

POLITICAL PRISONERS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ARTHUR LEAGUE...recently convicted in racist Orange County, Santa Ana California. Now facing a five to life sentence for allegedly killing the "Rookie Pig of the Year". He was charged originally with first degree murder. But after nine days of deliberation an 'all-white' jury 'compromised' on a second-degree verdict. His case is currently being appealed in the state supreme court. Arthur who organized in Santa Ana before being kidnapped by the pigs there, was remanded to Chino Prison to await final placing in a state institution.



Arthur League

LUXEY IRVIN AND ROBERT WILLIAMS... were convicted by an 'all white' jury in the lily-white suburb of Torrance. Attempts by their attorneys for a change of venue were denied. The brothers were convicted (along with Romaine 'Chip' Fitzgerald) of several counts of assault on a pig, kidnap and other trumped-up charges. Several consecutive sentences have it certain they'll have to face life in prison. Chip, the third brother, because he had been given the death sentence in another frame-up, was given a sentence of one to ten years...Robert and Luxey



Robert Williams

Luxey Irvin

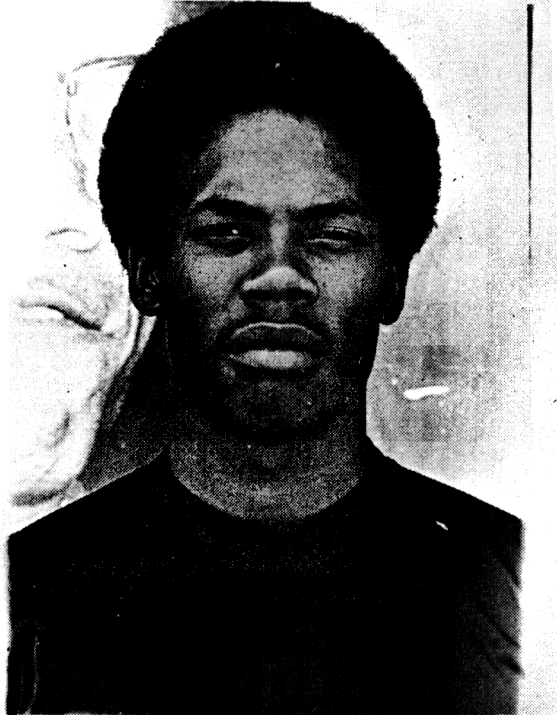
are also in Chino Prison, awaiting shipment to state pig pens. They must endure 24-hour lock up (they refuse to work) and are only allowed two or three hours of exercise per day. The constant harassment hasn't daunted their revolutionary spirits, and they continue to make known the political ideology of the Vanguard Party through classes held with other brothers in this pig pen.

ROMAINE FITZGERALD...known affectionately as 'Chip' is now on death row in San Quentin State Prison. This brother was railroaded by a racist lawyer and jury who all agreed this Panther should be sentenced to the gas chamber after a 'mock' four day trial. Chip was sent to San Quentin immediately to make it difficult for his family to visit and communicate with him. Proving again the spirit is truly greater than the contempt of pigs, the Party moved to send Chip's mother and family, as often as they can make the trip to see the brother in order to keep his spirits high. Chip is just one of the many strong brothers who have faced repeated attempts of genocide by the fascist pigs here in L.A. Before being arrested on this trumped up charge, Chip was constantly stopped and harassed by the pigs in L.A. for no other reason than serving the peo-

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ple. He now awaits appeal, and does so with the knowledge that victory and liberation, in the final analysis, belong to the people.



Romaine Fitzgerald

ROGER 'BLUE' LEWIS...has been the victim of repeated attempts to kill or imprison him. Blue since joining the Party has had to fight six times for his life and was acquitted six times. He has been in the fascist pigpen of New County since being kidnapped last August, almost a year ago. During this time his probation was violated on the pretense that he didn't get permission to leave the State when he was called to visit his sick father. He may now have to serve one to ten years if an appeal is not granted.

In addition, the brother still faces three major charges. He now awaits trial in a bomb case where he supposedly was riding around the city of Los Angeles (along with the Southern California Chapter Deputy Minister of Defense, Geronimo) with 'pipe bombs' in the car...The pigs are moving full steam ahead to attempt to file charge after charge to make sure he along with our other political prisoners is behind bars for life...The second major case is

an attempt to frame Blue along with three other members of the So. Calif. Chapter in a 'bizarre conspiracy' to kidnap and beat a 16 year old boy. The ridiculous nature of the charge is indicative of the desperateness of the LAPD to jail the Panthers here.

Blue is a prime example of the pigs attempt of 'legal genocide'. Although he's been acquitted at least six times in attempts to put him back in their pig pen, Blue is still harassed by his 'so-called' record. He along with the other Panthers in New County face the day to day harassment inflicted on them by the demented pigs acting as their keepers. The constant harassment hasn't stopped them from setting revolutionary examples by teaching and exposing the decadence of this fascist government to the black, brown, and poor oppressed whites concentrated in that pig pen.



Roger Lewis

Blue has a charisma that acts as a catalyst to bolster the spirits of the brothers in jail in the face of constant harassment by the pigs there. He keeps them headed in the right political direction and always with a revolutionary respective.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
SOUTHERN CALIF. CHAPTER



A rally for the Detroit 15.

TRIAL OF DETROIT 15 COMES TO A CLOSE

On October 24, 1970, 15 members of the Black Panther Party were arrested and charged with the murder of a Detroit policeman, Glenn Smith. At the time of their arrest they were attacked by a police raiding party. There was firing into and around a house for 9 hours from which the fifteen brothers and sisters were finally driven out by tear gas. The last three being Erone De Soussure, Benjamin Fondrun and David Johnson, who were eventually found guilty of felonious assault on the raiding police officers,

In May of this year, all 15 of them were brought to trial not only for the murder of Glenn Smith, who was supposedly ambushed that same day, but also for conspiracy with the intent to commit murder of the 40 policemen that surrounded the Detroit Community Center, back in October.

