

# A COMMON GRIEVANCE AND BASIC NEED FOR SURVIVAL: THE PEOPLE'S HOUSING CRIMES TRIAL

On Sunday, December 6, 1970, several hundred of the poor and oppressed masses in New York City met at Columbia University's Wollman Hall. The people came together because of a common grievance and basic need for survival—Housing.

The poor and oppressed masses in New York are forced to live in rat and roach infested housing. The collection and disposal is seldom if ever done, heat and hot water are rare, painting and upkeep of apartments is practically nonexistent, toxic lead paint is used. The youth of the oppressed die by the thousands every year as a result of lead poisoning, rabies, resulting from rat bites, and pneumonia caused by a lack of heat. This is what the masses who gathered at the People's Housing Crimes Trial had in common. As a means of educating thousands of other poor and oppressed people who have been the victims of indecent housing, the people sat for nine hours. For nine hours, the people testified to the fact that they no longer intend to allow the avaricious slumlords to take their hard earned money for services not rendered. The people spoke out against the deplorable conditions they are forced to live in and testified that they will no longer sit idly by while their children are dying because of inadequate and indecent housing conditions.

On December 3, 1970, Pig Mayor Lindsay and his accomplices in crimes, the avaricious pig slumlords, were served summons by the people to appear at the People's Housing Crimes Trial. Pig Lindsay and his lackeys did not show. Their absence educated the people to the fact that the people have no rights that the pig slumlords are bound to respect. By not showing, Lindsay clearly admitted to his guilt.

People from all over New York, testified about the degrading housing conditions they "exist" in. Pig laws were cited that allegedly make it a 'crime' for indecent housing to exist. By allowing unfit housing conditions to exist, the pigs are showing the people that they have no regard for their own laws, especially when the people look to them to receive some kind of "justice."

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lesane of the Bronx accused pig slumlord Fred Grill of attempted murder and the perpetration of mass genocide on the oppressed people. Mr. and Mrs. Lesane have been tenants of 1240 Woodycrest Avenue since September 1969 and since that time complaints have been made to slumlord Grill and to the pigs of the Building and Housing Department of New York concerning the falling paint, lack of heat, rats and inadequate elevator service. Yet no attempt was made to correct these violations, by Slumlord Grill or the pigs of the Building and Housing Department. On July 14, 1970, Mrs. Lesane rushed her 3-year old son, Gregory, to the hospital, "because he was sluggish." Tests were taken and it was discovered that Gregory had lead poisoning. Again Pig slumlord Grill was called and asked to do something about the lead paint. Again nothing was done. Mrs. Lesane then refused to pay rent to live under these illegal and indecent conditions. Expecting "justice" to be done, Mrs. Lesane went to court. In court she was

## CHARTER OF THE PEOPLE'S HOUSING COALITION

We the bodies of the peoples housing coalition do resolve in the name of land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace to exist for the purpose of meeting the basic needs of the people. Therefore, we do hereby establish an organization to be known as the people's housing coalition.

### PURPOSE WHAT WE WANT-WHAT WE BELIEVE.

1. We want decent housing, fit for the shelter of human beings, we believe every man, woman and

child on the face of this earth has an absolute right to the best housing technology can provide.

2. We want free breakfast programs.

3. We want free day care centers. We believe parents in oppressed communities should be able to leave their children under the best supervision, disciplined and educational to reveal the objective truths of our decadent communities under siege.

4. We want free Health clinics.

We believe oppressed people are entitled to the best medical attention that medical science has to offer.

5. We want freedom for all political prisoners.

We believe no slave is held accountable for wanting to be free.

6. We want complete implementation of the Black Panther Party Ten-Point Platform and Program and extensions thereof.

We believe compromise is death.

DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS!  
HOOT TO KILL!



Judges speaking at the housing trial.

told by pig Judge Scott (a bootlicking nigger) to pay her rent to the court. Knowing that the pig courts are working hand in glove with the pig slumlord and also realizing that the courts are just a collection bureau for the slumlords, Mrs. Lesane refused to pay her rent to the court. As a result of the sister's move to rectify the indecent housing, Mr. and Mrs. Lesane, along with several other tenants at 1240 have become victims of police harassment and brutality. Billy Lesane was arrested twice, in reality, for demanding decent housing, and for demanding that the conditions that cause lead poisoning in his son, be eradicated. As a result of the lead poisoning, Gregory, who is now 3 years old, has brain damage and is unable to talk.

At the present time, 15 tenants at 1240 Woodycrest Avenue are withholding rent which will be used to make the necessary repairs in the building. These tenants realize that only the people themselves have the power to eradicate the indecent housing conditions they are forced to live in.

