spokesman said the case may never come to trial.

"The Sword of Damocles is hanging over us," he said. "The investigations are very difficult and it is possible there may never be a trial. We are working under constant threats."

The Ministry of Justice in Munich unexpectedly announced appointment Thursday night of three German lawyers to defend the guerrillas. But earlier in the day a ministry spokesman had said it would probably be at least a year before a trial began and that it was unlikely public defenders would be appointed before formal charges had been brought against the trio.

"Once charges are filed, a date for the trial can be set," he said.

However, the Justice Ministry refused to give the names of the public defenders and one state official said privately

their appointment at this time was made for "technical reasons."

"Only certified German lawyers can represent a defendant in court," he said. "Or, in a case like this where we now have one Arab lawyer already on the scene, the foreign attorney must be sponsored by a German lawyer."

Tunisian lawyer Mondher Ben Ammar, commissioned by Arab organizations to defend the Black September group, arrived in Munich Thursday, but justice officials declined to say whether he had already made contact with his clients.

Munich officials have good reason to doubt that the three guerrillas will be tried.

In February, 1970, three Arabs attacked a passenger bus at Munich's Riem airport, killing one Israeli and injuring a dozen Germans, and tried to hijack an Israeli El Al jetliner. Seven months later, before they could be brought to trial, the three were freed as part of an international exchange of Arab prisoners for the passenger hostages of three planes hijacked to Jordan by another guerrilla band.

Rev. Koen Sees Conspiracy to Squash Cairo

CAIRO, Ill. (UF)--October 2, 1972...Rev. Charles Koen and Bob Williams, National Chairman and National Coordinator announced at the United Front Saturday Spiritual Rally in Cairo, Illinois the definite conspiracy at the local, state, and federal level to crush the United Front, its leadership, and the struggle of the Black, Poor, and Oppressed People of Cairo, and that the Boycott is still on in Cairo.

Rev. Charles Koen announced, "Brother Williams and I visited the Illinois State Attorney Office on Monday afternoon following a phone call that Brother Williams had received from a reporter at the Cairo Evening Citizen Newspaper, Mrs. Nancy Cain. Mrs. Cain told Mr. Williams that she had received notices for printing in the Cairo Evening Citizen from the Illinois State's Attorney General Office that the United Front Community Non-Profit Housing Corporation, the United Front Economic Development Corporation, the Parent Organization, and the United Front Incorporation was being dissolved, and did Mr. Williams have any knowledge of why." Rev. Koen reported. "Brother Williams informed Mrs. Cain that he, our legal attorneys, Certified Public Accountant, nor our bookkeeper were aware of any proceedings for the dissolvments of the United Front three corporations."

Brother Bob Williams stated, "Following the meeting with J. Calvin Bostian, Assistant Attorney General in Springfield, Monday afternoon with Rev. Koen and I, we were informed by Mr. Bostian that the United Front's three corporations had not been dissolved." It was also announced by Mr. Williams, "The main reason Mrs. Cain had received notices for publication that the United Front's three corporations were being dissolved was because Donald Turner, Sheriff of Alexander County had sent written notices back to the Illinois State's Attorney General Office stating that he could not find United Front Corporations in the city of Cairo, Illinois." Mr. Williams went on to say, "It is a contradiction that Sheriff Turner could not locate the United Front and deliver to us the necessary information concerning the proper legal steps required by law for dissolution of any corporation in his county. On August 1, 1972, Sheriff Turner was able to find the United Front when he and several of his deputies came and nailed eviction notices up on St. Columba Church where the United Front Headquarters is located and informing us that legal procedures for our eviction had been ordered by Bishop Albert Zuroweste of the Belleville Diocese.

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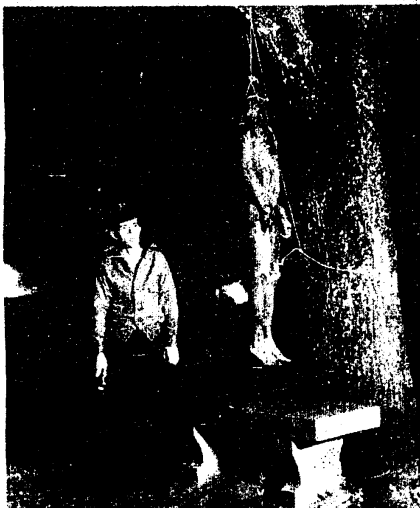
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On May 6, armed detectives surrounded Alexander, Jones, and Gaynor at the home of Simmons' mother-in-law. They had no warrants for any of the three, but they approached the house with guns drawn. Giving them no reason why, the detectives forced the men to go with them to police headquarters where they then made out the warrants!

While they were being detained, Simmons—hearing that he was also wanted—turned himself in. The four men were then put into a line-up before five witnesses. They were returned to a second line-up before the same five people and one new witness. Although only two—Simmons and Alexander were supposedly identified, and although only six people saw the line-up, police charged each man with 9 counts of armed robbery.

THE INDICTMENT

Prosecuting attorney Schroering secured an indictment against the Louisville Seven through a grand jury hearing, even though the judge had set a preliminary hearing for June 9. A preliminary hearing would have forced Schroering to present evidence in an open court. The grand jury hearing enabled him, instead, to secure an indictment without cross-examination of his witnesses, and without recorded testimony.

To this day, the defendants and their attorneys have never seen the evidence used against them. The Kentucky Court of Appeals has set precedents which assure Schroering that the Panthers will not have the preliminary hearing the judge scheduled. Once a prosecutor secures an indictment from a grand jury, it stands. Even though an open hearing was scheduled!

Schroering was so sure he was dealing with hardened criminals that he requested holding them without bail—but he backed down after lawyers for the Louisville Seven demanded that he present his evidence that the 7 probably committed the crime. He refused to present any evidence—and the judge set bail.

Frame-ups like this have happened many times before. In 1968, Schroering was one of the people responsible for obtaining indictments against the Black Six on charges of conspiracy to bomb oil refineries. Several of the men spent months behind bars, and one was in prison for two years before charges against them were finally dropped. Lately, Schroering has been using the procedure of secret grand jury hearings rather than open,

preliminary ones, in more and more cases.

The arrest and jailing of Black activists is common practice all over the country. The list includes Jim Grant in North Carolina, Hekima Ana in Mississippi, and Walter Collins in Texakana, Texas.

HOW THIS FRAME-UP AFFECTS YOU

If the police can misuse their power and authority in one case, they can and will do so in other cases. Two months ago, a white man was shot by policemen in Cherokee Park. He had been roaming around naked, and of course, unarmed...but he was considered dangerous. Today he's dead. The same disregard for civilian rights was operating in this case. When the police can get away with such unlimited use of their power, and the courts uphold them, the rights of every ordinary citizen become meaningless.

When the police and the courts tie up their time and energy framing people, they encourage the real criminals to roam loose. While the Panthers face phony charges, heroin pushers infest Black communities. The facts speak for themselves. There are approximately 2500 drug addicts in Louisville—1500 whites, 1000 blacks—and the law enforcement against pushers has been ineffective. The Panthers know this, and were deeply involved in establishing an anti-drug program before their arrest. One of their main complaints was the laxity of police action against pushers. Two weeks ago, the police department announced the beginning of a major crack-down on pushers. They announced the same thing in 1968. In all this time, they claim they've been unable to round up the big dealers. Is a police department that can hunt down and jail the Panthers really so helpless?

AN INTERVIEW WITH BEN SIMMONS:

'THIS SICK SOCIETY IS THE PUSHER'

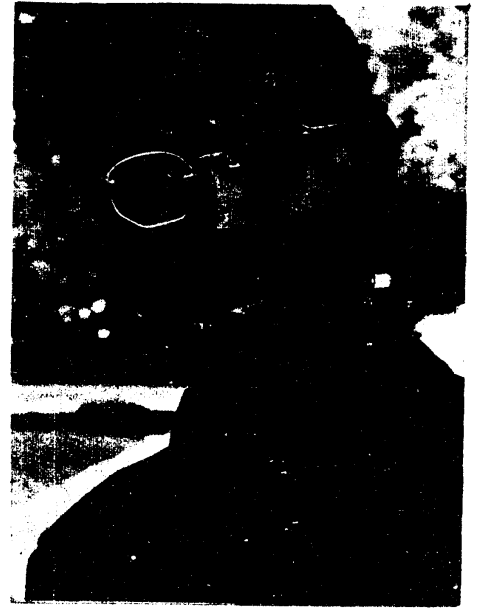
The first thing was last year when we came back to Louisville from Illinois. I knew it was a problem, but the first time I got to see it close up was when one of my friends called us over for a party. We got there and he was acting weird. He kept saying that some one in the house was a police informer. He kept calling me off and rapping about to me about it. Then he grabbed me. I asked another brother what was wrong. He said the brother had dropped a couple of tabs of purple haze and some beans and now he was smoking a reefer.

I was in the kitchen getting some wine and I heard the shotgun. My wife jumped up and ran over to me and told

He grabbed a shot gun—a sawed off riot pump—and he kept playing with it. Then his cousin snatched his keys off the table. He turned around and said, "See, I told you about messing with me." Then he jumped him.

I was in the kitchen getting some wine and I heard the shotgun. My wife jumped up and ran over to me and told me to help the dude. When I turned around I saw the dude's guts hanging out and his hand was blown off and hanging by a piece of cord.

Then the dude just turned the shotgun over to us. That's when I ran through the door. Judy was shaking the back door and I told her, "Look out the way". I just knocked the complete door down, knocked the complete fence down, and we split. We got out to the street, and then we said, "Hell, all



Ben Simmons: "The only people who shoot us down are the people who are dealing drugs."

of us was in it together." And we turned around and went back to help him.

That's one thing that made me start dealing with the whole drug problem. The brother was righteous and a dedicated brother. But the pressure had built up, and he had gone to drugs to kind of ease the pain, but the drugs brought it out.

When we looked around at the community, it seemed like drugs had been legalized. It was all over the place. You could walk out on the street and get alcohol or dope before you could get something to eat. Drugs destroy any community. There can't be any more harmony. Sisters were getting raped. The crime rate was up. People breaking in, snatching purses, etc. At the same time the veterans were coming back from Vietnam — junkies.

We started in August 1971 with the Black Committee for Self-Defense. We picked that name for the simple reason that we weren't talking about getting out there with guns or nothing. We were talking about defending our minds against lies. It looked like the whole society was pushing drugs. Dope was cool. A reefer made things look pleasant when they weren't.

We started trying to reach the people with the truth about the drugs. We said we weren't going to talk about the fact that someone is out there on the streets dealing. We were going to talk about why it was there in the first place.

We started putting out some leaflets about Angel Dust and Angel Hair and various types of smoke, then we went into Acid and other major drugs. We were getting a big response, especially from the white community. So we opened up an office and started giving some classes.

Our windows were shot out the first week, and some one came up and told our landlord to tell us to move (we still don't know who that was). The second week there was another bullet hole through the window. Then one member was attacked and had to have five stitches in his eye. Finally, we found out that the man who attacked him belonged to the drug traffic.

We went on with the program. We talked about the pushers. We know lots of people are pushing to survive or because they have to

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TRIAL NEWS

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla.-Seven members of the Malcolm X United Liberation Front were busted in a pre-dawn raid on their crib, on Sept. 8th. They were: Robert Perkins-Minister of Information; Gail Perkins-his six month pregnant wife; Willie Johnson, Mary Whitehead, Cynthia Harris, Erskine Hepburn, and Marolyn Johnson. All were charged with felony possession of marijuana and paraphenalia. "This is an obvious frameup," says the defendants "because they came in the house and went right to specific locations (such as the dirty clothes hamper) and pulled out large quantities of marijuana."

Bond was set at \$11,600 for all seven.

JACKSON, Miss.-KARIM HEKIMA OMAN WADU NJABAFUDI is the third of the RNA II to be convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment as the kangaroo court continues in Meridian, Miss. Karim is the youngest of the RNA II.

Those convicted and sentenced before him have been Hekima Ana-Vice Pres. RNA, and Offaga Quaddus-Minister of Interior, RNA. Site of trial has been changed to Meridian because of racism. How many more must be sacrificed to this bloodthirsty system before we realize that the only way to get someone to remove his foot from our neck is to chop off his leg?

TEXARKANA, Tex.-WALTER COLLINS has received parole- Nov. 6th. 157 days of good time that was taken from him has been restored. He has served 2½ years.

establish Justice ...



TOMBS..The case against Anthony Kim u' White was aborted when Kimu and 6 others broke the chains that bound them and escaped to freedom. RIGHT ON! KIMU!

QUINCY, Fla.-Murder charges have been dropped against two of the Quincy Five, Alphonso Figgers and David Smith. The Quincy Five (actually 6) have been jailed since late 1970 after being accused of the murder of a deputy sheriff. Funds are desperately needed to continue the work of freeing the Five. These men are literally out on a limb floating since all the glamor is gone from their trial and nothing is left but hard work. Send funds to: Quincy Five Defense Fund-c/o MXULF-417 N. Macomb St.- Tallahassee, Fla.

NORFOLK, Va.-Where is EARL HARRELL? Earl Harrell was officer of the day and a member of the Collective Leadership of the Virginia State Chapter of the Black Panther Party. Earl and another comrade were busted helping our sisters who were on strike against General Foam & Plastic in Norfolk. He was sentenced to 1 year on the charge of illegal picketing and has subsequently disappeared. We must not allow the Prison system in Amerikkka to add the name of Earl Harrell to the long list it now has of Black men and women who have become, LOST IN PRISON! FREE EARL HARRELL

NEW YORK, N.Y.-MARK HOLDER pleaded guilty to a bank robbery charge, and awaits a possible sentence of 10 years. An appeal is pending on the Kew Gardens murder case.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.-WILLIAM DARRYL BLAKEMORE was sentenced to 10 years in prison as a result of the Louisville Seven frameup. Blakemore was the only one out of the seven to be convicted. He was taken directly from court to La Grange prison to begin serving the time. He returns to court in December for trial on a sawed-off shotgun charge.

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Ironically, people support political prisoners but they do not support prisoners of war...

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On May 9, four Black Panthers and three supporters were indicted by a secret grand jury on 9 charges of armed robbery.

