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# Panthers Demand Independence For N. Richmond Area

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Bad roads, dilapidated housing, rampant unemployment, inferior education, brutal cops - cop cars with a dog behind the steering wheel and a dog behind the screen - bad sewers, bad lighting, no drainage system, no say-so over the decisions that control our lives -- this is a portrait of the horrible inhuman conditions that the white power structure forces black people in the North Richmond area to live under. By holding the community in this abject, colonial status the power structure taxes them while allowing them no representation. They have no one to speak for them on the city council, nobody takes their needs, desires, and dreams into consideration.

Fed up with this state of affairs, the people of the area have long sought to break out of this trap. They have lobbied and campaigned to have the North Richmond area annexed to the City of Richmond, but annexation has been denied them repeatedly by the dog, racist power structure that controls the decision making process in the area.

The Black Panther Party For Self Defense, in cooperation with other concerned residents of the area, have decided in the interest of black people to incorporate the area into an independent city that will not be at the cruel mercy of the racist swine, the bloodsucking parasites, who are content to allow black people to wither away while they themselves live in fine homes, wear the best of clothes, eat the best of food, and enjoy all the things that make life meaningful and worth living. They have had it in their power all along to do something to alleviate these conditions, but they have turned a deaf ear to the pleas and groans of the suffering black people. The black people of North Richmond have discovered that they need not remain at the mercy of these savages. They have learned that it is possible for them to go for themselves. Thus they arrived at the decision to incorporate themselves into a city that they will control. They have the numbers, in terms of population, and they have the will and determination.

The benefits that will accrue to the community are that they will be in control of their own police force, their own school system, and they will have the power to tax the businesses in the area, like Standard Oil Company and

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## DIG THIS

LETTER FROM A BLACK MAN WHO KNOWS WHERE IT'S AT

Dear Brothers:

I am responding to the bail problem. My main concern is to garner your "spirit" and "soul" support to organize a chapter of the Black Panther Party For Self Defense in Seattle, Wash., and to effect a program for national growth of the only organization which is capable of withstanding the white conspiracy to wipe out the black peoples of the world. I know that the white world is girding itself to bring the blacks to heel -- I must help in counteracting this -- Sir, we do not have much time left! I am one who can look at the soul of another man, and I say to you that when I look at the soul of the white man, there is reflected a horror greater than that practiced on the Jews by the Germans - it is coming!

We must be prepared. No "rights" organization will be able to give more than lip service when this awesome time arrives, so I must say to you, sir, Hurry!! Hurry!! These

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## RACIST MAYFAIR EMPLOYEE ATTEMPTS TO BEAT BLACK YOUTH WITH HAMMER

On the pleasant sunny Thursday afternoon of May 18, 1967, Mrs. Johnnie Loud was sitting in the upstairs bedroom of her North Oakland home when she saw through her window fifteen year old Robert Sipp, dashing madly from the sidewalk up the front stairs and into the dining room. Robert's sudden appearance at Mrs. Loud's home was not shocking or unusual inasmuch as he is a friend of her children. (She has five children in the home ages six through eighteen.) But what was shocking was the fact that an apparently enraged, blonde man, clutching a hammer in his right hand had jumped from a pick-up truck and was in pursuit of Robert. Two other men (including the driver) remained at the truck. Mrs.

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## On Revolutionary Art

TO BLACK MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN

Painting revolutionary things.
Painting beautiful things, too,
Trying to brain wash the brain
washed with a stroke or two.

Painting a revolutionary thing--whities hanging Black Men. Painting a revolutionary thing--whities raping Black Women. Painting revolutionary things--niggers fighting whitty's war. Painting revolutionary things Painting revolutionary things Painting revolutionary things

Painting a Liberation scene, too, Black People killing whities. It's about time. It's Four Hundred Years overdue.

Painting beautiful things, too, big lips, small lips, middle size lips. Painting beautiful things Light skin, brown skin black skin, too. Painting beautiful things curly hair, straight hair, nappy hair, too. PAINTING BEAUTIFUL THINGS PAINTING BEAUTIFUL THINGS PAINTING BEAUTIFUL THINGS THEY'VE BEEN OVERDUE.

# RACIST MAYFAIR EMPLOYEE...

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Loud recognized the man chasing Robert as a clerk from Mayfair Super Market, located at 57 & Telegraph, whom she only knew as Dennis. She had seen Dennis many times before because she often shops at Mayfair, and had observed his obnoxious behavior with Afro-American youngsters.