Throughout the country the agents of the law always want us to believe that it is the people who are provoking the attacks on them. It seems to be a constant pattern that the police un-warrantedly harass and attack the People, particularly Black Panther Party members and then scream that they have been shot at, ambushed, that they are the victims of unprovoked attack. We know this to be untrue. As a matter of fact, we understand that the work we do in the communities of America is geared toward the survival of poor, Black people and therefore threatens

their existence. Our programs serve the people's interests by providing basic necessities, food, health care, clothing, etc. The government understands that through our own programs people will unify against oppression. They realize that if we work together to survive, we can organize to control our own lives. They fear unity in the communities because this means disunity within their crumbling structure and their eventual downfall.

It was not until the free breakfast for school children programs were established across the country that they began to openly attack our Community Centers and homes in full force. From the murder of Fred Hampton to the attack on the centers in L.A. to the raids and attacks on our community centers in New Orleans and elsewhere. No one ambushed them in Detroit, as they claim; they at-

tempted to ambush our Detroit Chapter and herd them off to the prison camps to be railroaded through the courts. The trial of members of the Detroit Branch of the Black Panther Party lasted for six weeks. Seven days were spent picking the jury, which consisted of ten Blacks and two whites. The prosecution built its whole case around one of the defendants, John Lee, whom they singled out as the only person who could place a weapon in the hand of one of the other defendants. They felt that if they dropped all charges against him, he would testify (lie) for the State. So they dropped the charges against him. When

John Lee was called to the stand, he refused to testify. He was the only one who could, according to the prosecution, prove that the shot that killed Officer Glenn Smith came from the community center. Lee refused to utter a word. The judge cited him with contempt of court. They sentenced him to 30 days in jail for refusing to testify. And still no word.

These trumped-up charges for this case were therefore left in the air again. So that when the jurors deliberated, for thirty hours over a five-day period, they felt that there was not enough evidence to convict the defendants of murder. However, because of the forcefully skillful manner in which the prosecution implicated Brothers De Soussure, Fondrun and Johnson, the jurors wished to convict them of something. Mrs. Angeline Buchanan was the only juror who held out, for 2 1/2 days, however, because she felt that there was no evidence to convict any of the defendants on any charges.

In an interview with Mrs. Buchanan, she stated that they (the other jurors) became hostile and threatened her if she did not make a decision. She finally did - guilty. However, if it had not been for her firm stand on an acquittal for all, the charges would never have been dropped down to felonious assault for those three brothers. The acquittal for nine and lesser charges for three was the jury's compromise.

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ON THE ACQUITTAL OF THE NEW YORK TWENTY-ONE AND THE HARLEM FIVE

STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GERALD LEFCOURT, ATTORNEY FOR THE NEW YORK TWENTY-ONE

A new morning has come. With it a new ideology has invaded New York City and perhaps elsewhere as well. The "21" Victory indicates that a cross section of people reject the tactics of secret police, the undefinable law of conspiracy used as a trap, biased judges and over-zealous prosecutors.

With thirteen defendants, each charged with twelve different crimes, the courtroom broke into hysteria when the Black jury foreman rose and said, "Not guilty, not guilty..." one hundred fifty-six times. With one fell swoop New York was ignited in a people's celebration. Not at the prospect that the "American system of justice" works, but rather at the prospect that when you fight hard enough and struggle long enough, your cause, if it is just and true, will be answered.

One juror said he felt like running up to Judge Murtaugh and asking him where he thought he was "Mississippi?". Another said, "Conspiracy law is like a lasso that is turned into a hangman's noose that fits every collar size." Still another said, "This verdict of not guilty was necessary for everyone's freedom". All in all, twelve people with their four alternate jurors, unanimously agreed that the verdict was "Not guilty" on every charge. Without any disagreement at all, the jury ended the longest trial in the history of New York with a 90-minute deliberation.

Way back on April 2, 1969, the government launched its attacks with the indictment of the "21", following soon thereafter with the indictment of the "Chicago 8", then in May, 1969, the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party was indicted for murder, and in a phony hunt for George Sams, the government attacked and destroyed offices of the Black Panther Party in several cities across the nation and finally indicted Bobby Seale also for murder in Connecticut. These attacks culminated in the murder of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark on December 4, 1969, in Chicago, Illinois. Besides Ericka and Bobby, Angela Davis and Ruchell Magee, the Berrigans, in Har- risburg, and countless others around the nation, the government has been attacking ever since.

The verdict in the New York 21 case is the first step in the fight back, hopefully to be followed quickly by a victory for Ericka and Bobby and on to victory in California for Angela and Ruchell. In each case, the fight back will continue to prove that through struggle and determination and the support of the people, freedom can be a reality for those who seek it hard enough.

STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY WILLIAM KUNTSLER, ATTORNEY FOR THE HARLEM FIVE

The acquittal of the New York 21 and the Harlem 5 on spurious conspiracy charges raises sharply the issue of the criminal conduct of public officials. Many Black and some White people have recognized for years that the judicial process has been illegally used, since the very foundation of the Republic, to punish political dissidents to crush liberation movements and to control the poor. Now, for virtually the first time in American History those who wanted so much to believe in the fairness of the system can see at close range that the concept of equity justice under law was merely a convenient smokescreen for the power structure's consistent and relentless destruction of human rights and liberties.

