

NEW YORK TRIES AGAIN TO STOP THIS PAPER



COMRADE ELLIS WHITE



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Comrades Andrew Austin and Ellis White of the New York State Chapter of the Black Panther Party were recently convicted and sentenced (1 - 3 years) on the state-created charge of possession of a deadly weapon. The charges originated from their false arrest and imprisonment shortly after the assassination (in April of this year) of our beloved Comrade Samuel Napier. Comrade Samuel Napier was the circulation manager of our Party's newspaper. Comrades Andrew and Ellis were kidnapped on these phoney charges while completing the very arrangements to have memorial services for Comrade Sam. The reason they were falsely arrested is one of the main reasons that Comrade Sam was murdered. They were key in the distribution of the Black Panther Party's newspaper. Andrew and Ellis had creatively taken up where Sam had been stopped. Released on bail, they were organizing for the People's Tribunal. Shortly before the Tribunal, these two Comrades were convicted and sent to serve 3 years in Sing Sing State Prison in New York.

Following is a letter from Comrade Andrew, exhibiting their strength and determination to struggle for the freedom of our people, all oppressed people inside the prisons as they had outside the walls:

"Dear Comrades,

"All Power to the People! Just lying in my bed with no particular thing on my mind; just going over all the experiences I've had with the Black Panther Party, its members...I decided to put a few words on paper expressing my feelings. I have seen many people come and go; I have seen many brothers and sisters imprisoned, and many murdered. I knew that my turn was coming one way or the other; and I accepted such, as I accept my incarceration presently, not as a lawbreaker or that I committed any crime, but as a political prisoner.

"Ellis and myself would be on the street of oppression today had we not punctured the tender veil of the Nixon-Rockefeller Regime. We both know that once anyone tries to expose to the people who the real criminals are, they are immediately snatched from the streets in order to be silenced.

"Comrades, when we were sentenced, we looked at each other and smiled, because we knew what was happening. The BLACK PANTHER PARTY teaches us to be our own master...and that revolutionaries are incarcerated every-day. But, the People's struggle continues to be escalated, higher and higher. We realize now that the years

that we face can mean only one thing, and that is to bring about to the best of our ability an awareness to fellow inmates. That we will honestly strive to do.

"The BLACK PANTHER PARTY has taught us many things. We must now take the teachings of the Party and educate the people. We must show the people of New York and the people of the world that we in the New York State Chapter of the Black Panther Party can and will apply all the teachings of Huey P. Newton and build a World United Front for the peace-loving people of the world. The pigs have tried to destroy ours, the People's Party, many times and in many ways. Our particular Chapter has been under attack many times, internally and externally. Many of us have and will be incarcerated and murdered; but what the pigs are still choking on, is when we are confined, we smile knowing that he is distributing us among the most wretched. And when we are murdered, we somehow manage to utter the words, 'ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!'

"Comrades, we have taken from the oppressor another chance. So let us use it wisely and continue to build the people under a new sun--THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY."

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