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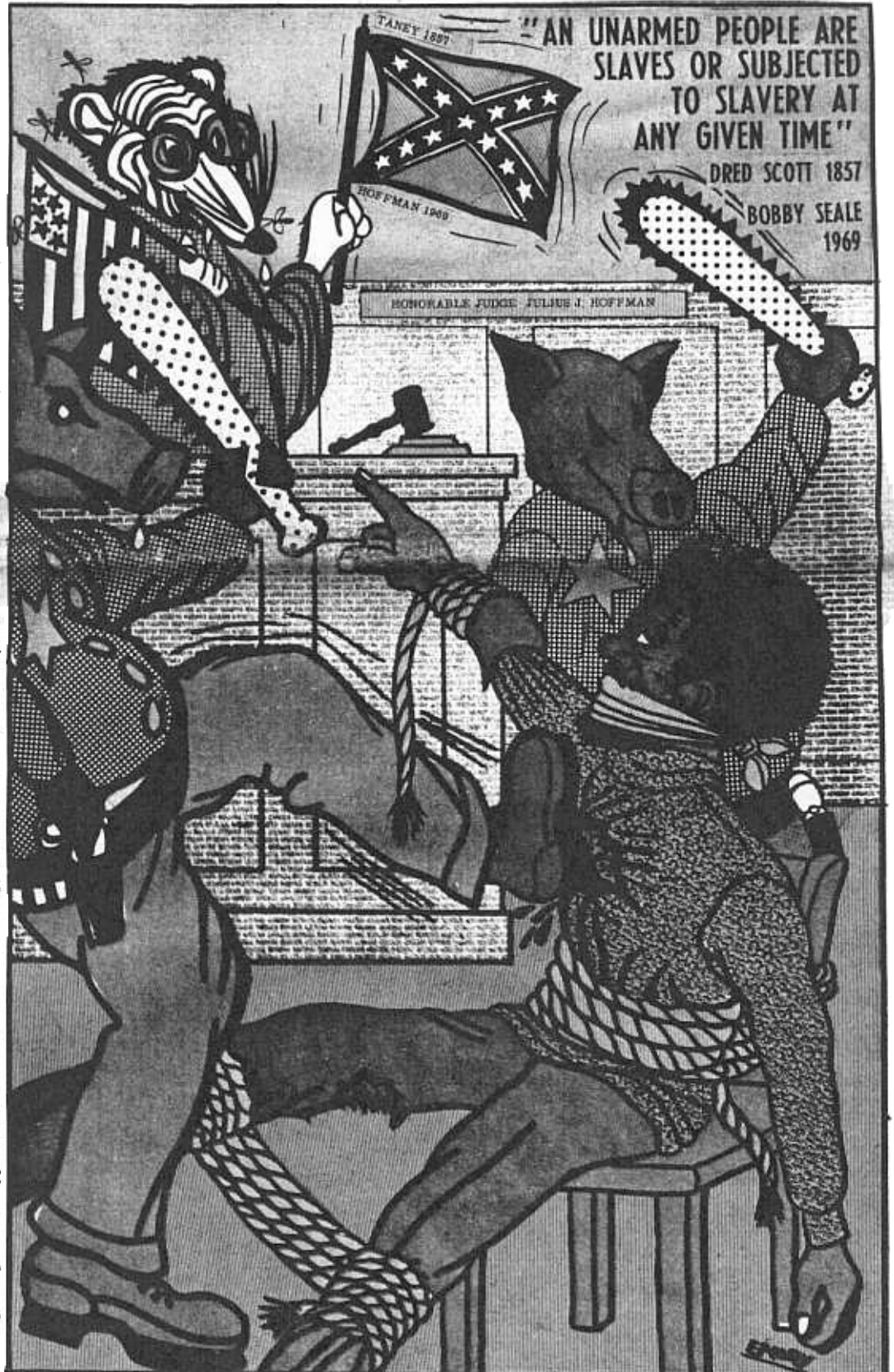
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*"If I am continuously denied this constitutional right of legal defense counsel of my choice who is effective by the Judge of this court, then I can only see Judge Hoffman as a blatant prejudicial error toward all defendants and myself in particular."*

CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE Black Panther Party



# STATEMENT TO ALL REACTIONARY JOURNALISTS AND PRESSMEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

From  
**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION  
 OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
 ELDRIDGE CLEAVER**



I have been informed by responsible leaders of the Black Panther Party that our Chairman Bobby Seale has been bound and gagged, in Judge Hoffman's court in Chicago where he's now on trial. I've been told that they have been trying all kinds of gags out on Bobby to keep him silent, but somehow he continues to talk. I've been told that members of the jury are actually crying out of some terror, some fear, some guilt, when they see Bobby in the position that he's in and continuing to defend himself and to speak up for justice even through a gag. This doesn't surprise me at all to hear that the Chairman of the Black Panther Party has been bound and gagged in a courtroom in Chicago.

It doesn't really surprise me because I'm fully aware that the court system in the United States is part and parcel of the apparatus for oppression under which Black people have lived ever since they were brought to the United States as slaves. I'm fully aware of what the institutions of American society can do to the oppressed people. But one thing that sometimes is a little hard to understand, is the role that is played in making excuses and justifying the actions of the ruling class of the oppressors. I'm speaking specifically about the members of the mass media, the press, radio, and television. And I want it to be clear that I'm speaking to them as a colleague of theirs, because

I'm a journalist myself. I pay very close attention to the way that information is disseminated from the mass media, and I've become aware, as many people are aware that one of the key instruments of oppression, of controlling the oppressed people, is the mass media.

The mass media is manipulated and controlled by intelligent people who know how to formulate ideas and who know how to invent stories and fairy tales that explain away the fiendish and evil activities of the oppressor and confuse the oppressed by taking them on a trip. These are criminal activities, these are counter-revolutionary activities, these are activities that perpetuate oppression. These are activities that justify the murderous operations of the United States government, for instance in Vietnam, or in Korea, or in Palestine, or in Africa, Asia, Latin America, anywhere you go. Where you find an oppressive regime in power, you find violence, hidden, conniving in the form of the imperialist United States government. Domestically we find that the fascist government has taken off its mask under Richard Nixon.

Richard Nixon, the man who was a member of the H.U.A.C, special advisor to the H.U.A.C when Martin Dies was the chairman of that body. A man who has built his entire career on political prosecution, political chicanery, and deception, and demagoguery. The United States of America is in the hands of this man who unleashed Bulldog Hoover upon the people, upon militant spokesmen of the people, released him upon the Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale.

In this situation speaking specifically for myself I can not relate to the judicial system of the United States of America, I cannot relate to what Judge Hoffman is doing to the Chairman of the Black Panther Party. And I cannot relate to anyone who does anything to justify the system. So that, up against the wall for the men of words, who create phoney television presentations, who broadcast bullshit to children or who write lies in newspapers, I don't care what newspaper it is, or which television it is, in order for the people to be able to deal with the crisis that they face, they have to have the truth, and they

have to have implacable justice for those who conceal the truth and for those who confuse the people by disseminating false information.

So it's very difficult for me to focus specific hostilities at any one particular instrument or a section of the American ruling class. Because I feel the same about everyone of them, every member of that ruling class. And every profession, every section of the economy, every category that you might be able to put into the American ruling class, I feel exactly the same way. That is it's a negative, diseased, and totally undesirable element, and that it must be eliminated. So we know what we must do for the oppressor who move actively against the



people in defending this system. And we must also know what we must do to those who lie in the mass media, in order to confuse, or to deceive the people. And I don't think that criticism, or talking about them, or talking to them, or trying to correct them is the solution. I think that the solution to their problem take their heads, I could say something different, I could say something like a teacher would say, to try to show them the errors of their ways. To try to convince them that they should change, that they should start telling the truth. I could try to appeal to their intelligence or to their conscience, or to their self-interests, or to some other quality that might motivate them. But I don't have any hope that they would listen to what I would say about that, or listen

to anyone else who says anything about that in the same way that I'm saying it. I believe that the people are evil, that they know what they're doing, and that they will continue to do that no matter what you say. If I would make a statement that would try to appeal to them, or to try to communicate with them; they would write a lie about that. So that I say that we must communicate with them in a manner that they cannot fail to understand. And I'd also like to quote Stalin. Stalin said that "The weapons of criticism will never equal the criticism of weapons." So I say that we must elevate our level of criticism of these pigs to another level. And that when they have not listened to the criticism of the people, then the people should begin to criticize them with guns. Then they will begin to listen, or it will not matter whether they listen or not. So I think that for all the pigs, for the dumb racist pig cop on the beat, to the voracious businessmen, to the demagogic politicians, and to the men of words, and to all their funkies. But particularly to all those who carry weapons, who use weapons, or cause others to use weapons in defense of the United States capitalist government, they are fair targets for the wrath of the people.

Later for the mass media, later for all these special categories. When the enemy is identified, ain't nothing to do but move against him. They'll change their attitudes.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**



## BIG MAN SPEAKS TO NLF IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN



**BIG MAN**

The liberation struggle of Black people in America is one in the same as that of the Vietnamese people. We members of the Black Panther Party recognize that there is only one world and one revolution. The revolution is not split up between one community and another. The oppressor is manifested in the imperialist ruling class, wherever they may be. So we began to make distinctions in terms of associating oneself with friends, and disassociating ourselves with people that we define as enemies.

We define our enemies as the pigs, those who work for the pigs, and those who sit around and do nothing as the Vietnamese people are being exterminated by the fascist military forces and as members of the Black Panther Party are being systematically murdered and imprisoned by U.S. domestic forces (POLICE).

Our ideas for solving the problem is manifested in showing our support of solidarity with the struggle that's being waged in Vietnam as well as other places.

The only way we will be able to solve the problem is to move from a position of unity in terms of trying to show by example,

We say to America that "the racist dog policemen must withdraw immediately from our communities, cease their wanton murder, brutality and torture of Black people, or face the wrath of the armed people."

And we say, there is no negotiating to be done. Either you withdraw your forces from Vietnam or we are going to do everything in our power to open up a new front right here in America.

In order for the American imperialist to wage wars of suppression against national liberation movements abroad, they must have peace and stability at home. But at home there is discontent not only in the Black community, at this moment thousands of progressive White people are out in the streets in Chicago fighting pigs in an effort to bring the war home.

The Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale, is now in jail in Chicago. He is one of eight men accused of conspiracy to incite the so-called "riot" that occurred in that city in 1968. At the present time he is the only one locked up in jail.

Richard Nixon has made the Black Panther Party his prime target for

destruction, because through our official practice, we are raising the struggle to a higher level. We are willing to lay down our lives and to pick up the gun. We are willing to die, but we are also willing to kill. So long as the people in Asia, Africa, and Latin America are strong and free, then Black people in the United States will be able to live in dignity and self respect.

To bring this situation about, it must be understood that we can no longer place any faith in a smiling politician who is a past master at talking out of a thousand sides of his mouth or on any bleeding heart and say, "Good luck, have faith." Because you are either a part of the problem or part of the solution to the problem. And the Black Panther Party would rather be part of the solution than to be any part of the problem.

"long live the victory of the people's war"

All Power To The People  
 Long Live The Thoughts of  
 Ho Chi Minh  
 by Big Man



CHARLES R. GARRY

CHARLES: Gagging and binding like a wild animal, a man who's on trial for a serious charge like the charge that Bobby Seale is facing, and if I didn't know Bobby Seale, whom I think is one of the most beautiful human beings I have ever met, not only beautiful from a physical stand point but beautiful inside. A man who's a great humanitarian, a man who's selfless, who's dedicated to the welfare of all people no matter what the color of their skin or their religious background or their national origin or ethnic background would be. For a man to be treated in the manner that Bobby Seale is being treated by this judge just makes me sick inside. I don't feel good as it is, and this isn't helping my health any at all, I can tell you that.

INTERVIEWER: Has this ever happened before to your knowledge?

CHARLES: No, I have checked, not only with my own background which goes back to 30 years of active practice in trial work, but I talked to Professor Kinoy, Arthur Kinoy this afternoon, who is a Professor of Constitutional Law at Rutgers, in New Jersey. I asked him if he knew of any instances where any defendant has ever been bound and gagged in the courtroom: He said never in his memory has this ever happened. It never happened in fascist Italy, it's never happened even in the deep South where people are treated in a very degrading and inhuman fashion. To have let it happen in Chicago, the so-called heart of the industrial world of America, shows that the police state is here, that we are moving into fascism and the due process of law is a mockery. And unless the American Bar awakens to this kind of conduct on the part of the judicial system that we have, I'm going to say that the future of America is limited in the manner that we know it today.

INTERVIEWER: What can be done about this?

CHARLES: As I mentioned a minute ago, the Bar of America must be aroused. And I'm sure they are aroused, especially to the young Bar of America, and they're not going to permit this to happen. We intend to file a suit either in Washington D.C., or in Chicago itself, pointing out the conduct of the court, the judge, the Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney in this regard. Denying this man the right to have an attorney of his choice, an attorney who knows his background, knows the problems, knows what he's charged with, who's prepared his case. In lieu of that, all he's asked is that he be able to defend himself, until such time that his attorney can be there. This is permitted under the Constitution of the United States, that is if we still have a Constitution of the United States.

INTERVIEWER: Do you intend to personally go to Chicago to try to take a hand in this now. Are you physically able to do it?

GARRY: I intend to take a part in this in a collateral proceeding. I do not intend to go before the same court that's railroad, or attempting to railroad the rights, the Constitutional rights of Bobby Seale. And when I say railroad, I'm mindful of the fact that I'm an officer of the courts. And I'm

# PRESS CONFERENCE WITH CHARLES GARRY AND DAVID HILLIARD



DAVID HILLIARD, CHIEF OF STAFF

mindful of the fact that when the constitution of the U.S. is trampled upon, walked upon, and destroyed, then it's my duty to be able to speak out. And I don't intend to be one of the lawyers of America to say Hell Hitler to a court and give up the constitutional basic human rights that a person has in a courtroom.

INTERVIEWER: Mr. Garry, isn't there a possibility that the U.S. Supreme Court could act immediately to stop that trial?

GARRY: Of course there's a possibility. The Supreme Court should have acted when it had the opportunity, when we asked for a six weeks continuance, so that Bobby Seale and the other defendants rights could have been properly protected, and not being manacled in the manner that they approached today.

INTERVIEWER: Are you going to attempt to get a hold of Justice Douglas or anyone else on the Supreme Court to see what can be done immediately?

GARRY: The attorneys are having a conference this weekend, here in my home, and we're going to come up with some answers and I'm not prepared to say exactly the details upon which we are going to proceed. We're going to have several lawyers here from throughout the country and we hope to be able to come up with some answers to offset this fascist trend that our judicial system is re-slipping into.

INTERVIEWER: Are Attorneys Kunstler and Weinglass to attend this meeting?

GARRY: Yes, the Chicago attorneys are definitely going to be here, Kunstler and Weinglass.

DAVID: I think that we should add that this isn't a case that is just limited to lawyers or just the people in the courtroom, that this is a case that should have the attention of all the people in America. So that the Black Panther Party is making a demand to all the pressmen, to all the journalists of the world to wield their weapon, their pens, and take the anti-fascist stand against the kind of railroad, against the injustice that's being perpetrated against Black people in America. And that there is a precedence related to Bobby's situation, I think that we can go back to the Dred Scott case, and that it has been a known fact, it's a historical fact that Black people have no rights that Whites are bound to respect. And the manner that Bobby's being treated is in the manner of a slave. The man was taken from his home state here in California against his will, he's a fugitive slave. All of his constitutional rights have been violated. The 6th, the 13th, and 14th amendment rights, rights that are supposed to protect Black people in the court systems of America, so that we're telling the journalists, the press, all of the radical reporters to wield their mighty pen against the fascist system of America. And if they can't do that then they'll have to pick up the sword, because we recognize that the pressmen are ideological servants for the fascist system of the U.S.A.

INTERVIEWER: When do you expect to go to Chicago?

GARRY: I don't intend to go to Chicago until such time as we feel that we can file an action, and not go before the judge who has already committed himself,

and committed so many irreversible errors. I do not intend to go before that court, and I've been away from the trial for at least six weeks. I do not intend to go in there and just give the semblance of a mockery of representation to the defendants in that case. I do not intend to become that kind of a vassal. I'd like to point out a simple thing or two. In 1948 we were shocked that this government of ours would go after certain Communist leaders under the Smith Act. That there in 1948, the defendant, the Chairman of the Communist Party, Eugene Dennis, was permitted to defend himself in spite of the fact that there were at least six lawyers there. He was permitted to defend himself, but of course Eugene Dennis was a White man. You could be a degrading Communist, but if you're a White man you still got better rights than you do in our judicial system if you're a militant Black man. Apparently the judge in Chicago doesn't believe that Bobby Seale has got the intelligence to be able to even speak for himself. Apparently the 13th amendment, the Emancipation of the slaves and the Black people has not yet reached Chicago, Illinois.

INTERVIEWER: As far as you're concerned then Charles, despite the fact that there are other attorneys on the case in Chicago which is Hoffman's argument, Bobby has said that this won't harm or affect his lawyer, that he has no defense at all.

GARRY: He has no defense at all, not only that, but the two attorneys who're representing the seven other defendants don't know any of the details concerning Bobby Seale. And as a matter of fact, the seven other defendants are being denied due process of law. Because the attorneys, the two attorneys were forced to go to trial without being prepared, because the Chief Counsel in the case was myself. I was the one that was prepared. The two other lawyers were going to follow suit. One of the two attorneys who was active there was not even going to be active in the courtroom when the trial started.

INTERVIEWER: If all else fails will you ask for severance?

GARRY: We've asked for everything Tim.

INTERVIEWER: You haven't asked for severance.

GARRY: Of course we asked for severance. We've asked for everything under the shining canopy. Each and every motion has been deliberately and willfully denied. Not only that, in reading the transcripts I find that the attorneys, outstanding lawyers, Kunstler and Weinglass have been limited in their cross examinations. Insulted by the judge; for instance to give you an example, the judge says, the form of that question is bad, and he says it in such a way that it almost makes the person feel as though he's as rotten as they come. Contrast that to whenever the U.S. Attorney asks a question that's questionable to this judge. When the U.S. Attorney does something, he doesn't say the form of that question was bad, he'll say Mr. Foran, I wonder if you could reword that a little bit different? Can you see this kind of action in front of twelve jurors, being tried; the defendants getting any semblance of justice? Bobby Seale has sat there now for five weeks calmly being pushed around and degraded and kicked around. He's finally had all that he could

stand. I don't know how he stood it this long. I couldn't have stood it two days. As a matter of fact, when I just hear about it, I boil. I'm horribly shocked at what happened in Chicago in relationship to Bobby Seale. I just cannot believe that in 1969 in democratic America where America is talking about what a great humanitarian power it is in trying to sell itself to the rest of the world, sell itself either by virtue of the press or by the gun, that it would take a gagging and a chaining of a defendant, who is on trial for a serious charge, because he asked that he be able to defend himself, since his attorney could not be there, and where the court would not continue the case sufficiently long so his attorney could be there.

INTERVIEWER 2: Do you plan to go back there soon?

GARRY: I plan to go back there as soon as my doctors tell me I can. But I intend to go back there to file a law suit against the conduct of the Attorney General and the court proceeding in the inhuman and fascist manner that they are proceeding in today. Bobby Seale is being denied his rights under the 1st amendment of the U.S. constitution, the 6th amendment, the right to counsel, and the 13th amendment which is the Emancipation amendment that was passed a few years ago. And maybe remind some of those courts and judges that a Civil War was fought and the Black people today are trying to remember and we vitalize the battle that went on during the Civil War and they intend to have the equality and dignity that they're entitled to, even in Judge Hoffman's court.