Though no evidence was ever presented against them in open court, William Blakemore, Larry Baines, and Gary Gaynor are being held in Maximum Security at LaGrange Prison. They were transferred from Jefferson County Jail without a hearing, and without a chance to notify their attorneys. Their cells measure 7x10, and they can leave them only two hours a week to go take a shower. They are being treated as though they have already been tried and convicted of a capitol crime.

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Racism at LaGrange

The Louisville Chapter of the Black Panther Party plans to show solidarity with the Black inmates at the Kentucky State Reformatory near LaGrange by staging a motorcade to the prison. The motorcade will include a bus load of families and friends of the Black prisoners.

Delegates to the National Black Sisters Conference, which convened at Spalding College last week, staged a motorcade to the LaGrange Reformatory last Wednesday. They also were scheduled to attend a press conference called by Alderman Henry Owens last Friday; however, the meeting was postponed. The Black sisters, during their brief stay in Louisville, showed a profound interest in the racial situation at LaGrange.

The Black Panther Party has tried to schedule a meeting with reformatory superintendant Harold Black, who has come under much criticism by local civil rights groups since the recent racial flare ups at the reformatory; Black said that he would meet with the Black Panther Party to debate the issue of whether or not he was indeed a racist; however, Black changed his mind and said he has no plans to meet with the Panther Party.

The Black Panther Party has charged the LaGrange Reformatory with practicing racism. The charge stems from the following data:

-There are 1700 white inmates in LaGrange as opposed to 500 Blacks.

-There are four all-white dormitories, one all Black, and four intergrated.

-The first racial disturbance started when a Black inmate was attacked in a white dormitory while going to the laundry. An even number of Black and white inmates, each numbering 150, engaged in a 15 minute physical conflict about three weeks ago.

As a result of the conflict, 25 Black inmates and one Mexican-American were transferred to the prison at Eddyville. On August 14, 1972, 29 Black inmates, considered as trouble makers, were sent to Eddyville, making a total of 54 Black inmates from LaGrange at Eddyville. The number also includes several Black inmates who participated in negotiations two weeks ago, at LaGrange.

The Black Panther Party has expressed concern because no white inmates were transferred to Eddyville. The Panthers and many other Black sympathizers believe that this is a clear cut act of racist discrimination, and cannot understand why only Black prisoners were transferred when the racial disturbances were started by whites!

Families and loved ones of the Black inmates question if the transfer will reduce the inmates changes of parole. Although Eddyville is a maximum-security prison, none of the inmates that were sent there were doing maximum security bids.

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LaGrange is approximately 30 miles from Louisville; whereas Eddyville is nearly 200 miles away. It is not determined when they will be returned

to LaGrange. Visitation rights were suspended to the transferees for 14 days.

There are and have been several Black Panthers imprisoned at the LaGrange Reformatory. The Louisville Black Panther Party has always been known to take care of its own by sending money and literature to their Black brothers who are in prison, writing letters to them, and in general keeping their spirits up. The Panthers are not only concerned with their fellow members who are in prison, but with all Black prisoners. They do not want LaGrange to become another Attica, but the segregated nature of the former has lead many to believe that it will.

According to one of the members of the Black Panther Party who has been imprisoned at LaGrange, "The racism is so thick there, you can taste it and smell it".

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This Could Happen to You...

On June 28, 1972, James Richardson was on the way to work at Lincoln Hospital where he worked for the last two years as a senior admitting clerk. He rode the Hunts Point route to work the same way he did every working day.

In the Hunts Point Station James saw a white man shooting up the subway. While James was trying to get out of the way of the shooting he was shot twice. He managed to get to the top of the staircase of the subway where he saw two white cops.

James allegedly told the cops that a crazy man was shooting up the subway.

The two cops proceeded to investigate the incident and six shots were fired. The crazy man lay dead with six bullets in him.

Police further investigated the situation and found out that the crazy white man was an off-duty cop, who had just finished performing as an off-duty cop. Immediately, the cops concocted a classic, fascist frame up to hide another morbid act of amerikkkan fascism. So as to confuse the facts, the cops said that Richardson had a gun and patrolman Shagen was acting in the line of duty. Then patrolman Shagen tried to arrest Richardson for possession of a gun. The cops had to fabricate the facts in order to put "law and order" in a human context. So by creating a gun that nobody but the cops saw, the cops created a theoretical basis to put James Richardson in the electric chair. The cops and Bronx D.A. Burton Roberts are going to try to prove that if James Richardson created a situation that lead to a cop getting killed by other cops, then Richardson is a murderer and the State of New York should execute that murderer, regardless of the fact that it was a crazy man in the Pelham Bay subway that day.

Fascist cops in New York City are some of the most trigger happy pigs in the world. New York City cops have a consistent history of going berserk and shooting first and asking questions later. Only after the hideous murder of 10 year old Ricky Bodden by New York patrolman Francis Ortolano on August 15,

1972 did the N.Y.P.D. give cops a new regulation about when to shoot their guns. The communities would like to know how that new regulation is going to be enforced, or who's going to police the police, because the murderer of Ricky Bodden is still at large.

In March of this year in Jamaica, Queens, a white cop saw two Black men involved in an incident on N.Y. Boulevard. The white cop shot at the two Black men-killing one of them. After further investigation the facts revealed that the dead man was named William Capers who was a 15 year veteran detective of the New York City Police Department.

The Queens grand jury and Queens D.A. Mackerell said that the white cop who killed Detective Capers did not commit any crime.

In May of this year hoards of fascist pigs of the N.Y.P.D. viciously attacked Muhammad's Mosque #7. The fascists gave he pretext that the N.Y.P.D. received a phone call that said some cops needed assistance on the second floor of the Mosque-which is the Muslim school. The Muslims, under the able leadership of Minister Farrakhan, righteously defended their Mosque from a vicious attack from the N.Y.P.D. death squad. When the smoke cleared at the Mosque, one white cop lay dead from the guns of his fell. Weeks later Manhattan D.A. Hogan indicted three Muslims for assaulting the dead cop. The reason why the three Muslims were not indicted for murder is because the Nation of Islam is very powerful and respected in the Black community.

James Richardson is not a member of any national or local progressive organization. That's why Bronx D.A. Roberts thinks it will be easy to railroad James Richardson to the electric chair. The purpose of the James Richardson Defense Committee is to derail the train and stop the railroad by placing James back into the Black community.

We must not forget the incident in Detroit this year when cops from STRESS squad busted into the apartment where six Black men were playing cards.

STRESS squad came in the door shooting first and asking questions later. Two Black Wayne County deputies were killed on the spot. Wayne County Grand Jury said that the cops acted in the line of duty. Fortunately the pigs could not think up a James Richardson conspiracy.

The case of James Richardson will illustrate many political, labor and legal contradictions. To the so-called Marxist-Leninists who say that policemen are part of the real proletariat and are oppressed too, we say that James Richardson is a true worker for the people, because he worked for the people at Lincoln Hospital, and not against the people (like the pigs do). The Municipal Labor Union in which James Richardson is a member denied him his constitutional rights by suspending James from the union immediately after he got arrested. The U.S. Constitution says a person is innocent until proven guilty. When the Municipal Union suspended James before he exhausted due process of law - in who's interest was the union acting for - James Richardson or Bronx D.A. Burton Roberts?

To the people who supported the Harlem 6, Huey Newton, Angela Davis, Carlos Feliciano and the N.Y. 21, we ask you not to hold back your support for James Richardson because he's not a superstar. Justice is more important than limelighting and personalities.

To Burton Roberts and the forces of fascism - we say your legal theory to put James Richardson in the electric chair will be destroyed, just as your theories to put Angela Davis, Huey Newton and the Harlem 6 in the electric chair and gas chamber have failed.

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WANTED FOR MURDER

Outraged by the murder of Gregory Coleman on Friday, August 11th 1972 a coalition of Black community organizations has banned together to deal with this criminal act.

No longer will we sit back and allow senseless murders of Black people by the police department.

The fact that officer Charles L. Pender was a Black man has no bearing on the sentiments of the Black community. We recognize that we live in a police state. We view him as a part of a larger system which reflects the attitude of the police department toward Black people which is typified by police killings of Black citizens.

These types of criminal acts by the police department can only be dealt with by the dismantling and complete overhaul of the police department and when Police Chief Jerry Wilson is removed from office.

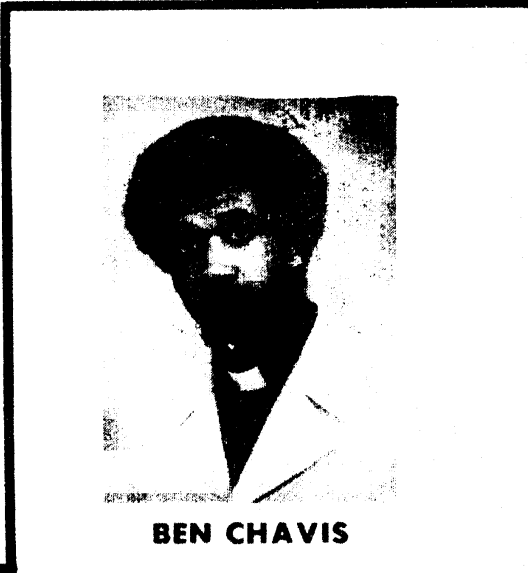
If the murder of 16 year old Gregory Coleman is judged a justifiable homicide then killings of policemen in the Washington, D.C. community will be judged also as justifiable homicide.

This incident of cold-blooded murder took place Friday, August 12, 1972 at 5:30 P.M. A bike was planted outside a Safeway Store for someone to steal. Pender was inside on stake-out, waiting for the victim to arrive. When Gregory removed the bike from the scene, Pender rushed from the store, thinking that the loss of the bike was equal to the life of a young 15 year old black brother, whom he had cleverly entrapped. After an alleged chase he drew his vicious service revolver and shot the 15 year old dangerous criminal in the back.

The black community and other concerned organizations demand that this be viewed for what it is: a vicious criminal act. We demand that Police chief Jerry Wilson be held accountable as the head perpetrator of this sort of action and that officer Pender be fired from the police force and brought to trial and prosecuted on the charges of pre-meditated murder. We refuse to sit by any longer and allow this brutal and senseless murder of black people.

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- Youth Organization for Black Unity Rap, Inc.
- Adult Courtesy Patrol-14th Street, NW
- Government Employees Against Racial Discriminations
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- Capital East Community Organization
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- Pride
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- Blackman's Development Center
- Black United Front
- Church of What's Happening Now
- Small Businessmens Association
- National Capitol Area
- Commission for Racial Justice-United Church of Christ
- African Liberation Day Support Committee
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- Howard University Student Association
- Congress of African People



BEN CHAVIS

Ben Chavis Gets 34 years

BURGAW, N.C.(SCEF)—Judge Robert Martin has sentenced 10 people to a total of 242 years in prison as a result of their work for black liberation in Wilmington.

Nine black men and a white woman were found guilty of conspiracy and burning a grocery during a protest against racial bias in Wilmington in February, 1971. Bail bonds were set a total of \$400,000 and all were put in jail.

They were convicted October 17 after a 5½ week trial during which James E. Ferguson, one of the defense attorneys, was physically assaulted by a witness for the state.

The Rev. Ben Chavis, 25, was given 34 years in prison and his bail set at \$50,000 pending appeal. He is an organizer for the N.C.-Va. Commission for Racial Justice (CRJ) and a member of the Board of the Directors of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) based in Louisville, Ky.

Chavis's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Chavis, a teacher in Oxford, N.C., was in the courtroom. She said: "I'm not surprised. Any time a black man raises his head to speak, to jail he is bound."

Marvin Patrick, 20, Connie Tindall, 22, and Jerry Jacobs, 19, were given 31 years. Patrick and Tindall's bonds are \$45,000 each and Jacobs's is \$40,000.

Sentences of 29 years each were meted out to James McKoy, 19; Reginald Epps, 19; Wayne Moore, 18; Joe Wright, 19; and William E. Vereen, 18. They are held under \$40,000 bond each.

Ms. Ann Shepard, 34, was sentenced to 10 years on a charge of being an accessory before the burning. She was held under \$20,000 bail and relatives were taking care of her children while she sat in jail.

Main witnesses against the 10 were two convicted felons, Allan Hall and Jerome Mitchell, both 18. Hall leaped from the witness stand during cross-examination and ran toward the defense table.

He was able to hit Ferguson a glancing blow as deputy sheriffs and the prosecutor grappled with him. A woman juror ran screaming from the courtroom. Another said she was made ill by the uproar, but the judge refused to excuse her from further service.

Ms. Shepard ducked out of the way as Hall advanced on Ferguson. She said Hall had been whispering obscenities at her and Chavis, but the judge said he didn't hear them and didn't see Hall's lips move.

A 13-year-old boy was brought in as a rebuttal witness by the state, which had sent in a special prosecutor from the attorney general's office in Raleigh. Judge Martin was a special judge sent in from High Point, N.C.

Ferguson, who has been defending black activists under attack all over the state, said there is a good chance of upsetting the convictions on appeal.

The Rev. Leon White, executive director of the N.C.-Va. CRJ, said: "The black community in North Carolina is enraged at the convictions in Burgaw. The governor, the attorney general, and the judge are now shown to be part of the conspiracy to remove all black activists from the scene in the state.

"The era of repression has been very successful. We now have the Ayden Eleven, the Wilmington Ten, the Charlotte Three, the High Point Three, and we really don't know how many other activists in jail throughout the state. We are going to raise a fund to fight this thing and free all political prisoners. We plan to make it a national issue."

from the depth of HELL

"Power to the People"
Brothers and Sisters,

.....I would like at this time to relate to you a provoked situation that was created by "Pigs" that took place here. But I also want to make it clear that I can not give you any names of participants because of an investigation. But I'll see to it "personally" that you receive a full report from beginning to the end. The reason for doing this is that two hundred prisoners were involved but only (45) of them were taken and placed in (lock-up) the South-wing.

(To give you an in depth understanding) read the following:

On Monday July 17th, approximately 1:30 while we were just finishing feeding up the whole population, a fascist from the guard's regime that work's in the institution's main dining room had been constantly harrasing and picking directly at a Black prisoner for all most three hours.

