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AT BLACK COMMUNITY SURVIVAL CONFERENCE.



Over four thousand Black people came out on May 13th to participate in the Survival Conference. There were shouts of joy when the Black Panther Party announced that CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE would be running for Mayor of Oakland and MINISTER OF INFORMATION ELAINE BROWN would be running for a City Council seat.

The following statement was delivered on behalf of the Black Panther Party by Elaine Brown, Minister of Information, after the reading of which Chairman Bobby Seale answered newsmen's questions:

With Chairman Bobby Seale and Minister of Information Elaine Brown, the Black Panther Party officially announces candidacy for major political offices in the City of Oakland.

The people of Oakland, Black and all others, can now begin to really change the course of our lives for the better. In the past, the existing mayor and city council have refused to provide decent housing, jobs, edu-

cation, transportation, clothing, etc. to all the people, while deliberately, willfully and maliciously ignoring the poor people of Oakland, who still suffer a generally miserable life in sium conditions, and are living under the threat of a misguided and brutal police force.

It is for these and many other reasons that Chairman Bobby Seale and I, Elaine Brown, of the Black Panther Party officially announce today that Chairman Bobby Seale will be running in the next city elections for the Mayor of Oakland, and I will be running in the same election for the 6th District City Council seat.

With this announcement, we will be putting into full swing the people's political machinery and we call for the Black, poor and all the people of Oakland to demand with us and support change for the better, now, with Chairman Bobby Seale for Mayor and Elaine Brown for City Council-woman.

We will be running on the Community Survival Ticket, which includes all 20 or more Survival Programs and the Black Panther Program, March 29, 1972 Platform, which manifests what we, the People, want and what we, the People, believe.



At the Black Community Survival Conference, young Comrades from the Samuel Napier Intercommunal Youth Institute gave a revolutionary performance for the people and asked the community to "Vote for Survival".

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With CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE as Mayor of Oakland and ELAINE BROWN as City Councilwoman, the People's survival needs can be met all day, everyday.

On Saturday, May 13, 1972, the Black Community of Oakland participated in a continuation of the Black Panther Party-sponsored massive Black Community Survival Conference (March, 1972), at which the largest gathering of Black people, in many years, came together to unite around the need to survive. The entire program was in commemoration of David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, on his birthday, who is presently falsely incarcerated at Vacaville prison.

The over 4,000 Black people who came out on May 13th to Bobby Hutton Memorial Park (named for the first member of the Black Panther Party to be assassinated) not only participated in the Survival Conference itself, but were among the first to hear the announcement by the Black Panther Party that Chairman Bobby Seale and Minister of Information Elaine Brown would be running for major political offices in Oakland (see pages B and C of this supplement).

The announcement of candidacy for office set the stage for everyone to receive free Sickle Cell Anemia tests, 2,000 free full bags of groceries (with a dozen Grade AA eggs in every bag), 1,000 free brand new pairs of women's shoes, while listening to the beautiful sounds of Herbie Mims East Bay Band (which had donated all of its efforts to the people). Even after the last bag of groceries was given away and the last pair of shoes fitted,

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The Black and oppressed people of Oakland know that CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE has been serving the people for a long time.

PRESS: Have you already put together a political machine that will work toward your successful candidacy?

CHAIRMAN: That political machine is highly together right now, running throughout the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Area, but for the city of Oakland, that political machine is together, and it's manifested in the many people, hundreds of people, as far as the precinct work and other things like that. In terms of building alliances and coalitions with other peoples and churches and groups, etc., we have laid a foundation for that for many years.

PRESS: What are you doing, Bobby, to assure the turn-out, voter turn-out? Now, you had a very highly concentrated registration in the last few survival efforts that you've had. What are you doing, what is your organization doing towards assuring the voter turn-out on election day?

CHAIRMAN: We can assure the voter turn-out on election day, because we're sure we can organize a machine of people doing work, doing precinct work, doing door-to-door work, upwards in the area of 2,000 workers, specifically on the campaign alone.

PRESS: How successful was your voter registration?

CHAIRMAN: The voter registration that we had at the recent Black Community Survival Conference was successful to the extent that we registered from San Francisco County, Contra Costa County and Alameda County, from all 3 counties, 11,120 people to vote.

PRESS: What are some of the major issues in your campaign?

CHAIRMAN: The major issues will be manifested in relation to what the people want and what the people need in the community. All the other specific or general issues throughout the city are going to be issues that are automatically interrelated to whether or not Black people still continue to live in oppression or whether we come out of that oppression. I cannot speak specifically of any specific issue at this time, except the 10 Point Platform and Program, the Black Panther Party's program, 10 Point Program, shows our stance within itself as the press statement indicated.

PRESS: Do you have any particular kinds of ways that you might rearrange the economy in Oakland...?

CHAIRMAN: Well, I'm not going to reveal any specific approaches at this point, but we do have an understanding of the need for the people in the community to have more control of the institutions, and then move from there to make sure that those institutions serve the basic desires and needs of all the people in the community, and especially in the Black community; and the need for the Black and Chicano people, and poor people to begin to be relieved of oppression and get rid of that oppression.

PRESS: Do you have any anticipation of, perhaps, inviting Shirley Chisholm to help in your campaign?

CHAIRMAN: We'll invite as many people as possible. Sure, we're going to invite the Sister to come out and help us in our campaign, because we're helping her in her campaign.

PRESS: Are you still supporting the issue of community control of police?

CHAIRMAN: Yes. We support the issue of community control of police. We support the issues of community control of rent. We support many numerous issues that relate to bringing the people out of oppression. If the people can control more of the very institution itself, the institution, the police department, you can transform the police department into a different kind of police department that functions for the people. In other words, you can transform the racism right out of it, the present existing police department, if you can control more of the institutions. The people can do this with good candidates.

PRESS: Bobby, is this a decision of yours or the Black Panther Party as a whole?

CHAIRMAN: It is a decision of the Central Committee of the Black Panther Party that I should run for the mayor of Oakland in the next city election and that Sister Elaine Brown, Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, should also run for the city council seat of the 6th district in the City of Oakland.

PRESS: What kind of powers would a councilwoman have...?

ELAINE: Well, naturally, the power of a councilwoman, or a councilperson, is the power that the city council has at this time. It's already given it by the City Charter. Unfortunately, at this point, the power is in the hands of reactionaries. The thing that we can do is to represent the people's true interests and needs on the city council and transform the power that the existing city council has, to serve the needs of the people.



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Sickle Cell Anemia has claimed countless Black lives. We will accept this no longer.

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many people stayed on to just enjoy being together.

The announcement for candidacy also set the stage for other speakers to come before the people gathered in the park and present the programs of others running for political office who will and do represent the people's true interests. Introducing all the speakers, in fact, was Brother Steve Brooks, candidate for Oakland's 2nd District Council seat. Brother John Cruikshank, who is running for judge in Oakland's upcoming elections (June 6th), discussed how we could begin to realize real justice with people's judges and juries of peers; Brother Wilson Riles, Jr., Northern California Campaign Manager for Shirley Chisholm, outlined her program for the people and explained why Shirley Chisholm is "unbought and unbossed".

After that, Chairman Bobby Seale and Minister of Information Elaine Brown, of the Black Panther Party, explained that the platform they would be running on was a people's survival platform, manifested in the 16 Point Platform and Program of the Black Panther Party.

May 13th was a continuation of what can be a daily program of survival, always with the goal in mind of complete liberation, with Chairman Bobby Seale as Mayor of Oakland and Elaine Brown as City Councilwoman.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE