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# KAWAIDA TOWERS

NEWARK, N.J. (BCNS) Construction on the Kawaida Towers at 129-141 Lincoln Ave. in the North Ward, has been at a stand still for the last couple of weeks, as some 200 of Anthony Imperiale's followers have formed picket lines to keep workers off the site. The weeks have been full of confusion, political football and just plain old fascism. But if we are not to lose track of the situation as most people have, let's look at this from the beginning.

Inamu Amiri Baraka, Chairman of the Committee for a Unified New Ark - located at 502 High St. in Newark, secured funds through House and Urban Development channels through Model Cities, to build better housing in Newark. Everything Baraka did in securing the money and the site for the building was entirely legal and sanctioned by the law of the land, including Newark's City Council.

Anthony Imperiale, the assemblyman, for the ward in which the high rise is supposed to be located expressed dissatisfaction with the ruling of the City Council to allow the high rise to go up and began the demonstrations in front of the site, designed to block the work on the building.

Confusion, frustration and in some cases, general apathy is prevalent around this issue. For this reason we will try to explain what's happening in political terms.

Newark, today, is being led to the brink of a race war by two men acting with the blessing and encouragement of the State. Both of the men, Inamu Baraka and Anthony Imperiale, claim to have good and unselfish intentions but their statements and politically motivated actions do not bear this out. The state always seems to come up with ideas and finances to support projects that create contradictions and cause dissension between the poor black and oppressed people, (i.e. Canarsie, Forest Hills, Bedford-Stuyvesant, and now Newark) by taking both sides legitimate grievances (Blacks need housing and quality education and whites don't want to be over crowded) and placing them in opposition to each other. What they seem to be saying is "If Blacks get housing and education, whites will be overcrowded."



Anthony Imperiale has again mobilized his forces around an issue that involves Blacks demanding their rights, the only issue that gets him into office. He has stated, at various times, that he is against a high rise, wants a park to be built on the site, and is against all construction.

Inamu Baraka has said that he is only interested in providing housing for his people, and is building a high rise with units of one and two bedrooms. According to Toby Henry, the leader of the Stella Wright rent strike in Newark (see story on page 7) high rise apartments for the poor are unlivable. Therefore Mr. Baraka is either providing bad housing for the poor, or apartments for well-to-do people which the small units would imply.

Mr. Imperiale insists he is only interested in justice and law and order and at the same time encourages his followers to flaunt the law and almost provokes open confrontations all under the guise of "peacemaker".

Imperiale has used Ronald Gasperinette to play on the fears of the people of the North Ward by perpetuating the lie that the Black Panthers will use the building as a base. Mr. Baraka's group is at odds with the Panthers. Then Mr. Imperiale says it is not a race issue.

Inamu has said that the building is not just for his followers, but for all people. Then he implies that the building is to have a spiritual atmosphere relating to his beliefs. If it is to have that kind of an atmosphere, then

it would necessarily exclude people who has belief that are "unspiritual" in Mr. Baraka's eyes.

Both Inamu and Imperiale have consistently indulged in inflammatory name calling and each has denounced the action by the other as "racist".

Decent housing in Newark means that rents, property taxes, and mortgages should not continue to rise at the present rate. Housing also means that some of the intolerable living conditions that Blacks, Puerto Ricans and Italians have historically experienced and continue to experience should be lessened. Further we believe that Black people have the right to build housing in Newark just as all other groups do.

Still there are some questions that come to our minds that we feel deserves an answer. Since the 1967 riots in Newark the Central and South Ward has been in a state of disarray. About a third of the housing is either torn down or boarded up. These wards are all predominantly Black. They are what is generally known as the Black community. The question is, with the Central and South Ward in a partially blitzed situation why did Inamu decide to build in the North Ward?

We all understand the need for better housing in the Black community, but we criticize Inamu Amiri Baraka for his callous and cynical manipulation of the needs of Black poor and working people, (not really supplying houses for the poor of the city) and Anthony Imperiale and his followers for their overt and covert racist fear tactics that are designed to build his power base by exploiting the fears of the white working people of the North Ward.

We also congratulate the powers with wealth for providing another issue to divide Blacks and whites along race lines by setting the needs of each of the groups in contradiction.

The Black Panther Party believes that since the powers that be have declared that Inamu has the right to build on this land then they should enforce the right since this society prides itself in their relationship to equality rights under the law. But we also feel that the people of Newark should, as soon as possible, rid themselves of the pseudo-leaders that have led them blindly into this situation and help bring about a solution to the real problems that will achieve real self-determination and quality housing for Black, poor and working people.

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# The Fate of A 'Discovered' Black Nation

## AUSTRALIA

### Part 1



In theory Australian history begins in 1770 when Captain Cook struck a flag on the shores of Botany Bay signifying that this land was now to be regarded as land belonging to the Crown.

Historically Australia was not regarded as a conquered land, meaning land that had been taken by force of arms from the previous inhabitants; but was regarded rather as an unsettled land, because the people who lived there at the time of Cook's arrival and later did not have the land divided up and fenced in. There were no so-called signs of civilization. This point of Australia beginning as a settled colony instead of a conquered one is very important because no treaties were ever drawn up.

With the settlement spreading out in Sydney, and after the blacks had taught the white man to live off the land, they came to be regarded as obstacles in the path of civilization and finally as a rural pest. We were not even given the dignity of being a race of people trying to protect our land from the invader. Massive hunts were organized with the sole purpose of wiping out the Aboriginal people from the face of the earth.

In Tasmania they succeeded. This is the only known successful attempt at genocide from the 18th century onwards. The Tasmanian blacks were regarded anthropologically as being different from the mainland blacks. The last of the Tasmanians, Truganinny, before she died made a last request to be buried at sea or under the mountains where no one could find her. The reason for this was that she had seen the stuffed and mounted body of her uncle and she did not wish her body to be subjected to the same indignities. Today her body stands in the basement of the Hobart Museum. It was removed from display because the Aboriginals protested a few years back.

The people who survived the hunts the poisoned flour, the poisoned water hole and poisoned meats were rounded up and put on to mission stations and reserves, usually under the control of white missionaries. There developed then the philosophy that the Aboriginal people were not of the human race but one of God's strange creatures, between man and animal, and now since they were dying away, the government adopted the policy of smothering the dying bedpillow. But since we had the audacity not to succumb to their wishes the government adopted a policy of assimilation, which amounted to nothing more than a subtle form of cultural racial genocide. The history of the Aboriginal people is probably unique in the world today. Since we didn't have the use of houses like the American Red Indian, nor the closely settled village complex of the New Zealand Maories, and finally, were regarded as of no economic use but in fact as a hindrance in progress the mass slaughter of entire tribes, was thought to be justified.

There were approximately 600 tribes conservatively estimated at the time of Cook's arrival but more than half this number has completely disappeared.

The Aboriginal people today are in basically four different categories. We are rated by the government according to this scale: the tribal full bloods, the semi-tribal, the fringe-dwelling half-caste and finally the urban trouble-making blacks. The missionaries and the government have always tried to divide the Aboriginal people. The half-caste children resulting from the tribal full-blood mother and the white father (he was usually the white grazier or stockman who felt like a "gin" which is the white man's language for an Aboriginal woman, and either raped her or bought her with a bottle of cheap wine or "plonk".) were taken away from their mothers and placed in white institutions because they were regarded as being assimilable material. This policy still persists in many forms today. The Government now says to the Aboriginal full-blood that you are the true Aboriginal because you were initiated, using this as a means to justify taking no notice of "communist inspired" half-caste urban blacks who organized the protest about Aboriginal land rights, etc.

In August 1966 the Gurindji tribe led by the tribal elders and in particular Vincent Lingiari walked off Wave Hill Station which was approximately 6,000 square miles which is owned by the English pastoralist company, Vestey. They camped across the river from Wave Hill and then finally in March, 1967, marched to Wattie Creek. The Gurindjis sent up a petition to the then Governor General, Lord Casey, asking for the return of 500 square miles of their tribal lands. Part of this land was on Wave Hill Station & the rest in two adjoining Vestey's, Limbunya and Inverlaway. The Gurindjis said that they wanted to set up a mining and pastoral business, paying rent for the lease and most importantly if their business failed they would return the land to the government. The Governor-General rejected the application with a word of advice, namely that they should take care not to break the law. For five years now the Gurindjis have broken the white man's law. Numerous demonstrations on behalf of the Gurindjis' claim to their tribal land developed with white university students, some trade unionist and other Aboriginal groups taking a part, with the result that the concept of Aboriginal land rights spread from one end of Australia to the other. A key slogan was "Vestey's sucks black blood", which from all accounts made Lord Vestey very upset because he made it known that he would give the land back if the Government consented. But the Government did not consent to this generous offer: it did not want Aboriginal tribal land rights recognized because this might establish a precedent.

Meanwhile other tribal groups situated at Yirrkala village in the northern territory, under the leadership of elders like Roy Marika, commenced legal action against a Swiss mining company, Nabalco, to stop mining on their tribal lands. The action was brought before Mr. Blackburn (justice sitting in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory at Alice Springs on 4th May, 1969 with a summons against Nabalco and the Commonwealth of Australia as second defendants based on the claim that Nabalco had no rights to mine their tribal lands and that the Commonwealth did not have the right to grant permission to Nabalco to mine the land because they, the people of Yirrkala, did not grant the Commonwealth the use of their land.

Judgement was given for the government and Nabalco on 27th April, 1971. It is now known that even if the Aboriginal plaintiffs had won the decision, the government had already prepared drafts to change the law by legislation if they had lost the case. The land rights question was supposedly solved by the Government when on Australia Day of the year 26th January, 1972 - William McMahon, the Prime Minister, announced that Aboriginals would be able to lease land which they claimed to be their tribal land for a period of 50 years.

On that day four Aboriginal members of the Black Power Movement stuck a beach umbrella on the lawn in front of the Parliament House, Canberra, under the sign of the Aboriginal Embassy, where they stated that we the Aboriginal people are not prepared to lease their own tribal lands. They were in order, William Craigie, Tony Coorie, William Johnson, and Michael Anderson. The Embassy grew to eleven tents which were occupied by about 40 Aboriginal people from all over Australia. It stood for six months, reminding the Australian Government of its failure to honour its promises in relation to repealing the suppressive Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Affairs Act (which under the 1967 referendum they had the power to change), and of its inability to understand or come to grips with the so-called Aboriginal problem.

Then on 20th July, 1972, the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Hunt, drafted an ordinance bill giving the government power to remove the Embassy, after telling the opposition in Parliament that they would not draft any ordinance whilst Parliament was not in session. The Bill was drafted whilst Parliament was not sitting. It left the Government printing office at approximately 9 o'clock they had 50 police there to pull down the Embassy. The Embassy, which had come to be regarded by all Aboriginals as symbolic of the history of this country of the white man's arrogance, his greed and intolerance of something he couldn't understand or make an economic asset of, was destroyed in typical fascist fashion by brute force.

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# TRIAL NEWS

TAMPA, Fla...IGNAE GITIENS, John Thomas other half, is in Tampa, Florida standing trial on a charge of possession of a machine gun. The charge can bring her up to 10 years in prison. The prosecution has summoned upwards of 80 people to testify against her. Ignae was busted in Dec. of last year along with John Thomas at the same time that Frank Fields was murdered by FBI agents. Ignae needs all the support she can get because the pigs are determined to put her behind bars by any means necessary.

NEW YORK, N.Y...ALBERT WASHINGTON, FRANCISCO, TORRES, GABRIEL TORRES & ANTHONY BOTTOMS are in town to begin trial in the shooting of two pigs last May, 1971. They have been charged with the assassination of two enemies of the people (pigs Piagentini and Jones), who were shot while they were in the process of making their pickup in the black community. These brothers will return to court on the 28th of December and their trial is due to start sometime in January, 1973 on the 13th floor at 100 Centre St. in Manhattan.

NEW YORK, N.Y...LEVI VALENTINE, H. RAP BROWN, ARTHUR YOUNG, AND SAM PETTY are due to return to court to begin trial on January 4, 1973 in part 36 at 100 Centre St. in Martinez's courtroom.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif--(BCNS) The trial of Fireman Patrick D. Chenoweth, of Puyallup, Washington charged with "willful destruction of government property and sabotage in time of war" has begun. Chenoweth is accused of inserting a paint scraper and two bolts into the #4 reduction gears of the USS RANGER aircraft carrier, causing \$800,000 damage and delaying its return to Vietnam for 3 and a half months. The incident occurred about the end of July just days before the RANGER was due to leave Alameda NAS. Chenoweth faces a 35 year sentence if convicted.

LOUISVILLE, Ky...WILLIAM DARRYL BLAKEMORE, the only member of the Louisville 7 to be convicted, is returning to court on January 12th, 1973 in Louisville Kentucky to begin trial on a charge of possession of a sawed off shotgun. Blakemore could get up to five years if convicted. Funds are desperately needed to continue his defense. Send donations to the Louisville Seven Defense Committee, at 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Ky

CHESTER, S.C...BRANCH LEWIS WASHINGTON is out of jail.