Angry and in fear for life and limb of young Robert, Mrs. Loud rushed from her bedroom toward a nearby room where her eighteen year old daughter was and she yelled to her daughter, "through me the gun!" Without slackening her race for the dining room, she caught the 12 gauge magnum shot gun in both hands as her daughter tossed it to her. When Mrs. Loud reached the dining room the clerk had caught up with Robert and had the mean, blunt hammer raised in striking position. Mrs. Loud leveled her shot gun into firing position. The clerk, seeing the little lady (Mrs. Loud is barely five feet tall) with Black Power pointed in his direction suddenly, unequivocally changed his mind, took to his heels and made a beeline out of her house and off her property.

Shortly after the clerk ran away from Mrs. Loud's home, the Oakland police arrived at her home. Mrs. Loud was told that the manager of Mayfair Super Market had called them and referred them to her home in search of a package of rubber bands that were reportedly stolen from the store. By this time nineteen year old Charles Sipp had arrived and the police reported that he was accused of making the alleged theft. It was reported that both fifteen year old Robert and nineteen year old Charles, who are brothers, were at Mayfair and both had been chased by the hammer-toting clerk, but Charles had run away from the irate man. The police searched Charles but found no stolen merchandise in his possession.

Neither Charles, nor Robert are related to Mrs. Loud, nor do they reside in her home. They frequent the Loud home in order to visit with Mrs. Loud's children. Mrs. Loud, knowing that her home had been willfully invaded by a man, apparently intent upon felonious assault against a visiting fifteen year old boy, requested that the police arrest Dennis for the criminal offenses of invasion of her home and felonious assault with a deadly weapon. Mrs. Loud was told by the police (one of whom was a sargeant whose badge number is 206) that they could not carry out her request; and that they could only suggest that she go to the office of the District Attorney and initiate a complaint. Mrs. Loud was very angry because she knows that when a criminal offense is committed (let alone a felony) it is proper for the police to make an immediate arrest. She knew that a crime had been perpetrated against her home, and she had witnesses. Why would the police not take action against the culprit? They had immediately responded to Mayfair's call and had detained and searched Charles Sipp who was at most only accused of a misdemeanor. Why no action against the criminal offenses of Dennis the clerk? Before the police finished questioning Charles, a large crowd of Afro-Americans, including at least one member of the Black Panther Party For Self Defense arrived. The police decided to release Charles and to leave the scene.

Once again, as they do daily, the racist Oakland Police Department demonstrated its eagerness to respond to the call of the white landowners and its determination to suppress and ignore the rights of black citizens. Once again the racist Oakland Police demonstrated that they will not protect nor recognize the rights of black people. Black people must beware of this dualism and demand an immediate end to it. Black people must organize in defense of their God-given human rights. The Black Panther Party For Self Defense says the day is over when we allow rascist zombies to storm troop the homes of our people.

## BLACK POWER

# MUHAMMAD ALI




## YOU'RE THE CHAMP. SOCK IT TO THEME!

"NO, I AM NOT GOING 10,000 MILES TO HELP MURDER AND KILL AND BURN OTHER PEOPLE SIMPLY TO HELP CONTINUE THE DOMINATION OF WHITE SLAVEMASTERS OVER THE DARK PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER. THIS IS THE DAY AND AGE WHEN SUCH EVIL INJUSTICE MUST COME TO AN END."
- MUHAMMAD ALI

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people (whites) are preparing to reconquer Africa and all blacks. The day has come when those of us who will stand to the death must be counted. I cast my lot with these men and women. Won't you help by giving me a letter of your brotherhood so that the Black Panther Party of Seattle will be able to identify in unity - I will frame such a letter as a rallying point to build a Seattle Chapter.

This is a historical time and we stand at the brink of our destiny - I cast my lot and loyalty to the Black Panther Party ideology - will you extend your soul support? After I hear from you I will keep constant communications by registered letter and telephone as to our activities. I plan to set up a chapter in Portland, Oregon, as well. Please answer by return mail. Please! Please!

John H. Wilson
Seattle, Washington



# POCKET LAWYER OF LEGAL FIRST AID

THIS POCKET LAWYER IS PROVIDED AS A MEANS OF KEEPING BLACK PEOPLE UP TO DATE ON THEIR RIGHTS. WE ARE ALWAYS THE FIRST TO BE ARRESTED AND THE RACIST POLICE FORCES ARE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO PRETEND THAT RIGHTS ARE EXTENDED EQUALLY TO ALL PEOPLE. CUT THIS OUT, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND CARRY IT WITH YOU. UNTIL WE ARM OURSELVES TO RIGHTEOUSLY TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN, THE POCKET LAWYER IS WHAT'S HAPPENING.

1. IF YOU ARE STOPPED AND/OR ARRESTED BY THE POLICE, YOU MAY REMAIN SILENT; YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ALLEGED CRIMES. YOU SHOULD PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ONLY IF REQUESTED (ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT YOU MUST DO SO). BUT THEN DO SO, AND AT ALL TIMES REMEMBER THE FIFTH AMENDMENT.

