LLOYD BARBEE COMMENTS
ON BAHAMA'S INDEPENDENCE

Wisconsin state legislator Lloyd Barbey has consistently been one of the few elected officials in the United States who truly represents the masses of people. We present here an informative and perceptive commentary, authored by Representative Barbey, on the independence of the Bahamas proclaimed July 10, 1973.

The Bahamas, an archipelago consisting of approximately 700 islands between Florida and the island of Haiti, became an independent nation on Tuesday. By becoming the world’s 143rd sovereign country, the Bahamas ended more than 300 years of British rule and eventually white domination.

Change for independence became manifest when Lynden Pindling became Prime Minister of the Bahamas and leader of the majority Progressive Liberal Party in 1967. This was the first time that a Black was chosen to lead this country. Considering the fact that 85% of the island groups’ population is Black, it was about time.

Now that the July 10, Independence Day celebration is over, I cross my fingers in hopes that the country will now be able to deal with its economic development besides the promotion of white tourism. Pindling, it appears, is already on the road to solving the economic situation in the Bahamas. The new leader is planning on negotiating with Cuba about the new country’s sea boundaries and fishing rights, as well as settling with foreign investments.

The prime minister of the Bahamas is also considering raising the rent on the U.S. government for the military bases which are situated on the island. Because of past British-American relations, the U.S. government was getting off easy as far as reimbursing the Bahamas government for use of their land for military installations. Now, hopefully, the Bahamas will be able to settle for a more adequate reimbursement.

Racism, however, still exists in the Bahamas. A secessionist movement was started just prior to the island group’s independence on the island of Abaco. Approximately 3,000 whites, comprising about half the population on the island, want to become a separate unit attached to the British Commonwealth. Some observers say that certain U.S. interests have come out in support of this move because of the fear that the islands will become a “second Cuba.”

Critics of the Bahama government have charged that Pindling has been carrying out a “Blacks only” policy, especially in regard to employment. Government policy there bans the importation of foreign workers to perform jobs that Bahamians can do just as well. Previously, however,

“LONDON TIMES” ACCOUNT OF PORTUGUESE MASSACRE

(London, England) - A British Roman Catholic priest has recently divulged the Portuguese army massacre of more than 400 Mozambique Africans, including women and children. In a July front page story in The Times of London, Father Adrian Hastings, recently returned from Mozambique and the source for The Times story, said that the growth of guerrilla activity by FRELIMO, the Mozambique Revolutionary Liberation Front, has sparked Portuguese government forces to systematically massacre people in villages thought to have helped FRELIMO.

The information about the massacre at the village of Wirryamu came to Fr. Hastings from Spanish missionaries who themselves buried many of the victims. Two priests, who also personally met and talked with survivors of the massacre, are now in jail in Lourenco Marques, capital of Mozambique, held by the Portuguese administrators for exposing this atrocity to the world.

Excerpts of Father Hastings description of the December 16, 1972, massacre, as it appeared in The Times of London, follows:

“Following a bombardment, the soldiers who had been transported here and had already surrounded the village, invaded it with ferocity, increasing the terror of the inhabitants already terrorized by the bombs. Once inside the village the soldiers started ransacking the huts, and this was followed immediately by the massacre of the people.

“One group of soldiers got together a part of the people in a courtyard to shoot them. The villagers were forced to sit in two groups, the men on the one side and the women on the other, so that they could more easily see those that were being shot. By means of a signal, a soldier indicated whom he wished, either a man or woman.

“The indicated person stood up, separating himself from the group. The soldier shot him. This procedure brought about the largest number of victims. Many children at the breast and on the backs of their mothers were shot at the same time as their mothers.”

(The names of 86 people who were among those shot in this manner followed.)

The report continued: "One woman called Vaina was invited to stand up.

