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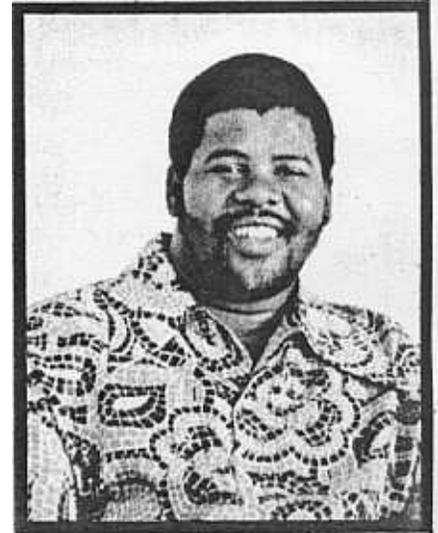
Certainly when the Black Panther Party announced we would become involved in the electoral process, we knew that the many ills which afflict Black and poor people in this country could not be totally eradicated through electoral politics. However, we realized that, still, many positive gains could be achieved by Black and poor people utilizing our collective vote for those political candidates who truly represent our interests.

Recently, the Black Panther Party seized a prime opportunity to make voting operate in a progressive manner, in the interest of the Black and poor people, in the Berkeley (California) Community Development Council (B.C.D.C.) Board of Directors Elections. The U.S. government has been (since Johnson's alleged "War on Poverty"), each year, reluctantly sending poverty funds into the low and no income areas of Berkeley, California. The function of the B.C.D.C. Board of Directors (who are elected yearly by the community) is to funnel these federal funds into meaningful programs for the poor. In the past, this task has seemed too much for the basically reactionary Board members of the B.C.D.C. to carry out, as the poor of Berkeley have rarely been on the receiving end of these funds. With this in mind, the Black Panther Party decided to run our own Party members to hold positions on the B.C.D.C. Board, as well as support other progressive candidates. The structure of the Board is based on having one representative from each poverty "target area" vote for the channeling of funds that would satisfy the particular needs of his smaller community. The target areas are simply representative of the arbitrary sectioning-off of the city into a variety of "poverty pockets". There is one "at large area" from which low-income persons (income under \$4,000 a year) can vote for a representative. With nine seats to be filled, the Black Panther Party decided to run six candidates.

On May 23rd, one day before the scheduled elections, Comrade Ericka



COMRADE ERICKA HUGGINS will serve Target Area #7.



COMRADE HERMAN SMITH will serve Target Area #2.



COMRADE WILLIAM ROBERTS will serve the people in the "At-Large" area.



COMRADE AUDREA JONES will serve Target Area #6.

Huggins held a press conference announcing her and the other Party members' candidacy in the B.C.D.C. elections. The following is her press statement:

"My name is Ericka Huggins, I am a member of the Black Panther Party. During the 24 years of my life, I have witnessed the oppression

of poor and oppressed people; and in the most recent years, I have found it hard to ignore the unending harassment, poverty and racism Black and poor people of this country have had to face. I have been a personal witness to this, having spent 2 years in prison only to have the unfounded charges dismissed after standing trial.

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WHAT ABOUT RUCHELL?

STATE REFUSES BROTHER RUCHELL MAGEE ACCESS TO NEWS MEDIA.



COMRADE RUCHELL MAGEE

"I need the support of news reporters in publicizing the actions of prison officials in hiding their illegal activity and in publicizing the actions of the courts and the Attorney General in hiding the facts in my case."

The following statement was issued on May 31st, by Brother Ruchell Magee, Angela's co-defendant who also faces murder-conspiracy charges as a result of the August 7th Movement:

I hereby request that the public media, particularly the black media, take notice that the Attorney General of the State of California, and the entire judicial system, is in a direct conspiracy to prevent me from exposing a fraudulent conviction from Los Angeles County. They are also using the news media to undermine and deceive the public to believe that I am a criminal and a dangerous person when, in fact, they are committing all types of racist crimes to hide the illegal Los Angeles conviction. This is supported by the following facts:

1. they have used an illegal I.Q. document in the news media, after willfully introducing such false document in a court of law, in an effort to influence the media and the people against me.

a. no one knows who prepared this document but it is clear that the prison officials, the courts, and the Attorney General have conspired to prevent me from exposing such fraud.

b. though Marin County Superior Court judges Joseph Wilson and Warren McGuire disqualified themselves from the case in the month of November, 1970, they thereafter returned to the case, and after illegally refusing to disqualify themselves from any action on the case, issued an illegal and unconstitutional gag order denying me the right to see news people, with the pretense that they were protecting my rights to be free of adverse publicity.

