

# FREE OUR SISTERS

On Nov. 22, over 5000 people told pig chief Abern and the fascist court system--and the racist power structure of New Haven and Connecticut which controls them--to **FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS**. People from all over the northeast came together to protest particularly the cruel treatment of our imprisoned sisters, but also to demand the release of all 13 New Haven Panthers, and all political prisoners, Black Panther Party Chapters and Branches, and Women's Liberation groups from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington D.C. Participated in the march and rally. Organized by the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party, and Women's Liberation groups mostly from New York, the action exposed the blatantly fascist acts of the Connecticut pigs (local, state, FBI and CIA) against the people's servants--the Black Panther Party.

We gathered at Beaver Pond Park and, shortly after 11:30 began to march toward downtown. The march, led by Welfare Mothers, followed by Black Panther women and Women's Liberation groups, with the men in the rear, had high spirits and was constantly chanting slogans such as "FREE OUR SISTERS, FREE OURSELVES, and

**POWER TO THE PEOPLE. Right On!** We conducted an educational campaign all along the lines of the march, selling Panther papers, and handing out informational material on the trial, and moved into the shopping areas in downtown New Haven. We stopped at every intersection, chanting and singing all the time. Traffic was jammed up for almost 2 hours as we made our way to the last bastion of American Fascism -- the State Court House.

At the State Court House, Beth Mitchell, Communications Secretary of the Harlem Branch of the Black Panther Party ran down the situation of the seven Panther sisters (2 of whom are pregnant, --Francis Carter just had a baby boy-- "Che Alprontice Carter") now imprisoned in Niantic State Women's Farm; the situation of the other 3 New Haven Panthers imprisoned and spread around the Connecticut State Prison system; and the situation of people in general here in racist, fascist, decadent Babylon. She also related how our sisters are:

isolated from other prisoners; kept awake by constant bright lights and noise outside their windows; denied their legal right to interview counsel; denied their civil right to choice of doctors; denied their physi-

cal right to exercise, fresh air, the people rallied, covering the rest, and proper clothing; denied their human right to their children; denied their constitutional right to prepare for their defense - and read a list of demands for the rally:

**WE DEMAND** immediate freedom for the Connecticut Panthers and for all political prisoners. **WE DEMAND** an end to their isolation and sleepless nights. **WE DEMAND** adequate diet, exercise, and clothing. **WE DEMAND** their right to choose counsel. **WE DEMAND** their right to prenatal and maternity care by doctors of their choice. **WE DEMAND** the right for these mothers to make their own arrangements for the custody of the children in accordance with their wishes and the wishes of the Black Panther Party.

The acting Area Captain of the Black Panther Party in Boston, Audrea Jones, also rapped on the nature of fascism, its use of racism, and the necessity for proletarian internationalism. Other speakers included representatives of Women's Liberation and the Young Lords, and a former inmate at Niantic State Women's Farm.

Slick and slimy pig chief Abern kept his cool and kept his 7 panel truckloads of pigs in the back of the State Court House. Meanwhile

the following ground rules: No demonstrations of any kind within 500 ft. of the courthouse; no sketching, note-taking, or other communications equipment will be allowed in the courtroom-including still and movie cameras! Entry and exit from the courtroom permitted only before court is in session, after court is over, and during recesses.

On Thursday, Nov. 20, the judge decided to revise the order to be effective only on days and during times when court is in session.

So now we have forced the oppressor to back up--to revise toward our favor, one of his own fascist, regressive rules for the court. And so that is our next step also--to force him to back against the wall and **FREE OUR SISTERS, FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS, and FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!!!**

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
SEIZE THE TIME!  
POW'S FOR PANTHERS!**

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THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING, "STOP THE WAR AND FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS"