DEDICATION/CELEBRATION TO MARK OPENING OF YOUTH INSTITUTE AND SON OF MAN TEMPLE

Oakland, Calif. - The Educational Opportunities Corporation, a non-profit organization, invites the community to the dedication/celebration ceremonies of the opening of the Intercommunal Youth Institute and the consecration of their new church, the Son of Man Temple, on Sunday, October 21, at 10:30 a.m. The location is 618 E. 14th Street in Oakland.

The Intercommunal Youth Institute, Oakland's only community-based alternative school, is entering its third year in operation. The new location represents a positive step forward for the school, with its 25 classrooms, and meeting rooms, an auditorium that seats 300 people and kitchen facilities capable of serving over 200.

The opening of the church promises to be a joyous occasion. Huey P. Newton will deliver the keynote address.

Reverend Cecil Williams, the controversial pastor of Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco, will speak. Bobby Seale will deliver the dedication message.

The Voices of Christ, the Polytechnic Inspirational Choir and the Son of Man Temple Choir will lead the people in song, with the Intercommunal Youth Institute Choir blending in their young voices during the event. Elaine Brown will sing and Ericka Higgins will deliver a poetry recitation. High Tide Harris and his blues band and the Bishop Norman Williams Quintet will add to the celebration.

There will be tours of the Intercommunal Youth Institute (housed in the same building) after the ceremonies. Displays and tables for visitors to obtain information about and sign up for the services offered by the Temple will be available. Sickle Cell Anaemia tents will be given and the Senior Citizens S.A.F.E. program will transport the elderly to and from the church. Seniors will be able to register for the S.A.F.E. Program.

The "Each One, Teach One" Tuition Club of the Educational Opportunities Corporation, which sponsors the Youth Institute, will have a display table describing the activities of the Institute.

Following the services, a home-cooked meal will be served free to everyone.

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[Top] Children of the Intercommunal Youth Institute relaxing in the spacious courtyard. [Bottom] The Son of Man Temple's 300 seat auditorium. Hundreds will gather here Sunday to participate in the Dedication/Celebration of the new community institution.
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Chicano, Asian and Native American teachers and counselors to reduce class size and counseling loads so that students get more informed and sympathetic individual guidance and attention. The demands of the AFT are reasonable and necessary."

The statement ended: "We need a quality education for our children and we know the money is there ($8.4 million in school money is held in "undistributed reserves") to provide it. We do not want a school strike in Oakland, but if the school board does not act, a strike is the only alternative.""

The call for unity and support worked well. On Tuesday, October 9, over 500 concerned parents, teachers, community people and school children themselves jammed into a small auditorium to confront the Oakland School Board.

Speaker after speaker left no doubt as to where their sympathies lie. Voneta Means-Silberman, a community leader and parent, and Darlene Lawson protested the board's secretive practices: "Before you pass any more proposals, (the police plan), let the community in on it." AFT staff organizer Michael Bradley exposed the administration's "plantation politics" and Doll Lewis explained that Oakland school officials must learn to "respect" non-professionals working in the schools.

Elaine Brown took the podium and explained simple facts of life: "The main thing is that we did not come here today to talk to one another... We want the demands to be met because we have a united body here, united around the issues. We did not come to play."

When Bobby Seale finally rose to speak an expectant silence fell over the hall: "I want to try to connect a few things here and look at a few things more concretely and in a way which makes sense. People from the community are here today to demand that you deal with the funds in a proper way. Before you spend more money on more police, put that money into more school buildings so we can cut down on classroom sizes... I'm not going to ask you for a hearing on this so-called police proposal for schools, I'm asking for a vote from this board to drop this whole idea altogether. Just stop it!"

And then there were two young school girls, who in timid voices, asked the school board, "Is it 1984 already?"