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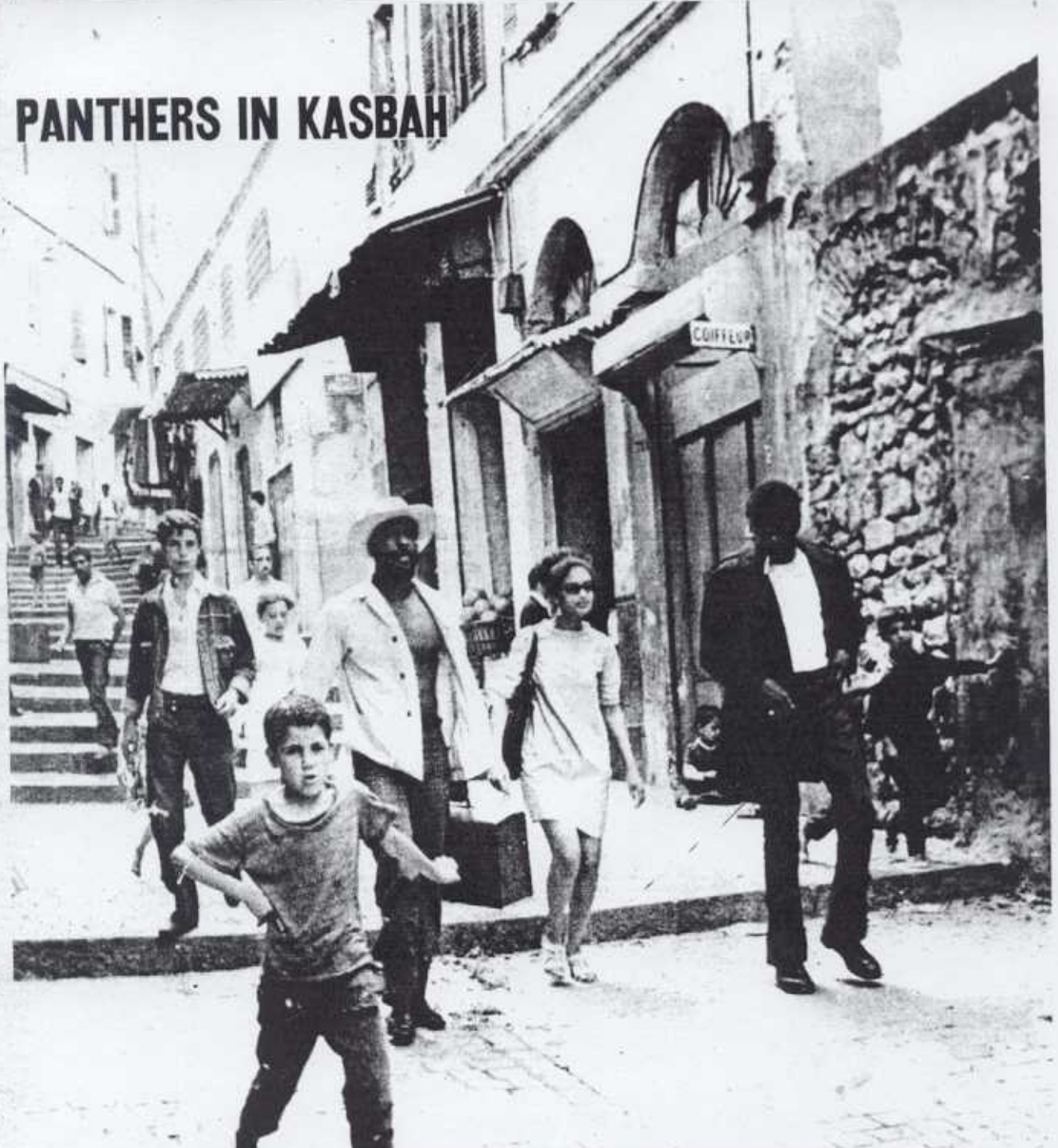
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"OUR ENEMY'S FRIENDS ARE ALSO OUR ENEMIES"

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BARB: When you talk about this you're talking about proletarian culture like in Frantz Fanon's book "Wretched of The Earth", he talks about decolonization as a process whereby a new species of man replaces the old species of man. Like when you got the new species come in, like they're going to have a whole new culture of their own, like what form would this take? I mean like this is after the proletarian revolution, I mean like during the revolution you have literature and culture of your own, but like after that, what form will it take?

DAVID: Well see, anything that exists after the revolution would be legitimate. And that I think that what Fanon was representing and what Fanon put forth was applicable to the Algerian situation, I would rather take the Marxist-Leninist position in saying that national culture is bourgeois culture and that the advocates of national culture could only be advocating oppression. Because as I stated earlier, the only culture that we're interested in is an international culture. A proletarian culture where people can begin to move from a common interest against a common enemy. So that the kind of culture manifested in a proletarian internationalism would definitely be a revolutionary culture in the sense that all people would have the one thing in common, and that's, that they are moving against the social ills of one given society, the world as it is and that what they create out of that would be a universality of will, that they would have a common language and that common language would be, down with U.S. imperialism and all the reactionary forces.

