

DALLAS CHAPTER DETAILS SUCCESS OF FREE PEST CONTROL PROGRAM

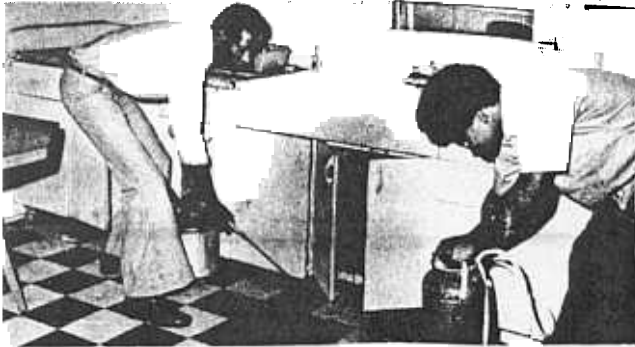
(Dallas, Texas) — In an October 15 report submitted to the Dallas Housing Authority Board (DHA)—a board of five people appointed by the city's mayor to coordinate all housing projects here—the Dallas Chapter of the Black Panther Party detailed the success of the pilot Pest Control Program in the West Dallas Housing Projects here.

The pilot program, sponsored by the Dallas Chapter and funded by the Housing Authority on August 20, succeeded in extermi-

nating George Loving Place (in West Dallas), an area composed of 10 buildings totaling 60 units.

The pilot program served as a means of determining the effectiveness of a proposed Pest Control Department planned by the DHA and prompted by the Party's Program to serve all housing projects in Dallas.

Prior to the funding of the pilot program, housing project managers had spread lies that they tried to exterminate in the past but could not get tenants to agree



Black Panther Party members CHARLES HILLMAN, JR. (left) and MICHAEL MOOREHEAD prepare to exterminate units in the West Dallas Housing Projects.

to permit their homes to be exterminated. However, the initiation of the pilot program has proven without question that any preconceived notions that the tenants would not cooperate with pest control exterminators, who are courteous and respect the tenants as human beings, are incorrect.

The Pest Extermination Pilot Project got off to a late start due to unwarranted complications from certain management personnel. These complications inhibited the effort from being handled as smoothly and as swiftly as it should have been.

In spite of this, 67 of the 68 units were successfully exterminated for rats and roaches.

An example of the urgency of the need to extend the Free Pest Extermination throughout the Black and poor communities of this city is the case of Sister Brenda Tatum, who resides at the Lida Village apartments in South Dallas. Brenda was asleep in her apartment on Wednesday night, October 2, when she was suddenly awakened by something clutching her leg. An impulsive kick resulted in her leg being

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