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Larry Little On "Squeaky's" Death List

NO. CAROLINA B.P.P. HEAD THREATENED BY K.K.K.

(Winston, Salem, N.C.) - Larry Little, coordinator of the Black Panther Party Chapter here and national spokesperson of the JoAnne Little Defense Committee, told THE BLACK PANTHER that he has been informed that his name was included on a list of individuals slated for assassination found in the apartment of Lynette A. (Squeaky) Fromme, in Sacramento, California, and that he had received threats on his life by Ku Klux Klan officials and others in North Carolina.

Fromme is the woman charged with an attempt on the life of Gerald Ford on September 5 in Sacramento. Sandra Good, Fromme's roommate, told the press following Fromme's arrest that an "International People's Court of Retribution" has marked for assassination "scores of business executives" whose firms damage the environment.

Information that Larry Little's name was on the list came from the FBI office here as did the information that one Carl Parker, a local Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, had threatened to kill Larry. This was confirmed by Joe Grady, Grand Dragon of the KKK in North Carolina, who telephoned the Black Panther Party headquarters here on May 24, to inform the Party that Parker is responsible for the threat.

Again, on September 23 and on October 4, local FBI agents Eller and Zackary T. Lowe respectively called the Party office to inform it that Carl Parker had threatened the life of Larry Little.

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The racist Ku Klux Klan (left) is pictured at a North Carolina rally on September 14 called against the Black Panther Party. LARRY LITTLE, coordinator of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Black Panther Party and official spokesperson for the JoAnne Little Defense Committee, has received death threats from the KKK and has been informed he was on a "death list" found in "Squeaky" Fromme's apartment.

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Shortly after learning of the threats against his life, Larry Little held a news conference announcing the fact and reaffirming his determination to continue his leadership of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Black Panther Party and his work in defense of JoAnne Little.

About a week after the news conference, Carl Parker, leader of the KKK in Trinity, North Carolina, admitted on a newscast that there were people within his organization who had stated they would kill Larry Little. He also stated that there was possibly a contract out on Larry, but he claimed that he had nothing to do with it.

ANOTHER CALL

On October 8, another call to the Party officer here from FBI agent Zackery T. Lowe informed the comrades that the FBI had received information of additional threats on the life of Larry Little that did not come from the KKK, but from another group that he refused to identify.

How Larry Little's name appears on a list of business executives responsible for damaging the environment is not explained, and raises questions in the minds of many about who else was on the list and for what reasons.

Larry told newsmen at his press conference that his first and only visit to Sacramento, California, had been several weeks ago, accompanying JoAnne Little and Elaine Brown to a conference of Black elected officials, at which

he and JoAnne spoke. They shared the speaker's roster with California Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally and Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite Burke among others.

At the height of these developments the Ku Klux Klan staged a rally in a field about 15 miles outside Winston-Salem, at which a huge cross was burned, hot dogs, hamburgers, and Klan souvenirs were sold and a major pitch was made for new mem-



JoANNE LITTLE and LARRY LITTLE at recent California Black political conference, with Lt. Governor MERVYN DYMALLY (left), Congresswoman YVONNE BRAITHWAITE BURKE (center) and Black Panther Party leader ELAINE BROWN.

bers. Reportedly about 200 "middle-class rural Whites" attended the rally, held on a Saturday night, September 13, many dressed in Klan hooded robes.

The same Joe Grady who had telephoned the Black Panther Party office here on May 24 confirming the threat against Larry Little helped organize the rally. He and other Klan officials told newsmen at the rally, according to the Winston-Salem *Sentinel*, that "Klan membership is booming."

The paper reports that several Klansmen at the rally carried and brandished ice picks with the KKK initials carved into the handle, a demonstration of protest against the acquittal of JoAnne Little for the ice pick slaying of the racist jail guard Clarence Allgood who attempted to rape her.

John Howard, 29-year-old Grand Dragon for the South Carolina realm of the KKK, told the crowd that Black Panthers should be "taken back to Africa" where it's all right to act like a panther.

—Johns Spain: "... a penetrating probe for truth

When HUEY P. NEWTON, cofounder and strategist of the Black Panther Party, disappeared in August, 1974, he left behind his (INSIGHTS) which, erudite, as Ericka Huggins has said, "a serenity and a humor that make this man, in his absence, a friend to all people."

ERICKA HUGGINS' POEMS are the telling (insight) record of her own life during the years since her husband, Joe Huggins, was assassinated in Los Angeles in 1968. Here then she has also credited the Black Panther newspaper and as director of the International Youth Institute, a model elementary school in Oakland.

INTRODUCTION BY ZENYATSI BAKES-BOHIE of the San Francisco Zen Center

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THANKSGIVING MEMORIAL CELEBRATION HOSTED BY SEATTLE B.P.P.

Dedicated To Black Persons Slain By Police

(Seattle, Wash.) — A Thanksgiving Memorial Celebration, dedicated to all those who have been killed by Seattle police and sponsored by the Seattle Chapter of the Black Panther Party, was held here at the Langston Hughes Cultural Center on Sunday, November 23, and was packed by more than 250 residents of the central area community of Seattle.

Prior to the dinner, there were speeches and entertainment. The first predinner speaker was Mrs. Leola Bledsoe, mother of a 22-year-old Black man who was murdered by a Seattle police officer in February of this year.

Mrs. Bledsoe courageously reminded the audience that even though she's lost a son, "We must still fight for justice — justice for Joe and justice for all Black and poor people."

GARY GAYTON

The second speaker was famed Black Seattle attorney Gary Gayton. Brother Gayton elaborated on the recent police brutality case in which his two Black clients were awarded \$75,000 each by a jury of 12 Whites, only to have this decision revoked by the judge and a new trial ordered. (See THE BLACK PANTHER, November 29, 1975.)

Brother Gayton drew applause from the audience when he said, "We won, and we still lost playing by the system's rules. It seems to me we need some new rules."

Predinner entertainment was provided by the First A.M.E. Church's Young Adult Choir and Brother Joe Brazil and his jazz ensemble. The choir rocked the house with several enthusiastic spirituals. The jazz ensemble is from the Black Academy of Music, located in the central area here.

The closing address was presented by Brother Elmer Dixon, coordinator of the Seattle Chapter of the Black Panther Party. Brother Dixon reminded the audience that the pressure we face today can be overcome by Black people unifying and helping each other in our daily struggle for survival.

Referring to the people murdered by police, Brother Dixon said, "We as Black people can survive because we've survived in the past, and now we



Thanksgiving Memorial Celebration sponsored by Seattle B.P.P. Chapter was attended by over 250 who came to honor Black people killed by police gunfire.

must understand that the brothers that were shot down and killed by murdering police died because they were doing something for our community. No matter what the police say they were doing when they shot them, they were only trying to survive."

After Brother Dixon's presentation, dinner was served and everyone settled down to enjoy turkey and all the trimmings. The event was a tremendous success and proved to be another step in the road towards unity in the face of Seattle police terrorism. □



Free Southern Theater Delights Oakland Community School

(Oakland, Calif.) - Following their superb performance on November 23 of *When Opportunity Scratches, Itch It*, the renowned FREE SOUTHERN THEATER returned to the Oakland Community Learning Center last Wednesday to do a special program for the children of the Oakland Community School. Above, members of the critically acclaimed Black drama troupe perform *Where is the Blood of Your Fathers?*, a documentary examination of the role that Black people played in their efforts to secure freedom from the oppression of slavery in the years between 1827 and 1860. The New Orleans-based group gave another fine performance which delighted the children of the Oakland Community School. BPINS photos

MILWAUKEE B.P.P. ORGANIZES TO ABOLISH "DEATH CHAMBERS" AT WAUPUN PRISON

(Milwaukee, Wisc.) — In two days, the Milwaukee Chapter of the Black Panther Party collected over 3,000 signatures on petitions demanding an immediate halt to the construction of eight underground soundproof cells in the Segregation Building at Waupun State Prison in Waupun, Wisconsin.

The petition campaign was initiated following a June 17 community meeting called by the Milwaukee B.P.P. Chapter to organize support for the inmates at Waupun State, half of whom have been on a hunger strike since June 10 protesting the construction of the new "death chamber" cells.

At the meeting, a united community pledged their support to the demand that the "torture cells" be completely abolished. Organizations represented at the meeting included: the Committee for Survival of Prisoners; the People's Free Health Center; the United Black Community Council; the Center for United Labor Action; Prisoners for Survival; Youth Against War and Fascism; and the Milwaukee Black Panther Party Chapter.

BLACK OFFICIALS

Black elected officials who have signed the petition thus far include: County Supervisor Terrence L. Pitts; state Senator Monroe Swan and state Assemblyman Lloyd A. Barbee. When enough signatures are collected, the groups intend to present the petitions in person to the Wisconsin state legislature.

Prisoners at Waupun State believe the new isolation cells will be used to break prison inmates both physically and mentally. Even the official prison description of the cells as "screamers"—soundproof cells to be used for disruptive inmates—leaves an ominous impression.

The latest issue of *Survival News*, a community newsletter printed by the Milwaukee B.P.P. Chapter, provides information on these cells. At the city's annual Juneteenth Day Festival, 60,000 Milwaukeeans heard Barry Bazzell of the Milwaukee Chapter give a vivid description of the "death chambers."