BARB: I just want to ask Bobby a question. At the conference you were talking about students and calling this word "ive anarchism", and I'm just wondering exactly what you mean by that?

CHAIRMAN: I meant that there's many who was acting in a very anarchistic manner. We understand that they don't relate to organization, hardly at all. Most of them we find are just running around trying to get some place where they could sit up and blow some weed, and drop some acid. Whereas the people's struggle, when you start working for the proletariat, you're serving the proletariat, you have to serve them in some kind of organization, some kind of government. And they have no real interest in some kind of organization that really goes forward to serve the people. Not for weed and grass and stuff like this here, but really to do something functional for the people, they don't have this interest. And their whole activity, their whole way of doing things is completely out of context with principles and organization, what have you.

BARB: Are you talking about like P.L.?

CHAIRMAN: P.L. is a bunch of iver racists, that's what P.L. is. P.L. as far as the Party's concerned is infiltrated by the CIA. P.L. is used to attack every liberation struggle in the world, by the fascist pigs. Where they use workers against workers, we see here P.L. is just an organization being used against organizations, in the past where fascism has used workers against workers, it's using organizations against organizations.

BARB: Do you actually think that P.L. is manipulated by the CIA?

CHAIRMAN: P.L. AND THE US ORGANIZATION.

BARB: How about like Trotskyists. What does the Black Panther Party have against Trotsky? I notice that you got a picture of Stalin around.

DAVID: I'd like to say that, that's a historical settlement, you know. And that the arguments that took place in Russia between Stalin and Trotsky still reside in the museums of history and that we don't condemn Trotsky as an integral

side of the social democrats, which is as we said a historical question. So that there is no disagreements with the advocates of Trotskyism as far as we're concerned, because Trotsky was a Commissariat General of the Red Army and the founder of the Red Army, and the man did some good things. So that we don't use that as a point of departure or a point of association in terms of aligning ourselves with revolutionary comrades. We would not use such narrow means for weeding people out. But the one thing that we're very careful of doing now is distinguishing real friends from real enemies. So that whether you call them Trotskyists or P.L., S.D.S., I.S.C. or whatever brand of initials that they come under, if they're taking sides with our enemies, then we say that our enemy's friends are also our enemies. So that we don't just relate to the Trotskyists as being our enemies, or P.L. as being our enemies, we see them as all being a part of the oppressive, fascist power structure that's moving against all the revolutionary forces. And that we're going to make it very clear to these people that, that's the light that we see them in, and unless they change their approach to our situation, then we're going to be moving against them in the same fashion as we would any other enemies, because we're tired of wasting words and they don't dictate to us, they don't tell us how to run our struggle. They're a bunch of bourgeois reactionaries, they're a bunch of college kids. We relate to the Young Patriots, we relate to the suffering masses and that these people had better check their game, they had better stop running their mouth, because the things that they say behind closed doors, when it gets to the Black Panther Party, it's just like coming from McClintock's desk, you know. So we want to make it clear to them that they'd better either identify themselves with the emblem of the star and join the fascists, or they'd better come down very clear and let us know that their politics is just immature and they don't know what's going on.

BARB: How about S.D.S. what's the Black Panther's attitude toward them?

DAVID: My attitude, and I think that I share the unity of concept and will with the Party. S.D.S. is a dirty from success, you know. That they have asserted the right for the revolutionary vanguard of the oppressor country. But the Black Panther Party hasn't endorsed that. We don't see S.D.S. as being so revolutionary. We see S.D.S. as just being another participation front, that's given credit by the fascist establishment, in order to cause disharmony in hopes that this would weaken the support for the Black Panther Party. So that our message that we gave prior, to your question concerning S.D.S. is also applicable to E.D.B., S.D.S. had better get their politics straight because the Black Panther Party is drawing some very clear lines between friends and enemies. And that we're going to make it very clear to them that we're not going to be attacked from any of those motherfuckers in the mother country, that we would rather fight those motherfuckers than to have them attack us.

BARB: Have you heard anything from S.D.S. since the conference as far as like whether or not they're going to support the police decentralization program?

CHAIRMAN: Only to the extent that they still had their politics messed up, because they're running around talking about they refuse to circulate the petition in the white community. This we've heard, and if they want to go around propagating some absurd stuff about what they think they are, and how revolutionary they think they are, and they think they're gonna come in here and think they're gonna run

Patriots said that they're going to circulate it like hell. Because we relate to them on the same class level as we are.

BARB: So in other words, like S.D.S. shouldn't be coming down into the black community trying to circulate it, they should be doing it in their own community?

CHAIRMAN: You damn right, they should be doing it amongst the working class of the white community. And if they want to learn how to draw clear lines of demarcation they can separate and don't circulate it for the ruling class part of the white community. That's very important, regardless of who lives up there, even if it's some blacks live up there - living with the ruling class. Don't deal with that ruling class aspect of it like Piedmont. We ain't doing nothing about that area.

BARB: Well they've got their own private force now anyway don't they?

CHAIRMAN: Yes, they have their own private force. But there's other areas in other cities in the country, that have ruling class communities, and they should draw lines of demarcation and not work in those areas, but work amongst the poor white and poor working class white community. It's like

Huey P. Newton says, "we are not going to just change what's happening in the black community, and allow for the oppressor country - to continue - in the oppressor country - to continue with the same old operation. They need to be civilized and changed too. So we have a common thing that realizes to people a common interest of survival."

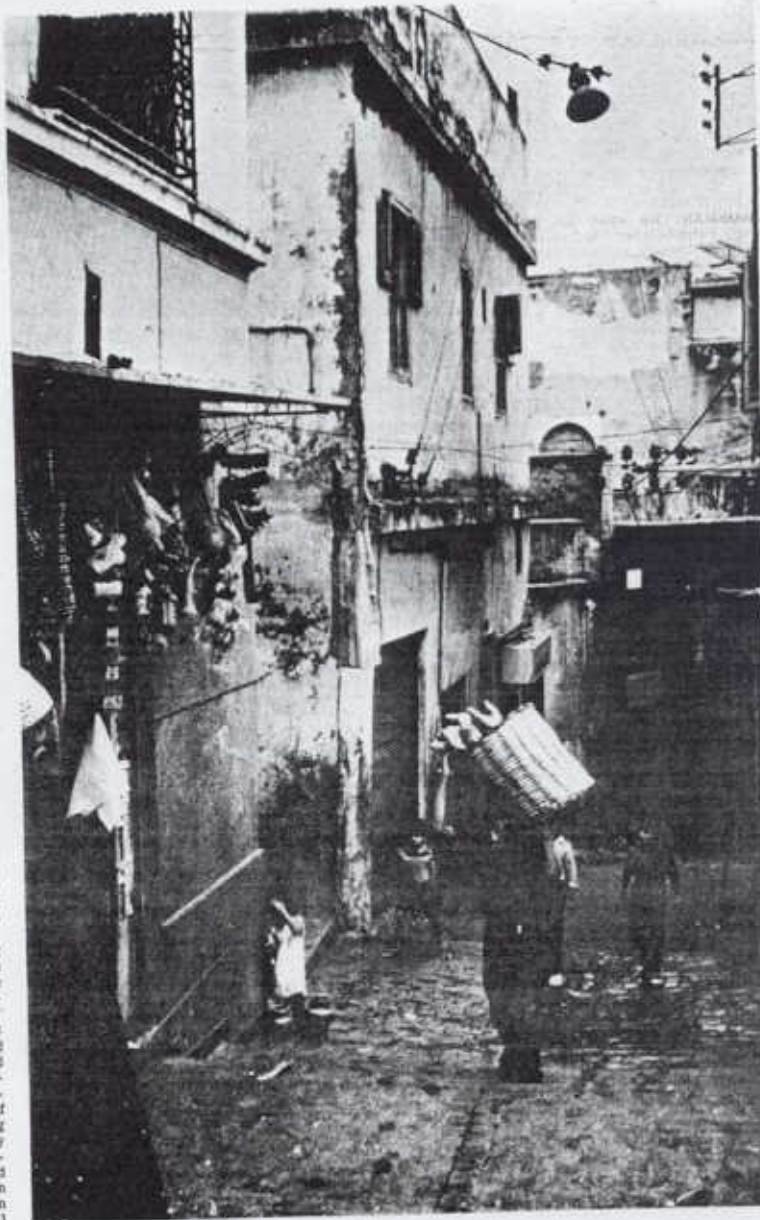
BARB: Well, the thing about S.D.S. is that, that they talk about being revolutionary but most of them are actually from the middle class (Chairman interjects - "we know that"), and now they talk about power coming from the barrel of a gun and this sort of thing - like, where do you think that's at?