It would be ironic indeed if the New York acquittals were viewed as proof that the system does indeed work. Nothing could be further from the truth. It was the system that arrested, indicted and tried these Black defendants. It was the system that stripped from them years of their lives, unmercifully and unjustifiably punished their families and attempted to ostracize them from human society. It was the system which, in total disregard of all of its most vaunted principles of justice and fair play, tried to brutalize and destroy them.

That they were eventually saved is a triumph, not of a destructive system, but of two juries which, at last, could not bring themselves to legitimize the tyranny of the law. These verdicts represent, in a microcosm, the revolt of the powerless from the fearful commands of those who seek to control and direct the destinies of all of us. Twenty-four Americans decided, the face of a monstrous evil, to cry halt to those who attempt to equate court decrees with the hangman's noose and the headsman's blade.

These cases do not mark the beginning of the Gold Age of Universal Justice. But they do give heart to us and indicate that some fights can be won if we are together with ourselves and determine to resist oppression until we destroy it or die in the process. And, hopefully they will teach other juries in other places that there is truth to the cries of the persecuted and that the system will often stoop to the pavement in order to preserve itself and its mythology.

We must now go forward on every front in unity and comradeship. Our true enemies are not ourselves, but those who lie in wait for each of us - the power hungry, the avaricious, the hate mongers, the militarists, the imperialists, the racists, the despoilers of the dream. Our brothers and sisters may die, but they will not be destroyed - their hopes and dreams will be passed from willing hand to willing hand until the walls come down and the city is ours. Then, and only then, will the time have been seized and the power re-taken by the people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN ABOUT TO BE VAMPED ON

On Wednesday, July 9, the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party opened a Free Breakfast for Children Center at the Jackson Christian Blvd. Church on Western and Jackson. 200 children were fed, and the number will increase daily. On Thursday a pig showed up among the people and told us that our program was interfering with a government program called Operation Push-up. He said that the children needed push-ups more than they needed a hot breakfast. How many push-ups can a hungry child do?

We told him that THE PEOPLE RUN IT, not the pigs

The Black Panther Party is about serving the needs of the people. Rather than having many bureaucratic commissions divorced from the people studying the hunger problem, the Party started breakfast programs all over the country. Hungry children are being fed because they need to be. The capitalist punks in power do nothing to stop the problem. They can't make a profit off of feeding hungry children.

A lying demagogic politician was sent over to negotiate with the Black Panther Party, but our cause is not negotiable. The children will be fed. We will see to it that whatever the people need, the people will get.

We are ready to see that each and every hungry child is fed. No bootlicking politician is going to have anything to say about it.

If you want the Breakfast for Children Program to continue through the summer--SUPPORT IT. Come on down, help us stop the pigs.

"We must stop the capitalist corporate structure from killing us, tearing us, dividing us, and ruling us...The time has come to fall the system. It only uses us to perpetuate itself. To serve the system is treason. Smash the State. POWER TO THE PEOPLE!"

Eldridge Cleaver
Minister of Information
Black Panther Party

Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party



CHARLES BURSEY SERVING THE YOUTH

INDIANA BREAKFAST

The Breakfast Program got under way in Indianapolis (Indiana) after many setbacks from lying preachers and merchants. We are now in the third week and the response from the community, has been great, many mothers have turned out to help us serve and prepare food, and the children are always reluctant to see us leave.

This program got under way with the help of Bill Crawford (the Deputy Chairman's brother) who has really been a true worker and his concern for black people is genuine.

Brother Crawford (Bill) is a member of the Black Radical Action Project, one of four organizations we contacted about the program, and the only organization continuing their support. It's quite obvious that poverty money has hung these other bull-jiving tricks of the power structure in a bag of continuous exploitation of the people.

In addition to the Breakfast Program, a People's Garden has been planted and we hope to plant many more in the future.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
LONG LIVE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE
Indiana Chapter

BOSTON BREAKFAST

The Breakfast Program of the Boston Chapter is a continuing success, with no thanks to the avaricious businessmen who refuse to feed the children of the community. Just to name a few: Little Archie Williams and the Freedom Food Monopoly, Archduke Nelson of the B & B (Black and Beautiful - Bandit and Braggar!) Blair's Foodland, No-No Neph-o and the Frankfurt Freaks, New England Meat Packing Com-

ma, and the Metropolitan Opera House of Roxbury. These businesses are obviously not working in the interest of the people, but are operating in the interest of profit-making. If the businesses cannot function in the interest of the people, then they must not function at all.
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE
FREE HUEY
Boston Chapter

PHILADELPHIA, PA., BREAKFAST

FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM - A PEOPLE'S PROGRAM!

Monday, July 7th, 1969, met a Free Breakfast for Children Program at 8:00 a.m. despite attempts by big business and petty pig churches to stop or ignore it. The kids number, totalling approximately 70 on this rainy beginning of a week, was welcomed by uniformed Panthers, at their service. They ate heartily, a heaping helping of grits, sausages, eggs, milk, and orange juice. A partial listing of businesses not helping this people's program will be included in the People's News Service, with mention of some very anti-community minded people closing their doors to the communities needs - in other words, churches.

A partial listing of these avaricious businessmen are:

HARBISON'S (exception 1st day)
PENNBRUCK
ABBOTTS

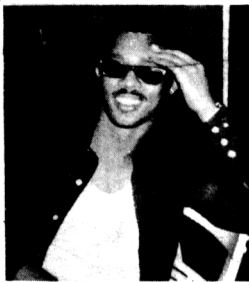
BOND BREAD
We ask you not to buy at these places, and not to buy these products. Show these arrogant businessmen, that get their profit from you -- the people, WHAT THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE can do to their profits.

