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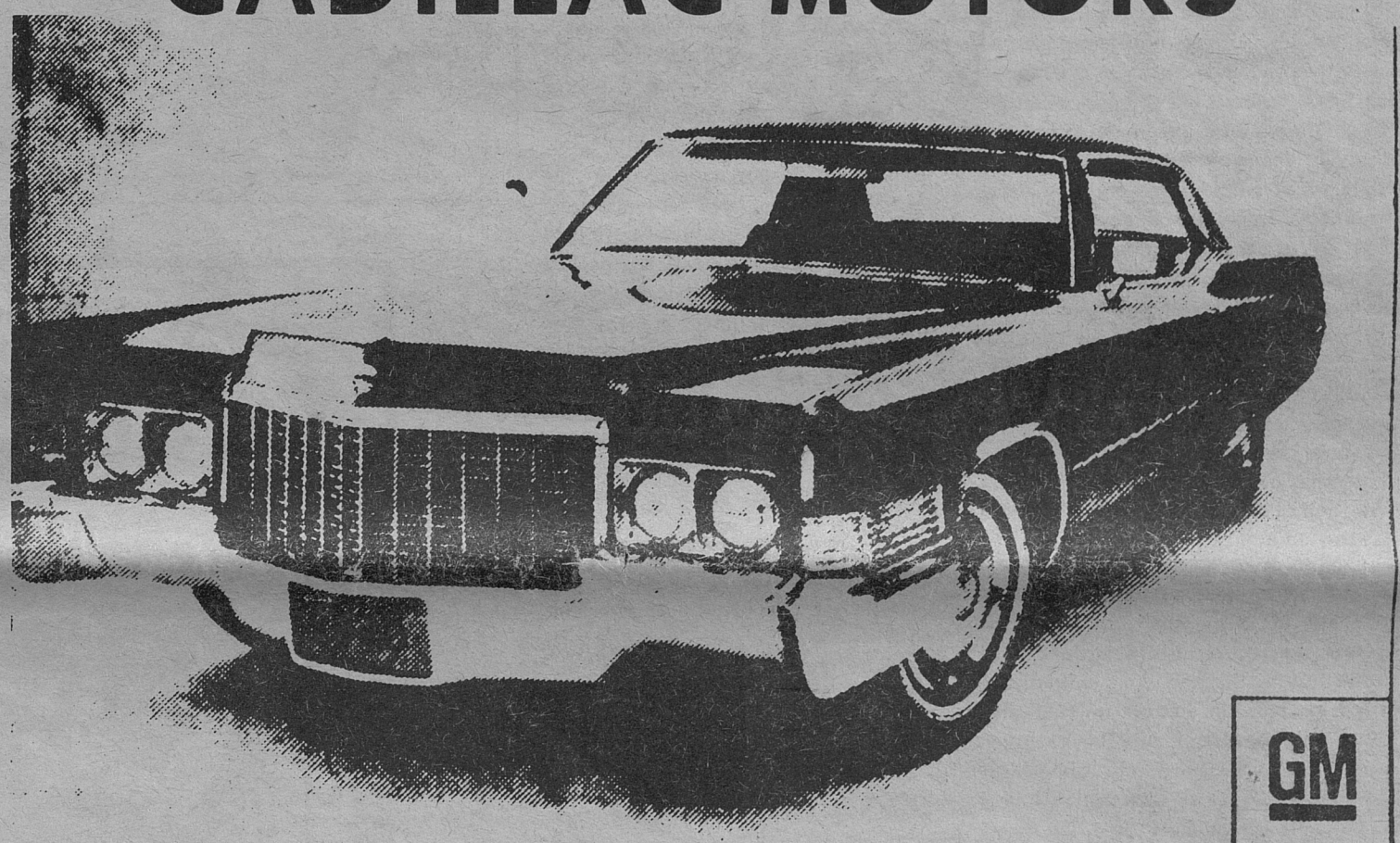

Man killed after knifing co-worker

DET. NEWS

A Detroit man was found crushed to death last night shortly after stabbing a fellow worker nine times in a fight in a west side auto plant.