DAVID: I just like to say in addition to what Garry's already said, that what's happening to Bobby is the precedence for all Black people in America, especially because the way that Bobby's being treated is nothing new within this system or with the judicial system of America. Bobby's being treated as a slave. Black people are slaves and Chicago is a mirror image of how the rights of Black people have been violated since the embarkation of Black people on the shores of America. And that we would just like to remind people of the Dred Scott case, and in Bobby's situation today I hope that the American people are focused on this press conference because Black people have no other choice, they cannot get the justice that's supposed to be guaranteed to Black people through the Constitution. They can't get it through the court system, so that the only way that they can possibly get justice is in the streets, to pick up guns and to ward off the criminals manifested in the Adolph Hoffmanns, manifested in the Judge Diedens, the judicial systems of Alameda county or what have you. I think that Warren Wells case is a very clear indication of how Black political activists, people that are trying to move in a manner to bring about world peace will be treated if they take a position against the status quo. So that our information, our level of struggle for the American people whether they are Black, White, Brown, or Red is to pick up guns and to ward off the true criminals, the criminals against humanity and that's all the fascists, the fascists on a very local level, and on an international level the Imperialists, which is no more than U.S. imperialism, the Richard Nixons, the Mitchells, the Hoffmanns, and all the people that are ideological servants for the mass media here in the U.S.A.

INTERVIEWER 2: Mr. Garry, it appears from the press reports that we have seen that Bobby Seale has been somewhat of a nuisance in court by shouting and refusing to listen to the judge.

DAVID: Motherfuck the judge! The man is right, the man is a fascist. Bobby is a man that hasn't got any representation now. Bobby's rights have been violated: his 6th amendment rights, his 1st amendment rights, the 13th, the 14 amendment. All of these are laws that were passed during the reconstruction period. Bobby has a right to defend himself. Fuck that judge, fuck America. What Bobby's doing is all that he can do. The judge is a criminal, Bobby is a victim of pig persecution because he's a Black man.

INTERVIEWER 2: Mr. Garry, have you talked to Bobby Seale at all today?

GARRY: I haven't talked to him today, but I talked to him last week. Now in connection with the question that you asked in addition to what David Hilliard just said, I want to point out that for a period of four weeks, Bobby Seale sat in that courtroom (and in a very gentlemanly fashion) very respectfully to the judge, begged him, asked him, counseled with him and said I want to defend myself until at such time as my attorney can be here. And the judge would say sit down, I only recognize lawyers in the podium. Now, Bobby took this for a period of four weeks. I personally wouldn't have taken it for two days. I think it took a great amount of restraint, a great amount of dignity on the part of Bobby Seale, and he's got to the point where he recognizes that the so-called American justice for Black people is irrelevant, it's without any foundation, it's a mockery and you've got to remember that one of the points in the Black Panther Party Platform is that we demand the release of all men and women who have been imprisoned both in state, and federal penitentiaries immediately because they have been denied due process of law. What Bobby is going through only personifies and activates the very things the Black Panther Party has as one of its points in the 10 Point Program.

INTERVIEWER 3: Are you familiar with the attorney that he had originally before he made the change and asked for you?

GARRY: He's never had an attorney. Kunstler never was his lawyer.

INTERVIEWER 3: Who represented him then?

GARRY: I've been the only lawyer that he's had. The courts forced Kunstler to become an attorney of record, Kunstler only did it, so that there would be some liaison between Bobby, who's in jail, and his other rights that he may have.

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# BOBBY KIDNAPPED, UNDER THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW

Bobby was kidnapped off the streets of Berkeley, under the fugitive slave law that states, a fugitive slave may be apprehended without a warrant. Under this law nothing more is needed than the word of the slavemaster. In Bobby's case the FBI had no warrant. They say they arrested Bobby on the promise over the phone that they would be sent one by the slavemaster (the New Haven authorities.) Many Black people thought this law was abolished when the 13th amendment to the constitution abolished slavery. That happened to Bobby proves, that as with the Dred Scott case in 1857, Black people have no rights that this white racist, fascist power structure is bound to respect. Because the 4th amendment to the constitution states clearly that in order for a federal officer to search or arrest anyone they must first go before a judge, get a warrant and the warrant must state what or who is to be searched

and it must name the person to be arrested. In addition to this for all you people who think you are not slaves, the 14th amendment to the constitution was passed to insure that the rights of Black men would not be violated without due process of law. Now, in that bastion of fascism, called a federal court room in Chicago presided over by that Mr. Magoo looking little megalomaniac, pig Hoffman, Bobby is being denied the rights guaranteed under the 6th amendment to the constitution which states no defendant will be tried without council. Bobby's lawyer is Charles R. Garry who is recuperating from surgery and has not been able to attend the farce in Chicago. In addition to the fact that his 4th, 6th, 13th, and 14th amendment rights are being denied his 1st amendment rights are being denied also. The 1st amendment guarantees the right to free speech. Pig Hoffman continually denies Bobby the right to defend himself

and now this servant of fascism has ordered Bobby chained, gagged and beaten to prevent him from speaking. On top of all this the 8th amendment states "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." All of you advocates of Black history dust off the books that you only use for wall paper and read about the Dred Scott case and Supreme Court Justice Taney's decision at that time in 1857 then check out the way Bobby was arrested and look at what those pigs are doing to him now and see if you still think you're not a slave. Bobby is on trial for very serious charges. He has been trying to cross examine witnesses whenever they mention his name. He has been doing the only thing he can do. Because of this he has been chained, gagged and beaten. The Pig Power Structure doesn't believe we're serious yet about our

desire for freedom and the power to control the destiny of our Black community. The pigs feel they can continue to openly trample on the constitutional and human rights of Black people with impunity. Eldridge Cleaver says "It is only that our resistance is under developed and it is our resistance that is under developed because the ruling class has arsenals of the materials of war to unleash upon us, and they're only using these timid materials at this particular time, because our resistance to their aggression has heretofore been timid." Support the proposed exchange of U.S. prisoners of war held by the Vietnamese for our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton and our Chairman, Bobby Seale. Demand that the U.S. government drop the trumped-up "Conspiracy" charges against the "Conspiracy 8" and that Rennie Davis and Dave Dellinger be allowed to return to Hanol, where they would be met

by our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver so that the three of them could discuss with the Vietnamese the freeing of Americans, now held prisoners of war, in exchange for the dropping of all charges against our Minister of Defense and founder Huey P. Newton and our Chairman Bobby Seale. This proposed freedom of Political Prisoners in exchange for Prisoners of war could only be ignored by a government that has no concern for its poor, its peace-loving, its non-white, and its soldiers, and even less concern for Peace. The indifference of the United States government is the monster that gives validity to the need for the Black Panther Party's existence and the freedom of Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE! D.C.

## BABYLON IS FULL OF HANGING JUDGES

The Chairman of the Black Panther Party, at the infamous Conspiracy 8 Trials in Chicago, Bobby Seale, called 'Adolph' Julius J. Hoffman, the judge, a racist and a fascist. Which he is. He has denied the people correct trials by due process of law. DENIED was the process in the case of comrade Rolando Montan Hearn, the Breakfast Co-ordinator, who feeds kids. This Jive, justice-weaving pig who presides over the case, says that his case is serious, and may require a penalty of 10 to 20 years. Right On, racist pig. Montae is charged with aggravated assault and strongarm robbery. Two of his alleged accomplices were put on probation. PROBATION! Can you dig this madness? -- We can't. This joke of a judge says that

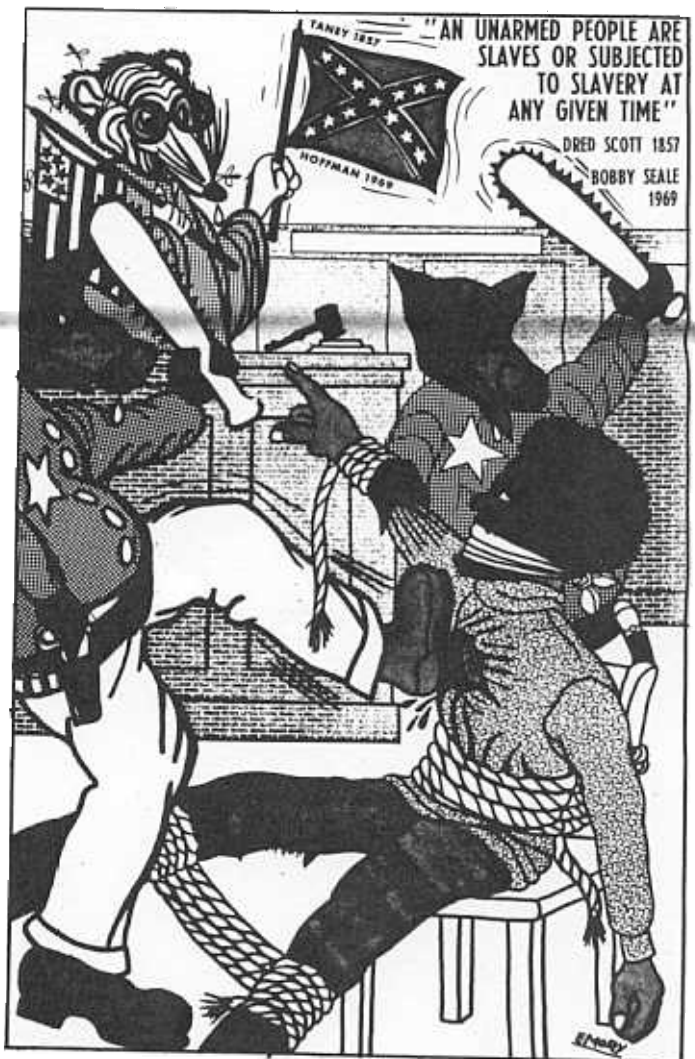
Montae is too 'dangerous' on the streets. Montae's dangerous presence in the streets has caused 300 young kids to fall victim to hot scurishing breakfasts. We hold that this attempt to incarcerate this comrade is in reality a political action of direct repression against the Black Panther Party, designed to cut down our Breakfast Programs, which are presently blooming over the city. Montae has been bailed at \$10,000. There is no bail for probation. The Black Panther Party calls to all supportive veins and bodies in the Black colony and in the White "oppressor" country to contact the Philadelphia Branch Office.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