DAVID: Well, we say that theory is nothing without social practice. So that we say that they have to do more than phrase monger and sling slogans, you know. That we say power comes through the barrel of a gun too, you know. And that we have exemplified that. And that S.D.S. cannot attain any revolutionary credibility or that they will not be considered revolutionaries just because they throw around revolutionary slogans. That we're still waiting for the John Browns in the white community. And that we see that manifested in the Young Patriots, and not those little bour-

geois, smooty nose motherfucking S.D.S.'s. And that we're gonna kick their motherfucking ass, if they don't freeze on their shit, and we want to make that clear to them. Because the Black Panther Party has taken the position against the most reactionary elements of this racist, fascist society, and that's manifested in the military regime, from the domestic arm to the United States Marines. And we'll beat those little classes, those little school boy's ass if they don't try to straighten up their politics. So we want to make that known to S.D.S. and the first motherfucker that gets out of order had better stand in line for some kind of disciplinary actions from the Black Panther Party. Because there has been a coup in America, the Black Panther Party has overthrown the black bourgeoisie, the Roy Wilkins, the James Formers, the A. Philip Randolphs, the Willford Jessays.

It's very clear that the Black Panther Party is the only recognized government of black people. And I think that, that was made clear with our invitation to the Algerian Conference - where we were the guests of the Algerian government in the midst of all the liberation struggles against U.S. imperialism. And that we're not going to take any shit from a bunch of little pu sillanmous". So you had better make it clear through your media, that the Black Panther Party is beginning to define real enemies from real friends. And at the rate that they're moving, they got some cleaning up to do.

BARB: Well, is this like recently, I mean it seemed that the Panthers had a pretty good relation-



Black community. They did it all

ip with S.D.S. up until the time the conference.
 AVID: Well, we say that the conference was a magnificent glass, as know. The conference was sort of a disorienting process, you know, was like - it was like weeding at the good from the bad, it was like making a distinction between the reactionaries and the revolutionaries. And that we see that as an achievement. And that it's reward in our respect, because it clearly shows that all of the so-called revolutionary forces from an oppressor country are still just as oppressive as they were when they were born. And that they're not revolutionaries, that they are national chauvinists, that they are national socialists. That the kind of socialism that they advocate is nothing more than an acute case of racism, manifested in every organization that white counterparts are allowed to participate in. And that we're sick and tired of those motherfuckers killing us or trying to dictate to us how we should run our struggle, who to align with. That we're the vanguard of the struggle, not because we're black and that our situation dictates that we must be vanguard in order to survive the genocide that's in store for black people in America. And that I think that they need to be reminded that if it were not for the Black Panther Party, or black people in particular in America - that there would be no need for S.D.S. and that they would probably be - be laying up in some park - Yellowstone Park somewhere - fraking off. And we want them to know that we're not going to stand any shit from them. And that's our position, and that we're going to defend that, and if they think we're living - tall them to make another reactionary statement against us.

BARB: Well, besides the Young Patriots - out of the three hundred groups that were at the conference - who turned out to be real friends and who turned out to be enemies. I mean there was a lot of them there who weren't really what you consider radicals. Which ones came out that you think will be able to help you?

CHAIRMAN: We think that the Young Patriots exemplified and represents the peoples struggle in the oppressor country. And we respect them, because of the class relationship or the class level that we both exist on, in terms of this being - human beings in the black community and human beings in the white community. And we don't relate, as David already pointed out, to a bunch of those five bourgeois, national socialists, and those national chauvinists who gonna try and dictate what they're going to do in the black community. We respect the Young Patriots, because they want to work, and have stated that they want to work, and they are going to work, in their white community to raise the consciousness of the masses of the poor white and poor working class white people.

BARB: Besides the Young Patriots, what other groups who were at the conference can you relate to?

CHAIRMAN: We relate to a number of organizations, different kinds of organizations, such as the Medical Committee to Defend Human Rights. We relate to the Youth Against War and Fascism. We relate to a number of them. But these so-called revolutionary groups one or two of them - all the way over to S.W.P. are just living, you know. They're lying to themselves and they don't understand who black people are and they don't understand that black people ain't gonna sit here and play no games with them, that they have to get up off. Other organizations seemingly are relating in a manner to respect the fact that black people have a right to self-determination. And respect the organization because of our internationalist line and philosophy that we consistently put into practice. That is, not only are we for the right of self-determination, but we're also internationalists. We relate to other peoples and other people's struggle, because our struggle is only part and parcel and one with the whole world revolutionary struggle of the proletariat.

BARB: How about the Communist Party, like there was rumors around that the Communist Party was dominating the conference, this sort of thing. What's your relationship with C.P.?

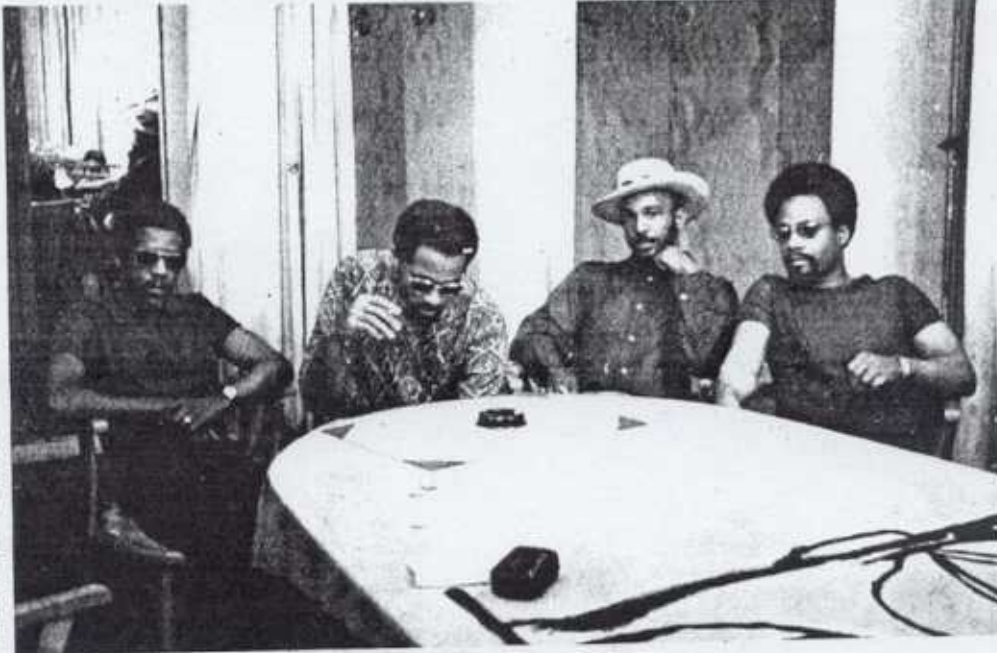
CHAIRMAN: We dominated the

conference. C.P. didn't dominate no conference. We didn't dominate the conference in the sense of what they're trying to say. We didn't dominate it - but we ran the conference and that's what it was. And C.P. did not run that conference, they worked along with us, like the Medical Committee for Human Rights and everybody, that helped do certain work to help put that conference over. And C.P. did do that. And that's just a fascist pig tactic to try to say that the Black Panther Party is led by the Communist Party, and we're not against Communism - we dig Communism. And we have criticisms of the American Communist Party, and lately they're relating to the criticism because we told them they had to put more things into practice, and it seems that they did better, than some of the other organizations, because they actually came out and did some degree of work to put the conference over, when we sat down and talked to them.

idiots, a bunch of morons, or they're opportunists and that they're not concerned with revolution, but they are only concerned in the maintenance of this oppressive system. And that out of all the articles that I've read since I've been back here in Babylon I'm satisfied to believe that S.D.S. is not revolutionary at all. And that all that they did was give play to our ten-point program, all that they did was said that they adopt and they support the Black Panther Party's ten-point program. Well, I say that they must think that the Black Panther Party is full of fools, full of ignorant niggers. But we want to make it clear to all the S.D.S. and the P.Lers, the pigs and the fascists that we have a mind of our own, and yes we support Al-Fatah in the Palestinian struggle. And that we make our decisions, and we support who we want to support, and that we're here to make revolution and if those motherfuckers are in opposition to

prophets. And that we realize that revolutions are dependent upon the actions of the people, that weapons are not decisive, that we cannot blow-print the revolution, we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know that this is the last ditch stand. All that we know is that it would have a profound effect - that it would be a most important lesson. It would be a PhD in political understanding for the oppressed masses. When they move within the legal framework of the system, to try to get this petition on the ballot so that the people can put an end to the terror that's rampant within the colony. So that anyone that takes a position against that petition is in fact supporting the fascism that we're moving against. And whether it's S.D.S. or the McClellan Committee, we want to make it clear to them that we have our guns and we're not going to lay them down, and we're going to advocate more peo-

ple stinging phrasms, because we're up against the wall and it's very clear what they have planned for us. So we're going to work on a time schedule - we're going to work on a time schedule, and that every ounce of our energy is going to be geared to trying to bring Eldridge back to Babylon, so that we can wage our struggle and get our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton's feet on the ground, to get him functional back into our community. And we say fuck the oppressor country because possibly the best thing that could happen to the motherfucker is to reconstruct it. We need a relocation, but the relocation is not geared to the black community. We need to relocate the racism, we need to put the racism in institutions. We need to tear down the old institutions and build some new ones. And if the young white people of Babylon are not willing to follow the vanguard's lead, manifested in black people in America, not just the Black Pan-



"The Black Panther Party has Overthrown the Black Bourgeoisie."