The man, tentatively identified as David William Bland, 25, whose address is unknown, was dead on arrival at 7:40 p.m. at Receiving branch of Detroit General Hospital.

Witnesses told police Bland stabbed Hershell Lee Pennington, 26, of 5888 Romeyn, in a fight at the Cadillac Motor Car Division plant at 2860 Clark.

Police said the fight started after Pennington, who works on the assembly line, complained to Brand that he wasnt' giving Pennington enough relief time. Bland was the relief man, police said.

Pennington, taken to Harper Hospital in serious condition, later was transferred to Receiving.

Police said Bland fled the plant after the fight.

He was found dying five blocks away on Scotten, north of Bangor, police said.

Police suggested that Bland had collapsed in the street and had been struck by a hit and run driver.

They said his clothing showed evidence he had been dragged, but there were no tire marks on him.

A young black worker has been murdered by an enraged mob of racist white workers at the cadillac plant on clark street. The dead worker is David Bland, 25, of 1491 West Grand Blvd. The police and local news media have made an attempt to cover up this lynching by a Klan type organization called the "Dragons", and up to now they have been successful. Fortunately the Inner City Voice has found several black workers and a security guard at the plant who were eyewitnesses to the incident. Following is the account of what happened:

"Wednesday evening Bland was working as a relief man on the assembly line. A "hillbilly" named Hershell Lee Pennington 26, of 5888 Romeyn asked Bland to relieve him. Bland stated that he would relieve Pennington as soon as he returned from the lavatory. Pennington complained and began calling Bland all kinds of niggers, etc. Bland retaliated and called the hillbilly a bunch of "rednecks", "crachers", etc. The white worker then pulled a knife from Pennington and upon seeing blood on his hands, became enraged and started stabbing his adversary. He stabbed Pennington nine times and became frightened. Bland fled the plant through a back entrance and five white workers, who are known as members of the "Dragons" ran after him. The mob caught the brother on an overpass and pulled him to the ground. They then picked him up and threw him off of the overpass, crushing him on the pavement. He was still able to crawl away and was found dying a few blocks from the overpass."

Bland was dead on arrival at 7:30 p.m. at Receiving branch of Detroit General Hospital. The police department covered up the slaying by saying that he was "probably" ran over by a truck, even though there were no tire marks on his body. The newspapers buried the story on their back pages and accepted the police version.

For some time now we have been getting reports of the existence of a strong Klan chapter in the Cadillac plant and we have been investigating this story. Our investigation is incomplete but we have already confirmed that the "Dragons" in fact, are an affiliate of the Ku Klux Klan and includes high supervisory personnel, including a plant mangers as well as most of the union officials at the plant. It was revealed several years ago by the local white newspapers that the head of the Michigan plant was a white collar worker at Cadillac. This particular plant has a majority white worker force composed of southern crackers and racist poles and other nazi-oriented ethnic minorities.

This article marks the beginning of a campaign by the I.C.V. to seek justice in the DAVID BLAND LYNCHING.