## CLERGY IN SUPPORT OF CHAIRMAN BOBBY

Dear Sir: In recent weeks, the Bobby Seale case has been frequently reported in the press. At present, Mr. Seale is a prisoner in the Chicago jail on the transparently false assertion that he must be held to be available for trial. The trial in Chicago and the future trial in Connecticut are "conspiracy trials" - a charge originating in bogus "conspiracy laws" that are explicitly designed and enforced for the purpose of suppression of political dissent. And, the travesty of justice that is occurring in the Chicago courtroom is compounded in that Mr. Seale has been denied the lawyer of his own choosing. Mr. Seale's case makes very clear the extent to which local and federal authorities will use the police and the courts to oppress dissenters, especially Blacks. It is sheer hypocrisy at best for people to talk of "law and order" when the so-called defenders of law and order are engaged in a criminal assault on Mr. Seale and the Black Panthers. In fact, the Department of Justice is relating to the Panthers rather like the Department of

Defense is relating to the Vietnamese. It was to bring attention to this situation that nine of us, including five clergy, sat in at the U.S. Marshal's office at the San Francisco Federal Building on September 16. At that time, Mr. Seale had been spirited away by the U.S. Marshals' while his lawyers were obtaining a court order that he be held here. On October 16, the U.S. Commissioner sentenced us to one year's probation. In pronouncing sentence, the Commissioner said that this is a country of laws and not men; that Mr. Seale's transfer was a routine matter; and that as clergymen and community leaders, we should be especially careful to obey all laws. While we did not contest the fact that we refused to leave the U.S. Marshal's office on September 16, we completely reject the dogma that one should obey all laws at all times, especially when something as obvious and unjust as the Seale affair is being perpetrated by the authorities themselves. To fail to act in such cases invites fascist totalitarianism.



The Fugitive Slave Laws of a century ago are just one example of a law that had to be violated in the name of a human society (and Mr. Seale is being treated like a slave). No healthy society can survive under the dictum often heard of late, "this is a society of laws, not men." People are the hearts blood of any human society. And, to suggest that clergy should be examples of servile obedience to any and all laws is to ignore the life of Jesus who was hung for doing what he believed had to

be done. The oppression of the Black Panthers and of their leader, Mr. Seale, is a gross crime that calls out for unequivocal denunciation. We believe the Panthers are a genuine peoples organization that has been a constructive force in the Bay Area. In any case, everyone who opposes fascism in this country must actively oppose the use of police-state tactics on any minority group. The task before us is to put flesh on the words:

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!! Sincerely, Miss Adrienne Fong, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam Miss Sally Gore, Elder, Presbyterian Church Father Philip Traynor Father Joe Sonntag Father Frank Rau Father Tom Durkin Rev. Philip Farnham Mr. Steve Whidden, Elder, Presbyterian Church Mr. Wade Hudson, Pacific School of Religion

# FROM BOBBY'S WIFE ARTIE SEALE



MRS. BOBBY SEALE AND SON MALIK

The Chairman of the Black Panther Party was strapped and chained to a chair on the 24th floor of the Federal Building on Oct. 31, 1969 around 9:00 a.m. upon arriving from Cook County Jail. The incidents that follow all took place before 10:00 a.m. court time. Chairman Bobby Seale was told by the marshals that they were going to put rags into his mouth to make sure that he wouldn't talk in court. And that this was going to be done whether he liked it or not. Bobby Seale protested such an act, and thus there was a struggle. He was trying to explain to the marshals that being strapped and chained as he was, and then to be gagged along with having surgical bandages around his face would cause him to run a high temperature. He also explained that he had tonsillitis and having breath stay up 14 hours a day would make him very exhausted. At that point two marshals grabbed Bobby Seale's hair and another one grabbed his nose, and then attempted to stuff his mouth. He shot his mouth and after a minute or so he began to lose his breath. He tried to jerk his head, and in the process freed his head away, but was quickly subdued by the marshals. One of the other marshals grabbed Bobby's head in one hand and his nose with the other. Another marshal pressed on the Chairman's lips with a cloth until it began to hurt his teeth. Bobby kept his mouth closed as tightly as possible, and with his nose closed and his

mouth being closed he lost his breath again and surged backwards with all the weight he had. He jerked his head from side to side and finally he was able to free himself, so that he could breathe. He was about to pass out. At that point the marshals because of his complaint about tonsillitis and his fever, which the Cook County doctors know about decided to wrap his head up. These marshals wrapped Bobby's head up so tight that they saw Bobby Seale choke, they saw him lose his breath, and they saw him pass out. By this time it was nearly 10:00 a.m. And so the marshals rewrapped the surgical bandages this time taking it away from his throat area and putting it around his jaws and around the back of his neck. The bandages were equally as tight as before. Bobby was brought into court around 10:10 a.m. He became dizzy and almost passed out in court. One marshal in particular by the name of Chestin Ross, who is in charge of Bobby, who is also commonly known around the Federal Building as Gorilla, deliberately tightened the straps around Bobby's arms and legs to cut off his circulation. The usual comment of the marshals is, "Well the judge told us to do this." One marshal sitting next to Bobby in the courtroom told Bobby that he almost called the judge in open court a son of a b--ch for treating Bobby the way he did because he wanted only to defend himself. Bobby went to sleep on the night

of Oct. 30, and woke up on the morning of Oct. 31 chained to his bed. The doctors were trying to give him an injection of a large dose of tranquilizers to make him hypnotized and in a trance or a daze so that he would be unable to think during court.

Section 1981 Title 42 of the U.S. government code states, "that no Black man will be discriminated against in any court, dealing with his legal defense." This law came into effect 100 years ago during the Reconstruction Period. The 5th amendment states, "that there will be no cruel and unusual punishment inflicted." Bobby Seale states, "I will not take any injections, furthermore if the marshals try in the future to stuff my mouth with rags or any other type of material I will bite their hands. I'm going to demand that my doctor come and give me complete examinations. Every man has a right to his constitutional rights to speak in behalf of himself, of his other constitutional rights to defend himself. These slick sliding words that the government and constitution use, are only means to cover this dirty filthy world, because they have now violated another constitutional right.

**DOWN WITH FASCISM  
DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM  
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS  
FREE HUEY**

Tom Hayden said one person gagged is enough, I say one person gagged is too many."

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And he made that abundantly clear to the court. He told the court time and time again, I am not representing Bobby Seale, I'm an attorney of record on a limited basis for the purpose so that we can have communication with the other seven defendants because they're all charged for conspiracy. The court knows that, the U.S. Attorney knows that, The U.S. Attorney had the nerve, the gall and the audacity to get up and tell the court two weeks ago, he said that if you permit Bobby Seale to defend himself, he said there will be a mistrial inside of two days. Well if this kind of mockery of justice that's going on under the semblance of due process of law in Chicago, if that's justice then I don't want to practice law under those circumstances.

INTERVIEWER 3: Do you think he really wants to try the case himself, or do you think he's waiting for you?

DAVID: Look! The history of A-

merica points out very clearly that anytime there's a Black man on trial with the White man, then the Black man hasn't gotten any rights. This is history that was written in the Reconstruction period. Bobby is a Black man and the man is a slave whether you accept it or not. We recognize that the pressmen, that the journalists of the world are no more than ideological servants for U.S. Imperialism and U.S. fascism here and abroad. All the questions that you're asking the attorney can be cleared up by reading your own U.S. history. The man's rights have been violated because he's a slave in America. And a Black man has no rights that White racists are bound to respect. And that the only rights that they're going to respect is at the point of a gun. And what's happening to Bobby, we say that the American people will pay for that and if our blood has to be shed then we're prepared to do that.

That's all that there is to be said about that.

## "FIGHTING FOR RIGHT"

The Mother of Black Panther Chairman, Bobby Seale expressed dismay over the chaining and gagging of her son; ordered by a racist and fascist, Julius 'Adolph' Hoffman, the presiding judge of the conspiracy trial.

Bobby allegedly charged with conspiring to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, faces a 10 year sentence if convicted in a court controlled by racists and fascists and not a court controlled by the people.

At the news conference at Glide Memorial Church, Sunday, the Mother said, "I think it's terrible, Bobby is a wonderful son and always has been. I think he's fighting for right."

Later the Mother received a standing ovation when she addressed a crowd of over 1500 people who attended the services at Glide Memorial Church.

"I'm praying everyday that this will soon be over," Mother Seale told the congregation, which included many young revolutionary people.

What's happening to Bobby is a very clear example of what is happening to Black people and has happened to Black people for over 400 years. Chains, Shackles and gags, Demagoguery and Terror, behind the sacred doors of so-called U.S. Justice. We call it fascism when chains, gags and fascist pigs



MRS. SEALE

are used to keep a man from exercising his constitutional right, the right to defend himself if he has no legal council.

We see "Adolph" Hoffman, Nixon and all their lackeys when they praise a rag with red, white and blue paint smeared in different directions, that fascism isn't only within the confines of America,

but fascism on the part of the U.S., is rampant on an international level.

So its very clear that the true symbols of fascism is the American eagle and the American flag.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
BE STRONG, BLACK MOTHER  
John Seale**

**NATIONAL PROTEST**  
**NOVEMBER 17 - 9:00 AM**  
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**AND ALL**  
**POLITICAL PRISONERS**

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## On The Breakfast Program

As you know, the Black Panther Party has initiated quite a few Community Breakfast for Children Programs. Meeting one of the basic needs in our community, feeding hungry children of all ethnic groups, because hunger like oppression knows no color. Every child growing up under the oppressed conditions of this decadent society must have adequate supplies of nutritional foods to insure his strength and most of all the development of his mind.

So this means that the people in his community. If he doesn't, then the community will have to help with you know just what type of person he is, an avaricious greedy busy-

nessman. First thing you must do is support the Breakfast Program--Physically support it. If you can't come to help with preparing the food tell your friends, your church, your B.S.U. etc. about it. Organize people to talk to the businesses in your community to donate to the program. Let him know that his business is supported by the community and he in turn should support Randolph

So those who want to serve the youth, contact the nearest Black Panther Party office or the nearest location of one of the Breakfast Programs, because that's what it's all about. Serving the people by serving the youth. Support the Breakfast program. Let him know that his business is supported by the community and he in turn should support Randolph

# WHAT YOU ARE SPEAK SO LOUD I HARDLY HEAR ANYTHING YOU SAY



DAVID HILLIARD, CHIEF OF STAFF BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The ideology of the Black Panther Party is the historical experiences of Black people in America translated through Marxism-Leninism. When we review the past history of Black people in this country, we realize that after 400 years we are victims of the oppressive machinery that gags, binds and chains Black men who speak out in defense of their alleged constitutional rights.

