

Black Panther cen resist eviction in c

Not a Chapter, declares chairman

by Boyd Lewis

An information center for the Black Panther Party in West Atlanta is threatened with eviction this week by Q. V. Williamson Realty on behalf of the owner who claims she was tricked into renting the property.

The owner, listed in Fulton County property field-books as Annie L. Merritts, rented the top right section of the two-story building at 14-20 Ashby St. NW as a residence, Williamson said Monday afternoon. But the owner now feels the Black Panther information center is being used as a business.

Williamson said he had been told to serve notice of eviction Dec. 1 (Tuesday).

Monday night, staff of the center were prepared to resist a police attack on the building but are now going to take the order to dispossess to the courts.

Tuesday came and went but no eviction notice was served.

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"Attorney Howard Moore will represent us in court against Q. V.," said the chairman of the Panther cen-

the chairman, Tim Hayes. "We are not authorized to give out memberships." He said there has been good community response to political education classes and film showings at the center Wednesday and Sunday nights at 7:30.

Hayes said it is "a rule of revolutionary law to have the masses of people behind you before you act" and that informing people of the goals of the Black Panther Party as they drop by the center is their mission in Atlanta for the present.

"The Black Panther Party is recognized as the only movement of liberation in America by the third world liberation movements in North Vietnam, North Korea, Algeria, Mozambique, Egypt and the Sudan," he said.

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system of Socialism that distributes equally the wealth and production among the people."

Hayes said the "pig power structure" is defined as "that which controls production and distribution of goods. While it is dominated by whites, black exploiters or 'lackeys' also feed off the masses, he explained.

Older civil rights organizations like the NAACP, CORE, and SCLC are "are a joke," he continued, "in-

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Hijackers Panthers, Crew Says

By NICK TAYLOR
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Delta's skyjacked jetliner crew returned from a harrowing 12,000 mile journey Wednesday night and reported that their marijuana-smoking captors—who had held them at gunpoint for almost 18 hours—described themselves as "black revolutionaries."

The gunmen, in a "flippancy, more relaxed, gay mood" while smoking marijuana, warned the crew at one point that they "were the pawns in this game and would be the first that had to go if anything went wrong."

Capt. William Harold May of Miami said the skyjackers told him they were members of "a Black Panther group" and "black revolutionaries" who wanted to go to Algeria because "this is where their brothers were."

The FBI said Wednesday that one of the suspected skyjackers is a convicted murderer.

May said the skyjackers told him they wanted self-exiled Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver to meet them in Algeria. The captain said he made the request by radio to the American Embassy in Algiers, but received no reply.

While the six other members of the flight crew—two flight officers and four stewardesses—sat around him at a microphone-laden table at Delta headquarters here, May said two men among the skyjackers smoked marijuana "continuously."

The FBI, meanwhile, has filed federal complaints against three men and two women in connection with the skyjacking, in which Delta paid the largest ransom in the history of the aerial holdups—\$1 million.

The U.S. State department was reported negotiating with the Algerian government for return of the ransom money, which was asked when the plane landed in Algiers.

Named in the complaints are George Brown, also known as Harold Singleton and Harry Singleton, 28; Melvin McNair, 23; George Edward Wright, alias Larry Darnell Burgess, 29; Jean Carol Allen McNair, 21; and Joyce Telferson Burgess, 21, all of Detroit. Two small children accompanied the skyjackers.

They are charged with the federal crime

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of air piracy in the Monday hijacking. Bond, if the Algerian government turns the suspects over to the United States, was recommended at \$1 million each.

The Delta crew and an international navigator, picked up for the trans-Atlantic flight in Boston, touched down at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport at 5:29 p.m. Wednesday. They had come from Barcelona, Spain, where they had rested after leaving Algeria.

Crew members were greeted by Delta officials and a host of FBI men, who talked to them for some 15 minutes on the four-engine DC-8 jetliner before hustling them off for some two hours of debriefing.

Crew members included May, first officer Darl L. Henderson of Miami, second officer Ralph R. Kubal of Miami, and stewardesses Leanne Arnfield of Dearborn, Mich., Janyce J. Mays of Atlanta, Shirley Ann Morgan of College Park and Sherry Ross of Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Mays, according to the aircraft's captain, was the only member of the flight crew who received a direct threat from the air pirates.

Capt. May said one of the skyjackers cocked a pistol and pointed it at the 22-year-old stewardess while the plane was on the ground in Miami. He said the skyjackers carried three pistols.

"It was touch and go on the ground in Miami," May said. It was not until after the plane left Miami on the first leg of the forced flight to Algeria that crew members began to feel their lives were not in danger, May said.

He said the skyjackers took over the plane over Savannah after leaving Detroit on a non-stop flight to Miami Monday morning. He told the press conference he noticed a stewardess talking to one of the skyjackers and when he asked her for a cup of coffee, the skyjacker "turned around with a gun."

The plane landed in Miami, discharged passengers and took off again for Boston and a navigator for the overseas flight. According to a Delta spokesman, the plane landed in Algiers at 3:19 a.m. Tuesday.

Crew

skyjackers. Delta officials in Detroit followed FAA security requirements prior to the skyjacked flight's departure, and questioned some of the skyjackers, but did not search them, the FAA reported.

Leo W. Conroy, a special agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office, said that two of the black suspects were wanted on other federal complaints.

Wright and Brown are charged in Aug. 26, 1970, complaints filed in Atlantic City,

N.J., with unlawful flight to avoid confinement after their escape from the New Jersey State Prison at Levensburg.

Wright was sentenced to 15-20 years on Feb. 15, 1963, at Freehold, N.J., for the murder of a service station attendant. Brown was serving a three-to-five year sentence for armed robbery.

The penalty for air piracy carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in prison.

May said the plane was "surrounded by Algerian militia" when it landed in Algiers, apparently because there were suspicions that U.S. sky marshals were aboard the flight.

During the flight, according to May, the skyjackers engaged the crew in "some cordial conversation." But at one point, crew members were told they "were the pawns in this game and would be the first that had to go if anything went wrong," May said.

At least one of the skyjackers stayed in the cockpit at all times, according to May.

The captain said there was disagreement among the hijackers at one point over how much ransom they would accept, and that one of the group wanted to accept a \$500,000 ransom.

While members of the media, Delta officials, Federal Aviation Administration and FBI agents waited for the plane to arrive in Atlanta on a non-stop return flight from Barcelona, relatives of at least three crew members also waited.

Mrs. C. M. Ross Jr., the mother of the stewardess, said she "lost all track of time" waiting for the plane to return after she first learned of the skyjacking Monday from Delta officials.

The husband of stewardess Morgan said, "We constantly expected something like this to happen. I hope they hang every one of them."

Miss Mays' sister, Mrs. Pat Meyer of Macon, said they had often "teased each other about the possibility of hijacking, but that 'there was never any worry.'"

The FAA, meanwhile, announced Tuesday night new regulations aimed at quelling airline hijackings. FAA administrator John H. Shaffer said any airline passengers meeting behavioral profiles for hijackers would be subject to mandatory search, either by magnetometer or personality. All carry-on baggage will also be searched, Shaffer said.

Before the \$1 million Monday skyjacking, searches were not required of persons falling into behavioral patterns for

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Extradited,

Discusses Campaign Issues

By B. NORWOOD CHANEY
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Atlanta Black Panther leader Ron Carter, 24, turned himself over to county authorities here last Monday to face extradition to New Jersey where he is charged with violating the state firearms act, a charge stemming from 1972 when he and two other companions were arrested enroute to the Washington, D.C. African Liberation Day rally in May. He stands the possibility of being out of circulation for a considerable length of time. Before turning himself over to the authorities, however, Carter discussed the problems in the Black community, as he saw them, and offered some insight on the current political campaign.

The basic problem in Atlanta, Carter said, and in the country as a whole is that everything is done in the interest of profit and not in the interest of the people. This led him almost directly into a discussion of politics and the political process. Most of the political candidates here are running to gain some personal goal and not for some benefit to the people, he said.

The political process, which for many years was outside of the Black Panther's program, is now seen as very basic. "Political struggle is very important because without it, people don't know what



Ron Carter

they are fighting for," Carter said. Our people must gain a high political maturity and learn to scrutinize the candidate -- his platform and his program, not his personality and his looks. Of the two Black mayoral candidates he says Maynard's not talking about any issues and Leroy is very detrimental and uses as an example his proposals for annexation. Johnson has proposed annexing a big area of land north of the Chattahoochee which Carter says neither the Black community or the white community want but that Johnson says it because businessmen and the white political power structure see it as their

all of whom are re-election. Dr. Benja-
dleton is running, Dr. Benjamin being challenged by large seat by Sanford Lewis, who is opposed by challengers --
ling, Walker B. Julia Marks. In other race contests Black contestants Herman L. Ro Mrs. Carolyn C.

The two schools representing Atlanta are contesting candidates. In addition, Mrs. universally the most effective member sent board, is proposed for one at-large seats. V bent Mrs. Ann being challenged at-large seat by man, Mrs. Ina ly, the First District being contested Arter, white, and Fred C. Bennett garet R. Griggs.

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best interest of diluting the Black power base. "I'd vote for Maynard," Carter concludes, "but I'd have to stay on his case."

The old aldermen, Carter said, with few exceptions are corrupt. That is why, he explained, that at the key time when Black aldermen could have gotten rid of Chief Inman, they failed to act, because Inman has dossiers on all of them and would have exposed them. The Panthers Carter said, supported Ald. Ira Jackson's right not to be harassed earlier this year, but they felt he was just as corrupt as the next one.

Carter looks upon the political process as being part of our redemption at the present time and said that Atlanta is one of three cities that the Panthers are considering running candidates for public in. He used Bobby Seale as an example of a political candidate who had the concerns of the people before him and not personal profit. Unlike our mayoral candidates, Seale, he said, had specific programs that he planned to incorporate for the people -- like setting up health care clinics every three miles or so to insure the people of getting good medical attention and a program to see that every child had enough to eat before he faced school every day. Blacks with few exceptions in Atlanta enter the political race to make money and because it has now become some

then you have an individual like Sgt. Graham, who did an outstanding job, be detailed to the jail house for speaking out about Chief Inman."

If at all possible, white people would like to riddown town of all low income people, Carter said. The increased foot patrol have been placed downtown to try and intimidate Black people out of that area, he explained. White people in general have a great fear of Black people and they want everybody except professional people from downtown so that it will be safe to walk the streets. The police also realise the value of an area like Broad Street where almost all Black people who are riding buses have to pass through in order to transfer, Carter said. It is an ideal place for one to get his political ideology across and this is why the police moved on him and the Black Muslims selling their papers, he said.

Of his present case, Carter says that people usually extradited for bad demeanor and his case at this particular time just be a scheme to get him out of circulation at the time. Carter was extradited June 24 in East Orange, N.J. on a charge of extradition. Lawyers here fought the extradition until he got good legal counsel in New Jersey. He has been successful in securing the release of a civil rights lawyer decided last Monday. He turned himself over to court officials to await extradition to New Jersey.

He was picked up last week by New Jersey. The VOICE learned that. He says he plans to fight the charge by attempting to prove that although in interstate commerce, he was still under the jurisdiction of Georgia where carrying a gun in a car is legal.

