

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!



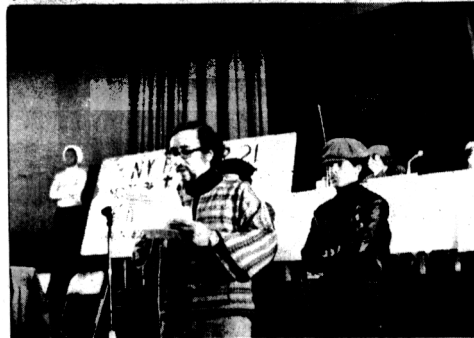
Judges speaking at the housing trial.

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. Bathrooms, 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 imperialist 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

Breakfast for Children Peekskill: N.Y.



June 21, 1969

Peekskill Branch of the Black Panther Party on June 18th sponsored a Free Breakfast for the Children. It was served in Peekskill at Aunt Beatie's Open Door. Fifty children were served eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, milk, orange juice and vitamins. They were given Free the Panthers buttons along with revolutionary posters, Free Huey, In Revolution use lives and one dies, and Off the Pig. Speaker at the Breakfast was Eddy (Omar) Bolton, Lt. of Education of Peekskill Branch, he spoke about if it wasn't for Huey, there would not be a Breakfast for Children and how the fascist pig power structure is trying to destroy the Party be-

cause the Black Panther is acting in the wishes and desires of the oppressed people. There were also several mothers from the community who helped cook and serve breakfast. Breakfast will be served for at least 3 weeks and then we will move into breakfast, lunch and liberation school for the summer. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE HUEY
FREE THE N. Y. 21
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
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WHITE PLAINS BREAKFAST

to the people of the community.
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How many children of our community have to go to school on empty stomachs? How can our children even begin to acquire even basic skills in school on an empty stomach? If we take an empty stomach and add a totally inadequate lunch, what do we have?

Let us work together and send our children to school full of hot food and energy. If the schools and the Board of Education won't do it, we will.

The White Plains Branch of the Black Panther Party would like to work with the community in instituting a Free Breakfast Program for our children. There are many ways we can work together. A church or community center is

needed to provide the facilities for preparing and serving the breakfasts. Businesses in the community are being asked to DONATE the necessary food and utensils. The equivalent of 2¢ worth of food per dollar taken in, of the people's choice, would be collected from the merchants. In this manner, a part of the money which is taken out of the community and spent elsewhere, can be put to good use in the community. The mothers, grandmothers, and guardians of the children of the community are asked to volunteer just a couple of morning hours to this project. Join with us in feeding our children! In this way the Panthers intend not only to meet the most basic

needs and desires of the Black Community, but also to erase the negative impression that has been dropped on the party by the racist-owned and oriented news media. To link oneself with the masses, one must act in accordance with the needs and desires of the masses. This is a part of the main goal and function of the Black Panther Party.

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