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"HISTORY WILL ABSOLVE ME"

BY FIDEL CASTRO

20th ANNIVERSARY OF MONCADA BARRACKS ATTACK

When, on July 26, 1953, a group of slightly less than 100 idealistic and patriotic Cubans attempted to seize the Moncada Army Barracks, situated in the extreme east of the island, in Oriente Province, the results were disastrous; a massacre. However, when it was learned that the 70 dead men, all students and young workers, had not died in the course of the attack but, instead, were captured alive and then ruthlessly murdered on orders of the tyrannical Batista regime, public sentiment, already strong, grew even more aroused.

Considerable attention therefore, was focused on the trial of the leader of the attack, a popular young lawyer from Havana, Fidel Castro. Secretary and under light military security, Fidel Castro, then 26, was tried alone by a tribunal situated in a small room of the Municipal Hospital in Santiago de Cuba. Prior to this trial, 26 of his compañeros, comrades in the attack who escaped the massacre, were swiftly tried, convicted and sentenced to long prison terms in the infamous Isle of Pines.

Removed from the proceedings of his own trial, on October 16th, Fidel Castro was permitted to plead in his defense, before conviction and sentencing. THE BLACK PANTHER is pleased to reprint for our readers, excerpts from that brilliant four and one half hour statement, clandestinely printed and circulated the next year. "History Will Absolve Me" is more than an ordinary legal defense plea, more than just an insightful program for Cuba's reform. "History Will Absolve Me" reflects the true meaning of the Moncada Barracks attack, the true meaning of all oppressed peoples struggles against racism, exploitation and degrading conditions.

"Never has a lawyer had to practice his profession under more difficult conditions; never against an accused have more overwhelming irregularities been committed. Here, counsel and accused are one and the same. As attorney for the defense I have been dented even a look at the indictment. As the accused, I have been, for the past seventy-six days, shut away, in solitary confinement - unheard of as an incommunicado in violation of every legal and human consideration. "He who is speaking abhors - with all his being - anything that might be vain or childish. Neither by his temperament nor by his present frame of mind is he inclined towards oratorical poses - or towards any kind of sensationalism. I am compelled to plead my own defense before this court. There are two reasons: first, because I have been deprived almost entirely of legal aid; second, because only he who has been outraged as

BURNHAM WINS GUYANA ELECTION

Forbes Burnham has won a third, four-year term as Prime Minister of Guyana, the only English speaking South American country and the only country on that continent headed by a Black government.

Mr. Burnham's victory is a vindication of his government's policy of anti-racism. Guyana has experienced serious racial clashes between Blacks and the numerically dominant East Indians. Having received some 70% of the overall vote, Mr. Burnham clearly has won considerable strength in the rural sugar and rice belts. These areas, almost solidly East Indian, have traditionally been considered strongholds of his chief rival, former Prime Minister Cheddi B. Jagan, an East Indian who claims to be a Marxist.

GUYANA-ESSAI

Four Portuguese jet fighter planes were shot down by freedom fighters of Guinea-Bissau in June, bringing to 18 the total number of planes downed since March 23rd. All four planes were shot down in action near the besieged enemy camp called Camael, in the south of the country. They were brought down on June 2nd, 7th, 10th and 11th.

VATICAN

Canon Burgess Carr, Secretary-General of the All-African Conference of Churches (AACC), raised the question of the Vatican's links with Portugal, especially in "territories still under Portuguese domination", when he met Pope Paul VI on June 25th. Carr had earlier by telegram called on Pope Paul to abolish the agreement between the Vatican and the Portuguese government regulating ecclesiastical matters.

GERMANY

Brother Harry W. Johnson, on trial at Kaiserslautern, West Germany, on mutiny charges, produced documents showing U.S. deliveries of napalm and plant defoliants to Portuguese forces operating in Portugal's African colonies. He also produced documents establishing the training of Portuguese officers at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and at several naval bases in California. Brother Johnson "resigned" from the U.S. armed services declaring: "I have withdrawn my services from aiding and abetting war crime."

