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**Feature Article:**



# BLACK CAPITALISM AND WHAT IT MEANS

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While reading the paper the other day, I saw where Oakland has been made a target area for tricky Dick Nixon's BLACK CAPITALISM PLAN. It seems to me that a further analysis of capitalism in general and black capitalism in particular seems to be forthcoming. (When we check the history of various countries on this planet we find that many nations and races have gone through a capitalistic bag. When we check Russian history we find that with the ending of the rule of the Czar, Russian capitalism came to an end. When we check the history of China and yellow capitalism we find that with the coming to power of Mao Tse-tung and the communist party of China, that feudalism and bureaucratic capitalism to which the yellow people in China were subjected had been crushed. When we check the history of other countries that have gone capitalistic, such as India and brown capitalism, we find that today India is in a constant state of turmoil.

I think that in viewing capitalist countries we should take into consideration the basic drives, motivations and the fundamental reasons for the things that occur in capitalistic countries. For instance, in checking the economy we find that in capitalistic countries a high unemployment rate, sometimes 10%-15%, is not something spectacular, but rather that in order for a capitalist country to maintain a balanced

economy this type of unemployment rate is essential as a check on inflation. In further checking on capitalism and how it is related to black people in this country, if we want to find out what capitalism has in store for us all we have to do is look around and dig on our present situation because the conditions that black people are in in this country is directly due to capitalism and the exploitation that we have suffered at the hands of the racist capitalist ruling classes here in racist America. We find that during the days of the slave trade, capitalist merchants along this country's Eastern seaboard got filthy rich off of the blood, the tears and the sweat of black people who were transported in the bottoms of ships, packed like sardines, to this racist decadent country to work and slave and die in the fields to build this country.

Capitalism, as we all know, in order to exist must have something or someone to exploit. What we have here in America is super capitalism, super exploitation; trinkets and beads are being sold to the people for exorbitantly high prices. In dealing with black capitalism or the little of it that we have experienced in this country by checking J. A. Rogers 100 AMAZING FACTS ABOUT THE NEGRO we find that prior to the civil war there were small black capitalists in this country. These black capitalists to a certain extent enjoyed some of the

benefits and privileges of this country insofar as they were called freemen and as such they could own slaves and property. In checking through history we find that most of these freedmen or miniature black capitalists had no concern or feeling whatsoever for the rest of their black brothers and sisters and in many instances they were more hostile than the white slavemasters and blamed their brothers for keeping them from enjoying all the fruits of the white capitalist class. During the civil war when the North and the South supposedly fought to free the slaves we find that some of these black capitalists in fact fought on the side of the confederacy to help maintain the exploitation over their black brothers. So when black people begin to see words such as capitalism it should appal them.

You see, we've been trained in this country so that whenever we see the word communist, for instance, most black people will be startled but yet they see the word capitalism and it more or less doesn't phase them at all. They just continue on, it's just an everyday word, it's something that they've come up around. But I think that if black people would stop and really check out that word capitalism and what capitalism means on an every day basis, they would begin to be appalled by the word. Myself, when I saw this thing Oakland being iron black capitalism to me that was a very very

terrifying thing because like I've said we've had examples of what capitalism has done.

Black people in this country must begin to form the correct concepts in their minds when they hear the word capitalism. In this country in schools the little training they do give us when they deal with America or capitalism they deal with democratic capitalism and they teach you about the democracy and about the capitalism. The results are that when black people see the words "Oakland is in on black capitalism" immediately stanzas of the star spangled banner begin to play through their heads and they see the flag waving when what they should be seeing is the rapalming of people of color in Viet Nam and the murder of Che Guevara in Bolivia by racist U.S., C.I.A. agents. Also when we think about capitalism we should think about our brothers and sisters in the Congo. There's a pamphlet called REVOLUTION IN THE CONGO which every black person in America should read and you will find out how capitalism operates. For instance when the U.S. intervened in the Congo and Patrice Lumumba, the people's choice for Premier, was murdered by that traitorous dog Tshombe who was a running dog for the U.S. and Belgian capitalists, and that five liberal Kennedy. At the time of the U.S. intervention there were large copper mines in Katanga and other

provinces in the Congo. There's a firm in the U.S. called Kennecott mines and they control most of the world's supply of copper. Well, at the time of the Congo intervention the supply of copper had begun to strip the demand and the price of copper had begun to drop. Well, these capitalists who sit up and control Chase Manhattan Bank and other large banks and industries made millions selling excess U.S. 10,000 lb. bombs to bomb the mining industry and the people of the Congo into rubble, thus beating down the competition.

