

NEVER FORGET!

Dec 4, 1969 - The Assassination of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark

"You can kill a revolutionary, but you can't kill a revolution!" - Fred Hampton Sr.



WHO ARE FRED HAMPTON & MARK CLARK?

- "Mr. [Mark] Clark was committed, very warm, very affable, and he had a dedication to help his people," - Rev. Blaine Ramsey
- "[Fred Hampton,] One of the most talented and promising leaders of the Panthers". - Noam Chomsky
- Fred Hampton Sr. - Deputy Chairman of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party (BPP).
- Mark Clark – Deputy Chairman of the chapter Peoria, IL of the Black Panther Party (BPP).

WHAT HAPPENED?

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director J. Edgar Hoover several times ordered COINTELPRO personnel to "destroy what the [Black Panther Party] stands for" and to "eradicate its 'serve the people' programs." Soon afterwards the FBI trapped a young African-American named William O'Neal. William O'Neal was given the tricky option of going to jail or selling out Black people. He choose to sell out. As a FBI informant his job was to find harmful information to discredit the Illinois Black Panther Party (BPP). After nothing was found the FBI planned to assassinate the leadership of the Illinois BPP. FBI informant William O'Neal slipped drugs into Fred Hampton's drink and left his apartment around 1:30am, December 4, 1969. Three hours later, at 4:45am, police and special tactics units shot 99 shots into the apartment killing Fred Hampton, Mark Clark, and seriously wounding 4 other BPP members. Other BPP members including Fred Hampton's 8 month pregnant wife, Deborah Johnson (aka Akua Njeri), were beaten, dragged into the street, and charged with assault and attempt murder. Not one officer spent a day in jail.

ILL. BLACK PANTHER PARTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Breakfast for Children Program – Chicago, IL
- Breakfast for Children Program – Peoria, IL
- Free People's Medical Clinic
- Free Sickle Cell Anemia Testing
- Political Education Classes
- Community Control of Police Project

- Unified the street gangs of Chicago, IL
- Created a united front among the multi-racial organizations (Black Panther Party, Students for a Democratic Society, the Blackstone Rangers, the Young Lords, and the Young Patriots) called the "Rainbow Coalition". An phrase later taken by Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"Now is the time for us to come together with one another, to organize, to speak out and speak up on behalf of each other. There is no time to waste, while we debate, define, and discuss; the enemy continues his genocidal plan. We need to bear in mind the Ashanti proverb: 'Two men in a burning house must not stop to argue.' " - Dr. Mutulu Shakur

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