Besides being underground and soundproof, the new isolation cells are being equipped with sound monitoring and camera observation equipment, and each cell has its own thermostat unit which can be set for up to 100 degrees.



Prisoners at Waupun State in Wisconsin fear that the new underground soundproof "death chambers" will be used to harm them physically and mentally.

Survival News reports: "This dangerous temperature level can cause over-exposure, exhaustion and even death. One small spray of mace can cause 3rd degree burns. If the mace is inhaled, the respiratory system receives 3rd degree burns, and results in instant bleeding and strangulation."

In a related action, prison inmate Michael Cummings has filed a class action suit in federal court in Madison seeking to halt the construction and use of the new cells.

Referring to the cells as "torture chambers" and "death cells," the suit charges that the construction of the cells is

causing anxiety among the prisoners because of concerns about what the cells might be used for. Prisoners in the Segregation Building, many of whom are Black and politically active, said they feared that anything might happen in the cells because they were out of sight of other prisoners.

Cummings' suit asks federal Judge James Doyle to order the entire Segregation Building emptied and padlocked until an investigation can be made. Defendants in the suit include Wisconsin Governor Patrick J. Lucey and numerous state and prison officials.

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Nation Of Islam "Open To All"

(Chicago, Ill.) — In a major statement redefining the historic role of Black Americans in today's world as viewed by his organization, the Honorable W.D. Muhammad, Supreme Minister of the Nation of Islam, has provided an explanation of the recent announcement by Minister Nathaniel Muhammad that in the future the Nation "will be open to all without regard to race, color or creed."

Last week the establishment media around the country reported on what it called a major shift in policy and philosophy by the Nation when the minister of the Kansas City, Missouri, Mosque of the Nation also reportedly told an audience of more than 40,000 here: "There will be no such category as White Muslim or Black Muslim. All will be Muslims. All children of God," indicating that Whites who adopt the Muslim faith will, in the future, be welcome in the Nation.



WALLACE MUHAMMAD, Supreme Minister of the Nation of Islam.

Writing in the June 27 issue of *Muhammad Speaks*, the official organ of the Nation of Islam, Supreme Minister Wallace Muhammad declares that the Black community in America "is best prepared by experience to understand the nature of the major social problems that threaten us today," and are therefore "chosen" to carry out the mission "to reach all who share in their suffering."

The Supreme Minister asserts: "The chosen are chose to champion the cause of the poor, the deprived, the enslaved. When we look around the world, we see that there are other people in the

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WISCONSIN SENATOR URGES BLACK PRESS TO EXPOSE CRUELITIES OF PRISON CONDITIONS

(Milwaukee, Wisc.) — The Black press must fulfill its responsibility and play an ever-increasing role in bringing to the forefront the reality of the American prison system, insists Monroe Swan, a Black Wisconsin state senator in a recent interview with the *Milwaukee Star Times*.

Senator Swan, who, as chairman of the State Committee on Governmental and Veteran Affairs, leads a current investigation of Waupun State Prison, recently the scene of public furor concerning the construction of eight underground, soundproof isolation cells.

"People have to understand what is really happening," Senator Swan told the *Star Times*.

"Three per cent of the population (the Black community) is occupying 40 per cent of the prison cells. The ultimate goal is to re-enslave Black people institutionally."

The full significance of this, other details of prison horror and their effect on Black people in general must be brought to the



A scene in Segregation Building at Wisconsin State Prison in Waupun, Wisconsin. State senator Monroe Swan has urged Black press to expose prison conditions such as these.

attention of the community before the issues involved are clouded or misinterpreted by conservative elements of the media, Senator Swan said.

"This investigation is shaking up a whole lot of people, but

instead of giving us the full backing we need, papers like the (*Milwaukee Journal*) are downgrading our efforts. . .

"Black people are arrested, convicted and sent to prisons. When they come out, they can easily be treated as second class citizens, not only because of their color but because of the records. The papers aren't dealing with these issues."

Senator Swan has been one of the most responsible Black politicians in the country when it comes to prison legislative oversight and control of prison abuses.

It was Senator Swan who responded to the community outcry and urged Governor Lucey to stop the incarceration of politically active prisoners in the Waupun soundproof "death chambers" — called "screamers" by the inmates — pending the outcome of an in-depth investigation.

It was also Senator Swan who, at his own initiative, responded to the various inmate complaints of barbaric medical treatment which have formed the primary thrust of the ongoing hearings.

Senator Swan's investigation has revealed that the Waupun prison physician, Robert Turcott, is a primary source of grievances. Turcott has even admitted to Senator Swan that he (Turcott) pokes prisoners in the eyes to "shock" them into moving the parts of their bodies.

When Turcott was scheduled to appear before the investigating

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