1. this, in itself, was an absolute mockery of the law because all the while that the gag rule was being enforced against me, the mass news media publicized the false information, half truths, and misleading information defaming my character provided by prison officials and the Attorney General.

2. the First Amendment of the United States Constitution is being completely violated since it states therein that Congress can make no law to deny citizens their right to freedom of speech and/or access to the press.

c. thereafter I attacked the Wilson and McGuire gag orders in the Federal District Court by Petition for Removal on grounds of being denied equal opportunity within which to answer the statements and comments made by governmental officials. I was then immediately accused by federal judge Samuel Conti of filing "frivolous documents" and "abusing the process of the courts". This resulted in my being denied the right to file legal documents against governmental officials, based solely on racial prejudice.

d. on March 19, 1971, Marin County Superior Judge Samuel W. Gardiner, who had also previously disqualified himself because of prejudice, made an improper and illegal Order setting conditions on Wilson and McGuire's gag rule stating that no news reporter would be allowed to interview me unless it was approved by my court appointed attorney, by Angela Davis and by Angela Davis's attorneys. This resulted in my being allowed only to see certain reporters, but not reporters of my choice.

e. now that Angela Davis' trial is coming to a close, the Attorney General and the State of California have decided to change their excuse for denying me the right to see news reporters. The excuse now is that Judge Wilson has issued a gag rule in the case of the San Quentin Six. The case of the San Quentin Six has nothing whatsoever to do with my case. The Attorney General's argument is not only frivolous but the grounds argued by the Attorney General are obviously without merit and contrived for my particular case.

1. you should take notice that on May 12, 1972, after being shown examples of adverse publicity and lies published about me in the news media, Marin County Superior Judge Leonard Ginsberg granted my motion for issuance of a Writ of Habeas Corpus

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"ALWAYS MISSING.."

ASSEMBLYMAN BARBEE ON THE SHOOTING OF WALLACE.

May 23, 1972

One could say it was inevitable, only a matter of time before a bigot and reactionary was shot down. After the rash of political assassinations in the 1960's, not to mention the numerous anonymous blacks and whites killed trying to change an oppressive political system, it was almost anti-climatic that a bullet should find its target in the gut of such a lightning rod for hate and divisiveness.

The ironic thing about previous assassinations, of prominent and anonymous alike, is that nearly all had preached and practiced non-violence in seeking change. While Wallace had never openly preached violent methods, nevertheless his attitude and manner condoned and invited violence.

Recently he had taken to styling himself a new "populist", as a spokesman for the common man. This was a clear attempt to hide his bigotry



BROTHER LLOYD BARBEE

and racism under a blanket of respectable rhetoric. But his rhetoric is all that changed: From openly opposing black quality education to simply opposing bussing, the result is the same -- segregation and racism. It is only his fellow racists and the establishment press who are beguiled by such nonsense.

Whether it is committed by guys with white hats or guys with black hats, it is unfortunate that violence is chosen as the solution. But the

incompetence of such attacks as the attempt on Governor Wallace's life last week, if indeed that is what it was, serve only to make living martyrs out of vile demagogues. Wallace lives with paralysis in the nether portion of his anatomy. Diarrhea of the mouth testifies to Wallace's mental ossification and flamboyant compensation of an inferiority complex. Remember his reaction to the Sunday Birmingham bombing of a Black church which left children killed, Selma marches, etc.

If it is true that Governor Wallace's assailant was a Milwaukeean, then he behaved in keeping with the Milwaukee character -- always missing but often coming close. Perhaps the would be killers (there must have been more than one based on ballistic reports alone) succeeded ironically. Relative immobility and long suffering rather than a quick death may humble Wallace and teach him some lessons in humanity which Blacks learn at birth and live through daily.

Let this be his epitaph.

Blood in My Eye

George Jackson

(author of *Soledad Brother*)



This angry, passionate, eloquent book -- which takes up where *Soledad Brother* left off -- was completed only days before George Jackson was shot to death at San Quentin prison during an alleged escape attempt last August.