On the other hand, Milk Maid, Tang, WDAS radio, Hand's Restaurant, Jay's 5 & 10, Reo Discount Store, Seidler Shelly Shop, Yo De Yo Produce, Jurman & Sons, Dr. A. Klein & Burley Clark, SOS Department Store, have aided the people in this humanistic, revolutionary endeavor! PEOPLE'S POWER!
Philadelphia Chapter
Black Panther Party

INTERVIEW WITH THE PEOPLE



One of the best ways to find out how the masses feel about the work Panther members are doing is to go out and ask them directly. Members of the Black Panther Party have been putting up posters all over the Black communities across the country. Everywhere there is a Black Panther Party Chapter or Branch you will find revolutionary posters done by our Minister of Culture, Emory Douglas. These posters are usually of brothers and sisters showing that the only way to deal with the problem of oppression of poor people is to pick up the gun or anything else that will stop, hinder, hurt, or paralyze these fascist dogs within our communities, who are trying to kill and terrorize the people in any way or manner that they can easily justify.



FRANK WILSON

You will also find pictures of the Central Committee of the Black Panther Party among these posters, such as Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information, of the Black Panther Party, David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, and others.

Here are some of the general comments from the brothers and sisters who live in the community where these posters have been put up. This interview was done in Mount Vernon, New York, on W. 3rd and 7th Ave. the heart of the Black community.

LAURYN: Sister, could I ask your opinion about all these posters that the Black Panther Party has posted up on the walls here?

SISTER: I think it looks bad the way the posters are put up.

LAURYN: What do you think about the pictures themselves?

SISTER: Well, they're not too bad, some of them I like. (She points to the ones she likes.)

LAURYN: Which ones don't you like?

SISTER: The one with "All Power to the People" on it.

LAURYN: What is it you don't like about the posters?

SISTER: It just looks phony to me.

LAURYN: How about the one with the brother holding the gun?

SISTER: That one looks Right On to me.

LAURYN: How about the one with the sister holding the gun?

SISTER: It's all right too.

LAURYN: You dig that one?

SISTER: Right On

(Jack Chisam, 31 years old)

LAURYN: What do you think about those posters that the Panthers have been putting up in the community?

BROTHER: I think they're fine.

LAURYN: What do you think about them?

BROTHER: Well, I think they should be put up in a place where they will be a little more dignified, maybe on a community bulletin board.

LAURYN: What do you mean when you say where they will be more dignified?

BROTHER: Because as you notice, the places that they are posted up on are stores that are closed, run down and will be probably be torn down eventually, right?



BEVERLY PRICE
in Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

LAURYN: Yeah.

BROTHER: And it's like undignified. I think they deserve a certain amount of dignity, a little more than they are getting, there should be something like a bulletin board, even a Panther Bulletin Board if necessary. And then the people could get the message along with maybe a weekly bulletin of what's going on in the community.



LAURYN: Where would you suggest such a spot?

BROTHER: I don't know, even if you could rent a spot, where they are now is very tacky it's very run down and it's degrading to the people that are up there and I think that they've done a great deal for what they believe.



LAURYN: Which one of those posters do you relate to the most?

BROTHER: Not to anyone in particular, because I think that everyone of them represents an individual who has done what he thinks he could do and has put forth a whole lot of effort to accomplish what he believed in. And I have to appreciate all of them, I do appreciate all of them. They have their own different ways of

going about doing things, but they all have to be appreciated because they have given up a lot. Considering they are in exile, in jail or what have you.

(James Ramsey, 30 years old)

LAURYN: I want to ask you about your opinion of all those posters that have been put up on the walls like this by the Panthers.

BROTHER: I think the posters are relevant to the people here, and in an educational nature.

LAURYN: Do you think the people are getting a real message from these posters?

BROTHER: I think the people that are concerned are getting the message. I think all people are concerned at this time, because this is the time of confusion and therefore they reach their point of interest, they (the posters) reach everyone, they're relevant to everyone.

LAURYN: Do you read the Panther Paper?

BROTHER: The Panther Paper I purchase when it is attainable to me, as I say I just came home, I've been incarcerated for the past ten (10) months, so the Panther Paper and other political papers of that nature are not allowed under the conditions I was living under, I was in Westchester County Penitentiary.



JACK CHISAM

LAURYN: Had you heard anything about the Party while you were in there.

BROTHER: Yeah, I had read about the posters being posted and the run in you had with the municipal courts here, in the Daily August and other publications. From reading the New York Daily News, I heard about the New York 21, and the others I've been trying to keep abreast of the Panther Party as much as possible.

LAURYN: Could you kind of give the opinion of the Panther Party that the other brothers had, who were up there with you?

BROTHER: Most of them are at this time very sympathetic but then again as I say this is the time of confusion. There is so much being done and so much being said that

we can't wish to have everybody totally you know. That's why the posters are essential because I feel that we can get them for at least a moment of the day; somebody will relate to the relevancy of the Panther Party.

(Lauryn asked the brother about his opinion of a bulletin board being put up in one spot for the posters, so that the people can always find them and look at them. His reply was that it is better that the posters be put up like they are. This way when someone wakes up one morning, all of a sudden he is looking at it and at least for a moment he is confronted with the issue, whereas if it was only in one spot, it would be easier for the ones not so concerned to always avoid being confronted. He said that he thinks they should stay where they are.)



JAMES RAMSEY

OTHER COMMENTS:

Beverly Price said that the posters are very interesting to her, they mean to her that the brothers and sisters should get together and stop fighting one another and start fighting the oppressor.

Frank Wilson said the pictures give him the message of self-defense for himself and the people, and it's hard to talk to the brothers though cause they're strung out on dope, a lot of them.

The Black Panther, Black Community News Service is a paper for the people, by the people, and about the people. The only way for it to fulfill all these areas, we the members of the Black Panther Party who are responsible for the printing of this paper must ask the people for advice and criticism on the paper that they may have.