The result of this provocation developed into a spontaneous uprising, which lasted for four hours. Rioting and destroying state property and holding six pigs for hostages. In order, to bring or to get some of our people from the community to support us in our plight for liberation and along with prisoner representatives to expose the inherent nature of this concentration camp and its responsible prison officials along with their racist commander "Governor Mandle" to get him to fire high and low ranking "pigs" and the boot-licking "Black" Ass't warden. Who has caused more critical situations than Hitler has and Nixon (slightly) together.

The Governor had promised to the rebelling prisoners that there wouldn't be any physical or mental reprisals done, and that all who had participated in the small insurrectional activity, would not be put in segregation for taking part in the uprising. On Tuesday (45) prisoners was escorted to the punitive section without their belongings, and some of them was brutally beaten and pushed down steel stairs, maced and treated.

For one week prisoners have been in unsanitary cells naked and maced by pigs walking the tiers. While writing the Party this letter, today, (7/27/72), we are still being denied of all the basic necessities to survive in this concentration camp, (Unitral Maximum Security Wing) by the repressive administration and its running irresponsible gestapo guards.

Ever since the small insurrectional act that has taken place here, on Monday the 17th, we've been constantly harrassed and psychologically intimidated, nearly twenty four hours a day. But to add more in this, we have been deprived of our everyday rations by these fat fascist and their lackey helpers. We are supposedly to receive three meals per day, but have only been getting two meals (snaps) one in the early morning hour and the other in the late evening hours.

We are not allowed to order commissary nor are we allowed to see our relatives, which has been taken away from us a wee and three days today (visits). Our cells are not fit for animals to live in because we are not allowed sanitary equipment to clean them up, they are extremely dirty...

Many of us are looking to be blatantly charged for inciting to riot, and destroying state property and inactively accused of stabbing guards during the spontaneous uprising.

To give you a similar situation that I and twenty-two black prisoners that were involved in- to help you to get a clear picture. Read the following provocation that happened on May 17th 1971:

I don't know if you have heard of the Hagerstown 22. Well, it was last May 17th, 1971, during a disturbance which took place at M.C.I. concentration camp in Hagerstown, Maryland. They charged 22 black prisoners for inciting and destroying state property and large amounts of assaults on provoking pigs at that camp.

We're suing for 205,000 in actual damages and \$104,000 punitive damages against Gerald A. Keller, the superintendent & 22 members of the staff.

I will give you a run down from the start...May 17th, 1971 at the Hagerstown Maryland Correctional Institution, a disturbance was provoked by several correctional officers brutally attacking one Black prisoner, (Robert Foulks #101253), almost breaking his jaw and causing other injuries.

Since this has been the policy of the racist administration there for so long, they thought nothing of laughing and joking about this in front of the other prisoners. This brought about a confrontation that turned into a 30-minute (so-called) riot. Afterwards, the officers (who consisted of employees from all three shifts, and some from the nearby Maryland Correctional Training Center) began to pick out prisoners that they thought were involved. Many were picked because they didn't submit to the beatings and defended themselves. Meanwhile, other guards were brutalizing, clubbing, macing, tear gassing, and shot gunning prisoners all over the jail.

Two black prisoners were shot. William Baker was shot in the face, and Ulyses Featherstone was shot in the leg. The gas had driven many prisoners to other parts of the jail and these men were beaten wherever they were to their sleeping quarters or to the dehumanizing "hole". The prisoners who were beaten to the "hole" were beaten even worse after they got in there (most, very severely). Those prisoners in the "hole" were kept there from Monday (5/17/71) until Thursday 5/20/71. This alone violates a prisoner right which states that an inmate is not to be in the "hole" for more than 48 hours. We, prisoners in the "hole" and the captives that were transferred from Hagerstown on 5/20. 71 to the Maryland Penitentiary Maximum Security Wing, were indicted by criminal court the next month in Washington County for charges running from assault, riot, to destroying state property.

An investigation was conducted by state Secretary of Public Health and Safety Robert Lally, that discovered that there was excessive brutality and force on the part of the guards and six low ranking officers were suspended without pay. But, when Lally first released his findings they had discovered that there were high ranking officers involved also. But, they were never suspended, and the six that did were placed back on the job two weeks later. There was supposed to have been a hearing for them but nothing was ever heard of it.

The prisoners who were charged from the incident were just snatched up and accused. Some, because they had other disagreements with the administration and some because of their political concepts

and philosophies. At the time this incident took place prisoner V.J. Braxton had been on segregation (lockup) for a week. On lock-up a prisoner is confined to his cell for 24 hours each day and has no contact with the general population. But, because he had disagreements with the racist guards before, he was dragged from his cell, beat, shipped out and charged with other brothers.

The case was the same for a few others. The M.C.I. has been subject to continuous attack because of the racism and brutality that it subject black men to, that are confined there for no other reason than surviving or resisting the oppressive forces that are an every day part of black life in the black community. In this infested concentration camp everyday the black youth learn what reality is. They learn that reality is a nightmare and that in order to survive this nightmare they must resist. They must resist so that when they are strong enough they will be able to destroy the nightmare totally. Some brothers return to society broken because of their lack of understanding of what it takes to strike back and the necessity to resist every inch of the way. But, now that the authorities recognize a new kind of youth entering their concentration camps they have resulted to more repressive means of "keeping the prisoners in line". The same methods are the ones used in M.C.I. Fear-brutality-racism and pacification. So in May of 1971 M.C.I. was hit hard by the unorganized, spontaneous, rebellion of the prisoners.

This was followed by a wave of beastly repressive acts by the racist white guards against black prisoners...and again the rioting started from just these kinds of acts. Twenty-two black prisoners were labeled by the administration as "mob-leader" and were transferred to the Maryland Penitentiary maximum security wing to serve lock-up terms from 170 days to one year! All of whom have also been indicted for riot and assault charges.

This is only one way of placing fear in other prisoners who are fed up with the harrassment and abuse that they are subjected to everyday.

The internal conditions of the Maryland Correctional Institution are deplorable. Besides, the constant torment from prison guards, the prisoners are subjected to poor health conditions and medical treatment, inadequate rehabilitation programs and an educational program. The classification officers are poorly trained, racist oriented and most have achieved an education level no higher than the eighth grade. They are not used to being around black people and don't understand our way of living, and acting.

Behind the August 9 Raid... or a new kind of WAR

On August 9, 1972 the Algerian Police raided the office of the International Section of the Black Panther Party and put the entire section under house arrest all supposedly under the pretext of looking for guns. This was the culmination of a lot of anti-Black Panther Party acts that have been coming down lately.

The reasoning behind the August 9th raid is extremely complicated because we are dealing with two strong factors 1) the Right of Nations to Self-determination and 2) the Black or Afro-American Liberation Struggle.

From the Viewpoint of the Black Liberation Struggle this is what went down:

On June 3rd, 1972-A Western Airlines plane arrived in Algeria. It had been skyjacked and ransomed for \$500,000 by William Holder and Kathy Kerchow. The purpose of the expropriation was to get some information pertaining to the recent escalation of the war in Vietnam to Hanoi and to secure money so desperately needed in our liberation struggle. Algeria gave the skyjackers temporary conditional asylum and then shipped the \$500,000 back to Western Airlines. That next week Algeria signed a 1.6 billion dollar oil contract with El Paso Gas Co. in Texas-which is a related company to Western Airlines.

On July 31st, 1972 another airplane was liberated - this time from Delta Airlines - "To use as a tool in expropriating the sum of \$1,000,000 from the United States capitalist", and to transport a combination of families of Afro-American freedom fighters out of the belly of a brutal beast (the United States of America). The revolutionaries who expropriated the airlines -Melvin and Jean McNair, Larry and Joyce Burgess and George Brown and Family - complied willingly with all the security measures of the Algerian government "we regard the interrogation that we underwent as normal and routine and we voluntarily participated in the interrogation. We have nothing to hide and we are proud of what we did because we did it to strike a blow for the liberation of our people, the Afro-American people, who are oppressed inside the United States". While Algeria declared the act of revolutionary expropriation to be "an act of thievery" thus making her position clear.

On August 2nd, Eldridge Cleaver wrote an open letter to Boumediene which made three major points available to Boumediene and the world:

1) "During Algeria's war for national liberation, Algerian revolutionaries and freedom fighters had to turn to other countries for the assistance and aid they needed, deserved and received".

2) To carry out our struggle for the liberation of our people, as any and every revolutionary and freedom fighter fully understands, we must have money. There are no ifs, ands, and buts about that point. Without the money to organize and finance the struggle, there will be no freedom and those who deprive us of this finance are depriving us of our freedom. This is clear. It is for this reason, and this reason alone, and not because of any humanitarian consideration that the fascist imperialist ruling circles of the United States are going crazy over the prospects of the one and a half million dollars (1,500,000) recently expropriated by

Afro-American revolutionaries and freedom-fighters coming into the hands of the International Section of the Black Panther Party.

3) We, "Understand the pressure which the deceitful, unprincipled, fascist, imperialist United States government is able to bring to bear, to force people to knuckle under to its demands. But this pressure must be resisted. To give into it will only feed its greed. In its lust to compromise others and suck them into the pit of reaction in which it has trapped itself by its own deed and action".

Following this statement, I called Algeria to find out what was going on and how we could help from over here. I was told that Algeria was contemplating sending the money and the skyjackers back here to stand trial. Immediately we called a press conference to try and get some favorable propaganda out on the situation of the skyjackers and we also began to demonstrate in front of the Algerian mission at 750 3rd Avenue in New York City.

The skyjackers were granted temporary conditional asylum and the money was put in safe keeping.

On August 8th, the Delta Airlines skyjackers wrote an open letter to Houari Boumediene. In order to make sure that Boumediene gets the word and has to reply, they called a press conference and read the letter over the air-with the full support of the International Section of the Black Panther Party.

Some of the points made by the Delta Airlines skyjackers, at that time, were:

1) The money was not stolen and the act was not an act of thievery. It was "liberated from the United States Imperialist to use as a tool in expropriating the sum of \$1 million from the United States Capitalist".

2) "We chose to come to Algeria because as students of the world revolution, we knew of Algeria's reputation as a revolutionary country and as a friend and firm supporter of oppressed and fighting peoples everywhere. We are shocked and bewildered to be branded as criminals for revolutionary activities and to see our successful revolutionary actions threatened with ultimate defeat by the Algerian government itself."

3) We feel that by allowing the plane to land in Algeria, the Algerian government is not obligated to go one step further and play the part of policemen for the United States government.

The skyjackers finished their letter with this statement, "Therefore, we request that if the Algerian government will not give us back our 1 million dollars and allow us to remain in Algeria, then give us back our 1 million dollars and we will go somewhere else. Thank you and we ask for a speedy response to our request.

On August 9th, (the next day) they received an answer to their open letter. The answer was the raid.

Why did Algeria answer the open letters from the International Section of the Black Panther Party in that manner? In order to understand this we will have to have a few facts about Algeria.

1) Algeria underwent and won a military victory in its war of National Liberation in the 1960's.

It's gross national product is in the area of 2 to 5 billion dollars a year.

3) The country still has a great shortage of nobs, decent housing, and a great abundance of drugs.

4) The standard of living is at the same level that it was at at the time of the revolution.

If you understand this you should also understand that the first responsibility that faces Boumediene is to rectify this situation. To better the conditions of his people which he is directly responsible for. If he does not create better conditions in his homeland, then he will have insurrection in his home country. Therefore it means that he will have to find the money necessary to industrialize his country and thereby better their conditions. This is understandable, this is justifiable. It is their revolutionary prerogative according to the Right Of Nations to Self-Determination.

The crisis affecting countries that have undergone armed struggles and are under the process of revolutionizing their economy is very well understood by the imperialist forces. To them this is the ideal time to gain a foothold in these countries, through economics. The imperialists understand very well the fact that who controls the economics of a country controls the country. (Let us not underestimate our enemy).

Algeria couldn't stand the weight of the aircraft expropriations due to her economic situation. The International Federation of Pilots were demanding that traffic to all countries that accepted these skyjackers be stopped. Algeria can't afford this because she needs the trade and tourists as a further source of finance.

So her only recourse is to deal with home first. That's the new fight that Algeria has to fight against the imperialist. And it's the hardest fight.

The question is, what do we do?

As I said before, we are involved in a liberation struggle. Our primary objective at this time to be free by any means necessary. The very same objective that the Algerians had at the time of their revolution, the very same objective that Cuba had at the time of her revolution, the very same objective that China had at the time of her revolution, and Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau, and Namibia, and Congo- Brazzaville, and Palestine and Vietnam, and Korea and all the other freedom loving people all over the world have. In this early stage of our struggle in the United States, the liberation fighters are in constant and desperate need for many things to survive and advance. It is a just and correct tactic to expropriate all we can from the big capitalist companies and corporations who exploit billions from the people.

WE CANNOT ALLOW THE CRIMINAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS SNIVELING LACKIES TO DEFINE OUR ACTS FOR US!

(Cont'd on page 21)

FREE
THE
LAND



Capitalism on the move in No. Newark

The blacks in the North ward community of Newark are now faced with a very important decision. But, before I get into this decision thing, let me tell you a little about No. Newark, the north ward, or little "south africa" as I have come to call my "home".

The North ward is about a mile to two miles away from the downtown section of this city. The county highway (Broadway) more or less separates the races from each other. On one side of Broadway, are the poor black and Third World peoples, with the exception of a few poor homeowners. On the other side are the vacillating middle class, and racist slumlords, with the exception of a few negroes, and Third World people, who feel they really have it made, in this "glorious golden land of opportunity".

Among these professional pigs, is one ANTHONY "the imp" IMPERIALE. This "boy" is the leader of a bunch of redneck vigilante freaks, who call themselves a citizen's council. They are supposedly defending the North ward, against what?? These madmen (and women) are packing pieces!! They are carrying guns, as well as walkie talkies, and who knows what else?? Need less to say they are all white!!

In the past they have always been the first ones on the scene of local black killings (remember little Kenney Smith). Kenney was shot one morning while walking home from his girlfriends' house. "The Imp", was the first person on the scene. He and his Madmen have assaulted and intimidated blacks on the street for the past three or four years. This racist dog is now an assemblyman. He even has his own city-hall (dig that). Taking all this into consideration, let's deal with this present situation, or now pending decision.