George Jackson spent the last eleven years of his life behind prison walls, seven of them in solitary confinement. During that time he developed a radical world view, a deep understanding of politics and history in relation to social change, as well as a remarkable voice as a writer. *Blood in My Eye* speaks out to the poor, the black, the jailed, the disenfranchised throughout the world. Born of a spirit that refused to be crushed, yet filled with a prophetic sense of his own impending doom, this powerful book from prison presents George Jackson's burning vision of the world that could be -- a world reshaped by "total revolutionary war."

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U.S. GOVERNMENT CONSPIRES TO KEEP REVOLUTIONARY CUBAN FILMS FROM AMERICAN PEOPLE.



"I find it passing strange that the Treasury Department would be so terrified of the impact of Cuban films on the American people, while the State Department is encouraging such exchanges with the Soviet Union." (Senator Fulbright)

On May 25th, 1972, members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives saw 2 of the 25 banned Cuban films at a special screening arranged by Representative Ron Dellums. This was supposedly in an effort to settle the issue of whether or not films from "Communist Cuba" can be seen by the American people. The excuses in the past for government interference in what choices we, the people, have in reading material, films, etc. have usually been because the material has been declared "obscene". What exact excuse the U.S. government can come up with this time is yet to be seen.

The following is extracted from American Documentary Films (which group was bringing the films into the U.S.) press release of May 21st describing the situation:

The two films "For the First Time" and "Memories of Underdevelopment" are part of a group of twenty-five Cuban films, features and short subjects, which were to have been shown at the First New York Festival of Cuban Films in New York City earlier this year. This festival was interrupted by the Treasury Department's confiscation of films, threat of prosecution, and financial harassment to close the festival down.

American Documentary Films, a non-profit educational media organi-

zation, and the sponsor of the Cuban Festival, has countered the government's action by filing law suits against the Treasury and the State Departments, charging that their action was arbitrary, unconstitutional, a violation of the first amendment, and of the fourteenth amendment which provides for equal protection under the law. The suit against the Treasury Department is scheduled to be heard by a federal judge in New York City on Wednesday, the day before the screening of the films for Congress on Thursday.

Although these Cuban films have been shown in other countries, and awarded prizes in all the major festivals throughout the world, they have not been seen by audiences in the United States because of the government's blockade against Cuba. The blockade has been implemented through regulations titled: Trading with the Enemy Act. The government used these regulations to prevent the showing of the films at the New York Festival.

The Trading with the Enemy Act was designed as an economic boycott to force the Cuban government into more favorable relations with United States business groups, but has since been used to prevent the free flow of information, art, and culture between the people in the United States and the people of Cuba.

In the dispute around the Cuban films the Treasury Department claims it intervened to prevent the films from being shown on the basis of suspected violation of the Trading with the Enemy Act; while American Documentary Films claims that free access to art and information is a basic constitutional right and should not be subject to such restrictions. A.D.F. maintains that its argument is further validated in this case because they have signed affidavits and opened their entire records to the Treasury Department to show the absence of any financial dealings with Cuba.

American Documentary Films says that the ban against the Cuban films is a further extension of the Cold War in Latin America, and is another example of the White House intimidating media organizations to refrain from disseminating information on "controversial" subjects.

In a recent congressional speech Senator Fulbright, speaking on the subject of the Cuban film seizure, stated:

"I find it passing strange that the Treasury Department would be so terrified of the impact of Cuban films on the American people, while the State Department is encouraging such exchanges with the Soviet Union.

"In advocating a continuation of the OAS policy of isolating Cuba, the Secretary of State told the OAS foreign ministers that Cuba is still promoting revolution in Latin America, though at a reduced rate.

"One can only conclude that the real basis for administration policy lies in the fact that the Soviet Union is a big strong country that we have to get along with, while Cuba is a small weak country that we can afford to kick around. This may be good geopolitics, but it is not a very smart foreign policy, especially in view of the fact that most countries in the world are small and weak, and in view of the further fact that bullies do not have very good track records for distances."