Many people act as if they were surprised at what's happening to the Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale, but I think a careful examination of who our persecutors are will clear the minds of the masses of people that could not see through the so-called judicial smokescreen of justice. These people that tortured and gagged and chained Bobby are the descendants of pirates. Genocidal murderers of the Red Man; users of the atomic bomb upon the Japanese people. The enslavers and exploiters of Blacks in this country right up until this very day.

The Black Panther Party since its inception has always used the weapon of example to educate the masses. When the Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, sent a delegation of armed Panthers to the California state Capitol this was a process of educating the people by example that Blacks did not have their rights guaranteed by the constitution to bear arms in defense of their lives against racist mobs of fascists in or out of uniform. So that Huey P. Newton made the statement "an unarmed people are either enslaved or subjected to slavery at any given time." So given Bobby's situation it is crystal clear what he meant. I think we should get back to the legality of the U.S. constitution

in respect to Black people. The rhetoric of, the constitution was never in the first paragraph meant for people of African descent. After violating Bobby's 1st amendment rights, his 8th amendment rights on through the 6-13-14 amendments it seems to me the whole damn thing is invalid in regards to Blacks in particular.

As long as we are hung up in theory alone, without ever testing for ourselves the reality of the laws of the courts of this system, we must expect more Bobby Seales, more cruel and inhumane treatment. We must remember this country is run by a slave oligarchy and brigandish criminals who have no respect for its people, be they Black or White; its primary interest is capitalism. So when we talk about the ideology of the Black Panther Party we are talking about the experiences of Blacks in racist, fascist America.

It's sometimes hard to understand how people react to the term fascist. They think the fascists left when the Hitlerites were defeated. I relate to what Eldridge says, "that the American flag and the American eagle are the true symbols of fascism." The American historian has a way of justifying this system by using Germany as the most vicious enemy against mankind, this is perhaps true for the people of Jewish descent. But when we really check this shit out, starting with the genocide of the Indians, the 50,000,000 Black people slaughtered by the oppressors when taken against their will at the point of guns, over 400 years ago, right here in America. Then reminding ourselves of the genocidal and imperialist war against the Vietnamese people, the burning of

Blacks on the sacred cross of Christianity. Then it becomes easier to relate to the chieftains of fascism, imperialism, racism; and Bobby Seale's demand for his right to self defense.

How criminal and guilty these people must be to go to the last rung on the ladder of injustice, in the gross violation of the Chairman of the Black Panther Party's human rights; at a time when the entire oppressed peoples of the world are raising up in arms against them. So for the American people we outline your first political education class. The criminal hall of pig justice, the courts where Black men are railroaded from California to Chicago, because these pigs that judge other men and women; particularly Black men and women, are the guilty ones.

The laws that they try to make us respect are oppressive laws, slave laws, laws that protect them and persecute us. I think that above and beyond the old evil, crooked judge and gag, Bobby left a scar on the minds of all those who relate to words without asking questions.

So we say Right On Chairman Bobby, for you have without making a sound exposed the ugly, fascist racist, farce of American Patriotism starring Judge J.J. Hoffman, the peoples enemy number 2.

Remind that old racist mother-fucker Hoffman, to tell the pigs at Chicago O'hare airport to put back up the sign that says, "what you are, speak so loud I hardly hear anything you are saying."

Chief of Staff,  
David Hilliard

## FEWER PIGS MORE JUSTICE

The pig forces (the present police department) in the last few months in San Francisco has added some 500 more police to its force of oppression. 450 of these police can be seen in the Black community, these pigs control our streets brutalizing, murdering, and harassing our people. Black people have to have an I.D. Card to go to the store, then you are picked up for suspicion of robbery or for stealing a car, if you are not shot in the back for looking like you might run, a clear case of this was our Brother Joe Linthcome, who was shot in cold blood by a fascist pig cop in Hunter's Point, the attempted murder of Jimmy Connors who was shot by the Tac-Squad, Allot's community imperialists, those punks are the big businessmen and

other exploiters, ARMED PIGS. We are now moving the petition all over San Francisco, if you are interested in signing or circulating the petition, if you can get a group of interested people who would like to know more about the Community Control of Police petition please contact us.

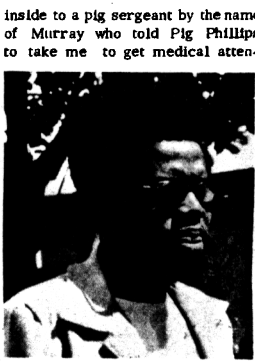
1. We want freedom, we want power to determine the destiny of our Black community.

ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE WANT TO DETERMINE THEIR DESTINIES, THE MEXICANS, CHILICANOS, CHINESE AMERICANS, POOR WHITE WORKING CLASS, THE FASCIST PIGS KEEP US ALL OPPRESSED FOR THE SAME REASONS, AND WE WILL USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO LIBERATE OUR PEOPLE

## PIGS RUN 'AMUCK IN L.A.

While out in the community to attempt to open a community house in Watts, John Washington, better known as Long John, and myself, Michael Pennewell, and another brother were vamped on by racist fascist pigs from 77th.

While crossing the street at 84th and Main, when the pigs noticed who we were they jumped out of their patrol cars with drawn guns stating "those are the niggers who lead the demonstration". We were then told to get up against the fence. While being searched I asked what we were being arrested for. I was hit by their sticks, some other brothers saw what was happening and came to investigate, they were also searched and then told to move on or they would be arrested. Also at that time another pig car arrived and grabbed a brother by the name of Charles James and chained him. At that time Long John and myself were also chained and put in a pig car. We still had not been told what we were being kidnapped for. We were taken to 77th pig station, to the back and beaten in the stomach by Pig R. S. Phillips, Serial No. 14401, until we could not walk. Still hand-cuffed we were taken



LONG JOHN

inside to a pig sergeant by the name of Murray who told Pig Phillips to take me to get medical attention and tell the doctor I had slipped and fell and hurt my leg. I was treated for my leg, nothing was done for my ribs where I was kicked several times while hand-cuffed on the ground. Pig Phillips told Long John he was saving one bullet for him, and four for me. After two hours of harassment I was told I was being arrested for driving with a revoked license even

though I was not anywhere around a car or in a car; Long John for interference; Charles James for being drunk, we were then booked.

Additional harassment of the day was--two brothers were painting the "Toure" Community Breakfast Center for Children at 1100 W. Exposition. They were arrested and taken to University Pig Department and beaten because they asked why they were being arrested for wanting to feed hungry children.

The pigs have attempted to stop the Breakfast Program in Southern California ever since it has started. The two brothers were booked for selling papers in the street, they were interviewed and threatened by the F.B.I. at court today, November 4, 1969. They were asked how many doctors to each house and office, how many guns were kept in each place and where did the Deputy Minister of Defense live. If they gave the information they could get all the charges dropped. No information was given.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
M. Pennewell

## THEORY AND PRACTICE

Dear Sirs:  
I am a White subscriber to The Black Panther. I want to say how very glad I am for the existence of The Black Panther Party and The Black Panther newspaper.

I am twenty-one years old and have been undergoing progressive politicalization for approximately the last five years. I have been through many stages of awareness during this politicalization, from absolute political ignorance and apathy; to being a so-called "liberal", filled to the brim with sympathy and good intentions, but not much on action; to my present

stage, activist, radical, revolutionary, whatever you want to call it, I have held to many differing philosophies, sworn allegiance to many leaders, believed in and worked for many different "causes" but I have always come to feel eventually that these philosophies and causes are aspiring to much but accomplishing nothing, the leaders only spouting rhetoric and ending up betraying their followers.

Having "discovered" the Panthers, with their philosophy of the people, backed up with action; their

leaders who speak the truth, straight, rhetoricless truth; leaders who are of the people, who do not set themselves up in mansions in the clouds and forget their origins and their people; having seen all this, I believe I have at last settled upon something basic and fundamental, something good and true, worthy of believing in, which won't betray my faith. I hope that doesn't sound too idealistic and naive.

I have witnessed the pig conspiracy which is currently loose in the country, the conspiracy to

put an end, for once and for all, to the Panthers, to any group which dares to preach manhood for the Black man, and a people's revolution. I have been somewhat discouraged by the evidences of this conspiracy, the exiling of Eldridge Cleaver, the imprisonment of Bobby Seale and Huey Newton, I have been discouraged by this, for I know that the pigs currently hold the power and will use all this power to silence the truth. But I have come to realize that no matter what the pigs do, the revolution will never be killed, not as long

as there are men alive who will know the truth, speak the truth and pass it on to others.

I have been enormously discouraged by the bulls--t that has been going down in Babylon but my spirits are lifted when I read The Black Panther and know the Panthers are still hard at work.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
FREE HUEY  
Joe Don Robbins

**WOMENS  
LIBERATION  
GROUP  
UP - TIGHT**

A Women's action is planned to support the five Black Panther women now in jail in Connecticut, and to raise the issues and contradictions of a repressive judicial system.

A mass demonstration on November 22 will be held in New Haven, Connecticut by a coalition of Women's Liberation groups and the People to Free the Panthers. Women from New Haven, New York, Boston, Washington, Maryland, and New Jersey and their Brothers in the movement, as well as all concerned members of the community, will rally in front of the New Haven Court House at noon and proceed from there to the jail where the women are being held.

Five Panther women, three of whom are pregnant, have been held political prisoners for five months. Arrested along with eight Panther Brothers, on charges of conspiracy and murder, they have been held without bail, kept in isolation, refused exercise privileges, had their reading material indiscriminately censored, and been denied visitors outside their immediate families and lawyers present at the arraignment seven months ago. This means that their right to interview lawyers crucial to the preparation of their defense has been denied in direct violation of their constitutional rights.

