

NEW YORK'S LINCOLN HOSPITAL - CHILDREN'S WARD - A WARD OF DEATH FOR OUR CHILDREN

Not only are the genocidal plans for people of color escalating, the attacks by the U.S. Empire are being launched against the very ones who will implement a revolutionary intercommunal society which will work in the interest of all men - our children.

In dilapidated Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, the children's wards hold many levels of terror. One of these is that a majority of the children confined there are suffering from lead poisoning, due to the substandard conditions in which they are forced to live. The hospital ward had supposedly been renovated by the city recently to try and "improve" its appearance. Although only a few children have been tested for lead poisoning, competent doctors from the People's Free Health Center have taken their blood samples and found that the lead content level was higher than when the children were first admitted into Lincoln Hospital.

Through close observation by the medical personnel, it was discovered that the children were eating the freshly painted walls of the wards and that the paint contained lead.

This outright murder plan by these corrupt city beasts is just another way to try and stop the progress of the ideas and new concepts of the survival which will be fully implemented by our children.

The pigs of this fascist city working under the pretense of improving the conditions of the hospital wards have gone so far as to place death in a place supposedly instituted to heal and cure.

The Black Panther Party, knowing this offers a solution, We



UNSANITARY WAITING ROOM AT LINCOLN

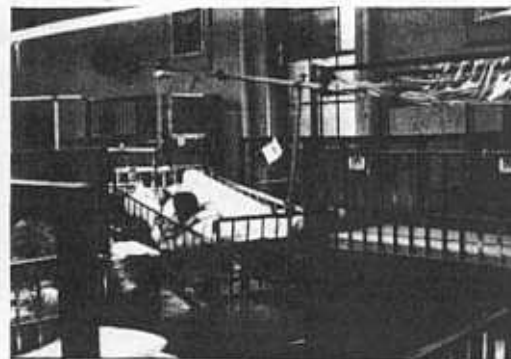
have instituted a People's Free Health Center at 438 Claremont Parkway in the Bronx, run by people who work in the complete interest of all the people. Not only do we realize the importance of excellent health care, we also recognize that the oppressive conditions

imposed upon the people, such as decadent housing, economic exploitation and the other denials of basic human rights, play heavily upon the people's physical well-being.

The people must no longer tolerate acts of attempted murder



DEADLY LEAD POISONED WASHROOM WALLS



OVER CROWDED CONDITIONS IN CHILDREN'S WARD

as that committed by Lincoln Hospital against our children, for it is one of the many strategies used by this decadent government to halt the surge of the people's

struggle for total freedom and human dignity.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE AND TO OUR YOUTH, ON WHOM OUR HOPE IS PLACED.

WE WANT DECENT HOUSING

The cry of the oppressed masses for decent housing in the communities of the world fall upon the deaf ears of pigs--dead only because the pigs have no concern for the lives of the people.

On Friday afternoon, February 12th, Preston Chims came home to find his living room and bathroom ceiling had fallen in. Preston lives with his 59-year old mother at 982 East 178th Street in the Bronx, N.Y. Mrs. Chims is confined to bed with an incurable disease, and Preston works in a laboratory at Harlem Hospital during the day. This means that during the day Mrs. Chims is home alone, existing in a veritable rat trap. Friday afternoon Preston called the avaricious pig slumlord Paul Walton Ave. in the Bronx, and told him the ceiling had fallen. Pig Maslin told Preston he would have to wait until after the "holiday" for repairs to be made.

Since Pig Maslin followed the usual line of the pig slumlords, allowing already substandard housing to become completely dilapidated, Preston called Pig Mayor Lindsay's Housing Department, in hope of getting the necessary repairs made. Two

men from the Pig Lindsay's Housing Department came to the brother's house, only to tell him there was nothing they could do. This is the usual procedure in the case of poor people. They "suggested" that Preston not attempt to sue the slumlord Maslin for damages.

Aside from the dilapidation of the physical structure of the building in general and the apartments in particular, there is no heat or hot water. Brother Preston is what is categorized by the pigs as an "earn" worker, forced to "earn" a means to survive for himself and his mother. Because of this oppressive state, he must pay a pig slumlord \$84.00 a month for a two-room apartment that is not fit for the shelter of animals.

Oppressed people of communities all over the world are forced to live in indecent housing. The people are fed up to the gills with the oppression forced upon them and the people are moving in a revolutionary fashion to rid their communities of the oppressive forces by seizing control of the sources of power now held by the pigs.