American Documentary Films stated that the closing of the festival by the Treasury Department imposed

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YOUNG BROTHERS BECOME SCAPEGOATS FOR OLD CRIMES

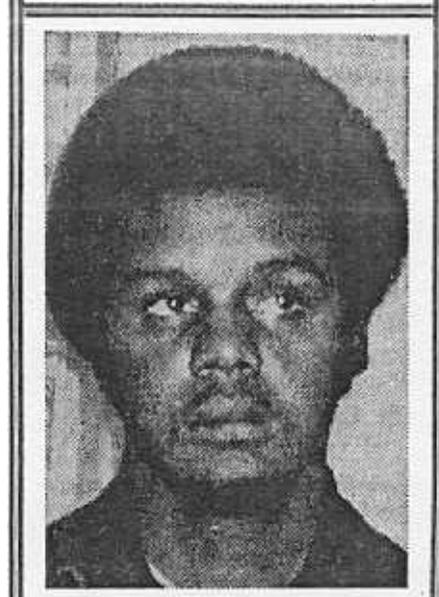
On the morning of April 25th, a white restaurant employee was shot and killed in an alleged armed robbery. Customers and other employees at the White Castle restaurant, at the time of the shooting, described the "attackers" as two Black youths. The slain man, identified as Alan Henricy, was shot at approximately 1 A.M., inside the restaurant, located at 2 E. 11th St. on the southside of Chicago, Illinois.

Immediately, Chicago police began looking through their files to "pick" 2 young brothers to charge with the robbery-murder. As usual, they "found" their "suspects". Just hours after the incident, the pigs forced their way into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Haywood, on Chicago's southside. Their 17-year old son, Otis Haywood, Jr., was kidnapped and taken to the pig station to be ironically charged with the robbery-murder at White Castle. The Haywood family had been sitting in their apartment (at 3617 S. Federal) on that Tuesday morning, when a caller at the door asked, "Where is Otis?" Without showing any identification (as is required by law of all policemen), they announced they were "Police!". Mr. Haywood, Sr. asked, "Where are your credentials, and what do you want with my son?" The pigs responded to this by saying, "We don't need a warrant. Some people have identified him (Otis, Jr.) for snatching two colored women's pocketbooks."

At this point, the pigs stormed into Otis, Jr.'s bedroom where he was asleep. Brother Otis was then brutally forced out of his bed, handcuffed, taken to the pig station, and charged with the robbery-murder at the restaurant. That same morning, police kidnapped 18-year old Alphonse Newman, who lived nearby, at 3616 S. Federal. Both Brothers Alphonse and Otis had been arrested earlier in the year for another phoney robbery charge, and were out on bond. Although both Brothers can prove that they were nowhere near the restaurant at the time, "eye witnesses" there at the restaurant have identified them through police photos, taken from the earlier arrest.



BROTHER ALPHONSO NEWMAN



BROTHER OTIS HAYWOOD

Mrs. Fannie Haywood became so worried about her innocent son that

she suffered a stroke following his arrest. Through all of it, however, she was clear on her son's innocence: "... My son is being railroaded." To compound the Haywood family's misery, while Otis, Jr. was in jail, he was charged with still another "crime". In November of 1970, a Chicago pig was killed while supposedly trying to prevent the robbery of his own father's newsstand. The person who killed the pig escaped capture. Now, with the arrest of Brother Otis Haywood, the pigs decided to "clear up" that case, by accusing their new-found scapegoat, an innocent Black youth, of the November, 1970 act.

Mrs. Haywood and the rest of the community want to know why these pigs referred to a "purse snatching", when they arrested her son for murder and robbery. They also want to know how witnesses allegedly identified her son as one of the robbers of the White Castle Restaurant when her son was at home sleep at the time. Mrs. Haywood further wants to know whether this is what the arresting "officers" had meant when they visited her house every week after March 30th. This was when her son was first arrested for another so-called "purse snatching". At those visits, these racists had told Otis, Jr., "The next time we come to pick you up, we'll pin something on you that you can't get out of."

The arrest of Brother Otis Haywood, Jr. and Alphonse Newman is a blatant example of how innocent Brothers and Sisters can be arrested and railroaded into prison camps for crimes that they did not commit or have knowledge of. Unfortunately, the cases of Brothers Otis Haywood and Alphonse Newman are typical of the senseless and unjustified arrests of innocents by the U.S. power structure in its long range plan to commit genocide on our people.

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**BOBBY SEALE FOR MAYOR !
ELAINE BROWN FOR CITY COUNCIL !**



On June 4th we were all tuned in to our radios and T.V.'s and heard the words broadcasted that Sister Angela Davis had been fully acquitted of all the phoney charges the State had brought against her. People around the world have been anxiously awaiting this decision, really, for nearly two years now. It has been a long two years.