2. IF A POLICE OFFICER IS NOT IN UNIFORM, ASK HIM TO SHOW HIS IDENTIFICATION. HE HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER YOU UNLESS HE PROPERLY IDENTIFIES HIMSELF. BEWARE OF PERSONS POSING AS POLICE OFFICERS. ALWAYS GET HIS BADGE NUMBER AND HIS NAME.

3. POLICE HAVE NO RIGHT TO SEARCH YOUR CAR OR YOUR HOME UNLESS THEY HAVE A SEARCH WARRANT, PROBABLE CAUSE OR YOUR CONSENT. THEY MAY CONDUCT NO EXPLORATORY SEARCH - THAT IS, ONE FOR EVIDENCE OF CRIME GENERALLY OR FOR EVIDENCE OF A CRIME UNCONNECTED WITH THE ONE YOU ARE BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT. (THUS, A STOP FOR AN AUTO VIOLATION DOES NOT GIVE THE RIGHT TO SEARCH THE AUTO..) YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CONSENT TO A SEARCH; THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD NOT CONSENT AND SHOULD CLEARLLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY STATE THAT YOU DO NOT CONSENT, IN FRONT OF WITNESSES IF POSSIBLE. IF YOU DO NOT CONSENT, THE POLICE WILL HAVE THE BURDEN IN COURT OF SHOWING PROBABLE CAUSE.
ARREST MAY BE CORRECTED LATER.

4. YOU MAY NOT RESIST ARREST FORCEABLY OR BY GOING LIMP, EVEN IF YOU ARE INNOCENT. TO DO SO IS A SEPARATE CRIME OF WHICH YOU CAN BE CONVICTED EVEN IF YOU ARE ACQUITTED OF THE ORIGINAL CHARGE. DO NOT RESIST ARREST UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. A FALSE

5. IF YOU ARE STOPPED, YOU SHOULD TRY TO GET INDEPENDANT WITNESSES TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS, AND GET THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS. TRY TO DO THIS, IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE ANY ARREST TAKES PLACE.

6. IF YOU ARE STOPPED AND/OR ARRESTED, THE POLICE MAY SEARCH YOU FOR WEAPONS BY PATTING THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR CLOTHING. YOU CAN BE STRIPPED OF YOUR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS. DO NOT CARRY ANYTHING THAT INCLUDES THE NAME OF YOUR EMPLOYER OR FRIENDS.

7. DO NOT ENGAGE IN "FRIENDLY" CONVERSATION WITH OFFICERS ON THE WAY TO OR AT THE STATION. ONCE YOU ARE ARRESTED, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT ANYTHING YOU SAY WILL GET YOU RELEASED.

8. AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BEEN BOOKED, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMPLETE AT LEAST TWO PHONE CALLS -- ONE TO A RELATIVE, FRIEND OR ATTORNEY, THE OTHER TO A BAIL BONDSMAN. IF YOU CAN, CALL THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE, AND THE PARTY WILL POST BAIL IF POSSIBLE.

9. YOU MUST BE ALLOWED TO HIRE AND SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY.

10. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GIVE ANY STATEMENT TO THE POLICE, NOR DO YOU HAVE TO SIGN ANY STATEMENT YOU MIGHT GIVE THEM, AND THEREFORE YOU SHOULD NOT SIGN ANYTHING. TAKE THE FIFTH AND THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS, BECAUSE YOU CANNOT BE FORCED TO TESTIFY AGAINST YOURSELF.

11. YOU MUST BE ALLOWED TO POST BAIL IN MOST CASES, BUT YOU MUST BE ABLE TO PAY THE BAIL BONDSMEN'S FEE. IF YOU CANNOT PAY THE FEE, YOU MAY ASK THE JUDGE TO RELEASE YOU FROM CUSTODY WITHOUT BAIL OR TO LOWER YOUR BAIL, BUT HE DOES NOT HAVE TO DO SO.

12. THE POLICE MUST BRING YOU INTO COURT OR RELEASE YOU WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER YOUR ARREST (UNLESS THE TIME ENDS ON A WEEK-END OR A HOLIDAY, AND THEY MUST BRING YOU BEFORE A JUDGE THE FIRST DAY COURT IS IN SESSION.)

13. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE MONEY TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, IMMEDIATELY ASK THE POLICE TO GET YOU AN ATTORNEY WITHOUT CHARGE.

14. IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY TO HIRE A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, BUT DO NOT KNOW OF ONE, CALL THE NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD OR THE ALAMEDA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (OR THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF YOUR COUNTY) AND THEY WILL FURNISH YOU WITH THE NAME OF AN ATTORNEY WHO PRACTICES CRIMINAL LAW.

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