NEW YORK, N.Y...FRED "SOLITARE" FERNANDEZ was convicted of robbery in what amounts to a literal kangaroo trial in Nassau County. According to spectators at the Fernandez trial the court room scene was more of a class reunion for the prosecution & the judge than anything else. An example given is: When the judge's son came into the courtroom the court was given time-out while the judge proceeded to introduce his son to every body except the defendant. This should be the limit to the farce of justice in American courts for prisoners of war. Do we need them to do anything else in order for us to believe that the only solution to the injustices is for us to create our own justice? They could not have said it any plainer, they don't give a damn about us. But they will carry on the farce as long as we go along with it.

NORFOLK, Va...EARL HARRELL is on the streets and functioning again.

JACKSON, Miss...IMARI OBADELE I, the president of the Republic of New Africa's trial date has been postponed indefinitely. He is due to go to trial on the same charges that three other citizens of the Republic have been convicted of and received life in prison on.

NEW YORK, N.Y...RICHARD DHARUBA MOORE received a hung jury in his last trial a new trial is scheduled...SOON

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

**YOU CAN INDICT  
A REVOLUTIONARY  
BUT  
YOU CAN'T INDICT A**

**REVOLUTION**

# LEGAL & PEOPLES' PUSHERS JUSTICE

Death Drugs have been a fact of life in the streets of Halifax for a long time. Up until now people have had to worry about the illegal pusher. The person who sells drugs like speed and heroin. But now another brand of pusher has appeared on the scene; the legal pushers. They are the doctors, pharmacists, and drug companies that prescribe and sell dangerous drugs like amphetamines and barbiturates. They have been around for a long time, but for a most part they have been operating unnoticed by most people. However, because of the large number of people being killed by these "legal drugs", they can not be continued to be unnoticed.

We live in a capitalist society which is motivated only by money. People are forced to work at low wages because this means that more money can go into the pockets of the bosses. People are unemployed and on welfare because of the need for profit. Everywhere we look we see poverty, death, and starvation. Why? In order to make money, people must suffer. Exploitation and oppression; that is the nature of our society.

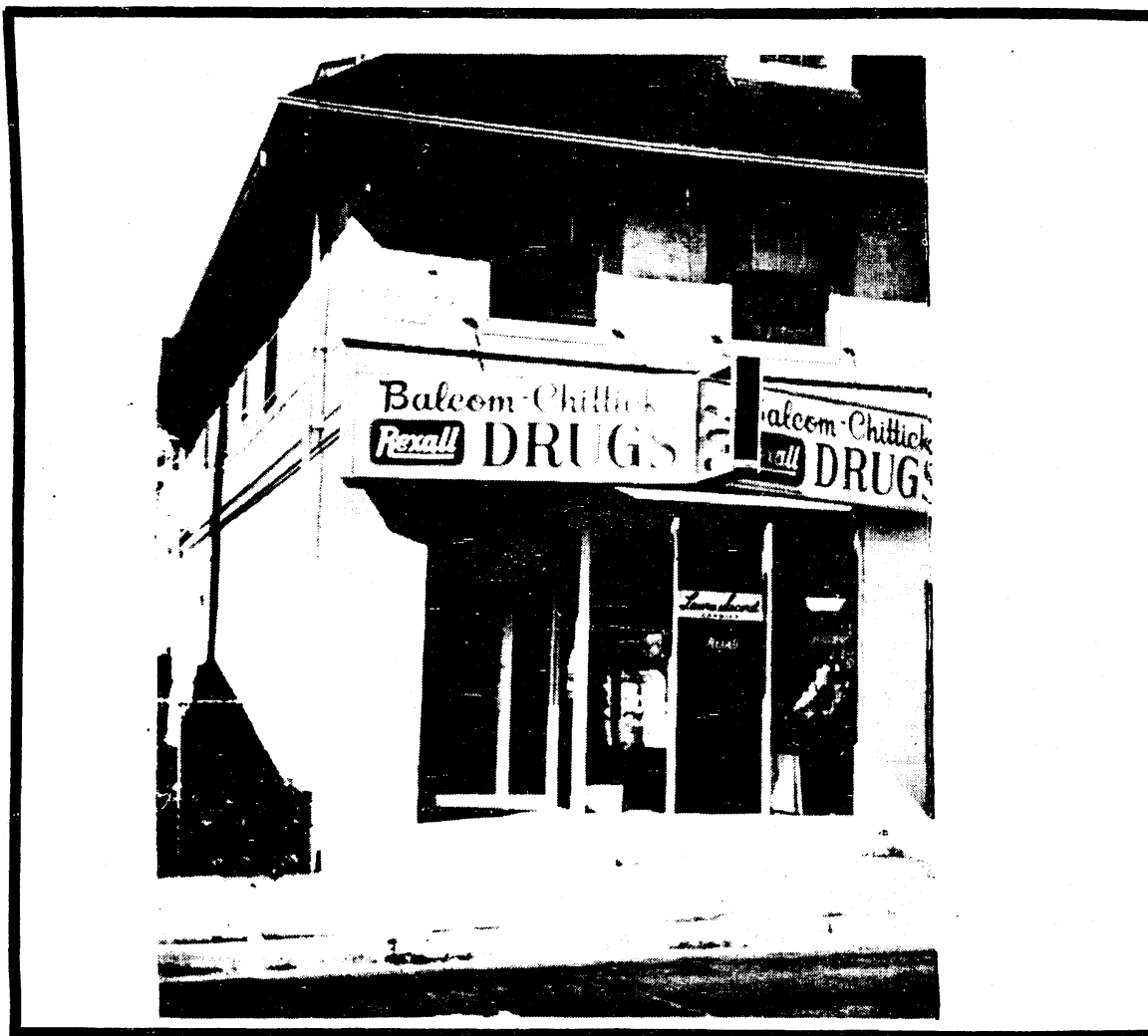
People respond to these conditions in a number of ways. When people realize that they can't get a job, that they can't feed their family, that welfare won't give them any money, and that it is possible that they will starve; then they begin to react to the strain. Peoples' nerves get shot, they get depressed, lose weight, and so they finally go to the doctor's office. But instead of changing the things that made them that way, they are given a pill that only attacks the symptoms of their oppression and not the oppression itself.

These drugs are pushed on people, for two reasons, profit and control.

Doctors can make a lot of money from endorsing drugs produced by drug companies. Drug stores make a lot of money from the sale of these drugs, and drug companies rake in millions of dollars yearly from the sale of these drugs. Unfortunately, it is the people who pay for these profits in more ways than one. For after paying an outrageous price in the drug stores for these drugs, the people find that the drugs that were 'supposed' to help them out of their nervous state do just the opposite; they kill. Hundreds of people die yearly in North America from overdoses of amphetamines and barbiturates.

The other part that drugs play is one of control. When people are strung out on drugs all they can think about is getting more dope. This serves to divide people and keep them from uniting to combat the problems that exist around them like unemployment, bad housing etc. This is exactly what the capitalist system wants. As long as they can control people by keeping them strung out on dope, they know that people won't be able to rise up against them. So not only are death drugs killing people, those who are not killed are strung out so bad that they just live for more dope.. But what is done about it? Nothing!

But we think that it is time to do something about it. New Morning and Needleworks have set out on a two level program designed to combat the drug problem that exists in the city.



One level is the building of crisis/rehabilitation centers where people can come if they have drug hassles, and where they can stay if they want to get off dope. Needleworks is a community drug center set up to provide an alternative to dope and government run programs. It operates as a crisis center and in a long term way as a place for people to live if they want to kick dope. Needleworks is run democratically by the people who live there, work there and use the center. It provides people with a place to live in a dope free atmosphere and where they can struggle with other people about their hassles. We hasles. We feel that the drug programs have to be designed in such a way that it is the people themselves who run the program and help each other get off dope. The majority of drug programs run today operate in such a way that people are told what to do, how to do it, and where to do it. Drug programs like Needleworks are just one way that people can begin to regain some control over their own lives.

We realize, however, that we can build alternatives until doomsday and still not solve the drug problem. For as long as people have no control over the drugs that are flowing into the community then people will continue to get strung out and killed by them. So at the time that we are working to get people off dope, we must also be working to stop these drugs. This then is the second level of our program.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 and Thursday, Sept. 28th, New Morning and Needleworks launched a series of raids on three 'legal' pushers in the city. On Wednesday morning the offices of "Dr." Clinton Browne on Gottingen St. were disrupted, his files scattered and the word "pusher" painted on the wall. That

afternoon, Lawton's Drug Store on Gottingen St. was attacked and on Thursday morning Balcom Chittick Drug Store on Young St. was raided. In both these raids dangerous drugs were destroyed.

Our attack on Dr. Browne was not a personal attack, what we are attacking is the entire medical profession. Dr. Browne has a fairly good reputation in the North End for helping a large number of people. While this may be so, he is also consciously or unconsciously helping to kill a number of people by prescribing dangerous drugs to them.

The seasons for attacking the drug stores are as said before. They are making a large profit from selling these drugs to the people and because of their greed for money, people are dying.

As a result of these raids, two people were arrested and charged with a attempted theft and destruction of property over \$50. These people are not guilty of any "crime". If anything they're guilty of dispensing justice because no one else will.

Their preliminary trials were on 2 and 6 of November. They have been arrested and charged because a political act and for that reason, they are political prisoners. If you support the peoples' struggle against death drugs then come to the trials and show your support. If you want to help, phone New Morning-423 3242.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

# WOMEN IN PRISON

## CLINTON NJ



Here you will find a list of we the women of Clinton Farms requesting the resignation of Mrs. Marilyn Davenport who is supposed to be our Supt. I'm sure you're aware of the sit-in we had here a week ago concerning the long time given us. The garbage they serve us for food, the incompetence of our so-called Medical staff, which includes the dentist who is an alcoholic.

Ninety per cent of us here are black and our arrests are for drugs or stems from drugs as users. There is no rehabilitation program at all. They have been stealing money of ours for the last ten years or more saying it's for the welfare fund according to Mr. Wagner who met with us once, there is no such fund and so we want our money back poste hast.

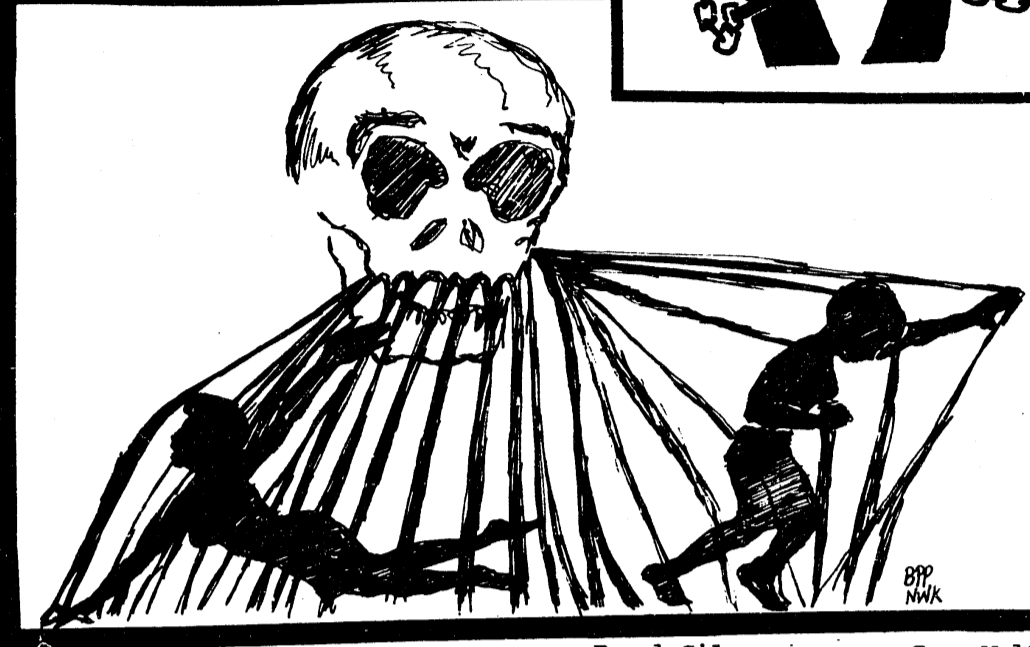
We would like the Sickle Cell Anemia Test which we haven't received as of yet. Health is Wealth! God made the bees; and the bees made the honey, we do the work and the staff fets the money, which is unfair. We are not given the proper clothes to wear and we have terrible winters here.

Our commissary is supposed to be non-profit. Yet we pay twice as much for everything. Thanks to Dan Longey. We find prejudice running concurrently here. No blacks in classification. No blacks in our cottage hardly at all as officers. A few of the women here are of the Muslim faith and yet they are not allowed to serve their Allah. We have a choir here that goes frequently off ground to sing for benefits and get paid, but what happens to the money? Our rooms are closet size with two beds crammed in them which is not healthy.

We do not have a law library. Our mail is constantly delayed. Our letters from our lawyers and judges are opened which is an infringement on our rights. Mr. Wagner said there would be no repercussion due to the sit-in. Mrs. Davenport is setting our time back. We were supposed to have a change of the honor system also; we're still waiting. Some of us have been punished twice or more for one infraction, be it minor or major this is triple jeopardy.

Our grievances have not been met and we have been more than patient and so now we're imploring you the public to please take heed and make yourselves available. And we await your indulgence impatiently but respectfully.