The plight of Angela Davis had become everyman's, everywoman's battle. Black and poor people throughout the world had become united around defending the rights of Angela, for it was all so clear. It was clear that she had been falsely charged. It was clear that the reasons for those charges had little to do with the August 7th Movement as much as they had to do with the larger movement of the masses of oppressed people inside the U.S. and around the world to be rid of oppression. Here was a

young and intelligent Black woman that had been educated so well by America, but was not educable to America's racism, fascism and greed. If an Angela Davis were to remain able to speak out for too long, there could be real trouble. Everyone saw what the State was doing.

At the University of California at Los Angeles (U.C.L.A.), she had been rejected as a professor, because of her political beliefs. What had America said: that even when you perform your tasks well, pass all the I.Q. tests, and prove capable in her competitive market, fighting up a racist hill all along, that still you would be denied if you disagreed. Angela Davis had disagreed strongly. She had declared herself, openly, a communist. If Angela Davis would do this, then who else? An example had to be made; an attempt to halt the error in American fascism's machin-

ery that had allowed for such to occur.

Ronald Reagan personally began to crusade to save the situation. As the President of the Board of Regents of the University of California he could certainly deal with such an offense. They dared her, threatened her with loss of their credentials. With all of this, the few classes that she was permitted to teach, during the interim while they figured out what else to do, those classes swelled beyond the number in any others. Professor Davis had much more to teach than they had paid their fees to learn. The students understood that.

It had all gone wrong for the State. There were enough issues for which the students could take the University to task. The University, the State was already overwhelmed with student

protest over its fascist endeavors. Laboriously struggling to turn back the swelling tide, the State erroneously concluded that Professor Davis had to be brought down from her high horse, removed from a position of honor among the people.

As is typical of America, the State devised to kill two birds with one stone, so to speak. After murdering in cold blood Comrades Jonathan Jackson, James McClain and William Christmas, as well as one of their own, Judge Harold Haley, in Marin, California on August 7th, 1970, the State wished to make another killing. Could the American people stand to see Angela Davis involved in a murder. Could the American people, who had come to respect her adamant stand in behalf of all the people, stand to think of Angela Davis as nothing more than a "common criminal".

It had not been enough that Angela had defied all fascist programming, had denounced the racist system which had so "generously" allowed her entrance, but she had become, now, a champion of those who were meant to be forgotten. While teaching, part-time, at U.C.L.A., Angela had begun to use the attention of her own case to turn the people's attention toward the more unspoken ills of this society, specifically the men and women unjustly locked away in America's prisons and jails. Even more specifically, she had been among the first to speak out against the State's vicious treatment of three Black men at California's Soledad prison. Loudly she denounced the State for its unjust incarceration of and, now, latest phoney charges against Comrade George Jackson, Field Marshal of the Black Panther Party, and Brothers Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette. It had been enough to contain the revolutionary zeal of Comrade George, for nearly ten years then; of Brothers Fleeta and John, for three. Now Angela Davis was letting the people know, in fact, what the State had known all along. She was telling it, that these men, these Soledad Brothers, were not criminals, violent elements in society to be locked away for "our" safety. They were men. They had tried to survive the most brutal of systems, like all of us. They had tried too hard. Comrade George Jackson, particularly, had said too much and been too much for the State to permit him even a moment beyond the walls: 10 years for a \$70 "robbery"; ten years they had robbed, because he had loved his people too much, with too much vigor.

So now she, whom so many could respect, would expose the lie. Never could the State permit it. She had been seen so much with the younger brother of Comrade George, the beautiful

Man-child, Jonathan, that with the State murder of him, they could easily get her. She had not been there, to be brought down like the others. Yet, she could be figured into a State-fantasized conspiracy with others they had already murdered. When she refused, they inated Angela down like a dog. They captured her and began to lay the groundwork for the final blows.



COMRADE GEORGE JACKSON and the MAN-CHILD were assassinated; Angela spent one year in jail. Is this America's justice?

While Angela remained incarcerated for a year, they used every propaganda media available to distort and twist a million events and present the picture of a murderess. After all, with all the support she had gained from the U.C.L.A. business, they couldn't just outright kill her. Even they knew that.

What the State did not know is that the genius of the revolutionary lies among the people. The people saw so well. It was so crystal clear. Beyond the borders of the U.S., of North America and around the world, millions were demanding the freedom of Angela Davis. Within a year, and with no recourse, the State decided to allow her bail. In between, the stage had been set for a sure win. A million people could cry "Free Angela", but would there be 12 people found in the new trial location of racist Santa Clara, California, that would do the same. The chances were a million to one against it.