All Power To The People

Political Police only evidence in Panther trial

by a Babylon Collective

Most people believe that they get a more or less accurate story about what goes on around them by reading the daily papers. Articles such as the ones done by New York papers on the day of the raids on Panther homes in April, 1969, are prime examples of the media manipulating these people. They are written to alarm and pacify their readers, who are finally supposed to relax in the belief that everything is now under control. New Yorkers breathed a sigh of relief when they learned that Easter shoppers had been rescued by police from a series of imminent terrorist bombings which, according to the judge at the grand jury hearings, "could have resulted in the deaths of hundreds, even thousands."

NEW YORK POST

Seven fugitive suspects and hidden stores of dynamite and other explosives were hunted today in the alleged plot by Black Panthers to stage a series of shootings and bombings here.

As detectives scoured the city for the remainder of 21 persons indicted in the purported scheme to shoot policemen and bomb department stores, a police station and a railroad right-of-way, a spokesman for District Attorney Hogan said:

"We believe they have other material cached away. We have not covered everything."

In the next few days after the raids, melodramatic articles appeared about Cuban and Red Chinese connections, possible hijacking escapes of defendants not yet arrested, and pseudo-historical accounts of the developments of the BPP's "para-military" discipline, etc., etc. Then followed a news blackout of about a year, during which, except for an occasional article buried deep in the paper, readers were supposed to forget about the case—after all, the "authorities" had everything under control.

Twenty months later most of the Panthers are still in jail. The trial drags on, and of course the straight press writes articles that consistently obscure the fact that the government has framed the Panthers with the help of infiltrators such as Gene Roberts. Last week, for example, Leonard Katz of the *Post* wrote an article on the trial which portrayed Roberts as an untruthful witness who had held up well under tedious cross-examination. Katz noted that Roberts had only made mistakes on "minor points."

"Minor points" is a euphemism for the gaping holes which are looming larger in the prosecutor's case. The major example is the alleged conspiracy to bomb department stores highlighted in the April, 1969 clippings. Star witness supposedly made reports to the Bureau of Special Services (BOSS, the police agency which infiltrated and busted the Panthers) about "recons" of the stores, and it is from these reports that the conspiracy charge followed. Below is a summary of Roberts' testimony.

Shopping Around for Evidence

Roberts said that he had been instructed at a security meeting to "recon" department stores along with Walter Johnson. The first stop was Kaufman's. Roberts said that he wanted to look for

a gun holster there. Holsters not being available at Kaufman's, the salesman directed the two men to Abercrombie and Fitch. Roberts claimed the salesman also supplied directions to the store. Is the salesman a conspirator?

After haphazard browsing at Abercrombie and Fitch, the two men went to Macy's and Korvette's, where they looked at coats, toys and cameras. All the while Roberts regaled Johnson with stories of his days as Malcolm X's bodyguard. Roberts told of trying on a pair of gloves, but denied that he intended to rip them off.

At no store did Roberts or Johnson take any notes or draw any diagrams or maps. A later trip to Bloomingdale's and Alexander's wasn't even reported back to the security section, according to Roberts. Roberts didn't get a chance to report on his recons until a meeting a couple of weeks later (Roberts just happened to have his transmitter on at that meeting). But most of the report had to be given by Roberts himself, and he had to correct Johnson and try to keep him from "fooling around."

Roberts' reports to BOSS on the meeting talk of good places to put bombs, and of gas and butane in the basements of Macy's and Alexander's. When cross-examined however, he admitted to not being sure about which statements were his and which Johnson's.

A Conspiracy of One

Defense cross-examination of Roberts has brought out a number of instances, in addition to the so-called "recons" of the department stores, where he has acted as a provocateur. On March 19, Roberts called and picked up Alex McKiever to recon a railroad yard. Roberts "led" the recon. Defense attorney Bloom: "If you hadn't called and gone to pick him up, he wouldn't have been there?" Roberts: "It would be fair to assume that." Roberts reported on that recon at a March 26 security meeting. When asked if McKiever was at that meeting, he said he couldn't recall.

Then there's the aerosol cans, which Roberts and other members of the security squad were supposedly ordered to pick up to make molotov cocktails with. Roberts, however, was the only one who showed up with them. He was told to keep them at his apartment. He testified that he did not make any molotov cocktails, nor did any of the defendants.



Police Agent Gene Roberts at funeral of John Huggins in New Haven

from the City Free Press

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Three times last week, cops said, they followed Panthers to the Botanical Gardens in the Bronx, where they made practice runs in preparation for bombing several greenhouses.

Additionally, the alleged plotters made practice runs on their department store targets—Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Korvette's, Alexander's and Abercrombie & Fitch—and the cops tagged along right behind them.

According to sources close to the investigation, the plan was to plant three or four bombs in each store except Abercrombie, where they were going to leave six. In the confusion there, they hoped to steal weapons and ammunition, police said.

According to a 12-count indictment returned early Wednesday morning, a group of Panthers planned to hit the five department stores, a Bronx police station and the Penn Central right of way in the Bronx. Bomb-day was supposed to be yesterday,

it was charged, but the cops seized most of the 21 suspects.

Even if the "recons" did occur, the fact remains that no one, but Roberts took them very seriously. According to his own testimony, there were no plans, no diagrams, no bombs and no follow-through. As the "height of the Easter shopping season approached," Roberts admits, there was no talk of bombing.

On March 25 King told Roberts there would be no more recons, and on March 26, he handed out a schedule which covered security section activities from March 27 to April 16 (Easter was April 6). That schedule was verified by Roberts and admitted into evidence. Activities were listed for almost every day in that period. Bombing wasn't listed, nor were department stores mentioned. Roberts' testimony miserably failed to substantiate the charges made by the D.A. at his press conference twenty months ago.

The Enemy is BOSS

This instigator role of the BOSS agents' job also came out when Roberts testified about one of his co-infiltrators, agent White. Roberts described White in his reports as exceptionally militant (he didn't know at the time that White was also a pig). White urged members of his section at one meeting to raise bail for Connecticut Panthers "by any means necessary." At the end of another meeting he pulled out some joints and passed them around. Roberts reported that White had a loaded shotgun, but now that he and White are working together in the D. A.'s office, he can't remember whether it was loaded or not.

BOSScripts

Roberts reported daily by phone and made daily handwritten notes. From these he typed up weekly reports, with the help of his BOSS supervisor. According to his own testimony, he "was told to prepare reports with court in mind." An important part of that order must have been to minimize his own role in provoking incidents and conversations. Consequently, the reports sometimes read that "we" (Roberts and a defendant) did or said something. When testifying, Roberts managed to remember which of the defendants supposedly made those statements.

Evidently, even highly selective and distorted reports are not sufficient to make the D.A.'s case. Defense attorneys have exposed instance after instance where Roberts' witness-stand account significantly adds to his reports. Examples include a statement by Afeni about "retaliation" for an arrest of Panthers, and a conversation referring to an incident when a match was needed to light the "stuff" (Roberts conceded "stuff" could mean anything, and that it might be unusual to go on a bombing mission with one match).

Mechanical Agent

Roberts is programmed. He sits carefully in the witness stand, hands folded, looking straight ahead. When he is asked a question, he sits there for a couple of seconds and then leans slowly forward to the mike: "yes." "no." "to the best of my recollection..." "not that I can recall." "may I see my report?" He speaks in a monotone and varies his stock responses as little as possible. Sandy Katz tried to get to him once: "Was December 31, 1968, the first time you were invited to join a mission (the supposed wire-cutting of police call-boxes)?" Yes. "Was that significant for you?" No. "Weren't you excited?" No. "Do you ever get excited?" I try not to.

It came out during Roberts' testimony that the other black militant organization, besides the Panthers and Malcolm X's group, that he infiltrated was the Mau Maus. There he was helping to plan/provoke a payroll robbery. There he also met Kinshasa, one of the defendants. Kinshasa remembered that Roberts was teaching karate and first-aid, and he was asked to do the same for the Panthers. Roberts "gets a good salary from" BOSS. He also said that he got raises as time went on, and that his expenses were paid. He testified that "as long as no crimes or violence were committed" he was not opposed to black militant organizations.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The conspirators, Mr. Hogan said, planned to dynamite the tracks of the New Haven branch of the Penn Central at six points north of 148th Street. They planned, also, he added, to bomb the police station at Third Avenue and 160th Street in the Bronx as a diversionary action.

They were prepared to place bombs in department store areas where highly combustible material, like paints and dry-goods, would be found, the District Attorney charged.

"They agreed to assassinate police officers by bombs and guns and planned a number of other coordinated acts of violence," Mr. Hogan said.

He said the Black Panthers used a paramilitary structure and discipline, with its members required to wear uniforms and to carry weapons.

Contemptible

Judge Murtagh has become increasingly uptight as defense lawyers move in to trap Roberts in contradictions and inconsistencies. He has had to rescue Roberts from tight situations a couple of times by calling a recess or signalling the D. A. to make objections. At one point, he told a defense lawyer that he was "building up to a question that won't be proper."

Last week Murtagh commanded that "all counsel not protest objections." This, of course, leaves the defense in an absurd

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