One of our women's mother had an operation on her eyes that have left her blind permanently. The woman, Andrea Braden requested a compassionate furlough and was denied by Mrs. Davenport. And yet another woman Beverly Clark was permitted to go to a wedding which we don't feel is compassionate. Is this justice? Ann Askew who weigh more than three hundred and fifty pounds fell and broke her leg. She'll cripple for the rest of her life. She wasn't even supposed to be walking up hills etc., with inadequate shoes. We'd all so like to see her go home at once.



We feel as though it's time the blind fold be removed from Lady Justice's eyes. How about you? We keep asking questions, but we get no answers. Perhaps you the people can aid us in our hour of need. We are becoming more despondent and esperate. Mrs. Davenport doesn't even know 1/2 of the people who work here on the grounds. She doesn't have the time to take up or talk to us. We feel as the she's irresponsible and cannot do her job.

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RESPECTFULLY,

- Norma Jean White
- Irene Butler
- Irene Kleiner
- Shirley Dennis
- Lena Williams
- Zelestine Greene
- Lucy Harrell
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- Anna Crawford
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- Elizabeth Brown
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- Juanita Williams
- Patricaa Thompson
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- Linda Brown
- Ernestine Allen
- Victoria Cooley
- Barbara Streisburg
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- Carol Bird
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- Josephine Short
- Joan King
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- Jo Ann Devore
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- Bonita Neal
- Ina Hunter
- Beatrice Simms
- Roberta Wheller
- Sarah Bethea
- Frances Walker
- Geraldine Thurmond
- Dorothy Jefferson
- Juanita Wright
- Vera Montgomery
- Celestine Ellerbee
- Jackie Reeves
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- Essie Morgan
- Scarlet Brown
- Elizabeth Bronson
- Corliss West
- Sarah Clark
- Annabelle Rhodes
- Lillian Hunter
- Marie Bavis
- Ethel Stocks
- Shirley Risen
- Irene Whitfield
- Kathleen Freeman
- Jane Biddle

# Comrades Speak Out



## Message from De Mau Mau

From: Black November 17, 1972  
To: NCDPP

Black De Mau-Mau Love Comrades.

We write to you in hopes that you will see to it that the true news services of the people hear the voices of De Mau-Mau. We hope that you will place our names in your newsletter and on your political prisoners lists so that people can write to us. Once again Black men are forced to play the infamous historical role of "scapegoat" and "whipping boy" for boss Charlie. We want Black people to understand that in this day and age of protracted struggle when leaders are being born everyday that our kidnapping represents not merely the kidnapping of 4 Black youth, but the capture and imprisonment of four parts of a Black nation. We are innocent as the states weak case will no doubt prove. We are indeed involuntary cannon fodder for racist pig Hanrahan's last futile shot at re-election to the office of states attorney. The vile racist conspiracy of the Elrod-Hanrahan-Daley, clique has failed to put their six-gun states attorney back into office and has instead left us facing life imprisonment as the cruel afterbirth of this abortive diabolical plot. Bravery is De Mau-Mau and De Mau-Mau is bravery. It is not for ourselves for whom we fear it, it is our people.

We have already seen brothers & sisters who have come in this jail since our kidnap, having been arrested for "ordinary violations of the law", who have suffered severe beatings at the hands of racist police for looking like one of them "damn MAU-MAU niggers". We interpret these actions to be intolerable acts of aggression against the Black community and police terrorists reaction to the racist-sensationalist mass media claims to who we are, what we allegedly did, and what we are about. We see no difference in the tactics that the racist politicians here in this state use and the ones used by international finacne capitol through the U.S government and it's voice and figurehead of the republican party Richard M. Nixon. The thought control mass media goes about it's repressive duties by filling it's gap age publications with hysterical stories of "campus disorders", "rising crime rate", "community invasions", and "nigger uprisings". Of course, this succeeds in triggering the pathological nature of the white communities into endorsing legislation that moves the state a little closer to "1984" and aids the fascists in their quest to consolidate their totalitarian fascist powers. This is what we hope to prevent with the aid of our comrades. Black people must realize that the cries for "law and order" as echoed by such fascists as

Philadelphia's "super-pig" Frank Rizzo, Georgia's governor Lester Maddox Alabama's boss Charlie George Wallace and six-gun Ronald Reagan of California are not in their interests.

These madmen seek only to stop class-race struggles progress and to insure the uncontested victory of the counter-revolution.

Black people must move to contest not only the legality of the government's policies, but also the journalistic ethics of the thought control mass-media that works in its vile reactionary interests.

As Black revolutionary politicians we also urge Black people to arm themselves and be prepared to take retaliatory action in the form of Black revolutionary violence against the state for its barbaric acts of aggression against the Black community. It is time that all Black people made their anti-fascist, anti racist and anti-imperialist commitments clear in practice, and make moves to stop the madmen that control our lives...

Vita Sasa  
De Mau Mau

Micheal K. Clark  
Donald Taylor  
Ben Taylor  
Nathaniel Burse

## Justice Ministry Survails Leftists

QUEBEC CITY, (QSCN) Dec. 1--For the past 6 weeks, the Justice Ministry has refused to comment on persistent charges that police, under the infamous NEW BILL 51 that suspends many civil rights in Quebec, raided the offices of Left-wing organizations & took address-list files and other essential materials.

Late in October, "persons unknown" entered the premises shared by the Mouvement Pour La Defense Des Prisonniers Politiques Au Quebec & L'Association Presse-Libre Du Quebec and smaller citizen's groups with out visible force or haste, and meticulously cleaned out all files and drawers. Vandalism was obviously not the motive since valuable office machines were left untouched. Information was clearly the goal of the "searchers" who must have known exactly what they were looking for.

Justice Minister Choquette has issued a single, lame denial of responsibility, but has otherwise maintained an embarrassed silence.

## More RNA

## Harrassment

JACKSON, Miss. (NAPI) On November 24 1972, Kamau Kambui, the Deputy Minister of Defense of the Republic of New Africa, his three year old son and his wife were seized by U.S. FBI agents on Lynch St., in Jackson, Mississippi, as they departed from their home in route to RNA's Jackson office. FBI agents and Jackson Police arrested all three members of the Kambui family.

Brother Kambui was charged with giving false information to obtain merchandise on credit and was given an unbelievable bond of \$20,000.00 His wife was held for ten hours as a fugitive from justice because according to the FBI she refused to give them her name. Three year old Yamra Kambui was released before hand into the custody of Sister Fulani Obafemi RNA Minister of Information.

After arresting the entire family, FBI, Jackson Police and State troopers proceeded to ramshack their home, stealing several items in the process and damaging appliances. Sister Anika, while in custody, was told by an FBI agent she should stay clear of the RNA and her husband because they (the FBI) intended to put all New Africans in Jail. Meanwhile, FBI agent George Holder, who is paid to intrude into the private and public affairs of the RNA on a full time basis, accosted Brother Kamau Kambui with a 357 Magnum during interrogation and threatened to "blow his head off".

Sixteend days after his arrest, Kamau's bond has been reduced to a still ridiculous figure of \$4,000.00 Hinds County Sheriff MacAdory refused to release Kamau, however, when a bonafide Black Mississippian bondsman hired by the RNA attempted to post his bond. MacAdory says he questions the bondsman's credentials. The white government has viciously disregarded Brother Kambui's rights.

He has been arrested on a misdemeanor and placed under a totally unreasonable bond of \$20,000.00, his home ramshacked, his wife and child have been abused and humiliated, he has been denied the right to post bond, and he has had his life threatened by a mentally demented white FBI agent who consumes his time at tempting to crush a political movement, rather than fighting crime.

There comes a time when we must come together and stop intolerable crimes against families in our communities, by men who pose as law officers as they foster lawlessness.





Children at Stella Wright Homes point to a few of many broken and boarded-up windows.

Two years is not such a long time if you're looking for a way to stop pollution, cure sickle cell, or to find real freedom. But two years is a long time to be carrying on a rent strike. In fact, it had never been done before in Amerikka---until Stella Wright.

Stella Wright Housing Project is just one of the many public housing developments in Newark, N.J. all of which are mainly inhabited by Blacks and Puerto Ricans. Early in 1970 Stella Wright Tenants Association was formed to bring interested tenants with the same problems and grievances into one organization. One of their first acts was to submit a list of these grievances and violations of human rights and living standards to the Newark Housing Authority. Little or nothing was done, as usual. Therefore, on April 1, 1970 the S.W.T.A. voted to conduct a rent strike which has been continued to the present

MERGING WITH N.T.U.

The problems of one prove to be all so the problems of many. To find a way to deal with requests for assistance from tenants of other public and private housing facilities, the S.W.T.A. is planning to combine forces with the already established Newark Tenants Union. The hope is to accomplish through added personnel and their ideas a larger and more effective organization to deal with tenants problems in Newark and surrounding areas.



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

When community workers want to get a message across to the folks in decision making positions, it is impossible to make your message unique and crowd-stopping in its delivery. But when a person or group does something that the people have never seen or heard before, someone will stop and listen--if just out of curiosity. With somebody listening its possible to convince them of the sincerity of your acts and maybe gain some support if they happen to agree or share the same problem. It goes without saying that it is very important to have people know what you're trying to do and to give you support.

Getting to the heart of the matter the S.W.T.A. staged a funeral for the department of housing and urban development. (HUD is dead). The funeral was held in Penn Central Terminal where the participants passed out leaflets and listened to the funeral ceremony being soulfully preached by an S.W.T.A. representative dubbed "Reverend for a Day". Also for the occasion, a 1917 hearse was provided and HUD was presented an array of funeral wreathes and flowers. May they rest in peace!!

In the early days of the strike one of the officers was being taken to court on the average of once a week. After being in court several times, the president of S.W.T.A. decided it was about time to involve some other folk in those courtroom debates. He knew as the rest of us did, how poor folks get the business from the courts. Therefore, S.W.T.A.'s president sat down and wrote his name and address on large pieces of paper and cut them out with some scissors which they could call "office supplies". From there he started to ride to

Note: On the morning of January 3<sup>rd</sup> Toby Henry and Father Commerford were sentenced to forty five days in jail for contempt of court. Judge Kimmelman issued the sentence because Henry and Father Commerford returned the rent money to the people. There will be a followup on the entire court proceedings of the Stella Whright case and a complete analysis of the Stella Wright 3 year rent strike in the next issue of RIGHT ON!

" The conditions in the Stella Wright projects resemble the cell blocks of old prisons. Large rats chase small children down the lobbies."

Toby Henry

# The Longest Rent Strike Part 1

the white neighborhoods (by bus). He engaged in conversations whenever he could and passed out his "business cards" so that interested people could contact him. The move was to get some suburbanites interested in the problems of the people in the inner-cities and to possibly establish better relationship with the judges they were facing constantly by having white and rich folks instead of Black and poor folks for the judge to deal with the next time S.W.T.A. had to go to court. The measure was fairly successful. S.W.T.A. established a working relationship with the folks understanding and some of those suburbanites did come and tour Stella Wrights. They did go to court and so on.

DEAL -"CAUSE AIN'T NOBODY GONNA DO IT FOR YA"

About once every two weeks or so, some of the young men and women of Stella Wrights take time out from their parties and such to burn rats. If you have any kind of negative reaction to this ordeal---examine it. The housing authority was notified that there were rats in holes around the outside of the buildings and in the basements. No exterminator came. No response was even given. When this fact came up in a discussion with some of the teenagers, they replied that they would like to burn them, and that's what they did. They set the hole on fire using gasoline and matches. If any rats came out, "Our exterminators" armed with sticks killed the rodents. When they were through, they put out the fires and moved on to the next hole. They took care of the problem as well as showed enough consciousness not to leave any of the fires burning dangerously.

The story of Stella Wright is one of those stories of poor people taking care of business that rarely, if ever, get any coverage by the conventional media. They'd much rather write articles on Mrs. Potts prize winning Tulips or the like. For this reason Right On! Black Community News Service has decided to make public those news stories we feel are relevant to the Black community. Along with a sketch of some of the happenings around Stella Wright, we also secured an interview with S.W.T.A. president Toby Henry. The questions and answers that follow, we hope, will help to complete for you the picture of the Longest Rent Strike.

RIGHT ON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SOUTH WARD  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

## JEFF ALLISON CONVICTED

NORFOLK, Va.—(CN) On Dec. 7, a military judge found Jeff Allison guilty of Arson, Sabotage, and hazarding a vessel in the fire aboard the USS Forrestal last July 10. Jeff was sentenced to serve five years in the Norfolk Naval Correctional Center & a bad conduct discharge.

The court martial took just under two weeks to complete from opening statements to sentencing. The fire was the biggest act of sabotage in Naval history causing between 7 and 12 million dollars damage to the War Communications Room Annex, quarters of Rear Admiral Moorer, Combat Information Center, Computer Room Switchboard and Detection and Tracking Room. This includes damage done by salt water used to put out the fires. The fires caused the Forrestal to be delayed for two months on an upcoming Mediterranean cruise.

The Navy had a case built around a testimony of an NIS agent who claims to have received a confession from Jeff while Jeff was waiting to take a lie detection test. The defense denied this confession was ever made. The Naval judge, Capt. William Neely, ruled early in the first week of the trial that the testimony of the NIS agent was acceptable as evidence. Stanley Sacks, the defense attorney, stated that the alleged confession was an oral statement made under duress and should not be used as evidence.

