

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE DETROIT NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO COMBAT FACISM

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On October 24, 1970, at approximately 6:30 PM, two racist pigs from the 2nd Precinct, without provocation, brutally beat 2 black youths on the corners of Myrtle and 16th Streets. Two brothers from the local National Committee to Combat Facism, interceded, simply exposing the police brutality to the people in the community, and they also were beaten by the pigs. People from the crowd that had formed came to the brothers aid and began to attack the pigs. At this point, Mod Squad, bootlicking, yardnigger pigs Forrest Harvey, Glenn Smith and Marshall Emerson, responding to their masters orders and wantonly opened fire on the crowd.

The crowd defended themselves and one treacherous dog police was dead and two others lay wounded. Many people from the community ran into the newly opened National Committee to Combat Facism office at 3376 16th Street.

The Detroit gestapo forces moved in with its overkill machinery, which included 2 tanks, automatic weapons and other types of lethal weapons exactly like the ones these same imperialists use in Vietnam. The pigs indiscriminately opened fire on our office and other houses in the community. The fork tongued police have said that they used "great restraint," but we know that if it wasn't for the swift actions taken by the black community and other progressive people, Commissioner Nicholas' henchmen would have committed mass murder. The sisters and brothers in the N.C.C.F. office, not taking the word of lying pigs, refused to come out and didn't do so until they were insured by trusted people from the community that conditions were favorable.

We see this as part and parcel of the relentless attempt by the fascist U.S. government to destroy the Black Panther Party and its organizing bureau's, The National Committee to Combat Fascism. For the last six months, since the Nixon, Agnew, Mitchell, Hoover gang has been oinking its fascist "law and order" rhetoric, gangsters, disguised as "guardians of the law" have attacked Black Panther Party and National Committee to Combat Fascism offices, all across the country. Our party offices and N.C.C.F. offices in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Toledo, Ohio and New Bedford, Mass. have been under attack by the forces of repression. And now, here in Detroit, police Commissioner Nicholas' and his bandit forces have joined in this fascist act.

However, we want the people here in Detroit and throughout the world to know that the Black Panther Party and its organizing bureau's, the National Committee to Combat Fascism, will not quiver in the wake the U.S. inspired onslaught that is being waged against our Party, Black people and other oppressed people throughout the world. And we have said it before and we will say it again:

THE RACIST DOG POLICEMEN MUST WITHEDRAW IMMEDIATELY FROM OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE COMMUNITIES OF THE WORLD, CEASE THEIR WANTON MURDER AND BRUTALITY AND TORTURE OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE, OR FACE THE WRATH OF THE ARMED PEOPLE.

The Courts in Detroit are holding our comrades in Preventive detention and will place a astronomical ransom on our sisters and brothers. Fail money is needed badly.

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