Corky Lee, lives at 99 Madison Street in Chinatown, New York. Fifteen months ago representatives of the New York Telephone Company came to Madison Street and brought out three-fourths of the block that Corky lives on. Using their usual underhanded tactics, the pigs of the New York Telephone Company spread rumors that Chinese businessmen had brought the property for the purpose of building high rise middle income apartment buildings. The purpose of this

rumor was to use the usual divide and conquer method upon the people in the Madison Street community. These rumors caused the Italian and other ethnic and racial groups on Madison Street to verbally and physically attack the Chi-



Witnesses testify at Housing Crimes & Trial.

nese brothers and sisters. An investigation was made and the source of the rumors was disclosed to the people.

Overcrowding is another problem the people on Madison Street are faced with. In order to eliminate this, the tenants organized and liberated vacant apartments. The pigs of Bell Telephone, in order to take and hold the block of Madison Street, sent in lackeys to gut the apartments. Bathtubs, sinks and plumbing were ripped out and/or destroyed beyond use. Electrical wiring was ripped out and refrigerators were removed. All of this

of this fascist, racist and imperialists government and to put an end to indecent housing, mis-education, hunger, and all the many inhuman conditions within this empire. The people are saying that they have exhausted all legal means and are moving forth to control their own destinies - by any means necessary! Oppressed People's Justice is meted out in the streets!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Death to the Fascist Slumlords  
The People's Housing Coalition  
Bronx, New York

## WE WANT DECENT HOUSING FIT FOR HUMAN BEINGS



BARBARA HERRING A VICTIM OF N. Y. CITY'S APATHY.

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# SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE

In the olden days, human genius, the brain of man created only to give some of the benefits of technology in culture, and to deprive others of the bare necessities, education and development. From now on all the marvels of science and the gains of culture belong to the nation as a whole, and never again will man's brain and human genius be used for oppression and exploitation. The proletariat will perform this titanic historical feat, for in them lie dormant the great forces of revolution and renovation.

The spirit and the power of a united people can surmount any difficulties and smash injustice. It was the spirit and the will of the people in Corona-East Elmhurst standing side by side against a corrupt and racist government voicing their demands and taking a firm stand which gained them life saving devices (traffic lights) that the city government of New York had failed to provide. It is unfortunate that a young 17 year old sister named Barbara Herring had to be a victim of this automotive genocide before the people realized the necessity to organize their forces and voice their demands as a united community. They have now realized that the spirit of the people is greater than the man's technology. This sister lays in the hospital crippled but she is strong because she realizes that her loss was the peoples gain. And that wherever there is struggle there is sacrifice and death is a common

occurrence. And a slave who dies a natural death can't balance out the weight of two dead flies. It is because of unfortunate accidents such as this that the people join forces. But the people must understand the oppressor, the very person who is the cause of this accident is injuring and murdering people everyday. The people must bare in mind and unite around this and smash the exploitation and oppression that is starving their children and murdering their people. If we were to sit idly by and wait for such accidents to happen that happened to sister Barbara we will constantly be under the same conditions that we are subjected to today. Whether it effects you personally or not, you are still on the chopping block of capitalism, exploitation, and oppression. You can run but you cannot hide from this leech that sucks the life out of the bodies of man through his lying politicians and his greedy businessmen. **PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNITE AND DEFEAT THIS BEAST BEFORE HE DESTROYS ALL MANKIND WITH HIS GREED AND FASCIST MERCENARIES.**

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE, ORGANIZE, ORGANIZE, and defeat our one common enemy which is U.S. imperialism and U.S. fascism.** It is the people who are the motive forces of the making of world history and it is the people who will destroy this beast, this pig motherf---r who openly and

viciously attacks the people whom we love. The open attacks on the Black Panther Party clearly informs the people that they do not want an organization in existence that will serve the people meeting their basic needs and desires and educating the people to the systems bulls--t, their genocide, their oppression, and exploitation of the masses, the people who suffer under their fascist rule.

It is inevitable that this beast will be destroyed. Because the people will no longer tolerate this suffering. It is the history of mankind to constantly destroy and rebuild society when it no longer has the interest of the people at heart. And the government, this racist and decadent government is no longer serving the people, they are serving their own greedy needs and desires and deliberately allowing the people to suffer. So let's **ORGANIZE** and overthrow this racist and capitalist society that subjects us to so much misery and pain.