In America today the capitalist businessman and landlord exploits you at the store and home and then at the same time he goes to church and kneels his big hypocritical pork chop ass down and talks about brotherhood and do unto others as you would have them do unto you. And when you ask him how does he justify the cambroast business practices he indulges in, he gives you the simple phrase that business is business. Well, I think we should take a very close look at just what is capitalist business. As I said in the Congo it consists of dropping 10,000 lb. bombs on black people there. Prior to WWII the capitalist in this country who ran the junk yards were making millions of dollars by selling scrap iron and steel to the Japanese imperialists who were waging an un-





# THE THIN BLUE LINE

America is doomed. This is a fact beyond dispute. Besieged by all the peoples of the world, America is being forced to withdraw. The capitalist rulers of this country everyday see their dreams of world empire crumbling into dust beneath their very feet. Not only is America on the retreat all around the world but internally America is falling apart. All the lying tricks that the demagogical politicians and avaricious businessmen used in the past to keep the people divided, confused and pacified are no longer working. The forces of liberation have knocked the glittering outer shell away from the American nightmare in all its hideous oppressive forms. Unable to maintain their rule by tricks and lies, the greedy capitalist rulers have turned to the last resort of all tyrants and madmen, brute force and terror. Around the world the forces of liberation are confronted by the mercenaries of U.S. Army, Air Force, and Navy. And here in the confines of decadent America the forces of liberation in the colony and oppressor country are presently being confronted by an equally vicious pack of parasites. The hired killers of the pig departments, the men in blue, America's thin blue line.

## The Scum of Society

Forced into retreat, the ruling circles have scraped the bottom of the barrel to assemble this last desperate line of defense. The local state and federal pig forces who constitute this Thin Blue Line live by murdering, maiming and torturing the people. Last year a report was issued that gave a rundown on the men who make up the pig departments. According to this report, the pigs constitute all the failures and deviants of society. Unable to find jobs in other fields, and failing in all their other attempts, these deviants turn to all the degenerate activities Ku Klux Klanism, Minutemen, perverts, gangsters and alcoholics that this sick society produces. The idea of the friendly neighborhood policeman is nothing but another illusion of the American dream that vanishes rapidly on contact with reality. Historically the pig departments throughout this country have been nothing but hired killers for the power structure. Under the clothes of the policeman's star radiantly dressed in blue he can maim, torture, and kill at will with complete impunity, and for doing it well, can receive medals and bonuses. It's a well known fact that the pig departments in the large cities regularly recruit southern racists who are paid \$800.00 or more per month to patrol the Black communities, murdering and brutalizing Black people--all in the name of some so-called American law and order. Catholic Mayor Alliotto of San Francisco, who goes to church every Sunday, has his own special unit of Italian gangsters clothed in



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blue and paid by the people. This wing of the mafia known as the tactical squad is used regularly to suppress the people of San Francisco at good Catholic Alliotto's command, even going so far as viciously choking and maiming peace demonstrators inside of Grace Cathedral. The tactics of Catholic Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago's gangster pig department is well known to the people who attended and had their heads busted open and bloodied at last year's Democratic Convention. These Irish pigs of Daley's were acting like wild dogs attacking everything that moved. Once they were turned loose to one who wasn't in blue was spared. Dangerous and isolated

Those weaklings and perverts look upon themselves as defenders of the American way of life, absconding the "Whiteman's Burden" and holding back the barbaric hordes who would destroy civilization. In many ways the pigs are far more dangerous than the military, for unlike the military, who are not allowed to bring their weapons home on leave, the pigs are never unarmed. There are many many examples of off-duty cops killing and maiming people

George Baskett was murdered by a drunken off-duty San Francisco Irish pig named O'Brien. Shortly before that another off-duty pig shot and wounded his neighbor in the head one morning because he was mad at a cat on his back fence and last year the news of three off duty pigs having a shoot out and killing each other on the freeway following a traffic accident filled the newspapers. There have been repeated public outcries to disarm off-duty pigs, but the pigs still have their guns. The pigs are not only dangerous but they are also isolated. Their actions are so repulsive to the other segments of society that no one, not even their bosses, like them or wants to be around them. No one associates with them but other pigs. As a result of this the pigs have formed a caste consciousness which makes them doubly dangerous. This small armed body exercises power far beyond what their numbers should command. In New York last summer, the head of the 28,000 member policeman's association went on television and publically asked in the peoples faces and stated that they, the pigs, would no longer take orders from the politicians and city council. As pigs, he stated, they knew the law, they had the guns

and no one, no matter who, was going to tell them how to police the city. At that time the pigs had machine guns mounted on the roofs of the schools, to keep the people in the poor communities, from opening the city schools to teach their own children since the racist teachers union was on strike. There was very little protest from Mayor Lindsay's office and no action was taken because he, like the other avaricious businessmen, rely on the pigs to maintain their slippery footing.

## Running Amuck Without Restraint

The Thin Blue Line is completely out of the people's control and running amuck. The pigs break every law in the land, and if and when brought to court are always found "not guilty" and are released. Last year following the raiding of our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, Mayor Redding of Oakland had 2,000 Oakland pigs, most of the Highway Patrol, pigs from neighboring communities and several thousand National guard troops staked out in and around Oakland trying to spring a trap on the Panthers. Instead, following Huey's orders, the Panthers were cool and the pigs blew their minds. They had just been issued new weapons by the federal pigs and were raving mad with power. As a result the pigs turned to their bottled courage, got drunk and shot up the Panther office. The pigs were so drunk they even shot up their own squad car. When the pigs were brought to court the case was thrown out due to "insufficient evidence", despite the fact that there were witnesses to the incident and the pigs had shot up their own squad car. The pigs are outside the law and drunk with power. In Los Angeles, Leonard DeDeiler was murdered by a big highway patrolman whose .357 magnum "accidentally" went off after he stopped DeDeiler for speeding. DeDeiler was taking his pregnant wife to the hospital. The coroner's verdict: justifiable homicide. In Washington, D. C. this filthy nation's capital, last summer, a crazed pig murdered a Black man in the streets for jay walking and was never brought to court. The instances of pigs playing judge, jury, and executioner on "suspected" criminals are too numerous to be listed here. In most cases if the person had been found guilty in court the sentence would have been less than 6 months, but the pigs see to it that they never get to court. Over the past year the pigs in their filthy blue uniforms have attacked the people in every major city throughout America. In order to try and silence some of the protest being raised by the people, the local politicians and avaricious businessmen have dangled the idea of community review boards in front of the people. But the people are beyond such tricks and they know, as David

Hilliard, our Chief of Staff, has said, that such talk is nonsense: "We cannot waste time talking about community police review boards because a community review board will not act as a shield for a .357 magnum bullet. We know that the only way to stop these motherfuckers is by picking up guns and killing those motherfuckers before they get a chance to kill us". Thin Out The Line

Their speed and mobility make the pigs look far more numerous than they really are. There are only 200,000 pigs in the entire country and they are spread out mighty thin. There are 28,000 pigs in New York but there are about 2 million Black people in Harlem. Although the pigs have cars that can reach 120 miles per hour on the freeways, a 30-06 bullet travels at 23,000 feet per second and armor piercing bullets go through armor plate. The Thin Blue Line survives by using terror tactics like Hitler's Gestapo. Whenever there's a disturbance they amass a large number of pigs on the scene and by a show of force try to scare the people into submission. By taking advantage of the terrain and using the correct tactics the people can deal with any situation. When making a raid, the pigs try to use guerrilla tactics on the people. They sneak into the community in the dead of night, usually between 1:00 - 4:00 in the morning. Like the cowards they are 10-25 of them vamp on one person or family, ransack their home and then hastily retreat back to the safety of the pig pen to return when the sun is up to cink in the faces of the people. By rigging a system of community alarms and establishing community defense teams, the people could quickly put a stop to this type of shit. All it takes is courage and determination. The days of the pigs are numbered. Every day the Thin Blue Line gets worn thinner and thinner. Last year 187 pigs were thinned out by liberation fighters and this year looks as though it will surpass last year. Like the Roman legions were smashed by the people who valued freedom above Roman values, so will the blue line be smashed. History shows that there never has been an oppressive society that the people could not topple--and so it will be with America. When the people rise like a mighty storm the Thin Blue Line will be trampled into the dust. As Huey P. Newton teaches us, "The oppressor must be allowed no peace by day or night, he must be harassed until his doom".

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