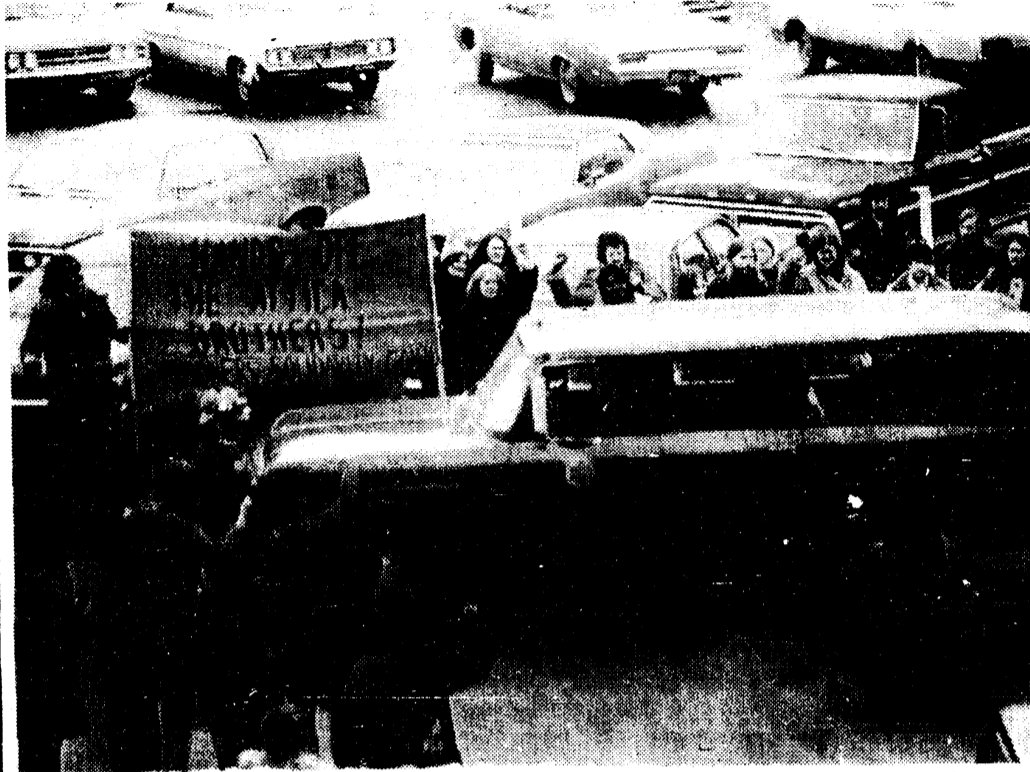
Another part of the Navy's case was the fact that the areas in which the fires happened were accessible to Jeff. The defense stated that the areas were also accessible to others and that Jeff was the only one charged with the crime.

The Navy had little else to go with so they tacked on a drug charge to the rest so Jeff would be convicted of something. Ironically he was found not guilty of the drug charges. There were no witnesses to the fires but that didn't stop the Navy from finding Jeff guilty. So it looks as if the word of a NIS agent and sent a 19 year old sailor to jail for five years on such flimsy evidence.

The defense brought Bruce Peaslee to the stand and the former military policeman stationed aboard the Forrestal testified that small fire were commonplace aboard the Forrestal and that members of the crew could easily pick the ships locks. This constitutes a lack of security aboard the Forrestal and that added with the recent findings that several high ranking officers stationed on the Forrestal had in their quarters non-regulation frills that could easily spread a fire shows the carelessness used in controlling the high ranking officers. Yet in less than two weeks only one military judge can seal the fate of a young man on the weakest case imaginable.

The general opinion of the enlisted men and women in Norfolk and surrounding areas was that Jeff was the Navy's scapegoat. With all the problems the Navy has had and all of the bad publicity in the recent week the Navy had to find somebody to pin the blame on, and Jeffrey Allison is the man that they chose.

# ATTICA!



Demonstrators protest the vindictive racist indictments of Black prisoners following a Grand Jury alleged investigation of the Attica Prison slaughter in September 1971. The demonstration occurred Dec. 27 in Warsaw, N.Y. as defendants were being driven back to prison from the Wyoming County Courthouse. UPI photo

## Walter Collins Out 1 Month Late

TEXARKANA, Tex. (SCEF)—Walter Collins New Orleans black draft resister, was released from federal prison here December 6—exactly one month later than his original parole date.

He had served two years of a 5-5 year sentence for refusing to be drafted, and his case became the focal point for a campaign against racism and the draft.

His release was delayed a month because Collins refused to cooperate with the parole system. He described it as "mad and unjust" and a "state between absolute slavery and serfdom!"

An impasse came when he refused to sign the following statement on the certificate listing his condition of parole:

"I have read, or had read to me, the foregoing conditions of parole. I fully understand them and know that if I violate any of them, I may be re-committed. I also understand that special conditions may be added or modifications of any condition may be made by the board of parole at any time."

Collins said: "The implied and stated conditions of this certificate are essentially repressive, mostly absurd, and probably illegal. My signature on the certificate could be construed as sanction for the madness & unjust restrictions that fall to a prisoner released on parole."

He pointed out that paroled prisoners are often subjected to petty harassment and are sent back to prison at the whim of officials.

Collins agreed to sign the certificate only after James R. Pace, the Parole Executive in Washington, sent a letter to his attorney stating in writing that Collins's signature on the certificate only meant that he had read the statement, not that he either agreed to it or approved of it.

"Thus, said Collins, I have not forfeited my rights to challenge the petty restrictions of parole in a court of law or present them in a forum of the people for their decision."

He said that now that he is out of prison he will fight such restrictions not only for himself but for the many other prisoners who are subjected to repression while on parole.

He called attention especially to the cases of Fred Bell and Ernie McMillan, both of Dallas, who were due for release on parole from the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas, on December 11.

Bell and McMillan are both black and both were hounded to jail as a result of activities in organizing a boycott of an absentee-owned business in the black community of Dallas. Bell was imprisoned on an armed robbery charge that has been widely condemned as a frame-up. McMillan was sent to prison on a charge of refusing the draft.

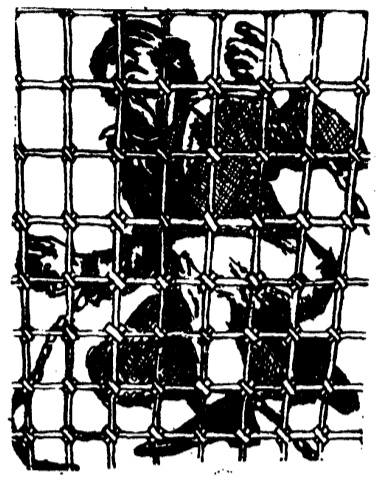
Dallas authorities are attempting to have McMillan paroled directly to a state prison—since he still faces other charges growing out of the same organizing campaign.

Collins said he would work with others to keep both McMillan and Bell free—and to help others on parole. Meantime, McMillan hailed Collins release in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Virginia Collins:

"Again we have concrete evidence of the strength of a united people," he wrote. Walter's release is not the result of inherent justice in the judicial system, but is living proof of the fact that only through organizing principled political struggle and unity can we realize the power necessary to transform our situation."

# WAR IN AMERICA . . .

## voices from inside the walls



Bismillah-Ir-Rahmin-Ir-Rahim  
Peace Sister;

Your letter of Oct. 24th has been received by me and I'm very pleased to hear from you. And sincerely wish these few lines find you and those close to you in good health and with peace of mind.

To sum me up as brief as possible I convey the following. I'm an ex-soldier and a product of the streets. Born in New York, and went through most of the ghetto experiences, hookey, stealing, fighting and loving. A gang leader and a good athlete. Reached Boy's High School in Brooklyn, and found I had been miseducated.

In 1957, I met Al-Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz aka Malcolm X, and was so impressed that I accepted Islam after only hearing him twice. In 1960, I really began to function and became a member of the advanced F.O.I. which is an elite group within the Mosque (consisting of the best speakers, best fighters and most qualified to be ministers).

When the split came I went with Al Hajj Malik for many reasons. First I wanted some action. Next, I felt he was wrongly sat down. And last I could better relate to him than with Muhammad. I have been present on many occasions as he spoke at studios, churches, etc. Most of us were labelled as bodyguards but Minister Malcolm had no bodyguards, we were aides and friends. The fact that he was ahead of his time taught us who were his followers many things, that the masses are just waking up to. Lastly I picked up the gun instead of the spike as I learned to hit the oppressor in his head and his pocket book where he would feel it most. To most things I catch on quick thus I did a job when many didn't realize what was happening.

That's a peek at Rasul, 35X., or Karate Bob, and I'm known by all three names. I'll try to squeeze in "Tired of Running".

Our people should be tired of running, as they have run from Alabama to Chicago, from Mississippi to New York and from Georgia to sunny California, always running from oppression of the white man. We run from the southern she riff into the bullets of the city cops. We run from the injustice of the man in

the white sheet, right into the no bail and fifty years of the men in blue robe. We run into the front lines of his war and die, and when it's over we run to the unemployment lines and remain jobless, then we run to the welfare line where we starve and are insulted for being poor and black. We run to the church and cry or pray when our sons and brothers are killed by the enemy. We run & carry signs when they put our speakers and comrades in jail. We run for cover as our community is used as an experimental district, new interns experiment on us in hospitals, new lawyers practice on us in courtrooms, and all of the subtle killing methods at his disposal are used in the ghettos. I am tired of running. Now I'm not going to advise you to pick up the gun and fight back or start killing tit for tat. I'm not going to tell you to do what the "Tupamaros" those bad latin brothers do when their members go to jail. They don't carry signs, they do not march or raise funds, but they "liberate" those on the inside. Nor am I going to tell you how to stop the dope dealers, the white tricks and other exploiters from coming in your community with their filth. Brother and sister, no one will have to tell you what to do, when to do it, why you are doing it or who to do it too, when you "Get Tired of Running".

Your brother in the Struggle!  
Robert 35X (Rasul Sulaiman)Smith

In the Maryland Penitentiary in its segregation unit, inmates are confined to their cells 23 1/2 hours a day. They are limited to meet their incarceration survival. Inmates who get sick or complain of illness on most occasions are not able to get the attention so badly needed. In such a situation the inmate will become even more suppressed from the ills of oppression. Fellow inmates will relentlessly try to get the attention of a "guard" or the medical pig. Obviously there's no attentive listeners to hear the inmates's calls that are designed to draw the required medicate service by getting the attention of the guards. In such an urgent situation, an inmate who's involved, will inevitably take the necessary leap, that he thinks is necessary to obtain the desired help.

One recently ignored case did reflect such suppression to two inmates in the Southwing (lock-up). It is a common case of unconcern and ineffectual medical service in the Maryland Penitentiary.

Sunday Night, November 19, '72 at 9:30 P.M., an inmate "James Straighter" had made every possible effort he knew how to get a guard to bring his 9:00 medication. After howling for one unsuccessful

half hour without one guard responding, inmate James Straighter became very suppressive and whatever he was taking medication for took control of him. After becoming extremely hoarse and continuing to be ignored he climbed on his bunk cut his arms and laid there while blood ran profusedly from his arms and soaked his mattress. He then got some quick service and was taken to the institution's hospital.

On Monday, November 20, 1972; inmate Samuel E. Johnson, 28 year old black man, serving a 4 year and nine month sentence for an assault with intent to kill, broke everything he could get his hands on in a section connected to the showers. The section where he Must. Numerous attempts have been made to drug Samuel Johnson, apparently because of a courageous act that he and countless other strong prisoners made in January 1972.

Saturday (12:30) January 22, 1972 Samuel Johnson was fetishly told that he could not see loved ones (his father, sister and his own kids). He said a pig by the name of captain "Davis" stopped him, ordered him to shave before he was allowed to see his visitors, and when he refused (he told the pig that he had a medical pass to wear the mustache) told him he couldn't have a vist. Apparently captain Davis felt he had the authority to turn away people's visits whenever his malignant instinct told him to. After continuously trying to reason with the pig and getting no result Samuels had no alternative but to hold six guards hostage until he was given permission to see his

Samuel Johnson needs your support in an effort to return to the prison population. In such a situation it would be more effective to free all political prisoners and prisoners of war..... Halt the gentry of oppression.....

Friday night November 24, 1972 at 9:45 PM, an inmate that sleeps in cell # 403 attempted to commit suicide by cutting both of his arm. The inmate's name is Kinston Shark #121300, he has been taken to the University Hospital and his condition is unknown.

All Power to the People!  
Free All Political Prisoners  
Comrade Robert Foulks  
Maryland Penitentiary



# TO ROY WILKINS on the NEW.



## Roy Wilkins

### THE NEW PANTHERS

All sorts of factors influence the majority in its treatment of various minorities, including Negroes, but the one operating on the greatest scale at the present time is fear.

That is why the official announcement that the Black Panthers have given up guns in favor of the ballot will do much to quiet some of the fears of the white majority. The Panthers, of course, were never the bogey men that the late J. Edgar Hoover and some police chiefs declared them to be.

They did not have at any one time more than 2,000 members in the entire United States. They had some 30-odd chapters, many of them with only a few members. Their rhetoric was more lurid than their actions.

Nor were they as terrible as they were pictured. They were young, disciplined revolutionaries and that, in many minds, made them dangerous. They came on the national scene after marching into the California state capitol building openly bearing rifles, shot-guns and pistols.