**SO DO SOMETHING NIGGER IF YOU ONLY SPIT!!!**

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS**

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## TO BLACK STUDENTS FROM MAINE TO FLORIDA

I would like to take this opportunity to talk to you about survival and the struggle. In the last four years the two words have become synonymous. Those who are on the front lines of the struggle find survival their primary concern. This is simultaneous with the intensification of pigs repression mirrored by open fascism and the growth of political knowledge and awareness.

When the reactionaries discover that you are not a windbag or an opportunist; that they can't pimp off you, they become puzzled; they refuse to concede that no matter what their tactics you will not melt in the pot. During my recent incarceration I had a lot of time to just sit and think about the polarization that exists between the peoples' warriors and the students of Babylon's racist schools. Since I have not been able to come up with a plausible excuse for that Afeni Shukur "allent" gap, I assume it can be eliminated.

There is no problem that supercedes the present task of Black people in America. Shall we unite on the issue of survival against the fascist pig repression? The Black Panther Party is on the firing line at 6 o'clock, but at 6:30 it will be the Black people. My faith lies in the youth for the struggle belongs to them, and they will win.

Solidarity in the Struggle Means Sharing in the Struggle

Afeni Shukur  
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Majcolm used to say we would

## TO THE SO CALLED REVOLUTIONARIES OF BABYLON

About two weeks ago, most White radicals (including the Patriot Party) were screaming that Eldridge Cleaver's, manifesto or press release, was racist. If you read it then you know that Eldridge said the same thing in 1970, that he said in 1968! The only new addition is that you so called 'White revolutionaries' have not kept up your end. Even now today, April 18, 1970, you're jiving, pimping something, but you're not waging revolution!

You have not delivered one political consequence to the execution of a humanitarian. And to further your laziness, your cowardice, you

Hillard and Emory Douglas to be kidnapped. There isn't enough fire power being heard or felt in Babylon. Demonstrations have got to be on an even-steven basis. You start demonstrating with .357's on your hips. There must not be any more N.Y. 21's.

I suggest you get your hands straightened up, cause the niggers on the street say that everybody gets what his hand calls for... WHAT DOES YOURS RATE?

SEIZE THE TIME  
Afeni Shukur  
Comm. Secretary N.Y. Chapter  
Black Panther Party

# "NIGGERS, GET IT TOGETHER NOW!"

Niggers get it together, the time has come for you to open your eyes and look all around you and see what the pigs are doing to you, your mothers, your fathers, your sisters and your brothers and all oppressed people in the streets of the so-call "ghettos".

It's a time you realize that by selling drugs to your brothers and sisters you are killing them and helping them to escape from reality--something we all must begin to understand and move on, is our common enemy, (THE PIGS THAT HELP PUT THE DRUGS IN OUR COMMUNITIES). The pigs know what they are doing and it appears to me that they are doing a good job of deceiving you. Yes, they are deceiving you because if they weren't, you wouldn't be on the streets pushing their drugs and making that fast money, while at the same time the lying poli-

tician is onking to the people that they are trying to get drugs out of our communities. Stop fighting and robbing each other and move on the real enemy, the pigs and the fascist system that occupies our communities like foreign troops, that exploit, oppress and perpetrate systematic genocide on Black people. These are the same racist dogs who have you nigger selling drugs, robbing your own people, selling your sisters' beautiful Black bodies, and in other ways co-opted you to hurt each other. This is only another trick of the "divide and conquer method" and when you have outlived your usefulness, he will move to eliminate you just like he has you doing to your own people.

I don't have to go into a lot of details, you know what I'm talking about and don't think for one moment I don't know because at one



time in my life I was a five old nigger, who sold drugs and robbed poor oppressed people, staying clean in my slick pants and bad knits and that other jive that make up a "slick walking and talking" nigger. So I know what's happening out there, but I stopped and I know you can, too. We'll you stop and take a close look at yourself and what you are doing to our people and I know you will see that your kind of life "doesn't balance out to two dead flies."

The masses of Black and oppressed people are moving on the slavemaster, the oppressor of our

people, so that we can all be free. Don't think for one moment that because the man is letting you earn a few quick dollars everyday that you can buy your freedom; you can't, not with blood money. You make a few hundred dollars oppressing your people, while he's making billions and (at the same time) offing niggers. Either you begin to take a stand for your people or they, with the help of the junkies you haven't killed already, will move on you, for they realize that you have gotten caught up in the man's capitalistic environment and are helping to oppress

them. The people know who their enemy is and anyone that helps him obtain his murderous goals is also considered an enemy. So niggers get it together, not in a month or in a year, we don't even have a day to wait for you, because this fascist, racist system is constantly seizing the time, SO WHY CAN'T YOU?

