## BEAUTY OF THE PEOPLE'S PAPER

Huey P Newton, Minister of De-fense of the Black Panther Party states, "that the newspaper is the states, "that the newspaper is the voice of the Party and the voice of the Party and the voice of the Parther must be heard throughout the land. Because the Newspaper is one of the main tools for educating the masses of Black people." It is a unique paper, one that translates the historical experiences of Black people. A paper that is composed of community news-national news and international news. A paper that prints the truth. the truth

national news. A paper that prints the truth.

The Black Panther Party news staff has no fear of telling it just like it is. The People's paper exposes the true nature of the decadent society. Our newspaper has the interest of the people at heart we refuse to hide anything from the masses of Black people. Because they know the need for the people to attain this knowledge is very important. So that Black people will know the primary contradiction, and know how to deal with it. So wee the reason why we should read the Black Panther Party Newspaper. We, the people, should be coming up to the brothers and sisters who are selling these papers every week to find out what happened with the paper if it is late. Because this is all we have, really no other the staff of the second of t



paper is going to tell you the things to the perest by intimidating the the Black Panther Community News members of the Party who sell is going to tell you. What other paper the papers on the streets. They have tells you that the main problem is tried to sabotage them and have the avaricious (greedy) businessmen making life miserable for us selling them. So now I hope because of his greed for money, that the people can see and undershow the lying politicians to lie to the people to keep them complacent. And how the lying politician, if his lies don't work, will send or give them complacent with the people to keep them complacent with the people to keep them complacent. And how the lying politicians to lie to the people to keep them complacent. And how the lying politician, if his lies don't work, will send or give the electric chair and the New his order to keep those niggers why 28 revolutionary members of in fact by any means necessary. On a send on the people with a revolutionary members of the time this means a big cold blood. The answer is clearly stick and a .357 magmum meted out by the local pig force. Our Party have been murdered in Minister of Information, Eidridge and the pigs are hip to it, that, That's apper to be people with a revolutionary members of the raw material for new ideas." When the people misinformation so the people with a revolutionary members of the raw material for new ideas. But we are giving the people the correct information in a stain their liberation. And this started happening in Cotober of 1966 when the Black ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE P. Newton and our Chair man, Bobby Seale.

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P. Newton and our Chairman, Boddy Seale. The first paper to be published James Young was in the middle of 1967 and the pigs from that point on have made New Haven Chapter all sorts of attempts to put a stop Black Panther Party

## THE MURDER OF DONALD MILLER

Today at San Jose City College, Isp to the paper Donald Miller was shot in the State, and here is the season should represent the State Industry of Industry o

# COMMUNITY



an overt fascist state in America.
They need puppet pig departments at their disposal in order to do this. By moving on POLICE CONTROL, we are moving on the most fun-ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE damental level possible to obstruct SEIZE THE TIME the implementation of that fascist BERKELEY NCCF

## THE TIME IS NOW



THE OPPRESSOR MUST BE HARASSED UNTIL HIS DOOM HE MUST HAVE NO PEACE BY DAY OR BY NIGHT. HUEY P. NEWTON

## WHILE THE COMMUNITY BURNS THE PIGS FIDDLE

"We want decent housing fit for the shelter of human beings."

the shelter of human beings."
For approximately one week the
Carbondale Black Community became
the re-incarnation of Nero's Rome.
During that time five homes crupted
into flames, and in every case the fire
department was unable to adequately
deal with the situation. The result has
been a deeper edification
(understanding) of Black people's
deplorable situation, a situation whose
foundation has been made thru four
hundred years of oppression. Not only
must Black people be subjected to
indecent housing unfit for shelter of
human beings, but now the
government is moving to eradicate
what housing there is for Black
people. In essence Carbondale's City
Council seems to be bent on playing a
fiddle while what little benefits Black

fiddle while what little benefits Black people have smouldered into flames. To begin we must look at the context of the fire department. In Carbondale there are three departments, each furnished with two trucks. 24 hours a day there are two attendants. At the signal of a fire, one truck leaves taking the sole occupants with it leaving the station vacant. On any reported fire, two stations are supposed to go into action. Because Carbondale is a small city there should not be any problem of the fire trucks reaching an emergency area within a few minutes. Why then does the Carbondale Fire Department, over the years lave such a pathetically putrid record in dealing with emergency fire cases in the Black Community.

For one thing, to operate a single

For one thing, to operate a single fire engine efficiently, not two, but at least five men are mandatory. Mr. and Mrs. Mathis's home is a case in particular where an under staffed fire department resulted in her being left homeless. One part of the truck which must be continually checked is the gauger, there was no one available to keep check on the pressure gauger. The two firemen who responded to the emergency call were busily hosing the house from back to front when unexpectedly the water gushing from the hoses aburptly dropped to the pressure exerted by a water pistol. Also because of under staffing, what little was salvaged from the fire, had to be done by the bloods off the corner. They, in spite of no asbestos or fire proof garments entered the house to save what they could. One of these courageous brothers, James King, nearly passed out from smoke inhalation and had to be aided by his comrades. The brothers had asked for gas masks, but the firement didn't know how to use them, nor where they were.

Which brings us to another part of the conspiracy to leave Black people homeless. In addition to providing fire equipment without enough men the city council ill-prepares its men with regard to proper knowledge required

to deal with fires. For example, in addition to not knowing about gas masks, the department members had to be informed by the lumpen to cut certain wires in order to prevent the outbreak of an electrical fire. Quite possibly the prime reason for deficient fire fighting knowledge is that the city council has appointed a man as fire chief who has almost no experience in dealing with fires, but whose experience lies in the water department. He has worked with the fire department for only two years, yet he is a fire chief.

In addition to understaffing the department, and ill preparing the men the city council has jeopardized the safety of the Black community by staffing the department with racists who have no profound concern for

In addition to understaffing the department, and ill preparing the men the city council has jeopardized the safety of the Black community by staffing the department with racists who have no profound concern for the existence of Black people. Referring again back to the case of Mr. and Mrs. Mathis of the two firemen who responded to the fire, one was white. When the corner street brothers entered the flaming house to salvage clothing, furniture, etc., the Black fireman aided, but white racists, who do not have to live in the Black Community, were not going to risk

So we at the Black Panther Party Community Information Center understand that the city council is not there in behalf of the Black Community. The only interest Johnson, Faton, and the rest of those blood sucking city councilmen have is their dedication to the misery of Black people. Another move to the cradication of Black housing is the city councils mysterious ineptness in dealing with slum landlords. Members of the fire department clearly know that if substandard housing is terminated, the probability of fires and its destructive capabilities would also diminish.

also diminish.

No, the Carbondale city council is not relating to the needs of Black people, it is only interested in the maintenance of the misery perpetrated against Black people for four hundred years. Carbondale's city council is only interested in giving hack pays to pigs fifee Patterons and Hill who were unopended for beating an infat school students, they were later reinstated. So what transpired is that the same city council which has unofficially sanctioned the burning of the Black Community, also officially sanctioned paid vacations for those law enforcement agencies who brutatize the youth of the Black Community.

law enforcement agencies who brutalize the youth of the Black Community.

The day of retribution is coming, however, for all pigs like those found in Carbondales' city council and that day is not in the distant future.

N.C.C.F. Carbondale, Ill. Ill. Chapter B.P.P. September 12, 1970

### PHILADELPHIA FASCIST MURDER 15 YEAR OLD YOUTH

Every time a pig is executed in Philly, Bozo's boars (Rizzo's pigs) unleash a campaign of massive re taliation on the Black colony. On January 31, 1970, a pig named Cione was executed by some righteous brothers (s)or sister (s) and the month of February flowedred with the blood of brothers maimed and murdered by Philly's finest. The last weekend of August 1970 saw the execution of a Fairmount Park pig and again the Black community was victimized and terrorized by Bozo's gestapo. (Note: This does not mean that the Black colony is free from terrorist attacks from the pigs in between executions of pigs. I only want to say that the pigs intensify their bloodthirsty actions after the execution of a fellow oinklet.)

In the most recent rampage, Robert Clark, age 15, was one of the victims of plg vengence. According to the pigs, Robert and another brother were riding in a stolen car. (We know that they were stopped because they were Black.) Supposedly they were



ROBERT CLARK

Street and Columbia Avenue, the brothers were stopped by pig Ismael Plaza whose pig senses detected that the car they were in was stolen. This is especially amazing in view of the fact that the owner of the car had never

#### JOHN BEATEN BY PIGS



John Brown was standing inside of the King of Pizza on the corwas standing inside ner of Washington and Boylston streets in downtown Boston at 12 midnight when two racists pigs approached him. Brown began to walk away from these pigs when they began to spout some racist, degenerate statements such as you niggers ain't no good''. When Brown turned to respond, they be an to beat him in the head and eyes, causing him to bleed profusely. Brown was beaten to the ground and dragged from the store, During the time of the beating, up until the time be was released from Station #1, Brown was never rested or charged with having committed any crime. Neither was he allowed to secure any medical treatment until after he was released, when received he stitches under his eye and on his head.

This incident shows very clearly that these pigs had no regard for John Brown's human rights by the mere fact that they began to beat and harass Brown without provocation and to deny him medical treatment for the simple fact that he is a Black man, something that they cannot testiff to being—a man. These pigs acted in a savage, camibalistic manuer, and when people act in this manner they must be treated in the only language that they understand — the language of a gun.

When our people can be kidexecutioner and enacted the death napped off the streets, beaten and brutalized for no reason at all, and not be arrested or charged with a crime, we have achieved true fascis: (terrorist activity). A society where the masses are controlled through terror and a complete disregard for human rights. Where constitutional rights are trampled on.

John Brown is only one victim of pig brurality and U.S.A. Fascism, in a sea of many. The Black Panther publishes some of the many incidents of oppression in order to show the American people how all of our problems are common problems to all Black and other oppressed people, and how we must develop an overall strategy to end exploitation and oppression perpetrated against our people.

Black people know that ultimately we must free ourselves with guns, but also, to secure our freedom an overall strategy and structure must be developed a revolutionary people's constitution expressing the needs and desires of all oppressed people, laying a just foundation for the new world - life, liberty, and the pursuit of kapolness.

LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION ARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTION AL CONVENTION

Boston Chapter Black Panther Party

sentence on Robert Clark. Eyewitness accounts differ at this point. Most witnesses said that they saw Robert run and that pig Plaza shot him in the back. The pigs said that Robert had a knife. One thing about these knives --quite often -- too often (as in the murder of Harold Brown by pigs in the February bloodbath tioned earlier), pigs "justified" their cold-blooded murders by saying that the brother involved had a knife. The magical thing about these knives is that the pigs always see them, but evewirnesses never do. The pig press couldn't even get their lies together about this magical "knife". One paper oinked that it had been a long fishing knife, another oinked that it was a penknife. His mother said that as far as she knew, he didn't even have a knife. The story gets even more ridiculous when you

shot from the front, not from the back if he was attacking the pig with it.

Anyway, the pigs never bothered to inform Robert's mother of their foul cowardly deed. Her sister-in law, who lives in the area of the murder heard what happened and called her. Upon visiting the 26th pig district, the pigs told her that they were investigating it (we know how pig investigations go) and that they were doing everything 'humanly possible' (which is impossible for a pig because a pig ain't human), She hasn't heard anything from the pig department since then.

Mrs. Clark and three other relatives went down to the morgue to identify Robert's buller-torn body. They weren't shown the actual body, but its image (head and neck and chest) on a TV screen. In spite of the fact that the coroner "oinked that Robert was

## THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION WHY PIGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Black people have no rights that a pig is bound to respect. This principle of American society is practiced everyday pigs are allowed to run loose.

Such is the case of Alphonso (Fox) Myles of Inkster, Mich, who was only guilty of parking his car in front of his father's cab stand. When he parked his car, he was approached by two racist pigs. Dennis Darling and David Killins III, both of whom are newly acquired to the Inkster Pig Force. Darling oinked to the brother that he was illegally parked. Words were passed between the brother and the pigs concerning where he was parked. Darling soon got tired of vacillating the matter and struck Fox over the head continuously with his night stick and then after they had beat him unconscious, they handcuffed him and threw him in the car and started the process of keeping a nigger boy in his place. After the pigs saw how far they had gone they become frightened and took the brother to Wayne County General Hospital. Once there the brother somehow or another ended on the ground and was beaten and kicked while people looked on.

The black pig Chief requested the resignation of Darling, and Killins was given four days off without pay and probation on the force extended for one year. Both were on probation, Darling was told he would be given a recommedation for any other field except law, Justification of Killins remaining on the force was that he proved his part was involuntary, since Fox kicked him first.

The Black Colony is so conditioned to the ways and tactics of the gestapo over the years that there are times when the only retaliation is to mumble among themselves ways to combat reoccurrences or run home as fast as possible so they won't get involved. This is not the decision of the people, but that of society who has taught them the pig is truly the protectors of liberty and justice for all. Supposedly they have our best interest and welfare at heart even when they bust brothers and sisters on trumped up charges.

on trumped up charges.

Number 7 of the 10 point platform states "We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of black people". The only way to end brutality and murder is to put the theory of community control into practice and this must be obtained through any means necessary regardless of the consequence.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE Linda

N.C.C.F. Detroit

Robert was not deformed, we can assume that the coroner didn't say "back of the neck" or that Robert was shot from behind in true cowardly fascist American fashion

We will not let the pigs complete their plan of genocide on us. We will no longer let these monstrous beasts murder us in our sleep and shoot us down from behind (or from the front)! The pigs are oppressing us by the power of the gun and by the power of the gun we will be liberated.

By organizing into armed selfdefense groups we will match the oppressing pigs bullet for builet. "For the salvation, liberation

not hesitate to kill or die!"

a bullet in hozo's BRAIN!

DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS



### TRICKY DICK NIXON'S BLACK CAPITALISM

While Tricky Dick Nixon was screaming "Black Capitalism" last fall for his election, his fascist pig-fellows were quietly planning a take over of several "Negro" radio stations. These chumps think they can control the black communities of Boston, Buffalo, and Pittisburgh by buying up soul radio stations. But by exposing their tactics to the masses, we will thwart this victous plan for fascist indoctrination of the black community.

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In September 1969, the Cypress Broadcasting Corporation was formed. Three of vicious Nixori's law firm partners (Nixori's Attorney General Rogers is also a member of this firm) and five other swine are on the Boards of Trustage of the corporation or the parent. member of this firm) and five other swine are on the Boards of Trustees of the corporation or the parent corporation, Cypress Communications Corporation, Six of the eight have holdings or are on the Boards of electronics and Cable Television Companies (the two exceptions are Nixon's lawyers.)

Cypress Communications Corporation itself owns or can acquire Cable Television Systems in parts of six states, including Mississippi The Mississippi franchise includes the towns that SNCC did its most heaviest organizational work in. In October, they officially put down their jive of buying Dynamic Broadcasting Corporation which owns and controls WILD (Boston soul station), WMFO (Buthalo soul station), wUFO (Buthalo soul station), and WLTO (Miam' Spanish-speaking station).

it because the bullshit election campaign had attracted everyone's attention. But now that everybody is awaiting Tricky Dick's Black Capitulism program, the masses will be amaxed to find that this vicious, deceptive program has already been put into practice.

Check it out: Nixon and his conspiracy intends to control a large bourgeois Cuban population by making Wilto in Miami a Spanish speaking station. Wilto was changed from a country western station to a Spanish-speaking station (which will elevate the cultural level of the Spanish speaking people) on November 10, 1968, a week after pig Nixon got elected, Miami has the largest population of Cuban exiles, most of whom are Cuban middle class, of any city in the USA. Since Nixon plans to live near Midmi and has to deal with Cuba through either invasion, negotiation or Isolation, being able to manipulate the sentiments of large numbers of bourgeois Cubans who dislike Castro, is greatly to Nixon's advantage.

So Nixon, through his conniving friends, intends to control and stifle both the revolutionary potential of the exiled Cubans.

How did I flad this out? I heard down to visit WILD. After I checked out the license and ownership application, I had a visit with the pig who locally controled WILD.

(soul) on New Orleans say that they will work closely with the police department, publicizing their program and supporting their program and supporting their many fine projects.

It is possible that other jive talking capitalists are quickly and quietly conspiring with Nixon to impose their own brand of black capitalism: fascist control of most of the major soul stations in the country. William F. (Faggot) Buckley, owner of Spanish Oil Concessions and publisher of the fascist magazine National Review, has just bought soul stations; WBOK, New Orleans, KYOK, Houston, Texas, WLOK, Memphis, Tennessee. He also owns KOZN (soul), Omaha, Nebraska.

Nebraska.

Tricky Dick Nixon and his herd of swine may be buying or have already bought most of the soul stations in the United States, If you shall be some which capitalist conalready bought most of the soul stations in the United States, if you don't know which capitalist controls your soul station (only 5 soul stations out of 120 in America are even owned by black capitalists) You can check it out! Go to your local station and ask to see the broadcast license and any transfer if ownership applications are on file. The public has a right to see Federal Communications Commission Regulation 1.526 it is an utmost necessity to reveal to the people just who owns soul stations. We must find out the depth of this fascist penetration of the black community.