Furthermore, the three Panther women who are pregnant will deliver their babies under heavy armed guard. Unless they can provide a home considered "suitable" by the State Welfare Department their babies will be taken away from them. In fact, this means that their babies will be put in foster homes and the women, even if found innocent, will have to prove a stable family relationship and a stable income in order to get their own children back.

Women's Liberation refutes the State's definition of "family" and a suitable home environment for children. We protest the unhealthy conditions under which the pregnant women are being detained; lack of adequate exercise, improper diet (Rose Smith weighed 132 pounds when she was jailed, now in her seventh month of pregnancy she weighs 133 pounds), and the denial of the women's right to be examined and cared for by a doctor of their choice.

To hold these women under these conditions while they are still in pre-trial status makes a mockery of the "presumption of innocence" which is their constitutional guarantee.

We link the issue of these Panther women to the large problem all women face under this unjust, capitalist system. All women in jail are political prisoners! Women's Liberation groups in New York, New Haven, Washington, New Jersey, Boston, and Maryland are researching and bringing to the public the prejudicial, male chauvinist laws that imprison women. These laws, along with our demand for the release of all the Panthers and all the women now in jail will appear on leaflets distributed in all the above states.

Women's Liberation and People to Free the Panthers invite all our Brothers and Sisters across the country to support this rally. Come to New Haven if you can; hold your



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IN LIGHT OF THE CONSTANT CRY BY GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS FOR LAW AND ORDER THE NEW MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE FOR AN END TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM CONDEMS THE CONDUCT OF JUDGE JULIUS HOFFMAN AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE BRUTAL DEGRADING ILLEGAL, AND IMMORAL TREATMENT OF BOBBIE SEAL CHAIRMAN OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY PRESENTLY ON TRIAL IN CHICAGO ILLINOIS. ASIDE FROM THE CONSTANT DENIAL OF BOBBIE SEAL'S DUE PROCESS RIGHTS HIS RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNCIL OF HIS CHOICE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND JUDGE HOFFMAN HAVE BEATEN, SHACKLED GAGGED, AND CHAINED HIM TO HIS CHAIR. THIS BRUTAL, FASCIST TREATMENT RENDERS THE CONCEPT OF FAIR TRIAL AND EQUAL JUSTICE A CHEAP AND CRUEL SHAM. WE THEREFORE DEMAND THAT THE PROSECUTION OF SEAL AND HIS FELLOW DEFENDANTS BE IMMEDIATELY DISMISSED THAT JUDGE HOFFMAN BE REMOVED FROM THE BENCH PENDING THE IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS AND THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN CHICAGO AND JUDGE HOFFMAN BE INVESTIGATED AS CRIMINALS UNDER TITLE 18 SECTION 242 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE FOR VIOLATION OF BOBBIE SEALS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. FINALLY WE URGE THAT A FEDERAL GRAND JURY BE CONVENED IMMEDIATELY TO INDICT JUDGE HOFFMAN, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FORAN, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY SCHULTZ AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH THE PROSECUTION OF THIS CASE. JUDGE HOFFMAN AND HIS COHORTS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INDICTED UNDER TITLE 18 SECTION 241 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE IN THAT THEY HAVE CONTINUOUSLY AND WILLFULLY CONSPIRED TO DEPRIVE BOBBIE SEAL AND THE OTHER DEFENDANTS OF THEIR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES IN A VIOLENT CALCULATED AND BRUTAL MANNER

STAFF AND STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NEW MOBILIZATION TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM 683 MCALLISTER ST.



**ITS TIME  
TO INTENSIFY  
THE STRUGGLE**

I have just recently finished reading the account of the latest atrocities perpetrated against our Chairman Bobby Seale. The fascist elements of this jive ass capitalist nation have not only seen fit to deprive Bobby of his right to attorney but has also seen fit to chain and gag him so as to ensure his not voicing any sort of opinion as to the validity of the testimony of the prosecutions witnesses. This is just a prime example of the sort of justice that has been meted out to Black people for the last 400 years. The use of chains is reminiscent of the days of slavery, which it should be fairly obvious that pig judge Hoffman is trying to re-engage. Well right on, Brother Bobby is a man of intense revolutionary spirit and he will not be forced into subjection by the reactionary tactics of an a-- backwards homosexual such as Hoffman. In fact quite the opposite has happened.

struggle for freedom. He will continue to do so as long as he is able. It is obvious to the Party that this is only part of a systematic plot to do away with the Panther Party by eliminating its leadership. Therefore, it is up to us to bring this to the attention of the masses which we so faithfully serve by setting up such things as Free Breakfast Programs, Liberation Schools, Free Medical Centers, Collecting Clothes for the Young Collecting Clothes for the Young Children of the Community. We must intensify the struggle to a point which it has never before reached. Without the backing of the people we are no longer the Vanguard and we are not effective. We must turn to the people for the support needed to free our revolutionary brothers.

mother--k Nixon and the capitalist elements of this vulturistic nation. These reactionary elements realize that the time of their demise is approaching so they are waging a last desperate struggle to eliminate the Vanguard Party. Well right on motherf--kers we are prepared to deal with you in a fashion that is becoming to anyone who would dare to put their own personal gain before the needs of the people. The armed wrath of the people will deal out a just punishment for the likes of Bone Nose Nixon and Judge Adolph Hoffman and the rest of the reactionary forces of this nation dedicated to the sole proposition that all oppressed people are to used to satisfy the vulturistic tendencies of their greed.

**AACFRA  
PROTEST FOR  
BOBBY**

The American Association to Combat Fascism, Racism and Anti-Semitism was a wire today to Attorney General John Mitchell protesting Judge Julius J. Hoffman's act of chaining and gagging Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, at the trial of the eight charged with "conspiracy" in the demonstrations during the Democratic Party Convention in Chicago.

The full telegram follows: Attorney General John Mitchell Justice Department Washington, D.C.

American Committee to Combat Fascism, Racism and Anti-Semitism, representing 200 organizations, shocked at sight of Bobby Seale being chained and gagged in Chicago trial.

This unprecedented atrocity is a picture reminiscent of Nazism. Call upon you to take steps to have Judge Julius Hoffman removed and to protect Bobby Seale's constitutional rights to have trial delayed until his attorney can defend him or to allow Seale to defend himself.

Simon Federman President

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
Harlem Branch, N. Y. C., N. Y.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

# DES MOINES PIG DEPT. ONCE AGAIN SHOW THEIR INHUMANITY TOWARD THE PEOPLE

On October 26, 1969--about 11:00 p.m., "four workers" and a mother of two were beaten, harassed, and jailed on trumped-up charges, in addition to being viciously maced.

This unjust act took place at an avaricious businessman's store (Farley's Market--29th & Forest) and was sparked by an off-duty "Rent-A-Pig," Herbert W. Perry-Sgt. Detective Bureau - - Des Moines Police Department, 1811-59th St. (279-8737), who falsely accused sister Brenda Humbert of shoplifting. When his allegation was challenged by Brenda and others involved, Mr. Rent-a-pig quickly olanked, "You're under arrest."

At this point, this mad man went completely wild, shoving brother Lonnie and pulling his gun to shoot him. He further harassed the brothers and sisters and ordered the store door locked until the police force (about 4 squad cars and one patty-wagon) arrived for the "big arrest."

When the "officers of injustice" arrived, they began pushing the brothers and sisters around, they became especially angry when they

could not find proper evidence of shoplifting. These pigs became so viciously possessed with madness that they sprayed the sisters and brothers with mace to further subdue them. When brother Walker inquired on the scene about the unjust arrests, he was quickly maced and hurled into the patty-wagon just for inquiring (as a citizen) about the arrest of the brothers and sisters.

Such is "Justice and Rights" in Des Moines. We wonder what happened to that famous clause: "INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY"!! People have a right to be treated as human beings not dogs or subhumans, even if they are suspected of some "alleged crime."

The Des Moines Police Dept. had better take heed: "IN DEFENSE OF SELF DEFENSE"

Laws and rules have always been made to serve people. Rules of society are set up by people so that they will be able to function in a harmonious way. In other words, in order to promote the

general welfare of society, rules and laws are established by men. Rules should serve men, and not men serve rules. Much of the time, the laws and rules which officials attempt to inflict upon poor people are non-functional in relation to the status of the poor in society."

These officials are blind to the fact that people should not respect rules that are not serving them. It is the duty of the poor to write and construct rules and laws that are in their better interests. This is one of the basic human rights of all men." Huey P. Newton

or face the consequences of their arrogance toward the people.

Workers must understand that this type of oppression will continue to take place, unless sharp struggle against such brutality is waged in a united way!

It seems quite apparent that "those in power" will continue to support the vicious and inhumane acts perpetrated against "workers" by civil servants who have grown arrogant toward the "people" and arrogant in their service

to the people.

The charges are listed below:

Brenda Humbert--age 19--Employed at Dial Finance-Data processing Edit.  
D.P.Q. by loud and profane language  
Injury to city property  
Resisting Arrest  
Shoplifting under \$20.00 Bond \$800.00

Linda Walker--age 20--last employed at Meredith as a Job Specialist--she just had a baby  
D.P.Q. by loud and profane language  
Resisting arrest  
Damage to city property  
Interfering with duties of an officer Bond \$400.00

Paul Walker--age 18--employed at Sears as Auto Mechanic  
D.P.Q. by loud and profane language  
Interfering with duties of an officer  
Damage to city property  
Resisting arrest Bond \$400.00

Lonnie Bibbins--age 23--Employed--Laborer  
D.P.Q. by loud and profane language  
Interfering with duties of an officer  
Damage to city property  
Resisting arrest Bond \$600.00

Arrangement will be next Tuesday November 4, 1969 - 1:30 p.m. Municipal Court East 1st and Court Ave. All have been released on bonds totaling to \$2,200.00. Let's support these brothers and sisters by sending letters to: Governor Robert Ray Human Rights Commission State Civil Rights Commission Chief of Police Civil Liberties Union--asking for total investigation and forward a carbon copy of said letter to Black Mobile Street Workers Association 1210 University, Des Moines, Iowa 50314.