If you have any advise, criticism, questions about the Party, or any other information of something that has happened in your community or to someone in your community, that you think all the people should be aware of, then please send your information or comments in to the nearest Black Panther Party chapter, branch or N C C F nearest to you.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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Lauryn Williams, B P P

PRESS CONFERENCE

PIGS ATTACK TOLEDO NCCF



Door of office, full of bullet holes

This press conference is being called by the Toledo, N.C.C.F., to publicly denounce the vicious attack upon the Toledo N.C.C.F. Headquarters, as being unprovoked and highly fascist in nature. The local and national conspiracy to kill or jail members of so-called organizations has finally reached its deadly tentacles into our community with hopes to steal our quest for freedom, but this cannot and will not be done.

The incidents surrounding these vicious attacks are as follows: 1. The passing of an ordinance sponsored by Mayor Ensign Deputy Chief Duck, Safety Director Quinn, and Chief Bosch which states that it is unlawful for any citizen to call a policeman a pig or make oinking sounds.

The passing of this ordinance



BULLET HOLES IN THE DOOR

is a direct violation of the people's Constitutional Right of Freedom of Speech and expression whereas Black people have been called "Niggers" by Toledo's racist policemen, and nothing has ever been done to stop their offensive language and exploitations against Black people.

2. Another incident is over policing and police brutality which has run rampant throughout the Black colonies. The over policing and brutality in our Black communities has alienated Black people and policemen and Black people see policemen as occupying troops and a threat to their freedom. The James Dotson incident is a prime example of the brutality that Black people must face. This man was maced, handcuffed, and then beaten. Then when the Dotson family went to the Safety Building to inquire of their loved, they were

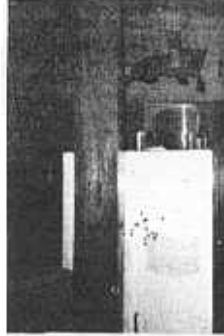
verbally and physically abused. To the Dotson family, the Toledo N.C.C.F., and all revolutionary people say - RIGHT ON!

3. The climax of the incidents leading to the attack on the N.C.C.F. Headquarters was the fatal shooting of Policeman William Miscannon. This incident was used to attack the Headquarters and also as an excuse to send John McClellan to the electric chair, and to send Mike Cross to the penitentiary. In the news, patrolman Miscannon was portrayed as a "good cop," but he was known for his racism and acts of brutality throughout the Black community. His partner in crime against the people, Walter Shaw, who in the eyes of the people is a lackey, a bootlicker, and a traitor who shot me, Larry McClellan, as I was trying to surrender with my hands up, and he was one of the many who shot Troy Montgomery, who was also surrendering with his hands up, and both were unarmed. Shaw also opened fire on Mike Cross as he tried to surrender, empty-handed. The news media failed to mention that Troy laid on the wet sidewalk with the rain falling on him for over two hours. After Troy was taken to the hospital he lay for another two hours before treatment began.

We will not have John McClellan tried and convicted by the press as in the case of Clarence Squire where the suspect was convicted before he ever got to trial. Statements such as the one made by Mayor Ensign saying that Brother John McClellan is a depraved person, must cease, or there can be no fair trial anywhere in the

United States. We will not have Mike Cross jailed for a so-called long gun violation, or possession of explosives. The explosives were obviously a plant because they were not discovered in the immediate search of the building, but when Brother Cross voluntarily accompanied them in another search of the building.

Contrary to what the administration may believe, they have not stilled our efforts, we will intensify our struggle for total and un-



compromised freedom. We will continue to serve the people and expose this racist system for what it is. Our plans for free busing to relatives who have family members in the Toledo House of Correction, the plans for Free Breakfast for School Chil-



dren, Community Control of Police, and Freedom Schools in the face of teacher strikes.

We are setting up a Defense Fund and a Support Committee.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE SEIZE THE TIME

N.C.C.F., Toledo, Ohio



Shelf shot up by fascist pigs

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POETRY: IN SEARCH OF MYSELF and DIG IT BABY

IN SEARCH OF MYSELF

By Avotcja Ackerman --July 1965

And, while roaming the world in search of myself I chanced upon a full length mirror. I had hoped I would find myself there. But all I saw was a black, empty hole ----
---- And it made me cry

So I sailed to England in search of that which is me, And I hitch-hiked across Europe I thought I could lose the black, empty hole ----
---- in a sea of white. But the white sea greeted me with chains, and teargas, and guns
---- And the hole just grew larger.

And then someone said, ---- "Shut up woman, you'll wake the dead" But how do you cry softly, when you're just a black, empty hole? And where do you run next, when you don't know why you're running? And what do you look for, when you're looking for yourself? And how do you wake the living?

I next ran east to Africa, and I swam in a sea of black. And I felt at home there. And in the faces of the black sea, I saw reflections----
---- of culture, pride, and pyramids. I ran to the mirror, and the empty hole had gone,----
---- And I smiled back at myself!

DIG IT BABY

By Chico Grant

Black Brothers and Black Sisters Listen to what I say, The whiteman is getting funkier each and every day; So wakeup Black People Stop playing the fool, Whitey is out to get you And he don't play by the rules; Now you and I both know that The pig has always been on top, And to bring him down baby Will take more than sticks & Rocks; Come out of the Ghettos, Come out of the Shacks, Lets get together brother And become one hell of a Big BLACK CAT. (BLACK PANTHER)



OAKLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEGINS 7th YEAR

(A) First class of the Oakland Community School (formerly the Intercommunal Youth Institute) on the steps of original school building in Berkeley in 1971; (B) OCS instructor conducting class outdoors in 1972; (C) Children at the OCS in 1973 receive the individual attention that is almost non-existent in many urban public schools; (D) HUEY P. NEWTON, the prime motivator for the creation of the OCS, with staff and children in 1974 photo; (E) Studios OCS youth



in 1974 busily at work in the classroom; (F) Children in primary skills class in 1975 listen attentively; (G) 1976 OCS graduating class; (H) Level 7 students presenting advanced science project in 1976 at Black engineers' and scientists' conference; (I) 1977 OCS graduating class (J) September, 1977, view of OCS, whose facilities are kept in top condition. Newly-laid grassy area, formerly the School's parking lot, will soon be the site of a playground complex.

