



DES MOINES BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN RALLY ATTACKED BY PIGS

Pig power structure shows its piggish nature: Des Moines Panthers and Community people viciously attacked at a rally: Purpose of the rally was to solicit support for the Panther Party and its programs; raise money and obtain volunteers' AND to correct mistaken ideas about the Party. Thus further politically educating the people.

On April 13, 1969, the Black Panther Party of Des Moines, held a "Free Breakfast for School Children" rally to solicit support of the people for the program and to receive some donations to further implement that program and other Community Programs. During the greater part of the rally we were constantly under surveillance by no more than one or two patrol cars. Toward the conclusion of the rally more pigs assembled in the parking area of Goode Park (approximately 12 to 15). During this time the sound equipment had been dismantled and was already in the process of being loaded into the car when the pigs in one-body ascended the hill and came over to us and told us to discontinue the use of the equipment because we did not have a permit to use it. Well, RIGHT ON! We told them that the equipment was being loaded and we weren't using the equipment -- so what was the problem? Charles Knox, Deputy Minister of Education, was then informed that he was under arrest. When he asked about the charges he was told he was being arrested for "inciting a riot". Watching the whole incident, most of the brothers and sisters came over to demand that Charles be freed because he was within his rights, which touched off a situation -- where the pigs began to sweat and stink, slobbering all over themselves trying to make contact with their nightsticks. At this point several people were arrested including Black Panthers (Mary Rhim and Steven Greene). Feeling the pain of injustices suffered there, the brothers moved off into University Avenue, the mainstream of the Black Community. Here more brothers and sisters were arrested, some beaten, and

know what happened because I myself was put on ice while inquiring at the Police Station about the bonds of those arrested-money was being obtained to get those Brothers and Sisters out of jail.

This pig action is certainly a part of the push to destroy Black Panther leadership across the country along with the indictment of Chairman Bobby Seale in Chicago and the arrests of the 21 Black Panthers in New York City. The pig power structure does not want the "Free Breakfast Program" to go on because this program exposes the system for what it really is. It does not want the Panthers to help the people -- it is also a move to discredit the characters of the brothers here in the Party. Example, Knox's trial starts Wednesday on a trumped up charge of Arson (in 2 county Mike Harris is on probation with his probation officer threatening to revoke his parole. The Black Community will not allow the pig power structure to rope off the Black Community into a concentration camp and intimidate the people any longer.

We believe that the pigs also bombed Soul Village (Black recreational center and meeting hall), or they are covering up for the hogs that did.

Now the end of it is this: That the people's right to assemble in a peaceful manner was totally violated. Their right of free speech was violated; and above all--their right to be treated as "human-beings" was violated, ignored and disregarded. How does talking about a "Free Breakfast Program" constitute inciting a riot? I just heard a statement issued by Pig-Urban (Mayor) about Brothers doing things in a violent manner. If anybody was inciting a riot -

home!!!

There's a lot of questions left unanswered. Maybe things will come to light at the trials of those arrested (April 29, 1969, at 1:30 p.m.). Maybe through the lies and trumped-up statements we will detect the falseness and insincerity. The Black Community is getting our machinery in tact to make a transition. Who do they think they scare??? All they have accomplished is to make the people of the community, especially the ones who saw the vicious pig action, more receptive to what we have to say. The people will never forget the scene of "pigs" holding Riot-Guns on the Panther headquarters Sunday - while they continued to harass the members of the Black Community. The day has come - and oppressed people all over the world are rising up against the oppressor - and - by any means necessary. The Black Panther Party recognizes this very vital fact: the support and spirit of the people is much - much greater than the pig power structure's technology. For in the final outcome -- it will be people who will change and make history, not systems of vicious - slobbering - muddle-headed pigs. The people will be victorious!!!

