



# MURTAGH'S FOLLIES

## ACT TWO

February 16, 1970 (Monday) began the second act of the best staged satire on American justice in history. The starring character was a whimpering creature who wore a black mask to hide his corrupt heart. His name is John Regan (pronounced Reagan). This strange little animal doesn't seem to be clear on what his assignment or function is in relation to other props. One thing he is sure of - he is a guinea pig. When asked what his specific function was in relation to the kidnapping of Micheal Tabor (Cetowayo), he whispered "to visibly represent the police department as a uniformed officer."

Question: Were all of the uniformed officers Black?

Answer: Yes.

Question: How many officers on your specific assignment were Black?

Answer: Only myself.

Question: Did you go to the door?

Answer: I was the only one standing at the door.

Isn't that wierd? Twenty-one raids and at each one of those raids, there was one Black pig to do the dirty work. His entire function was to be a bootlicker.

As the play unfolded, we discovered that this was the only

the door was broken in, the other storm-troopers went storming into the crib like madmen. The whimpering pup, said the blood, Michael, was standing in the foyer with his hands holding up his pants! Well the defense asked if his pants fell down when he moved his hands; Answer: "No". Man, listen there is something wrong with that -- first of all, in a preceding act, Pig Koffee testified that Mike ran when the pigs came in. Second, if the blood's pants weren't in danger of fall-

ling, why would he hold them up? That is inconsistent with that brother's thinking. I'm inclined to believe Mike when he says his hands were in front of him. Check out why. "I was thirld into the apartment when I got in. He (Cet) was against the kitchen wall covered by two armed officers." (Can you dig it?)

Scene Two -- This scene began when the 'badguys' ('the strangers to justice') refused to enter the courtroom because they were not being fed anything but jelly sandwiches. They are in court all day and all they are thrown to eat is two pieces of bread with some jelly slapped on it! Murtagh oinked something that as far as I could decipher meant that he

about forty-five minutes. Murtagh asked if we wanted to waive our right to a public pre-trial hearing with the people and the press present. He made it clear that if we continued to demand the presence of the people and the press, we would have to assume responsibility for our "chances at receiving a fair trial". Do you think he was trying to tell us something? We figured he was, but we told the dude that we realized that. That court couldn't possibly give us a fair or legal trial, because no one except the spectators were members of our peer group, and not only do we want the people present but we demand the presence of the people. Dharuba then told Murtagh that he should apologize



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would call the commissioner of correction and have him deal with it. (This was said as a punch line to a joke, that I must have missed). The "strangers" came back into the courtroom after a period of

to the defendants for suggesting that the lawyers could control our conduct or our mouths: "You are saying that niggers can't think for themselves and have to be led and oversedé by White people".

Murtagh really didn't relate to that, so he denied the motion and informed us that we would be held responsible for our comments. (I think that was supposed to make us start worrying about 'contempt charges'). I really don't see why we have to keep telling Murtagh this, but we feel as though his court is 'out of order', and if he can't put it in order, then the New York 21, will be only too glad to do it for him.

Scene Three: The pig pup continued his testimony, which turned out to be nothing more than periodic sounds: crying, whimpering and stuttering. I left the theatre hoping that Phillips wouldn't take the poor pup's bone away. However the curtain began to fall on that scene with the cur still trying to regulate his barks.

Scene Four was very short and mysterious. In act one, the New York 21, informed the court that February 17 was Huey P. Newton's, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party, Birthday, and we couldn't come to court.

Murtagh decided to give us the day off for motions. Well, Murtagh Hogan, Phillips, Nixon, Daley, Alloto, Cahill, Rockefeller - all of you crazy fools, if I told you once, I told you a thousand times, get up against a nylon wall and fall out for dead! Roll over hog! We are seizing the time. Happy Birthday, Huey! Afeni Shakur

Tuesday (February 17, 1970) defendants did not appear in court nor were they required to do so.

who are the real criminals?

The people watch as the local army occupies their community, and every day inflicts increasing terror. The hard working brothers and sisters that live in the projects struggling to survive, say, "Well, it's only the drug addicts that hang out on the corners of Third Street that they bother." And the brothers and sisters that live in homes in the area say, "Well, it's only those people in the projects that they bother." And the people who have moved to the other end of town say, "Well, it's only those people over on West Third Street." And yet the police come to your door without warrants, without reason, without excuse. We always say someone else, but we must realize that 'law and order' does not mean 'law and order' for the

people of our community. Brothers and sisters, at least three or four brothers picked up in your community released or are charge loitering. A recent involved a brother who is a addict, now working, trying away from the poison that our community; others even involve brothers just minding own business, or coming their apartments, or stopping talk to a friend on the street cause they may have a record, or even have done that the state asked for, do give the so-called "guardians of the law" the right to use power of the law for their satisfaction? These brothers sisters are picked up, and times out of ten, no charge, lodged against them, or the of loitering is used!

The loitering charge is when no other justification can be found for the. Many of the brothers are dated by the power that they exercise in the Black community. Therefore, the brothers guilty to the loitering charge, avoid further harassment and trumped up charges.

We all know that the drug blem is a serious one, but must examine the source of problem...the pig department so skillfully infiltrates the governments of countries all over world cannot stop the drug into our cities. Why? Because these same "guardians of the law" are the criminals in our society. They profit from the sale of and their racist intimidation harassment of Black community made easier. They use ph such as 'law and order' to the people confused, to keep from identifying the issue pointing out the enemy. Black people must not these criminals in official uniform to continue to break into homes, to make arbitrary arrests without warrants, and to actually violate all of the protections offered by our so-called constitutional rights.

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TECTION!!  
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