

**A Panther Tale**  
**A Case of Huey's Eye in the Sky**

When Huey P. Newton got out of prison, IN 1970, he moved to 1200 Lakeshore, the luxury apartments by Lake Merritt. The apartments had a breathtaking view of the Lake and the Alameda County Courthouse, a place Huey knew well from his time spent there during his trial. He called it Moby Dick, because the courthouse was big and white.

It was about 1970, and Black Panther Party members were still rallying daily at the courthouse. David Hilliard and Randy Williams were going to court during that time. We would march and carry signs in support of David and Randy, two Panthers with two different cases. David was going to court for the April 6<sup>th</sup> shootout in which Lil Bobby was killed and Eldridge Cleaver was shot in the foot. Randy was on trial for shooting at and throwing bombs at the police.

Huey had a telescope in his penthouse apartment and used it a lot. He couldn't get out as much as he liked, because the Central Committee didn't think it was a good idea. They just wanted Huey to chill. So one day Huey was up in the penthouse and we had a rally happening at the courthouse and he was checking it out. One brother was tired and laid down on the lawn in front of the courthouse and went to sleep. The other comrades were marching and passing out leaflets. Huey thought the brother must need some rest so he called John Seale, Bobby Seale's brother, on the phone at Central. He had a car dispatched to the courthouse. When comrades saw John Seale, they wondered why he was there. He walked right over to where the brother was and woke him up and took him back to the office to rest by order of Huey. Huey felt that the brother must need some sleep.

After that event, everybody was careful about what they did while at the courthouse, because of Huey's eye in the sky. We still laugh about that today. The brother was Big Calvin.

**Billy X**



Huey P. Newton at home looking through telescope at Alameda County Court House



Alameda County Court House ("Moby Dick")