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FREE BOBBY SEALE "NOW"
FREE THE DES MOINES 3 "NOW"
FREE THE DES MOINES 14 "NOW"
FREE THE NEW YORK 21 "NOW"
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISON-

PIGS BOMB DES MOINES PANTHER HEADQUARTERS



Damage is inspected by Lt. Steve Green and deputy Min. of Ed. Charles Knox



Automobile caught up in rumble of blast

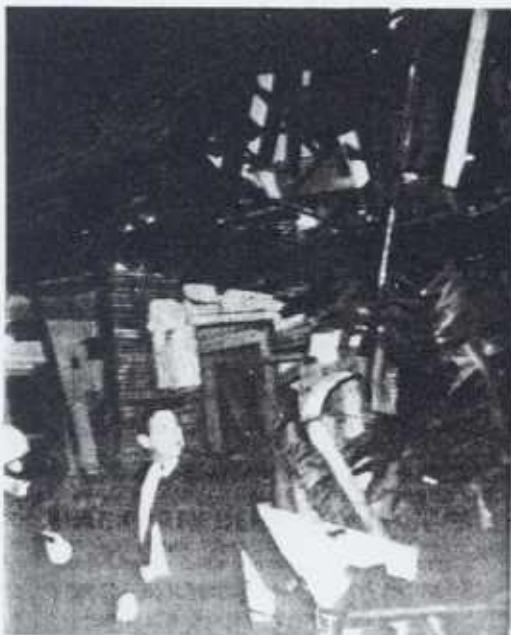
On Saturday, April 26, 1969, at 11:47 p.m. the Des Moines Black Panther headquarters, 1207 11th St. was unmercifully bombed by some faggoted "pigs" with intentions to kill all those present in the headquarters--another attempt to wipe out leadership of the Panther Party. Four Panthers and two Bro-thers "in training" were doing political work and study at the time of the blast. Those present were Charles Knox, Deputy Minister of Education, Lt. Steve Greene, head of Distribution, Lt. Mike, private, Bill Fowler, private, Clive DePatten, in training, and Johnson Hughes, in training. Brothers inside of quarters were shaken-up very badly and several cut with flying glass. 48 homes in the area were damaged to 30 seconds after the blast, aged in addition to three houses,

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the telephone still works. We have mimeograph machine and typewriter, so right on. We're not going anywhere. And if they want to come and finish the job, they can try it. The Panther in the jungle has been attacked by some arrogant need for unity. If it takes three pigs, therefore we're just not going to sit around moping about it. We held riot guns all night long, macing people who walked by on the sidewalk. They just cinked and highest humanity" (the Black Panther Party) The racist piggish m----- that we're up against, has made another effort to destroy, cripple or kill off the Black liberation move-

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After bombing Pigs inspect their work



Nasty by home damaged by blast



Des Moines Panthers holding planning session after blast



Neighbors auto destroyed with home



No Panthers were killed in blast



DES MOINES PIGS TRY TO HALT FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM THROUGH TERROR

The Des Moines Black Panther Party's headquarters was bombed on Sunday, April 27, at midnight. Extensive damage was done to the headquarters as well as to surrounding homes. Soul Village, a recreation center in the black community was bombed one month ago. The Panthers were attacked in Goodie Park two weeks ago while holding a rally to raise funds for the "Feed the School Children" Program.

The cops were around the house within 30 seconds after the bombing. They work actively in the community. One cop pulled a gun on unarmed Deputy Minister of Education, Charles Knox.

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The cops entered the headquarters and stole literature. They ransacked the headquarters in December trying to find incriminating evidence to connect Panther members with the Jewett Lumber Co. fire.

Three Panthers were arrested for "inciting a riot" and "unlawful assembly".

People from the community came to the defense of the Panthers and they were attacked and maced by the cops.

The Panthers have, in the last few months, faced constant harassment

and police terror. The ruling class (the people who own the banks, industries and land) and the cops, who carry out the bosses' laws to protect his wealth, are afraid of the Panthers. They are afraid because the Panthers are beginning to build a movement in Des Moines and are gaining support in their community.

The Panthers are educating Black people about their true history. They are filling the empty stomachs of school children, black and white, to carry out their 10-point program which would benefit all people.

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The ruling class makes large profits from the exploitation of black workers by paying them an average of \$3,000 less per year than white workers and by charging them 10% more for food, housing and clothing.

The Panthers are building a movement to put a stop to this exploitation of all working class people.