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**  
**FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS**

Lee Roper (N.Y. Panther 21)

# FROM NY 21 BLACK COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER BRONX NY -

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

In January, 1946 to February 1950, John M. Murtagh was Commissioner of Investigation of the City of New York. Miles F. McDonald, who was district attorney of Kings county filed a complaint against commissioner John Murtagh, before the 'Honorable' Samuels Leibowitz, a judge of the County Court of Kings (Brooklyn) County. In D.A. McDonald's complaint against Commissioner Murtagh, in pursuant to Title III of Part IV of the code of criminal procedure "upon information and belief, the respective sources and grounds for which are hereinafter set forth said defendant (John Murtagh) in and about and between the months of August 1946 and February 1950 in the County of Kings, committed the crimes of neglect of duty, as set forth in Section 1841 of the Penal Law, of omission of duty by public officer, (as set forth in Section 1857 of their penal law), and violation and evasion of a provision of law relating to his office and employment as set forth in Section 896 of the charter of the city of New York, in that said defendant (John Murtagh) willfully and unlawfully failed, neglected and omitted to report to the Mayor of the city of New York the results of an investigation, of and into the police department of the City of New York.

On or about the 26th day of August 1946, the Mayor of the City of New York ordered and directed the defendant as Commissioner of Investigation to institute and conduct an investigation into the police department in each borough of the city of New York and particularly into the plainclothes squads and superior and ranking officers who were charged by law with the duty of detecting and suppressing gambling and vice for the purpose of ascertaining and determining whether any squads or any members thereof or said officers had accepted or were accepting graft from gamblers and bookmakers and whether any of said squad members or officers thereof were corrupted, lax or grossly inefficient in the discharge of their official duties.

Commissioner Murtagh investigated the N.Y.C. police department from the Assistant Chief Inspector, to inspectors and other

high ranking officers in charge of various squads in police departments throughout the city of New York, in the latter part of September 1946, Commissioner Murtagh received reports from his own investigators that gross corruption in the police department existed. The reports said arrangements were made between bookmakers and police commissioners, plainclothes squads, the chief inspectors office, the borough plainclothes squads and the local division officers.

Bookmakers generally will make no attempt to operate unless they have assurances from all police units concerned that they will not be molested in connection with their bookmaking activities.

After extensive investigation commissioner Murtagh received vast information on the corruption within police divisions in Kings County. In numerous instances, reports to Mr. Murtagh which indicated laxity, gross inefficiency and incompetence in discharge of their duties by high ranking officers in charge of the various squads of the police department throughout the city of New York.

As Commissioner of Investigation, John Murtagh, committed numerous crimes of neglect of duty. On the 4th day of April 1951, Bandit Murtagh admitted his crime of not reporting to the Mayor the mass, morbid corruption within the police department, which was

Commissioner John Murtagh's lawful duty as Commissioner of Investigation. John Murtagh is a classic example of how pig technicalities and political 'bossism' function in the city (New York) as Commissioner of Investigation. John Murtagh was an important aspect of the corrupted political machinery of New York City. Brooklyn District Attorney Miles McDonald had enough evidence on John Murtagh for 10 years in prison for corruption of a public official. The political bosses of N.Y.C. knew that Murtagh had enough knowledge on other corrupted politicians to take more to Sing Sing with him. So the other politicians in N.Y.C. began conniving to stop prosecution in court of John Murtagh. On June 5, 1951, in Supreme Court, special term, Kings County

(Brooklyn) appellate Division Part I John Murtagh had a hearing on his criminal charges of neglect of public duty.

The decision of the hearing was that John Murtagh committed his crimes in the county of New York (Manhattan) and that Kings County Courts (Brooklyn) did not have the jurisdiction to prosecute him because the crime was committed in Manhattan. The case was dismissed against John Murtagh on

the 'old behind the scene' bosses of Tammany Hall, which is the Democratic machine of the N.Y.C. politicians, D.A. Frank Hogan knew how explosive it would be if he tried to persecute John Murtagh. So the Manhattan D.A.'s office never placed charges on Murtagh for his crimes as Commissioner of Investigations. Mysteriously, Manhattan political bossism put John Murtagh in the position of Chief Magistrate Judge of Man-

hattan. Murtagh's judgeship made him deeply indebted to D.A. Frank Hogan, because Hogan knew of Murtagh's criminal activities. Judge Murtagh became D.A. Frank Hogan's personal judge, so Hogan

is able to dictate to him on particular cases. In June 1969, D.A. Frank Hogan selected Judge Murtagh to preside over the Panther 21 case (of conspiracy) with Hogan's boy, John Murtagh, presiding over the Panther 21 case, D.A. Hogan (part of the Democratic machine of N.Y.) will be indirectly making all legal decisions in the courtroom.

Gerald B. Lefcourt realizes that Judge Murtagh was selected by D.A. Hogan to preside over the Panther 21 case. The tremendous influence of the D.A. is illustrated by the fact that any and all statements Assistant D.A. Phillip make in court are accepted by Judge Murtagh as fact. Some 50 motions before Judge Murtagh (including bail reduction motions) were arbitrarily denied.

Gerry Lefcourt filed a petition in behalf of the Panther 21 in the appellate division of the Supreme court to have Judge Murtagh removed from the case because the judge was personally selected by D.A. Hogan to preside over the case. And that Murtagh is biased, hostile and partial against the N.Y. Panther 21 and their Attorneys. D.A. Hogan has admitted he 'suggested' that Judge Murtagh preside over the case. The Appellate Division Court denied the petition, because 'Judge Murtagh is a fair judge in court.' The people must understand and remember that Supreme Court appellate division part I is the same court that on June 5, 1951, dismissed and invalidated John Murtagh's criminal charges of neglect and unlawfully failing to report corruption to the Mayor when Murtagh was Commissioner of Investigation of N.Y.C.

Bandit Judge Murtagh is truly educating the people about "JUST US" in the courts for oppressed people. The fascist Bandit Murtagh is clearly illustrating to Black people, that the question is not only trial by a jury of our peer group. But the Black Community must have courthouses in our communities with judges selected from the Black community, who are responsible to the Black Community.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!  
LUMUMBA ABDUL SHAKUR  
(N.Y. 21 ON TRIAL)



those grounds. According to regular procedures in a case like this, the Manhattan District Attorney, Frank Hogan, would immediately pursue a complaint against

On February 16, 1970, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Alfred Butler and Keith Saunders were walking together down the corridors of Mt. Vernon High School when out of nowhere a plainclothes policeman (pig) stepped in front of the brothers and snapped their pictures.

Alfred and Keith are not members of the Black Panther Party, but they relate very heavily to the principles, ideology, and programs of the Black Panther Party as so many brothers and sisters in the community do. Alfred and Keith are only two of our many community workers who spend most of their free time working for the Black Panther Party (the people's party) because they believe in "serving the people".

Mt. Vernon High School has borrowed two (2) pigs from the special "watch the Panther squad" to keep an eye on students who wish to bring about a change and make education relevant to the conditions in their community. These two pigs are walking school corridors and the grounds with pistols on their hips and walkie-talkies in their greasy hands. What can be more repressive than an occupying army inside of an already oppressive institution that miseducates? They (the pigs) are not there to protect the students their job is to see to it that nothing gets out of order... to see to it that nothing will change that the system of mis-education remains the same. They do not want the true nature of this decadent american society to be exposed for what it really is-- oppressive and exploitative.

That is why point #5 of our platform and program states that "We want an education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent american society. We want an education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present day society."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!  
POWER TO THE STUDENTS!  
EDDIE HULL  
MT. VERNON

### ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

"When the slaves of imperialism who live inside the houses of imperialism pick up guns against the oppressors to make common cause with the revolutionary peoples of the whole world, we know that the days of the imperialists are numbered."



# The question. Is there really justice in America?

## THE COURT SYSTEM VS RONALD MORRIS

Friday, April 18, 1970, Ronnie Morris was found guilty of 2nd degree robbery and 3rd degree assault. The trial lasted five days and with all the evidence by pig Abe Walton was masquerading as the 'victim of an unprovoked attack', Ronnie Morris was found guilty. Judge Dubin who presided over the case was indeed a hog... this was the first time I've ever heard of a judge stopping the witnesses for the defense from testifying whenever they got too close to exposing his beloved pig department for the pigs they are. The judge absolutely refused to let the witnesses to the incident testify on how the pigs tried to bribe 7 kids into not taking out a complaint. Pig Walton, who was the attacker in the first place, swore that there were about 20 men on 102nd St. in Corona, where he identified himself as an officer of the law and servant of the people. He said he told this group to move on, and in return the group beat him about the face and head and then robbed him of his .38 revolver.

Now, let's get to the truth, I know the facts because I am supposedly one of the 20 men. I witnessed this so-called 'crime' go down, and I also saw a beautiful brother railroaded off to jail because of the 'Big Lie'. Take these facts that I'm about to give you, evaluate them; you are the judge and the jury, and if we are guilty, then we'll face the consequences. But, if we are innocent, set Ronald Morris free and convict the 110 precinct for harassment, disorderly conduct, possession of a dangerous weapon, perjury and attempted murder of your youth and your children.



