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Residents Defend Panthers

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A large number of Desire Housing Project residents who live in the vicinity of Black Panther headquarters believe the Panthers were unjustly attacked by policemen.

Some say the Panthers were not guilty of the reported beating of two undercover black policemen.

Henry Jerome, a Panther member, said, "We found two pig infiltrators in our meeting. We held a trial with members of the committee. Our decision was to let the pigs go on their own and that the people would deal with them. And the people dealt with them. It was a decision of the people and not of any particular organization."

Jerome's statement was supported by 75 to 100 persons contacted in the area today. A crowd of at least 400 persons had taunted policemen since the Panthers moved their headquarters into the Desire area.

"Persons questioned in the crowd also charged that police moved on Panther headquarters without prior warning.

For at least an hour the crowd was chanting in unison calls like:

"I don't know, but this been said,

Pig Giarrusso shaould be dead."

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