NOT GUILTY ! THE SANTA ANA 1

The reactionary, racist, fascist Santa Ana Pig Dept. is continuing their kangaroo court proceedings against the Santa Ana One - Daniel Michael Lynem. He was to be brought forth for preliminary hearing, motions for discovery of evidence and the return of his illegally obtained property. Court proceedings were to begin at 10:00 a.m., Monday Morning, June 16. Proceedings were delayed by various bureaucratic methods until 11:45 a.m. The Judge, an obvious recruit from some zoo, then announced that the preliminary hearing was dismissed, and that Michael has just been secretly indicted for murder by the Santa Ana Grand Jury.

The D.A. realized that he would have to present his non-existent evidence at the scheduled preliminary hearing (which is open to the public), so he made the strategic move of having the preliminary dismissed and a secret indictment handed down to save face and to maintain the trumped-up charges.

The 42 people who were able to squeeze into the small courtroom went into an uproar. The approximately 150 persons unable to get into the courtroom were outside petitioning for a larger courtroom. This combined group then moved on the newsmen outside who were badgering Michael's father and wife for statements and answers to questions.

Panthers who had been unable to get into the courtroom were politicizing and selling papers. The people responded with many questions about Fascism, and the Pigs responded with concrete examples.

Previously, various members of the Los Angeles and Santa Ana Branches of the Black Panther Party had been picked up and harassed (and one beaten) on suspicion of murder in connection with the Santa Ana case. Also, Panthers from L.A. who have been attending court hearings in Santa Ana have been stopped for no reason every time they have been in Santa Ana. They have had Panthers' Legal Defense literature, materials and information taken and photographed without legal warrants of any kind. The people knew of these incidents and remembered them when we appeared at the courtroom. This has helped to build up the understanding and support of the community, particularly for Michael and the Panthers for the insane treatment we have received from the pigs under the guise of law and order. But generally the Santa Ana community has come to understand exactly how Fascism, capitalism, and racism work.

Michael's trial date has been set for July 21, 1969. The community of Santa Ana has already begun to mobilize around Mike's case, and the larger issue of the necessity of community control of po-

lice in order to end fascism. Sunday, June 22, at Santa Ana's Marbury Park, the Orange County Peace Center, the Panther Defense Committee and the Santa Ana Branch of the Black Panther Party co-sponsored a Panther Defense Drive. Joan Kelley, Assistant communications Secretary of the Southern California Chapter of the Black Panther Party, blew for Mike's case and on the need for community control of police, and organization to form a United Front Against Fascism.

Michael Lynem is not guilty of the murder of Santa Ana's Pig of the Year. He is not guilty of conspiracy to commit murder. The only thing he has done is attempt to fight racism with solidarity, capitalism with socialistic programs such as the Free Hot Breakfast for Children Program, and the Free Clinic, and the United Front against Fascism.

These ridiculous charges leveled against Michael are only a part of this racist, capitalistic, imperialistic government's conspiracy against the Black Panther Party, the vanguard of the revolutionary movement, and eventually against the masses of the people.

**FREE MICHAEL!
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**



1969: RAMPANT FASCISM AT A GLANCE

S.F. - Fascist Pig O'Brien set free after murdering George Baskett an unarmed worker.

S.F. - Teenager Alvert Linthcome shot in cold blood by San Francisco fascist pigs. Murdered in his own community.

Berkeley - James Rector, student at U.C. shot down while watching so-called riot. Murdered by Alameda Sheriff's deputy who is free to kill again.

Santa Rita, Alameda County - Persons who were arrested in Berkeley for participating in a so-called riot were sent to Alameda's concentration camp and put through gestapo orientation.

Santa Rita, Alameda County - A so-called mild mannered inmate died from undisclosed reasons after being subjected to the same inhuman treatment as the people arrested in Berkeley for rioting.

Los Angeles - Donald Lee Oughton shot by fascist L.A. pigs while on his way home to watch a T.V. program.

a week after young Oughton was killed. This young man was no notorious criminal nor had any background or record. Never-the-

less he was shot down like a animal because he hesitated to come outside immediately when ordered to do so by the fascists.

Los Angeles - Lorenzo Clark, 14-year-old boy shot to death by L.A. County Sheriff deputy. He was suspected of trying to break into a grocery store.

Oakland - Professor Phillip Caplan died after being beaten by Oakland's fascist vice squad in an Oakland park. He was suspected of being a homosexual.

The McClellan Committee had better get hip to the fact that the Black Panther Party is not going to sit around and watch the fascist american pigs fuck over the rest of humanity and do nothing about it. The Black Panther Party is organizing a United Front Against Fascism.

The people of America had better get hip and become a part of that United Front. Because if you don't oppose fascism, you must be a fascist. The Black Panther Party is in the vanguard role in forming a United Front, because it has witnessed and survived the most vicious blows ever leveled upon any group in the history of this decadent, fascist country. Bigman





Panther captain murdered

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30—Franko Diggs, a captain of the Los Angeles Black Panther Party, was murdered at 120 St. and Main St. on Dec. 19, according to a statement made today by Panther spokesman Mike Pennywell. The murder received no coverage in the local newspapers. A public funeral was planned for 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 2, at the Victory Baptist Church, 4802 McKinley Avenue.