There was seven of us altogether: (Jennifer McMillan, Robert Moore, Joseph Gregory, Thomas Sutton, Dauods Valsequez, Ronald Morris and myself Claudia Chesson). We were coming from a party for a sister named Metrine Davis, who lives in Corona. It happened on the evening of January 25, 1969, at approximately 1:45 a.m. We were walking down 102nd Street between 34th and 35th Avenue. A green Firebird going down the street in the same direction, stopped and backed up to where we were standing. One of the brothers (Gregory) asked this man if we could help him (thinking he was lost). His reply was "You're damn right you can. Where is my stereo and Magnavox?" We answered that we didn't know, and with this, he pulled his .38 special and waved it around in our faces. Then the dirty pig pushed his .38 directly into my face, which scared the life out of me. I had never seen a gun before, and this thing looked like a cannon. By this time the rest of the seven were back on the scene, asking I took the gun he wouldn't hurt us, we were back on the scene, asking questions, trying to explain that we don't steal from our people, and

about that time I noticed that this man was sloppy drunk! I could tell because I could smell it on his breath, and he wasn't steady on his feet, (almost swaying). I was really frightened, in fact I was paranoid! I looked around, I don't know why, and there wasn't a cop in sight. I looked around again, and this drunken fool had his gun up to Dauod's head, with his finger on the trigger. All this time Dauod was cool; he took out a pencil and pad and started jotting down what the man said was missing. He finally put the gun away. Ronald motioned for Jennifer and I to move down the street, away from this mad man with the gun. As we started to leave, he pulled his gun again and this time he pointed it at everybody and said "I said nobody moves." All we could think about was 'this man is drunk... get the gun... get that gun away from this mad man... all of our lives are in danger.' I myself was petrified. I knew I was going to die and for nothing. I didn't even know this man, none of us knew him. The brothers surrounded him trying to reason with him. Meanwhile Ronnie motioned for us to leave. Jennifer and I moved on down the block, with Ronnie about three feet behind us. We heard a scuffle in the back of us. We turned to look and there was one large mass of bodies. A brother came up to me and gave me the gun and told me to take it away from the scene. The above statement shows that we had no intentions of hurting this man. We just wanted that gun so he wouldn't hurt us. On my way back to where the in-

ning, as he ran his handcuffs fell from his back pocket. This and only this, made us realize that this drunken man was really a police officer - a pig running amuck in our community. This is one of 'New York's finest', who are experts of fascism, put into the community to suppress, brutalize and murder Black people.

Later on that night Ronald was walking home, after having just left me at my home, he saw a prowl car with three brothers in it and thought it could have been some of the brothers involved in the above incident. So then he decided to go to Mr. Ortleby Brownbill's home to tell him what happened (Brownbill was the director of the Malcolm X Center and a social worker in our area). On the way to the house, he was arrested, little did he know that the others had called Bill and explained to him what happened, and then took the gun and placed it on his back porch for him to return it.

There are the facts; now let's elaborate on them. Is it robbery to take a gun from a madman who is trying to take your life? Or were we suppose to stand there and let this fool kill us? Or do you believe in self-defense? Is it robbery to fight for your own life?

Pig Abe Walton had just been on the force for six months, and in order to get a little promotion he had to get a big bust. We just happened to be there when this fool was on the prowl for some innocent victim to intimidate. The fool was so stupid that he was unable to pull his pre-planned attack off, for the sisters and brothers related to self-defence and

They sent him running down the street with his tail between his legs. Now this pig knew that he could not return to the pig pen with his gun missing and thus he attempted to cover up his 'crime' by framing Ronnie.

Ronnie Morris is a Black man, a member of the Black Panther Party; he was the Breakfast Program Coordinator of the Bronx, a devoted servant of the people. In just another week he had planned to open another Breakfast Program. And for all of these reasons he was framed, jailed and found guilty, removed from the people. The whole incident negates any semblance of justice. I could talk all day about the injustices practiced against Black all over the country in these one-sided courts. I can give in detail how the police will not protect you in your community and how once you go to court, your voice isn't heard over the loud oinks. I have come to the conclusion that justice is blind for Black people and all oppressed people. And since we can't get justice we will have to take it. If we do not, we will never be free. Ronnie Morris is not a criminal, but in reality a political prisoner because he stood on his constitutional and human rights and defended himself and his community. We must rise up and take our freedom at any cost, the time is now, so deal with it. We must have community control of police, this is the only way we'll really know who's attacking who.

