

# INDIANA PANTHERS GO BEFORE FASCIST JUDGE

16 Indiana Panthers (Indiana-polis Chapter) went before the Kangaroo court, to face ridiculous charges of disorderly conduct when Panthers Headquarters was illegally busted into by the fascist gestapo troops of pig Lugar. The pigs entered the Panther office after the door had been opened to influence people into the building, after an idiot fool gestapo member had shot into a crowd of black people, following an attempt to exercise brutality on a black brother, who in turn knocked the nut on his fascist ass.

Eight of the Panther brothers went to trial July 2nd, seven cases were continued until Sept. 18th, one case was tried as a test case resulting in a conviction for Lawrence Roberts, the Deputy Minister of Finance. The brother was convicted although the pig who supposedly made the arrest could not identify him. The pig made the statement that he chased Lawrence

into the building, and arrested everyone for disorderly conduct. He admitted that he and the rest of the scum had no warrant and that they saw a chance to make a big bust and they took advantage of this. Still a conviction was obtained.

Eight more brothers went to trial, the attorney asked for a continuance and met opposition from the judge who at first over-ruled the motion, but after some deliberation, finally agreed to continue the cases until Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.

The fascist judge in a fit of anger made the statement that he was determined to try these cases and that this was the last delay that he would accept.

The people have now seen the clear attempt to destroy the Panther Party, nationwide.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**  
Indiana Chapter  
Black Panther Party

# 3 PANTHERS BUSTED FOR CONDUCTING PROPAGANDA WORK AMONG THE MASSES

On Friday, the 4th of July, 3 members of the Black Panther Party, while conducting educational, and political work among the people, were busted and charged with soliciting papers without a permit. They were arrested in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Arrested were, Milton McGriff, age 30, Elijah Graham, age 18, and Eugene Wells, age 23, with an initial fine of 30 dollars.

Later, after the news hit the hierarchy of the fascist pig set-up, the pigs changed their game to \$100 a piece.

Back in Philadelphia, the Party found little of nothing could be done

in terms of legal help, because of the laws of licenses. In addition to this, the 3 brothers, not being residents of New Jersey, found that they would have to pay in cash. So--we were forced to get the only money available--paper money.

The case is supposed to be floored on Monday morning, July 7th, 9:00, at Atlantic City. These bulls--t charges and fines show the inevitable necessity for a UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM----

**PEOPLE'S POWER!**  
**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**  
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Lt. of Information  
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Black Panther Party

# THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY Checks Out The Burning Of York

To: Big Man, Deputy Minister of Information  
From: Philadelphia Branch, Communications Cadre

The Black Panther Party in Philadelphia went to the City of York, Pennsylvania, under the orders of the Deputy Minister of Information, from National Headquarters, of the Black Panther Party. Upon our arrival in the City of York, some 100 miles from Philly, we searched for the Black Colony, easily found in the confines of This pigass mother country. A sister, who knew the events, and the sparks which created them, directed us to the home of a brother shot in the wake of the happenings, Brother Taka Nil Sweeney, 17 years old, and the victim of a pig shooting on the 17th of July.

Taka Nil, with 3 other brothers, was returning from a night of drumming in the Parkway Projects. When returning home, they entered the turf of a white gang called the NSB's. There are no organized gangs in the Black Colony in the City of York. This is not to say that the brothers and sisters aren't organized, for the people know that the residents of the Black Colony of York took care of business. The one organization there, that the brothers and sisters have seen fit to organize is the BUM (Black United Movement). Taka is not a member.

Pig cars were rolling around. The brothers went to see what was happening. Before they got to the coners of West Philadelphia Street and Pershing Avenue, at approximately 11:40 p.m., the pigs ordered them to go home. The brother turned. Taka Nil, at about 7 feet from the corner, felt a pumpkin ball (bullet) in his back. Taka laid there for approximately 15 minutes or more, while a nigger detective pig, hesitated, silently sitting in the seat of his car,

like the nigger pig that he is. After a time, the pig called the ambulance. Taka was taken to the nearest hospital.

Last year, the people of York moved to remove a meat company, Hoffman's, from the Black Colony. The reason being, Hoffman, began shooting at the brothers and sisters there last year. Nothing remains of Hoffman's promises, except for the charred, burnt ruins, and the graffiti on the wall, so reminiscent of Black revolts everywhere.

The pigs briefly intensified their occupation of the Colony by placing the National Guard pigs on the scene. But, the people York moved after a pig started shooting at the people, and after a pig shot a brother. The people of York have taught the pigs of their present power structure, that political power grows out of the barrel of a GUN! For, the pigs no longer cruise in the Black Colony of York, Pennsylvania. The National Occupying Gestapo, is no longer cruising the Black Colony in York. A pig is dead of multiple reminders of his fascist repression.

No gun, no sniper, no brother has been found.

**"THE RACIST DOG POLICEMEN MUST WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY FROM OUR COMMUNITIES, CEASE THEIR WANTON MURDER AND BRUTALITY AND TORTURE OF BLACK PEOPLE, OR FACE THE WRATH OF THE ARMED PEOPLE."**

HUEY P. NEWTON,  
Minister of Defense

People's power will inevitably triumph over the fascist forces of Babylon, New Naziland!

**DO SOMETHING NIGGER, IF YOU ONLY SPIT!**

Communications Secretary  
Philadelphia Branch

# MEDICAL FASCISM IN THE JAILS

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The attorney for one of three Black Panthers serving a year in the House of Correction will seek his release to visit a doctor outside the institution, it was learned Tuesday.

Atty. Patrick Grace said Booker Collins, a Vietnam veteran suffering from a reactivated war wound, was not getting adequate medical attention at the institution.

Collins himself had charged neglect regarding the wound in his left arm in a newsletter published by Panther Party members on the outside.

**Beating Charged**  
When arrested in September,

Collins had charged that police beat him repeatedly on his injured left arm, causing pain to recur and the arm to stiffen.

Collins, along with Earl W. Leverette and Jesse L. White, was arrested for allegedly firing a shotgun blast at a Milwaukee patrolman. They were tried and convicted on resisting arrest charges. Attempted murder charges are still pending.

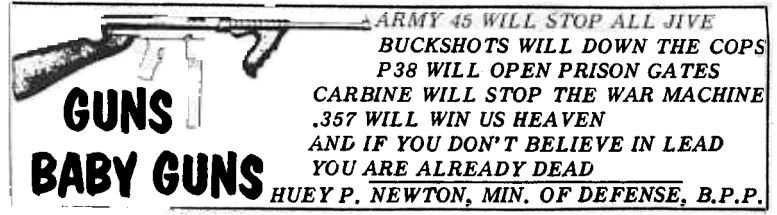
Dr. Joseph J. Zimmer, 8410 W. Cleveland Ave., had examined Collins' arm two weeks ago. Zimmer said he needed orthopedic evaluation. Collins, he pointed out, had undergone extensive physical therapy in Japan after his injury.

**Specialist Obtained**  
An orthopedic specialist has been obtained to examine Collins, but does not want his name released, according to Collins' attorney.

Grace said that Collins would be taken to the doctor's office or a hospital if permission is granted by House of Correction officials.

Lawrence A. Jozwiak, superintendent of the House of Correction, said Tuesday that he had not been approached regarding the request.

He denied that medical attention had been withheld from Collins and said he had been taken to the institution's orthopedic clinic regularly.



**GUNS  
BABY GUNS**

**ARMY 45 WILL STOP ALL JIVE  
BUCKSHOTS WILL DOWN THE COPS  
P38 WILL OPEN PRISON GATES  
CARBINE WILL STOP THE WAR MACHINE  
.357 WILL WIN US HEAVEN  
AND IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN LEAD  
YOU ARE ALREADY DEAD**

**HUEY P. NEWTON, MIN. OF DEFENSE, B.P.P.**

# FASCIST INVASION OF CHATTANOOGA BLACK COMMUNITY

Friday, May 21st, black singer Pickett was to have appeared at Chattanooga, Tennessee's Memorial Auditorium. He had requested and had promised advance payment for his performance, but as he did not receive it he refused to perform. The audience, mostly black, naturally demanded to be returned their ticket money, there would be no show. The money was not fairly re-distributed. Outrage and frustration and long-suffering that people everywhere have known for years, many of those people in attendance at the concert vented this frustration on the streets of Chattanooga that night. There was some damage done to stores, and much needed money was simply taken in this moment of demonstrated outrage over all the racist conditions of the life of the people in Chattanooga.

The racist police force there, seeing the potential power of the people that eventually be used to redress their wrongs, used this opportunity to intensify vicious and acts upon the Black people there. They arbitrarily beat and harassed any person on the streets that Friday following Saturday, the people, with members of the local chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) attempted to meet to discuss this crisis in the community. Instead of being able to

peacefully discuss community problems, the people were set upon by Tennessee Highway Patrol forces, called by recently "elected" Fire and



Police Chief, Gene Roberts, to keep the people from exercising their right to assembly.

The Highway Patrol forces immediately began indiscriminate beating and clubbing and arresting of Black people. Without regard for any age or sex, they attacked unarmed people, as though engaged in a major battle. For example, the only two Black news reporters in Chattanooga were arrested for no reason; a local Black disc jockey, Melvin "Soul", and his wife were beaten and arrested; and, a Black Vietnam veteran was beaten so brutally while in a rest-

aurant trying to purchase a sandwich that he lost one of his eyes.

By Sunday, a State of Martial Law was introduced by the occupation of over 2,000 National Guardsmen in this small Tennessee city (population around 120,000 - about 40,000 of which black). With the presence of local police, Highway Patrol units and National Guardsmen and the infliction of a 7:00 pm to 5:00 am curfew, the Black people of Chattanooga became natural targets and fearful for their very lives. And, that night, Sunday May 23rd, the first fatality occurred. A young Black man, 22 - year old Leon Anderson was shot and killed by Guardsmen. Leon had been stopped on the street by armed National Guardsmen. When he stopped, he rested his arm on a close-by fence to talk. The people of the community said that one of the Guardsmen lowered his rifle, and while some women and others standing there shouted to them not to shoot for the brother was unarmed. With no warning, this pig shot and killed Leon Anderson, firing even into his chest, saying, "Black son-of-a-bitch!

No people can continue to tolerate this treatment. The Black community of Chattanooga has therefore warned the mad racists that it is armed and will put down its arms until the occupying army has withdrawn.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**

## MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

May 25, 1971

1 Our Black Brothers and Sisters of Chattanooga,

vicious and murdering army of occupation now menacing the Black community of Chattanooga is not unassailable. The power of the People can withstand and defeat these racist oppressors. There are no words we offer that will express our support in your struggle, for it is ours. We are Black people, separated only by boundaries not of our own choosing: and

so our fight is one.

We know that our freedom is dependent on all of us, not some or many, but all. And every blow you deliver brings us all closer to freedom and freedom is around the corner. It may be some time coming, but it is without a doubt there.

In particular, the struggle of you, the Black Community of Chattanooga, and the struggle of the Black Community of Chicago, Illinois against the racist, fascist machinery of the U.S. Government is encouragement to all of us to have not fear, but the determination to

struggle and to win.

I can only say, on behalf of all comrades in the Black Panther Party that we express here and militantly affirm our solidarity with all the Black and other oppressed people of Chattanooga and hope to meet with you all on the Day of Victory for the People.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

HUEY P. NEWTON,  
MINISTER OF DEFENSE,  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

# PIGS ATTEMPT TO DESTROY JERSEY CITY PANTHER OFFICE

On Monday night, Jan. 19, 1970, attempts were made by some fascist dog pigs of the power structure to destroy the Black Panther office located at 384 Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, and those who occupied it.

The first attack took place at 11:25 p.m. The destruction of the office was attempted by pouring gasoline on the door and the wood that covered the windows of the office, then igniting it. The fire was put out by members of the Party. Children who kept coming in and out of the office were told to go home shortly before the fire. At the time of the attack, one person occupied the office.

The second attack took place about 12:30 a.m. This attack consisted of firing bullets into the office from a semi-automatic rifle. There were seven people in the office at the time--three Party members and four people from the community. However, there were no injuries.

Tuesday morning when we reported to the office we noticed that another attack of gunfire had been made on the office. The pigs had illegally seized a panel from the door where the fire had been started and where the bullets had come through. The pigs had violated the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution which guarantees the people protection from illegal searches and seizures. When the pigs were asked if they had a warrant they said they did not need one.

When the Party and the people moved to prevent the pigs from taking the panel, the pigs started to draw their clubs and had them ready to use on the people. The resistance was then stopped to avoid the endangering of the people and children.

This just goes to show that the pigs do not respect the rights of the people. When the people moved to protect their constitu-

Wednesday morning when we reported to the office, the people came into the office and said someone had started a fire that night in the back of the office. Friday, when I reported to the office, I noticed that there had been a fire in the front of the office. The paint was burnt. This time it was a fire bomb. The people came in and said that the pigs had again tried to start a fire in the back of the office.

These open terrorist attacks were not only attacks against the Party, but against Black people in general. These fascist attacks committed against the people's army by the racist dog cops who occupy our community is just part of the overall systematic plan to exterminate the Black Panther Party in particular, and Black people in general.

in our Black Community by organizing Black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our Black Community from racist police oppression and brutality.

The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. gives the right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all Black people should arm themselves for self defense.

By Black people arming themselves from house to house, block to block, community to community all across the country, we can end this systematic genocide that is being perpetrated against Black people by the racist, fascist American government. We believe that Black people should exercise their constitutional rights. It is entirely within the law to get a gun for self-defense. Huey P. Newton, our Minister of Defense, says:

# SEATTLE N.C.C.F. MEDICAL CORPS TREATS WALLA WALLA PRISON INMATE

On February 24, 1971 the Seattle National Committee to Combat Fascism sent a medical team composed of four doctors, one nurse, one medical secretary and three N.C.C.F. members to Walla Walla State prison. The primary purpose of the visit to the prison was to administer sickle cell anemia tests. Walla Walla has a black inmate population of approximately three hundred. Three months ago the Black inmates wrote to the N.C.C.F. medical clinic inquiring about the sickle cell tests that were being administered in the oppressed communities of Seattle.

Sickle cell anemia is a blood disease common among Black people. There has been very little research done on this disease until recently and as a result there are many Black people who are victims of the disease and are unaware of it.

The visit to Walla Walla exposed many barbaric and inhuman genocidal conditions. The above picture is of a prisoner who has a large infected hole in his hip as a result of a bed sore. The prisoner has been in bed for about a year. For medication he has been given Thorezine and Librium because they are suppressants and don't allow him to comprehend what is going on around him or his condition. Also revealed was the fact that one of the prison doctors is impaired because of brain surgery he underwent several years ago. The medical team also discovered that a second prison doctor was addicted to drugs and has a severe habit. Over one hundred and eighty inmates were tested for sickle cell anemia and treated for other ailments.

The medical conditions at Walla Walla state prison are typical



Doctor treating prisoner



Infection caused by bed sore

of those conditions that exist throughout all of the oppressed communities of the world. In order to destroy these conditions

it is necessary to kill their cause, U.S. fascism.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**



INSIDE OF JERSEY CITY PANTHER OFFICE

Number seven of the Black Panther Party's 10 Point Platform and Program of what we want and what we believe.

"The racist dog policeman must withdraw immediately from our communities, cease their wanton murder and brutality and return

# DETROIT BRANCH RAIDED BY FASCIST PIGS

The local fascist pig force invaded the office of the Black Panther Party located at 12th Street and Euclid Avenue in Detroit. Over 25 pigs surrounded the block of the 12th Street area as approximately 10 pigs forced their way into the office. The pigs allegedly were in search of a pig walkie talkie type radio, ransacked the office, harassed a sister and two brothers, and took pictures of all the files for future information to aid in the fascist takeover by this racist power structure.

After staying in the office for over an hour supposedly in search of a walkie talkie. (How pigs expect to find a walkie talkie while taking pictures of bits of paper no one will ever know), they stole from the office items belonging to the people. A typewriter and adding machine which was used to aid and co-ordinate the feeding of CHILDREN in the FREE BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN PROGRAM, was taken by the pigs,

and never returned.

Three Black Panther Party members were arrested and released four hours later after the fascist pigs admitted that there was no radio in the office, which their warrant was issued for, and that the typewriter and adding machine which the pigs stole from the people could not be connected as being stolen by the Panther members arrested. Those arrested were Free Breakfast for Children Coordinator, Anita Hartman, Free Breakfast Assistant, Joe Williams, and the Officer of the Day, Leo Williams (no relation).

The people in the area warned other Panthers not to approach the building as the pigs had a trap set inside. "The spirit of the people is stronger than the man's technology". These people wanted to and did protect those who had been FEEDING their CHILDREN, and aiding them in fighting the fascist oppressor.

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# OMAHA N.C.C.F. LIBERATION SCHOOL



Omaha Liberation School

Since its opening last Wednesday, our Liberation School has definitely been functioning well. The children have been responding to instruction with much enthusiasm and eagerness. And it would be interesting to compare the responsiveness of these students taught in the people's school to the responsiveness of students in the Omaha school system. It would be further interesting to compare the attitudes of the Party members who teach Liberation to the attitudes of so many of the teachers hired by the Omaha Board of Education. I believe it is reasonable to say that student interest is an indication of teacher interest and enthusiasm. It is my conclusion, resulting from personal observation and testimony from both students and teachers, that our Black children are generally being taught by teachers who exhibit little real concern for their students and very little enthusiasm. And these teachers lack this enthusiasm because THEY ARE DOING A JOB. They are working for a salary that is paid by an Omaha school system that is aloof from the people's control and unconcerned about the people's needs. The Liberation School instructors are enthusiastic, BECAUSE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND ARE DRIVEN BY THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

David L. Rice



### FASCISTS UNLEASH REIGN OF TERROR IN PLAINFIELD, N.J.

Plainfield, N.J. During the "hot summer" of 1967, a black youth, Bobby Lee Williams, was wantonly shot by a fascist policeman, John V. Gleason. Hundreds of people from the community who witnessed the shooting struck back in anger at the offending officer, bringing about his death.

After unleashing a reign of terror in the community, the police arrested twelve black people and charged them with murder.

Of the twelve, two young black residents of Plainfield, Gail Madden, 24, mother of two, and George Merritt, Jr., 25, a Marine Corps veteran, are now serving life sentences for their alleged participation in the killing of patrolman John Gleason.

The third black youth, Bobby Lee Williams, 24, shot and maimed for life by Gleason, is himself facing trial under a three-count indictment. If convicted, Williams faces a possible sentence of death or life imprisonment.

The facts of this tragic case deserve the attention and intervention of every American concerned with the integrity of the judicial process and with the class relations throughout our land.

Madden and Merritt have been punished and Williams is yet to be punished, not for guilt in the murder, but because the State wants them as hostages to assure the "good behavior" of the black community of Plainfield, New Jersey.

The fascists unleashed a reign of terror in the Black community--they rounded up twelve young blacks for sacrifice and pressured others into becoming State's witnesses. To the deep-seated problems that had caused the social unrest, the answer of the authorities was a mass trial that would continue the oppression of black community dwellers.

Gail Madden, first of the twelve to be charged with the crime, was arrested almost two months after the assault on Gleason. The last was not arrested until early 1968. The trial began in September 1968, 14 months after the assault. Most of the defendants spent months in jail before being released on bail.

Six prosecution witnesses, threatened and coerced by the State during the reign of terror in the community, recanted in court before the judge but, unfortunately, not in the presence of the jurors. The public through the press, saw the police in their true light, frantically and illegally extracting false statements from intimidated black people--but these facts never reached the jury. Might not the jury

verdicts have been different if they had known? The chief prosecution witness, who implicated six of the twelve defendants, had 20/200 vision--in effect, was legally blind.

The trial itself was conducted in an intimidating atmosphere of racial provocation. All participants, including the court-appointed defense attorneys, were frisked daily for weapons. The pressure was deadlocked on the ninth. Two, Gail Madden, (a large woman weighing 250 pounds, allegedly wearing a bright dress, was seen on the edge of the crowd, not at the center of it where the assault took place), and George Merritt, Jr., (a Marine Corps veteran with a four-year service record and an honorable discharge, a government worker highly praised by his superiors. Even though a prosecution witness claimed to have seen Merritt assaulting Gleason with a meat cleaver, the State's pathologist failed to testify that Gleason's body bore a wound made by a meat cleaver. This same witness, in open court, three times identified incorrectly a third person as one who wielded a baseball bat in the assault, yet the person so identified had been in jail at the time of the assault). Six witnesses established that Merritt was not present at the scene of the assault. Another prosecution witness refused to place Merritt at the scene when asked if he could do so.) By conducting sessions on Saturdays, holidays, and evenings, the judge made good his promise to have the jury home for Christmas.

The conviction of Madden and Merritt was groundless. The State has gotten its pound of flesh: it has two black hostages and an indictment against Bobby Lee Williams.

In March of 1969, the State announced that it would not try the postponed case nor retry the deadlocked one.

It is impossible to explain why Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr. were singled out for conviction. The only rational explanation is that someone had to pay for the death of a white officer. The police are now harassing those who were acquitted. Two have been convicted of "the possession of marijuana"; two others have been convicted on charges relating to the 1967 ghetto disturbances.

It is commonplace that victims of police abuses are falsely charged with crimes. Such charges create a justification for the lawlessness of the police. Bobby Lee Williams, the victim

of Gleason's gun, is charged with the serious crime of inflicting "numerous and diverse persons" (presumably black persons) to kill or injure Officer Gleason. This is an impossibility, since he had been wounded and removed to the hospital before the assault on Gleason took place. Williams is further charged with malicious assault on Gleason and with assault and battery on him while in the performance of his duties. If convicted, Williams faces a death sentence or life imprisonment.

These charges may seem difficult to prove, but the State has shown itself resourceful in obtaining a conviction with no evidence. The stakes are high in the Williams case. If the State can make its charges stick, it will have established judicially what it had failed to do at the murder trial; it will have created a valid reason for Gleason's presence in the ghetto. And, short of that, a justification for Gleason's use of his gun.

A conviction will remove from the scene a militant who, at great personal risk, is seeking to contribute to the leadership of Plainfield's black community. Though Williams had been removed from the scene prior to the assault on Gleason, the police later threatened him if he refused to serve as a prosecution witness in the murder trial. Williams steadfastly refused to join the conspiracy. On December 1967 a sealed indictment was handed down against Williams. As late as November 12, 1968, a last effort was made by the police to force Williams to testify. For his refusal, Williams has been threatened with indictment. Two days later, on November 14, 1968, the indictment was made public and Williams was arrested.

A conviction of Williams will intimidate and tighten the bonds of the ghetto on those trapped within it. But the State can achieve its goals only through a frame-up similar to that which produced the conviction of Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr. Public concern can make the difference.

Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr. have obtained labor and civil liberties attorney Frank Donner to handle their appeal. Bobby Lee Williams will be represented at his trial by civil rights attorney William Kunstler.

At the behest of the defendants and their families, community leaders have joined the Plainfield Joint Defense Committee for Bobby Lee Williams, Gail Madden, and George Merritt, Jr. The Committee's Co-Chairmen are Freeman Whetstone and Dr. David Frost and the Treasurer is Paul Polskin. The committee calls upon the public for all possible assistance. An informed and aroused public can help guarantee freedom for the three hostages.

URGE YOUR RELATIVES, FRINDS AND NEIGHBORS TO DO THESE THREE THINGS NOW.

1. Bring the facts of these cases to your church, synagogue, trade union, school, youth organization, political club, civic organization. Invite the committee to send a speaker to your group.
2. WRITE TO: Governor Richard J. Hughes, State House, Trenton, N.J., asking him to quash the indictment against Bobby Lee Williams and to free Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr.
3. WRITE TO: Jacques E. Wilmore U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y., asking him to investigate the conditions in Plainfield and the conduct of the governmental authorities that led to the indictment of 12 young black people for the murder of Patrolman Gleason and to the indictment of Bobby Lee Williams.

Contributions are needed for court costs for Bobby Lee Williams' trial and for the appeal of Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr., and to carry on an extensive public campaign. Attorneys Frank Donner and William Kunstler are serving without fee. Contributions should be sent in care of the Treasurer to the address given below. Please make checks payable to: Plainfield Joint Defense 218 Watchung Avenue Plainfield, N. J. 07061

Information taken from Speak Out for the Release of Plainfield's Black Hostages



## THE AMERICAN WAY OF JUSTICE???

On Friday, May 16th at 10:30 a.m., members and friends of the Jersey City Chapter of the Black Panther Party appeared in Newark Municipal Court before the Hitler fascist Judge James Del Mauro. While awaiting to hear the verdict and ransom to be imposed upon Bro. Ralph (Buddha) Cobb, we had the opportunity to watch PIG JUSTICE in operation. The entire court as usual was filled with poor oppressed Black, Brown, and White people, with the Blacks being in the majority and receiving the harshest sentences and highest ransoms. Of all the cases we sat and watched appear before pig Judge Del Mauro only 3 received suspended sentences, two victims were white and the other a black youth accused of taking \$1.98 worth of merchandise. All others felt the whip in many cases even those who sat in the courtroom let out sighs of surprise as they watched the many innocent victims being railroaded through 'due process (PIG INJUSTICE) of the law'.

At about 12:20 p.m., Bro. Ralph (Buddha) Cobb appeared before the dishonorable racist judge Del Mauro. (Bro. Cobb was still wearing the same clothing that the pigs had kidnapped him in, because each time his family attempted to bring him clothes he had been moved to a different jail). The Star Liar took the stand and oath of hypocrisy... during the entire questioning his eyes were held down. All Party members and friends were shocked when we first saw the accuser. He appeared to be a cross-breed of "Stepping Fletcher", "Uncle Remus" and "Rochester"... Yes he was a negro, of the house nigger breed... He was a plain ordinary janitor, who appeared underpaid as most working class people are... yet... this fool sat there and pointed the finger at an innocent man.

As he was questioned the contradictions in this buffoon's staves were extremely high. (1) the incident occurred Friday morning, May 9th, he went to the pig pen the same day and filed a complaint, yet he did not make a statement until Monday morning May 12th; (2) during the entire time he rode the 2 men around, the one who sat in the front seat with a shot gun and the lying nigger identified as Bro. Cobb, he only looked at approximately 2 times. (3) the 2 men identified themselves as belonging to the black Brothers and/or Black Panthers, and (4) the only thing the 2 men wanted who he said kidnapped him, was the telephone number and address of the rabbi, which anyone with an ounce of sense knows you should look for in the telephone

book. Dishonorable judge Del Mauro sat and listened to all this bulls--t and imposed ransom on Bro. Cobb at \$5,000.

All of us present in pig court noticed while watching this racist corrupt appendage of injustice in session was (1) pig Judge Del Mauro's total disregard for the rights of the oppressed people who appeared for the most part without lawyers. Their right to an attorney was not explained to them and (2) the hog prosecutor's attempt to deny Bro. Cobb's attorney the right to see and challenge the statement of the crazy, funky nigger accuser, by some stupid statement about the prosecutor would agree to allow Bro. Cobb's attorney to see the statement only if he could see any statement that Brother Cobb's attorney might have... By their own actions once more the pigs within the racist, capitalist judicial system have shown that this is a "GOVERNMENT OF THE PIGS, BY THE PIGS, AND FOR THE PIGS!"

The Jersey City and Newark pig departments, know that Ralph Cobb is innocent; especially the 2 Bobste Twins, who have been our constant undesirable shadows for the past 3 or 4 months. Their reason for vamping on him is (1) to suppress members of the Black Panther Party and to destroy the Party, and (2) racist exploiter 'Tom Whelan' had to insure his receiving a victory at the polls, so as usual he used racist tactics and fear to manipulate the people. But this failed because "the will of the People is stronger than the pigs technology"... so no first ballot victory.

The Jersey City press as usual only exposed one side of the story and it was misguided... so on Wednesday, May 14th, a press conference was to be held at the Black Panther Office, the press invited and only one reporter showed, a representative of the "Newark News". Neither the Jersey Journal or Hudson Dispatch felt the people were entitled to hear both sides of the story and form their own opinion as to who was telling the truth.

We call upon the people of the community to come out in support of Bro. Cobb. All those who saw Bro. Cobb anytime Friday morning May 9th, come or call the Black Panther office. Acknowledge this to a member of the Party and prove that the will of the people is greater than the pigs tricknology. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Jersey City Chapter Black Panther Party

## PIGS ATTEMPTING TO CLOSE WEST OAKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

It has been several months now since we first occupied and then opened what is now the Black Community Information Center at 1690- 10th street, in West Oakland.

But since our arrival there, the pigs have been seemingly unrelentless in their attempt to gain as much information as possible, true or false, concerning the Panthers working out of the Center and exactly what we're up to.

The pigs rely not only on the people in the community for their information (old Uncle Tom, handkerchief head "snitches" and paid think-they-slick nigger informers); They have had the audacity to try to gain information directly from us.

Coming to the community and to the center in all manner of disguises, pigs have tried to pass off as census takers and telephone men. They recently tapped the wires on all the lines in the area around the community center. This was done to prevent any calls from leaving the area in time of a massive attack. And the pigs will relish any tid-bit information they can pick up until then.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (P.G. & E.) pigs are some of the most foul and deceptive of the lot.

The Black capitalists slumlord who owns the house out of which the Center operated decided that she would no longer pay the utilities and so informed the people at the water company and at P.G.&E.. On June 19th a so-called representative of the water company came to shut off the water because of her failure to pay the bill. He told those at the Center that in order to prevent the water from being shut off, the account would have to put in someone else's name. When I got back to the center, I called the water company and in a matter of minutes made arrangements for the forthcoming bill to be put in my name. All of this was done by phone.

Several days ago, one of the

brothers at the Center called my attention to two men walking toward the center. One was dressed in slacks and a white dress shirt. He was about 35 years of age, of medium-tall height and on the slightly heavy side. He had dark brown curly hair and dark eyes. (Does he look familiar to you?) The other was older, rather thin.

Here it was, just a few days later and the P.G. & E. had come up with the same line; the person paying utilities no longer wished to pay them either the forth coming bill would have to be put in someone else's name or the P.G.&E. would shut it off.

Before I had a chance to tell the pig in whose name the bill should be put, he asked if I wanted it to be put in the name of the Black Panther Party. I told him no, that it would be put in my name. He wrote something down, turned the paper over, then handed it to me and asked me if I would please sign there, where he pointed. I thought "Now, I just went through this same thing with the water company and all those arrangements were made by phone. This pig must be a fool if he thinks that I'm going to sign this what ever it is". I took the paper and put it up to the post as if about to sign. I then flipped the paper over and began reading. The one thing that stood out in red writing across the paper was "Panther Headquarters. Take police protection". To the brother standing on the porch next to me I said "Now ain't this a ... Do you see this? He agreed then the pig snatched the paper from my hands and began saying nervously that he didn't know anything about any police protection business. I told him that I wasn't signing anything before reading it. I told him to give it back to me so I could read it before signing, but he refused to give it back. In fact after he got the form back he started making his way down the steps so fast it's unfortunate

that he didn't fall and break his neck.

Once on the sidewalk he turned around only to ask me if he had the correct spelling of my last name. Anyway the next thing I knew he was down the street and back in his little gray unmarked car. The older P.G. & E.-looking man was still piddling around on the side of the house. I asked him what was he up to. He said that he had just taken a meter reading and started explaining about the white tag he was leaving on the meter as he walked away.

Then Monday afternoon I returned to the Center to find a P. G. & E. van sitting on the sidewalk in front of the Center. I was later told that P.G. & E. people had come to the house of one of the neighbors supposedly answering a service call.

It is with certainty that I say: that situations well planned and calculated to condition you, after a period of time to think nothing of their occurrences, as so many of you have already become conditioned.

But you must remember that the pigs will stop at nothing to prevent Black people who have been enslaved and impoverished for 400 years from at last gaining their freedom and liberation, because our freedom is the oppressor's doom.

So the next time you see anyone or any platoon of these so called "servants of the community", whatever the disguise, just recall if you will the Mafia and the St. Valentine's Day massacre and be prepared for the showdown. In the words of Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, "An unarmed people are slaves or 'subject' to slavery at any given time". ARM YOURSELF OR HARM YOURSELF. Organize community self defense groups now!

Black Community Information Center - West Oakland, CALIF.



## PIG SHOTS INDIANAPOLIS PANTHER

The ever present harassment of Black Panther members and black people throughout the black community is an ever-present issue of racist and never-ending murder and brutality at the hand of the racist pig department and the kangaroo courts on a local as well as a national level.

On December 29th, 1968 Abram Sharrief, our circulation manager, and another Brother were advertising a rally we were having. The Brothers were speaking to the people over a loud speaker and distributing literature, when they were stopped by racist patrolman Steven Schatke and charged with being disorderly persons. A frame-up charge of violation of the 1935 fire-arms act was tacked on for good measure. On January 5th the same racist son of a snake shot a black Brother and charged him with stealing an automobile and violation of the 1985 Beverage Act. Both of these charges were dropped. The slime of the land was

exonerated of the charge of shooting the Brother as was to be expected. After careful investigation by the Ind. Chapter it was discovered that this pig had shot another black Brother the previous year. Feb. 14, 5 Panthers were expelled from school and charged with passing inflammatory literature.

Feb. 17, Panthers Bruce Council, Dan Gims and Richard McReynolds were charged with disorderly persons and trespassing on school property when they were passing out Panther information.

In March 1969 a Black Brother was arrested downtown for driving too slow.

Jerry Cunningham a Black member of the Safety Board was fired for speaking out against racial injustice.

Free "Huey P. Newton"  
By Any Means Necessary  
Donald Campbell  
Deputy Minister of Information, Indiana Chapter

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Audry Hudson is the secretary of the Black Panther Party For Self Defense and a member of the editorial staff of the Black Panther newspaper. Besides being very beautiful to look at, (as you can see for yourself) the sister is a very beautiful person. She has gotten herself together and enlisted in the struggle for the total liberation of her people. She is a welcomed addition to the swelling ranks of the Vanguard Party of the black liberation struggle. If there are any more Audry's out there - and we know there are - please step forward and take your rightful place beside our Audry so that we can bring the final curtain down on the American Nightmare.



**Captain Hawk**

In working for the Black Panther Party For Self Defense, I have met some very interesting people. Because the Party is based on the grassroots level of the black community, the people with whom

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# WASHINGTON STATE FREE BUSSING PROGRAM

## ATTEMPT TO RAILROAD PEOPLE'S SERVANTS

The demagogic elements of the Cleveland power structure, working in conjunction with the lower echelon Cleveland College system, are out to railroad two revolutionary brothers in the Cleveland N.C.C.F. who are students at the pigs' indoctrination camps, sometimes called colleges. One of the brothers, Al Hayes, is a student at Cuyahoga Community College. He has put in long hours helping with the liberation schools, free lunch programs as well as selling Panther papers at school.

There exists at the school a make-believe security department, headed by a drop-out from the fag-got bureau of intimidation (FBI). This fat-bellied buffoon has at his disposal, nigger lackeys that harassed Al and tried to keep him from boosting papers on campus. Falling in this covert attempt, chief lackey bootlicker, Maurice Presley, who is the most simple nigger lackey on this planet, threatened to kick Al and two more brothers out of school. Obviously this foot shuffling nigger doesn't have that authority. Recently someone or some pig set afire one of the buildings and pig Maurice in true lying form, tried to place it on Al. He arrested him on an obvious trumped up charge of arson. This was a smokescreen to keep Al off campus and to keep the voice of the Panther from being heard on campus, and to keep the brother from educating the students to the Party's Platform and social Programs. Nigger Presley later oinked in court that he really didn't see anyone light a fire, but meanwhile Al's case is being continued. As for the little fag-got Presley, he gets an extra bowl of slop for his hoggish deed

of the day.

Billy Brock, also working with the liberation schools is a student at Cleveland State University. At the time, he was kidnapped for so-called malicious destruction of property. Billy had organized a 'FREE BOBBY RALLY' on campus. After the rally a few brothers and mother country radicals, broke some windows and turned over chairs. Without any evidence or witnesses, the fascist pigs and some hard core racists threatened Billy's life, yet none of these scum were arrested. The next day 22 pigs from the Cleveland hog farm vamped on Billy in the student lounge. Although he was vividly unarmed, the pigs approached him with the fascist over-kill weapons, 357's, carbines, and 12 gauge shotguns. After kicking him in the ribs and handcuffing him, the pigs then breathed a little easier.

One cowardly swine, badge #261, held a gun at Billy's head all the way to the Cleveland city dungeon, which like most stys in Babylon, has a 90% Black population. Badge #261 oinked that "You're a Panther huh?" "We pigs are going to have our fun when the mess jumps off too." This fool in pigs' clothes also had a hand grenade which he tried to intimidate the brother with. After two days, Billy was returned to the people after posting \$1,000 ransom. Both Al and Billy are back on the streets working in our liberation schools and free lunch program.

The stupid pigs in Cleveland better realize that this is the year of the people. We've seen many of our comrades and offices across the nation ripped off by

blood thirsty animals masquerading as protectors of the people. We will not relinquish our demand to free Chairman Bobby and all political prisoners. Nor will we quit feeding hungry children. And will not discontinue serving and educating the masses. We're going to keep on exposing the duality in this jive judicial system and all the atrocious injustices that are being practiced locally, nationally, and internationally by the mad dogs that are in power.

The Pentagon is the bastion of fascism and the incorporators of countless numbers of mad scientists running amuck and planning genocide for Black people and all progressive people over the world. So later for all of them. Later for this jive piece of toilet paper called the constitution, it didn't include Black people anyway, we're making our own. Meanwhile, the beat goes on so put your ear to the ground all you chumps that call yourselves ruling Babylon and you will hear the people marching on to liberation. And when you raise up you will see the vanguard party leading the people down that bloody path of revolution and after we're through there will be no pigs for days, only people, because we will fight from one generation to the next. While you cowards in the Pentagon plan to wipe us out, making plans twenty four hours a day (with the people's taxes), we're making counter plans for survival. The people are hip to you and the will of the people is stronger than your technology.

### COUNTER-ATTACK

Cleveland, Ohio, N.C.C.F. Curt

The Black Panther Party has established the free bussing program throughout the state of Washington. The purpose for this is to visit the brothers and sisters in prisons, state and federal institutions to establish a close relationship between the community and the prisoners. Then the community can find out the specific case of these brothers and check out the parole board and see how racist it is. We found out that many families and friends cannot afford transportation to these prisons. So the families can't visit their loved ones. The result is that the prisoners feel that no one even cares about them thus leaving them at the mercy of those sadistic pigs in prison.

Saturday July 11, 1970, The Black Panther Party along with members of the community gathered in front of the Community Information Center to go to Monroe Prison. The people were very happy with the bussing program because it provided free transportation, enabling them to visit their relatives being held in the prison. It also gives a chance to establish some type of communication between the community and the prisoners. Some of the women helped prepare the food for lunch. We talked on the way there about the prisons and what type of treatment the brothers are receiving.

Many of the brothers that are railroaded to prison don't even have hearings. The trials are brief and one sided. These cases are exactly what the Black Panther Party's 10 Point Platform states; we want all Black people when brought to trial to be tried by a jury of their peer group or someone from their community as defined in the Constitution of the United States. All of the brothers and sisters who have been brought to trial, were not judged by a jury of their peer group. In fact we are usually at the mercy of racists and bigots who have no understanding of the average Black man in the Black community; the two situations are different as

day and night. After the brothers' trials they are sent to prisons with ridiculous sentences. For example, a brother we know is serving a 6 year prison term for allegedly carrying an illegal weapon. He didn't kill anybody, he wasn't threatening anybody, and he didn't rob anybody. The brother didn't even have a gun in his possession when he was snatched off the streets. A case such as this brother's is only one in a thousand. He didn't have a jury of his peer group. His case shows just how corrupt this country's judicial system is. It is not only a very racist system but very corrupt and unbalanced. About six years ago a young Black man by the name of Bonnie Dinish was murdered. The man who did it only got a year and a half for his crime. Now how in the hell is somebody going to get away with killing a man serving only a year and a half. When a Black man gets six years for supposedly carrying a fire arm. You can get more time robbing bank than you can for taking a human life. So that just shows the people that this government puts more value on money and materials than on human life. Oppressed people have no rights that the oppressor is bound to respect.

So Black people had better wake up to all of the fascism that is running rampant throughout Babylon. In many cases a lot of prisoners are tortured because they refuse to accept the inhumane conditions that are thrown upon them. They are ill fed; the food is infested with worms; it is spoiled and no good. It is a daily experience for brothers to be thrown in the hole for days, weeks at a time. Some of the people are becoming community workers to help establish a strong firm bussing program. So within a short while we will have drawn up a weekly bussing schedule to present to the community

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

SEIZE THE BUSES, FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

## Seattle Pigs Murder Panther

On the afternoon of October 5, 1968 at 4:25 p.m. another life was taken in fight for Black liberation. Another Panther warrior was violently taken from our midst. The cold-blooded, murdering, racist, dog, pigs took it upon themselves to take the life of another one of our black brothers. We knew him as a warrior, but all you need to know is that he was a young man. A young black man made to mature faster than he would have if he had chosen to live his life for himself. But he didn't. This black warrior chose to fight for liberation of all black and oppressed people everywhere. And for this he died. His name was Welton Armstead.

Welton Armstead. Known to all who loved him as 'Butch'. Welton, like another black young warrior who also gave his life for the black liberation struggle, was only 17 years old. The other warrior, also a member of the Black Panther Party, I am sure you have heard of; his name was Bobby Hutton. Both these brothers were murdered unnecessarily by cold-blooded pigs.

Butch was shot down right before the eyes of his mother and sister. They stood by and pleaded, helplessly as the racist pig took the life of their brother and son. Butch was taken to the hospital (more than likely already dead) while his mother and sister were taken to jail and jailed for 'interfering with an arrest.' All they did was plead for Butch's life.

Butch's life could have been spared, for the pigs were in arm distance of him when they willfully murdered him. But they chose to kill him because it was, just another case of where they showed their true feelings for all the black people in the racist country.

Will Butch's life, as well as Bob-



HELD AT SON OF MAN TEMPLE

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The Revolutionary Memorial Services began as the flag-draped casket bearing the body of Bruce (Deacon) Washington was brought, in silence, into the Temple auditorium, ceremoniously flanked on all sides by a special Honor Guard comprised of four Black Panther Party members who had known and worked with Comrade Deacon in the early development of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Party in the late 1960s and here in Oakland.

As the top of the casket was raised and the flag, bearing the emblem of a large solid, black panther was pulled back, the Son of Man Temple Choir, dressed in black robes, stood

and softly but firmly sang the very meaningful ballad, "We Are Soldiers":

*"We are soldiers  
In the army  
We have to fight  
Although we have to die.  
We have to hold up the blood-stained banner,  
We have to hold it up until we die..."*

Deacon had been an original member of the Son of Man Temple Choir, and had actively recruited others with whom he came in contact to join.

Following the Choir, Brother Emory Douglas, the internationally-acclaimed People's Artist for the Black Panther Party, read a selection from *Revolutionary Suicide*, written by Huey P. Newton, the Party's leader and chief theoretician. The passage which Brother Emory read was appropriate, for Comrade Deacon was conscious of the dangers involved with his work in the Black Panther Party, but as all who knew him will readily testify, Comrade Deacon refused to compromise his own integrity and dignity:

*"... Revolutionary suicide does not mean that I and my comrades have a death wish; it means just the opposite. We have such a strong desire to live with hope and human dignity that existence without them is impossible. When reactionary forces crush us, we must move against these forces, even at the risk of death..."*

The moving poem, "For Deacon," read by Sister Ericka Huggins, was filled with words expressing a realism that could not be denied:

*We come into life  
without a wish,  
a dream,  
a desire.  
life is so simple—to eat, to sleep  
then with knowledge comes  
pain  
life is no longer simple—  
how do we eat?/where do we  
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we think  
we want to do*

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