But their advisers were a lot smarter than the hysterical and prejudiced public and it was found later that they were within their rights in carrying un-

concealed arms. They were hot-headed and had a bad influence on black youth by exemplifying violence. Life's problems are not that simple.

The police of the nation made the Panthers. First, they fed the fear that uninformed citizens have for any organized group. And, second, they harassed the Panthers, stopping automobiles, raiding alleged Panther headquarters, confiscating literature, shooting at "fleeing" men whom they called Panthers.

The strong suspicion still exists in Chicago that on Dec. 4, 1969, the police killed two Panthers during a thin pretense at a shootout. It got so that even the most conservative Negro snorted at the Panther stories put out by the police.

Today, the Bobby Seale-Huey Newton faction of the Panthers, estimated at being at least seven times larger than the dissidents, is busy at voter registration and running candidates for office. Mrs. Erika Huggins, of New Haven trial fame, is an elected member of a community council in California. Bobby Seale is a candidate for mayor of Oakland, Calif. The idea of working for change within the system, using the ballot box, is attracting attention and support.

"By participating in the system, the Panthers," said Charles Garry, their famous attorney, "will be much more of a threat than they ever were when they were carrying guns. They will become more acceptable to all groups."

This is the strategy which has millions of practitioners in the black minority. Some, like the NAACP and the black Baptists (the largest denomination among Negroes), declare it to be the only effective strategy for black people, surrounded and overwhelmed, economically, by a white majority.

Black Americans must strengthen themselves from within, they say, and at the same time must seek allies in other groups and races. The new Panthers are reaching out to other groups.

The dissident Panther faction w. have none of this. Bernice Jones, secretary of the New York group, put it in the plainest language:

"We are not a civil rights group. We are not integrationist or segregationist. We do not relate to the NAACP or Urban League ideology nor a pie in the sky idealism. We are a revolutionary organization whose sole function is to wage revolution in America."

The whites who imagine Black Panthers to be the worst of black men can calm their fears. Inevitably, here and there, some will follow the old ways, but the Panthers will talk as straight as ever and they will be using their young energy winning friends for their cause and building strength through votes.

PANTHERS

During the latter part of the month of September and all of October of this year, I was in Louisville Kentucky working to free the Louisville 7. While I was away Uncle Roy was up to his shit again. In his column in the Sept. 30, 1971 issue of the New York Post he did a thing on "The New Panthers". (see article.)

From the article we can very easily gather that Uncle Roy is very pleased that Huey's Panthers have decided against revolution in America, and instead are on the road to reform in America. This comes as no shock to us because Uncle Roy is in favor of anything that does not pose a threat to American security. Prior to this thrust on the part of Huey's Panthers to work within the system & bring about necessary reforms through electoral politics, Roy Wilkins was vehemently against the Black Panther Party. He did not think of them as disciplined, young revolutionaries it was just the opposite, young anarchistic hoodlums. But now that they have put down the gun in favor of the ballot-Uncle Roy is grateful, is happy, because now his white masters can get rid of their fears.

To understand why Uncle Roy would be happy about the turn around of Huey's Panthers you will have to understand Uncle Roy.

Roy Wilkins is/was Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP). According to an article from Sechaba (the official organ of the African National Congress) "he's the latest of a number of so-called anti-racists to fall into the trap, so neatly laid by Nixon's new policy of Selective Involvement with white governments in Africa. Roy Wilkins went to Johannesburg, South Africa & defended the role of U.S. businesses in that segregated police state. The black people were confused by what

Roy Wilkins said he represented and what he did, and asked the question, "Which side is he on?"

We need not ask this question, of Uncle Roy because we understand that social practice is the criteria for truth. If one says that they are about what's good for Black people & continually and continuously ally themselves with what is categorically bad for Black people bad for Black people then we can only believe that they are about what is good for themselves.

We also have a saying within the Black Panther Party that "Whatever the enemy opposes we support and whatever he supports we oppose". Roy Wilkins may not be an assigned ambassador of the American government but he has taken upon himself the right to do that work, so he is part and parcel of the same package. So it is only natural that what he supports must be bad for Black people because it is good for America.

To Roy Wilkins, I would like to say, it is good that you endorse the "New Panthers" because it makes the line of demarcation between friend and foe a little clearer.

To the people as a whole, I would like to say, it is very true, "We are not a civil rights group. We are not an intergrationist group, or segregationist group. We do not relate to the NAACP or Urban League ideology nor pie in the sky idealism. We are a revolutionary organization whose sole function is to wage revolution in America."

"I hold that it is bad as far as we are concerned if a person, a political party, an army or a school is not attacked by the enemy, for in that case it would definitely mean that we have sunk to the level of the enemy. It is good if we are attacked by the enemy, since it proves that we have drawn a clear line of demar-

cation between the enemy and ourselves. It is still better if the enemy attacks us wildly and paints us as utterly black and without a single virtue; it demonstrates that we have not only drawn a clear line of demarcation between the enemy and ourselves but achieved a great deal in our work."

To be Attacked by the Enemy is Not a Bad Thing but a Good Thing!

All Power to the People!

Bernice Jones  
Communications Secy



We Will Not Allow  
America's Lackeys and Bootlickers  
To Live Off of our Sweat Anymore!

DEATH TO THE  
FASCIST PIGS!

# COME SEE ABOUT RUCHELL



On August 7, 1970 four men took part in a daring escape in the Marin County Courthouse at San Rafael that came to be known as the most daring act of revolutionary heroism that has ever been pulled off. The act oozed with such revolutionary planning, fortitude and daring that every progressive and revolutionary organization in the country hailed it as the "supreme example of revolutionary sacrifice." The act came to be known as "The Shootout at San Rafael" and the four men were James McClain 37, William Christmas 27, Jonathan Jackson 17, and Ruchell "Cinque" Magee then 31.

What was the purpose of this act? Jonathan Jackson went into the courtroom that day for the express purpose of liberating some prisoners of war (specifically the Soledad Brothers: his brother, George Jackson, John Clutchette and Fleeta Drumgo).

What was the result of this act? Jonathan Jackson-dead; James McClain-dead; Judge Haley-dead; Ass't D. A. Thomas-paralyzed; and Ruchell Magee-wounded. All because keeping inmates prisoners is deemed to be more important than human life by the California Department of Corrections.

The repercussions of August 7th reached far and wide. Two people were to bare the brunt of the ramifications - Angela Davis, a university professor was charged with the crime of purchasing the guns used and therefore (under California State law) murder. Ruchell Magee, serving a life sentence, was charged with the actual murder. These two were chosen to be the scapegoats for which something the State of California, specifically and the United States of Amerika, generally were responsible.

What happened to Angela Davis is a well known story. Her defense and support was based on the fact that she was a beautiful black woman. The highly resourceful and moneyed Communist Party played it to the hilt. Because the only thing she'd done "wrong" was to 'love' George Jackson and be a member of the Communist Party she gained the support of the masses of people across the country. Her name became a household word and she was acquitted by an all white jury. The question is: what about Ruchell?



Over two years later, Ruchell Magee, his case severed from that of Angela's, has finally begun trial in San Francisco, California on charges of murder, conspiracy and kidnapping. Ruchell stands alone in his fight for freedom. His only defense lies in demanding his human rights and that the law recognize the "Right of A Slave to Rebel." His defenses are so limited because 1) he was a black man. 2) he was not outstanding. 3) he was a felon; a black man who went to jail for "aggravated rape" after sleeping with a white woman who'd said "yes". After serving his time in Louisiana's Angola Prison, Ruchell moved to Los Angeles, where he was arrested and sentenced to life in prison for stealing \$10. During this trial, Ruchell was bound and gagged to keep him quiet during the Kangaroo court.

So after continuous abuse and misuse by the judicial system in this country Ruchell rebelled. August 7, 1970's shooting at San Rafael was an act of rebellion. In defense of this act Ruchell had planned to use the case of the "Amistad Slave Rebellion of 1839" where black slaves en route to the U.S. from Africa rebelled and killed many of the Spanish crew. The slaves were later captured by Americans and brought to trial on the U.S. The court ruled that slaves had a right to rebel and refuse jurisdiction.

So the trial of Ruchell "Cinque" Magee has begun in San Francisco, California amid more and more blatant attempts to silence Ruchell, to keep him from arguing his case along the line, to prevent him from telling the world about the case of "Ruchell the Slave". He has been denied freedom of the press, the attorney of his choice and a fair and public trial. He's being denied the right of a slave to rebel.



COMRADE RUCHELL MAGEE

So what are we going to do about it? Are we again creating classes among ourselves? Are we saying that we will only support the superstars and the intellectuals---Huey Newtons, Bobby Seales, Angela Davises, Eldridge Cleavers, Rap Browns, Ericka Huggins'? If we are saying this then someone should tell the little guys that they don't count, that we are not really about serving the people and working to better their conditions through socialist revolution. Someone should tell the practitioners that we are not about assassinating political persecutors, drug pushers and rebelling against the political repression and slavery that keeps us on our backs, living from day to day and hand to mouth. Someone should be about telling the little children in the schools, in the streets and in the homes that black is not beautiful but a new hustle, a new way to get over. Then most of all someone should be about telling the parents of the brothers and sisters who have struggled and died in the black liberation struggle here in Babylon that it wasn't meant to be taken seriously, it was just a ploy to get the man to give us a little bit of slack, and be sure to tell all the brothers in jail like Ruchell that they shouldn't have to rebel.

We know that we cannot expect the U. S. Communist Party to support Ruchell Magee because it is not politically opportune to do so. We know we cannot expect the West Coast "Black Panther" Party - Huey Newton faction to support Ruchell Magee because he doesn't fall into line with their definitions of the New Panther and will not be manipulated. We know we can't expect the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization (YLP) to support Ruchell because he isn't a factory worker. But what about you members of the black community who don't class yourselves, who just know and understand Ruchell and his reasoning and the reasoning of any black man or woman when he or she begins to rebel against this system of oppression?

Won't you come see about Ruchell? Won't you demand to know why Ruchell is being kept handcuffed in court? Demand to know why the State of California transports Ruchell back & forth to court in a helicopter at the taxpayers expense. Demand to know why Ruchell has been denied access to the mass media. Then demand that Ruchell be freed under the 1339 precedent that freed Cinque because a slave has a right to rebel.

Ruchell's only claim to fame is the fact that he survived the August 7th "Shootout at San Rafael." Of this Ruchell says, "Being that the white racists were't successful in murdering me August 7th, they joined each other in the conspiracy to convict me for rebelling against slavery by so-called 'trial'."



Ruchell Magee, seated, and Angela Davis during earlier trial.

Realizing that the States agents' charges were false, I filed a Removal Petition with the U.S. District Court seeking to have the case moved to Federal Court...showing that slavery, prejudice and suppression of evidence denied and prevented me from receiving a fair trial in California courts. The judges, Samuel Conti, Robert Schneck, and others denied every document without hearing, issued a gag rule denying me the right to file legal documents to the U.S. Northern District Court of California and lead the press to publishing false statements about my filing frivolous documents to delay state trial proceedings.

There, when I attempted to appeal to the U.S. 9th Circuit court of appeal seeking to enforce Federal rights to show the Magee delay trial falsehood that the unconstitutional gag rule rest on as racist insults and Judges abuse of power the judges Chamber and Merrill (to strengthen U.S. district Judge Conti's news media and fabricate and propagate false leads while at the same time denying me the right to rebuttal or answer witnesses (June-July 1972 issue of Esquire Magazine.)"

All of the prior Judges were disqualified by Magee, where they ran out the case to avoid being exposed in the Frame-Up. But one Judge, E Warren McGuire, after admitting prejudice and disqualifying himself, illegally returned to the case and issued his gag rule denying me the right to see news reporters. Therefore, on June 8, 1972 Judge Colvin extended McGuire's gag rule despite my objection on grounds that he and McGuire lack jurisdiction to deny me freedom of speech and access to the press, and no judge can legally (1st Amendment U.S. Const.) This is in itself shows that the theory of these judges and the practice of tyranny are one and the same. For what reason I am appealing to the President (of the U.S.) to intervene against the judicial mob of California who attempt to contavene the Amendments to the Constitution which I am now endeavoring to enforce, and for the purpose of calling a tention to the defects in the judicial system and seeking a remedy to CORRECT THEM.

So you see, Ruchell is not a political prisoner. Ruchell is not a criminal; Ruchell Magee is a slave that has revolted against his slavemaster and because of that, war has been declared against him. Ruchell Magee is a prisoner of war and is facing the wrath of the United States forces alone. How can we sit quietly by and let this happen? His trial is already in progress. Jury selection is in progress and if we don't do something quick the verdict will be in and it will be guilty.



# MARTIN SOSTRE IN SOLITARY



AUBURN, N.Y.—Martin Sostre has been thrown into solitary confinement at Auburn Prison, allegedly for refusing to shave a quarter inch beard he has worn in prison for almost 3 year. Sostre says the real reason he is in solitary is his role in organizing a work strike for higher wages in the prisons license plate shop and forming a prisoner's labor union, and because of his agitation over the denial of mustaches, beards and sideburn.

Other recent harrassments of Sostre has included obstruction of his mail, to and from attorneys and friends; denying him his typewriter for the past 4 months, denying him items from his food packages, such as a tube of toothpaste which was labelled contraband, filming him in

the prison yard as a warning to other inmates to stay away from him and threatening to transfer him to Clinton Prison, twice the distance from Buffalo, where visits from his attorneys and friends would be nearly impossible.