DAVID: We want to make it clear, because we're not interested in interviews with the Barb, with the Tribe, or any of those other labels, you know. What we're interested in is creating some conditions so that we can once and for all sit down and the opinions that we voice will be an international opinion - it will be the people's opinion. And that we don't have to speak as individual organizations. But it is obvious that all these little apolitical organizations, all these Little Boy Scouts and Brownie groups that call themselves revolutionaries, are coming up against something that's obviously too revolutionary for them to deal with. They criticized the circulation of our petition, not because they're not intelligent enough to realize the revolutionary implications of it, but because one always finds excuses for taking to the least line of resistance. And that we know that S.D.S. and all the other people that like, are very well geared to - and that they understand very well what that petition means. They know that, the petition does not mean that the black community will allow the fascist to parade, to patrol our communities in order to secure the imperialist and the capitalistic businesses in our communities. But rather the implementation of that petition in reality would mean that the people of the community would have control over the guns in that community. And that, that's a situation where the people will begin to exert power. The power will be invested in the hands of the people. And that we see as being a very revolutionary step towards making the revolution - towards the people controlling the means of production. And that anyone that has such impaired vision toward the ultimate of the police decentralization petition - are either a bunch of lunatics, a bunch of

that revolution, then that just means that we'll have to muster more guns within our own community in order to move against all the racists - be they young or old.
 BARB: The thing is, because the police decentralization program is so revolutionary, I mean if it went into effect it would change all the relationships between the people and the power. (Chairman interjects "Correct") The thing is - like this is going to be too much for the law to handle, they would never - I mean if there was a petition - even if the City charter was amended they would never step down. What would you do in this case - I mean if you filed it through the legal steps -
 CHAIRMAN: One implementation of the community control of the police will exhaust all political means, it would be the last ditch stand of the ballot or the bullet like Malcolm X, first put forth. And from there the people will understand you can't use in the past - what you used in the past you can't necessarily use now, you would exhaust the political means and the Party is very revolutionary, we work with the level of the conscience of the people. The petition is very significant in any one city in America - it would change the whole relationship between the masses of the people and the fascist pig department, and the people would have to go forth to actually in fact remove them. Because they would see themselves as being legal. That they in fact have a right to survive and they must drive the pigs out and stop the fascism that's rampant in America now.
 BARB: So this is like the last chance for the democratic system - you will play along with it this time and if it doesn't go -
 DAVID: We're not going to fall victim to fetish, you know. We're not

pie taking up guns. And that we're going to make it very clear - we're going to make it crystal clear to all the people that were in attendance at that conference what we expect from them. And that all we expect from them is enough courage to circulate that petition. Now we say that, that would be a vanguard step even for S.D.S. Because we're not going to let them worm their way out of their duty. If they're revolutionaries then this is what we, as the vanguard of the revolution in Babylon dictate, that they circulate THAT petition NOT in our community but in their community where the Birchites, the Klan, where the Chief of Police, their mamas and their daughters and all the forces of reaction and racism are manifested, where they all hold up. And we say that unless they're willing to do that, then they're giving sanctuary to the criminals, that they're giving sanctuary to the racists, fascists. To decentralize the community imperialists, and implement probably on just the community level - Socialism. And that's probably too Marxist-Leninist for those motherfuckers to understand, but we think that Stalin was very clear in this concept - that socialism could be implemented in one country, we say that it can be implemented in one community. And any motherfuckers that come down here, that move against our programs are in fact supporting the imperialists, that they're supporting the fascists and we're going to move against them and we ain't going to ask no names, we're not going to look at their long hair, we're not going to check their I.D.'s, only going to check that we're going to start checking people on, is their credit and what they implement in social practice. Because we're tired of motherfuckers giving sch-talk and small talk from chairs. We're tired of people shooting, we're tired of

the Party, then we say well, right on racists, right on enemies. Because we're defining them as such. And that we're going to start moving on them as such. And we're going to create a situation that the black community is going to be liberated territory and if it has to be a situation where we can only allow people of other ethnic groups that we can trust to come in, then that's what we want. Because we're going to set up a barricade and we say fuck them in their ass, and we don't owe them shit. They haven't done a motherfucking thing except run their mouth. And if they make one more counter-revolutionary statement, if they make one more attack upon our Party - then we're going to begin to attack them in the same light that we do all the rest of the fascists of this power structure and that's it in toto.

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Black Panthers Are Center of Attraction

Press Conference Chief of Staff's Return from Algiers

July 31, 1969.

CHAIRMAN: We called this press conference because the Party's Chief of Staff, David Hilliard returned from the Pan African Arts Festival in Algeria and also relating to the fact, the situation that's occurred where the brothers had to defend the office in Chicago. David, go ahead, concerning Algeria's Pan African Arts Festival.

DAVID: The only report that I have to bring back to Black people in particular and to the American people in general is Eldridge's wish to return back to America. And I think that the newsmen share in part some of the information. Eldridge has stated that he would return today, if he could have his day in court. So that I'm here, along with Bobby and the Black Panther Party nationally to create some machinery in order to bring Eldridge back to America, because this is where he prefers to struggle.

QUESTION: What do you mean by his "day in court?" Is he willing to return and finish that jail sentence?