On Broadway there is a food market, the foodtown. This store's main customers are the poor, whom we spoke about above. The main reason for this is be-

cause they cash welfare checks and like most stores in a neighborhood with a people of this class they give "much" credit and accept food stamps. The Foodtown is located a couple of doors away from a Junior and Elementary school..

The avaricious businessmen who run this store are not satisfied with the money they are stripping from my mama, and the rest of the poor people in the community. Now they want to buy the land that is near and around the store and the school, the children's playground inclusive. They say they need more room for their trucks to come in and out of the lot with food (to better serve the community). I am not against a forward motion for progress, but I do feel it should serve the best interest of the people. This move definitely doesn't

Why? If these greedy businessmen are allowed to carry out their act of local exploitation, the following will come into being:

1. There will be a decrease in land value, thus, affecting the land owned by the homeowners, whose land is two hundred feet away from the land being sought.

2. There will be three times as much garbage around, thus, creating more rats, disease, and a very foul odor which will prevail over the entire neighborhood.

3. There will be constant danger for the children who must travel past the proposed trucking site to get to elementary school.

4. The children will have no closed playground so they will be forced to play in the street. This will further cause problems because the trucks will be traveling on these same streets.

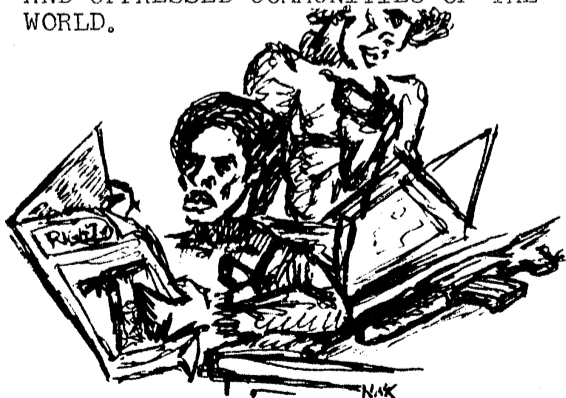
It is up to we the people of the community, and city, to protect our youth, our homes, and our communities. So in ending I ask "What are we gonna do"???

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EDITORIAL.....

The case of the Louisville Seven is not over, it's not finished, it won't be over until William Darryl Blakemore is released from the dungeons which he is being held in.

The Louisville Seven case was a trumped up case. The validity of this is proven by the fact that on the second day of the trial the case against five of the seven was dismissed because of lack of evidence and on the fourth day another one, Ben Simmons, was acquitted.

The Black Panther Party in Louisville had been doing a very good job of organizing the community around the elimination of drugs from the Black community. They addressed the issue at its base, the pusher-and it's a well known fact that it originates at a governmental level.

When Laird's Tourist Home-a notorious dope den and pusher haven- was ripped off this was an out for both the street corner pusher and the administrative pushers to get the Panthers out of their hair.

Using a lot of circumstantial evidence the Commonwealth Attorney, Zollinger, built himself a case. It was purely a matter of circumstance that a dope den was ripped off at the height of the Panthers campaign against the sale and usage of drugs in the Black community.

The police and commonwealth's office jumped upon this matter of circumstance and began to build a case for the prosecution by fitting the people to a mold they were looking for.

William Darryl Blakemore had been busted numerous times and had a barrage of different charges, all coming from his life in the streets. He began relating to the Black Panther Party three weeks before he got busted. What better person to accuse than a known criminal turned Panther-the only thing they didn't reckon with was that the Black Panther Party was going to support him -1) because he was innocent and -2) because he had determined to stop being a discredit to his community and instead work to clean it up.

Benjamin Simmons was the known to be spokesman of the Kentucky State Chapter of the Black Panther Party. He had a record for being an arduous organizer and person who spoke to any issue with no obvious fear of reprisals. He'd publicly spoken out many times against drugs- so he was another prime target.

Gary "G" Gaynor had recently arrived in Louisville from New York. It was no secret from the police that he was sent down to Louisville to work with the Kentucky State Chapter of the Black Panther Party. This was a strike against him.

George T. Alexander and John H. Jones- two people with no prior arrests and no convictions, facing on their first bust, a life sentence-what better people to provide the testimony needed to get Ben and Blakemore-they figured wrong when they didn't consider what it meant to be a revolutionary and serve the people. They didn't understand that these brothers had dedicated themselves to making the conditions of their people better and the black community a safe place to live in.

Larry Baines and Jackie Howard-just happened to be in the wrong places at the wrong times. Victims of circumstance.

So the Commonwealth Attorney completely molded himself a case and brought it to trial. Everybody could look at it and see that it was weak and fictitious. The deputy sheriffs were even saying this case shouldn't have even come to trial because it was so weak. Yet a weak case that shouldn't have even come to trial could cost a 20 year old Black man 40 years of his life.

Blakemore was convicted on four counts of armed robbery. Each one of those counts was for robbing a specific individual. Only one person even remotely identified Blakemore as the one who did it, yet and still he was convicted on all four counts. How are decisions like that made? If three people say you didn't do it and one person says you did it, they you must have done it? The odds don't work that way. It is easier for one person to be mistaken, or guessing, or just plain lying than three.

So what else is there to say. They started off with seven; they lost out on five; so they went to bat with two; one was acquitted and they settled for one.

But we won't settle, we won't rest until William Darryl Blakemore is released from the dungeons in which he is being confined as a scapegoat for a coalition of pushers and pigs.

SO BLATANT...EVEN the blind can see

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NOT SINCE the "Black Six" case of 1968-70 has the Jefferson Commonwealth Attorney's office pursued a bad case so vigorously, so emotionally or so ineptly as it pursued the case of the "Louisville Seven," which came to its inglorious end in Judge S. Rush Nicholson's courtroom last week.

Of seven persons accused of participating in the armed robbery of a Louisville house of ill repute last Derby eve, only one was convicted by the jury. Another was acquitted, and Judge Nicholson dismissed the charges against the other five because the prosecution never linked them to the robbery. Yet, two of the five who were freed by the Judge had already spent more than four months in jail because they were unable to make bail.

Perhaps they take comfort in the thought that it could have been worse. The "Black Six," who were accused of conspiracy to destroy private property during the 1968 disorders in western Louisville, were bounced from court to court by Commonwealth Attorney Ed Schroering for more than two years before they finally got a trial (in which Judge Nicholson directed a verdict of "not guilty" because the prosecution failed to present sufficient evidence of conspiracy).

Police Court bypassed

But it also could have been—and should have been—better.

If Mr. Schroering had handled the "Louisville Seven" case as most armed robbery cases are handled, the accused would have appeared in Louisville Police Court for a preliminary hearing, at which a judge would have determined whether the evidence against them was sufficient to justify presenting the case to the grand jury. If this

procedure had been followed, most of the defendants probably would have been freed immediately. On the other hand, if the prosecution ever had a strong case, a preliminary hearing might have protected it. As a letter-writer observes on this page today, such a hearing would have gotten at least part of the witnesses' testimony on record before anyone had a chance to intimidate them.

But after four of the defendants identified themselves as members of the Black Panther Party, Mr. Schroering skipped the preliminary hearing, on the ground that witnesses might be "subject to possible threats and intimidation," and went directly to the grand jury, which promptly indicted all seven.

Now the prosecutor's claim that his witnesses were, in fact, intimidated sounds a little lame. Especially since one witness testified that he was, indeed, "coached"—by a police officer—when identifying the robbery suspects.

Then, for reasons still unknown to the public, Judge Nicholson held a private bond hearing—although defense attorneys had requested a public hearing—and set bail at \$67,500 each for the six accused men (and \$7,500 for the woman alleged to be their accomplice). That's extremely high bail for an armed robbery case. The standard bondsman's fee for that amount is \$6,750—more than most people could raise on short notice, especially since the bondsman keeps every penny, whether his client is innocent or guilty. Although Judge Nicholson later lowered the bail twice—finally down to \$5,000—three men never made bond.

Finally, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Robert Zollinger, apparently fearing that even the two remaining defendants might go free, shifted his attack to the Black Panthers, whom he characterized as "a vengeful people," and told the jury that the defendants had access to "guns designed for murder."

Justice for whites only?

In view of the Commonwealth Attorney's disturbing habit of using prejudice and fear to build up and exploit shaky cases against black people, and in view of the fact that the Louisville Black Panther organization has never been linked with criminal activity in the city—but has, instead, received some publicity for its campaign against drug abuse in the black community — that "vengeful people" phrase is rather ironic. "Guns designed for murder" are, of course, available to anyone who wants them in Jefferson County.

We can't help wondering how the "Louisville Seven" case would have been handled had the four Black Panthers been white Rotarians or Jaycees, or even liberal Democrats. But considering the quality of justice being offered by Mr. Schroering's office, who can wonder why so many black people believe that the "white establishment"—especially as it's represented to them in our law enforcement offices and courtrooms—is out to "get" them?



Unity Criticism Unity

Recent events have shown that without the function of criticism and self criticism, the enlightened elements of a given capitalist social formation cannot move into the position of the vanguard and successfully retain it. The realities of today's situation have shown us that a revolution is not a straight line flowing from super exploitation to communist utopia. A revolution is a process, not a conclusion and by virtue of each individual act of its internal context the total form of revolution can go backwards as well as forwards. Victories are not always consistent with our total goals. Just as defeats may be victories depending upon the objective conditions.

Revolutions total form can be restructured depending upon the given objective conditions that exist within the black communities.

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REPORT FROM OUR International Office

REPORT ON THE JUNE 3 AIRCRAFT EXPROPRIATION

The expropriation of a Western Airlines aircraft and five hundred thousand dollars on June 3, 1972, by Roger Holder and Cathy Kerkow, heightened the contradictions between the revolutionary forces of the world and that of the reactionary forces of the world, headed by U.S. imperialism. At this time, we are not able to give a complete and satisfactory report because we have not, as of this writing, received official word from our comrades, the Algerian government. We felt that this is so because the interests of the Algerian government are at stake and much is being considered. It has been almost two months since this revolutionary act took place. During this time a number of incidents have occurred as a result of the expropriation. Among these was the strike called for and carried out by the International Pilots Association (I.P.A.) and the United Nations called for by the same organization.

This was an attempt to bring pressure upon the United Nations to take measures that would make it impossible for revolutionaries to use what has been proven to be a positive revolutionary act for accomplishing necessary revolutionary work; work such as the escape and transportation of revolutionaries leaving the confines of a reactionary state, going into a friendly state, or bringing about political pressure upon a reactionary government and for expropriating large sums of money from large capitalist corporations.

The I.P.A. claimed that it was trying to protect the lives of the passengers. But when we look at the facts we find that the passengers' real danger is the police hired to protect the interests of capitalist corporations.

The recent killing and wounding of passengers in California shows clearly the real danger to the passengers by the cold-blooded police actions.

The Black Panther Party believes that if the I.P.A. is really interested in the safety of the passengers, they would call on the United Nations to ban all shootings on aircrafts by police.

The International Pilots Association, backed by the United States and other reactionary governments, called upon the U.N. to pass legislation that would make it an international crime for any government to allow a revolutionary with an expropriated plane to enter their country and to stay with political asylum. Even though the U.N. took a stand against "hijacking", that stand was not as stringent as the imperialists would have liked. We think it is significant to note that the passing of the U.N.'s "anti-hijacking" resolution took place while the U.S. was waging a demagogic campaign against Algeria to return our comrades. This definitely revealed the imperialists' manipulations designed to confuse and distort the truth.

On behalf of the revolutionary forces in the United States, the International Section of the Black Panther Party would like to express our appreciation to the Algerian government for the considerate and comradely treatment shown our comrades Roger and Cathy.

Neither Roger nor Cathy were "wanted" in the U.S. by the reactionary controlling forces, thus their actions were done mainly for the purpose of raising money for the struggle in the U.S. Comrade Roger is a Viet Nam veteran, who after seeing so many of the injustices in Viet Nam, deserted in 1970 and helped to form a revolutionary organization of other ex-GI's. Seeing the desperate need of the revolutionary forces in the U.S. for money, he felt it necessary to help raise funds. Because of the major role that airline corporations play in the exploitation of people in the

U.S. and that of other struggling people throughout the world by their support of oppressive business associations, he felt that they would be a good target. He decided to come to Algeria for two reasons. First, he felt that Algeria was a revolutionary country, thus making them his comrades in arms, and secondly, because he knew that if he could get the money to the International Section of the Black Panther Party, we would be able to get the money to the revolutionary forces in the U.S.

The U.S. imperialists have repeatedly attempted to portray this revolutionary action as banditry—totally lacking in political motivation. To accept this reactionary line would constitute the acceptance of the imperialist's right to define the nature of our struggle. We seek to carry out and to encourage acts of expropriation from the oppressor until his doom.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

Until further notice

**George Brown and
Roger Holder are
the new leaders of
our INT'l
section in Algeria**

**CENTRAL
COMMITTEE
BLACK PANTHER
PARTY**

ON PRISONERS OF WAR

The recent release of our sister Angela Davis, has prompted foolish illusions of American Justice in a segment of our community. Blinded materially or spiritually, they neglect to see the thousands of thousands of Political Prisoners, who must suffer untold amounts of vicious abuse and humiliation. Behind the backs of the people, sadistic racists and buffoons have their hands prompted foolish illusions of American Justice in a segment of our community. Blinded materially or spiritually, they neglect to see the thousands of thousands of Political Prisoners, who must suffer untold amounts of vicious abuse and humiliation. Behind the backs of the people, sadistic racists and buffoons have their way with the treatment of our Brothers and Sisters. Attica, Rahway, Tombs, San Quentin, and many more of the prison rebellions have opened the see-through curtains for all to examine.

Many people have closed their eyes to what made Angela's trial breath-taking and significant. Her trial was the result of a venturesomely bold revolutionary act, performed by courageous Freedom Fighters, who are the essential, precious element of any oppressed people. From that initiation to gain freedom, we learned and we gained knowledge, paid for by the blood and lives of our brothers, Jonathan Jackson, William Christmas, and James McClain. Ruchell Magee wounded in that revolutionary act is a Prisoner of war, struggling to survive while continuing to expose the illegal judicial system of imperialism.

Through mass demonstrations, petitions, rallies, benefits to raise money, being present en masse at court, we sometimes receive the release of our

comrades. But these activities exhaust and frustrate the masses of people who already recognize, to some degree, the courts as being and institution in conjunction with their oppression.

