

Panther Chief Fred Hampton Tells Party's Goals

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"While the buffoons are busy going to the moon, we're down here on earth giving free food and medical services to oppressed people," asserted Fred Hampton, deputy chairman of the Illinois Black Panther Party in an interview with the Daily Defender at week's end.

"But Nixon," Hampton continued, "is an international bully who can't fool anybody no matter how many fools he sends to the moon cause we're going to be dealing with the problems on earth."

For almost three hours, the youthful head of the militant organization held a free-wheeling talk session that ran the gaunt from harsh criticism of repressive tactics against the Panther Party to profuse words of praise for the Panthers' free breakfast program and soon-to-be opened free health center on the Westside.

Not only did Hampton assail anyone slightly connected with the Chicago Police Department ("fascist pigs"), but he also got in hardhitting jabs at "apathetic blacks." SCLC's



Fred Hampton, the Illinois Black Panther Party's deputy chairman, is captured in three moods during Daily Defender interview. The militant activist told why he

feels a capitalistic society won't work for blacks. (Daily Defender Sequence by Douglass Sengstacke).

Operation Breadbasket and Bobby Rush and Minister of st. Health Ronald Sanchel, who "What we're doing for the described plans for the opening people just heightens the con- Deputy the first of September of a free traditions of charges made Party Chairman of Defense health center at 3852 W. 16th against the Panther Party."

said Sanchel, a slightly built youth of 19.

According to Sanchel, a survey of the Westside community indicated that residents wanted the center to provide, in order of importance, pediatrics, obstetrics, dentistry and general medical care.

"We're asking for donations from medical and drug companies and for doctors and nurses to provide services free of charge," said the young director matter of factly.

"So far, we have 12 doctors signed up for the staff and we're in pretty good shape for our beginning staff of nurses," he said, "but we need lab and X-Ray technicians and of course, money." Members of the party are also being trained as technicians, he said.

Free car service to and from the center will also be provided, Sanchel added. Plans also call for expansion of the center to include comprehensive medical care.

In addition to money, building materials for rehabilitation of the center's quarters are needed desperately, he said. "This is one obstacle that we

faced in opening up the center earlier because the building that we secured needed so much repair, and we've been working on it daily," Sanchel stated.

Hampton and Rush looked on approvingly as Sanchel enthusiastically discussed the health center. Hampton 20, was recently released on \$10,000 bond pending an appeal of a two to five year jail sentence on April 7 of a robbery of an ice cream truck in Maywood.

Assailing the conviction, he launched into an attack on the court system, prisons and a "capitalistic society full of fascist, demagogue politicians, avaricious businessmen and racist pig police."

"My case shouldn't have even been tried by Judge Sidney Jones," Hampton asserted. "Jones had just acquitted this guy Kamberos whose car killed a kid.

"And everybody was talking about a mistrial. Yet, I'm convicted of stealing some ice cream and my appeal is to be answered in two months, imagine that, two months . . .

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robbery of some ice cream takes precedence over any other case including murder."

During his three months in Menard state prison, Hampton said he was kept in isolation, denied eye glasses and medical care. "You should see how they treat us in prison," he said. Anyone who doesn't get any mail or any visitors is kicked around and pretty soon you don't see that prisoner anymore. And there wasn't one black guard at Menard. Now check that out.

Hampton was asked: What do you think will curb the harassment of the Panthers.

"First we have to educate the people as to who their enemy really is and it ain't us. Next show them how to defend themselves against the pig power structure and then they'll be ready to defend us and themselves the next time we're attacked" Hampton answered.

What about the charges of Panther intimidation and threats made to black people? was another question posed to the Panther leader.

Rush answered this question. "Yes, we are armed but this is our constitutional right and it is only in self defense. We don't believe in harassing anybody to make them join our party and we purge individualists who are racists and don't want to abide by our program. And if anyone has a complaint about this kind of thing he or she should come to the office and we'll punish the person in front of the complainant," he said.

When asked about their feelings toward SCLC's Operation Breadbasket, Hampton said that organization should have initiated the free feeding program.

"Jesse Jackson spoke at our convention in California a few weeks ago and he should put into action what he said there because he got two standing ovations when he spoke," Hampton said.

"And Jesse should be telling the people about people like Hanrahan, Mayor Richard J. Daley and Police Gang Intelligence Unit head (Edward) Buckney and the atrocities they're perpetuating on black people.

"In fact," Hampton continued. "Jesse should get on the radio and make a (public service) tape in direct opposition to what Hanrahan's telling the people to do about the gangs." (Hampton was apparently referring to Hanrahan's public service announcements which advise Chicago citizens to lodge complaints with his office if they were intimidated or harassed by gang members.)

"All these pigs do is label a

gang and then the people start believing that mess and next thing, all the young warriors, the youths who will fight the power structure are thrown in jail, indicted and put away for good. . . these people had better get hip to what's happening and stop going around believing these fascist pigs.

"And the next time the pigs attack our headquarters, there's going to be a lot of dead pigs. We didn't fire back when the FBI busted in 'cause we wanted to show the people who the enemy really is. But the next time, the people will defend us," Hampton declared.

"One thing's for sure," said Hampton, confidently, "the Black Panther Party is not going to be suppressed no matter what the pigs like Hanrahan, Daley, Buckney and (Cook County Jail Supt.) Winston Moore do.

"We're the vanguard of the people and we say more power to the people and the people are our first and most important concern."

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Cops, Panthers Rap Each Other

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shoot-out which began, police said, after two officers attempted to question 2 men they saw leaving the building with a shotgun.

Bobby Rush, deputy minister of defense of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party, told the Daily Defender at week's end, more than \$6,000 in Panther newspapers, office equipment, and food for the poor, was destroyed by police and firemen in the latest attack on their headquarters at 2350 W. Madison st.

The fire and a 20-minute gun battle between police and Panthers took place at the Panthers headquarters early Thursday morning.

According to police, five patrolmen were injured in the

The police said they attempted to question the men, but they ran back into the building. Police said they were fired upon when they attempted to enter the building.

A controversy has developed however, concerning who fired first — Panthers or police. Bobby Rush said police broke into the building and fired on the three men there without provocation. He charged the men in custody were beaten after they were arrested, which is why they required hospitali-

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Crowds mill around the headquarters of the Black Panther Party at 2350 W. Madison st., early Thursday after the offices

were destroyed by a fire following a shoot-out between the Black Panthers and policemen.



Lt. Eugene Charles of the Illinois Black Panther Party takes inventory of wreckage following a Wednesday night battle between Panthers and Chicago policemen. The fire

which caused the damage shown was reportedly started by a tear gas grenade. (Daily Defender Photos by John Gunn.)

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zation. Rush also charged that the police will probably try to kill those taken into custody.

The three arrested Panthers were identified as Joseph Haymon, 20, of 1236 S. Tripp; Larry White, 25, 1433 S. Pulas-ki rd., and Alvin Jeffery, 25, of 5100 S. State st. They are all being held under guard in Cook County Hospital. The ar- restees have been charged with attempted murder, aggra- vated battery, and resisting ar- rest.

Fire Department and Police Department Bomb and Arson Squads told the Daily Defen- der they have no plans to con- duct an investigation of the fire and the damage done to the Panther Hea dquarters. Police Lt. John Kelly, chief of patrols, also told the Daily De- fender all inquiries regarding the Panther shoot-out incident are being referred to the Po- lice Public Relations Depart- ment. When the Public Rela- tions office was called no one was available for comment.

Rush talked to reporters in what became a hastily called press conference on the side- walk in front of the Panther Headquarters, because the of- fices were completely unusu- able. He said the damage to the office would hamper them, and slow them down, but it would not stop them. Rush also said in addition to the damage done to the building some \$600 collected by Panthers towards their planned medical center was also missing.

The Panther leader said the fire which completely destroy- ed the second floor of the build- ing was set by police. He went on to say that the Panthers have found gasoline cans which they say were used to set the fire. Rush also said the fire broke out after police had taken the three from the build- ing.

According to Rush, the Pan- thers will institute legal pro- ceedings in order to "bring to righteous justice those persons guilty of setting the fire."

Rush was asked if he thought the guilty persons would be punished?

He replied by saying what they were doing by going through legal channels was educating the people to the fact that the only way there can be justice is to completely change the system.

Rush was asked what the Panthers reaction to this latest encounter with police would be? He replied that their only reaction would be to continue to educate the people. "What happened there is an educa- tion," he said. "And this is why the office is open for the peo- ple to go in to see what the pigs did." He also called the encounter another example of the fascism which is rampant in America.

The Panther leader said they had witnesses to prove police started shooting first. "What this proves," he said, "is that the pigs are on their last legs, and they are nervous."

Rush emphasized the reason they are going through legal maneuvers was to let people know that the Panthers were not a bunch of gun-carrying crazy niggers. "... our job is political, and we have to dem- onstrate to the people the system has to be radically al- tered."

Rush also announced the Panthers are forming a new organization called the "United Front," to combat fascism. Rush said, "America is grave- ly threatened by fascism, and this latest incident is a clear and present warning of the danger. He also said the new organization would welcome anyone of any color; white, black, green, yellow; anyone who was concerned about and wanted to fight the fascism which threatens to destroy us all."



RADICALS TO INCREASE AID TO PANTHERS

Michael Klonsky (standing in foreground) tells reporters of new plans to actively support the programs of the Black Panther Party. Klonsky is one of the leaders of the national leadership faction of the Students for a Democratic Society that walked out

of the SDS convention last week. He said the group has formed a National Interim Committee that will direct efforts to aid the Panthers and other minority-based revolutionary organizations. (Daily Defender photo by John Gunn)

Panthers Snatch Victory From SDS Factional Row

By S. R. W. SMITH

The Black Panther Party appeared Monday to be the real winners in an ideological fight that has split the predominantly white Students for a Democratic Society into two major factions.

At a press conference held Monday the spokesmen for the national leadership faction of the SDS said the group will work more closely with the Panthers "in their struggle for liberation from white racism and imperialism."

Mike Klonsky, leader of the SDS group, said they had split from the activist student organization in a dispute over what role the Panthers would play in the revolution.

Klonsky said the Progressive Labor Party faction within the SDS had repeatedly tried to sabotage the efforts of the Panthers and other "people-led revolutionary movements."

"We have expelled members of the Progressive Labor Party from our ranks," Klonsky told reporters.

"We have taken this action because of the Progressive Labor Party's objectively racist and counter-revolutionary positions and actions," Klonsky asserted.

He and other spokesmen for the group said that the PL faction had also attacked struggles for black community control of police and the push for more black studies programs at colleges and universities.

The League of Revolutionary Black Workers, open college admissions for blacks, and the Panthers' breakfasts for children program have also come under PL attack, Klonsky said.

The Panthers' Illinois deputy minister of information, Chaka, in a Daily Defender interview after the SDS press conference, said he thinks the split has strengthened the Panthers' political position.

"The issue of black self-determination is the line of demarcation that separates real revolutionary groups from those that reflect the white racism and imperialism we're fighting

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to end," he said.

"Those who are not concerned with black self-determination, we cannot and will not work with. The Progressive Labor Party faction of the SDS was one of those groups that talked revolution, but acted in a counter-revolutionary way," he declared.

Chaka was the Panther who, during the five-day SDS convention held in the Coliseum, called for expulsion of the PL faction. The Panther position on the PL helped to widen the gap between the PL-oriented SDS'ers and the faction led by the national leadership.

On the day after the Panther position was announced about 500 walked out of the convention, attended by about 1,600 SDS members, and held meetings separately.

On the day before the convention closed, the leadership faction called for the purging of the PL forces, and urged a more positive link up with the Black Panthers and other "third world revolutionary groups."

Bernadine Dohrn, interorganizational secretary of the new SDS group, in her talk against PL at the convention, called the Panthers the "vanguard of the revolutionary struggle," and said all student-revolutionaries should follow the black group's lead.

At the Monday press conference, Miss Dohrn said the new SDS group will work to increase its relationships with working class young people, and will escalate its attacks on racism, imperialism, and the war in Vietnam.

The first move by the group in support of the Panthers will be a mass demonstration to be held during the conspiracy trials of 16 Black Panthers.

Although the dates for the Panther trials have not been set yet, it is expected that they will be scheduled for some time in September.

Klonsky said the SDS will lead a group of "thousands of young people from throughout the country in a militant demonstration in Chicago at the same time as the conspiracy trials."

The Panther minister of information said he welcomed the support of the SDS group and asserted that other groups aligned with the Panthers will also demonstrate.



Fred Hampton, Illinois chairman of the Black Panthers, is one of 16 party members indicted by a grand jury on charges ranging from kidnaping to unlawful use of weapons.

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16 Panther Members Indicted By Grand Jury

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The Illinois Black Panther Party has apparently been smashed yesterday by Cook County States Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, following the indictment of 16 party members by the grand jury on 18 counts ranging from kidnaping, to unlawful use of a weapon.

The indictments were returned Tuesday following a secret session. Indicted were most of the party leadership including Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton, 20, 804 S. 17th ave. Maywood who is already in jail following his conviction on a robbery charge.

The arrests were a culmination of a six-week investigation of militant black groups by Police Gang Intelligence Unit, state's attorney police, and the FBI.

Nathaniel Junior, 22, of 405 S. 8th st., Maywood, is the party field marshal and is being sought on a federal warrant along with Merrill Dennis Harvey, 22, of 7814 W. 64th st., Summit. The two are being sought in connection with their alleged attempts to purchase sev-

eral machine guns earlier this year.

Harvey is described as the captain of defense of the Western suburb chapter of the party.

Other party leaders indicted include: William O'Neal, 20, 1544 S. Springfield, the minister of defense, Wilmer Lee Angram, 19, of 395 S. 11th st., Maywood, deputy minister of edu-

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cation, west suburb chapter, Yvonne King, deputy minister of labor and field secretary.

Also indicted were: David Allen Valentine, 17, 405 S. 8th st., Maywood, lieutenant of information, west suburbs; Robert Bruce, 21, 28 S. 15th st., Maywood, captain and party chairman, west suburbs;

Also: Richard Powell, 22, 7340 W. 63d pl., Summit, section leader, education department; James Edward White, 24, 7500 W. 64th st., Summit, section leader; Billy Brooks, 130 S. Kedvale, minister of education; Christine May, 11358 Bishop st., deputy minister of culture in charge of party work at Circle Campus.

Other indictments were handed down against Gerry Dunnigan, 1447 N. Cleveland, deputy minister of defense and captain of security, as well as, party members Charles Martis 7500 W. 64th st., Summit; Harlon Walton, 7500 W. 64th st. Summit; William Ivory, 201 S. 20th st.

Those indicted have been charged with conspiracy to commit kidnaping, kidnaping, aggravated kidnaping, aggravated battery, battery, burglary, and unlawful use of weapons.

According to Hanrahan, on the evening of April 27, and morning of April 28, the indicted Panthers planned and executed the kidnaping of Miss Marjorie Curry of Summit, Ill., and Albert Mackey 7621 W. 64th st., Argo, Ill.

A spokesman for Summit police said the pair were abducted because Miss Curry had allegedly been storing weapons for the Panthers. She was kidnaped and tortured, the spokesman said, because she had moved the weapons from a known hiding place to an unknown hiding place, police spokesmen said.

Following the abduction, the Panthers allegedly tortured and beat Mackey in Summit, but later released him. The woman was allegedly taken to Panther headquarters, 2530 W. Madison where she was held for six hours, and where she was reportedly tortured, beaten and burned.

Hanrahan said the woman was then taken to a Southside apartment and tortured still further. He said Miss Curry escaped by leaping from a third-floor balcony. The nature of Miss Curry's injuries were not disclosed.

Authorities became aware of the kidnaping when Mackey complained to Summit police. Following this complaint several Panthers were arrested in Argo, Ill.

The Argo arrest in an alley at 7500 W. 64th st. Taken into custody where White, Valentine, O'Neal, Ingram and Powell.

Party chairman, Hampton, is said to have surrendered to Summit police several days later, he went to police headquarters with his attorney and was released on bond. Police also said that Valentine, O'Neal and Ingram were released on bond following their arrest April 28. White and Powell are held in custody.

Early yesterday morning, Chicago police from the Gang Intelligence Unit along with states attorney police staged a number of raids in Chicago, Maywood and Summit.

O'Neal, Ingram and Valentine were all arrested in their homes. The others named in the indictment not already in custody are still being sought by police.

Reveal Panthers Planned To Rap U.S. In Document

A few hours before federal agents raided the Illinois Black Panther's offices, at 3750 W. Madison, the party was in the process of releasing a document which criticized the government's action against party chairman Fred Hampton.

Hampton was convicted of robbing an ice cream truck and was sentenced from two-to-five years in prison.

The document, which read three pages, challenged the constitutionality of the government's actions in the Hampton case.

The Panther's labeled both the procedure used during the case and the verdict as "an example of contradictions."

Under a section entitled "Judge," the Panthers wrote:

"Although Judge Sidney A. Jones Jr., is under oath to uphold his constitutional duty to be fair and impartial during a trial and to disqualify himself if he is unable to be fair and impartial, he tried Fred Hampton at a time when the judge's job was at stake because of the judge's finding not guilty a hoodlum who had run over a child.

"Although Judge Jones took responsibility for his decision in the child death case, he stated that he could take no responsibility for granting bail for Fred Hampton, who was accused not of killing children, but of taking ice cream bars for them."

The last section of the document is devoted to "bail pending appeal," at which time the Panthers made a comparison of Hampton's situation and that of several convicted murderers.

"Although the law and constitution clearly allows for a defendant to be admitted to bail pending a final determination by an appellate court that his trial was legally held, Fred Hampton was denied bail.

"Although officer Nuccio (a Chicago policeman) who was convicted for the murder of Ronald Nelson (a black youth) and although all of those convicted for the murder of Jerome Huey are all walking the streets, free on bail pending the outcome of the appeal in their cases, Fred Hampton, convicted of stealing ice cream for children, is imprisoned while his appeal is pending."