DARE TO STRUGGLE DARE TO WIN  
Claudia Chesson



## The Children Of Mount Vernon Must No Longer Go Hungry!

From coast to coast, Black communities under the leadership of the Black Panther Party have organized to begin to meet some of their most basic needs. Black people have rallied to combat two of the most direct forms of genocide—starvation and poor health care. The free breakfast for children program and the free health clinics that have been organized in cities around the country are correct examples of how the people in our communities must unify and organize to solve the problems that plague us all.

The free breakfast for children program provides a free, hot, nutritionally balanced meal for our youth each morning before they go to school. Breakfast is a meal that children must have in order to begin to grasp the basic skills they must learn in school.

ills common to our communities, we fight not so much for ourselves but because we want our children and their children to live to see a society free from exploitation and oppression. It is our young Black children that will nurture the seeds of the new world we are planting, it is they who will fertilize the ground we plow.

Our children must have strong, healthy bodies, and minds that are alert. Alert and ready to think, to think about changing this society, not to passively accept the conditions we live in as inevitable.

The Black community in Mount Vernon wants to organize a breakfast program. Volunteers are available to run the program, the food is available to feed the children, and all that is lacking is a place to do it. Meetings were held with the United Negro Clergy, headed by Rev. Alexander Briley, in an effort to secure the cooperation of our local ministers so that a church could be used. Space is needed only from 7am until 8:30am each morning and four churches at least have

the necessary facilities—Grace Baptist Church, 52 So. Sixth Ave., Greater Centennial and Zion Church, 312 So. Eight Ave., Macedonia Baptist Church, 141 So. Ninth Ave and Unity Baptist Tabernacle, 101 So. Second Ave. These churches however dedicated to meeting the religious needs of our people, do not see the need however of feeding the hungry children of our community!

The people of Mount Vernon are demanding that a breakfast program be established. Young Black children come by the Black Community Information Center at 45B East Third st. every day to ask when they can come to breakfast and the people of Mount Vernon will have a breakfast program, for the people are organizing to utilize the resources of the Black community to meet their needs. The children of Mount Vernon will no longer go hungry!

## ATTACK ON BROWNSVILLE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

During the week of 2/7/70, sometime on the weekend, there was an attack on the Brownsville Breakfast Program, which is located on Sutter and Hopkinson Avenues, at the Good Shepherd Mission. Some low rated person is trying to sabotage the Breakfast Program by destroying the food—and in so doing is taking the food from the mouths of the children. On the morning of 2/9/70, the refrigerator was found turned off, the food that was in there had to be thrown out, meats and milk had spoiled, there were also posters of Huey and Bobby on the walls which had been torn down. One of the purposes of the Vanguard Party is to serve the basic needs and desires of the people—a Free

Breakfast Program is one of the ways we are able to fulfill the needs of the people. Not only is this system not supplying enough food but the government has the nerve to cut down the welfare checks so that the people not only starve, but also do not have enough money for clothing, shelter, or health needs. So we say we will continue to serve the people by any means necessary and whoever is trying to sabotage these programs had better beware because the people will move on them. Right on, we will continue getting donations from the avaricious businessman, we'll take from the greedy and give to the needy!

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# BROOKLYN BRANCH N.Y. 21 COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER

The Brooklyn Branch has opened the New York 21 Community Health Center to meet one of the most basic and urgent needs in the Black community--Health Care.

The people of the community are aware and know through their own practice that the services in the medical area are totally inadequate to meet even the most basic problems, such as iron deficiency anemia, malnutrition, etc. In capitalist America, medicine, like all facets of life operate on the basis of profit. That means that doctors, hospitals, and pharmaceutical companies' first interest is making money and the well being of the people second or never. Thus, such things as preventive medicine (medicine or information that prevents diseases) is at a minimum since more sick people means more money in the hands of the medical institutions.

Thus, the Black Panther Party

has gone forth to give medicine back to the people which means that medicine will serve the people instead of the greedy medical institutions.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NEW YORK PANTHER "21" COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER:

Complete physical examinations, including iron deficiency anemia tests and urinalysis. Treatment of specific illnesses and or referral to other clinics.

### HELP STILL NEEDED

Gynecologist  
Pediatrician  
Eye Doctor  
Dentist  
Nurses  
Lab Technicians  
Medical Equipment  
Money (tax deductible)

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# ZIONIST ATTACK ON HARLEM OFFICE FOILED BY COMMUNITY

On May 7, 1970, at about 10:30 a.m., the Officer of the Day of the Harlem Office of the Black Panther Party received a call from the pig press inquiring into information concerning a press conference called by the Jewish Defense League that was supposed to take place in front of our office. The Officer of the Day knew nothing of any proposed press conference. Shortly after the call, a large Hertz rent-a-truck pulled up in front of our office and about 40 Zionists from the JDL jumped out of the truck. The O.D., Bashir, was the only Panther in the office at the time. While the majority of these racist pigs set up a picket line and marched around in front of our office, about three or more of the larger swine had the gall to try and force their way into our office.