The first step to liberation is the full knowledge of the oppressor and his tactics,

POWER TO THE WORKERS POWER TO THE PEOPLE PANTHER POWER TO THE VAN-GUARD Cappy Pinderhughes Supporter of the Black Panther Party

#### More La Raza benefits set

SAN FRANCISCO — The La Raza Breakfast for Children program is currently presenting a series of benefits in the Mis-sion District.

Music is by the Circus and the Clover and satire by the Teatro de la Calle (Street Theatre). Latino foods are on

sale.
The events are slated for July
11, August 1, August 8, and August 29 at St. Peter's Hall on
1249 Alabama street (near 24th
street) in San Francisco.

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Larry Little On"Squeaky's" Death List

# B.P.P. HEAD REAT





The racist Ku Klux Klan (left) is pictured at a North Carolina rally on September 14 called against the Black Panther Party. LARRY LITTLE, coordinator of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Black Panther Party and official spokesperson for the JoAnne Little Defense Committee, has received death threats from the KKK and has been informed he was on a "death list" = found in ''Squeaky'' Fromme's apartment. =

(Winston, Salem, N.C.) - Larry coordinator of the Black Panther Party Chapter here and national spokesperson of the JoAnne Little Defense Committee, told THE BLACK PANTHER that he has been informed that his name was included on a list of individuals slated for assassination found in the apartment of Lynette A. (Squeaky) Fromme, in Sacramento, California, and that he had received threats on his life by Ku Klux Klan officials and others in North Carolina.

Fromme is the woman charged with an attempt on the life of Gerald Ford on September 5 in Sacramento. Sandra Good, Fromme's roommate, told the press following Fromme's arrest that an "International Fromme's arrest that an ''International People's Court of Retribution' has marked for assassination ''scores of business executives' whose firms damage the environment.

Information that Larry Little's name was on the list came from the FBI office here as did the information that one Carl Parker, a local Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, had threatened to kill Larry. This was confirmed by Joe Grady, Grand Dragon of the KKK in North Carolina, who telephoned the Black Panther Party headquarters here on May 24, to inform the Party that Parker is responsible for the threat.

Again, on September 23 and on October 4, local FBI agents Eller and Zackary T. Lowe respectively called the Party office to inform it that Carl Parker had threatened the life of Larry Little.

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## NO. CAROLINA B.P.P. HEAD THREATENED BY K.K.K.

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Shortly after learning of the threats against his life, Larry Little held a news conference announcing the fact and reaffirming his determination to continue his leadership of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Black Panther Party and his work in defense of JoAnne Little.

About a week after the news conference, Carl Parker, leader of the KKK in Trinity, North Carolina, admitted on a newscast that there were people within his organization who had stated they would kill Larry Little. He also stated that there was possibly a contract out on Larry, but he claimed that he had nothing to do with it.

#### ANOTHER CALL

On October 8, another call to the Party officer here from FBI agent Zackery T. Lowe informed the comrades that the FBI had received information of additional threats on the life of Larry Little that did not come from the KKK, but from another group that he refused to identify.

How Larry Little's name appears on a list of business executives responsible for damaging the environment is not explained, and raises questions in the minds of many about who else was on the list and for what reasons.

Larry told newspersons at his press conference that his first and only visit to Sacramento, California, had been several weeks ago, accompanying JoAnne Little and Elaine Brown to a conference of Black elected officials, at which

he and JoAnne spoke. They shared the speaker's roster with California Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally and Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite Burke among others

At the height of these developments the Ku Klux Klan staged a rally in a field about 15 miles outside Winston-Salem, at which a huge cross was burned, hot dogs, hamburgers, and Klan souvenirs were sold and a major pitch was made for new mem-



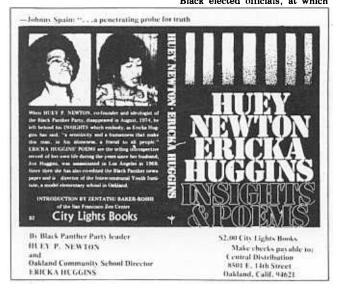
Joanne LITTLE and LARRY
LITTLE at recent California
Black political conference, with
Lt. Governor MERVYN DYmally (left), Congresswoman
YVONNE BRAITHWAITE
BURKE (center) and Black
Panther Party leader ELAINE
BROWN.

bers. Reportedly about 200 'middle-class rural Whites' attended the rally, held on a Saturday night, September 13, many dressed in Klan hooded robes. The same Joe Grady who had

The same Joe Grady who had telephoned the Black Panther Party office—here on May 24 confirming the threat against Larry Little helped organize the rally. He and other Klan officials told newspersons at the rally, according to the Winston-Salem Sentinel, that "Klan membership is booming."

