

## **Southern California BPP Chapter Celebrates First an Anniversary**

**Over 500 people turned out to celebrate the first anniversary of the return of the Black Panther Party to Southern California. The event was held January 21.**

**Highlights of the festive Saturday were the distribution of over 300 bags of groceries and 130 toys and the commemoration of ninth anniversary of the assassinations of Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter and John Higgins. The two Party members were murdered on January 17, 1969 on the campus of the University of California as part of the FBI's COINTELPRO efforts to destroy the BPP.**

**The Winter Festival, which also included musical entertainment and poetry readings. Since the BPP chapter reopened on January 17, 1977, it has established numerous Survival programs, among them the Free Food Program, Seniors Against A Fearful Environment (SAFE) Program, Consumer Survival Program, Liberation School and Martial Arts Program.**