MOZAMBIQUE

FRELIMO forces killed 150 Portuguese troops in an attack on a battalion stationed at Tembue, in Mozambique, recently. The attacking forces used heavy artillery and completely destroyed a storage depot, barracks, a command post and the administrative post at Tembue.

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WATERGATE
LOW LIGHTS

Herbert W. Kalmbach, President Nixon's personal attorney until May 1, testified before the Senate Watergate Committee that, on orders of John D. Ehrlichman and John Dean III, he raised funds for "legal fees and family support" for the seven Watergate conspirators convicted of breaking into the National Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate Hotel. However, all the testimony of the past week indicates that the money paid to the conspirators was, in fact, money to assure their silence about those behind the conspiracy.

 Asked about his present feelings toward Richard Nixon, John Ehrlichman is reported as saying: "I have no regrets at all. I think he has done great things, I think he has done good things and to the extent that I've had anything to offer to help him along, I'm glad I did. And I'll always be glad, regardless of how this thing might bounce.

Fredrick C. LaRue, a former official of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, told the Senate Watergate Committee that the break-in at Democratic Party headquarters had been sanctioned "at some high level", and described spystyle "money drops" and uses ofaliases to mask his identity.

U.S. District Court Judge Damon J. Keith, in Detroit, ruled last week that the government's categorical denial of burglary, illegal wiretapping or other actions while investigating the Weathermen, was inadequate. Calling the denial a "perfunctory" response that "failed to go to the crux of the matter".

A $1 million civil suit was filed in Los Angeles last week against President Nixon and several other Watergate conspirators. The civil action was filed from Folsom Prison by Brother Elmer Davis, acting as his own attorney. The 45-year-old brother of the county prison is waiting for a trial in the case.

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puddies who maintain a strictly regimented atmosphere of repression in the court. When Attorney Jellinek demanded that Judge Ball conduct a hearing on the incident, Ball adjourned the court and left. Sheriff's deputies crowded the room, pushing and shoving the spectators and spoiling for a fight. Four people, including a lawyer, were arrested.

Days later on June 25th, four people were arrested again when one defendant pointed out that there is "no justice for the poor, Black or ignorant".

As courtroom evidence continues to pile up, exposing the fallacy of the myth of equal justice for all in America, the pattern of repression grows clearer, points more vividly to the fascist state that increasingly enforces us all. Trial defendants are terrorized, their legal counsel are wiretapped, arrested and denied access to important evidence; while the prosecution spends a fortune to convict the defendants and even breaks the law, tapping, bugging and burglarizing to obtain information.

As the injustice and corruption spreads, the New York State Select Committee on Correctional Institutions and Programs finds as of mid-June that "...change which has a fundamental impact on the day-to-day existence of the inmate population remains elusive."

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when the Bahama's were under white rule, the majority of Blacks were in a state of economic deprivation solely because very few native Bahamians were given decent employment opportunities. Most good jobs were taken over by foreign workers.

It is appropriate to congratulate the Bahamians for the liberal advances that he made within his political party and for the bloodless revolution resulting in the island group's independence. His accomplishments have done a great deal for making the country's future much more optimistic.

The A.P. and Milwaukee papers say that the Bahama's were discovered by Christopher Columbus. This I must note with wry curiosity. Considering that the islands were already inhabited around 1492, it would be more appropriate to say that Columbus discovered that he had the white western world were ignorant about geography and people, some of his descendants still are.

ALABAMA PRISONERS CHARGED WITH GUARD MURDER

(Brewton, Alabama) - In Escambia County, noted for "officially" being the last county to free its slaves after the Civil War, seven Black inmates of the county prison are waiting to be tried for the murder of a prison guard. The BLACK PANTHER learned of this situation through a letter sent to us by a prisoner at the jail. The letter was a desperate plea to the community to help and support the six brothers.

The six men, Joe Smith, Tommy L. Dotson, Larry Williams, Charlie Btes, Jesse J. Canzy, Edward Ellis, and Robert Orr have been told by racist officials that they are going to kill them one way or another. Brother Joe Smith has been told that the next time he attends court in Brewton, they will kill him and claim that he was trying to escape.