The paper reports that several Klansmen at the rally carried and brandished ice picks with the KKK initials carved into the handle, a demonstration of protest against the acquittal of JoAnne Little for the ice pick slaying of the racist jail guard Clarence Alligood who attempted to rape her.

John Howard, 29-year-old Grand Dragon for the South Carolina realm of the KKK, told the crowd that Black Panthers should be, "taken back to Africa" where it's all right to act like a panther."



# F.B.I. "DIRTY TRICKS" EXPOSED AGAINST Gunderson, as the No. 2 man in the New Haven FBI office, was in charge of the FBI's handling of the cases of Ericka Huggins and

(Los Angeles, Calif.) - Theodore "Ted" Gunderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation abruptly "retired" from the FBI recently.

Gunderson's unannounced departure from his post as head of the 500-man Los Angeles FBI office — one of the largest in the FBI's network — came as Freedom, the monthly newspaper published by the Church of Scientology, was completing an inquiry into a series of charges concerning Gunderson's involvement in extensive media manipulation, burglary, and illegal wiretapping, for which he is now under suit in New Haven, Connecticut.

Gunderson's retirement followed an initial mention in the March, 1979, issue of Freedom that in October, 1969, the New Haven, FBI office — at that time Gunderson's operating base — was one of 16 known FBI offices to have submitted a list of "reliable" media contacts to FBI headquarters.

The FBI's New Haven list alone contained 28 major contacts in the Connecticut media, comprising most, if not all, of the principal newspapers and television/radio outlets in the region. It was extensively used by the FBI during the U.S. Justice Department's 1971 New Haven trial of Black Panther Party leaders Ericka Huggins and Bobby Seale to create a witch hunt climate of negative public opinion against the BPP.

Freedom-also reported in the same issue that an analysis of FBI documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) shows the FBI's media manipulation practices to have been especially prevalent in Los Angeles, as well as in New York, Chicago and Milwaukee.

As of this writing, Gunderson's withdrawal has neither been announced publicly by the FBI nor reported by the Los Angeles or national media. Freedom was unable to reach Gunderson himself for comment. An FBI spokesperson denied that Gunderson was fired or forced to resign to avoid embarrassment or further scandal for the Bureau.

What Freedom planned to publish was an analysis of certain aspects of Gunderson's career as assistant special agent in charge of the New Haven FBI office, where he served from 1965 to 1970 before being sent to Philadelphia, then Memphis, Dallas and, subsequently, to Los Angeles.

•FBI documents obtained through FOIA show Gunderson to have been one of two New Haven FBI agents in charge of disrupting and attempting to destroy the local Black Panther Party and its leaders through a variety of "dirty tricks."

These documents also point to Gunderson as a "press specialist" who is likely to have plotted or contributed to the plotting of specially-timed media attacks on the BPP through "friendly" reporters.

A review of FBI and BPP activities in New Haven strongly suggests that such press manipulation was timed to turn public opinion against the BPP during the U.S. Justice Department's attempted prosecution of Ericka and Seale, who is no longer a Party member, in New Haven for an alleged role in the killing of BPP member Alex Rackley.

Both Ericka and Seale were acquitted of the false charges.

•Gunderson is presently one of the parties being sued in New Haven for illegal wiretapping, burglary and a variety of other "dirty tricks" by a group of 88 lawyers, doctors, students, journalists, antiwar activists and former BPP members. The legal action was also taken on behalf of hundreds of other persons ranging from Yale University professors to local politicians.

The massive federal suit was filed in May, 1977, after a five-part series of articles in the New Haven Journal-Courier by reporter Andrew L. Houlding earlier in that year exposed a 20-year record of wiretap and burglary practices by local police intensifying in 1966 after Gunderson's arrival in New Haven and culminating in 1971, shortly after his departure.

Included in the list of defendants along with Gunderson are three other FBI agents, two former mayors of New Haven, three former police chiefs, two employees of the Southern New England Telephone Company and a number of policemen.

