NEW YORK YOUTH ORGANIZATION DEMONSTRATES AGAINST FASCISM

FREE THE NEW YORK PANTHER 21

The arrest of 21 members of the New York Chapter of the Black Panther Party for "conspiracy" signals a growing government repression of the movement in this country. All of us in all segments of the movement must recognize the consequent necessity of working together and supporting one another. The more the left is fragmented, the more easily these fragments can be isolated and destroyed.

On April 3rd, the 21 Panther members were arrested and charged with conspiring to blow up a number of department stores, 15,000 Sulphur in the Bronx Botanical Gardens, and a police station, as well as possession of dangerous weapons and explosives. The arrests were conducted in the early morning hours by squads of armed policemen. The emotional strains of the arrests caused the premature birth of the child of Curtis and Lena Powell (Powell was one of the 21 arrested). The child lived three days. This event was not considered news fit to print by the media.

The absurd nature of the charges against the 21 clearly indicate the intent of the arrests to destroy the Panther Party and create a lynch-mob atmosphere in order to discredit the Panthers in the community. By their efforts to create a revolutionary movement in the black community and to turn the black struggle into a struggle against capitalism as well as racism, the Panthers represent a significant danger to the establishment. To charge the Panthers with "conspiracy" to blow up department stores -- an act which would only hurt working people, not the power structure -- can only be seen as an attempt to destroy the Panthers as D. A. Hogan said, "We have made significant dents in the Panther leadership."

These latest arrests are an extension of a continuous pattern of arrests and harassment of the Black Panther Party. In the past 6 months 60 criminal charges have been brought against New York Panthers, but NO CONVICTIONS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. The pattern followed in each case has been the setting of extraordinarily high bail followed by a number of pre-trial motions requested to postpone (which served to keep the accused in jail and away from the people) and eventual dismissal of charges.

The 21 are being held in $100,000 bail each, a total of $2.1 million dollars. The movement has not yet been able to raise this sum, and petitions to reduce bail have been denied. The 21 are still in deplorable conditions and are being held in various houses of detention in all five boroughs of New York City. The conditions are extremely difficult for their attorneys to confer with them and of course impossible to confer with them all at one time. The high-level attorneys coupled with the character being placed in the way of defense attorneys, William Kunstler and Harry Leroutier, in effect deny the 21 any due process and exercise pre-trial detention. It must be borne in mind that the Panthers are in prison and thus in danger.

DISTORTIONS IN THE PRESS

The morning edition of the New York Daily News following the arrest carried the headline "SMASH PANTHER BOMBER PLOT." Subsequent articles in New York labeled the Panthers to bombs from Cuba and China. FBI staff members found that the only information in the Times was whether FBI financed the Panthers. On April 7, a bomb exploded at Goldblatt Brothers Department Store in Chicago. A New York Times story prominently headlined the bombing. Possible Panther work and conspiracies expanded to an epidemic to these supposed bombs. The information needed to understand the events occurring around them; understanding vital to the future of movement goals. THE MOVEMENT RESPONSE

All radical groups realize the necessity of showing solidarity with the Panthers. Demonstrations took place outside of the Criminal Courts Building during arraignment and bail hearings for the Panthers. These street actions did not have the same by the radical movement at this latest act of repression, but they also illustrated some of the more crucial differences between white and black movements. To go into the streets, marching in a circle before police barricades, separated from and protected from (by the people watching, chanting the Panther 21" and "Off the Pig") and conducting a rally consisting mostly of cathartic songs expressing anger is to go into the black streets in the black man's terms, that they wanted to, the police whom we so bravely called "pig" could have determined us.

Street actions do have a purpose and function points necessary and worthwhile. The purpose of street action in this case was to demonstrate solidarity and to educate people. True -- we showed our support for the Panthers, but we also pointed out the sort of demonstrations the City of New York will allow these conducted behind barricades and under police surveillance. We must also ask ourselves how we assessed in the eyes of our Panther brothers shouting "Off the Pig!" from the relative safety of our white stodgy, middle class stance and protecting police barricades and lines.

For more important than appearance, though, is effectiveness. At this point Peace and Freedom and the white radical movement in general has failed to attack the Panthers in two concrete ways: raising ransom and mounting a propaganda campaign against the biological and distortions of the media. The Panthers are currently attempting to raise bail for the 21. As long as they are in prison their very lives as well as their freedom are threatened. The movement is not in a position at this time to raise them by any means other than posting ransom -- we must raise that ransom and also be willing to accept the possibility of forfeiting that bail money.

In a propaganda campaign we must expose the true nature of the law as instrument of repression, counter the distortion and deception of the media, and prepare others for the coming of further repression. Rather than bold castrating rallies after such demonstration at the Criminal Courts Building, emphasis should be placed on leafleting and on speeches telling the people what was going on at the Criminal Courts Building. Movement people demonstrate, police on the line and passersby should have heard something more than shouts of "FUCK THE PIG!"
I am writing this note in hopes that it will inspire at least one of those paper Panthers to get out into the community and do the work of the people.

During my incarceration, I have found that there is a great need for the sisters and brothers to know the true meaning of “Power To The People”. Very few of our young brothers and sisters have ever read the ten point program. They are unfamiliar with the Party’s purpose. We are looked upon as an all black gang dedicated to destruction. When the brothers in Oakland sat down and put the ten points together that was what they had in mind. We must educate the community to the correct purpose of the Black Panther Party.

The Party is dedicated to seeing that the needs of the people are met. We will do whatever the people deem necessary to attain these basic needs. We will go to jail, we will be murdered, we will be prosecuted and most of all we will live for the people. We are responsible always to the people. Every action must be understood by the masses. I no longer have any secrets, for my desire are my people’s. I have no time, because my time belongs to the people. You see, everything belongs to the people. If you find it hard to put into practice, then you have no place in the Vanguard. Everyone is not expected to be able to carry the load, but then the rewards are great. The load must be carried whether you do it or not. You must review the three choices you have.

I love my people and because of this love the seventy years that I am facing seems a small price to pay. Land, bread, education, housing, clothing, justice and peace are our goals. Solidarity in the struggle.

Alleet O. Baker

NEW YORK PANTHERS AT COURT HOUSE TO SUPPORT 21

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SISTER DELORES PATTERSON BUSTED WITH 21 WORKED WITH THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM
FASCIST PIGS MURDER MAN FRAME CONNECTICUT PANTHERS

On April 2, 1969, 21 members of the Black Panther Party were vamped on by all the "law enforcement" agencies of the racist U.S. Government and indicted for "conspiracy" to blow up department store, railroad tracks and the Botanical Gardens. Law enforcement agencies representing the CIA, FBI and state and local pigs staged coordinated assaults on the homes of more than 50 Panthers in the New York City area. We do not blow up factories because our own people and other oppressed people work for us, we are here to serve the needs and demands of the people.

On May 7, 1969, Riverside Church received a phone call stating that if the demanded "Black Manifesto" were not delivered, the church would be blown up and that the anonymous caller was from the Black Panther Party. This is even more ridiculous than our blowing up department stores and the Botanical Gardens. We do not blow up churches, we need FREE BREAKFAST TO CHILDREN IN churches and community centers all across the country. The Black Panther Party is not competing against the people. It is capitalist in nature. The pig power structure, who exploit and murder oppressed people everywhere, all over this planet, are the real conspirators. Tricky Dick Nixon is arch imperialist Rockefeller, stuck on legislation and the rest of the pig power structure are engaged in a conspiracy to annihilate the Black Panther Party in particular and black people in general. The imperialist U.S. Government in making blatant attacks on the Party all across the nation. Our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton was denied bail pending his appeal. Chairman Bobby Seale was indicted along with the "Chicago 8" for conspiracy to incite to riot (the riot had been going on for two days before he came to town) during the Democratic Convention. Pigs shot up our San Francisco Headquarters with M-16s and other automatic weapons. The same mad dogs are responsible for the bombing of the Panther Headquarters in Denver. The fascist government and all their pig lackeys are bent on destroying the leadership and organization of the Black Panther Party.

The misguided body of Brother Ali Ailakley was found in Middlefield, Connecticut and 6 Panthers from our New Haven Office were indicted for "conspiracy to commit murder" and are being held without bail, which is a direct violation of their constitutional rights. Among those arrested was Erik Englund, the wife of Englund, who was murdered along with Alphonse "Shucky" Carter by hoodlums associated with the Harlem branch of the Ku Klux Klan. The racist news media, dictating the official line of the fascist pig power structure stated, "That Buckley was no longer a trusted member of the organization." This is a naked lie. Brother Ali was a member in good standing in the Harlem branch of the Black Panther Party and all Panthers know that cooperation and force are permissible when dealing with the enemy, but absolutely impermissible in dealing with comrades or friends. (Page 15 Red Book) Brother Ali was murdered by the pigs and now 8 Panthers have been hanged to trump up charges and are being held captive without bail in New Haven, Connecticut. The murder of Brother Ali and the arrest of the Connecticut 8, is the latest in a series of vicious attacks against the Party by the pig power structure that has escalated in the last six months. The racist news media continued to throw the official line of their superiors stating that "there is a direct link between the murder and the arrest of the Panther 8." Of course there is! The same pigs that murdered Brother Ali are the same pigs that conspired to frame the Panther 8 and are still conspiring to annihilate the Black Panther Party throughout the nation. The pigs are putting more crap into their "conspiracy game" and are trying to deceive the masses of the people.

The truth is that one of our brothers has been murdered by pigs, and that 8 Panthers have been framed for murder among their comrades. Aside from the bullshit and lies that are printed in the news media, 13 Panthers are still being held in jail with bail of $100,000 each and the oppressive fascist courts have refused to lower the ransom (bail). When our Chief of Staff, David Hilliard, came east to post bond for one of the incarcerated brothers, not one bonafide in New York City would touch the case because the notorious bondees were ordered by pig U.S. Jago not to write a bond for any of the busted Panthers, on the threat of losing their licenses.

If the U.S. monopoly capitalist groups (Tricky Dick Nixon, Paul Rockefeller, Standard Oil, Dupont, etc.) persist in pushing their policies of aggression and war (exploiting and murdering third world people everywhere) then it is our duty to stand up and stop the oppression and murder of the people.

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NEW YORK STATE CHAPTER

LETTERS FROM JAIL

May 15, 1969

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

To The Cadre

Sitting here in the clutches of our People's enemies, my mind is constantly seeking further guidance to the brothers and sisters who are waging the struggle against these exploitive racist dogs. The racist manifestations of this system of exploitation and paternalism have had all semblance of racial justice aside and are blanketing us mortally. We must learn from this, and defeat our people and ourselves. We must educate all the people to the ways of these attacks, and how they are programmed into our exploitation and misery. We can only do this if we work unselfishly with a correct attitude with the people. The pigs are off into exterminating the people in the black and white communities who are willing to stand up, and stop their exploitation. We must make the price of hypocrisy and racism, by organizing the people and by words, crime and with our actions.

These punks have taken us uptight, but you have the people, who are like unforged steel, needing only to be molded into a sword of their own liberation. Therefore each Brother and Sister must make themselves into blacksmiths and not manufacture and hesitate for our very liberation depends on how well you do the job.

Well I haven't much else to say except to say, that goes for everybody, and all of you looked good in Court especially the Speaker. Give my regards to the Brother Google, and long live the People's struggle!

With that I'll sign off, write sometime and let me know what's going down.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE

POWER TO THE VANGUARD

Richard Moore

P.S. Read Page 15 Red Book (bottom of page) P.P.S. OFF THE PIG!