As the actual trial unfolded, prosecutor Albert Harris presented what the State had. It amounted to nothing. It amounted to an insult to anyone's intelligence. The State had done all this, for nearly 2 years, to say that because of what they had vulgarly labelled "love letters" between Angela and Comrade George Jackson, one could assume that she had participated in a non-existent conspiracy of murder. Harris bickered over words for weeks. Didn't the jury realize she had said she'd do anything for him. Didn't the jury know what "anything" meant. The insulting Hollywood-style monologue only made even that jury realize that even if they were, in the most limited terms, "love letters", the jury was intelligent enough to have a concept of what love was. Even with Harris' twisting of the love among the people to a tinsel version of love between a man and woman, he couldn't convince this "sure-bet" jury that Angela Davis was guilty of conspiring to commit murder.

They listened, those twelve men and women. They knew they had heard nothing. On June 4th, they declared Angela Davis innocent of all the false charges.

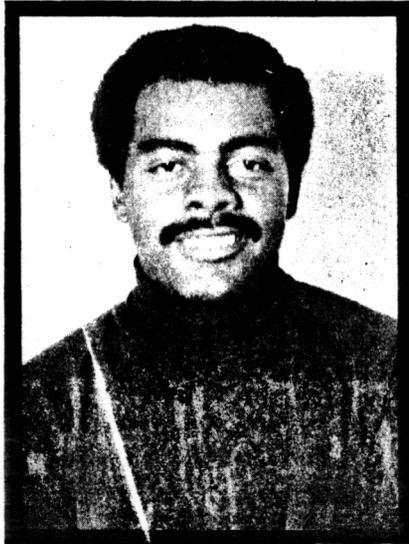
What of it? Millions of American people, millions of oppressed people throughout the world had declared her innocent long ago. So they had agreed. It was official. Certainly justice had, indeed, prevailed. Their "justice" is a crying shame.

George Jackson has been assassinated. Angela suffered unjustly for an entire year in prison. Millions of dollars of poor people have gone down the drain. Thousands more men and women are imprisoned unjustly. Brother Ruchell still faces trial. The masses of people are still oppressed, still hungry, still go to court and are railroaded, still need jobs and decent places to live. Free Angela. Free all of us.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS.



COMRADES HENRY SMITH and NORMA ARMOUR did not lose the elections, for their opponents were two beautiful people from the Chicano community, who, by being elected, will definitely insure the Chicano community of proper representation.

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"Because the government realizes its inadequacies in meeting the needs of poor people, because it has become frightened that people may awaken in anger, it has designed programs for appeasement; plans for relieving the poverty of a few, while the greater masses of people still suffer without adequate clothing, preventive medical care, housing, etc., and are confronted with the problems of basic survival from day to day everyday.

"As a member of the Berkeley Black community and a person sincerely interested in seeing some of the immediate needs of poor and oppressed people met, I feel that I should run as a candidate for Board of Directors of the Berkeley Community Development Council. I feel that myself and the other 8 candidates I have chosen to support can best represent the needs of the Berkeley Black community. Therefore, I urge you to make my choices, your choices when you go to the polls tomorrow. The candidates for the 7 target areas and the At-Large candidate to vote for are as follows: Target Area #1, Henry Smith; Target Area #2, Her-

man Smith; Target Area #3, Norma Armour; Target Area #4, Charles Dorr; Target Area #5, Roberto Mendoza; Target Area #6, Audrea Jones; Target Area #7, myself, Ericka Huggins; Target Area #8, Rick D'Golia; and At-Large, William Roberts.

"A vote for these candidates is a vote for community control. Thank you. All Power to the People."

As expected, as soon as the press statement was read, the Black Panther Party was met with outright vicious opposition from reactionary circles. Leading the pack was one of the candidates, opposing Comrade Ericka, a reactionary named Eric Morton. He, for example, attacked Comrade Ericka personally, as well as the Black Panther Party as a whole, by issuing blatantly ridiculous charges in his underhanded efforts to slide, as usual, into a seat on the Board (Target Area #7). This idiot, while saying he "supports the Survival Programs of the Black Panther Party", in the same breath stated that "... I strongly disagree with the manner in which she (Ericka) and the Black Panther Party have

made this 'rude intrusion' into the electoral process of Berkeley's Poverty Program". He further stated, in behalf of many others who weren't so bold, that "...if they (the Black Panther Party) sincerely want to help the poor, they should first find out how to best serve their needs." As if there was no end to his madness, Morton went on to say, "If the Black Panther Party wants representation, they should petition for public seats as organizational representatives or run as at-large candidates. But to run as target area representatives, (is) to deny the long time residents of those target areas the right of representation on the Board".

Eric Morton says that he "supports" our community survival programs, yet we have yet to see Eric Morton, lackey that he is, volunteer any of his time to work on any free food or shoe program, or any survival program the Black Panther Party has implemented for the poor and oppressed community, of Berkeley, as well as throughout the U.S. The people have no need for Morton's or any of his unnamed cohort's vile and hypocritical lip service to the People's Survival. What "rude intrusion" were they speaking of? The Black Panther Party has had a Branch office in Berkeley for the past four years. The Black community of Berkeley can attest to the fact that the Black Panther Party has served the Black and poor community's needs since our doors first opened there. Recently, for example, at Berkeley's San Pablo park, the Black Panther Party gave away over 4,000 free, full bags of food (with a chicken in every bag), and administered over 5,000 Sickle Cell Anemia tests, free to the Black community. Where was Eric Morton or the B.C.D.C. Board during all of this? Where was their money? It is evident that the only "rude intrusion" into those Berkeley elections was that of some people who could hear the people, serve the people's needs and not, as in the past, mess over and take over funds that belong to the people. The real "rude intrusion" has long been in the Black community of Berkeley, in the form of racists and lackeys who rip off the few pitances that come our way.

There were many other attempts to sabotage Black Panther Party members' candidacy. Above all else, however, is the overall way in which the people have been sabotaged each year with one day of voting at polling places and then several other days of counting mail-in votes. With the mail-in system (which method Elections officials suggest), one can never really know how votes are counted, or if they are received, making a big

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AN IMPORTANT AND COMPELLING CRITIQUE OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY BY ITS CHIEF THEORETICIAN

With an honesty as rare as it is persuasive, Huey P. Newton, founder of the Black Panther Party, records the internal struggles, rivalries, and contradictions within the Party- certain that only by recognizing these contradictions and building from them can the Party "clarify and advance the struggle"

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loophole for rigging elections. One of the specific sabotage attempts came over the airwaves of Oakland, California's so-called "Black" radio station, K.D.I.A. Along with their racist allies in the various other news media, K.D.I.A., on the day of the elections, May 24th, continuously propagated rumorous scare tactics in an effort to keep Berkeley residents from voting. K.D.I.A. said, in its "news" broadcasts of that day, that there were "bomb threats" on all the B.C.D.C. polling places. Berkeley pigs went one step further and actually shot up one of the polling places (in Target Area #2 where Comrade Herman Smith was running). The rumor mongering of K.D.I.A. and others, and the armed attacks of the pigs still did not keep the people from voting. To the contrary, the oppressed community of Berkeley came out to vote in greater

numbers than in the history of the B.C.D.C. Board of Directors elections. Previously, very few people had voted in this election, primarily because the pigs have kept knowledge of any such election from the community. As proof of this, last year, one man won a seat on the Board of Directors by just one vote - his own.

Of the six Party members running in the elections (Henry Smith, Herman Smith, Norma Armour, Audrea Jones, Ericka Huggins and William Roberts), only two "lost": Norma Armour and Henry Smith. However, these two Comrades, in fact, did not lose because their opponents were two beautiful people from the Chicano community, who, by being elected, will definitely insure the Chicano community of proper representation on the Board. The Black Panther Party's concern was that the B.C.D.C. meet the needs of all poor and oppressed people in

Berkeley. So, we did not lose, the people won. More attention had been brought to the issue than ever before, and the people, in fact, were able to vote for those who will serve all our needs. The other candidates who won the elections, Charles Manning (Target Area #3), Bob Browning (Target Area #5) and Rick D'Golia (Target Area #8, whom the Party supported all the way) will be able to sit down with others, now, who really want to serve the people body and soul.

Now, because of this sweeping victory for the people, the poverty funds can begin to be used to serve the people, rather than line the pockets of corrupt politicians. This is only the beginning. Vote for Bobby Seale for Mayor of Oakland and Elaine Brown for City Councilwoman!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