•Gunderson benefited from what was termed a Justice Department "whitewash" of the FBI's role in the Connecticut wiretap case. In April, 1977, both the executive director of the Civil Liberties Union in Connecticut and the lawyer leading the New Haven Police Commission's Inquiry into the case said that the Justice Department's conclusion that no New Haven FBI agents knew of any wiretapping was either "not...accurate" or "negligent."

Despite strong evidence, Michael A. Shaheen Jr., head of the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility, refused to conduct a criminal investigation of Gunderson and other New Haven FBI agents.

Gunderson, as the No. 2 man in the New Haven FBI office, was in charge of the FBI's handling of the cases of Ericka Huggins and Bobby Seale. An internal FBI document dated November 25, 1970, which denies covert FBI monitoring of Séale's communications while he was imprisoned prior to his trial, specifically states that, "Supervision of these cases rested with former Assistant Special Agent in Charge Theodore L. Gunderson...until September 11, 1970...and Special Agent in Charge Charles E. Weeks."

This disclosure indicates that all other action taken against the BPP in New Haven, although sometimes reported on to Washington over Weeks' signature, were also primarily Gunderson's doing.

The New Haven FBI carried on an extensive "media war" against the BPP in Connecticut, starting some two years before the BPP trial and intensifying during the trial, using "friendly" journalist outlets and media informers for the publication of slanted and inflammatory material calculated to create a climate of hostile public opinion as an aid to the Justice Department's court attack on the BPP.

The New Haven FBI, during Gunderson's tenure there, specifically targeted the BPP for destruction not only through media manipulation but also through a program of informer spying and other "dirty tricks," with former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, in many cases, personally approving such activities.

However, as a July 7, 1968, memorandum by New Haven FBI chief Weeks to Hoover makes clear, the BPP was by no means the only Black group to be so targeted. Weeks reported to the FBI Director: "...The New Haven Office has under consideration as counterintelligence targets the Nation of Islam (NOI); the Hill Parents Association (HPA); the Black Coalition and the Black Caucus. [Name blanked out] is in a position to furnish information concerning any situation which might arise in the NOI and which could be exploited in connection with counterintelligence activities."



A free health clinic was one of many Survival Programs operated by the New Haven BPP Chapter.

## **NEW HAVEN**

The use of cooperative media was never far afield in such planning. In the same memorandum, for example, Weeks reported:

"[Name blanked out], the leader of the HPA, recently was admitted to the Day Top Narcotics Rehabilitation Center, Staten Island, New York, a private institution for narcotics addicts, and is scheduled to remain there for approximately six months...[His] confinement at the above institution is not generally known to the public and the New Haven Office in cooperation with the [blanked out] is attempting to have [blank's] confinement publicized through trusted reporters in the news media."

The New Haven FBI's ability to orchestrate hostile press coverage of the BPP was nowhere more evident than during the two-year period covering the arrest and trial of Ericka and Seale. The fragmentary documents so far available indicate a sustained effort by the FBI to cultivate outlets for news and editorial viewpoints that would embarass, discredit or disrupt the BPP and other organizations.

Documents obtained by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in December, 1978, show, for example, that the New Haven FBI furnished discreditable information on the BPP to a trusted reporter on the New Haven Register. An FBI memorandum dated November 3, 1969, to Washington FBI headquarters reveals that a person on the paper was among others in the New Haven area considered as "approved press representatives."

These representatives were provided information available to the public from sources other than the FBI. The memo reported that, "through an established source, the New Haven Register will continue to receive public source data."

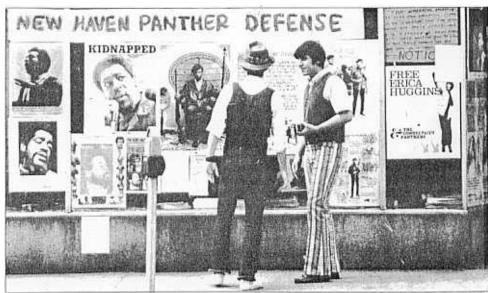
Further, in the same memorandum, under a section titled "Tangible Results," New Haven FBI chief Weeks reported on the trial by newspaper of 13 other BPP members arrested in connection with Rackley's death. Weeks noted that the Human Relations Council, a local civil rights agency, had protested to the Register that the BPP were being "tried and convicted in the press" and had been rebuffed in a Register editorial on October 24, 1969, which "blasted the Human Relations Council."

Reporting to Washington on September 3, 1969, in a similar vein on the work of the New Haven FBI, Weeks again emphasized the media exploitation program against the BPP:

"As authorized by the Bureau, New Haven will continue to furnish public source data to approved press representatives. New Haven will remain alert for those incidents or circumstances which may lend themselves to counterintelligence exploitation. One example of this was an anonymous letter mailed to William F. Buckley, Jr., setting forth Yale University sanctions of BPP activities on the Yale campus during May, 1969."

FBI documents obtained through the Connecticut Press Service and the Connecticut ACLU also indicate that, as the BPP trial date neared in 1970, Gunderson's FBI office intensified its media interventions, seeking to alienate the BPP from White supporters and from the broader Black community, as well as disrupting BPP unity by sowing internal confusion.

In a memorandum dated April 10, 1969, New Haven reported to Hoover, "Constant cover-



New Haven BPP headquarters in the early 1970's.

age of all BPP press conferences and lectures by[unnamed reporter] and other members of the press has resulted in an awakening of the moderate Negro community to the threat the BPP poses to the tranquility that exists."

The FBI next set its sights toward alienating and splintering off the BPP from the several antiwar groups active in New Haven at the time by preparing a "news media item which outlines opposing views between the BPP and the New Left."

A memorandum directed to Washington FBI headquarters on May 4, 1970, detailed the media exploitation opportunities of this action and was forwarded for approval with the prepared article attached. Recommemded action: "The attached article be furnished a cooperative news media source on a confidential basis by the Crime Records Division."

Freedom has not yet established whether or not the planted article was actually published.

#### DISRUPT AND CONFUSE

To disrupt and confuse the BPP itself, the New Haven FBI even plotted to publish two phony issues of a weekly BPP flyer titled Panther Trial News during the 1970 trial of BPP member Lonnie McLucas, preceding the trial of Ericka and Seale. New Haven FBI Chief Weeks described the plan this way to his Washington superiors in memorandum dated August 12, 1970:

"The flyer is widely distributed in the New Haven area, and as a counterintelligence measure, it is suggested that a similar flyer be prepared to coincide with the distribution of the next issue which is be distributed on August 16, 1970. The counterintelligence flyer would state generally the events of the trial and then give opinions and statements that would be detrimental to the policy line of the BPP, yet they would have to take full credit for the flyer. This measure may tend to disrupt their method of loosely passing out leaflets in the New Haven area.

"Also included in the counterintelligence leaflet would be certain things that will show Huey Newton in an unfavorable light by his own party, such as his philosophies about fighting in Asian countries and not dealing with the matters at hand in the U.S..."

FBI documents detailing such media-oriented activities were reviewed by the Connecticut News Service, which found lists of numerous newsmen-agents that the FBI found cooperative, but the names and the space alloted for

"action taken" was always blacked out when the documents were made public.

A memorandum to Washington dated April 10, 1969, indicated that the FBI had established an informer contact to monitor BPP activity at Connecticut Wesleyan University "with one of the top educators in the state." But, more importantly, the same memo promised continued "lawful (sic) harassment and successful prosecution" of both the BPP and Students for a Democratic Society, which would "tend to discredit [these] movements by disgracing the leadership."

In a memorandum dated November 3, 1969, the New Haven FBI promised to remain "alert for counterintelligence possibilities in the BPP Breakfast for Children Program," a community service activity. The memo gloated that "apparent lack of support by local businesses has inhibited the effectiveness of this program."

An unnamed BPP organizer, moving into New Haven from Boston after the Seale arrest, apparently gave the FBI a fright because he "proved to be an energetic organizer who started with a handful of BPP members and structured a closely knit highly effective" organization. But on May 26, 1970, an FBI memorandum reported that he had been "neutralized" by the dirty trick of an anonymous letter written to BPP national headquarters in California alleging that he had embezzled BPP funds.

The Justice Department and the FBI may have been too successful in organizing a media attack on the BPP when Ericka and Seale went on trial.

Because of the extensive prejudicial publicity given the case in New Haven, the jury selection alone took four months. More than 1,000 prospective jurors were reviewed. Finally, on May 25, 1971, the charges against the BPP members were dismissed after the trial jury reported itself hopelessly deadlocked.

In dismissing the charges, Judge Harold H. Mulvey said that in view of the massive publicity about the case, "I find it impossible to believe that an unbiased jury could be selected without superhuman effort."

Gunderson was whisked out of New Haven and into his new job as assistant head of the Philadelphia FBI office in September, 1970, because the approaching trial threatened the FBI man with more visibility than he wanted.