Sostre described the conditions at Auburn as "very tense, ready to explode". Over 50 men are presently keeplocked for refusing to shave facial hair, others are in solitary with Sostre and 21 have been moved to Creenhaven and Clinton Prisons for participating in the work stoppage .

Sostre, who was arrested in July 1967 following riots in Buffalo's Black community is 49 years old and is serving a 41 year sentence. He has spent over 6 1/2 years in solitary confinement. His lawsuits against prison officials have, in the words of Federal Judge Constance Baker Motley, "eleminated some of the more outrageously inhumane aspects of solitary confinement in some of the state's prisons".

Sostre's supporters are urging the public to send letters and telegrams to Auburn Warden Robert Henderson and Albany's Corrections Commissioner Russell Oswald, urging that Sostre be released from solitary, as the situation at Auburn is extremely dangerous.

FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED  
send to:  
Vanguard Defense Committee for Martin Sostre

P.O. Box 839  
Ellicott Station  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14295

# JACQUES ROSE NOT GUILTY

MONTREAL, (QSCN) DEC.9—JACQUES ROSE held captive since December, 1970 for the "kidna;" and "murder" of Pierre LaPorte was acquitted of the first charge at exactly noon to-day.

After a few moments of stunned silence, the court erupted amid joyous laughter and applause as sympathizers, family and friends hugged Rose and his lawyer, Robert Lemieux. Then with arm raised in the clenched fist salute, the prisoner greeted those present shouting "solidarite ! nous vaincrons!" The crowd answered with chants of "Ce N'est Qu'un Debut Continouns Le Combat!"

Thanking the 11 jurors (1 was disqualified for prejudice), Me. Lemieux said: "This is not an establishment victory, but a people's victory...There will be Roses in the snow this winter, thanks to you!"

Jacques' brother Paul, along with Francis Simard and Bernard Lortie (who drew a five-month sentence for refusing to testify last week) were convicted in an atmosphere of juridical corruption and military occupation, and are serving 20-year to life sentences. They are supposed to have collaborated in the "crime" for which Jacques Rose now stands acquitted.

He will still have to undergo trial on the "murder" charge and the crown is expected to do its worst despite an admission that all of its evidence is "pure circumstantial".

# Another Appeal: Justice!

The main issue of the State's case against David Rice and Ed Poindexter are not certain technical legal matters such as illegal search and seizure.

The main issue and primary one is that the State has not shown these two men to be either guilty of Minard's murder or to be involved in it; that has known all along who the guilty parties are and allowed one of them to plead to Juvenile Delinquency and did not even bring the other to trial. That the State with the cooperation of Judges Simon A. Simon, and Donald Hamilton, and others intentionally violated the Constitutional Rights of Ed Poindexter and David L. Rice in order to secure their imprisonment, thereby silencing their political views and putting a halt to their political activities among the people of Omaha, Nebraska.

This contention regarding the miscarriage of justice by the State of Nebraska, is supported by the following facts:

1. The basis or justification for the raid at Rice's house was simply 'David Rice is a known member of a militant organization that advocates the killing of policemen.'
2. Though Duane Peak implicated 6 people as having been involved in the Minard killing, David Rice and Ed Poindexter were the only ones brought to trial.

3. It is a matter of court record that Arthur O'Leary (then Deputy Prosecutor for the State of Nebraska) made two statements, during the course of an interrogation of Duane Peak telling him:

it was not important that he tell the truth regarding his own involvement, and that it did not matter one little bit if he were to leave out a fact or not...that there was somebody else that they (the state) were after.

4. The submission of newsletters into evidence was allowed during the trial, even though their only use was to illustrate the defendant's political persuasion to the jury, certainly further prejudicing a white (with one exception) middle-aged to elderly, middle-class jury against two young black men who held and hold 'radical' political beliefs.
5. Even though Duane Peak had perjured and impeached himself several times from the time of his arrest to the Rice-Poindexter trial and even though all his testimony implicating Rice and Poindexter as being invol-

ved in the Minard death was refuted by credible witnesses, Judge Hamilton did not enter a directed verdict of 'not guilty', and did not even instruct the jury to weigh the import of Duane Peak's frequent lying under oath.

Those, people of the state of Nebraska, are the true issues. The conviction of Ed Poindexter and David Rice must be overturned, primarily because the State intentionally violated laws the Constitution, and rules of ethics in order to put these two innocent men in prison and shut them up.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS  
LIBERATE ALL PRISONERS  
OF WAR!

**ALL POWER  
TO  
THE PEOPLE**

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## CARLOS LAMARCA AN EXAMPLE FOR MILITARY LEADERS



Manchete from P. orial  
Carlos Lamarca, shown when he was a captain in the Brazilian Army, teaching marksmanship to civilians. He defected and became leader of Popular Revolutionary Vanguard, a leftist group said to have kidnapped the West German Ambassador to Brazil.

Carlos Lamarca was assassinated in September 1971. He was an ex-captain in the Brazilian army. He was considered the most prominent revolutionary figure in the country after the death of Carlos Marighella in 1969 and Joaquin Camara Ferreira who succeeded Marighella in 1970. Lamarca was injured in a shooting battle with the police and assassinated afterward. The official version of his death: "He resisted arrest after being surrounded by the police and Army." The proof of murder was evident. In the files of the Ministry of defense of Brazil, there the military record of Carlos Lamarca states: "deserter and subversive," Date of Birth: October 7, 1937; began studies at the age of 16 at the Military School of Porto Alegre, spent 3 years at Las Aquilas Negras Academe for officers; six months in Sao Paulo Cadet School; one year with the UN Contingent at the Suez Canal; two years with the MP where he was promoted to Captain; Instructor of recruits; 1967 Marksman champion of the Army he also took part in various national and international competitions. later in serving the revolutionary cause, he trained his comrades in the handling of weapons. Lamarca explained the factors which led to him entering the Brazilian Army.

"Like the great majority of his colleagues he as in the ambitious bag", and being of the working class, he entered the armed forces with one thing in mind . to contribute to Brazil's development. His first awakening was to discover that the Brazilian army is the vanguard fo the reactionary movement. At first he didn't assimilate the brainwashing talk about "the internal enemy" of the Brazilian democracy ect... the internal enemy meaning the workers, intellectuals, artist and scientists protesting for a better working situation and

higher wages; students and hungry farmers protesting for decent reforms, ect... At first he thought that because fo his great assets of studiousness, leadership ability and solid professional preparation, the army offered him a secure future.

After his rude awakening, tired of the whole situation in the armed forces, and after trying to change things through peaceful means, Lamarca decided to take the revolutionary road. His first move was to get in contact with insurrectional groups. During the middle of 1960 an armed group attacked the military hospital and took 9 Fal rifles. Lamarca and his military friends became part of the VPR in 1968. His main job was to expropriate arms at the military base in Quitanna, Sao Paulo, where he was stationed. After that was done, they would desert the army and become fully dedicated to the revolutionary movement. Things didn't work out as expected. Four Soldiers were caught in a plan to expropriate 400 FAL rifles. Lamarca then decided to accelerate his time-plan. On January 25th, 1969 he abandoned the military base where he asd stationed with other members of the VPR taking along with them, a truckload of ammunition. 69 rifles .10 machine guns and three bazookas.

The group carried out the single, largest robbery ever organized in Brazil. A paramilitary raid on a house in Rio De Janeiro that netted \$2.4 million in cash from a safe belonging to a former governor of the state of Sao Paulo.

Costa e Silva's regime countered with a violent reprisal. From January to March 1969 death and persecution weakened the revolutionary movement. Torture was institutionalized under the technical advice of American experts. Electric shock, "pandearara", blowpipe application,

rape, etc,.. But the VPR resisted and attained higher levels of quality. Captain Lamarca joined participated, directed the underground struggle, executing torturers and informers of the regime, expropriation of funds and political kidnappings.

Lamarca the strategy, the countryside is the weakest link of the imperialist chain. That is where the biggest contradiction of Brazilian capitalism lies. There, Lamarca said, would be the ideal place to begin the military-political recruiting of peasants. He then established the Valle de Rebeira guerrilla school of Sao Paulo State. "To dare to fight, to dare to win!" became his battle cry.

The repressive Brazilian army used 20,000 men, fighter planes, B-25 bombers and C-47 transport planes, along with armored helicopters against the revolutionary forces. All to no avail. Breaking out one tactical and strategic encirclement, the enemy suffered 10 casualties and 18 men captured in three clashes with the VPR. On September 17, 1971 in the town of Ipurira, Bahia State, Carlos Lamarca was finally surrounded and murdered by repressive agents of the Brazilian regime. A heavy blow, indeed for the movement in general, and the liberation struggle of South America in particular. But the oil from the terrorists tears of vengeance still burns bright on the Brazilian battlefield. On September 20, after Lamarca's murder, the Chief of Police called a police conference and stated that, with Lamarca's assassination, the revolutionary movement in Brazil will eventually become extinct. The comrades answer to that assertion was echoed by simulated attacks:

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, Sept. 21  
There was a voracious fire today in the pavilion of the USIS.

Sao Paulo has been the center of numerous actions by the revolutionary forces in answer to Lamarca's assassination. Such as the burning of a police car and two newspaper distribution trucks, and false rumors of bombs placed at newspaper offices.

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, Sept. 23  
Three young revolutionaries and two soldiers died when a commando group attacked a military truck in this city.

We, in the Caribbean must, and are taking up the noble invocation at the transformation of Lamarca's glorious revolutionary life. "We are in the 1st stage of a long and painful war. This is our way of showing our active solidarity with the Cuban revolution and with the glorious struggle of the Wietnamese people. One must "dare to struggle and dare to win!"

Habib Tiwoni  
Caribbean Journalist

# Ben Chavis



BEN CHAVIS

RALIEGH, N.C.--(BCNS) Ben Chavis was released on \$50,000 bail on December 9, 1972. Rev. Chavis is out on bail pending an appeal on a recent conviction that gave him 34 years in Burgaw, North Carolina.

According to Rev. Chavis, his greatest concern now will be to get the other 9 of his co-defendants out also.

The ten were convicted and sentenced to a total of 242 years on charges of conspiracy and burning a grocery during a protest against racial bias in Wilmington, N.C. in February of 1971. Bail Bonds were set at a total of \$400,000 and all were put in jail.

Koen was involved in civil rights protests in the St. Louis area at the time of his arrest here, but later returned to Cairo, Ill., his home town. Circuit Judge David A. Mc Mullan had sentenced KOEN to nine months in the city workhouse after a jury found him guilty of possession of marijuana. But the high court ruled Monday the evidence used in the conviction was obtained in an unconstitutional search, and therefore the conviction was improper.

Rev. Koen was also restricted to the State of Illinois for nine months on the misdemeanor. Which points to the conspiracy of Illinois and Missouri to hamper the struggle of Black, poor and oppressed people in the state.

Rev. Koen says "I am happy that finally the truth has come to light about the case after over three year of court battle. I want to thank my lawyers, Attorneys James Bell and Allen Harris, the people of St. Louis and the Supreme Court Judges for their truthful and correct decision in my case.

Two policemen stopped Koen in a car January 29, 1969 because mud obscured his license plate, a misdemeanor.

Officers testified they saw Koen close the glove compartment as they approached and they feared that he might have a weapon in it. They searched the car and suitcases in it without a search warrant. The court said it is illegal to make searches without search warrants under most circumstances.

# The Case of the Missing HEROIN



Commissioner Murphy

NEW YORK, N.Y... (BCNS) The New York City Police Department announced on Thursday, Dec. 14, 1972 that 57 pounds of pure heroin worth \$12 million dollars seized in the infamous French Connection Case was missing. Then New York's Finest came back with an encore on Friday, announcing that another 23 pounds confiscated in the same case was also missing. The total recorded amount missing from the property clerks office at police headquarters is 80 pounds worth about \$16 million in street sales.

The disclosure came at a time when the Police Department and other learned sources were involved in patting each other on the backs for the great job they're doing in cleaning up the drug traffic in the streets, at the docks and on the international scene. The question is: What is happening to the confiscated narcotics?

There has been scuttlebutt in the streets for years to the effect that the Police Department is one of the biggest pushers going. There is a lot of well founded rumors that when a pusher gets busted with the goods in his possession that the reason why he hits the streets again so fast is because the pigs rip off his load and he gets a light case because he is now not valuable.

In the middle of this past summer Police Commissioner Murphy and others stood on the corner of 125th St. and 7th Avenue in front of Chock Full of Nuts in Harlem and supposedly burnt approximately 2 million dollars in heroin that had been confiscated. If the method of destruction of this death drug is that easy, then why was 16 million dollars worth of this death kept around so long?

What happened to this 80 pounds of death? Why New York's Finest paved the way for it to find its way back to the streets and into the system of an already dying people. According to informed sources, the heroin was signed out of the property room by a narco detective that committed suicide last March 27th.

The theft of this large quantity of heroin from within the police department can only mean that people in higher echelon positions with the NYPD is involved in organized crime. What other explanation is there? Did you not learn anything from expose's on organized crime such as "The Godfather", "The Vallachi Papers" and "Super Fly"? As far as their relationship to the law enforcement and all so law making agencies are concerned

the analogy is sufficiently real.