The BLACK PANTHER urges our friends in and around Brewton, Alabama, to investigate this extremely dangerous situation and provide us and others your findings. We'll share them with our readers.

WHO PULLS Nixon's STRINGS?

President Nixon says he ordered the elaborate bugging of his offices and telephones for historical purposes. The uproar this revelation caused and his decision to discontinue the buggings suggests that this was a lie. But, what is the truth?

No one has dared suggest that forces OUTSIDE the White House required such an operation to keep informed and to guarantee that their orders were being carried out. The idea that the President of the United States might be taking orders from somewhere other than The People through the legislative arm of government is too horrific for most Americans to even imagine.

But, why else such careful surveillance of the "Head of State"?

In search for legislative measures to prevent the recurrence of a Watergate, this is the question to which the Senate Investigating Committee should be seeking answers. Anything short of this will be another whitewash!
“HISTORY WILL ABSOLVE ME”

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deeper as I, and who has seen his country so forsaken, its justice so reviled, can speak on an occasion like this with words that are made of the blood of his own heart and the very marrow of truth...

“I deem it essential to cite, at the outset, what was the reason for the relentless isolation to which I have been subjected; what was the motive for keeping me silent; what prompted the plot to kill me - a plot with which the Court is familiar; what grave facts are being hidden from the people; and what is the secret behind all the strange things that have taken place during this trial. All this I propose to do with the utmost clarity...

Three Cuban revolutionaries lay murdered after being captured at the Moncada Barracks attack, July 26, 1953.

“But there is one argument that aids us more than all the others. We are Cubans and to be Cubans implies a duty. Not to fulfill that duty is a crime, a treason.

“We are proud of the history of our country. We learned history in school and we have grown up hearing of liberty, justice and human rights.

“We were taught to venerate the glorious example of our heroes and our martyrs. Cespedes, Agramonte, Maceo, Gomez y Marti were the first names engraved in our minds. We were taught that the titan Maceo had said that liberty is not begged but is won with the blade of a machete.

“We were taught that for the guidance of Cuba’s free citizens the Apostle (Martí) wrote in his Book of Gold: ‘The man who conforms by obeying unjust laws and permits anybody to trample the country in which he was born, the man who so mistreats his country, is not an honorable man.

“In the world there must be a certain degree of decorum just as there must be a certain amount of light. When there are many men without decorum, there are always others who bear in themselves the dignity of many men. These are the men who rebel with great force against those who steal the people’s freedom - that is to say, against those who steal human dignity itself.’

“...We were taught to cherish and defend the beloved flag of the single star. We sang every afternoon a hymn whose verses say that to live in chains is to live in opprobrium...that to die for the country is to live.

“All this we learned and will never forget, even though today in our land there is murder and prison for the men who practice the ideas taught to them since the cradle. We were born in a free country which was our heritage from our forefathers. The island would sink into the sea before we would consent to be slaves of anybody.

“It seemed that the veneration for the Apostle was going to die in his Centenary. It seemed that his memory would be extinguished forever. So great was the affront! But his dream lives. It has not died, His people are rebellious. His people are worthy. His people are faithful to his memory. There are Cubans who have fallen defending his doctrines. There are boys who in magnificent selflessness came to die beside his tomb, giving the blood and their lives so that the dream of Marti could continue to live in the heart of his country. Cuba, what would have become of you if you had forsaken your Apostle?

“Support the Intercommunal Youth Institute

The Intercommunal Youth Institute is designed to help our children think. All instruction is made relevant to the survival of Black and poor people. We expand the concept that the whole world is the children’s classroom.

The youth receive instruction in language arts, mathematics, science, health, physical education, political science and people’s art. Our objective is the development of the well-rounded human being.