The Des Moines Peace & Freedom Club supports the just struggle of the Panther Party. We must reject the bosses' tool of racism. We will not be strong until we are united.



Des Moines Panthers determined to defend community

DES MOINES PANTHER BOMBING

The recent bombing of the Des Moines Headquarters of the Black Panther Party has been blamed by the police on dissident elements within the Party, Panthers, on the other hand, feel the police may have known more about the incident before it took place than they are admitting. "Fifteen seconds after the explosion, a pig was sitting on the front porch," one of them explained. "It usually takes them about an hour to get here."

The bomb, revealed by a Panther investigation (police have made no move to find out about the facts) to be CDT, a plastic explosive supposedly available only to military, police, and other guardians of Liberty, completely destroyed half of the house at 1207 11th Street which the Panthers had been using as their headquarters. The bathroom, kitchen, distribution and conference rooms were totally obliterated. Only four rooms are still in tact, and they are far from sturdy. If anyone had been in the back part of the house during the explosion, he would have been killed. Fortunately, the six people in the house were all at the front.

Damage also occurred to 48 other houses in a three-block area as a result of the explosion, but police were too busy roping off the area around the Panther headquarters, "investigating" the inside of the house, and confiscating literature, to be concerned with trying to find out if anyone in the neighborhood had been injured.

The only thing police seem to have been able to uncover in the course of their investigation was that the incident actually did occur.

Deputy Minister of Defense, Charles Smith explained that it shouldn't have been hard for police to discern that something was going on in the house on 11th Street. An empty lot in back of the house provides an excellent view from the fire station on the corner of 11th Street, where pigs on night duty often congregate. The explosion occurred at ten minutes to midnight on Saturday, April 22, at the same time a group of pigs were inside the rear area of the house before the explosion--yet the bomb-sitters could only have gained access to the area by way of 10th Street.

Because the bombing occurred in the middle of the night during a storm

Asked about dissent within the Party, which had been alluded to by the police as a possible motive for the action, Smith commented, "There's no dissent in the Party. That's a racist dog lie to try and cover up some hog actions." The general feeling is that either the pigs did the shit or are trying to cover it up because they can't or don't want to do anything about it.

There is no back wall to the four rooms which remain standing, no kitchen and bathroom facilities, and what remains of the house is now under constant pig surveillance. But Smith explained that the Panthers plan to stay at the present site. "When conditions become uncomfortable, that doesn't stop our political work---we still have our mimeograph machine, our telephone, and our typewriters. The breakfast program is in full swing."

Donations for the breakfast program, which provides a free meal for school children every morning, come in from Panthers and sympathizers as well as local stores. Two programs are running now, one at the Forest Avenue Baptist Church which is in full time operation, and one at Our Lady of Guadalupe on the south side of Des Moines, which runs three mornings a week, and will go into full swing as more children begin coming. From 7:30 to 1:00 children get fed every morning at the Forest Avenue project. Sisters from the community do the cooking; brothers set up the tables and serve the children. When school ends for the summer, the program will be altered to meet summer needs.

Asked about static within the Black community, Smith responded that it was slight, and comes mostly from individuals who don't understand what the Panthers are about. "A lot of negative reactions are due to personal slanders. People who don't understand our ways. They think we should 'respect police officers' and be 'more conservative'. They can't relate to the profanity in the parks. The pigs and the power structure



harass and murder Black people aren't hip to that--we're trying to educate them--that's what we're all about. For some, education comes through projects like the breakfast program; for others, though, it's the product of more direct experience. Standing in the rubble-choked backyard of the headquarters, Clive DePatten explained that during a recent rally for the Des Moines 14, he happened to be walking down a nearby sidewalk when he saw two pigs beating a girl up. He tried to help her and was severely beaten himself, taken to the station, and finally, after half an hour, was driven to the hospital where he received treatment for lacerations of the head. It was DePatten's second confrontation with the pigs and it swung him to the Panthers. "When it happens to you", he explained, "you begin to realize some things... when your head gets beaten. It doesn't seem possible the pigs could really do this. They help educate the Black community by their piggish actions."

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