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1970-YEAR OF THE STRUGGLE

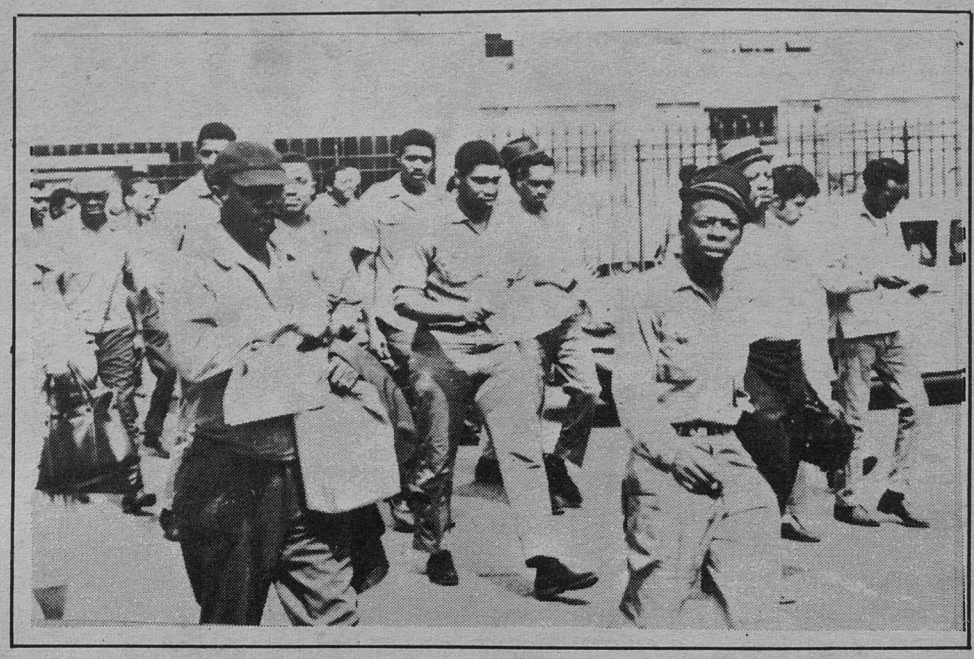
As we begin this year, the Black masses, who are the vanguard force in america find themselves in a distressing atmosphere. We are angry. We are angered by four hundred years of oppression in this racist land and we are angered by the recent atrocities heaped upon us. Among these the more vicious ones are: Police tactics against revolutionary Black youth, the evil welfare system, inflation and taxes which are bringing us to the brink of bare existence, poverty, hypocritical community control bills such as de-centralization, the Imperialist war in Vietnam. the killings of Blacks such as Fred Hampton and others. Of all of these the Black Workers lot is the most bitter. His conditions of living are entirely at the mercy of the racist Capitalists, therefore his terms of employment are very hard. The menial wages paid are getting to the point of bare existence. This by the way is increased by the rise of inflation which is decreasing his buying power caused by the war-mongering rulers of america. Even the miserable wages paid are eaten up and cut in every way by federal, state, and local taxes. Added to this is the cut of social security and Union dues and sometimes even others. Racist employers hire and fire Black workers at will, creating an atmosphere whereby workers are afraid to voice opposition to their conditions of work. The racist Unions who are in league with the Capitalist tyrants, in reality afford little or no protection for Black workers (witness the strike incidents in Detroit in 1968 and '69 at Chrysler Corp.). Any Black worker who tries to organize any opposition against the racist practices of the company is immediately fired. Trumped up charges are aimed at the more militant workers in order to erase any successful threat. Conditions in the foundries and plants ofttimes leads to rapid exhaustion and sometimes the early death of the workers. More and more young Blacks are finding themselves with no availability of jobs leading to drifting and criminal acts. This is caused by the unimaginable greed of the profit-making thugs who control us.

In the ghetto Black families are incredibly squeezed into four, five and six room flats with as many as fifteen people living in one flat. Education is at its worse. More and more Black youth find themselves no longer capable of relating to this education system which is more from the reality of today's living than ever before. This system of Education was prepared in such a way as to prepare students to work for the interest of the system and for, the American Government. How can students relate to this evil, when their new consciousness dictate that they work for the interest of their own people? The schools are in a state of financial ruin and are allowed continously to fall in this state. This is no accident, as the authorities would have us believe. This, is caused once again by the drain on the economy and by the unequal distribution of wealth by the ones who control Big Business. Poverty and starvation shall increase this year. This is a fact and not an assumption. There are over twenty million people literally starving in the U.S.A. and thirteen million of those twenty million are Black people. Why is the government paying farmers not to produce wheat and other goods when these types of conditions exist? Because this system is based on profits rather than the needs of the people.

As the Black population within the cities increases the need for more room becomes eminent. People must have land in order to breath. But we are packed together like sardines with no apparant room for expansion, however if one goes along the highways and byways you see nothing but land and more land. Who owns this? other than the private owners, much of this land is owned by Big business or the Government. Where is the Government? What solutions does it propose?

The criminal Government is offering nothing more than a handful of vague and hypocritical solutions, which in the long run will do nothing more than make our conditions worse. The logic of this Government is to: keep the Black masses from acting by any means necessary.