We need more instructors with ever expanding ideas to cope with the everexpanding ideas of the children. If you have teaching skills and can donate some time, please contact the Black Panther Party at 850 East 14th Street, Oakland, California; or phone (415) 638-0195.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

“My come to the close of my defense plea but I will not end it as lawyers usually do - asking that the accused be freed, I cannot ask freedom for myself while my comrades are suffering in the ignominious prison of Isla de Pinos. Send me there to join them and to share their fate. It is understandable that honest men should be dead or in prison in (this) Republic where the president is a criminal and a thief...

“Still, there remains for this hearing a more serious problem, the issues arising from the murder of seventy men - that is to say, the greatest massacre we have ever known. The guilty continue at liberty with a weapon in hand - a weapon which continually threatens the citizens. If all the weight of the law does not fall upon (the guilty) because of cowardice, or because of domination of the courts - and if then, all the magistrates and judges do not resign, I pity you. And I regret the unprecedented shame that will fall over the judicial system.

“I know that imprisonment will be as hard for me as it has ever been for anyone - filled with cowardly threats and wicked torture. But I do not fear prison, just as I do not fear the fury of the miserable tyrant who snuffed life out of 70 brothers of mine.

“Sentence me. I don’t mind. History will absolve me.”
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"The prostrate child cried no more and the soldier returned with his boot covered with blood. His fellow soldiers acclaimed the deed with a round of applause. 'Well done, You are a brave man.' It was the beginning of a macabre football match. His companions followed his example.

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PHILLY WELFARE PROTEST
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Safeway Supermarkets have long been the enemy of the impoverished farmworkers of this country and their union, the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). In view of their long and continuous train of abuses against the Farm Workers and Safeway's daily exploitation of our communities, THE BLACK PANTHER urges our readers to boycott Safeway Supermarkets. Boycott Safeway! Boycott Safeway.

In addition to Pennsylvania's 850,000 welfare recipients, no state employees have received checks this month as a result of the budget crisis. In protest, hundreds of state employees rushed through the State capital building demanding a budget settlement. They demanded to see legislators who were conferring on the budget, but guards blocked them.

The National Welfare Rights Organization has filed suit in District Court to compel state officials to release welfare funds, but the suit was rejected.
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The farmworkers need our help. Their struggle is our struggle. To aid the farmworkers is to move us all closer to the goals of freedom and dignity.

I enclose ... to help the farm workers survive the coming weeks or months without a working wage.

Your Name
Address City Zip
Make Checks Payable to "United Farm Workers Union"

Mail to: United Farm Workers Union
4010 23rd Street
San Francisco 94114

If you want to get right on it, call 864-5613.

Boycott Safeway

Those stores in Oakland where U.F.W. picked grapes are sold are:

FOOD FARM - 2547 E. 14th Street
VERNS - 5011 Telegraph
EMBY - 6925 E. 14th Street
EMBY - 10111 E. 14th Street
LUCKY'S - ALL
P&X - ALL

The Black Panther urges all our readers to buy only U.F.W. picked table grapes!

Boycott Farah Pants

Over 3,500 Chicano workers, the vast majority of whom are women, are on strike against Farah Mfg. Co., one of the world's largest manufacturers of men's pants.

Wages range from $1.70 an hour to $2.20 an hour after 20 years, high production quotas are used to deny raises and older workers are forced to quit before retirement and thus lose benefits, We urge you to join the growing number of people actively fighting for an end to social injustice, Boycott Farah Pants.

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# PROGRAM FOR SURVIVAL

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Provides free medical treatment and preventative medical care for the people.

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Provides Black and other oppressed children with a scientific method of thinking about and analyzing things. This method develops basic skills for living in this society.

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Provides imprisoned men and women with funds to purchase necessary commissary items.

## SENIORS AGAINST A FEARFUL ENVIRONMENT (S.A.F.E.) PROGRAM
Provides free transportation and escort service for senior citizens and from community banks on the first of each month.

## LEGAL AID AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
Provides legal aid classes and full legal assistance to people who are in need.

## FREE BUSING TO PRISONS PROGRAM
Provides free transportation to prisoners for families and friends of prisoners.

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