We must stop this oppression of the people by "Civil Servants who refuse to serve and respect the people..."

SEIZE THE TIME!

## D.C. INTERVIEWED BY UNIV. OF TEXAS NEWSPAPER, THE RAG

Field Marshal Don Cox is one of the few members of the Black Panther Central Committee still out of jail. Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, and many lesser-known Panthers are imprisoned; or in exile for their uncompromising dedication to Black dignity and self-determination. The Panthers who are "free" still find time to support their brothers. Cox was in town to speak at a rally for railroaded SNCC organizer Lee Otis Johnson.

that anarchistic adventurist activity is in jail on \$100,000 'cause he is alleged to have kicked someone and caused some injuries. This is all part of that same pattern.

Not just against Black people but against anybody who steps off that little red, white, and blue path, they gonna send those pigs in there, hit you upside the head; they gonna spray mace in your face, and they gonna take you to those fascist jails and put you in those concentration camps and prisons.

DON: Let's talk about the organization for a minute. The Black Panther Party itself closed down membership and stopped establishing new chapters back in January, January 17. And we began to purge ourselves of the undesirable elements, the opportunistic elements, those people who were using the Party as the base for their own personal gain. So in numbers of Panthers we have managed to clean house and reduce them. However, the people that are left are the truly dedi-

hated, there's a total of six Breakfast Programs as of this time, and only one of them is a Panther Breakfast Program. The rest of them the people instituted, following our example, and that's what our job is all about.

RAG: The Kerner Report concluded that America is moving toward two societies, one Black, one White, separate and unequal. Would you comment on that?

DON: Right. It's in the interests of the power structure, of the pigs, sitting up there in the White House, of the Rockefellers, the Hunts, and the DuPonts, the Super Pigs, to propagate the madness of racism and try to convince people that it's a race struggle, that, yeah, the problem is White racism, so you niggers go to work on that. As long as we concentrate our efforts dealing strictly with racism, we're not really dealing with the problem of exploitation and oppression. You see, racism itself was developed as a tool to divide all the oppressed people and get them fighting one another, see, to take the steam away from the real problem, the capitalists, the pigs, the Hunts, Melons, DuPonts, etc., who are reaping the profits of all the people's labor regardless of color. You see, it's in their interest to convince everyone, both Black and White, that it's a race struggle. The problem of the Black is the White racism, so you go to work on that. And the example of the reverse is in Pittsburgh where the Blacks were demanding work and instead of the avaricious businessmen, the construction bosses, the owners of the construction companies, giving jobs to Black people, what they did was to get together with the lying, demagogic politicians and came up with a scheme to turn the White workers against the Black workers and they're still raking off the top. So they closed down all the work, all the construction, and then pointed to the Blacks and said, "Well, it's the niggers that's causing all the trouble". So the White workers went out vamping on Black workers. They were mad at Black people.

## Narcotics And The Illegitimate Capitalists

In the last two-three years the flow of narcotics in Jamaica L.L. has engulfed the youth and young people ranging from the ages of 12 to 30 on up. A very significant feature about the sudden flow in a two or three year span is that the traffic consists of hard dope, "heroin" while the likes of reefer or hashy (which are not considered hard or habit forming drugs, has grown very very scarce). The pig (politicians, D.A.'s and the local pig cop) who put the garbage here know that heroin is the most commonly used hard drug, and the quickest drug to stepping up the genocide (systematic murder of a race) of our people. Every day some Black person dies from an over dose of something, or a disease from dirty needles, if not in Jamaica in some Black colony in Babylon (America). It happens to the female sex as well as male. This flow in Jamaica has come about so ferociously that it captured over 3/4 of the lumpen proletariat (lumpsters) in one way or the other. Some have been seduced and are now called Junkies or addicts. The remaining lumpens who at one time confessed to be "So hipped to the White man's game, and knew how to make a fast buck off him (the 'man') are now the ones classified by the people as 'Enemies Without'. I mean you had brothers who knew every angle that they were forced to learn in the wretched colony, now know only one angle of "so-called" hustling. And that dope peddling. Former pimps, con-men, burglars, stickup artists who were known in the colony as 'Big Times' who were serving "natural" death are now either addicts or worse, petty peddlers, selling narcotics to the young bloods who they used to tell about how to look out for the "man." These same illegitimate capitalist who have been to jail, these same cool cats, fast eddies have all been co-opted by the very system they at one time were fighting against, directly or indirectly. They have been co-opted in such a way that now they help to commit genocide against the people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

RAG: Do you see frame-ups like the Bobby Seale arrest and Lee Otis' political bust as a coordinated nation wide effort to crush the Black militant groups?

DON: I would change one word there. To stop ANY people who are moving to implement changes within the community. There is a nation wide conspiracy on the part of the power structure and its lackeys like J. Edgar Hog, Mayor Daley in Chicago, and Mayor Fascioso Mussolini Allitto in San Francisco; there's definitely a conspiracy nation wide to stop that. Bobby Seale is a prime example of that. Our Chairman of the Black Panther Party who was kidnapped.

The FBI vamped on him in the streets with no warrant and arrested him on the promise that they would be sent a warrant--which is clearly illegal, a violation of his constitutional rights and his rights as a human being supposedly walking the streets of a free country. The case of Lee Otis Johnson can be equated to the same type of repression used against people who are working in the community. Thirty years' imprisonment for one marijuana cigarette that was planted in the first place. It's all part of the same pattern. The thing of it is the repression used against the Black Panther Party is at a much higher level. Say for instance, a sister in Connecticut held on a \$100,000 bail on a charge of renting a car on a credit card that had expired. The car was overdue. And she did this in another state, so there was an additional charge of crossing state lines. And her bail is \$100,000, so the thing has been raised to a higher level. There are 21 Panthers in jail in New York indicted on a conspiracy to blow up a flower garden and department stores. \$100,000 bail each.

There were 13 Black brothers arrested in Philadelphia last week on some kind of conspiracy charges. I don't know just what they are, but they're all in jail



RAG: Have you encountered a lot of personal harassment since you became associated with the Panthers?

DON: All Panthers are subject to harassment on a day-to-day basis, but we are aware that really to get out here on a full-time basis you have to come to some of those decisions and crossroads before you become active--you know that's part of the consequences for your activities. You stay a step ahead of them--trying to keep yourself in a position where they can't vamp on you for any kind of technicality and they just have to come out into the open with their fascism and frame you and then you can use that as an educational tool to raise the consciousness of the masses of people.

RAG: Would you say the Black Panthers and freedom organiza-

ated revolutionaries and the work in education internally has been intensified, so our effect on the community has increased, and the number of those people who support and relate to our programs are growing day by day. Coming to Austin, Texas, is a clear-cut example of that. In trying to relate to the community in a concrete fashion and to speak to their needs, pointing up the contradictions in the society, in February we instituted a Free Breakfast Program in Oakland, California--to feed hungry children before they attended school. The first day of the Free Breakfast Program there were 20 children. Today we're feeding approximately 50,000 nation wide and we're trying to up that to about a quarter of a million by the end of the semester. And I come to Austin, Texas, and I discover that the people here have moved on a Free Breakfast Program of their own. This points out to us that we're definitely making in the right direction when





## MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE

In attempting to meet the basic needs of the people, the traditional bodies of support, and a not too supportive body, moved to destroy all hopes of establishing Free Breakfast Programs in that area. These bodies are by no means representative of the people. They are entities of profit, and human properties of fascism, making a vain attempt to alter the inevitable direction that the people see the vanguard taking.

Included is a copy of a letter that was sent around by some of our own avaricious hogs of Seventh St. in South Philly, who acted in standard pig manner, by lying to the people. When the BPP responded with a leaflet, the pigs retreated. We believe that the truth

is on our side, for we are revolutionaries, and we have nothing to fear. These sniveling clowns wouldn't dare identify themselves. The reactionaries, sent around another letter, signed by some Philly fascist who denounced our program, but wouldn't institute one, because the program was sponsored and conducted by some 'Militant Group' (?).

Meanwhile, in South Philly, 4th & Washington Sts., we were dealing with petitions of the people's support of the Free Breakfast Program, when the place where we intended to host the program reacted with a notice to the people, which was a religious rejection, but by larger content, political. All too many times has the

church given Black people useless metaphysical salvation, with no food, in addition to oppressive politics. The church and this decadent capitalist system go hand in hand, like holy water and hydrogen bombs. In this instance, the Emmanuel Lutheran Church exercised religious and political domination over the needs of the people of 4th and Washington Sts..

John R. Cochran, is the pig pastor who saw fit to say 'no' to the people's needs. He has yet to fulfill them by his religious ranting about fire and brimstone. Not having a good, hot, nourishing diet takes you all too close to that hot place anyway.

This pastor says:  
"The Black Panther Party claims

to be Marxist-Leninist in its teachings, we are not."

Right On, you claim to be Christian, we are not. It was you: same Christ who said, when I was hungry, you fed me, when I was naked you clothed me, when I was without home, you took me in. These cats to whom Christ was talking to said, when did we do this? Christ said, even as you do these among the least, you do this to me. And then Christ made a clear line of demarcation, between the did-ers and the preachers. The cats that put their theory into practice, the did-ers went to the pearly Gates, the bulls---ers, the preachers, the pigs, went to that other place. -you dig?

Panthers feeding kids, who are

you feeding, except the overweight pig power structure with your misinformation and your tax exemptions?

Panthers as of the 20th of October, are clothing people, who are you' clothing, except for the hypocritical lying pig power structure in Babylon?

You have defined your position. We have defined ours. We have constructed a clear line of demarcation, not too far different from the one your Christ defined. And we are the DO-ERS.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
SEIZE THE TIME

West Cook

## LUTHERANS SERVE "AMERICA" PANTHERS SERVE THE PEOPLE

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1001 South Fourth Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF  
JESUS CHRIST

TO: All Persons who signed Petitions

From: Pastor Cochran

RE: Free Breakfast Program

Sometime in the past month you signed a petition circulated by the Black Panther Party, Philadelphia branch, to have the Free Breakfast Program instituted in our neighborhood. The petitions were presented to the Church Council of Emanuel Church last evening, together with an explanation of the program and a proposal from the Black Panther Party that the program be instituted at Emanuel Church. The petitions bore 171 signatures of residents, though five were from 12th Street or west of Broad Street. Eight residents of the community and three members

presented the proposal to the council (governing board of the church).