DAVID: That's right. He's willing to return and even go to prison if convicted as long as he's allowed to go and stand court and have the due process of law rendered to him.

QUESTION: Do you expect him to return in the near future?

DAVID: Well, that's dependant upon the actions taken by the mayor of San Francisco in offering Eldridge protection, as he would any other citizen, and also the actions and the attitudes by the governor of California, - if they're willing to cooperate in terms of letting Eldridge return and make his regular appearances in court, then he'll return today.

QUESTION: You say you're ready to set up some machinery to bring him back. Is that to mean to make a deal with somebody?

DAVID: No, we're not here to make a deal. We're here to make it known nationally, internationally that Eldridge prefers to come back to America and to go to court, other than to reside outside of America, and to allow the suppression and the terror that's being brought down upon our Party where he's inactive. He would just rather come back home and struggle here.

QUESTION: What is what getting at is what kind of machinery are you trying to set up?

DAVID: Well, machinery relevant to the Huey Newton trials, and actions like that in order to create some mass demonstrations to focus attention on Eldridge and to let people know that he's willing to come back and stand trial.

QUESTION: Have you formulated any of these actions yet? Do you know yet what you plan to do in order to bring Cleaver back?

DAVID: Well, the machinery is already intact. They're manifested in our National Committees to Combat Fascism, and these committees were resultant from the recent conference that we had here.

QUESTION: David Hilliard, Stokely Carmichael was also at the Conference in Africa, and he has recently made some strong remarks against the Panthers. Did you speak to him while you were there?

DAVID: We had several meetings with Stokely and Stokely has agreed to repudiate the statements in terms of us using coercion and to make it very clear that his statements were not in harmony with the McClellan attacks upon our Party. That they were at an untimely moment when he made the attacks upon our Party which the

question; would he join the Party again? Do you know?

DAVID: I'm not sure the Party would accept. We weren't satisfied with his activities. That's why we dropped his name from the roster.

QUESTION: Is Eldridge happy in the countries he's visited? Has he been treated well?

DAVID: Eldridge lives in the second best hotel in Algiers and he's the Minister of Information, and I'm sure that he's quite pleased. He's got a new baby boy and he's very agile, and he's in very good spirits. His health is good, and the people have treated Eldridge very well.

QUESTION: While you were gone the mayor of San Francisco called the Panther Party a second rate murder incorporated or a small time murderer incorporated. Do you have any reaction to that?

CHAIRMAN: Yes. We have a direct reaction to that. That Alito, Mayor Daley and Richard M. Nixon and the rest of the demagogic politicians are first rate murder incorporated, when we look at the history of the oppression and especially with respect to what recently happened in Chicago, where the Black Panther Party there was attacked by the pigs, where they've been lying today saying that they were shot at by the Party members, which is an over lie. The windows inside the Party office are boarded up with three-quarter inch plywood, and there's no holes in there, where you can shoot out the windows. And we know for a fact that members of the Black Panther Party who were on their way out here to work out here, were arrested and some hundreds of police, pigs, fascist gathered in front of the Black Panther Party office three or four hours before this happened and they in turn, fired and attacked the Black Panther Party office and the Black Panther Party members there were ordered, like they always have been, by Executive Mandate No. 3, that Huey P. Newton put down, that we defend our thresholds, and they defended the office and those fascist pigs who attacked there. And that's what they was supposed to do and that's exactly what they did in Chicago to defend themselves from the fascist attacks that Alito and other kinds like Mayor Daley did, sending those pigs down there to continue their repression.

QUESTION: This seems to be a national pattern now. Why do you suppose these things are happening involving Black Panthers all over the country?

CHAIRMAN: I would think that they might begin to stop happening if sometimes the news reporters would report more correctly what's happening and what's going on. Why are they happening? I'm pretty sure you know that reason, because the fascist regime, the fascist government, wants to destroy the Black Panther Party, because the Black Panther Party is the vanguard of the revolutionary movement in America.

DAVID: Not only that. I think they're happening because of our coalition. Not only with the brown community, but with the young whites in America. And it shows very clearly that we've exposed some very sharp contradictions in America that's not geared directly to race, but more on an economic level. We say that it's a class struggle, and we've emphasized that, through our coalition with progressive whites. So we think that that's the reason why the attacks are so continuous.

QUESTION: Have you spoken to some of the people involved in the shooting in Chicago, either of



The Chairman and Chief of Staff

CHAIRMAN: Yes, I've spoken to some of the people who observed Black Panther Party members getting arrested. I think from here on in, if you need any more information, it would be very good if you would contact the Chicago Chapter of the Black Panther Party, and they could give you some more details.

QUESTION: You say then that it was an act of self-defense?

CHAIRMAN: It was an act of fascist aggression on the part of the pigs attacking the Black Panther Party office, they know for a fact that this was it. And the masses and the thousands of people who were in the street know for a fact that this is what the case was.