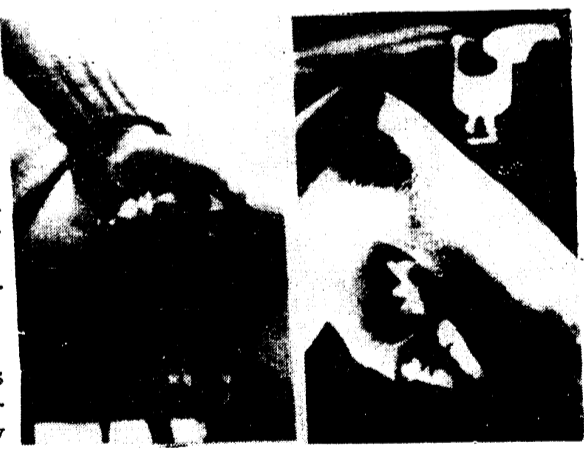
That is why we have created our own code of law and order and are our own law enforcers for we have known for a long time the truth about crime and the New York Police Department for we have been the victims of both sides of the coin. If they cannot prevent crime in their own department how can they even pretend to prevent crime in the Black community?

Are you sure that it was heroin that Eagan brought in? That's where you start to find the answers to the case of the missing heroin.

We will continue to solve our problems with drugs and drug trafficking without the help of New York's Finest.

Educate Users—Exterminate Sellers!

P.S. By the time we went to press the amount of missing narcotics had exceeded 330 lbs.



## KOEN NOT GUILTY

CAIRO, Ill...The 1969 conviction of civil rights activist Charles E. Koen on a marijuana charge in St. Louis was overturned Monday by the Missouri Supreme Court.

The high court ruled St. Louis police made an illegal search of a car Koen was driving, in which an envelope containing 1.02 grams of marijuana allegedly was found in the glove compartment.

# Black Leaders & White Decision



Rev. J. Jackson



Roy Wilkins



I. A. Baraka

AUSTIN, TEXAS (BCNS)—At the recent Civil Rights Forum in Austin, Texas some much noted Civil Rights leaders met to come to terms on a proposal to take to Nixon supposedly to better the conditions of Black people. Present at the gathering were such notable Black leaders as: Julian Bond, Rev. A Kendall Smith, Imamu Baraka, Roy Innis etc, and their friends of distinction, former president Lyndon Baines Johnson, his wife and Hubert H. Humphrey.

It seems that during the course of the conference the Black leaders began to bicker among themselves as to how to deal with Nixon and what their demands will be. The bickering was so intense that old LBJ himself became upset enough to go against his doctor's orders and try to appease the sides.

Julian Bond is quoted as being so enthused at Johnson's job of appeasement that he longed to have him back in the White House.

It is a sad state of affairs when a member of the oppressor class has to tell the people who are supposed to be trying to overthrow him how to do it. It is a sadder day for Black people when the enemy has to step in and settle a dispute between the Black "leaders".

When will Black people learn to act on the lesson that Malcolm tried to teach a long time ago, take your differences behind closed doors and come before the man with a United Front.

## THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE "BLACK WORKERS FREEDOM CONVENTION"

by J. Peters

### A Great Beginning

Within the United States today, it is the struggle between the oppressed Black, Latin, Asian and Native American peoples against the imperialist monopolies and their government that most decisively influences the course of all other political events. The militant activity of these groups crystalized in Lincoln Heights, Ohio, during Labor Day weekend, September 2 and 3, at the "Black Workers Freedom Convention."

The 'Convention' was organized by a united front of workers' caucuses and organizations, rank and file committees within trade unions, and independent progressive political organizations. Representatives of the many national groups within the country, as well as substantial numbers of youth and women attended. Over 30 different organizations sent delegates among whom were representatives from the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, Fight Back, Transit Rank and File, Puerto Rican Socialist Party, the Revolutionary Union, the People's College of Nashville, Congreso de Pueblo, the Black Affairs Committee of District 65, the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization (Young Lords), the Black Panther Party, Student Organization for Black Unity (SOBU), the Boston Housing Organization, the United Community Construction Workers, Inc., also of Boston, the United Black Workers of Newark, N.J., and the Black Workers Congress.

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## IMARI OBADELE I ILL IN JAIL



Imari Abubakari Obadele I, the president of the provisional revolutionary government of the Republic of New Africa, has contracted Emphysema, a disease of the lung in which breathing is impaired because of the inability of the lung to deflate normally.

Emphysema is usually caused by the presence of alien matter in the lung cavity. A person with emphysema becomes increasingly short of breath, the chest becomes rigid, and the ribs are fixed their joints. That's why most people with emphysema seem to have a barrel chest.

Imari has been in jail in Jackson, Mississippi since the infamous raid on the government center in Jackson, Mississippi by United States law enforcement officers supposedly under the pretext of serving a warrant on a party that was in the house. They came to the house in the wee hours of the morning and proceeded to attack the house. They came to serve a warrant in full battle dress, about 20 to 30 strong. The result of this unwarranted action was one of the United States forces dead and no citizens of the Republic wounded or injured. Imari wasn't even in the house but, he has been charged with levying war against the state of Mississippi, treason and murder. He has been in jail since August of 1971.

Imari contracted emphysema in jail. In a dusty death cell with improper ventilation, with improper heating etc. Emphysema patients should avoid excessive heat or cold. Heat increases the body temperature, hence it raises the oxygen requirements of the body. This means that the body will need more oxygen than the already damaged lung will be able to provide. The lung cannot provide this extra oxygen because of its emphysemic condition. Cold tends to promote bronchospasm - that is when the bronchial tubes is blocked and fails to do their job because of this reason. Dusty areas also stimulate bronchial spasms.

Understanding, as we do, the threat and seriousness of emphysema, it is very hard for us to believe that any government who prides itself on its humanitarian practices can allow Imari Obadele I to remain in an 8 by 8 death cell with his condition as it is, knowing that it can only grow worse.

Therefore, we the Black Panther Party, implore the people of the United States to let your voice be heard and your will be known and demand the freedom of Imari Obadele I from this death cell. We implore the people of the United States and the world to not wait until it is too late but to act now to make sure that the life of President Imari Obadele I is not stamped out due to negligence by strategy on the part of the forces of the state of Mississippi.

Send letters demanding the release of Imari to: Warden  
Hinds County Jail  
Jackson, Mississippi

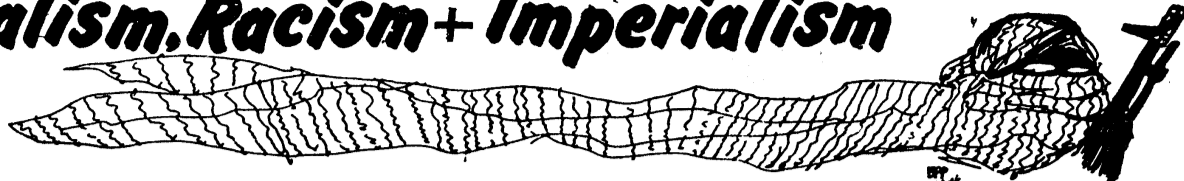
Chokwe Lumumba  
Minister of Justice  
128 1/2 Gallatin St. N.W.  
Jackson, Mississippi

and he will forward them to the desired party.



## BLACK LABOR NEWS

# Zionism, Colonialism, Racism + Imperialism is Terrorism



The Sixth (Legal) Committee of the United Nations General Assembly debated on the question of so-called "international terrorism" from November 9 to 22.

From beginning to end, many delegations from the third world strongly opposed the inclusion of this item in the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly. They pointed out that this kind of debate would be made use of by the imperialist, colonialist and Zionist forces to vilify the national-liberation movements. After the debate began on November 9, the representatives of Israel, South Africa, Portugal and a few other states did exactly this. They slandered the Palestinian liberation movement and the liberation movements of southern Africa as "terrorist organizations" and also slandered those countries which rendered support to these movements. This aroused the strong indignation of the delegations of many, especially the Arab and African, countries.

Chinese Representative Pi Chi-lung said: "The Chinese Government is opposed to assassination and hijacking of individuals as a means for waging political struggles and is also opposed to adventurist acts of terrorism by individuals or a handful of people divorced from the masses, because they are detrimental to the interests of the cause of national liberation and people's revolution. That has been the consistent stand of the Chinese Government.

"In our opinion," he said, "despite the recent occurrence of some incidents of assassination and hijacking by a few people, we should never allow imperialism, colonialism & neo-colonialism, racism and Zionism to use such incidents to vilify and suppress the national-liberation movement and people's revolutionary struggles. For that reason, the Chi-

nese Delegation has from the outset opposed the inclusion of the question of so-called international terrorism in the agenda of the General Assembly."

Pi Chi-lung denounced the Israeli Zionists for openly vilifying, at the current session of the General Assembly, the Palestine Liberation Organization as a "terrorist organization" and heaping abuses on the Arab countries which support the Palestinian people's struggle. He condemned the Portuguese colonialist for making, under the pretext of opposing "terrorism", an outcry for the "general and unconditional" repression of the national-liberation struggle of the peoples of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau); and for brazenly demanding that provisions be made to the effect in legal form. He also denounced the South African white racist regime for vilifying as "terrorism" the South African and Namibian people's struggle against Apartheid and for national independence, and for indicating their intention to resort to "all means at their disposal".

Pi Chi-lung said: "If one is to talk about international terrorism, the imperialist aggression against & oppression of the people of various countries, the U.S. imperialists' wanton bombing in Viet Nam, the Israeli Zionist slaughter and persecution of the Palestinian people, the brutal colonial domination of the African people by the Portuguese, South African and Rhodesian colonialist authorities and their crimes of racism and apartheid constitute large-scale terrorism in its true sense. The struggles of the Palestinian and Arab peoples and of the African peoples for the achievement and defense of national independence are just

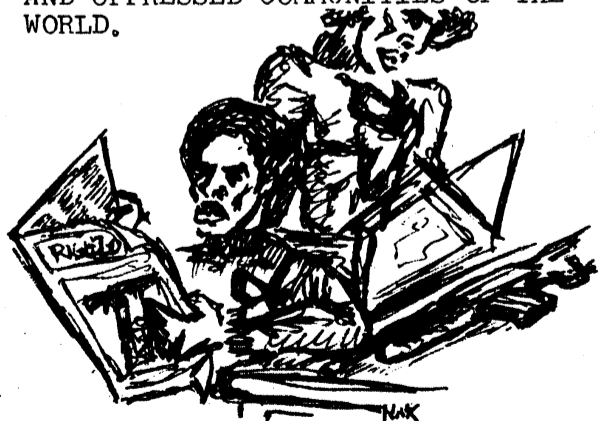
struggles with the active participation of the broad masses of the people and are not terrorism at all. On the contrary, those people are the real victims of terrorism. On the question of so-called terrorism, who ever slanders the Palestine Liberation Organization, abuses the Arab countries for their support of the just position of the Palestinian people and vilifies the revolutionary struggles of the African peoples is trumpeting and supporting terrorism here. The Chinese Delegation definitely cannot agree to any condemnation under the pretext of opposing "terrorism", which is actually directed against the Palestinian and other Arab peoples as well as the African peoples."

"With regard to the adventurist acts of terrorism carried out by a few people divorced from the masses" Pi Chi-lung said in conclusion, "the Chinese Government has all along taken a serious and responsible attitude and dealt with them properly in the light of different circumstances. This is a fact known to all. In our opinion, the handling of such problems falls basically within the sovereign right of the country in which the incident occurs. If necessary consultations and cooperation are required among the countries concerned they should seek a reasonable settlement on the basis of respect for each other's sovereignty. We cannot agree to the forcible imposition of measures detrimental to state sovereignty in the form of an international convention."

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# The Plainfield Frameup

Two Plainfield, New Jersey black men went on trial in November for the September 18, 1971 murder of patrolman Frank Buczek.

The Two brothers are David Bryant and Micheal Alston, both 18. Both David and Micheal were arrested on October 18, 1971, one month after Buczek's shooting, and have been in the Union County Jail every since on \$50,000 thousand dollars bail each.

The prosecution's key witness in the case, Francis Martin Lacey, who is seventeen years old (white) has been caught in contradictory statements on numerous occasions during cross examination by Thomas Ashley, who represent Alston.

The discrepancies include his position on the street the night of the shooting, whether or not there were any cars obstructing his view, how many times he had seen Bryant and Alston before the shooting etc. When confronted with the inconsistencies Lacey said: "I rushed into that (earlier testimony) too fast," "You made me rush into that" and proceeded to charge the defense attorney with "railroading" him into making contradictory statements and repeatedly told the court that the inaccuracies were due to his nervousness and reaction to the defense attorneys.

Another key state witness, Russell Damon, a 15-year old Plainfielder, told the Union County Court that several statements that he gave the police about the shooting were untrue.

Damon, who had helped park cars in the lot the night of the shooting, told police he was in the lot when Buczek was shot and saw the patrolman fall to the ground and his assailants run from the lot. Under cross examination, by Ashley, he admitted that he was actually sitting on a porch across the street with some friends when the shooting took place. He also admitted that he could not positively identify David and Micheal as the ones who did it.

In describing the two for the police Damon said both of them were about six feet tall, and were dark complexioned "negroes". One had an "Afro" & the other had short hair. He testified in court that both had "Afro" hair cut, both were about 5 feet nine and "light" complexioned.