A fight ensued and the brother, Bashir, was attacked by twelve of these Zionists along with pigs from the Tactical Police Force. By this time, other Panthers had arrived and the racist dogs were turned back by the brothers who righteously defended the office. Lindsay's fascist pigs and the Jewish Defense League arrived simultaneously. The pig cops were on roof tops across the street from the office--with guns drawn--and

Black Panther Party is not anti-semitic. In fact, we are in total



### ZIONIST PIG RETREATS

support of the people of Palestine's righteous struggle against Zionist imperialism, that works hand in glove with U.S. imperialism. We must remember that the Arab people are Semitic people also and the



### PANTHER BASHIR, O.D., DELIVERS A CALL TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF HARLEM

they had surrounded the office. The TPF formed a wall of protection between the Zionist fascist hoodlums and the people, and began to attack the brothers and sisters from the community who were defending the Panther office. The brother, Bashir, was beaten in the face by the JDL and the TPF. The people in the community noting the attack on the office, poured into the streets to defend the people's office and began to attack the gestapo JDL and the TPF. The people retaliated by throwing bricks and bottles and anything else that they had at their disposal, soon beating the racist Jews back into their truck and running them out of the Black community. All segments of the community came forth to help defend the people's warriors and the people's office. From hustlers to housewives, the community formed a united front against these alien invaders.

The racist Jewish Defense League, aided by the fascist NYPD, cloaked this provocative attack against our office under alleged accusations of "anti-semitic literature" being printed in our newspaper. This is a bald face lie. It must be pointed out that the

only right that the Zionist clique, headed by Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan, have to the land that they call Israel is a robber's right. We are anti-Zionist expansion in the Arab world and Zionist exploitation here in Babylon, manifested in the robber barons that exploit us in the garment industry and the bandit merchants and greedy slumlords that operate in our communities.

We will take this opportunity to inform all fascist dogs and other fools that the people of Harlem will not tolerate any type of invasions into our community by members of the "Stern Gang" or any other gang. Furthermore, we feel that these Zionist cowards were suffering from suicidal delusions, and if the Jewish Defense League returns to our community under any pretext--as they say they will--we will smash them completely and resolutely once and for all.

SEIZE THE TIME!  
DEATH TO THE PIGS!

Zayd-Malik Shakur  
Harlem Branch  
Black Panther Party

# HARLEM'S FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party, has said that, "The party must engage in activities that will teach the people." It is not enough to write about the hunger and the starvation in America's Black communities because Black people are basically a non-reading people. The Black Panther Party has taken this into account, and we have seen that it is not enough to publish 2,000 page reports containing facts and statistics on hunger in Babylon because we cannot feed a report to a hungry child. Instead, the Party has put its theory of serving the people into practice and has instituted free breakfast for children programs all across the country. Here in Harlem, the Black Panther Party has three functional breakfast programs. We are currently serving breakfast at All Saints' Church at 130th St. and Madison Avenue, Shambers Memorial

Church at 133rd St. between 2nd and 3rd Ave. and St. Joseph's Church at 126th St. and Morningside Ave. We are presently serving 80 to 100 children per day, and we are making all efforts to expand the programs. We plan to open a new program at the Harlem branch of the YWCA on 125th St. between Morningside Avenue and St. Nicholas. The Sister at the "Y" have seen the need to serve the people of the Harlem community and so the beautiful people at the "Y" have welcomed the people's Free Breakfast Program, and we are scheduled to start serving on February 24th.

The people in the community have taken to heart the idea of meeting their own needs by feeding their own children, relying solely on their own efforts. This has been shown by the people of 'Narco', Narcotic Addiction Rehabilitation and Confrontation Organization,

because they have instituted their own free breakfast program. They are serving breakfast at 360 West 123rd St., feeding close to 100 children every morning. This is a good example of how the people have accepted the Party's program as their own, and the people have moved to implement these programs themselves. This is a positive sign, showing that we are rapidly moving to the point where the people will no longer be satisfied with living under these oppressive conditions because once the people know that it's possible to feed themselves relying on their own resources and abilities, then they will never be content with feeling the pangs of hunger again.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
ALL LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN!  
RONALD  
HARLEM BRANCH

