

# KEEP ON WALKING, KEEP ON TALKING

Since its inception in New Orleans, the Louisiana State Chapter of the Black Panther Party has been under constant attack by the racist state administration of Louisiana. Beginning in the early summer of 1970, when the first office was opened (at 2353 St. Thomas Street, rented from Black slumlord J.W. Stroughter, under the strings of the fascist owner Judge Bargert), there was a public conspiracy with Governor John McKeithen to evict the members of the Party, even after the rent had been paid in full. At that time pig McKeithen's exact words were, "They will not get a foothold in this community."

Since that time, the New Orleans Police Department has tried every means in and out of their law books to murder members of the Party and stop the People's Survival Programs. On September 15, 1970, they attempted to murder fourteen members of the Black Panther Party at the People's office on 3542 Piety Street. After many harassments in jail and attempted railroads in court, the murder attempt was proven unsuccessful, when a People's jury of ten Blacks and two whites voted a unanimous verdict of not guilty.

The New Orleans Police Department (N.O.P.D.) a few months after the September raid made another attempt to murder members of the Party, when they donned the robes of priests and a mallman in order to gain entrance to the office at 3315 Desire Parkway, on Thanksgiving morning, 1970. Again their murder attempt was unsuccessful. Five of the six members of the Party, who were the victims of that assault, are now on the street (pending a federal gun violation trial on January 23, 1972). The seventh comrade, Larry



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Jackson, who is facing extradition (to San Francisco to face trial on an old charge), is still being held pending the federal trial.

McKeithen and company have seen, through these examples, that the people will not allow them to use illegality and tricks to railroad members of the community. Therefore, they have changed their tactics. They (the N.O.P.D.) are trying now to eliminate members of the Black Panther Party, one by one. On December 30, 1971, eight or nine burly pigs beat and brutalized Comrade Harold Holmes, the Coordinator of the Louisiana State Chapter of the Black Panther Party, the main office of which is in New Orleans. Comrade Harold is a 5' 9", 135 pound Brother, yet nine of these low-natured, sadistic pigs beat Harold until he was unconscious.

For the past four weeks, com-

rades from the Chapter have been arrested on the streets daily, on a variety of trumped-up charges. Comrade Harold, in particular, has been recently arrested nearly every other day, on such charges as interfering with police arrests, resisting arrest, using obscene language, and even the unbelievable charge of assault on a police officer. After posting the high bond required for these charges, which were all put upon him after an arrest on December 28, 1971, Harold was again immediately arrested. Again he posted bond, for two other charges the pigs found, as he was walking out of the jailhouse. They "found" that he had missed two recent court appearances. This was very true. He was being held by them on the days he was supposed to appear in court. When he finally went to court, a Judge Bosetta dismissed the charges and the detachments for

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the missed court appearances. When Harold left the court to get his belongings from the jail's Central Lock-up, he was met and harassed by a racist pig, who decided Harold was not going anywhere. This oversized pig decided he would attack Comrade Harold. When Comrade Harold defended himself, the pig called his buddies, who rushed to his side to continue this attempted murder. Therefore, nine pigs in all joined in the beating. They kicked Harold about the head, face, groin and legs. Even though the pigs tried to beat Harold to death, they still were unable to count him among the broken men.

Among other wounds, Comrade Harold was believed to have had a fractured jaw bone. When he was taken to New Orleans' Charity Hospital, he was X-rayed. The X-ray confirmed that the Comrade's jaw bone had been broken. However, the hospital



*Nine burly pigs haven't stopped Harold from walking or talking and struggling to end oppression.*

personnel refused to give him an treatment. He was then taken to the Flint-Goodridge Hospital, where he was told there was no broken bone. His left eye, however, had been completely closed, his lips had been busted, his face was swollen and badly bruised, and he was bleeding from his ears. He was barely able to walk or talk.

Comrade Harold Holmes is, however, still walking, still talking and still struggling to bring an end to oppression. As they were unsuccessful in beating down Comrade Harold, they will be unsuccessful in beating down the idea and the action to gain total liberation.

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