Stall them, keep them hoping, then stall them again. This is the foolish philosophy of the rulers of America. As if the masses of our people will never awaken to this trickology. But we are awakening and are beginning to prepare ourselves correctly for the struggle that lies ahead. This is terrifying to those who are against us. Those who have the most to lose by our victories. Those people you and I go to work for every day. In the plants, the industires and the factories. This small clique of world-wide land grabbing blood suckers are truly and sincerely our enemies and as we will see, will stop at nothing to keep us from freedom and justice. However, regardless of the tactics they use, it is the will of our people and the degree of that will that shall determine the outcome of this struggle. Not the reaction of the rulers. This is something that tyrants and oppressors have never understood and never will understand. This is also why they have never given freedom to an oppressed people, therefore in the final result they leave the people with no other alternative but to fight! Once we understand this it becomes much clearer as to "what must we do?".



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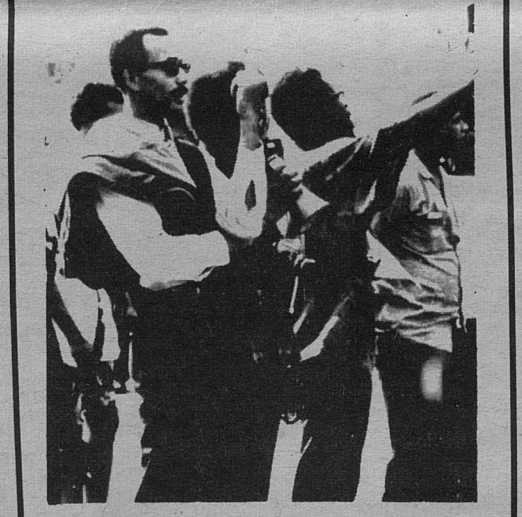

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Remember Malcolm Feb. 21

Malcolm X, a black man, born May 19, 1925 in Mason, Michigan was a man of extraordinary talents. The early life of Malcolm was much like the life of most black people in america. Like many black brothers he spent a portion of his life in prison because of the racist nature of justice meted out to blacks in this country and the economic conditions which bring about the criminal actions of black people in their fight to survive daily.

Malcolm understood at an early age the racist nature of this country, having come in contact with the Ku Klux Klan face to face, having his father killed for fighting for justice for black people.

While in prison, Malcolm educated himself, studied and tried to understand the historical position of blacks in this country and how to free black people in this racist country. During this time in prison, Malcolm became a convert of the Nation of Islam. After leaving prison he became a spokesman of the nation of Islam and black people in this country, transforming the Black Muslim movement into a national organization and bringing into focus the meaning of Black Nationalism.

Malcolm was teaching separation and the building of a Black nation, while many other negro organizations were talking of integration. Malcolm brought new and penetrating thought into the Black struggle for freedom, equality and justice.

Malcolm brought about a great deal of political awareness to the Black Community; black youth in particular.

Malcolm believed in truth, black pride and black liberation.

As Malcolm sought the truth about Black people in this country and throughout the world, he moved to widen his perspective and to make black people aware that the struggle for black liberation was an international one. He did not exclude the struggle of other nations as a part of the struggle against the white powers

As a result of some disagreements with Elijah Muhammad. Malcolm X was expelled from the Black Muslims in 1963. Even so, Malcolm still continued to be a freedom fighter in the struggle for Black Liberation.

During his life time Malcolm always explained to young people the importance of "thinking for themselves". Malcolm has said many times "One of the first things I think young people, especially nowadays, should learn is how to see for yourself and listen for yourself and think for yourself Then you can come to an intelligent decision for yourself. If you form the habit of going by what others think about someone instead of searching that think out for yourself and seeing for yourself. you will be walking west when you think you're going east. and you will be walking east when you think you're going west..... It's good to keep wide-open ears and listen to what everybody else has to say, but when you come to make a decision you have to weigh all of what you've heard on its own. and place it where it belongs. and come to a decision for yourself, you'll never regret it. But if you form the habit of taking what someone else says about a thing without checking it out for yourself, you'll find that other people will have you hating your friends and loving your enemies."

On Non-Violence

"I myself would go for nonviolence if it was consistent, if everybody was going to be nonviolent all the time. I'd say, okay, let's get with it, we'll all be nonviolent. But I don't go along with any kind of nonviolence unless everybody's going to be nonviolent. If they make the Ku Klux Klan nonviolent, I'll be non-violent. But as long as you've got somebody else not being nonviolent, I don't want anybody coming to me talking any nonviolent talk. I don't think its fair to tell our people to be nonviolent unless someone is out there making the Klan and the Citizens Council and these other groups also be nonviolent."



"When you see that you've got problems, all you have to do is examine the historic method used all over the world bv others who have problems similar to yours. Once you see how they get theirs straight, then you know how vou can get yours straight.

Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X)

On Feb. 21, 1965, Malcolm X, also known as El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz was assassinated because he was able to bring about unity in the Black Community. He was able to do more than just talk about the conditions of black people in racist america. He was a man of action.

As we are approaching the date of the assassination of Malcolm X, we as a people should again re-affirm our committment to bring about freedom. justice, equality and liberation for our people. While we mourn the death of our great leader, we should do so by re-assessing the present conditions in the black community and formulate constructive plans to allieviate these conditions. We should do some serious planning as to how black people are going to survive in this racist united states of america.

In prepareing ourselves for the coming battles for liberation we should remember the words and thoughts of Malcolm X, "All. . . . . .Afro-Americans have the same basic goal, the same basic objective. We want freedom. justice and equality, we want recognition and respect as human beings. We are not divided over objectives, but we have allowed our racist enemies to divide us over the methods of attaining these common objectives. Our enemy has magnified our minor points of difference, then maneuvered us into wasting our time debating and fighting each other over insignificant and irrelevant issues." and remember that what we do will determine whether we live or Perish!

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Guinea-Bissau Forum

1. Where is Guinea - Bissau?
2. Why is the United States giving Portugal Napalm bombs with shich to bombard Black Africans?
3. Are the tax dollars of Black Americans being used to maim, kill and destroy Black Africans?
4. Who is Amilcar Cabral and what is the African Party of Independence of Guinea and The Cape Verde Islands (Paigc)?
5. What methods are Amiclar Cabral and PAIGC using to defeat Portugal's White Domination?
6. What lessons does Guinea-Bissau offer the Black Liberation Struggle?

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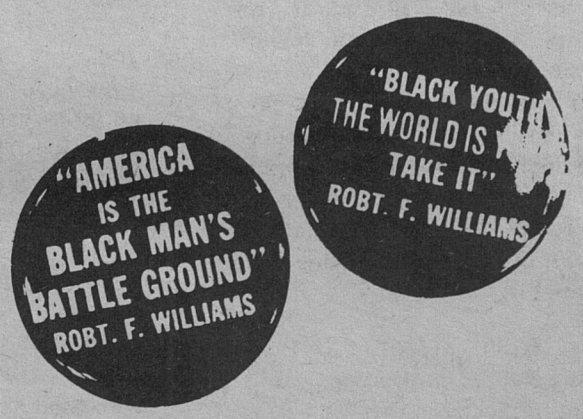

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The School System — What It's All About

Referring to the drawing we see that the Michigan system of education has provided what is called intermediate school districts as links between the State Dept of Education and local school districts. These districts, which usually cover one county, are comprised of all the local districts in that particular country. For example, the Wayne County Intermediate School District is made up of the 43 local school districts of Wayne County. Intermediate districts perform some duties by law and other duties through providing services to meet needs which individual smaller districts might not be able to provide. Wayne County Intermediate District provides by law for child accounting and some duties of transportation accounting. By regional need it offers such varied services as a staff of consultants covering various fields of education such as reading, nutrition, secondary education, etc.