The difference between prisoners of war and political prisoners, is that prisoners of war participate in the necessity to destroy the oppressive system through counterforce and violence. Having had to work in secret, few people know the prisoner of war, the most feared and hated in the prison system. These feelings of fear and hate are filtered from the ruling class, whose programs and policies are designed to destroy the prisoner of war. The threat of political prisoners being liberated hangs heavy over the heads of the oppressor. The increase in prisoners of war indicates the increase in armed attacks against the oppressive system. In order to better deal with the growing armed struggle for liberation in America, the government has responded by employing more troops at home.

In 1972, we see Nixon, Kissinger, and conman Connally making constant trips abroad to stabilize the ruling class's imperialist gains and to tranquilize their opposition. Through bribes, intimidation, economic boycotts and bombings, The United States Government is waging a stepped-up campaign to force progressive countries to capitulate to their will and inhumane aspirations.

The International Section of the Black Panther Party and the Afro-American Liberation Army, on behalf of the revolutionary forces in the United States, calls on progressive people of the world over to stand behind and encourage progressive

governments not to give into the hypnotic U.S. dollar or the evil might of the U.S. imperialism.

Until we are able to secure the release of our Freedom Fighters, we must keep a close eye on their situation and condition. We must continue to help however we can, for they are surely marked for destruction. We must continue to facilitate family and friends in visiting the prisons and jails, organizing or joining committees such as the National Committee for the defense of Political Prisoners to insure court representation, communications through writing letters, raising money or putting pressure on the prison system to alleviate the barbaric treatment of prisoners. As has been our innate rule, we will rely on ourselves to build the machinery to free by force our Prisoners of War!

AFRO-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY WITH THE
OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO
DEFEAT U.S. IMPERIALISM!

INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE BLACK
PANTHER PARTY



GUERRILLA NOTES...

Popular Support

TAKEN FROM THE MINIMANUAL OF THE URBAN GUERRILLA

BY Carlos Marighella

One of the permanent concerns of the urban guerrilla is his identification with popular causes to win public support.

Where government actions become inept and corrupt, the urban guerrilla should not hesitate to step in to show that he opposes the government and to gain mass sympathy. The present government, for example, imposes heavy financial burdens and excessively high taxes on the people. It is up to the urban guerrilla to attack the dictatorship's tax collection system and to obstruct its financial activity, throwing all the weight of violent revolutionary action against it.

The urban guerrilla fights not only to upset the tax and collection system; the arm of revolutionary violence must also be directed against those government organs that raise prices and those who direct them, as well as against the wealthiest of the national and foreign profiteers and the important property owners; in short, against all those who accumulate huge fortunes out of the high cost of living, the wages of hunger, excessive prices and rents.

Foreign trusts, such as refrigeration and other North American plants that monopolize the market and the manufacture of general food supplies, must be systematically attacked by the urban guerrilla.

The rebellion of the urban guerrillas and his persistence in intervening in public questions is the best way of insuring public support of the cause we defend. We repeat and insist on repeating: it is the best way to insure public support. As soon as a reasonable section of the population begins to take seriously the action of the urban guerrilla, his success is guaranteed.

The government has no alternative except to intensify repression. The police networks, house searches, arrests of innocent people and of suspects, closing of streets, make life in the city unbearable. The military dictatorship embarks on massive political persecution. Political assassinations and police terror become routine.

In spite of all this, the police systematically fail. The armed forces, the navy, and the air force are mobilized and undertake routine police functions. Even so they find no way to halt guerrilla operations, nor to wipe out the revolutionary organization with its fragmented groups that move around and operate throughout the national territory persistently and contagiously.

The people refuse to collaborate with the authorities, and the general sentiment is that the government is unjust, incapable of solving problems, and resorts purely and simply to the physical liquidation of its opponents.

The political situation in the country is transformed into a military situation in which the guerrillas appear more and more to be the ones responsible for errors and violence, while the



problems in the lives of the people become truly catastrophic.

When they see the militarists and the dictatorship on the brink of the abyss, and fearing the consequence of a revolutionary war which is already at a fairly advanced and irreversible level, the pacifiers, always to be found within the ruling classes, and the right-wing opportunists, partisans of nonviolent struggle, join hands and circulate rumors behind the scenes, begging the hangmen for elections, "redemocratization", constitutional reforms, and other tripe designed to fool the masses and make them stop the revolutionary rebellion in the cities and the rural areas of the country.

But, watching the revolutionaries, the people now understand that it is a farce to vote in elections which have as their sole objective, guaranteeing the continuation of the military dictatorship and covering up its crimes.

Attacking wholeheartedly this election farce and the so-called 'political solution' so appealing to the opportunists, the urban guerrilla must become more aggressive and violent, resorting without letup to sabotage, terrorism, expropriations, assaults, kidnappings, executions, etc.

This answers any attempt to fool the masses with the opening of Congress and the reorganization of political par-

ties - parties of the government and of the opposition it allows - when all the time the parliament and the so-called parties function thanks to the license of the military dictatorship in a true spectacle of marionettes and dogs on a leash.

The role of the urban guerrilla, in order to win the support of the people is to continue fighting, keeping in mind the interests of the masses and heightening the disastrous situation in which the government must act. These are the circumstances, disastrous for the dictatorship, which permit the revolutionaries to open rural guerrilla warfare in the midst of the uncontrollable expansion of urban rebellion.

The urban guerrilla is engaged in revolutionary action in favor of the people and with it seeks the participation of the masses in the struggle against the military dictatorship and for the liberation of the country from the yoke of the United States. Beginning with the city and with the support of the people, the rural guerrilla war develops rapidly, establishing its infrastructure carefully while the urban area continues the rebellion.



UNITY - CRITICISM - UNITY

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The foco and the primary people sub-state organizations must function in harmony, not in abstract from each other. The acts of the foco are in tune with the propaganda and programs of the essential above ground organizations of pre-state power, not in abstract, e.g. violence for violence sake (nihilism). The foco must act to counter the murder of the people by the fascists, but only in concert with the propaganda of the pre-state power. The foco must work to reduce the power of the fascists only when no other means of political pressure is able to eliminate the particular oppressive conditions.

The foco is key to developing the sub-state organs necessary for the future tutorship of the people to suppress the bourgeoisie. This not to negate the primary importance of giving the people at least a subsistent level of existence. If we cannot create an alternative organization to out right starvation, then the revolution has failed.

If all of us are engaged in "slipping into darkness" who is going to engage in creating the pre-state organs for the future socialist order? Revolution is not abstracting a specific tactic and developing it into a dogmatic 'principle'. Without the pre-requisites for our struggle, yes, we will fail. And the pre-requisites for a totally armed community is a community organized totally around survival, our basic issue; survival realizing that it can only mean all out resistance from the attacks of the fascists.

Who is doing this important work? To proceed from a non-existent premise is sure defeat. The trend towards unitary respect for quasi-military actions has to be reversed before we isolate ourselves beyond the point of return.

As of yet the masses are still starving, no one in New York has yet produced a positive program to provide the people with one element of a subsistent level. Can't we see that our quasi-military actions are so abstract, so much in a vacuum that the majority of the masses are either ambivalent or negative to the organization that still persists when its own members almost killed it. The only reason why it didn't die all together was that the community base is so strong, airing out for someone to lead them out of the gates of misery.

We can relate to the fact that the Black Panther Party in New York is not functioning at the full level that we all know it can do if we all redirect our energies to continue to build the base that we all worked so hard to create. No one is feeding the masses any thing but rhetoric and an occasional ill placed, ill timed bullet here and there.

After the failure of a given tactic, after the disclosure to ourselves that we have taken a wrong path in the liberation struggle, withdrawal is a tactical necessity in order to reroute ourselves to the true path of liberation.

We have clearly seen that "militarism" is a failure, we the West St. Section of political prisoners U.S.A., call for an immediate withdrawal of all forces with the goal of redirection to the successful path of revolution.

We need a re-examination of our ideology and an ideological debate with all elements who fail to see the objective flow of the black communities. It is clear, to all that want to see it, that the objective conditions of our communities are not up to the level required to support the armed actions of the foco. It is clear that the basic pre-requisites of consciousness required for the total armed phase of the struggle are not fully consolidate. It is further apparent that the

guerrillas themselves are not acting within the goals of their ideology and many in some cases have little ideology.

The rhetoric that the 'time for talk is over' is a fallacy perpetuated by misguided comrades, and brothers and sisters who cannot see the necessity of organizing the masses. When the time is here we will all know; the people will be armed with the ideology and the overall technology necessary to affect a major mass action to wipe monopoly capitalism off the face of the earth! Let's not trip out on the military alone as so many of us have tripped out on empty politics with no foco action.

Until then we must organize the broadest base of support possible to support the co-ordinated acts of the vanguard political organization and the acts of the foco, which serves the pre-state organization.

We must provide the people with at least a subsistent level of existence. Failure to do this is a failure to heighten the biggest contradiction: that between the haves and the have nots. Failure to do this is failure to consolidate the mass peoples power necessary to secure the political victory which can only alleviate the madness of daily capitalist life. Again, if the revolution fails it is the revolutionaries fault!

We support our comrades-at-arms, and we want to make that perfectly clear. We are calling for you to listen to our criticism for we function under the two principles of "cure the sickness to save the patient", and "say all you know and say it without reserve!" Criticism is given to tighten up the functioning of the collective so that we can serve the people better.

Comrades, members of the foco, political organizers: let us define our own divisions of labor, not leaving definitions up to the pigs. Relate to the principles that so many have died for. Let's unite out of the necessity of eliminating the peoples oppression one day sooner.

We, the West St. Section call upon you to act, now, decisively, to deal with that element of the struggle that we cannot fail to create. Toss out narrow subjectivism and let's all relate to objective reality.

Power to the People

West St. Section
Political Prisoners, U.S.A.
West St. C.C.
Hassan Howard
Fred Fernandez
Mark Holder
Robert Graham
Clinton Moody
and countless others

MAX STANFORD (MUHAMMAD AHMAD) ARRESTED AT C.A.P.

Extradition hearings for Muhammad Ahmad (Max Stanford), Chairman of the African People's Party, were continued until November 8, by Judge Robert Cooney of the Municipal Court of San Diego. The preliminary hearing was held October 11.

Presently out on bail, Muhammad Ahmad (Max Stanford) was arrested in San Diego on September 1 during the Congress of African People's conference there. The arrest was performed by several FBI agents, who held him on New York State charges which date back to June 21st, 1967: "conspiracy to commit criminal anarchy against the State of New York, assaulting a police officer (during a beating while he was in prison) and jumping bail."

Formerly field marshal of RAM (Revolutionary Action Movement) Muhammad Ahmad (Max Stanford) had been arrested in New York at that time as part of the alleged conspiracy of the RAM movement to "blow up the Statue of Liberty and assassinate Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young." However, Ahmad had not been in New York for the previous year and denies any involvement with this alleged plot. According to sophisticated observers of the black liberation movement, these were trumped up charges to harass the development of militant black nationalist organizations, during the first emergence of the Black Power Movement, with "evidence" provided by police provocateurs and infiltrators.

Muhammad Ahmad (Max Stanford) was arrested in his room at the San Diego Travelodge Motel at approximately 8:35 P.M. on September 1. As he and several others sat in the room, there was a knock at the door. No one answered the door, and finally it was the outside with a key. The first man through the door was a black FBI agent, who entered with his gun drawn. He was followed by several white agents who had their weapons holstered.

Ahmad (Stanford) was quickly handcuffed and hustled out of the room without an opportunity to speak to his companions. The remaining agents directed his guests to sit on the bed and produce identification. They were then released by the FBI.

At 10 A.M. the next morning, Clifton Blevins, co-counsel for Ahmad's defense along with William Anthony, was refused access to Ahmed until 1:00 P.M. according to Attorney Blevins, Muhammad Ahmad bore the marks of beatings and other physical abuse, having been kicked and beaten by several police officers.

Muhammad Ahmad, attended Central State, a Black college in Wilberforce Ohio, in the early sixties; it was there that he first helped form RAM - the Revolutionary Action Movement. After leaving Central State, he joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and participated in SNCC's organizing efforts in the South. In 1966 he moved to New York and formed the New York Black Panther Party supportive of the Lowndes County Freedom organization ("Black Panther Party") which SNCC was then organizing in rural Lowndes County, Ala.

Ahmad has been underground for the past four years, building and organizing black nationalists and Pan-African organizations. His articles, covering a wide range of topics--from urban guerrilla warfare, to the black student movement, the Pan-African Party--have appeared in previous issues of the BLACK SCHOLAR.

Ahmad has worked closely with Malcolm X, Jesse Gray, Imamu Amiri Baraka (Le Roi Jones), Stokely Carmichael, Rap Brown and Robert Williams in founding black liberation projects. In 1968, he helped organize the Third National Black Power Conference and was its political workshop co-chairman. Now 31 years old, Ahmad has consistently worked over the years for Pan-African unity and a black united front.





INTERNATIONAL



NEWS



The Munich Tragedy

The responsibility for the tragedy and deplorable loss of Arab and Jewish life in Munich falls on the heads of the War Criminals Golda Meir and Moshe Dyan and their cohorts, who refused to release the 200 Palestine Freedom Fighters illegally jailed under the most inhuman conditions in so-called "Israel".

The taking of hostages by the Palestine Fedayeen in Munich was for the object of releasing their countrymen who are being daily tortured by their Jewish jailers. The Fedayeen refused the German offer of unlimited amounts of money and substituting German political leaders as hostages for the Jewish hostages.

The obstinate inhuman fanaticism of the Jewish gang of Tel Aviv and its refusal to release the Palestine prisoners was the main reason for the tragic loss of human life in Munich.

The German authorities became accomplices of the Jewish gang of Tel Aviv by dishonorably breaking their agreement with the Palestine Fedayeen. According to authentic information, the German authorities were blackmailed by the War Criminal Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan who instructed the German authorities not to permit the Palestine Fedayeen to leave Germany with their Jewish hostages. The outshooting at the airport was planned by Moshe Dayan who gave his minute instructions to the German army and police authorities.

