



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 tulips 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 stress 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 escalation of a continuous pattern of arrests and harassment of the Black Panther Party. In the past ten 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 exorbitantly high bail followed by a number of prosecutions requested postponements (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 grand 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 detention and are being held in various Houses of Detention in all five boroughs of New York City. Thus it is extremely difficult for their attorneys to confer with them and of course impossible to confer with them all at one time. The high bail-amount coupled with the obstacles being placed in the way of defense attorneys William Kunstler and Jerry Lefcourt in effect deny the 21 any due process and exercise preventative 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 bust carried the headline SMASH PANTHER BOMB PLOT. Subsequent articles in New York linked the Panthers to funds from Cuba and China; PFP staff members found that the only information interesting the Times was whether PFP financed the Panthers. On

April 7th a bomb exploded in Goldblatt Brothers Department store in Chicago. A New York Times story prominently headlined the bombing a possible Panther work and compared the explosives to those supposedly found by the police arresting the 21. A week later, a 40 year old white marine veteran surrendered to police after a shootout in which two policemen were killed and confessed to the Goldblatt bombing. This admission was given nowhere near the prominent coverage the original accusations against the Panthers for this incident had received.

During the course of various court hearings Defense Attorney Kunstler has made a number of statements critically important to movement activists. His statements have either gone unreported by the non movement media or been distorted or reported out of context. Attorney Kunstler has compared the frame-up of his clients to the Reichstag fire frame-ups perpetrated by the Nazis in the late thirties, and has refused to delete from affidavits statements made by the 21 that they are victims of a police conspiracy. For the statements he has made and his refusal to delete his clients' statements, Kunstler has been threatened with contempt of court charges by trial judge Marks.

Liberation News Service has accused the media of careful and conscious deception regarding the politics and program of the Black Panther Party. "There are no reports through the bourgeois press that the Panthers have said, 'we want land, bread, housing, education, justice, and peace', that the Panthers have a ten point political program: that they are working for

implementation of that program; that they are establishing free breakfast programs for school children...that they do this so that people may see a concrete act of socialism." Media ignoring and distortion of news denies people the information needed to understand the events occurring around them; understanding vital to the furtherance 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 point out the anger felt 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 behind police barricades, separated from (and protected from?) the people watching, chanting "Free the Panther 21" and "Off the Pigs" and conducting a rally consisting mostly of cathartic slogan shouting is to go into the Man's streets in the Man's terms. Had they wanted to, the police whom we so bravely called "pig" could have exterminated us.

Street actions do have a purpose and are at various 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: those conducted behind barricades and under police surveillance. We must also ask ourselves how we appeared in the

eyes of our Panther brothers shouting "Off the Pigs" from the relative safety of our white skins, middle class status and protecting police barricades and lines.

Far more important than appearance, though, is effectiveness. At this point Peace and Freedom and the white radical movement in general can assist the Panthers in two concrete ways: raising ransom and mounting our own propaganda campaign against the deceptions 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 free 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 an instrument of repression, counter the distortion and deception of the media, and prepare others for the coming of further repression. Rather than hold cathartic rallies after each demonstration at the Criminal Courts Building, emphasis should be placed on leafleting and on speeches telling the people what was going on in the Criminal Courts Building. Movement people demonstration, police on the line and passersby should have heard something more than shouts of "Fuck the Pigs".

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BAIL MONEY NEEDED FOR THE  
PANTHER 21: send to  
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**BLOOD TO THE HORSES BROW  
AND WOE  
TO THOSE WHO CANNOT SWIM**

## LETTERS FROM JAIL

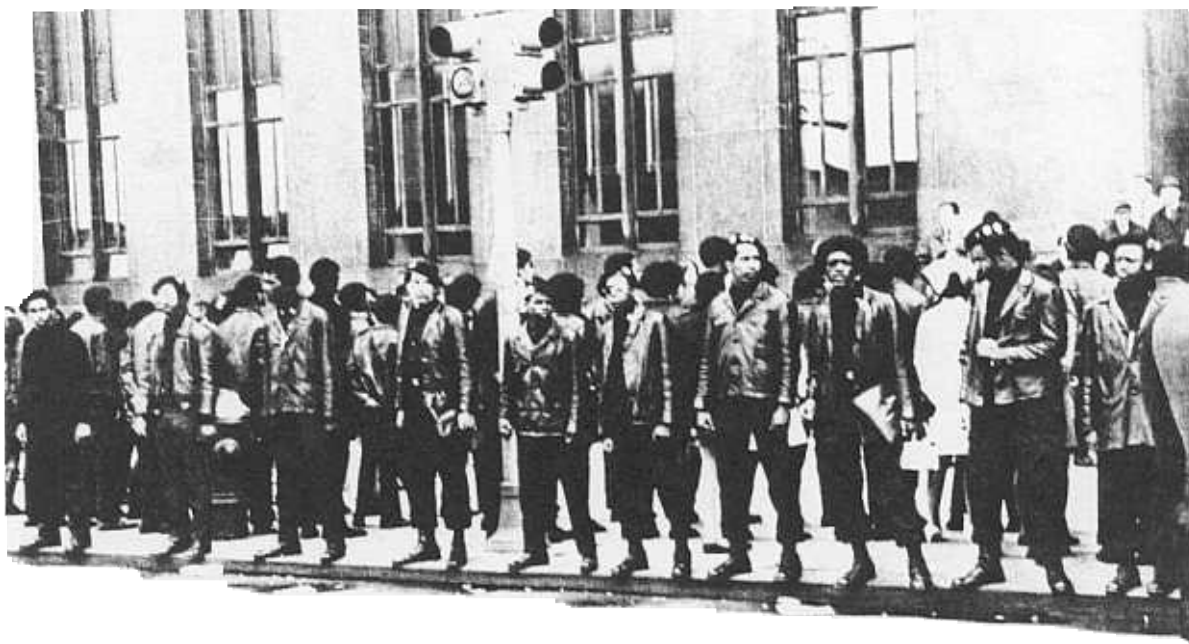
I am writing this note in hopes that it will inspire at least one of those paper Panthers to get out into the community and do the work of the people.

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 is not 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 wants, for my desires 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 (for it is without a doubt a heavy 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 these are my goals. Solidarity in the Struggle, Afeni O, Shakur



**NEW YORK PANTHERS AT COURT HOUSE TO SUPPORT 21**

**FREE THE  
N.Y. 21  
BAIL MONEY  
NEEDED**

**SEND TO  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
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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 stores, railroad tracks and the Botanical Gardens. Law enforcement lunatics representing the CIA, FBI and state and local pigs staged coordinated assaults on the homes of more than 30 Panthers in the New York City Area. We do not blow up facilities where our own people and other oppressed people work, for 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 demands of the "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 feed FREE BREAKFAST TO CHILDREN in churches and community centers all across the country. The Black Panther Party is not conspiring against the people. The capitalistic lunatics of the pig power

structure, who exploit and murder oppressed people everyday all over this planet, are the real conspirators. Tricky Dick Nixon, arch imperialist Rockefeller, slick Lindsay 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 is 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 two days before he came to town) during the Democratic Convention. Pigs shot up our San Francisco Headquarters with M-16's and other automatic weapons. The same mad dogs are responsible for the bombing of the Panther Headquarters in Des Moines. The fascist government and all their pig lackeys are bent on destroying the leadership and organization of the Black Panther Party.

The mutilated body of Brother Alix Rackley was found in Middletown, Connecticut and 8 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 Erika Huggins, the wife of Jong Huggins, who was murdered along with Al-Prentice "Bunchy" Carter by bald headed zombies from Ron Karenga's US organization (The Kungwengatangs).

The racist news media, dictating the official party line of the fascist

pig power structure stated, "that Rackley was no longer a trusted member of the organization". This is a naked lie. Brother Alix was a member in good standing in the Harlem Branch of the Black Panther Party and all Panthers know that compulsion and force are permissible when dealing with the enemy, but absolutely impermissible in dealing with comrades or friends. (Page 151 Red Book) Brother Alix was murdered by the pigs and now 8 Panthers have been framed on trumped up charges and are being held captive without bail in New Haven, Connecticut. The murder of Brother Alix and the bust of the "Connecticut 8" is the latest of 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 link the official line of their superiors stating that "there is a direct link between the murder and the arrest of the Panther 21". Of course there is! The same pigs that murdered Brother Alix, are the same pigs that conspired to frame the Panther 21 and are still conspiring to annihilate the Black Panther Party throughout the nation. The pig is putting more crap into his "conspiracy game" and is trying to deceive the masses of the people.

The truth of the matter is that one of our brothers has been murdered by pigs and 8 Panthers have been framed for murdering one of their comrades. Aside from all the bulls--t 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 bondsman in New York City would touch the case because the avaricious bondsmen were ordered by pig D.A. Hogan not to write a bond for any of the busted Panthers, on the threat of losing their licenses.

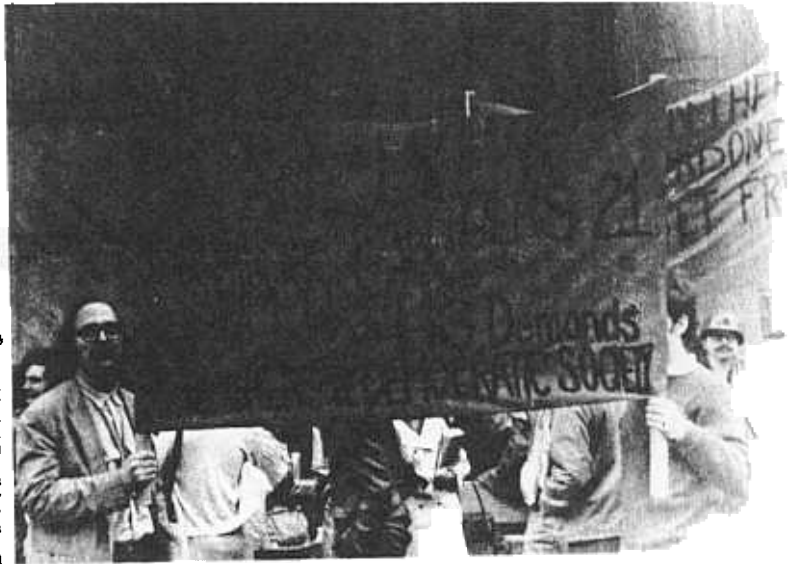
If the U.S. monopoly capitalist groups (Tricky Dick Nixon, Filthy rich Rockefeller, Standard Oil, Dupont, etc.) persist in pushing their policies of aggression and war (exploiting and murdering third world people everyday all over this planet) the day is bound to come when they will be hung by the whole world. The same fate awaits the accomplices (black capitalist, cultural nationalist and all the other buffoons who perpetrate this dying system, etc.) of the United States. (Page 79 Red Book). People of the world unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!

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ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE

PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

New York State Chapter  
Black Panther Party



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## 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 to offer some guidance to the brothers and sisters who are waging the struggle against these exploitive racist dogs.

The racist manipulation of this system of exploitation and computerized Slavery have cast all semblance of racist justice aside and are attacking us madly. We must learn from this, and defend our people and ourselves. We must educate all the people to the why's of these attacks, and how they are programmed into their own exploitation and misery. We can only do this if we work unceasingly 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 them pay the price of hypocrisy and racism, by organizing the people not by words alone, but with our actions.

These punks here have us uptight, but you have the people, who are like reformed 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 vacillate and hesitate for our very liberation depends on how well you do the job.

Well I haven't much else to say except be cool - that goes for everybody, and all of you looked good in Court (especially the Sisters). Give my regards to the Brother Roogie, 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  
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

Richard Moore  
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P.S. Read Page 131 Red Book (bottom of page)  
P.P.S. OFF THE PIG!

