

CLOSING ALL COMMITTEES



COMRADE RUCHELL MAGEE

Because we know that the power structure's agencies, the pigs themselves, will use any tactic within their grasp to maintain oppression of Black and other poor people; because they will, therefore, make any and every attempt to destroy any strike for freedom; because they will particularly attempt to divide our forces, in order to maintain their hold over us to crush our united effort to fight for freedom; because of all this, it should come as no surprise that there are some who will exploit, for personal gain, the righteous, revolutionary struggle of the People for total liberation. There are those, even in our ranks, who will give out false information about our struggle, to confuse us. There are those, even in our ranks, who will engage in money-making ventures, in the name of our comrades who have given outstanding service to the People.

Some people do these things with honest and sincere intentions, to get out information about our struggle. However, to avoid confusion on this issue, in the case of Brother Ruchell Magee, he has issued the statement below, for all the People to read:

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO SURVIVE

CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE
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and respecting our dignity as human beings. When we said we were Black and beautiful, all we meant was that we're human beings. We're not niggers; we're not colored; we're not negroes; we're human beings...Black people are saying I'm Black, I'm Black and proud. You just mean that you're basically a human being.

We started off this unity with those Brothers, Malcolm and Martin. We started off this unity by first getting a basic consciousness, that said we are human beings. We have a right to survive and live. That was the beginning of our unity. All well and good. All beautiful. Yes, we started. Even ten years ago, Huey and I used to be in a group, trying to get Black people to understand that we are human beings, Black and proud. We found out one thing, we can come around and we can say we're Black and proud, and they can put "Mod Squad" on T.V., with a brother and his beautiful natural, and he's the police: Mind yourself, and you can do all that. But the Party is trying to point out one basic thing: While we are Black and beautiful, a hungry child is not so beautiful when he's got rickets and a swollen stomach; a dead George Jackson is not so beautiful, if he's slaughtered by a racist pig; the agony of Sister Angela Davis, through being incarcerated and locked-up in isolation, isn't so beautiful. All the brothers and sisters that are hungry, the people living in the wretched conditions, their wretched conditions aren't so beautiful. All I'm saying, Brothers and Sisters, is that we have to move on up to a step higher.

We all know we're Black and beautiful. That was our first step in unity. Now we have to get down to survival. We have to get down to organization.

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- 1.) Please take notice that, Ruchell Magee, DEMAND "ALL" SO CALL Ruchell DEFENSE Committees BE CLOSED immediately.
This means "ALL" CALIFORNIA STATE AND OTHER STATES, COMMITTEES CLOSED.
- 2.) REQUESTING THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION "NOT" TO DONATE NOR CONTRIBUTE ANY FUNDS TO Committees, GROUPS, LAWYERS OR ORGANIZATIONS IN Ruchell Magee's Name.
- 3.) ANY ORGANIZATION, GROUP OR Committee using my name FUNDS following this ANNOUNCEMENT is, operating a FRAUD game "SWINDLING" the PEOPLE out of U.S. MONIES, A Felony.

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We have to get down to implementation of the organization in the community, implementation of the survival in the community. We have a right to survive, and we have to understand how we survive. Let's not even talk about the gun. Don't talk about your gun to me so abstractly. I'm saying that the gun is only used in a particular situation at a particular time. Let me tell you something, Brothers and Sisters. Let me tell you something. I'm saying, we're saying and you're saying that we need some preventative medical care and attention throughout our community. So, I cannot take a .357 magnum and nail the guns into the walls of the examining room of the medical clinic, can I? I have to have a hammer, right? All we're saying is that we've got the right to have the guns to defend our right to pick up that hammer to nail up that wall to get that medical attention. (Applause)

We say we want free medical care and attention, and we say we want to put up medical clinics; but, not only medical clinics, we want to put the mobile units down in the community; leaflet 10 square blocks and let all the people know that the mobile unit is going to be there for the next few days; knock on the doors of my mother, my sister, my brother, and say come on down, I don't care if you just have a little cut in the hand, you know, it might get infected, and it might have to get amputated. Let's straighten it out. Take a physical. You need some vitamins, aspirins for a cold, anything you need, some surgery, we've got some doctors here; mobile units every 10 square blocks, until we make sure everybody in the Black community has got preventative medical care and attention.

It's a little different from the police and the power structure. They're talking about how we need more hospitals.