Since you signed the petition we feel you should be informed of the council's action and the reasons for it. After lengthy discussions the Church Council voted to explore the need for a Breakfast Program in the neighborhood more carefully, but to reject sponsorship of such a program by the Black Panther Party in our building.

Frankly, you must help us determine the need for such a program. How many children in our neighborhood get no breakfast? Why? Is it a lack of money or lack of responsibility on the part of parents? Should a Breakfast Program be instituted in the elementary schools of our neighborhood? We invite your response in more specific terms than a signature of a petition.

The council decided that Emanuel Church should not be linked to the Black Panther Party either in the Breakfast Program

or in the Black Panther Party. We are concerned and action for the legitimate needs of this community many times over. The Black Panther Party claims to be Marxist-Leninist in its teachings, we are not. (Marx was the first modern communist, Lenin the leader of the Russian communist revolution and first premier of the Soviet Union). While we are vitally concerned for the growth of Black power and self-determination we remain also committed to the integration of all elements of American society, Black and White, rich and poor, management and labor. The Black Panthers stand for something else and we cannot stand with them.

We invite your response to our thinking and our action—either verbally to one of the pastors or by telephone to the office (DE6-1444, 9:30 to 12:00 a.m. every weekday).

## Breakfast Vote Wins!

The New Haven Branch of the Black Panther Party started the John Huggins Memorial Free Breakfast Program on Oct. 8, 1969. The first day it rained hard and 28 children came. In the 10 days since, attendance has climbed steadily to over 75 children per day. The enthusiastic response of the people to the Free Breakfast Program has also been shown by the many parents and teenagers who attend the Program to help serve the children.

The Breakfast Program is located at the Newhallville Teen Lounge, 176 Shelton Ave. From 7:00 to 8:30 a.m., children walk or are directed to the Program for a hot nourishing breakfast. When the Program first started, it was sup-

posed to be temporary. On Tuesday night, Oct. 14, there was a community meeting to decide whether or not to let the Program remain at the Lounge. Over 100 people from all around the city came to the meeting to speak about their concerns for the Breakfast Program. The vote of the area's residents, 56-22 was an indication of how successful the Breakfast Program was after only one week of operation!

The New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party will be expanding the Breakfast Program to other locations very soon because of the great response of the people to their first one.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

## Panthers Conduct People's Program

The Philadelphia Branch of the Black Panther Party started its Free Clothing for Children Program on the 19th of October, at Columbia and Crosky Sts., at 2:00 p.m. We served the people. Pig preachers and pig captains

for these buffoons. The people have neither the time or patience for these clowns.

The Black Panther Party must move to meet all the basic needs and desires of the people, and apply it practically.



TRUE SYMBOLS OF FASCISM

# The White Hunter

Hello syphilitic baboons, the White Hunter is on his way to win himself 3 trophies in Oakland. There is no trace of nigger achievements throughout history, they live in and off white man's culture and enjoy themselves. Niggers hate niggers. White slavery built this nation, nigger slavery

picked cotton and cleaned toilets and increased crime throughout the country 400%. Haiti is a prime example of black power. Brainpower is not inbred in the inferior races, mainly the baboonish race. Baboon your time is short, get smart and drop out of sight, get with the program work and support

yourself. You have 10 days to grab a lunch bucket and find a job. White Hunter is on his way. (And in excellent hunting shape.) Run baby run, make it interesting for me!

Bwana

# GREAT WHITE HUNTERS EVERYWHERE, U.S.A.

Huey, Bobby, Eldridge, and all of the Panthers at large: This is to tell you, that if we catch any Panther on the street they must die. We are going on the defense, and we will kill any Panther on sight. The normal Black people of the community will survive if they keep peace. We believe in them getting their rights,

it's yours we won't give up. You are the worst group of godd--ed motherf---ing c--k s---ing, son-of-a-b---ing b---rds that ever crawled. You know what you boys are, you're p---les, each and every one of you except the hags you call women, (they're di--s). You have nothing but homosexuals and lesbians in

your so-called gang. Without them knives and guns, if you weren't so Black you'd be yellow. So, to close this note remember:

White is wonderful-Black (as in Panthers) is b---ey.

Co-Presidents  
Great White Hunters

# WHITE BROTHER

Dear Brothers,

I'm a white, but want to join the Panthers. I personally know many more like me that believe in what you are doing. I'm not like those others from Boston who can't see what's happening. This fascist system is engulfing both my Black and white brothers, but both are too blind to see it. The

eyes and know what is happening. They're fighting for what they believe in, not like a lot of fat as-ed Whites, who sit around watching the country die. The pigs control everything and no one can do anything about it but you. Too many of my brothers have been brutally attacked by the pigs. It's

Please print this statement so that all the whites in the country know that a white wants to join the Panthers. Maybe more will open their eyes.

POWER TO ALL PEOPLE!  
White Brother

# NEWSMAN CHALLENGES PIG ON LIE DETECTOR

I challenge detective James Tobin to take a lie detector test with me to settle whether I am a liar or he is a liar.

Detective Tobin testified in Federal court Tuesday that when he was arresting Jerry Rubin, one of the defendants in the "Conspiracy 8" trial, "I turned around and there was Jack Mobley.

"He was yelling at the top of his voice, 'Leave that man alone.'"

I saw the arrest. I didn't open my mouth.

Rubin was walking west on Washington street, turning onto Dearborn, at 10:30 the night of Aug. 28, 1968. The bloody rioting in the Loop had just been brought under control.

I was alone in my radio car, heading toward the office. As I reached the corner, an unmarked car with four policemen skidded to a stop beside Rubin. Three men jumped out.

One of them called, "Come on, Jerry, we want you! Any time you're on the street there's trouble." The three men grabbed Rubin and squashed him to the sidewalk. They didn't hit him.

The girl with Rubin screamed, "We haven't done anything! We were just walking." One policeman took her arm and shouted, "You want to come too?"

Rubin was hustled into the car.

I had pulled over to the curb, got out, and was standing in the street, about 15 feet away, watching. I didn't say a word or move until one policeman in a white shirt noticed me as he got into his car. "That's Jerry Rubin," he said. "Yeah, I know," I answered. The police car sped off.

The girl was still on the corner screaming. I returned to my car and drove to the office.

That is what happened. There were few other people on the street, no disorder, no noise or shouting in which Detective Tobin could have

confused my voice. The girl's screams were distinctive and could not have been mistaken for my voice.

Why would he gratuitously throw in testimony like this? There are a couple of possible reasons. One is he charged Rubin with resisting arrest. Rubin is a little man, and he resisted arrest the way a fly resists getting swatted.

It was a phony charge, and Tobin knows it, and he knows I know it.

Secondly, I criticized the arrest in this column with these words:

"I have heard Rubin speak, and he was obscene and revolting. In America a man may be arrested for obscenity or revolution. But Rubin was grabbed off the street and rushed to jail because of what he thinks.

This is not the beginning of the police state, it is the police state."

By swearing that I tried to interfere in an arrest situation, Detective Tobin is trying to dirty me. He dares do this because I was alone. They only witnesses were his three fellow policemen.

I have covered police for 30 years in Chicago. I am not stupid enough to interfere with an arrest on a dark street, when four policemen are arresting one revolutionist. I will give \$100 to the Police Officers Defense fund to anyone who has ever heard me raise my voice on the street in any riot or disorder or arrest situation.

I was shaken to my roots when I read this testimony. Not that the policeman is going to hurt me, but that a man in his position could badly tell such a story.

I can fight back, and I will. But how about the poor guy sitting in a courtroom whose freedom depends on the honesty of a Detective Tobin? It's the poor mope's word against the policeman's. If Tobin lied about what I said, how is it possible to believe his testimony about what Rubin and Rendie Davis and the other defendants said?

Tobin doesn't have a patay this time. I want to take a lie detector test and I challenge him to take one.

I will swear under oath I did not say "Leave that man alone" or anything like it. I ask that the other three policemen swear under oath what I said or did not say, and then we all five go under the lie detector.

NOTE: Jack Mobley is a columnist for, Chicago Today

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# The Pen Or The Sword

The Black press has always been a great weapon in the Black Americans' fight for liberty, equality and freedom.

The Black press has been, and remains, one of the main instruments for strengthening the bonds between Black people in their fight against slavery, racism and oppression.

The Black press has analyzed, interpreted problems facing Black Americans and mobilized the Black community to act in its legitimate interest.

Opponents of Black freedom and equality have always sought to blunt the Black liberation struggle by either censoring or destroying the Black press.

Frederick Douglass, the abolitionist, faced great problems in establishing and maintaining his newspaper, "The North Star". Even William Lloyd Garrison, the White abolitionist, did not want Douglass to have his own newspaper.

After the Civil War, when lynchings were rampant in America, the Black press fearlessly exposed these barbarous practices. For her role in exposing lynchings, Ida Wells Barnett was driven from her home in Memphis, Tenn., and her

During World War I, the Crisis, then edited by W.E.B. DuBois, was investigated by the American government and its mailing rights restricted because it led the fight for Black liberation.

The Chicago Defender, founded by Robert Abbott, an ex-slave, for years was prohibited from being freely circulated in many Southern cities and states because it fearlessly championed the cause of Black equality.

After World War II, Paul Robeson founded a newspaper, "Freedom", to inform Black Americans about the connection between their struggle in America and Africa. Robenson's newspaper, like Paul himself, was persecuted and eventually driven out of business.

Here in California, the oldest and best known news paper in the West, The California Eagle, was harassed and driven out of business after the editor of the paper, Charlotta A. Bass joined the Progressive Party and ran for Vice President of the U.S. in 1952 with Vincent Hallinan.

The Black Panther Press is being prosecuted as all good Black newspapers have been for leading the liberation struggle.

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