QUESTION: The Panthers moved in self-defense then?

CHAIRMAN: Completely. And we always move in self-defense and we'll defend any office in the country and any place we can. We got our guns and we gonna shoot back if we're shot at by these fascist pigs in America.

QUESTION: How many Panthers have been raided in recent weeks?

CHAIRMAN: In recent weeks since the McClellan committee, I can't even count them all, it's so many.

QUESTION: David, you spoke of Eldridge coming back, and trying to set up some machinery to get him back. How long do you think it might be before he will return to the States? Do you have any long shot guesses?

DAVID: Eldridge is working on a time schedule, such as all Panthers, and I couldn't designate his date of return. We have a very dim view of the American government as a whole, Eldridge has made it very clear that whether they agreed to let him return and have his day in court is a serious problem that he hopes will take place, but even if they don't, he said that he would come back the way he left, you know. So that I don't know when he's going to come back.

QUESTION: Do you think that he'll be back within a year, a half year? **DAVID:** Well, we hope to have him back before the year is up.

QUESTION: How's Kathleen?

DAVID: Well, she just had a baby, you know.

QUESTION: What's the baby's name?

DAVID: The baby's name is Antonio Maceo.

QUESTION: It was recorded earlier that Eldridge wanted to come back to America. In your talks with him, did he get specific about why he wants to come so badly, isn't he happy where he is?

DAVID: He wants to come back because he wants to put an end to exploitation and U.S. imperialism, and he knows that that struggle cannot be waged from abroad, that

DAVID: I think he's going to bring back whatever is necessary to meet the forces of oppression here in America, in Babylon.

QUESTION: Do you think that Kathleen will come back ahead of him?

DAVID: I don't think that she'll come back ahead of him. I think they will come back together with their son.

QUESTION: Did you make contact or have some discussions with some other representatives at the conference?

DAVID: Yes. We had discussions with several liberation groups in Africa. And they were all aware of our problem before we got there. They knew that U.S. imperialism was their problem and that fascism was what Black people in America are faced with. And that their source of information was geared to our newspaper and that the one thing that they wanted more than anything else was some consistent channels for information in order to shine true light on the imperialists and their oppression - within and without.

QUESTION: Is Eldridge going to remain in Algeria until he comes back here?

DAVID: That's not clear, you know. I don't know how permanent it is. We were only offered that center in Algeria and that we were invited there only for the cultural festival and when that's ended, I don't know what's going to happen. I'm not sure.

QUESTION: When he comes back, does he know that he may have to go to prison before his court date?

DAVID: Well, if Eldridge comes back, I think it's been made clear that he's not going to prison. That's why he left.

CHAIRMAN: If he comes back, we're not asking him to come back to go to prison before court trial, we're asking a human being's right to go to trial without being in prison. That's the very reason he left. The man has a right to trial before he's imprisoned.

QUESTION: Well, if the Panthers are very critical of the trial system in this country, why would Cleaver come back and go on trial unless he thinks the trial will be just?

CHAIRMAN: You've been seeing what's happening recently, the way they've been lying up there. He's been fighting about how the pigs got caught in lies on the witness stand about Charles Bursey. How Warren himself has been through these two trials where there's hung juries, the last eleven to one - eleven for acquittal and other things like this here. And we exhaust all political means, even our bodies and our lives to show the people that there isn't justice in the courts.

DAVID: Not only that, Eldridge has faith in the progressive people of America, and he knows that the court systems are only stable because of the inactivity and the low political level of the masses of people in America. So, we think through his example, such as Huey Newton that they could create some machinery in order to overturn the oppressive system and possibly get the justice that he deserves.

skyites running around attempting Marxism-Leninism, and we see a lot of P.L.'s running around who tried to disrupt the conference, but didn't realize the force and defensive mechanisms of the Black Panther Party to defend the people's right to combat fascism in America. And the rest of them have to understand that we saw that the level of conscious that the people who are going to deal with community control of police and implement it and the rest of the idealists, and abstractionists and the anarchists - if they can't come together in some kind of unity, those living, just sitting on the side who just want to criticize just for some kind of notoriety - and we say later for them. That they themselves are aiding and abetting Fascism in America.

QUESTION: What was the initiative that the Black Panther Party attended the conference in Africa?

DAVID: Well, first of all, the Black Panther Party was invited to Algiers to represent the oppressed people of Afro-America and that our interest was to show through our art the oppression and to show and to create some means for communication on an international level. It was very respectable in that respect. That the Black Panther Party was offered a center there. We had the only center there and it's just a matter of fact that there's been a coup against Hoy Wilkins and James Farmer, you know, and that we're the recognized government of black people in America. And that we went there to express unity with the rest of the African people. So it's just that clear.

Child Molesting Grand Juror

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