FREE OUR SISTERS

On Nov. 22, over 5000 people told pig chief Albert 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 country came together to protest particularly the cruel treatment of our imprisoned sisters, but also to demand the release of all 11 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 mainly from New York, the action exposed the blatantly fascist acts of the New Haven Panthers, and Women's Liberation groups against the people's services—the Black Panther Party.

We gathered at Beaver Pond Park, and, shortly after 12:30, the march began. 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, FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS!"

POWER TO THE PEOPLE! Right On! We conducted an educational campaign all along the lines of the march, selling Panther newspapers, and handing out information 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." The office of Attorney General now imprisoned in Nanticoke State Women's Farm: the situation of the other 3 Nanticoke Panthers imprisoned and prisoned and spread around the Connecticut Prison system; and the situation of people in general here in racist, fascist, decadent Babylon. She also relayed how our sisters were isolated from other prisoners; kept awake by constant bright lights; and noise outside their windows; denied their legal right to interview counsel; denied their physical rights to exercise, fresh air, the people raided, covering the rest, and proper clothing; denied the rights of the courthouse—their human rights to be alive, denied their constitutional rights.

The pig judge, right to prepare for their defense—Palmier, Judge for the Panther case—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 food, 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 prisoners to make their own arrangements for the custody of the children in accordance with their wishes. WE DEMAND the wishes of the Black Panther Party. The acting Area Captain of the court. And so that in our next step also—demand to be heard against the wall and FREE OUR SISTERS, FREE THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS, and FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

BETH MITCHELL
Comm. Secretary, Harlem Branch

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