The defense attorneys have witness that will verify that both David and Micheal were elsewhere at the time of the shooting. So this only means that both "key" witnesses are lying and the prosecution is only continuing to push this case not out of desire for justice but to remove from the streets these 2 brothers so they cannot continue their work of organizing the Plainfield community.

At the time of this writing the trial was still going on, before Judge Harold A. Ackerman in the Union County Court.

David Bryant and Micheal Alston must be freed to continue organizing against the racism and oppression that faces unaware and uninformed black and third world peoples.

Struggling together we can't help but win in the Struggle For Freedom and Liberation!

Free Micheal & David!

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The high level of political consciousness exhibited by the rank and file workers with the Convention itself was a most remarkable thing to observe. Speaker after speaker not only discussed the particular struggle they were engaged in, but all seem to recognize the necessity for political organization and struggle against the capitalist system itself. We would have only wished that the many narrow-minded folk who are in the habit of speaking of the "utter un-political character of the American worker," their "inherent reactionary and apathetic nature," etc., etc., could have attended the Black Workers Freedom Convention. More than mere rhetoric, this high political consciousness was manifested concretely in the resolutions passed on the convention floor. For example:

1. We demand an immediate end to the Vietnam War. We support the 7 point peace plan of the PRG of Vietnam and self-determination for the Vietnamese and Indochinese peoples.
2. We call for the immediate independence of Puerto Rico
3. We call for the elimination of all forms of oppression and discrimination of women: on the job, in the home, and in all phases of society.
4. We call for an end to the attacks on the Mexican-American people of the Southwest and especially through the youth, to unfair and unjust immigration laws.

There you have in clear and simple language, proletarian internationalism, international solidarity, recognition and support for the just struggles of other strata and groups of people inside and outside the United States.

Vicky Garvin, a consistent fighter and veteran of the movement in this country, said: "It is more than a coincidence that the 'National Negro Labor Congress' (a mass organization led by black working people and dedicated first and foremost to the struggle against reactionary McCarthyism and repression during the 1950s), also held a convention here in Cincinnati almost to this day, twenty-two years ago." She went on to say: "The fear of being labeled a Communist, of having one's family persecuted, of losing one's job, mitigated against the prospects for large-scale black political activity, but we carried on that struggle nonetheless, it is the same struggle you carry on today."

Between the time of the National Negro Labor Congress's Convention and the Black Workers Freedom Convention, some 22 years have passed. The world has changed. During these 22 years the government of the U.S. and the economic powers behind it have sought directly and indirectly to manipulate the internal life of over half of the entire world to maximize the opportunities for "American" capital investment and "American" access to military bases and strategic raw materials. Today, however, we have a situation in which numerous "underdeveloped countries" like Cuba, Vietnam, Guinea, etc., are successfully struggling against the American Monster for complete and genuine national independence, while the U.S. and its "allies" are no longer united, but divided, tearing at each other's throat over the price of gold.

Therefore, to fully understand the significance of what took place in Cincinnati, we must analyze some of the characteristics of the major political and economic developments today.

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Note: At the time we went to press the trial of the Plainfield Two had ended. After spending an entire year in jail, away from people, in their concentration camp, the Plainfield Two were acquitted. Justice would have been not to have gone to jail at all. There is no justice in the courts.

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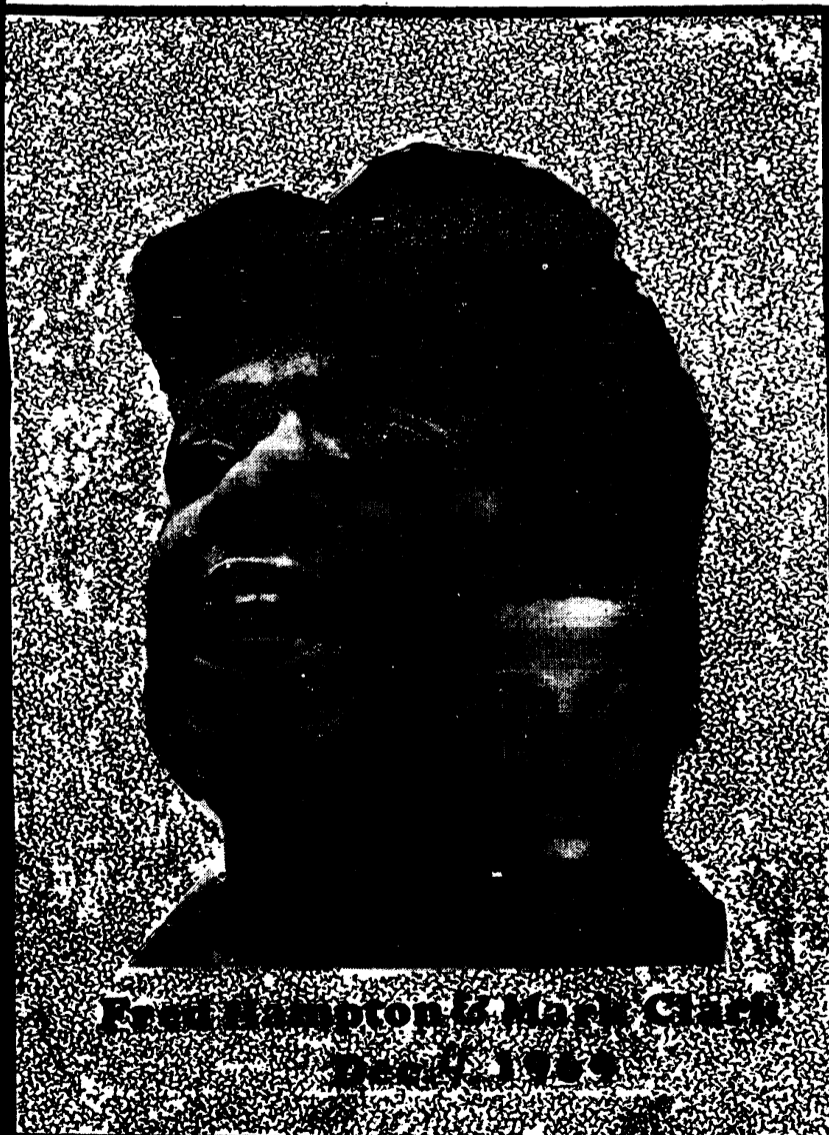
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# In Memory of Our Fallen Comrades

**'Let ALL tests of Revolution confront me. Those that I'm not ready for I will become ready for. People Unite!'**  
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**Frank Fields - Dec. 31, 1971**



**Fred Hampton & Mark Clark  
Dec. 1969**

**'I don't believe that I'm going to die from slippin' on a piece of ice...cancer of the lungs...from a bad heart...but, I do believe I'm going to die doing what I'm suppose to be doing in the international proletarian revolution'**

**Fred Hampton**

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There were arrested on that day 9 Aboriginals, four of whom were hospitalized in their attempt to defend the Embassy. The short-sightedness & narrowmindedness of this fascist government only helped us (representatives of the Aboriginal Black Power Movement) in our attempt to unite our people—in full-blood and half-caste, initiated and uninitiated, conservative and radical—in the united stand for our rights. The Embassy was re-erected the following Sunday after other Aboriginals and their sympathizers, white supporters had come from all States of Australia, so that we had representatives of all Aboriginal movements. On this occasion approximately 500 police were used. Forty-nine defenders of the Embassy were arrested. Twelve were hospitalized, including myself this time. They missed me the first time! The Embassy was erected again for the third successive Sunday with approximately 3,000 to 4,000 supporters involved comprised of 1,000 Aboriginals and 3,000 whites. But on this day the police did move in—I think because of the adverse publicity they received on the first and second occasions. The tents stood for 3 hours on that Sunday afternoon, when it was decided at a Council meeting of the Aboriginals present that we had made our point—that we achieved publicity nationally and internationally for our struggle.

We believe that the Government's apathy and racist policies are just effective in destroying our children, as if they were using napalm and guns. Omission to act when children die of malnutrition when there is no need for it achieves the same effect.

The Embassy accomplished a lot for the Aboriginal people. Some of the benefits will not be seen for years, mainly because it was the symbol of our struggle against racist oppression. It gave us a feeling of great dignity, coupled with national unity and tremendous personal self-respect (something which the Government and missionaries had always tried to destroy in us and up to a point recently, they had succeeded). But one thing which it achieved right away was the promise of the Leader of the opposition, Gough Whitlam, to give freehold title to Aboriginals' tribal land, a Civil Rights Bill to overrule the existing racist legislation on statute in Queensland and, finally, the most important promise, some way to try and stop the high infant mortality rate.

Tomorrow, the 2nd of December, Australian Federal elections are on to decide who will be in power for the next 4 years. Most Aboriginals hope that Labor gets in, even though we know that what Whitlam said or promised when made in opposition might easily be forgotten in and when in power. The irony of the whole affair at the Embassy is that the Aboriginal people in the electorate of Gwydir have the numbers, if organized to tip out of parliament the man responsible for the destruction of the Embassy, Ralph Hunt, Minister of the Interior. Whilst the Embassy stood, the Government projected the myth that the people who were in the Embassy did not speak for or represent the whole of the Aboriginal people.

Then on 11th August the myth of the members of the Aboriginal Embassy not being representative of their people exploded. At a National Advisory

Council Meeting on that day in Canberra—where half the members were elected, the rest appointed by the various state governments—Howson, the Minister for Aborigines, Environment and the Arts, in his address to this Advisory Committee, said "You are brought here as true representatives of the Aboriginal people. We will let you talk in private to discuss your problems and when you have finalized the demands, I will come back tomorrow and pick them up." Just as Howson was finishing his speech five of us ex-members of the Aboriginal Embassy walked in. Dennis Walker carried a placard that had stood for six months over the Embassy with the title "Aboriginal Embassy" written on it attached to his chest. All four had their mouths taped—I didn't because I had to speak—we raised our fists in a Black power salute. I then addressed myself to the Chairman of the Advisory Council, Sir Pastor Doug Nicholls the Aboriginal Knight, and said, "Thank you for allowing us the right of entry but we feel we can not stay on the condition that we do not have the right to speak. You saw yourself the indignities and violence we were subjected to in the removal of the Embassy. We now feel under these circumstances that we are being subjected to a greater indignity when our own kind gag us and not allow us to speak. Under those circumstances we take leave of you now".

Whilst all this was proceeding Howson did not look in our direction once, but all the media did. We left the room. An hour later we were voted in with full speaking rights and full voting rights, which meant a great slap in the face for the McMahon government, in particular Howson and Hunt, in their saying that we were not true representatives.

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## Black Health Crisis Real

(YOBU)—Health is, aside from the personal comfort or pain accruing to a given individual, a natural resource for the Black community or any other. Health not only affects demographic composition and change; it also affects the ability of individuals to play their social, political and economic roles." (Bro. Nathan Hare)

There is in existence in the Black community across this country a massive crisis in "health care" which could be called, serious at best and genocidal at worst.

The depth of this massive health crisis can be seen in the following figures from a paper delivered before the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, Nov. 3, 1969.

"—In 1969 the infant mortality rate with the U.S. as a whole was higher than that of 13 other countries in the world, with the non-white infant mortality rate being twice as the national norm. (One possible reason for the large infant mortality rate among non-whites can be attributed to the fact that 45% of all women who have babies in public hospitals are

delivered without any amount of pre-natal care.) More than 20% of all persons in families with incomes under \$3,000 a year have never seen a dentist. Families who can be declared below the national poverty level are found to be subject to three times more disabling heart disease seven times more visual impairment and five times more mental illness."

The preceding figures demonstrate a union between the fact that if you are poor and non-white in this country you will receive below quality health care within this country.

The "life-denial health systems" are only another link in the chain of genocide which the U.S. government is attempting to forge around the legs of Black people. The government of the U.S. is now operating from the basic thesis that there are no Negro problems which could not be eliminated if there were no Negroes. So, not only does the government develop programs to kill off Black people, the government also is developing programs which will keep more Blacks from being born.

In May of 1970, the N.Y. Times reported that the city is planning abortions at the rate of 25,000 a year. However, by the July the city said that figures showed that there was a demand by women for up to 100,000 abortions. This would mean that the city was planning one abortion for every three live births on the city norm. When these voluntary abortions are taken alongside the fact that the infant mortality rate of non-whites is 2 hundred per cent of the national norm it is easy to see that there is a plan to cut down the Black birth rate to almost nothing.

However, there is another vector to be included in this vicious attempt at genocide. In the preceding sentence the term "voluntary abortion" was used, the government is also planning and doing research on mandatory abortion.

In the White House Conference on Food and Nutrition a conference called by Pres. R.M. Nixon in 1969 to provide recommendations to the Congress for laws to be enacted, he sent the following recommendations:

—Making birth control information and devices available to any and all girls over the age of 13 who request it with or without the approval of parents.

—Mandatory abortion for any such unmarried girl found to be pregnant & within the first three months of pregnancy.

—Mandatory sterilization of any such girl giving birth out of wedlock for a second time. The stated purpose of this conference was to find ways of ending the problem of food distribution. What came out of the conference was what was needed was not more food to feed the hungry, but less hungry people to feed.

In addition to preventing Black people from being born (abortion) and ending Black people's lives early through insane health system and conditions, there is also an attempt to curtail the normal development of Black children. This is done by denial of certain basic nutritional elements



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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

### 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 DEFENDS 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 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.



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