In a statement to *The Militant*, Pennywell described the murder of Franko Diggs as "an attempt to liquidate the leadership of the Black Panther Party by the racist power structure. . . . Captain Franko had no real family—but he had a big family here in L.A. that loved him very deeply, the Black Panther Party. . . . We will intensify our struggle until there will be no more cold-blooded murders of our people."

Funds to help with the funeral expenses are needed and can be sent to the Captain Franko Diggs Fund, 8404 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.

PRESS RELEASE

NO JUSTICE TO THE BALTIMORE PANTHERS

THE FASCISTS ATTACK PEOPLE'S WARRIORS

Looking at the recent attacks on the Black Panther Party in Philadelphia and Baltimore and the recent convictions of Lonnie McCaskey it is quite clear the pigs of the power structure has genocide planned for the Black Panther Party and its organizing bureau the N.C.C.F.

We see that these raids are not confined to any one city or region. Even in Seattle the swines have blood dripping down their mouths looking for an excuse to raid our community center. On September 2, 1970, Comrade Valentine Hobbs was walking from Geyen's Furniture Store when he noticed a pig car following him. When he reached the community center the pigs pulled alongside and jumped out with their weapons drawn. Comrade Hobbs knows how sadistic these pigs are and knowing that human life means nothing to these insidious beasts Hobbs got in the door just in time. The pigs began to follow but quickly retreated to their cars with shotguns hanging out of their windows. The pigs were openly provoking an incident. Members of the community hearing that their warriors were being threatened,

began to arrive in numbers. A pig captain saw it necessary to negotiate and came up to the office to talk. After finding that the pigs' excuse was that they were looking for a robbery suspect, it was evident that it was another fascist frame-up. Comrade Valentine agreed to stand in a line-up which was to take place at pig headquarters. When we arrived there the pigs asked that a line-up wasn't necessary because they realized that their tricky action wouldn't work.

To the community people who showed for our defense we say Right On, because the spirit of the people is greater than the man's technology and the people are the making force of any revolution. We know that the community is behind us and we as always will defend them at the cost of our lives. We will defend our center and community with righteous guns and force. "For the Freedom, Salvation and Liberty of our People, we will not hesitate to either kill or die."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
N.C.C.F., Seattle Branch

BROTHERS SENTENCED TO SIXTY DAYS FOR SELLING NEWSPAPERS

Friday, September 11, marked a new epoch in political repression. The pigs have repeatedly attempted to squash our political organ, the Black Panther Community News Service. Their methods on a national level is to subpoena Panthers who are known to work on the Black Panther, the nationwide Black Community News Service to testify before the Grand Jury.

In Los Angeles this repression has been and continues to be manifested in repeated arrests of Panthers and community workers while selling our paper throughout the community. In the past months, the majority of our misdemeanor cases involved Panthers and community workers selling papers. In all cases, pigs have charged them not with selling our paper, but violations like disturbing the peace, interfering, and occasionally, when a pig moves physically on a brother, misdemeanor batter.

In our attempts to exhaust all legal means to expose the contradictions in the antiquated laws and the racism inherent in the due process syndrome, we've taken all such cases to court, always mindful of the consequences in the event of a guilty verdict. Friday was such a day...the pigs gloatingly participated in the sentencing of three brothers for "interfering". They were found guilty of interfering with each other's arrest while selling papers. Their attorney Dan Lund, argued fifteen minutes to no avail to have approximately 15-20 pigs removed from the courtroom and to refrain them from disrupting his attempts to argue for an appeal. The fascist judge denied his motion. Bernard Smith and Ronnie Hawkins (arrested several times previously) were sentenced to sixty days in the county jail and placed on a three year probation. "Omar", William Gordon, because he's a brother from the community and was employed...was sentenced to

30 days and also placed on three years probation. The terms of the probation expose the true intentions of the court not to administer justice or any of that euphemistic idealism of justice and fair play in the courts that people are constantly being insulted with, but to repress, both physically and politically anyone who attempts to expose the decadence of this corroding society. Each of the brothers is to find employment and maintain a job...obey all laws...is not to be affiliated with any organization or group advocating the violent overthrow of the government...and lastly, not to be caught selling papers, magazines, or the like within a hundred feet of anyone else. Nothing else really needs to be said, it's clear the intentions of the pigs are to wipe out all traces of political activity, no matter what it takes. If they can harass anyone affiliated with the Party they mistakenly assume the organization is weakened. It should be clear after many such attempts that just the opposite is in fact true. Each act of harassment, each attempt to violate and nullify the works of a Panther by arrest and jailing increases the determination of their comrades to hasten the efforts being made to deal with the corruptness and decadence of this seat of imperialism. To be a political prisoner is merely a testimony of an individual's attempts to take part in the overall struggle of our people against the forces that oppress us.

The education and practice of brothers like Bernard, Ronnie, and Omar will prove that you can jail a revolutionary but not his ideas or the ideas of a people who must bring about this change. "You can jail a revolutionary but you can't jail a revolution."

DARE TO STRUGGLE...DARE TO WIN!
BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Southern California Chapter

With the people as their endorsers, the presently jailed Baltimore Panthers will ultimately from the grasping clutches of the racist courts and returned to the outstretched arms of the people.

The racist courts of Baltimore have a known habit for absolute state of fascism. Through their condition promoted racist attitudes, the Baltimore courts serve as a red light which wholeheartedly is trying to stop the peoples' just struggle for liberation. Those who fail to stop at this red light of oppression automatically draw a clear line of demarcation between themselves and the fascist judicial system. With this clear separation made, the courts elevate their feelings of hate, sadism and fear of a peoples' struggle. All of these pig emotions are manifested through their sardonic practices. The junkie courts have a habit of giving oppressed people life sentences in jail, legal tree lynchings, and other types of fascist tactics which are done because their sadistic minds fear the fact that people are realizing their slave conditions and are moving to vanish these conditions from the face of the earth. With every progressing move of the people, the moronic feelings and oppressive tactics are elevated, and as a result, more deaths, and more life sentences, are imposed upon the people.

