

# HOUSTON BRANCH IMPLEMENTS PEOPLE'S FREE PEST CONTROL PROGRAM

A vicious cycle of indecent housing, unhealthy foods, inadequate clothing and medical care, pests and rodents running rampant plague poor and oppressed communities daily. This vicious cycle fostered by capitalist exploitation fathers the American

Empire's highest disease rate which is, of course, in the Black community.

Rats, roaches and fleas that travel from house to house in the community and wretched and inhuman conditions that Black and poor people live

in are responsible for thousands of deaths each year. For instance, rats are carriers of at least eleven different species of intestinal parasites that may be transmitted to man. Tape worms, round worms, trichinosis, and rat bite fever are only a few. The most potent and harmful disease that is transmitted by these monstrous pests is called bubonic plague. Also, fleas belonging to the pulicidae (parasitic) family can transmit bubonic plague from animal to animal and from animal to man. The fleas contract the disease from biting an infected rat.

The most common symptoms of this disease are: a burning sensation in the eyes, swelling of the tongue covered by a white deposit, fevers as high as 102 degrees, vomiting, splitting headaches, delirium, thickness of speech, and a limping gait that conveys the picture of drunkenness.

Another well known pest in the Black Community is the cockroach. Scientific experiments have shown that cockroaches often feed on cholera dejects and corpses of tuberculosis victims. Although the cockroach does not carry disease germs, they are instrumental in spoiling food by nibbling it and dropping excretions on it.

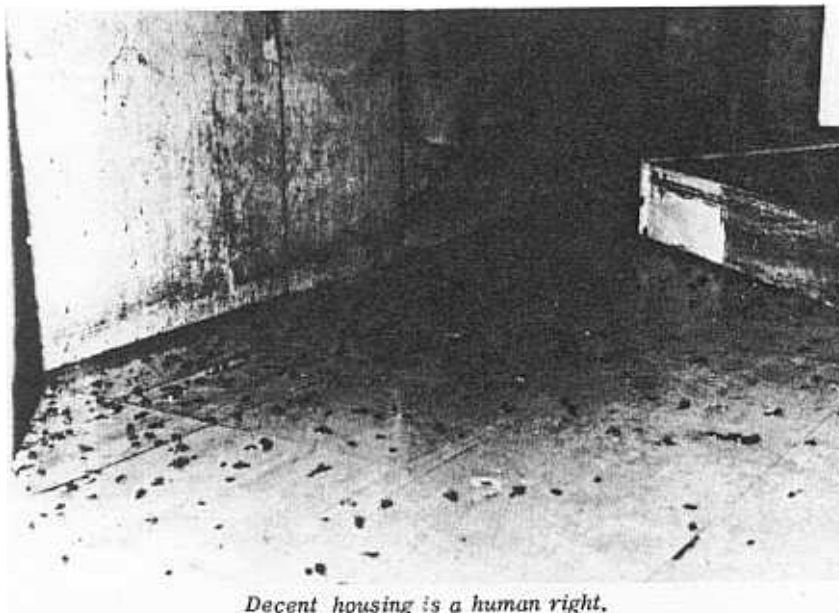
As is natural to this capitalist economy, which feeds on poor people's every misfortune, exterminators who are equipped with the skills and tools to control or eliminate pests charge excessive prices for their work. Thus, the exterminator makes a house free of roaches and rodents a luxury and not a human right. Therefore, the Houston Branch of the Black Panther Party has implemented a People's Free Pest Control Program. The labor, provided by Party members, and the pesticides are absolutely free. To defeat capitalism and re-introduce humanity to society, we will continue to serve the people body and soul.

For further information, call (713) 224-3682

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*Comrade from Houston Branch rids house of disease-carrying pests.*



*Decent housing is a human right.*