

FREE FOOD ALL OVER MOTOWN!

1,500 COME OUT FOR DETROIT'S FIRST SURVIVAL DAY.

Within the last eight months, the Black Panther Party has given away over one hundred thousand full bags of groceries. Understanding the very fundamental need in the oppressed community for food, free food programs have been implemented by the various chapters and branches of the Black Panther Party throughout the country. This is only one of the many Survival Programs the Party has implemented to insure the survival of the people to the point of complete liberation.

On May 20, 1972, the Detroit Branch of the Black Panther Party also implemented a Survival Day, initiating the Free Food Program into the Jeffries Projects. Seven thousand oppressed people live in Jeffries Projects, a great portion of whom are "senior members" of the oppressed community. The overwhelming majority of the people who live in Jeffries are poor people, who are either living on low income, or welfare. Many of the people, especially the old, were in doubt as to whether not the Black Panther Party would actually distribute free food there, because they had already heard all the promises of relief, dating back to the 1930's, to Hoover with his "chicken in every pot". People are tired of empty promises and empty stomachs.

On that day, May 20th, when the people of Jeffries Projects actually saw the food, many of the lies about the Party, itself, began to be dispelled. Over fifteen hundred people came to receive the over one thousand bags of groceries, with a chicken in every bag, and participate in the ceremonies. One sister from the community, Mother Waddles, from Mother Waddles' Mission, which has provided food for hungry people for sixteen years, spoke to the masses concerning survival. Mother Waddles commented, "There's no difference between our programs, because we both are trying to stop the oppression of our people." Mother Waddles went on to stress the importance of the survival programs and the need to unify around them, to combat that very old "divide and conquer" tactic used by our oppressor. Following Mother Wad-



Many of the seven thousand people in Detroit's Jeffries Projects did not believe the food would be free. They had heard for years the promises of "a chicken in every pot".

dles, the masses were entertained by various musical groups: "The Sins of Satan"; "The Skies Unlimited"; "Sharon Hicks, the Psychedelic Sister, Plus One"; and others. All of the people's entertainment was donated by Brothers and Sisters, who only requested a bag of groceries. Comrade Lonnie Dee, of the Detroit Branch of the Black Panther Party, also spoke to the people about the survival programs sponsored by the Black Panther Party and of the necessity of registering to vote and voting for candidates who are true representatives of the broad masses of op-

pressed people. Many of the older people who were skeptical about the program stayed long after the food was distributed, just to testify as to how they felt about the significance of the program.

Once again the importance of unifying all oppressed people around our survival was demonstrated. It will be through this kind of unity that our complete liberation can be won.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