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They're talking about how we need more hospitals and talking some jive about some budget for this and some budget for that, to get more hospitals. We're talking about the preventative medical care and attention, PREVENTATIVE, to keep you out of the hospital. That's the point. (Applause)

Our politics is different, the politics that is related to our survival, the politics that is related to our desires and needs. All we're saying is that we started eliminating the disease of Black people, Sickle Cell Anemia. It stands as one of the Survival Programs, with free testing going on; and, we're beginning to implement, with one of the oldest Black doctors in this country, Dr. Roland Scott, a Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation... You know what the power structure did, they began eliminating tuberculosis, cancer and anything related to white people. When it came down to Sickle Cell Anemia, they weren't

interested. But we're interested, aren't we? We talking about survival, aren't we? We're going to implement testing and researching sickle cell anemia, the very foundation, the very building, to begin to eliminate this disease. We're going to implement the free medical clinics throughout the community. We're going to implement the free clothing factory; we've already set up in Chicago, and are getting ready to set up one in every chapter and branch. I'm talking about some NEW clothes; I'm not talking about hand-me-downs. (Applause) I'm talking about some boots, I'm talking about some jackets. I'm talking about some dresses and some clothes. I'm talking about no more of that hand-me-down stuff. I'm talking about a building, an institution that produces FREE clothes, FREE shoes, FREE food, FREE everything that we can institute and institutionalize in this community, our community, that we control and we run.

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We're saying, Power Structure, you start jiving and send the police down here, talking about attacking and arresting our programs; arresting the food; talking about arresting our new clothes; talking about arresting our medical clinic; you've been trying to arrest our offices of the Black Panther Party for the last five years, and that's all we were trying to do was set all this up; you're going to try to arrest all this, well, Man, I'm just sorry, we're going to have to defend our survival programs to the gills, even if we have to pick up guns. (Applause) Then, we will have become unified around the programs that SERVE us.

That's why today we brought the thousands of bags of groceries, I mean, there are some sisters and brothers in this audience that can remember, back in the 30's, when some lying politician promised a "chicken in every pot". We're not just talking. We're talking about putting that chicken in every pot; and if necessary, we'll have a free pot program to cook the chickens. (Applause) If a racist policeman and the power structure want to arrest our pots, then we've got a right to defend our right to cook that chicken and eat it. (Applause)

If revolutionaries or so-called revolutionaries are talking about anything else, I don't know what they are talking about. I mean, they used to recite poems: "I'm Black and I'm beautiful, and I'm Black and I'm proud, Oh, the days and nights of being Black and oppressed." The poor people are saying: well, that's not feeding me; I like the poem, Brother, and I understand the oppression, because I experienced it. But, where are the clothes? Where are our new institutions? Where is the new people's power in the Black community, where we control the institutions? This is what we're talking about. If we have to defend something with guns, and I say we have a right to defend the right to live, we have a right to survive, and if you don't have a right to survive, if you don't understand that right to survive, then we're already dead.



"I want that sister to say, 'Lord, them police is chasing that boy there. Come on in here and hide in here, boy!'"

We're being killed off daily. They're talking about killing Black Panther Party members. What about all the Black people killed before us and still being killed? We're no different from you; we're the same. (Applause) We've come out into the community with the people, one-in-one with the people, the same. I've seen my mama scrub the kitchens of "Miss Ann" for years, and I'm tired of it. She doesn't do it



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any more; she had to have an operation. She did it for 30 years. She did it 30 years, and raised us. Sure, I've got some trades; sure, I can go over there to the Gemini Missile Plant and work on the latest parts for building rockets going to the moon. I can do all of that...I'm a machinist, and an air-craft sheet metal mechanic, that can work on the best of their jet aircraft. I'm not going to let my skill go over there, for them to take away from me, to make some bombs to go bomb some people across the water, for the same people that're bombing the people across the water are killing

and murdering us, and starving us and oppressing us right here in this country. (Applause)

At the same time, in this country, you have what you'd call the employed person, the unemployed person, and, many of us down here on the bottom of the economic ladder are called the unemployable, you dig. They used to talk about employed and unemployed. Well, we are re-categorizing the whole situation. We are in the position of being the unemployable. They've got so much automation, and so much technology, and so much wealth in this country, in the hands of racist, capitalist exploiters, putting us out of jobs as fast as they can produce; the more and more objects they produce, the more they produce, seems as though the prices get higher. The Servant, Brother Huey P. Newton, went all the way to China, and do you know what he found out? The more the Chinese people produce over there, the prices get cheaper. I said wait a minute, man. I remember my mama talking about when bread was 5¢ a loaf. Now they've got all kinds of automated operations to produce bread and all other kinds of goods, in such fast, speeded-up operations. Something's wrong. Bread is awfully high. That becomes a part of why we're unemployed. However, not only are you unemployed, you become unemployable, because the automation, because the technology is still in the hands of the oppressor. So all we're saying, lumpen brothers (lumpen means unemployable) is that we have to begin to institutionalize factories in our community, that we control, to produce the goods we need to survive. That's where we're coming from.

We're saying, to the power structure, if you come down here shooting at these sewing machines, you come down here shooting at this free medicine, you come down here shooting at this food - I'm talking about bringing into this town, and every other town and Black community, big diesel truck loads of food, shoes, what have you - you come down here shooting at it, pig power structure, we're not backing up. You know what I'm talking about. Remember the last time, when you jumped on that Black mother in Watts, in 1965, and your whole town got torn down? (Applause) So, if we have 5,000 bags of groceries, and you jump on 5,000 bags of groceries, well that's just like jumping on 5,000 Black, hungry people, who are mad, tired, sick and tired of being sick and tired. (Applause) Young brothers and young sisters, you've got the energy; the brothers in the colleges who are working hard to put these programs together, you've got the fervor, you've got the ability to have the insight.

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Let me tell you something. You start bringing these groceries home, you start bringing that free clothing and those free shoes home, it will be just like way back in 1965, when a little boy would come running home and arrive with a big box of stuff, and the mama would say, "Boy, you are going to get hurt; but give me that food here, Come on over here; you're going to get hurt, you better stay off of those streets." Well, this time it's just a little more organized, on a higher level... You say: Mama, daddy, I'm working down here at the Free Clothing Factory; I donate 5, 10, 11 hours a week, that's all. I'm still getting my education, but we're producing in the thousands; we're getting a hold on the technology. I mean, it can be done, even through the few books Huey and I have published, with the little money that comes in from them. The next thing we're getting ready to implement is that we're getting a big mill machine, a big mill machine that makes sheets, spreads, pillow cases, blankets, towels, and everything. I'm talking about that modern, beautiful stuff you like. That's where we're coming from; we aren't talking about that junk. We aren't talking about that second hand stuff...

If somebody comes around here talking to you; you, young people, or the old people, about somebody has attacked our factory; attacked our medi-

cal clinics or something. Mama isn't going to be able to hold the young people. They're going to be down there. They're going to say, look, get on back. And, the so-called responsible leaders, you're going to have to get out in the middle of it too, right with the people. You'd better get a megaphone, or a microphone, or something, and get out into the middle of the street. And, as the police are coming down the street, you say, you'd better get away from here, from my free medical clinic; you'd better get away from here, from my free shoe program; you'd better get away from here, from my free clothing program; you'd better get away from here, from my free breakfast program; you'd better get away from here, from my Intercommunal Youth Institute; you'd better get away from here, from our free prison bussing program (bussing families to the prisons to visit those who are incarcerated); you'd better get away from all our free programs, because the people are going to defend, in a righteous people's, community, revolutionary style... We're defending something that is our right to have; we're defending something, because we are human beings, because we've got a right to survive; Nobody is going to give us on that.

We're not defrauding anybody. Our nails in the walls of the examining rooms of our clinics are real; the medicine, and even doctors who are

helping us out, are real; the clothing, and food in our stomachs, is real. In the future, we even have in mind a free and a co-operative housing program, in about 3 or 4 or 5 years from now, to start implementing. We want free housing. We want everything. We're saying that, in fact, when you start talking about "freedom must ring out in the land", and, "people must understand that we want freedom" (You've heard it a lot of times), we're talking about some real freedom. We're talking about some free food; some free, good new clothes; some free goods; some free basic institutions that we control in our community. That is real freedom. We've begun to implement freedom for what it really is.

We can talk in the abstract all the time; but, we don't want to talk in the abstract, when we want to relate to reality. Brothers and sisters, people, and human beings alike, let's run it down this way. Let's say it and understand it this way, that... we have to educate the people about the programs, so they can support them and unify around them; that when we have these basic survival programs in the community, we have to understand that when we're educating, and walking and talking about survival, that we also have to defend our right to have it. So, if the racist power structure comes down here, and he sees us implementing all these programs (let me tell you, we've got 15 programs now; we might have 20 at the end of the year; we might have 30 the next year), sooner or later they're going to try to stop it. It will be just like they've been trying to stop us in the past. We're saying this, that we've got a free breakfast program, we've got a free clothing program, we've got a free shoe program, we've got a free intercommunal youth institute, we've got the free food program, we've got the free plumbing and maintenance service, etc. All we're saying is that if the pig power structure comes down there attacking our programs, then what we're going to have to do is also implement one more free program. We might have to implement a free gun program, so we can shoot to survive! (Applause)

We're going to walk for survival. We're going to talk for survival. We're going to organize for survival. If necessary, in the future, you might, some of the older mothers and older people might register for survival. We're going to have to educate for survival. We're going to have to live for survival. We've got to implement for survival, and, as I said, we will, in fact, implement, where it's necessary, a free gun program, so we can shoot for survival! (Applause)

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!