As enemies of the people, the courts have declared war. The Baltimore judicial system came up with all sorts of tricky, sneaky, ways to enlist more pig police into their armed vigilante. Because they are enemies of the people, the courts, to win their war, will kill, torture, and attempt to destroy any force that attempts to stop them on this diabolically mad situation.

Larry Wallace, Marshall Conway, Irving Young and James Powell are four of the progressive forces that have been victimized by the dog law enforcers of Baltimore.

In April, 1970, these four servants of the people were captured by the local reactionary forces who are composed of police commissioner Donald "Duck" Pomerleau and his armed troops. On orders handed down from a higher level, Pomerleau commanded his troops to invade the Black community and take prisoners by any means necessary. Certain pre-designated people who because of their myriad knowledge of the oppressive forces, stood as vanguards to the peoples just struggle for liberation and total freedom. Larry, Ir-

ving, Marshall and James are positioned to face the barbaric roman type courts on charges ranging from assault to kidnapping and murder. We know by examining the historical practices of the Babylonian court systems that justice is only present in pig murders, government suiters and any other repressive forces that stand as the officers in the doldrum court halls. Any case paralleling the oppressor, enslaving and murdering of nationwide oppressed people, inevitably result in a predetermined victory for the oppressive forces. Because we know the tricks and fascist ways of Babylonian courts in general we know that the Baltimore courts in particular will administer no justice to the Baltimore. Taking away all human rights of justice the courts will leave Larry, Irving, Marshall and James defenseless before an armed vigilante of racist judges and jurors forced to remain silent and wordless, the Baltimore Panthers will sit through a living nightmare, which stands ready and willing to kill when called upon by racist Babylon to do so. The courts shall surely be stopped in their hard planned attempt to regress the revolutionary movement in Baltimore. The face of the dogmatic judges will display a true feeling of confusion and stupidity when they see the revolutionary forces deal with the racist courts in a way which denotes the characteristics of true, loyal, strong, freedom fighters.

It is no doubt that the courts will intensify and elevate their fascist tactics, when they find the struggle moving forward instead of back. After Larry, Irving, Marshall, and James let it be known that no reactionary, not even death can regress the peoples struggle. Conviction of these brothers will only serve as a stimulus for a time bomb consisting guns, revolutionary people and revolutionary actions. All moving to destroy the slave conditions of racist Babylon and its puppet courts.

FREE LARRY, FREE MARSHALL, FREE IRVING, FREE JAMES AND FREE ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE, are the cries heard throughout the colonies of Baltimore. When the people see the courts actively repressing their just struggle they will arm themselves to stop all reactionary forces that stand as uncrossable bridges to freedom valley!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
FREE THE BALTIMORE PANTHERS!
DEATH TO THE PIGS!

Doug

On Friday, Sept. 11, at about 2p.m., comrade Bill Green had been assigned to sell papers on a busy intersection, on 23rd & Union located in the heart of the Black colony, with a right-on community worker Robert Reiggs. While talking and selling papers to the people, the brother noticed that a couple of pigs were checking them out. A little later, the same two pigs got out of their car, approached Robert and asked him if he would get in the car so they could give him a ticket for stepping in the street. Robert said that he would consider accepting a ticket but he didn't think it was necessary to step in their car, which would be giving them the opportunity to wisk him quietly off to the dungeon. The pigs then proceeded to grab Robert and attempted to handcuff him. While one pig grabbed one arm the other pig attempted to grab his other arm and was knocked down by Robert who realized it was time for him to defend himself. When Bill Green attempted to come to Robert's aid, ten more sadistic pigs led by a black bootlicking lacy pig jumped on both of the brothers, handcuffed them and took them off to jail, as yet there were no charges.

By this time members of the community had informed our office and we headed for the city dungeon. Our lawyer, John Coughlin, met us there and he went inside to talk to Bill and Robert. Inside a pig guard told John that he had better talk to his clients and tell them to answer some questions or else he would see to it that neither of them got out even if bail was posted. John replied that his clients constitutional rights under the fifth amendment would not be denied and that Robert and Bill would be set free. We then found out that Robert had been charged with 1) soliciting business in a prohibited area 2) resisting arrest 3) concealed weapon. Bill was charged with interfering with an officer. These charges show that it was clearly harrassment of the people's servants.

Where is the right to freedom of press when our comrades are snatched from the streets while selling the Panther Paper. It is also interesting to note that this particular issue which Bill and Robert were selling contained Huey's message to the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention. The rights of the people are continuously violated everyday. The need for a new constitution is urgent and with the people responding readily to this, the pigs will go to any lengths to stop us from getting this information to the people by any means necessary. We realize that these sadistic pigs are escalating their attacks against the vanguard to keep us from educating the masses, but this will make us continue to struggle even harder to destroy this evil corrupt government which perpetuates this sick society of capitalism and racism.

In the future we expect wild suicidal attempts to silence our voices but they shall fail and bite the dust as the people pick up the gun and move to decapitate the head of U.S. Imperialism. The Voice of the Panther shall be heard throughout the land and the people will be victorious!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS
Elmer Dixon
Seattle, Washington Chapter

TEXAS CONFERENCE TO FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN AMERICA OCT. 29,30,31, NOV. 1

NOTICE:

We would like to make it very clear to the people that the Black Panther Party is NOT taking part in this conference. Also, the Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, will not be making any speaking engagements outside of California until after January, 1971.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE