

# CINDY SMALLWOOD-- A SHORT AND DEDICATED LIFE

At the age of 17, Cynthia Smallwood joined the Black Panther Party. She had just completed high school when she became interested in working full time in the programs of the Black Panther Party.

She first began working in the Liberation School in San Francisco. This school was established in 1970, to teach young Black children about their history and their role in the present day world. Before she joined the Black Panther Party, when she was in high school, Cindy tutored young children.

Cindy later began to work with the Samuel Napier Intercommunal Youth Institute in Oakland. Sam Napier was the Circulation/Distribution Manager of the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service at the time he was murdered in New York in 1970, by agents of the U.S. government.

Cynthia was always a very sincere and efficient worker. Anything that she did was done with quiet enthusiasm and great love.

She began to work with the brothers and sisters who are responsible for the distribution of our paper in 1971. She was responsible for getting many of the subscriptions out and remained steadfast in her commitment to our readers, to get their papers into the mail on time.

"Circulate to Educate" was not rhetoric to Cindy Smallwood. She believed that the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service is the best newspaper, consistently providing progressive news of poor and oppressed people. She helped to circulate our paper with that idea in mind.

On February 4th, while driving from Richmond, California, to Oakland, Cindy ran into an embankment. She was thrown out of the passenger van she was driving and was critically injured. After arriving at Herrick Hospital, in Berkeley, she was diagnosed to have massive head and chest injuries. The damage to her brain was extensive.

On February 7th, at 5 p.m., Cindy was pronounced dead.

Her death, however, does not stop the work she was doing. It will continue; our circulation will increase, not decrease. For those who knew Cindy it is easy to see that we can not mourn the end of her life, for she lives on in every copy of the newspaper distributed across the country.

Recently Cindy's family established a Scholarship and Memorial Fund for Cindy Smallwood. The money will go toward tutoring young Black children. We hope that you will contribute what you can to the fund. It is the type of educational opportunity Cindy would love to have offered to our youth.

You may send contributions for the Scholarship and Memorial Fund to: 444 Santa Barbara Avenue, Daly City, California, 94014. In this way, Cynthia Smallwood will never be forgotten, the ideas that she lived for will be passed on in the children who receive the benefits of this fund.



CINDY SMALLWOOD - "The gentle woman with a smile like sunshine."

## A FAREWELL TO CINDY

(Daly City, California) - In service to the people we attain immortality. This was the theme of the beautifully solemn, quietly dignified service last Friday at which Cynthia "Cindy" Smallwood's family, comrades and friends bade her farewell.

Grace Presbyterian Church was packed with those who knew and loved Cindy, over all or some part of her short but dedicated life. In scripture, eulogy, poem and sermon, the congregation was assured that Cindy lives in the deeds and in the hearts of those who, like Cindy, fulfill their commitment of service to the oppressed of humankind.

A uniformed group of Cindy's comrades from the Black Panther Party filled the choir pews at the front of the church. They were a mute re-

## WITH A SMILE LIKE SUNSHINE...

By Ericka

*We all know a gentle woman  
with a smile like sunshine,  
a voice like springtime rain;  
we know a woman who worked  
and gave her life to our people.  
Her name was not in lights,  
she was a star only to those who  
loved her.*

*She became a part of our lives, so  
much so that we were sure she  
would never leave us, so solidly  
was her life bound to ours.*

*Today, we must not mourn the end  
of her life, we must celebrate be-  
cause she lived and laughed and  
loved, because she gave all of  
her energies to help obtain the  
freedom we should have by right  
of our birth...*

*We must celebrate her life -  
she lives on in the idea of liberation  
from all suffering.*

*When roses bloom we will  
see her,  
when music plays we will  
hear her,  
when children laugh we will feel  
that she is near.*

*We can not bring her back to  
us as she once was,  
we have no control over that.*

*So - what she did not complete  
we can -  
as she would have touched  
another human being's life  
we can in our own way.*

*We can not remember her in  
abstract from the things she  
struggled for. Those things were  
peace and freedom for us all.*

*We must learn from her life  
and understand the meaning of our  
own--life is so short and each  
living thing is so precious -  
She is precious,*

*The gentle woman with a  
smile like sunshine  
--CINDY*

minder to all those assembled of Cindy's three year membership in the Black Panther Party. The brothers to the right of the alter wore blue, open collar shirts, black trousers and black shoes. The sisters to the left of the alter wore all black, without jewelry or makeup.

A large wreath of yellow carnations and roses, among the many that stood beside the oak casket at the front of the church, bore a streamer marked  
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# ATTACK ON BLACK COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER, HIGH POINT, N.C.



*Pigs milling around after vamp of Black Community Information Center*



*Pig with l2 gauge pump shot gun in front of Winston - Salem N. C. C. F.*



*Pigs still milling around. Note supposedly bullet proof vest.*

On February 10, 1971, on or about 6:00 a.m., the Police Department of High Point, North Carolina, attacked the Black Community Information Center located at 612 Hulda Street. The attack and invasion led by the police within the Black community is comparable to the fashion utilized by the armed forces of the United States Government in the invasion of communities throughout the world. (Southeast Asia, Africa etc.)

They came at a time when the majority of the people in the community were asleep; therefore, observation by the community could not be made. The

reason that the attack was made in this manner, simply stated, was that the power structure of High Point does not want anyone to assist in the elimination of the wretched conditions of their environment. The brothers and sisters who worked out of the Community Center had instituted a Free Breakfast Program that served 30 children each morning at the beginning of the program. Since the launching of the project, the number of children has increased to fifty (50) per day. On Saturday, February 13, 1971, a Free Clothing Program was to be sponsored by the brothers and sisters as a result of a clothing

collection drive by them.

This attack by no means will halt our efforts to serve the people of High Point. In fact, this barbarian attack by the Police Department only serves to strengthen us and make us more determined to serve the people. Our Free Breakfast Program will be implemented again in the next few days and we will continue our programs to survive until the people put an end to this madness.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**  
High Point, North Carolina  
Black Community Information Center

## PIGS ATTACK INMATES OF BALTIMORE CITY JAIL

On February 17, 1971, approximately 80 prisoners held on "L" section, one of the maximum security lock-up sections of the Baltimore City Jail, continued their struggle to survive inside the steel and concrete tombs in which they are enslaved. The prisoners refused to be dehumanized any longer without making the people of the world aware of the oppressive conditions under which they have been forced to exist.

After petitioning the courts, the press and the state prosecutors through all supposed legal channels, the brothers moved the contradiction of the jails vs. the people to a higher level. They physically seized control of "L" section, making "L" section somewhat of a liberated community. Because the



*Baltimore Jail Inmates During Rebellion*

brothers inside seized the section physically, the pigs have defined their actions as violent. We recognize that the prisoners inside the jails are struggling for their survival, and had to institute revolutionary violence to counter the reactionary violence the prisons daily institute in an attempt to break men they confine within their steel and concrete.

Baltimore City Jail's racist administrators trying to mislead the masses of people, who are locked into Baltimore's slums, used the mass media to promote a supposed reason for this act of rebellion. They immediately labeled this revolutionary act as a "riot". They proceeded to manufacture

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# NEW YORK'S LINCOLN HOSPITAL - CHILDREN'S WARD - A WARD OF DEATH FOR OUR CHILDREN

Not only are the genocidal plans for people of color escalating, the attacks by the U.S. Empire are being launched against the very ones who will implement a revolutionary intercommunal society which will work in the interest of all men - our children.

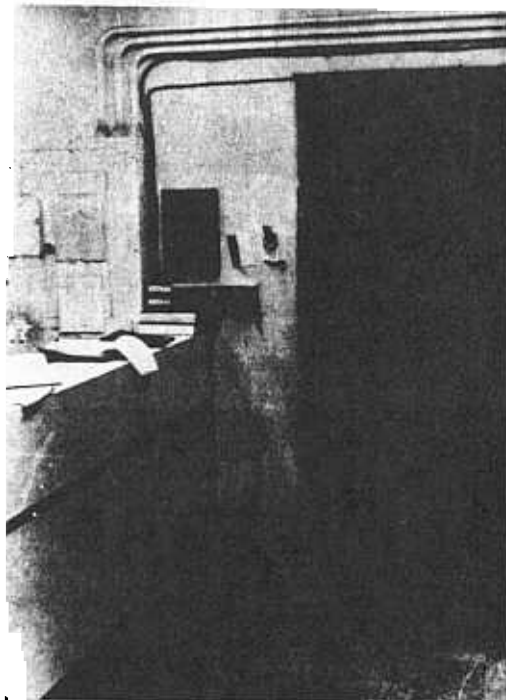
In dilapidated Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, the children's wards hold many levels of terror. One of these is that a majority of the children confined there are suffering from lead poisoning, due to the substandard conditions in which they are forced to live. The hospital ward had supposedly been renovated by the city recently to try and "improve" its appearance. Although only a few children have been tested for lead poisoning, competent doctors from the People's Free Health Center have taken their blood samples and found that the lead content level was higher than when the children were first admitted into Lincoln Hospital.

Through close observation by the medical personnel, it was discovered that the children were eating the freshly painted walls of the wards and that the paint contained lead.

This outright murder plan by these corrupt city beasts is just another way to try and stop the progress of the ideas and new concepts of the survival which will be fully implemented by our children.

The pigs of this fascist city working under the pretense of improving the conditions of the hospital wards have gone so far as to place death in a place supposedly instituted to heal and cure.

The Black Panther Party, knowing this offers a solution. We



UNSANITARY WAITING ROOM AT LINCOLN

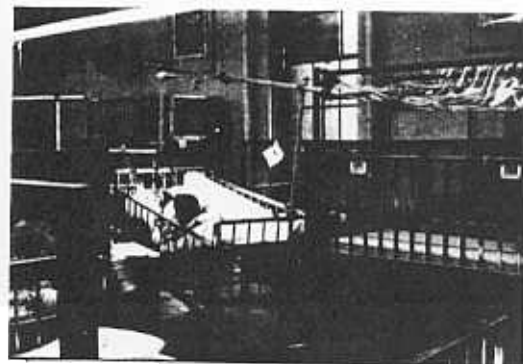
have instituted a People's Free Health Center at 438 Claremont Parkway in the Bronx, run by people who work in the complete interest of all the people. Not only do we realize the importance of excellent health care, we also recognize that the oppressive conditions

imposed upon the people, such as decadent housing, economic exploitation and the other denials of basic human rights, play heavily upon the people's physical well-being.

The people must no longer tolerate acts of attempted murder



DEADLY LEAD POISONED WASHROOM WALLS



OVER CROWDED CONDITIONS IN CHILDREN'S WARD

as that committed by Lincoln Hospital against our children, for it is one of the many strategies used by this decadent government to halt the surge of the people's

struggle for total freedom and human dignity.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE AND TO OUR YOUTH, ON WHOM OUR HOPE IS PLACED.

## WE WANT DECENT HOUSING

The cry of the oppressed masses for decent housing in the communities of the world fall upon the deaf ears of pigs—dead only because the pigs have no concern for the lives of the people.

On Friday afternoon, February 12th, Preston Chims came home to find his living room and bathroom ceiling had fallen in. Preston lives with his 59-year old mother at 982 East 178th Street in the Bronx, N.Y. Mrs. Chims is confined to bed with an incurable disease, and Preston works in a laboratory at Harlem Hospital during the day. This means that during the day Mrs. Chims is home alone, existing in a veritable rat trap. Friday afternoon Preston called the avaricious pig slumlord Paul Walton Ave. in the Bronx, and told him the ceiling had fallen. Pig Maslin told Preston he would have to wait until after the "holiday" for repairs to be made.

Since Pig Maslin followed the usual line of the pig slumlords, allowing already substandard housing to become completely dilapidated, Preston called Pig Mayor Lindsay's Housing Department, in hope of getting the necessary repairs made. Two

men from the Pig Lindsay's Housing Department came to the brother's house, only to tell him there was nothing they could do. This is the usual procedure in the case of poor people. They "suggested" that Preston not attempt to sue the slumlord Maslin for damages.

Aside from the dilapidation of the physical structure of the building in general and the apartments in particular, there is no heat or hot water. Brother Preston is what is categorized by the pigs as an "worker", forced to "earn" a means to survive for himself and his mother. Because of this oppressive state, he must pay a pig slumlord \$84.00 a month for a two-room apartment that is not fit for the shelter of animals.

Oppressed people of communities all over the world are forced to live in indecent housing. The people are fed up to the gills with the oppression forced upon them and the people are moving in a revolutionary fashion to rid their communities of the oppressive forces by seizing control of the sources of power now held by the pigs.

All Power To The People

## PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED

The Black Panther Party realizing the lack of proper medical care of poor and oppressed communities of Babylon, and out of love for our people, having opened the (Spurgeon "Jake" Winters) Free Medical Care Center, 3850 W. 16th St. (Chicago), in January, 1971, has moved a step further, by implementing a preventive medicine program.

Teams of medical students and trained community workers are sent out into the community to the homes of the people in Lawn-dale (which happens to have one of the highest infant mortality rates in the city). The teams go into homes and give simple tests, such as throat cultures, blood pressure and urinalysis. The tests are simple and take only about 15 min. per family; however, they are very important. For instance, when a home has peeling paint, the test would be very instrumental in detecting lead poisoning in small children. In homes where there is little, or no heat, we urge the children to take throat cultures to check for strep throat, a disease which is fatal in in-

fant's if untreated. In the older children and adults the urinalysis could tell if there were sugar in the blood or other elements that would need medical attention, such as an abnormal protein count, or in older people, high blood pressure. The people that need to see a doctor are referred to the Free Medical Center. We take the names and addresses of those persons for the purpose of contacting them, if they do not come in to see a doctor after a certain period.

We realize that poor and oppressed people are not taught anything about methods of preventing illness or proper health precautions. In a couple of the homes we saw cases where people who had seen doctors were still ill. For instance a small boy that continued to have rashes on his throat and ears was sent home with no diagnosis or medicine. A sister saw a doctor about a drastic weight loss and also a hole in her nasal. The doctor said the weight loss was probably due to the hole in the nasal. He said nothing more about

the hole than that; and he told the sister to let him operate. After the sister refused and didn't return, the doctor showed the usual lack of concern and didn't try to contact the sister to see whether she had gotten well.

These are just a few cases which poor and oppressed people which demonstrate how poor and oppressed people are given inadequate medical care. This system that we are forced to live under is only concerned with private property and profit. Medical Care should be free to everyone, and people should get the proper attention when they seek medical care. But the pigs don't want this to happen, because it is not going to make a profit. And this is another example of why we will have to seize the means of production so that we will be able to determine our own destinies.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE Support the Spurgeon "Jake" Winters Free Medical Care Center

# OAKLAND - A BASE OF OPERATION !

PART VI

## PEOPLE'S POWER AT THE POLLS

### BLACK PANTHER PARTY'S VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE TRANSFORMING POLITICS IN OAKLAND

The results of the recent West Oakland Planning Committee (W.O.P.C.) elections are now official. On Saturday, August 19th, in a voter turn-out in the thousands, six (6) of the nine (9) candidates on the Black Panther Party slate were elected to this policy making Board of Directors for Model Cities. As a result, the people of West Oakland will now have a decision-making voice in the allocation of \$4.9 million dollars for their own community. A people's victory has been achieved in the struggle for righteous community control of community institutions.

First place winners from the Black Panther Party slate were: Steve McCutchen, Youth at Large; John Seale, brother of Black Panther Party Chairman, Bobby Seale, District 4; Mrs. Ruth V. Jones, District 3; and Marion Hilliard, sister-in-law of imprisoned Black Panther Party Chief of Staff, David Hilliard, District 6. Two members of the slate finished second, second only to other members of the Black Panther Party Slate: Millicent Nelson, Youth at Large; and Samuel Castle, District 3. A seventh candidate, Emory Douglas allegedly lost the election in District 1 by one vote.

As if this were not victory enough, four of the six Black Panther Party supported candidates were also elected (three of the four had the highest number of votes in their districts). They, too, will join with the previously mentioned members of the Black Panther Party slate in serving the true needs of the West Oakland community. These Black Panther Party supported candidates were: Mrs. Beatrice Slider, Adult at Large; Elidia Fernandes and Frank Prado, Chicano at Large; and Dorothy Paynes, District 2. (In relationship to Dorothy Paynes, it should be mentioned that this beautiful community sister, has long worked in the interest of her people, volunteering



If thousands of people are registered to vote then, with unified voting on April 10, 1973, we can elect BOBBY SEALE Mayor of Oakland and ELAINE BROWN Oakland City Councilwoman.

her time and energy at the very first Black Panther Party Community Survival Program, the Free Breakfast for School Children Program initiated in January of 1969).

The W.O.P.C. election now becomes a part of history. But it will not soon be forgotten. This election marks a progressive step forward for the West Oakland Black and poor community, who voted with the consciousness of of a unified community, after years of being torn apart by deception and trickery. Black people united around the issue of community control, acted in their own interests. We see now how people's power can be manifested by transforming formerly backwards institutions into community survival institutions.

In Part VI of this on going series of articles, the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service would like

to present to our readers a progress report on the Black Panther Party voter registration drive and the campaigns of Bobby Seale for Mayor of Oakland and Elaine Brown for Oakland City Councilwoman. We feel that this report will be particularly appropriate at this time, following as it does on the heels of the victorious W.O.P.C. campaign, since similar techniques are being employed. No individual, no organization can organize a community from afar. Only by talking to the people, doing door-to door, precinct-to-precinct work in the community can we lay the foundation for a solid base. Using Oakland as an example we can begin to add new and progressive ideas to an old and decaying structure, and begin to create long awaited changes which will eventually bring about real people's power.

# A HISTORY OF GENOCIDE

Genocide against Blacks has been tried on every level since the birth of this community known as North America, commencing with the conditions on the slave ships when Black people were taken from the Mother Country and brought here to live as slaves.

On the slave ships the slaves were all tied together, sometimes, without food or any human necessities. They were often tied together in twos, by handcuffs on their wrists and irons on their legs. Their diet consisted chiefly of horsebeans. Sometimes when they refused to take food, coals of fire would be placed on shovel and put on their lips resulting in scorching or burning. The exclusion of fresh air was the most intolerable. The contaminated air produced fevers and fluxes which many Blacks died from. The floors of the spaces allotted to each slave was covered with blood and mucus and the analogy to a slaughterhouse was obvious.

We could go on in details and explain the conditions that Blacks had to live under in order to survive during this period. These conditions were used in the murder of large numbers of Blacks.

From the time the ships landed to the time the first ball of cotton was picked genocide was put into practice. From birth control methods forced on Black women, or no welfare checks, to pigs murdering Blacks in the streets in cold blood. From the pig landlord who refuses to obey the order of the people by repairing houses so that they are fit for human habitation, to the federal, state, city and county prisons and jails that have ownership of thousands of Black people's lives. These are just a few of the genocidal methods practiced by the pigs of this society in order to kill off millions of Black people.

The pigs have found another, not so blatant, but more effective method, to destroy millions of Black people by destroying the so called Medi-Cal program. By destroying the program they have delayed a patient's entry into a hospital even if it is an emergency. You will no longer be able to go to your doctor with an illness and be treated immediately. The doctor is allowed to

see you, check out your illness and then he must submit the patient's medical charts along with X-rays to the State Welfare Department and they alone will decide whether a patient needs that medication, operation, or any type of medical treatment. This process may take at least three to nine months. In the meantime your health will either deteriorate or you will die.

Not only does everything have to be checked by the State Department for approval, but patients can no longer be admitted to any hospital unless they are in danger of death. Even then, the Welfare Department may not approve it and the bill will have to be paid by the doctor. Urgent operations will be postponed and drugs will be rationed for the poor and many will be impossible to obtain, even if a doctor wants to prescribe that particular drug.

There are new and severe rules which will limit the kinds of drugs that can be prescribed for Medi-Cal Patients. A patient with an infection was recently denied an antibiotic which was not on Medi-Cal's approved list even though it was urgently needed and this is just one of the problems that the oppressed people will be faced with.

The people will have to decide what is important. Their health or a pig's budget program. If money was spent in areas that are urgently needed, there would never have been a cut-back on Medi-Cal. So what the people have to do, is demand that Reagan and his other pig partner step down and the people take over.

It is the right of every human being on the planet earth, whether in the community of California or of Hanoi to have the basic necessities of life. If these are not given to us then it is our duty as human beings to take them

**POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
FREE BOBBY!  
FREE ERICKA  
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!**

Gloria Smith  
Central Headquarters  
Black Panther Party  
Oakland, Calif.

## EDITORIAL NOTE

*In Vol. V No. 25 (December 19, 1970) of the Black Panther, an article concerning the trial of a Baltimore Panther, Ochika Young, contained a point of misinformation. The article stated that the jury was all white. However, nine of the 12 jurors were Black. This doesn't mean, however, that he had a jury of his peers. All of the Black people on the jury were part and parcel of the oppressive system. They were community lackeys and bootlickers who scorn anyone who struggles for the freedom of all oppressed people.*



# PRISON BULLETIN December 1970

New York's jails exploded in open rebellion in October, 1970. The stage had been set in July and August when rebellions occurred in the Tombs, and in October the fire was lit throughout the city. First the Long Island City facility, then the Tombs again, followed by Brooklyn, Kew Gardens in Queens, and the Rikers Island Adolescent Remand Shelter. In Long Island City, the Tombs, and Brooklyn, hostages were seized to back up the demands that were made. The demands were simple—that men being held in jail be treated as human beings, and that the collusion by a racist judicial system that keeps them confined before trial and then railroaded them be ended.

Shirley Chisholm, Herman Padillo, and John Lindsay were called upon by the inmates to bring an end to the conditions. After conceding that there was justification for the demands and a crying need for change, the promised "no reprisals" in exchange for the release of the hostages. They lied. They betrayed the brothers who had believed their lies.

At the same moment that Lindsay was meeting with representatives of the inmates at the Long Island City Jail, after the release of the hostages, inmates that had surrendered were being beaten by the guards. Inmates at the Tombs were placed under 24 hour lock up, their visits were suspended and mail withheld, while several of the leaders of the rebellion were beaten severely.

Days later, indictments were handed down against a select group of inmates—24 from the Brooklyn House of Detention and 4 from the Long Island City Jail. They were charged with riot, conspiracy and kidnapping. Less than two weeks later, four more indictments were

made in secret—they include one against Victor Martinez, who had been bailed out from the Long Island City Jail and was working with the Inmates Liberation Front, formed out of that crisis. They also included two against Lumumba Abdul Shakur and Kwando M. Kinshasa, of the Panther 21. Ten of the Panthers currently on trial in New York for conspiracy had been incarcerated in L.I.C. They were being held in isolation from the general population because of the fear of their ideas, and the guards themselves have stated that they could not have initiated the rebellion.

Meanwhile, the conditions had not changed at all—in fact, the atrocities have become more blatant. MURDERS, called suicide by prison officials—Julio Roldan of the Young Lords, A. Davila, LaVerne Moore, David Negron—were justified by a supposedly impartial Board of Corrections working in collusion with corrections Commissioner McGrath and appointed by the same city administration that had promised "no reprisals." Shirley Chisholm and Herman Badillo remain silent about their lies. On December 17, additional indictments were announced, this time it was seven from the Rikers Island Adolescent Remand Shelter and three from the Bronx House of Detention.

The Inmate Liberation Front, a section of the Young Lord Party, and the Black Panther Party, are working with the brothers and sisters incarcerated in New York City jails. The beatings, the murders, the filth and degradation, and the high balls that keep our brothers and sisters incarcerated illegally and inhumanly, MUST BE ENDED.

The Black Panther Party will soon be starting a FREE BUSSING PROGRAM to take the relatives of inmates to visit upstate prisons. Many relatives cannot afford the trip, and many inmates have no visitors because of this.

The Black Panther Party and the Inmates Liberation Front are calling for the people to mobilize to end the inhuman conditions that exist in this city's jails, and to support the five point program that follows:

- 1) To insure that no person be detained in jail because he or she is unable to make bail.
- 2) To investigate and act on the brutal, unjust, and inhuman treatment being executed on the inmates.
- 3) To assure that an inmates committee be set up in the concentration camps, and that they be permitted to communicate with the outside world.
- 4) To assure that inmates are given speedy trials, and have access to counsel of his or her choice, and that none of the people constitutional rights and basic human rights be violated.
- 5) To assist the inmates upon release in meeting his or her basic needs: housing, jobs, education, food, clothing and medical care.

Contributions to the Bail Fund of the Inmates Liberation Front may be sent to:

**INMATES LIBERATION FRONT**  
c/o Young Lords Party  
1678 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

For further information, contact:  
Black Panther Party, 328-9009 or  
Inmates Liberation Front, 427-7754

## THE OAK PARK FOUR

In Sacramento, California, four brothers are currently on trial for the sniping of a pig last May 9th. Mark Teemer, Jack Strivers, Booker T. Cooke and Ceriaco Cabralis are charged with conspiracy to commit murder and murder.

After pig Bennett met his death in the Sacramento Black community of Oak Park, a massive manhunt was conducted. Day and night, the people were terrorized in the same manner as the people in New Orleans, South Africa and Viet Nam. When this reign of fascist terror didn't produce results, the Sacramento City Council offered a \$5,000 reward for information that could lead to the arrest of the sniper.

At this point, a deranged dope addict came to the front with not only evidence about the murderer but also with evidence about a conspiracy. On May 9th, Lamont "Buster" Rose allegedly overheard the four defendants talking in McCletchy Park about killing a pig. Later on he observed the brothers implementing their plan.

In order to avoid a preliminary hearing, the prosecution sought and obtained a grand jury indictment against the brothers. However, this in the final analysis was no better than a preliminary because the defense has been able to consistently point out major differences between his lies to the grand jury testimony and his present ones. There are no finger prints, guns or any physical evidence against the brothers. Both Dr. Carl Drake, a psychiatrist and Dr. Walter Bromberg, a neurologist and psychologist have testified that Buster Rose is incompetent as a witness. The doctors heard three days of Rose's testimony without the jury present. They complete a complete medical history of Rose which



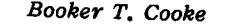
Mark Teemer



Jack Strivers



Ceriaco Cabralis



Booker T. Cooke

After hearing the doctor's expert analysis, the judge decided to accept Rose's testimony anyway.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

## NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF EAST OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

To alleviate some of the physical suffering and to help combat the medical genocide being practiced on the Black Community, the East Oakland Branch of the Black Panther Party is implementing a free health clinic.

We will counter-attack these fascist attacks on all levels. --We will build a People's Free Health Clinic. To get the people's clinic underway as soon as possible, we need your help. We need carpenters, electricians, and painters to donate their time. We need sheet rock, paneling, paint and other building materials. We will counter-attack these fascist attacks on all levels. --We will build a People's Free Health Clinic. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE East Oakland Community Center

# NEW HAVEN DEFENSE PACT ESTABLISHED

Fourteen New Haven community and student groups, including the New Haven Black Coalition, announced today the formation of the Coalition for Defense of the Black Panthers.

The Coalition's first public statement was released this morning at a press conference at the Dixwell Community House. The group also announced that it will hold its first public meeting next Wednesday, October 8, at 8 p.m. at the First Methodist Church College & Elm Sts. New Haven.

Besides the Black Coalition, groups forming the coalition for Defense of the Panthers include the American Independent Movement (AIM), Black Law Students Association at Yale, Freedom Now, Architect's Resistance, Coalition of Concerned Citizens (CCC), Dixwell Legal Rights Association (DLRA), Hill Parents Association (HPA), Citizens for Justice, Order and Equality (JOE), New Haven Students for a Democratic Society (SDS—separate from Yale SDS), Organization of Afro-American Students at Southern Connecticut State College, Science Action Group, Yale Divinity School Association, and the Yale Student Health Organization. Statements by some of these groups outlining their reasons for joining the Coalition are attached.

Today's Statement said in full: "The Coalition for Defense of the Panthers calls for support based on the following statement:

"The Coalition for Defense of the Panthers comprises organizations and individuals who are working for a fair trial of the Black Panthers. Fourteen Panthers are now in jail awaiting trial on conspiracy to murder and other capital charges. Conspiracy is the hardest charge to defend and the easiest to prosecute: it is the most unfair to any defendant. All are being held without bail. They have been denied a preliminary hearing, and many other basic constitutional rights.

"The Coalition fears that a fair trial of the Panthers is virtually impossible unless concerned citizens try to counteract the campaign of public hysteria against the Panthers that was launched only a few hours after their arrest. The May 22 New Haven Register, for example, carried mug shots of arrested Panthers all across the front page, as accompaniment to a highly inflammatory article, in which several "leaks" from police sources were cited to describe alleged evidence against the Panthers.

"The tone of this article and others, coupled with the disclosure of evidence, which, if it exists at all, should only be introduced at the trial, is an attempt to violate the Panthers' constitutionally guaranteed presumption of innocence and ensure conviction of the Panthers before the trial even begins.

"The Black Panther Party takes radical political positions, and members of the Party, in violation of their constitutional rights, are on trial for these positions.

"The arrest of Bobby Seale, national Chairman of the Party, raises the possibility that this trial will become the Sacco and Vanzetti trial of the 1970's. It is this that the Coalition seeks to avoid.

"The Coalition has two major goals: (1) to counteract the prejudicial publicity against the Panthers by educating New Haven citizens about the Panthers' positive community programs and about the legal rights which they must receive to have a fair trial, and (2) to raise money for the legal defense of the Panthers and to carry on the work of the Coalition

to be very expensive, particularly since such a large number of people have been arrested. The Coalition calls upon all citizens who are concerned to see justice done to contribute to the Panther defense."

## STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS

**Science Action Group of New Haven**  
The Science Action Group of New Haven is an organization of young scientists trying to relate their knowledge to New Haven community problems, not as a group of experts, but as co-workers in that community.

The arrest and "pretrial" of the New Haven Black Panthers by the local press has created fear and mistrust in the minds of the people of New Haven. We have joined the Coalition to Defend the Panthers to help counteract the biased news accounts both of the Panther's activities and of the alleged crime. Also we must not permit our courts to treat people or groups unfairly on the basis of political beliefs unpopular in those courts.

## THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT

The American Independent Movement supports the Coalition to Defend the Panthers. We join, first of all, because we believe the current persecution has violated every principle of justice. The Panthers were arrested illegally, denied the right to counsel, and the right to bail. They were indicted in secret by an illegally selected grand jury of courthouse cronies. We believe the police and prosecution officials are making a deliberate and unconstitutional attempt to violate the principle of "innocent until proven guilty" by planting prejudicial newspaper stories in the press.

On a broader level, we join this Coalition to Free the Panthers because we believe the efforts and goals of the Black Panther Party are important and positive steps toward securing economic and racial justice in America. The Panthers believe, as does AIM, that America must be controlled by the working people, both black and white, and not by the corporations and their big shot politicians. For these reasons we will fight this attempt to discredit and destroy the Black Panther Party.

## DIXWELL LEGAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION INC.

As a community legal rights education program, we at Dixwell Legal Rights Assoc. believe it is essential to demand and work constructively for a legal system which protects the constitutional right of all defendants, regardless of their political or social beliefs. Furthermore, every citizen and all community groups must bear this responsibility by actively seeking a fair trial for the arrested members of the Black Panther Party.

## THE YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

In recognition of the crucial and symbolic importance of the case of the New Haven Panthers, the Executive Council of the Yale Divinity School Assoc. voted by a heavy majority on Thursday, September 25, to join the Coalition to Defend the Black Panther Party. Many of us are sympathetic with much of the work of the Panthers, and are willing to work to see that justice for them is brought about rapidly.

We want to make clear our deep concern that the Panthers not be denied equal process under law because they are both radical and Black. We therefore pledge our



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having been already rendered, and we deplore the prejudicial coverage of their case by the news media which has assumed that their guilt is obvious.

## THE ARCHITECTS RESISTANCE

The Architects' Resistance finds it intolerable that the Police and the press have the right to wage a campaign of hate against any group they wish to see destroyed. The Panthers have been the object of just such a campaign and have been denied the right to a fair trial. Therefore The Architects' Resistance joins with the other members of the Coalition in demanding that the Panthers not be denied a fair trial because of the radical nature of their politics. Furthermore we fully support the Panther principle, that all people should have the right and power to control their own lives, and believe they should be allowed to continue their work free of harassment.

## NEW HAVEN STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

New Haven SDS is a group of young people working to return the power of America to its people. We join the Coalition to Defend the Panthers.

The arrest of the Conn. Panthers is part of a nation wide attempt to destroy the Panthers, because the Panthers' fight against the oppression of all people in America. Panthers serve the people: They must be set free! All Power to the People!

## THE STUDENT HEALTH ORGANIZATION (OF YALE MEDICAL CENTER)

The Student Health Organization a group of health science students and working professionals in medicine, nursing, public health and related fields, joins in the Coalition to Defend the Black Panthers. Our work and training in health has brought home the desperate need for fundamental changes in our country's system of programs and priorities. We believe that the Black Panther Party is working wholeheartedly for such changes, by demanding that all the institutions of society serve its people, and by working to achieve the real power of the people.

We believe it is a clear sign of the strength of the ideas of the Black Panthers that, here in Connecticut and elsewhere, the political power structure is making such a blatant attempt to destroy the Panthers. We intend to work with the Coalition to Defend the Panthers, to undo the trial by newspaper, the obvious, brutal persecution, and the public fear

their efforts to bring health to the people through such programs as the Free Breakfasts for Children, and Free Community Clinics.

And we must make clear our anger, as future nurses, physicians, and health scientists,



about the conditions in which the Panthers are being incarcerated. In particular, we cannot abide the lack of decent prenatal care for three of the Panther women prisoners who are now pregnant, and the inhumane way in which the State will take these women's babies from them. The real story of the Black Panthers has yet to be told.

## ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN STUDENTS (SOUTHERN CONN STATE COLLEGE)

The history of the black man in America has been one of intense oppression, exploitation, and terror. For 400 years we have been bred and slaughtered like cattle at the slave masters' discretion. For 400 years we have been forced to endure any and every kind of injustice. For 400 years we have been victims of the most insidious system that has ever been recorded in the annals of history. We Black people will not let another year, not another second pass without trying to rectify the situation. Indeed we Black people do see the light at the end of the tunnel. We support the Black Panther Party in its fight to erase exploitation. We support and actively engage in ensuring a fair trial for these courageous warriors of justice.

We the students of Southern Connecticut pledge our full support both moral and physical energies to the Black Panther Party to do all within our power to safeguard the right to a fair and speedy trial. We at Southern admire and respect the unquenchable desire for total liberation of all oppressed people exemplified by the Black Panther Party. Lastly, the student at Southern as well as Black people generally will not tolerate random intimidation nor arbitrary terrorism from anybody but will unite under the banner of righteousness and deal with it.

## COALITION OF CONCERNED CITIZENS

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens is alarmed that a fair trial for the Black Panthers who have

before the public repeatedly by the news media. Because of this trial by publicity, a large part of the community feels the case is as good as closed. For all practical purposes, this makes the selection of an impartial jury virtually impossible. We feel the news media have the obligation to rectify the situation by reporting the case for the defense as well. This is essential if we are to preserve a fundamental ideal in our legal tradition: that is, any person charged with a crime is "innocent until proven guilty in a court of law."



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# FASCIST INVASION OF CHATTANOOGA BLACK COMMUNITY

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

The racist police force there, seeing the potential power of the people that could eventually be used to redress grievances, used this opportunity to initiate an intensification of vicious and brutal acts upon the Black people there. They arbitrarily beat and harassed any black person on the streets that Friday night.

The following Saturday, the people, along with members of the local chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) attempted to hold a meeting 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 are 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 naturally tense 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 in the community said that one of the Guardsmen lowered his rifle, even while some women and others standing there shouted to them not to shoot, for the brother was unarmed. Without warning, this pig shot and killed Leon Anderson, firing even into his dead body, saying, "Black son-of-a-bitch".

No people can continue to tolerate such treatment. The Black community of Chattanooga has therefore warned these mad racists that it is armed and will not 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

To All Our Black Brothers and Sisters of Chattanooga,

The vicious and murdering army of occupation now menacing the Black Community of Chattanooga is not undefeatable. The power of the People can withstand and defeat these racist aggressors. There are no words we can offer that will express our support of your struggle, for it is ours. We are one 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 Cairo, 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 the 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

## HUNTSVILLE STRIKE GOES ON-- GARBAGE FIRES BLAZE

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (LNS)-- Arrests, hit-and-run police raids into the black community and several major fires marked the third week of the Huntsville sanitation workers strike. The men have been locked-out of their jobs for trying to organize a union since April

9. Because the city has refused to collect garbage in the black community, people have begun to burn garbage rather than allowing it to lie around and breed disease. At first garbage fires were the only fires set, but after the mayor had

the entire police force encircle the black community with orders to make arrests, the next night, there were larger blazes.

One of the targets was a furniture warehouse: a half-million dollars worth of merchandise went up in smoke.



# RIZZO'S REIGN OF TERROR



Frank "Bozo" Rizzo

If you liked Rizzo's reign as Philadelphia's Police Commissioner, you'll love his repressive rule as Mayor. Earlier this year, this News Service published an article titled "Rizzo Runs For Mayor", which gave a long, but incomplete list of crimes committed by the police department under his leadership. His campaign for the primary elections was stained with blood, as to be expected. In the primary election held on May 18th, he won the "Democratic" Party nomination, and all past events along with the April 10th incident about to be described can give you an idea of the bloody siege we can expect if he wins the mayoralty election in November.

On April 10th, 1971, a Rizzo rally was held at a Rizzo campaign office near Front and Lehigh in Kensington, a largely white-working class community of Philadelphia. A number of members of the October 4th Organization attended, not to stir up any trouble, but to merely hold political conversations there with people in the crowd about Rizzo's candidacy.

Before we describe the gruesome events that occurred there, we will give you a brief account of incidents that led up to the brutality of April 10th, so that it will be clear that this was not a usual spur-of-the-moment type case of brutality, but the cold execution of a conspiracy previously conceived in the ranks of the Philadelphia Police Department. The October 4th Organization is an organization of revolutionary whites who live in the Kensington area. They had been active in organizing around various community issues, such as the Bicentennial. One of their projects was an attempt to organize a food-co-op in Kensington, which had become the target of Civil Disobedience Squad member's verbal threats and a raid by Narcotics agents who planted heroin in the building. They had also participated in demonstrations against Pfauher Brewing Co. - which wants to build a trucking terminal on land that the community wants for housing. One of their

members is JoAnn Frankenhauer, wife of Paul Frankenhauer who was murdered by police on Sept. 1, 1970 in Rizzo's presence. JoAnn, since her husband's brutal death, has been the target of constant police harassment; and April 10th was no exception.

A week and a half before the Rizzo rally, October 4th received word that Lt. George Fencil, head of the CD squad had promised to "Get those Kensington people good" at the next opportunity. A few days before the rally, Marry Comer, Democratic Committeeman and State Senator, who let Rizzo use his office as a campaign office, told the mother of one of the October 4th members that he was getting some people to "take care of" her son and his friends "if they cause any trouble." However, the members of Oct. 4th took the threats to mean that if they caused a disturbance there would be trouble. They had no idea that there would be a vicious unprovoked attack on them.

Therefore, they went to the rally, only intending to talk to the People there, not to demonstrate or carry signs, etc. (After all common sense told them not to try to stir up a pro-Rizzo crowd.) They arrived when Rizzo was finishing his speech and inviting people to come inside the office. The Rizzo supporters talked with them, disagreeing, but not being hostile.

JoAnn, who was 9 months pregnant and carrying her two year old son in her arms, tried to join a line of people waiting to meet Rizzo. She wanted to talk to him about the murder of her husband 7 months earlier and show him the son of the man whom he killed. Rizzo staff members, on orders from the CD squad blocked her entrance to the door and told her she couldn't come in. Then they began poking her in the stomach and shoving her off the steps.

The group decided to leave, wanting to avoid trouble in a pro-Rizzo crowd from which they could expect little support, and started across the street. It was obvious to everyone there, police, CD and the crowd, that they were leaving; however, Curtis and Turner of the CD squad followed them across the street and continued poking JoAnn in the stomach and insulting her. When her brother, John Foster, Jr., tried to stop them, Turner grabbed him and threw him against the wall.

This seemed to be a prearranged signal to attack. Suddenly 20 or 30 police charged across the street with guns drawn, and nightsticks began cracking on heads. The ground was covered with blood and some of them became unrecognizable as blood gushed down their faces. Even the pro-Rizzo crowd was appalled at the utter brutality and began screaming "They're killing them! They're killing them!". Apparently, the pigs thought that they were because they stopped, threw them into a corner and moved the patrol wagon so that as few people as possible could see the bloody spectacle.

Seven people in all were arrested, four of whom were taken to Episcopal Hospital, including JoAnn's father, John Foster who suffered a fractured wrist. Roger Tauss and John Foster, Jr. suffered fractured skulls. All of the gashes required a total of 58 stitches to close. One of those arrested had tried to take pictures of the beating and had his camera confiscated and was charged along with the rest of them.

The horror continued at the hospital. Roger and John were supposed to be under a doctor's care for at least 72 hours, but were released to the police department within 24 hours. Dr. Henry, a black neurosurgeon, had given the 72-hour order and remained firm against police pressure to release them; however, a white resident released them the next morning. They were kept at Police Headquarters, 8th and Race, for at least 9 hours in a cell without food and water.

While they were awaiting arraignment, their lawyer,

Jack Levine, told Judge Ann Clark that two people were down in the cell block with fractured skulls and asked her to give the police an order to have them brought up for arraignment immediately. This was exceptional in view of the fact that persons who had arrived on the cellblock after Roger and John, were arraigned before them. Judge Clark's reply was that Levine's request was unreasonable and to shut up. However, she felt that dinner was more important and refused to order Roger and John brought up from the cellroom for arraignment. Immediately after the total bail of \$8500 was set, John and Roger were whisked off to Holmesburg Prison.

On Thursday, May 13th, a People's Tribunal was held to examine the facts of the case. Victims and witnesses alike testified, including Dr. Frederick Cimione, chief neurosurgeon at the University of Pa. Hospital, who treated Roger Tauss approximately a week after the incident. Dr. Cimione's testimony brought out that Roger's skull was fractured so severely in one spot that a plastic plate had to be inserted in his head because the bone had splintered too badly to knit. Roger had received no specific treatment except diagnostic X-rays, until he saw Dr. Cimione who had to operate. The neurosurgeon also brought out in his testimony that police beatings are not rare cases brought into his hospital and that a man was brought in with multiple police-inflicted gunshot wounds just last week.

It was decided by the panel at the Tribunal which consisted of two ministers, a lawyer and a doctor that the information would be passed on to the D.A., the state attorney general and the state governor.

The police version of the April 10th incident was full of lies and contradictions. They presented the incident as a fight between pro-Rizzo and anti-Rizzo people from the community. Yet, all the injuries received were from police billy clubs. At the preliminary hearing, they testified that the defendants shouted obscenities at Rizzo - another outright lie. To bolster their ridiculous case, the police said that the defendants were rioting, (would JoAnn Frankenhauer, 9 months pregnant at the time and carrying a baby in her arms, go to a Rizzo rally to riot.)

Rizzo also claims that his back was turned in the office when the bloodbath was going on, which is an astounding feat with all the screaming and skull-cracking in progress outside. Even at least a half dozen of his supporters have already come forward with testimony confirming the cruel actions of the Police Department on April 10th.

Rizzo and the Police are the Problem. Community Control of Police is the Solution. If you want to help make Community Control of Police a reality in Philadelphia, contact:

The Black Panther Party  
3625 Wallace Street  
Phila., Pa. 19104  
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Contributions to aid the defense of the victims of April 10th may be mailed to:

Kensington Defense Fund  
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## PIGS LIE TO FURTHER VILIFY THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH B.P.P.

On May 18, 1971, the Philadelphia Police Department, along with elements of the news media, again attempted to vilify and discredit the Philadelphia Branch of the Black Panther Party. Early that morning, two former Party members, who had been expelled from our ranks earlier this year, Michael Byrd and Anthony Jones, were accused of robbing the Holiday Inn along with two other individuals completely unknown to our membership. Det. Capt. William McDonough claimed that all four are members of the Black Panther Party, which they definitely are not. The Bulletin and Daily News, without making any

investigation gave great publicity to this lie in stories printed on May 18.

The frame-up attempt deepened when it was claimed that Orlando Davis, one of the four, whom we have never heard of until now, was carrying a fragmentation grenade similar to the ones confiscated after the killing of Park Guard Sgt. VonColln last August 29th. It is obvious that again they are trying to link the Party with that death with which we have no connection. Furthermore, the Bulletin also printed the Police Department's statement that this grenade is similar to the ones used to destroy police

cars in November, 1969, an alleged act with which the Black Panther Party had no connection.

The Black Panther Party has absolutely no knowledge of the alleged hold-up attempt at the Holiday Inn, and we view this linking of our organization with this incident as an attempt to vilify us and destroy our image in the eyes of the People.

Anthony Jones and Michael Byrd were expelled from our ranks because of their utter disregard of Party principles. They were not servants of the People while in our ranks - a requirement of all Party members.

Our program of serving the People is operating survival programs, such as the Free Breakfast Program, Free Clothing Program, Free Medical Clinic, etc. Robbing the Holiday Inn, as these four have been accused of doing, and other adventurist acts are not in the interest of the masses of People and therefore not part of our Party Program, principles or actions.

The fact that the news media, with a very few exceptions, are determined to brainwash the People by presenting a totally false and negative picture of our Party is evident in the fact that only two

representatives of the media appeared at a press conference we called on May 17th, regarding the trial of Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins, but lost no time in publicizing the outrageous falsehoods stated above.

We will continue to serve the People Body and Soul through our Programs and will not let the vicious frame-up attempts of the police and news media deter us from this goal.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
Philadelphia Branch  
Black Panther Party

# INTERVIEW WITH SCANDINAVIAN REP. OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY: CONNIE MATTHEWS

by Klaus Pedersen of "Land and Folk" (Communist Organ)

**Panthers' most important weapons: Marxism, Food and Medicine**

**KLAUS:** Connie, just some background on how the BPP started and what were the reasons for taking the directions they have now taken?

**CONNIE:** Very briefly: In 1966 Huey P. Newton our leader and Bobby Seale our Chairman, got-together and decided that the existing organizations at that time had no ideology and were not taking into account the needs of the masses of the people. Having read Fanon and the works of Mao they were able to see the problem as a class struggle. The first concrete thing they did was to draw up a 10 point platform and program based on the needs of the people in the Black communities. Point No. 7 states "We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of Black people". And they decided that every Black person in the community could relate to this as at one time or another they had come into contact with the brutality of the pigs. And so point No. 7 was implemented first. Huey and Bobby then started to patrol the communities according their constitutional rights and observe the officers of the law carrying out their duty. This way they were able to educate the people as to what their rights were when the pigs manhandled them. This in essence was the beginning of the BPP. At this time it was only on a regional basis. But soon after the episode at Sacramento when 30 Panthers went there to observe the law makers introducing new laws, they received national coverage, and the BPP became known across the nation. They then commenced to realize other points of the 10 point platform and program by introducing social projects into the communities. At present, they are feeding thousands of hungry children each morning before going to school. They have been able to set up Free Health Clinics and Revolutionary Schools. Approximately 40 chapters are scattered across the nation. A great deal of community work is being done when Panthers go into the communities and educate the people as to the true nature of this racist decadent society and who their true oppressor is. The people are taught that Black capitalism is only a guise and the only solution is socialism. At this point I would like to clarify one point, and that is that we do not disregard racism. We understand that capitalism breeds racism: one is the cause and the other is effect and that in order to rid the world of oppression and racial tensions capitalism and imperialism must be destroyed.

**KLAUS:** There has been a great deal of confusion not only in Denmark but other places about what really is the goal of the BPP. But maybe we should just concentrate on the European public. Would you explain the effects of the confusion and why it has taken place and clarify some of the points that you think the Scandinavians have been misinformed on?

**CONNIE:** First of all I explained that the goals of the BPP are set out clearly in our 10 point platform and program and this has now

been translated into Swedish, Danish, French and German. One of the problems I believe, is that the BPP concentrates on doing its community work in the Black communities. And that Europeans find this hard to understand as they do not grasp fully the extent of racial lines in the United States. The BPP tells other ethnic groups who have the same ideology that they should work in their communities and educate their people to a level of understanding, whereby the true oppressor can be recognized and the ultimate aim is then a United Front. This point was not clarified to Europeans and with the aid of the establishment press people were willing to label the BPP as being a racist organization. It is necessary, and I am only too willing to repeat to European audiences, that the BPP

only betrayed the trust of the BPP but of the Black community as a whole, which we represent. The people had a lot of confidence in him and because of the madness he has perpetrated Black capitalism was able to get a hold in the Black communities. He was not the only Black leader responsible for this but we are now talking about him.

**KLAUS:** Where is Stokely now?

**CONNIE:** I believe he is in Guinea, in hiding.

**KLAUS:** Of course the struggle that Malcolm X initiated was a very harsh one and the price was life. Do you think that this fight between the Blacks is over and that the BPP with its ideology is accepted in the Black communities?

We must have faith in the people. They are the ones we are fighting for. The final decision will ultimately be in the hands of the people.

**KLAUS:** You spoke about Marxist-Leninism and Mao. Can one regard the BPP as a so-called Maoist Party?

**CONNIE:** We take the basic ideology of Marxist-Leninism. Mao writes in a more contemporary style which is easier to grasp. However, we are unable to be dogmatic in putting things into practice because as true Marxist-Leninist, we understand that the conditions we are subjected to govern our tactics.

ple and you had better believe it can and will happen unless we resist now.

**KLAUS:** As soon as Malcolm X understood the meaning of the word internationalism and classes, he became a threat and was dangerous. What about you? You personally, do you think you are leading a very dangerous life?

**CONNIE:** The American establishment is very clever. They know that as long as they have a bunch of niggers running around talking about they want to kill all Whites and that they hate all Whites, they are no threat. When you get someone like Malcolm or a group like the BPP who say - Let's get together and get to the root of the problem. There are White people and other people of color who are just as oppressed as we are. There is no point in just hating people because of the color of their skins - then, of course, we are dangerous. Black people were not brought from Africa to work on cotton plantations and sugar plantations because they were Black, but because they were free labor and were used to advance capitalism. The establishment then realizes that those dumb niggers are not so dumb anymore. In finding where the problem is you are on the road to finding the solution. Black capitalism and federal grants, which we reject, have been created as a smoke screen. For me personally I understand what I have to do and like anyone else I do not want to die but if that is the only way this oppression can stop by my helping to enlighten the people outside of the United States as to the true nature of that decadent society then I say Right On! Many lives that were more valuable than mine have been lost.

**KLAUS:** In conclusion tell us something about your experience in Denmark and what we can do to continue what you have started here.

**CONNIE:** Most Danes are inclined to view the struggle of oppressed peoples in a romantic way. They feel detached. That it is happening somewhere else. I have repeatedly told the Danes that they are covertly endorsing America's actions by belonging to Nato, the world pig force by allowing American investments to take a stronghold in Denmark and they are on the verge of being a neo-colonialist state. The best care package you can send to us is to resist imperialism in your country, get out of Nato, get back your autonomy and force your government into taking a stand against US imperialism. Do not continue to tell me you only have 4 1/2 million people. We have to stop thinking in terms of countries. U.S. imperialism has now gone to the moon and where next? My parting message is that there are a few conscious Danes who realize the urgency of the situation. Continue to educate your people to the true nature of what is happening and let them understand the full meaning of All Power to the People.



CONNIE MATTHEWS

is speaking about a world proletarian revolution and recognize themselves as part of this. It is a question of the oppressor against the oppressed regardless of race, color or creed. One of our major drawbacks has been, of course, the frequent visits of our former Prime Minister Stokely Carmichael to Europe and he has been instrumental in misleading people as to our class stand.

**KLAUS:** One of the problems you have had to face is that the spokesmen you have sent abroad have been very few and they have not really assisted in clarifying your stand.

**CONNIE:** Yes. And I return to the problem of Stokely and the problem of not having been able to send spokesmen abroad. You have to understand that ever since we have started our leaders have either been in or out of jail on trumped-up charges or are continually being harassed by the authorities. We realized the importance of international contacts very clearly and that was one of the main reasons why Stokely was appointed to do what I am now doing - and that was to enlighten other people as to the true nature of our struggle. Stokely has, of course, turned out to be a running dog and a lackey. He not

**CONNIE:** Well practice is the criteria of the truth. The BPP is achieving what it started out to do and the price has been very high. Many Panthers have been murdered and many are in jail. The most recent, which I dealt with at length at the demonstration 2 days ago is the kidnapping and railroading of our Chairman Bobby Seale on trumped-up charges. We are, however, educating the people day by day and we understood why Malcolm lost his life and why many of us will lose ours. After his return from Africa he was able to take his thinking from a lower to a higher level and recognize that this was a class struggle. Where Malcolm left off we took over. The whole point is that for every life taken we have to make sure that it is not in vain, but that it has served to raise the level of the people's consciousness. We understand that victory is not just waiting for us but that we will have to fight from one generation to the next. You can jail and exile a revolutionary but you cannot jail or exile the spirit of the people which is manifested in revolution. And once the people are aware, the more the establishment will attack and the more they attack the more the people will rally to support the Party.

**KLAUS:** The impression given in the establishment press has been one that the Panthers are a militant, armed people causing disorder and it seems that the establishment has been successful in leading people to believe this.

**CONNIE:** I think you have to understand that "violence" is a way of living with Americans. America was built on violence - the genocide of 50 million Indians. They have romanticized this and called it "Cowboys and Indians". It is obvious that the only way to combat this violence that the establishment uses against the oppressed people is to use violence. The only way to get rid of the gun is to take up the gun. For most Europeans it is difficult to understand as the pigs do not resort to guns. For a long time Black Americans remained non-violent but Martin Luther King was murdered. We want peace and if there was any way of reaching a solution to the problem peacefully we would do it that way, but this is impossible. Look at Vietnam. It will be quite easy to send 30 million Blacks to the gas chamber or whatever other advanced form of technology they have of murdering peo-

**DUE TO THE OPEN ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FINANCE BY THE FASCIST RICHARD NIXON REGIME, WE HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO SHORTEN THE LENGTH OF THE BLACK PANTHER NEWS SERVICE THIS WEEK. THIS IS CLEARLY AN ATTEMPT TO SUPPRESS THE INFORMATION AND THE POLITICS OF THE PARTY THAT THE PEOPLE SO DESPERATELY NEED TO CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE. WE HOPE FOR A CONSISTENT 20 PAGE PAPER IN THE FUTURE**

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The Grand Jury which indicted Black Panther Party National Chairman, Bobby Seale, on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to kidnap was predominantly white, middle class, and over 40 years of age, New Haven County Sheriff John Slaven testified today. Slaven, 73 years of age, who has served as New Haven County Sheriff for 23 years, was questioned on Grand Jury composition for more than three hours this morning by defense attorney, Charles R. Garry. In a deep throated voice and with the manner of a Southern slave owner, Sheriff Slaven described the procedures for selecting Grand Jury members. According to Connecticut law, the only requirement for a Grand Jury is that it be made up of electors. As Slaven was questioned about the 12 of the 18 individuals who made up that Grand Jury, Slaven revealed that not one of the Grand Jury members had been checked to determine whether or not he

was an elector at that time. Of the 12 out of the 18 Grand Jury members, Slaven had testified only one was Black, only two were women, and only one was under fifty years of age, and only two were workers. "I picked decent people", Slaven told the court in a gruff voice. "Which stands for decency?" Garry demanded. Slaven replied, "I used my own judgement. I picked people who were recommended by people I've known for years." This is a star chamber form of Grand Jury. Garry told the court, "the jury was selected haphazardly. There were no standards for selection. These are his hand-picked cronies. This does not meet the standards of the United States Supreme Court." Court was dismissed today at 3 p.m. by Judge Mulvey until the report of George Sams' mental condition is known and also legal homework on both sides is done.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

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From observing the Black community in New Haven in particular, and being aware of the widespread conditions of other communities in general, it is necessary for us the Vanguard Party to immediately intensify the struggle in eliminating the obstacle that divides the community and to also eliminate this obstacle that is trying desperately to divide the community and the Party.



ARTIE SEALE

The constant pumping in of dope, in our communities by the never ceasing scoundrels of capitalism, the constant flow of alcohol, (that is unavoidable in the Black communities in particular, that flow from the lips of those who have given up, because there is no longer any hope) has to cease!

The poor non-White communities across this nation, and internationally, are much to be dealt with. To destroy this constant inflow of liquid and crystallized disease that has our communities temporarily pacified, is to destroy the existence of oppression.

Oppression, Capitalism, plus Racism breeds fascism.

Black men in our communities are being castrated by having to yield to the powerful hand of fascism; that Black men have to turn to their families for the release of their frustrations; that Black men have to ignore the greedy and thirsty cry for knowledge by their children, (because of their shamefulness of not knowing the answer to the present conditions that exist); that Black men beat their women because they aren't sure who to blame for their frustration,

to believe this-these are true examples of castration.

To have Black women relating to the every-day-hum-drum mystical, fantasized problems of soap-opera fairy tales on their t.v.'s and even going so far as to have vicarious relationships with the individual actors, to try and escape the every day and very real, yet oppressive conditions they don't want to face -starting with their man, when he comes home.

This vicious cycle of self-hatred, of misguided frustrations, of confused, pacified minds, of inevitable deaths at a young age, of deaths that were deaths in vain; this is all part and parcel of this constant determination on the part of the oppressor, to keep us continuously divided, until the total annihilation of people of color is won. But the Black Panther Party knows that the peoples of color want liberation from their present everyday conditions; and we will have that freedom through constant intensified education, and through the correct examples set forth by the Vanguard Party; we will rise up as one, as the people's liberation army, under the guidance and much wanted leadership of a Party that's for the people, by the people and of the people.

Point number 4 states: "We want decent housing fit for shelter of human beings."

The terrible conditions of "homes" in the oppressed communities are nothing to be ignored, by turning one's head. Dilapidated housing is just one more of the many means of keeping peoples of color, diseased ridden.

The racist gestapo police tactics on the masses of people are increasing rapidly. The need to arm ourselves with guns is very necessary; in fact, it's a must!

Let the young future revolutionaries spring up with the complete knowledge of this racist decadent society so that they can deal with it.

For White people to witness the pig gestapo tactics implemented so frequently on brothers and sisters of color is to condone fascist theory and to condone fascism practiced.

Soon it will be either/or! Either the people will support the oppressor or they will support the oppressed, because there will be no middle ground to stand on and watch.

# THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS WILL NOT CONFESS TO A LIE

The trial of the Connecticut Panthers and Chairman Bobby is drawing closer. And as the trial moves closer, the more fascist the pigs become. Why? Because they know that they have no evidence against the Connecticut Panthers and Chairman Bobby. That all their evidence is hear say. They are becoming frantic because of this and because there is evidence to prove that George "Pig" Sams actually killed brother Alex Rackely. But most of all because the brothers and sisters that they have incarcerated - Lonnie, George Edwards, Chairman Bobby, Ericka, Frances and Peggy, have the spirit of the people.

The fascists are constantly harassing these revolutionary servants of the people in their attempts to break their spirits and receive a false testimony from these brothers and sisters. They don't seem to realize that the spirit of the people can never be broken. They don't seem to realize that it was not enough for these fascist dogs to beat sister Frances along with the rest of the sisters, but now they are attempting to completely destroy Frances' mind and body by forcing her to take a medication when she has no illness. They are using Frances as a guinea pig.

The pigs have been constantly harassing and abusing brother George Edwards who is being held in the Bridgeport House of Detention in their all out attempts to break his revolutionary spirit.

Brother Lonnie McLucas, State Area Captain for the New Haven Chapter, was housed all over Baby-



lon, threatened and thrown in solitary confinement in their fascist attempts to weaken him.

Chairman Bobby has been denied his constitutional rights, beaten, shackled and gagged in the racist courtroom of Pig Hoffman. Placed in solitary confinement and they're now holding him and the New Haven Panthers on trumped up charges with nothing but hear say evidence to hold them. They have stood firmly

on the basis that they have committed no crime and will not confess to a lie.

So if these revolutionary brothers and sisters are murdered in the electric chair, then the whole of Babylon will become one electric chair and this racist fascist country of America will burn to the ground!

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## WE MUST REACH A CERTAIN LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING (PIG PENS IN NEW HAVEN BLACK COMMUNITY)

The trickery which the pig power structure uses to keep the people confused is evident in the recently formed community pig pens located in the heart of the Congo and Newhall which are two sections of the New Haven Black community. The pigs claim that the purpose of the pig pens are for community service. It is supposed to be a part of a decentralization plan to implement relevant programs in the Black community. However, a careful examination will expose this fraud, and the people will then be able to bear witness to the pigs inking in the face of the people.

Firstly, decentralization of the pig department means in reality that one pig or hog no longer controls the decision-making process of the pig department. True decentralization means that each community would have the right to elect its own community policemen and police chief with the safe-guarded right of recalling any and all of those policemen who act like pigs by inking in the face of the community. By this the Black Panther Party means essentially that if those who are elected by the people do not serve the interests of the people, but continue to brutalize and intimidate the people, then they are not acting in good faith with that community and therefore must be removed. True decentralization means that at any given time the people of the community have the right to recall those fools who are acting like pigs. Even though the pigs of New Haven claimed that they have a decentralized police force careful examination will expose that the New Haven pig department is still con-

have no power to make policy nor control the pigs in their community. In other words the pig power structure has inking in the face of the Black community by claiming something which doesn't exist.

Secondly, let us now proceed to further examine the so-called programs which the pigs have claimed serve the Black community. Record Hops, birth control pills and police recruitment aren't exactly what one would call 'fulfilling the needs of the Black community.' If we compare the pig pen community centers with the community centers implemented by the Black Panther Party all across Babylon, the contradictions are truly unveiled. First of all the pigs stole the concept of community centers from the Black Panther Party; we advocated community centers last year. The program of action for these centers are, free breakfast, clothing and food programs, along with free medical clinics, legal aid, community control of police and any other programs the community defines as a need. With this in mind, we can understand the difference between the two centers. The pigs' program is arbitrary and imposed on the people from without, while the Panther Program is designed by the people in the community to meet the basic needs and desires of our Black community. And so it must be!

What is the actual purpose behind the pig pens in the New Haven Black community? The actual purpose of these pig pens can in reality be defined as out-posts for the pig department in the heart of the Black community. The New Haven Black community must be

consequently the tactics and strategy used are one; of infiltration into the enemy zone (Black community) so that the pigs are able to secure vital information along with being able to use these centers as staging areas to deploy their troops when they feel the necessity of intimidating and brutalizing 'niggers'.

The Black community of New Haven must realize that, whether you like it or not, you are part and parcel of the struggle being waged all across Babylon. You must realize that these staging areas were very conveniently set-up to prepare and strengthen pig deployment for the up and coming trial of the New Haven Panthers-- those gallant members of the Black Panther Party who have been illegally detained by the fascist pigs in Babylon. You must realize that when a person opposes the repressive and murderous acts of the state and is thrown into jail on phony charges he is not a criminal, but a Political Prisoner.

Perhaps the most important thing to realize now is, as long as the masses of Black people do not support those who are fighting for their freedom, repression wins out. On the other hand, it has also been proven historically that as long as the liberation fighters have the broad based support of their communities, victory is achieved. But in order for this to become a reality, the Black communities must be able to expose and understand the trickery used by the pigs to keep the Black community divided and therefore, in slavery. So let it be done!

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