

SAN DIEGO BREAKFAST MOVES AHEAD

Despite Continued Harassment

The local chapter of the Black Panther Party, as with Panther chapters in nearly every major city in the country, is now feeding breakfast to about 100 school kids.

The John Savage Memorial Breakfast (named after a local Party member who was recently assassinated) has undergone numerous obstructions, but is now under way--much to the delight of many San Diego ghetto children.

The breakfast is being held in the dining room of Christ the King Church which is located at 32nd St. and Imperial Avenue. Originally scheduled to be held at the Bethel A.M.E. Church, the breakfast had to be moved at the last minute. Some "unidentified" vandals broke into the church and virtually destroyed the files and equipment in at least one office.

This act was enough to intimidate enough of the church's directors into asking the Panthers to hold the free breakfast elsewhere, despite the protestations of the church's pastor, Rev. Oxley.

Eventually, the Panthers obtained permission to use the kitchen and dining facilities at the Christ Catholic Church. Even then, the police decided to get into the act.

According to one of the priests at the church, he was approached by a plainclothes policeman two days before the breakfast was to start and asked to "put the thing off." The priests were not intimidated by this questionable act on the part of our "protectors".

At first the breakfast drew about 25 kids; by the 4th day the number had jumped to over 60 kids each morning. Panther sisters do the cooking and the brothers serve the kids and act as crossing guards at the busy intersection of 32nd and Imperial.

Another incident arose from our local constables on the 4th day of the breakfast.

Right at the time when the most kids are trying to cross over Imperial to the breakfast, 4 patrol cars and 2 undercover cars pulled over the Panthers at the intersection and interrogated them for half an hour.

Eventually, one of the priests came out and asked the police why they were bothering the brothers. The cops said that neighbors had informed them of "suspicious looking" people on the corner.

The priest explained that the brothers had been there for 4 days helping the kids across the street and asked why the neighbors would wait for so long before calling the police.

The head cop just shrugged his shoulders and said he was just doing (his) job. Which is true! Hassling!

But that job will be infinitely compounded now--with 100 vanguard elementary school kids who know who their friends are!



The free breakfast for school children has now covered the country. This program was created because the Black Panther Party understands that children need a nourishing breakfast every morning.

The thing needed now for the program is donations:

TIME AND A CAR
to transport donated food

MONEY
to help keep the program going

FOOD
of all kinds from perishables to canned goods

For further information about the program or contributions, call the Black Panther Party at 233-1470