It is outrageous that the German authorities should execute this dirty and inhuman treachery by using sharp shooters to carry out their assault on helicopters carrying the Palestine Fedayeen and their Jewish hostages. The German authorities debased themselves by taking orders from Dayan and by following his wicked and inhuman example when Dayan's thugs stormed the Sabena hijacked airplane a few months ago which resulted in the loss of Arab and Jewish life.

Had Golda Meir freed the Palestine Freedom Fighters, had the German authorities honored their agreement to permit the departure of the hostages to Tunis or Egypt, the 8 Jewish hostages, the 4 Arab Fedayeen and one German pilot would not be dead today. The inhuman fanaticism of Moshe Dayan and Golda Meir is responsible for the shedding of blood and the loss of human life.

It is deplorable that the news media and politicians in the United States have dramatized the event and used it as usual to spew the Jewish venom against Palestinians and all other Arab peoples. It is dishonest to represent Palestine Fedayeen as blood thirsty murderers or international criminals. The Palestine Fedayeen and their families are victims of Jewish robbery and crime.

Three million Palestinians have been deprived of their ancestral homeland by the Jewish invaders. Jews robbed Palesti-

nians of their homes, lands and their personal belongings. Jews violated the right of Palestinians to live as a people in their ancestral homeland and doomed Palestinians to live as refugees in exile. Palestinians subsist on international charity of five cents per day for each refugee, while Russian, American, Polish, German, and Jews of other nationalities live in the homes of Palestinians and usurp the fruits of the lands of Palestinians.

The Big Powers and the United Nations must also share the responsibility for the War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity committed by Jews against Palestinians. The Big Powers and the United Nations refuse to accept reality and refuse to attempt to solve the Palestine problem on the basis of right and justice and international law or humanitarian principles. The Big Powers are aiding and abetting the Jewish racist War Criminals to continue their occupation of Palestine and other Arab lands and serve the criminal colonial objectives of the "World Jewish Nation".

The Palestine Arab Delegation
September 6, 1972

No One Want Violence...

Violence and the loss of life are things to be abhorred. In such a situation as we are experiencing today, the primary concern of all those involved is to preserve life and prevent bloodshed.

The tragedy now taking place in Munich reflects ONE aspect of the plight and desperation of the people of Palestine, which has been without redress from any quarters for over two decades.

Their homelessness and the miserable conditions they are forced to live in as refugees, can only produce such explosive and tragic violence as we witness today.

Talib El Shibib
Ambassador
League of Arab States
New York City

September 5, 1972

**But... Who's
Gonna Take
the
Weight ?**

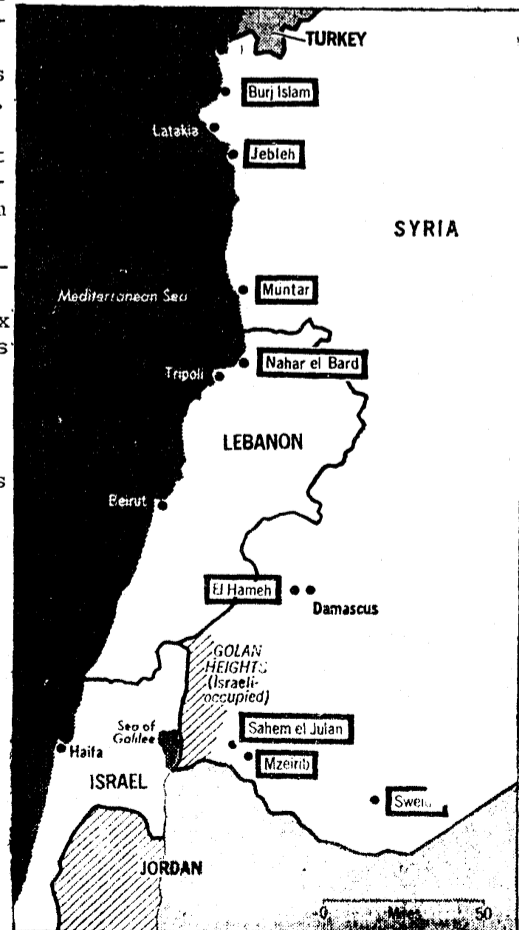
Black September

Aborted the pending trial of the 3 Arabs charged in the Munich tragedy, when they gave the German authorities an offer they could not refuse.

The Liberation of these guerrillas was a victory for the people!

RIGHT ON!

Immediately following the tragedy at Munich in which Golda Meir displayed the total amount of her concern for her countrymen by allowing 9 of them to die rather than releasing some of the Arab prisoners of war that were being held in Israeli concentration camps, Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan together authorized numerous raids in to Arab territory that resulted in a devastating amount of destruction of Palestinian homes, lives and families. Below are some of the places that is known to be attack points. ISN'T THIS TERROR ALSO?



Bases (eight shown boxed) include two in south Lebanon
The New York Times/Sep. 9, 1972

PUSHERS ROAM FREE WHILE POLICE HUNT PANTHERS:

have it. But there are others who are dealing just to be dealing—the slick type, or the pretty type. Pushing drugs on other people's kids to get toys for his kids. Giving it to some other woman's husband when he doesn't shoot it himself.

We tell people why the drugs are here. This sick society is the pusher. The brother is out there on the street, back from Vietnam, no job, no food, or nothing. He just gets to a point where he says to hell with it.

They know that things are bad for people and that they have to keep the rebellion down. They want to push narcotics down and pacify the people. It happened in Watts in California, and in Detroit. It happened in Vietnam when people there began to see that it wasn't a righteous war they were fighting. And now it happening in Louisville.

I'm going to work deeper into the whole drug thing. I guess as a father-to-be, I wouldn't want my kid to come up in a society like this. I don't think nobody else would. I just hope we can beat this case so we can have more time. We can't deal with it by ourselves. The community will have to deal with it. We're talking about white people, Black people, people in general. When we talk about drugs, we talk about it for the Black community at this point because we're in the Black community. But all of us are going to deal with it.

I was rapping with this white guard when I was in prison. We got to rapping about drugs. He didn't see a Panther, he saw that there was a problem. The Black Panther Party is talking about dealing specifically with their community, about building a base. And we're saying that people in the white community should do the same things. The only people who shoot us down are the people who are dealing drugs.

We need your support!

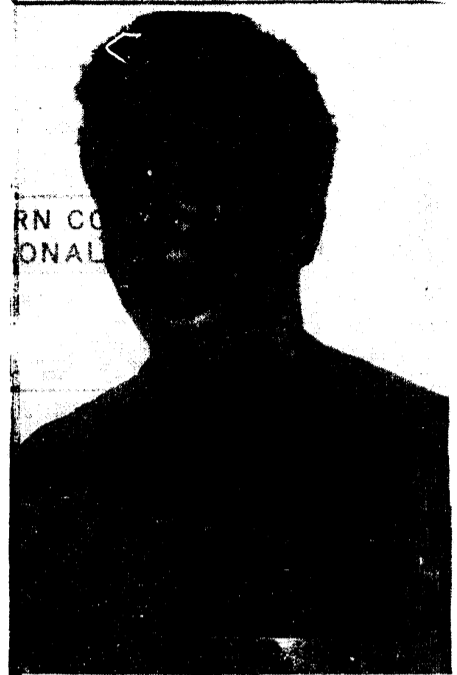
For over four hundred years the history of black people has been hidden from them so it is very natural that this older generation of whites are imbedded with racist attitudes and are overtly negative to black people. But, since these are facts the black prisoners of M.C.I. can not help but feel animosity toward those who victimize them. These conditions will remain as long as the penal system remains in its present state.

The court of Washington County refused to move our trial to another county or to Baltimore City after attorneys argued the motion which the state's attorney did not present in argument. However, over the objection of the judge who is trying to disguise his prejudice with a cover of the so-called "law" the motion was turned down.

We openly appeal to the people of the community for support of our plight with the court of Washington County by opposing such refusal by either sending a letter to Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Md. 21740 or to Mr. Charles F. Morgan, 1425 Baltimore St. Baltimore, Md. 21223, stating your support of the Hagerstown case and a change of venue.

The brothers at Maryland State Penitentiary, are really in need of some good lawyers to represent us. Our relative and friends are trying at this point to establish a committee for our political defense. So, we again appeal to you, our community for support to help us win justice.

Left to right: G. T. Alexander, Herb Jones



CLOTHING RALLY IN NEWARK!

Members of the North Ward Black Panther Party and community workers give a clothing rally in Newark North side.

The rally was a big success, the people saw where the party was coming from and related to it.

We, members of the New Jersey State Black Panther Party, see that it is important to meet the needs of the people.

PT. 10—We demand land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace.

The Newark Black Panther Party is planning more rallies, at its Northside centers. You can help us by sending clothes to us. Call 624-9615

New Jersey, Black Panther Party

NEWARK B.P.P. ON THE MOVE

Housing Meeting every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.
101 Washington St.
Housing problems call Housing & Welfare, B.P.P. 624-9615

ce. It's best to say it now than later, that if any charges come against any of us, it will be false, false to the utmost, reactionary tactic instinctively. This is why we ask for your support in this matter, because our constitutional and human rights are being violated unjustly.

This is a matter of life and death. We feel that justice will only come from the power of the people you are our only hope!

Long Live George Jackson!

provide for the Common Defense...

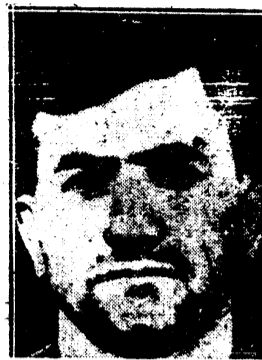


TUPAC AMARU II



"These two were our first rulers, who appeared in the first stages of the world, and from them we are all descended. Our first Inca was called Manco Capac and our first Coya, or Queen, Mama Ocllo Huaco...And that I may not make you weep, I have not related the story with tears of blood, at seeing that our royal line is ended and our empire lost."

Garcilaso de la Vega, Inca



Raul Sendic

One of the most significant names in South American revolutionary history and among present day revolutionaries, is that of Tupac Amaru II. Nearly two centuries after his death, his name has emerged along with such revolutionaries as the late, Camilo Torres, Carlos Marighella, Simon Bolivar and Ernesto Che Guevara.

Tupac Amaru II was born in Peru in 1742, descendant of Tupac Amaru I, an Inca King executed by the Spanish in 1571. Among revolutionaries, Tupac Amaru II is regarded as an ideal symbol because he was an indigenous Peruvian who, although he was accepted into Colonialist Spanish Peruvian "high society" by virtue of his father being an Inca King, and under Spanish law held the rank of Marquis and received a Jesuit education (he was baptized with the Colonial Christian name, Jose Gabriel Condorcanqui), rejected the Spanish "honors" accorded to him, he organized and fought alongside his people. After failing to persuade Spain that they would not continue to be enslaved. Tupac organized a revolt, and in 1780 Tupac Amaru's guerilla army of 80,000 conquered Southern Peru, all of what is now Bolivia and part of Argentina. However, the Spanish mustered reinforcements from Lima, Peru and Buenos Aires, Argentina and within six months crushed the widespread revolt. Tupac Amaru was captured and forced to witness the execution of his wife, sons and military aides. His Spanish torturers then cut out his tongue before having him pulled to pieces by horses and then displayed his dismembered body on pikes as an example of what other guerillas could expect if captured.

His execution by Spanish colonialist in 1781 was the catalyst for widespread guerilla actions throughout South America and was a factor in the destruction of Spanish rule four decades later. Every since then, Tupac Amaru's name has been used by many guerilla groups in South America, of which the most well known is the "Tupamaros", a contraction of Tupac Amaru.

TUPAMAROS

The Tupamaros was founded between 1963-1964 in Uruguay, South America, a United States neocolonized country. Uruguay with a population of two and a half million inhabitants concentrated mainly in the cities especially in it's capitol, Montevideo, is only 187,000 km and has been engaged in an armed struggle since 1964. The struggle was initiated by the Movement for National Liberation (MLN), under the name Tupamaros, nine years ago in July 1963 (ten years after the attack on the Moncada Army Garrison in Cuba) marked the beginning of that country's insurrectional struggle, and headed by another lawyer, Raul Sendic.

RAUL SENDIC

In July 1963 the Swiss Colony Rifle Club, a country resort, was invaded and a dozen automatic rifles were stolen. Raul Sendic along with several of his comrades were identified by the police as those responsible for the raid on the rifle club, but the police were unable to apprehend them. Their failure to apprehend them. Their failure to apprehend the group was due mainly to the ability of Sendic who, long before 1960 had directed his energies to political and organizational work in rural areas among the most proletarian sector of the countryside. However, Sendic did not limit himself to just political and organizational tasks, he understood that the best way to win the workers' confidence was to integrate himself into their life and work, assimilate their problems, speak their language-to become one of them. So, Sendic became a "Peludo", as the cancutters call themselves.

He began by mobilizing and organizing the sugar beet workers in the area of Paysandu and the sugarcane workers in Salto both areas are bordered by the Uruguay River which marks the western frontier of Argentina. Sendic went on to found the UTAA (the Artigas Sugar Workers Union) composed of sugarcane plantation workers who supply CAINSA (a U.S. owned firm) in the extreme northern part of Uruguay near Brazil and Argentina.

In 1962, Sendic organized the first "cane workers march". The UTAA workers, together with their wives and children walked more that 600 kilometers from Artigas to Montevideo to demand the expropriation of large tracts of abandoned land in the area of Artigas. The forces of fascism fired upon them, killing a woman and several other innocent bystanders. The workers' awareness of the need for armed self defense was increased by this incident. The following year, Sendic and several members of the UTAA expropriated guns from the Swiss Colony Rifle Club, July 1963. The Sugarcane workers movement was the genesis of the MLN's TUPAMAROS.

Raul Sendic's political and trade union activities since the early 60's have introduced new methods for understanding and creating revolutionary awareness and mobilization. Thus making Sendic one of the principle leaders of the MLN. His new concepts lead to the birth and the activities of the Tupamaros. In 1963 following his identification as the mastermind behind the rifle club ripoff, Raul Sendic was urged by the police to turn himself in. But, Sendic and some of his comrades resolved to go all the way and chose the only path open to them and went chose the only path open to them and went underground. Since 1963 South Ar

revolutionary maturity of the Tupamaros from just an armed group to a revolutionary vanguard force. Despite all of their efforts, the police have consistently failed in their attempts to penetrate and completely smash the Tupamaros' (MLN) security setup.

To my knowledge, Raul Sendic has been captured and has succeeded in escaping 4 different times. The last spectacular escape occurred on September 6, 1971, when Sendic and over 100 political prisoners dug a tunnel from the Punto Carretas Prison into a nearby farm house. That same month, Sendic's wife, Violetta and their children slipped into Chile to live in exile.

This month, on September 1st, Raul Sendic was shot in the head and captured along with two other guerillas identified as Miss Zenia Itte Gonzales, 30 years old, and Jorge Bernardo Ramada Piendibeni, 30 years old in an old house in Montevideo. A combined force of policemen and soldiers were used to flush them out.

Sendic has been captured again, but, the just struggle of the people of Uruguay will continue because of the Tupamaros organizational structure. Never a week passes without the group engaging in commando expropriation of explosives and weapons and armed actions against the United States owned firms, attacks on reactionary radio stations, kidnapping etc.

As we witness the deterioration of the Uruguayan regime in this epoch, the Tupamaros serve as an example of how well organized cell structures using communication, mobilization and information to their advantage can triumph over the forces of imperialism.

Habib Tiwoni
Caribbean Journalist

BURNED ALIVE cont'd

blacks are sent behind these walls because we relate to "Mao" and will not bow to the man's devious ways. Any African who isn't "reactionary", and stand for Justice, Equality & Liberation of the Black people is threatened, denied any consideration for transfer, parole, disrespected and constant victims of their racism, and ball bat baton, waterhose and gas (mace) attacks.

We need your help to expose our being forced by force, violence, and murder!

All Power to the People!

Bakasa El-Snabazz
Inmate Reporter

WAR IN AMERICA . . .



voices from inside the walls



Clenched fists at Attica

Greetings Comrades:

Recently I had the great opportunity to read your newspaper...Right On! I do find the articles of political nature, excellent and of great importance to me. I am deeply concerned and involved in the area which you deal with etc. Although I have always been told that one cannot get something for nothing, I am convinced that this "wise" statement is false and merely reflects the attitude of this present system. I cannot thank you enough if you would forward to me a Free Prisoner's subscription to the People's newspaper...Right On! Sending me such priceless knowledge (P.E.) which I treasure, more than material possessions would be greatly appreciated.

In Struggle,
Leonardo Hernandez 18468
Stormville

Staff.

Sister Aiyada

I received the Right On! paper. In all honesty, I thank you and the Panther Party Staff. The papers are very anxiously read and our minds are greatly relieved in the messages and the black creativity.

On a more personal level, in reading of the revolutionary movements and the devious ways of the "man" in dealing with the black warriors, I feel a sense of identity and awareness and it pleases me to say that Right On! recognizes the many emerging classes of revolutionaries in the concentration camps throughout the country where (whitey) the oppressor feel that he'll have better control of our minds and actions. It will take a revolution before whitey realizes that many brothers and sisters alike have freed themselves from their slave mentality and have developed positive self-images which allow us to deal more effectively with his trickery and we certainly have been tricked into 400 years of physical bondage and another 100 years of psychological enslavement. Tricked into 2nd class citizenship, denied what is rightfully ours.

It is time that all blacks in this white dominated country reach a new level of consciousness and do away with these ideas cognizant of slave mentality. And many blacks today have let the psychological

chains drop from around their minds. Thanks to Right On! for recognizing many of them.

I am addressing this missive to you because if I address it, Right On! Black Community News Service it will be detained by the pigs, again. I thank you and Right On! in general for the paper.

Love and Power in Blackness to Seize the Time!

Ronnell A. Sanders
Raleigh, North Carolina

Sister,

My Story is a rather long one that is essentially the same as that of Ericka & Bobby N.Y. 21, Angela, Huey, etc.

After a long struggle with opportunists, infiltrators and traitors, hassles with National Hdqtrs (June Hilliard mainly), local reactionary forces, and 2 disbandments by National Hdqtrs (June), our organization still remained an active and flourishing vanguard of the mid-west. Our main problem was that of \$, but who hasn't had that problem?

So the local reactionary forces (I call them a bunch of --but we know what they are, and so do they) decided to make another desperate attempt to curtail an organizing and resisting community by once again directing a frontal assault on Party Hdqtrs. This occurred on Aug. 22, 1970 at 6:00 pm, and at that particular hour of the day only one person was home. He was overpowered by a swarm of you-know-whats and arrested after the usual festivities were conducted on headqtrs. I was arrested at approximately the same time about a mile away in the streets while distributing fliers to a rally being held the next day at Malcolm X Park.

When I arrived at the station I find out that I am charged with 1st degree murder in connection with an explosion in a vacant house in which a policeman was liquidated and five others injured on the 17th of August. Three days later I am released on \$50,000 signature bond for "insufficient evidence" in other words they hadn't yet found themselves a reliable "liar" to turn states. The rest of the central staff was to secure attorneys for my other comrades and continue to keep open communications.

So I am once again arrested on the 29th of August, charged with 1st degree murder again, in addition to conspiracy to commit same. A few days later, while in jail, my comrade, Dave Rice (who had nothing to hide turned himself in) joined me. Needless to say, we've been incarcerated every since. But dig these facts:

1. At preliminary hearings held the 29th of Sept. 70 the states one and only material witness, Duane Peak (14 at the time) was called to the witness stand, and when questioned by "special prosecutor" Art O'Leary, about his alleged involvement in "crime" (he confessed to planting booby-trap in house then calling police to it) with myself and Rice. He denies any and all involvement with us. He said that he did it all on his own. The the state calls for a recess.e biggest deals made with criminals in our

Then the state escorts young Peak over to the station to psych him up. He returns an hour later, obviously frightened, nervous and tell story involving Rice and myself.

2. During the entire preliminary testimony of Peaks, he admits under cross-examination by defense that he was threatened with the electric chair to change his story, that he was very afraid, did not want to testify but was forced to do so, and that during a previous interrogation Art O'Leary told him that it didn't matter whether or not he told the truth. To all of the above Peak admits under oath.

3. Quite naturally, under many motions for dismissal, and objections by the defense, we were subsequently bound over to stand trial for 1st degree murder and conspiracy.

4. Later that winter the deposition of Peak was taken in which was revealed that he had told 3 previous stories to police about his involvement in "crime" all totally different.

5. Trial was finally held the 22nd of March, and the state brought forward over 50 witnesses, but only 1 material witness, the admitted perjurer, Duane Peak.

6. Peak obviously involved the names of as many of his close friends and relatives as possible in an attempt to get his story corroborated., and not a single one implicates the names of Ed Poindexter or Dave Rice, only Duane Peak.

7. The state also brought forward approximately 55 exhibits, all circumstantial.

8. The defense presents only about 10 witnesses, of which not a single one is successfully rebutted by the state.

9. During Peaks trial testimony he also admits under oath lying under oath on 4 or 5 previous occasions while under cross examination by defense. Also dozens of other discrepancies are revealed in his testimony.

10. Duane Peaks own sister testified that "he told me he did it on his own".

The jury deliberated for 20 hours and came back with a verdict of guilty.....

Now I am being held virtually incommunicado in the jail (hole) and have no idea of the latest progress being made on our search for an attorney. Kenneth Cockrell of Detroit, a heavy Black Marxist, is being sought. He expressed interest in our case, but is hard to keep up with. We are preparing for a 73 bid for freedom. Any and all out of state help would be appreciated.

We have so many things working against us out here that you would find it difficult to believe, Sister. We fell that painstaking patience and ironclad discipline and determination will eventually see us as victors, so that we may be able to continue our political work back in our communities. We may not be nationally known, but we're here & struggling still. We have nto forgotten Che, Malcolm X, Kwame Nkrumah, Stokely, Rap, nor many others whose name aren't nationally known, as ours aren't and the only reason we feel that some national attention should be focused on us at this time is because we feel it is necessary for our release.Power,

Ed

UNITED FRONT cont'd

Rev. Koen said, "We informed the Attorney General's Office that Sheriff Turner was part of the conspiracy to dissolve the United Front, Incorporations and the situation has been taken care of." Rev. Koen went on to state, "The United Front will remain in St. Columba Church until total victory is won by the Black, Poor and Oppressed People of Cairo, and the Boycott is still on and will remain on until the list of demands are met."

Appeal asked for

GRANT

RICHMOND, Va. (SCEF)—The U.S. Court of Appeals has been asked to overturn the conviction of Jim Grant because of racial bias in picking the jury.

Grant's attorneys charged discrimination in selecting both the grand jury that indicted Grant and the petty jury that found him guilty in Raleigh, N.C., last April.

Grant is a black activist and a reporter for the *Southern Patriot* published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). He has been sentenced to a total of 35 years in prison as a result of his work in the Black Liberation Movement in North Carolina.

He was sentenced to 10 years in U.S. District Court at Raleigh on charges of helping two young men to flee to Canada to avoid prosecution. The young men testified against Grant and the Rev. Ben Chavis after charges against them were dropped. Chavis was found not guilty by the same jury but has now been sentenced to 34 years by a judge in Burgaw, N.C.

Theodore Hood and David Washington, the two who testified against Grant and Chavis, later became witnesses against Grant. T.J. Reddy, and Charles Parker at a trial in Charlotte, N.C. Grant got 25 years, Reddy 20, and Parker 10 on charges of burning a riding stable.

Soon after the trial, Hood was charged with murdering a man on the street in Charlotte in what police said was a drug war.



Charred cell block where inmate died
some Central Prison prisoners had to use wet blankets to flee the blaze

Times photo by Bob Hall

burned alive!

This is a picture of the fascist diabolical act perpetrated against an African, Oct. 11, 1972. The social connection here between the pigs and white inmates is plainly demonstrated, "together they murder at will", and it is called an accident, heart-failure or suicide.

They, the pigs, ripped off Brother Johnny Wells' life and called it heart-failure! Autopsy not known or revealed. Even though Brother Richardson's political ideology was a bit twisted and demented by the pigs trickery and indoctrination, he was yet a Black victim of the "man's" oppression and racism here at Central.

The pigs have now charged two white inmates with murder in the first degree after some of the brothers demanded immediate action. However, the pigs media did not mention that this Larry Summeret (white) who they say helped guards put out the fire and was overcome by smoke, is also the inmate who had possession of the paint thinners. Intimate friends of the two charged, had authority to have his friends in the cell next to the Brother out of his cell "before" the fire began. It was not mentioned that the white inmates had access to the tiers at any time while the Black inmate is commanded, "Boy git to your cell", "Boy find a hole fore I find one for you". It wasn't mentioned that the pigs who work here - share croppers of the lowest mentality of men panicked and disregarded our yells for him to open the doors, that the cell doors are always jamming where they will not open until taken apart, that this mechanism which unlocks the doors is a handle so old that they never responded instantly.

The communities must be made aware, cognizant of our struggle here at Central against the racist pigs and racist white prisoners. Most



In the prison yard at Texarkana

TEXARKANA, Tex.--The U.S. Government has backed down and will free Walter Collins from prison here on November 6. Collins is a black activist serving five five-year sentences for refusing to be drafted.

Warden L.M. Connett restored 157 days of "good time" that had been taken away from Collins because he made a speech during a work stoppage at the prison. This made it possible for Collins to be paroled in November.

Protests from across the nation and around the world helped the warden to change his mind about keeping Collins in prison for an extra five months.

Connett and the Department of Justice had already been the target of letters and petitions about Collins even being locked up at all. The worldwide protest was led by Amnesty International, London, England.

Collins entered prison in November 1970, amid marches and protests in several cities, including Washington and his home town of New Orleans.

His mother, Mrs. Virginia Collins, headed a delegation to the Justice Department and the White House, where she presented thousands of petitions in his behalf. In 1971 she made a 24,000 mile speaking

tour of the United States, demanding freedom for her son and all other men who have resisted the war and draft.

Collins and his supporters charged that he was jailed because he was organizing poor black and white people in Mississippi, working for peace, and fighting the draft. He is an organizer for the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), based in Louisville, Ky.

Collins and 56 other men were punished after 500 of the 550 prisoners quit work last April. Nine of the others have been transferred to other prisons, but still plan to join Collins in a lawsuit over the matter. William A. Allison, Jr. and Robert A. Sedler, attorneys in Kentucky, say the suit will be filed soon.

BEHIND THE AUGUST 9 RAIL cont'd.

It is only to our advantage to continue struggling, continue fighting, continue liberating funds, etc. from the U.S. capitalists. It is clear that the main reason that the United States is waging their campaign against aircraft expropriations, is to block revolutionaries around the world in general, and revolutionaries in the United States in particular, from what has proven to be a successful revolutionary tactic.

We, the struggling people of the world, must support each other in all correct revolutionary actions aimed at the destruction of world imperialism headed by the number one enemy of the world, U.S. Imperialism!

To Algeria, we would like to say, once the United States is allowed to get any kind of foothold in a country in any form the independence of that country goes out the window. You have by chance or by will given her that foothold that she needs in your country. We hope that you take the necessary precautions to make sure that when you are ready to get the United States out that they leave.

"Together in Unity and Struggle we will Surely be Victorious!"

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Central Committee
Black Panther Party, U.S.A.

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Our society has doomed millions of its citizens to a life of poverty, loneliness and despair. The fact that older people are treated under capitalism as an unproductive burden is the main cause of these conditions and feelings.

There is no place in our society for the old. Our culture constantly reminds us of the newborn (cars, clothes, what we call "style") and relegates the past to the junk heap.

Recognizing the tragic disregard that this society displays towards our older Brothers and Sisters, the Prisoner Family Service Committee, and the Cleveland Black Draft Counselors has begun to use their mini-bus, two days a month, to take the elderly shopping.

This service not only sharpens the volunteers' realization of the obligation we have as one human to another but more importantly, this concern, shown concretely, has a profound effect on the well-being of older brothers & sisters.

Volunteers, to drive, are urgently needed. Anyone interested should call or write:

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY implements Fire Victims' Program

An emergency Fire Victim's Program has been implemented by the Brooklyn Branch of the Black Panther Party to provide innocent victims of fires with Free food, clothing, etc.

It is very clear that these people are but innocent victims of racist slum lords who burn down their rat traps so they can collect the fire insurance, no or bad wiring, and other acts of god, but they lose more and gain less.

It is for this reason that we are implementing this program. Fire victim can call or come by the office of the Black Panther Party at anytime.

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Black Panther Party Platform and Program



What We Want

What We Believe

1. WE DEMAND FREEDOM. WE DEMAND THE POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR BLACK COMMUNITY.

We believe that Black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. WE DEMAND FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessman will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. WE DEMAND AN END TO THE ROBBERY BY THE CAPITALIST OF OUR BLACK COMMUNITY.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and a mule. Forty acres and a mule was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people, therefore we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. WE DEMAND DECENT HOUSING, FIT FOR THE SHELTER OF HUMAN BEINGS.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black communities, then the housing and the land should be made into co-operatives so that our community, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. WE DEMAND EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT EXPOSES THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS DECADENT AMERICAN SOCIETY' WE DEMAND EDUCATION THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE HISTORY AND OUR ROLE IN THIS PRESENT DAY SOCIETY.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. WE DEMAND THAT ALL BLACK MEN BE EXEMPT FROM MILITARY SERVICE.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the military, by whatever means necessary.

7. WE DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. WE DEMAND FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK PEOPLE HELD IN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY PRISONS AND JAILS.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. WE DEMAND THAT ALL BLACK PEOPLE BE TRIED BY JURIES OF THEIR PEER GROUP IN A PEOPLE'S COURT.

We believe that the courts should be made up of peers. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical, and racial background. We have been, and are being tried by juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. WE DEMAND LAND, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE, AND PEACE.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impels them to the separation.

We hold these truths to self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights; that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

THE MOTTO

WE ARE ADVOCATES OF THE ABOLITION OF WAR, WE DO NOT WANT WAR, BUT WAR CAN ONLY BE ABOLISHED THROUGH WAR; AND IN ORDER TO GET RID OF THE GUN, IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE UP THE GUN.

THE CARDINAL RULE

HAVE FAITH IN THE PEOPLE, HAVE FAITH IN THE PARTY

THE EIGHT POINTS OF ATTENTION

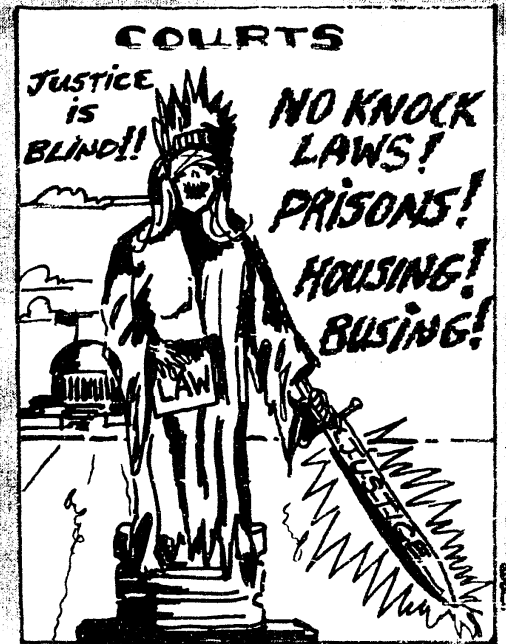
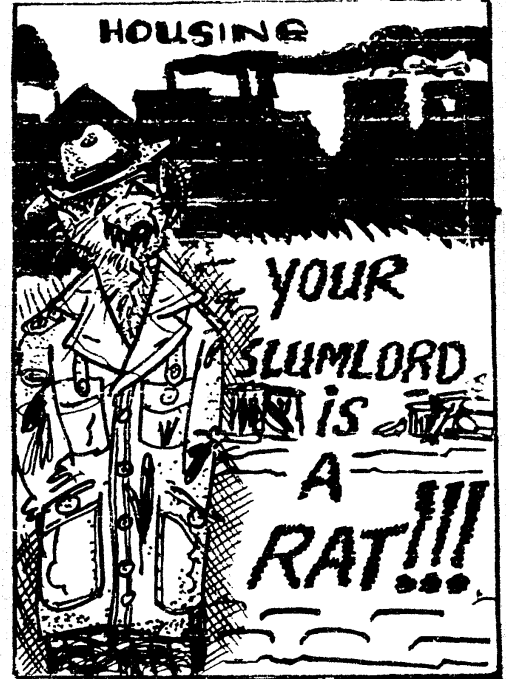
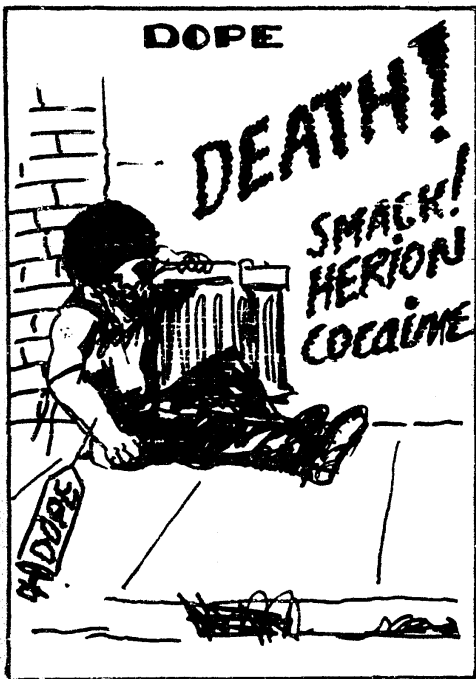
- 1) Speak Politely
- 2) Pay fairly for what you buy.
- 3) Return everything you borrow
- 4) Pay for anything you damage
- 5) Do not hit or swear at people
- 6) Do not damage property or crops of the poor, oppressed masses.
- 7) Do not take liberties with women
- 8) If we ever have to take captives do not ill treat them.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IS TO ESTABLISH REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL POWER FOR BLACK PEOPLE. OUR PARTY IS AN ARMED BODY FOR CARRYING OUT THE POLITICAL TASKS OF THE REVOLUTION. ESPECIALLY AT THE PRESENT, THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT CONFINE ITSELF TO ONLY FIGHTING. BESIDES FIGHTING TO DESTROY THE ENEMY'S OPPRESSIVE FORCES AND MILITARY STRENGTH, OUR PARTY SHOULD ALSO SHOULDER SUCH IMPORTANT TASKS AS DOING PROPAGANDA AMONG THE MASSES, ORGANIZING THE MASSES, ARMING BLACK PEOPLE, HELPING THEM TO ESTABLISH REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL POWER AND SETTING UP PARTY ORGANIZATIONS. THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY DEFENS ITSELF WITH GUNS AND FORCE NOT MERELY FOR THE SAKE OF FIGHTING, BUT IN ORDER TO CONDUCT PROPAGANDA AMONG THE MASSES, ORGANIZE THEM AND HELP THEM TO ESTABLISH REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL POWER. WITHOUT THESE OBJECTIVES, FIGHTING LOSES ITS MEANING AND THE PARTY LOSES ITS REASON FOR EXISTENCE.

The Vote...

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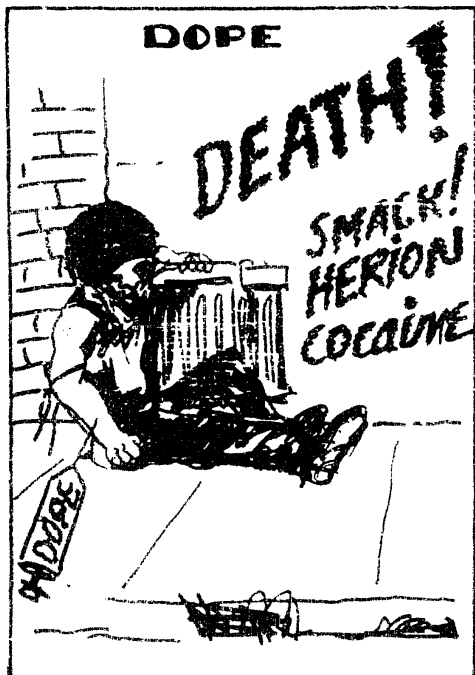
LENIN, GUEVARA AND FANON, ALL IN THEIR PARTICULAR FASHION, POSTULATE THAT BEFORE REVOLUTION CAN TAKE PLACE, ALL OTHER FORMS OF REDRESS MUST BE EXHAUSTED, CLEARLY EXHAUSTED. ELECTORAL PROCESSES MUST HAVE BROKEN DOWN, THE CONFIDENCE OF THE ELECTORATE IN ANY OF THE OLD FORMS COMPLETELY SHATTERED, CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE OLD SYSTEM TO HONESTLY ORGANIZE ANY ASPECT OF PUBLIC LIFE MUST BE SHAKEN TO THE CORE. YEARS AND YEARS AGO IT MAY HAVE BEEN AN ACCEPTABLE TACTIC TO ORGANIZE A PEOPLE'S TICKET OF SOLID WORKER AND REVOLUTIONARY CREDENTIALS AND ARM IT WITH AN IDEAL PLATFORM—ONLY TO BE DEFEATED BY A MUD-SLINGING OPPORTUNIST-WARLORD, DEMONSTRABLY INFERIOR, SCUM-SWILLING PIG. THEN PASS OUT A PAMPHLET TO EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE HOW THE SYSTEM HAS FAILED THEM, OR SPEAK ITIN PERSHING SQUARE— OR, YEARS AGO, IN THE CAMPUS HALL. TODAY IT IS NOT A TACTIC—IT'S COUNTERREVOLUTION. AFTER FORTY YEARS IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THAT IT WILL NOT SUFFICE. YEARS AGO, "WORKING WITH" AND ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE UNION LEADERSHIP MAY HAVE BEEN JUDICIOUS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS LONG SINCE INFILTRATED AND BOUGHT OFF THIS LEADERSHIP AND LEGISLATED AWAY THE STRIKE. UNION-HALL SPEECHES AND PAMPHLET PASSING ARE PLAYING AT REVOLUTION.

IT ISN'T REVOLUTIONARY OR MATERIALIST TO DISCONNECT THINGS. TO DISCONNECT REVOLUTIONARY CONSCIOUSNESS FROM REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY, TO BUILD CONSCIOUSNESS WITH POLITICAL AGITATION AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUE-MAKING ALONE IS IDEALISTIC RATHER THAN MATERIALIST. THE EFFECT HAS BEEN REFORMISM RATHER THAN REVOLUTION. WHEN ANY ELECTION IS HELD IT WILL FORTIFY RATHER THAN DESTROY THE CREDIBILITY OF THE POWER BROKERS. WHEN WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS ELECTION TO WIN, INSTEAD OF DISRUPT, WE'RE LENDING TO ITS CREDIBILITY AND DESTROYING OUR OWN. WITH ALL THE FACTORS OF CONTROL OVER THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE HANDS OF THE MINORITY RULING CLASS, THE PEOPLE'S PARTY CAN ALWAYS BE MADE TO SEEM ISOLATED, UNIMPORTANT, EVEN EXTRANEOUS. IF THESE TACTICS STILL GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF REVOLUTION TO SOME AFTER DECADES OF MISCARRIAGE, WE ARE JUSTIFIED IN REPLACING THEM AS VANGUARD.

GEORGE LESTER JACKSON.

The Vote...

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LENIN, GUEVARA AND FANON, ALL IN THEIR PARTICULAR FASHION, POSTULATE THAT BEFORE REVOLUTION CAN TAKE PLACE, ALL OTHER FORMS OF REDRESS MUST BE EXHAUSTED, CLEARLY EXHAUSTED. ELECTORAL PROCESSES MUST HAVE BROKEN DOWN, THE CONFIDENCE OF THE ELECTORATE IN ANY OF THE OLD FORMS COMPLETELY SHATTERED, CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE OLD SYSTEM TO HONESTLY ORGANIZE ANY ASPECT OF PUBLIC LIFE MUST BE SHAKEN TO THE CORE. YEARS AND YEARS AGO IT MAY HAVE BEEN AN ACCEPTABLE TACTIC TO ORGANIZE A PEOPLE'S TICKET OF SOLID WORKER AND REVOLUTIONARY CREDENTIALS AND ARM IT WITH AN IDEAL PLATFORM—ONLY TO BE DEFEATED BY A MUD-SLINGING OPPORTUNIST-WARLORD, DEMONSTRABLY INFERIOR, SCUM-SWILLING PIG. THEN PASS OUT A PAMPHLET TO EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE HOW THE SYSTEM HAS FAILED THEM, OR SPEAK IT IN PERSHING SQUARE— OR, YEARS AGO, IN THE CAMPUS HALL. TODAY IT IS NOT A TACTIC—IT'S COUNTERREVOLUTION. AFTER FORTY YEARS IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THAT IT WILL NOT SUFFICE. YEARS AGO, "WORKING WITH" AND ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE UNION LEADERSHIP MAY HAVE BEEN JUDICIOUS, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS LONG SINCE INFILTRATED AND BOUGHT OFF THIS LEADERSHIP AND LEGISLATED AWAY THE STRIKE. UNION-HALL SPEECHES AND PAMPHLET PASSING ARE PLAYING AT REVOLUTION.

IT ISN'T REVOLUTIONARY OR MATERIALIST TO DISCONNECT THINGS. TO DISCONNECT REVOLUTIONARY CONSCIOUSNESS FROM REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY, TO BUILD CONSCIOUSNESS WITH POLITICAL AGITATION AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUE-MAKING ALONE IS IDEALISTIC RATHER THAN MATERIALIST. THE EFFECT HAS BEEN REFORMISM RATHER THAN REVOLUTION. WHEN ANY ELECTION IS HELD IT WILL FORTIFY RATHER THAN DESTROY THE CREDIBILITY OF THE POWER BROKERS. WHEN WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS ELECTION TO WIN. INSTEAD OF DISRUPT, WE'RE LENDING TO ITS CREDIBILITY AND DESTROYING OUR OWN. WITH ALL THE FACTORS OF CONTROL OVER THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE HANDS OF THE MINORITY RULING CLASS, THE PEOPLE'S PARTY CAN ALWAYS BE MADE TO SEEM ISOLATED, UNIMPORTANT, EVEN EXTRANEOUS. IF THESE TACTICS STILL GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF REVOLUTION TO SOME AFTER DECADES OF MISCARRIAGE. WE ARE JUSTIFIED IN REPLACING THEM AS VANGUARD.

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