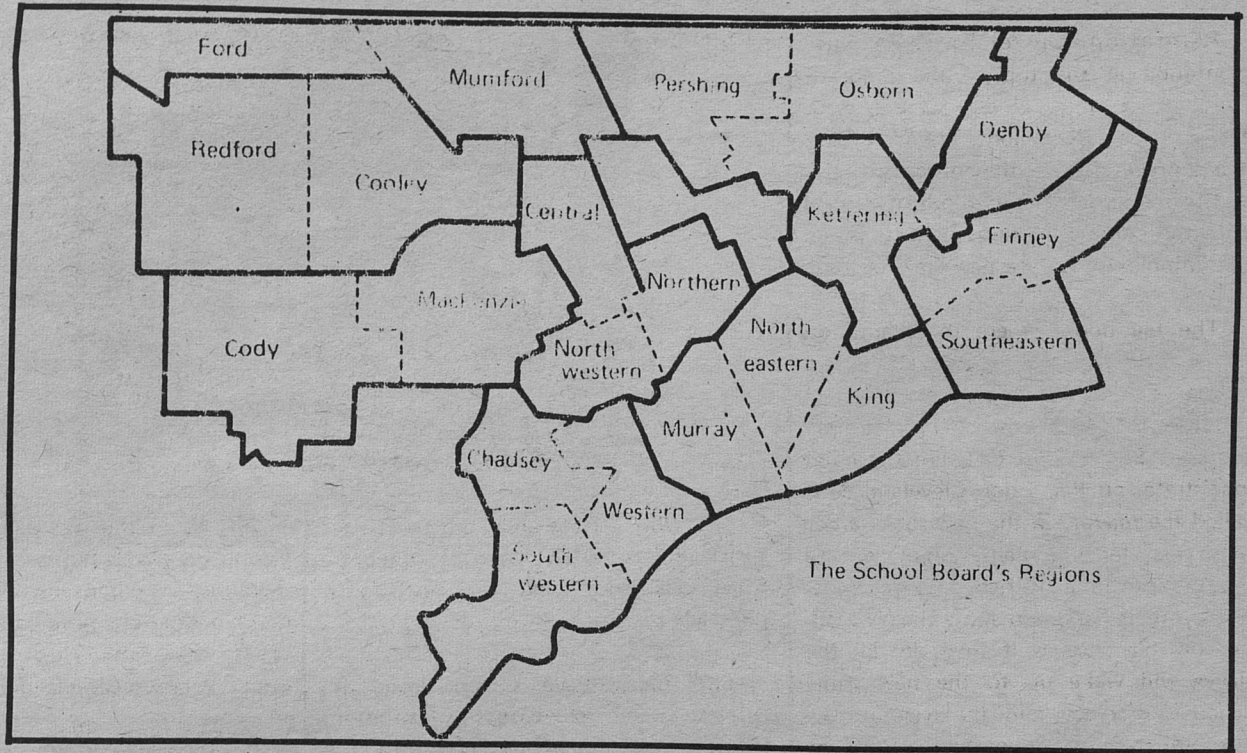
One aspect of the parochiad bills being discussed would have intermediate districts responsible for determining teacher certification and similar material being presented in the parochial schools.

Continuing downwardly in the illustration we see the next level being the local public school districts which have a locally elected board of education. This local board hires a superintendent and sets the general policies for the school district.

Generally speaking, this local system is largely duplicated in the non public system although there are differences in election and internal personnel procedures based upon their particular system. Notice that Amish schools have been shown as representative of a school belonging to a small section. These schools are closely tied in with rigid cultural patterns and have defining *restrictions placed upon them as a result of their own culture. They do not believe that education beyond the* 8th grade is necessary and they hold that one of their own members must be the teacher. However, the Michigan State Dept. of Education will not certify as a teacher a person who possesses only an 8th grade education. The small schools, or the Bible colleges, which graduate individuals who seek then to teach, experience similar difficulties.

The homes which send children into these local schools represent many ethnic groups and each group of children brings to the school the particular strengths, and customs and value systems. Into the schools also come the teachers who have passed through the teachers training institutions. These teachers may or may not have an understanding of the groups of children whom they teach. They are certified by the state as teachers in terms of a special field not in terms of a group of children.

One of the student protests heard today in the teacher training institutions is that the prospective student teachers feel that their course work is irrelevant for teaching as it exists in today's world. These young student teachers may join with other dissident groups in order to bring about pressure for change. The University of Michigan's official publication for Fall '69 entitled Campus Comment contains the following statement relative to protesting students. "Recipients of student financial assistance from Federal Sources are reminded that legislation has been enacted requiring Federally funded financial aid to be withheld from university students who are convicted of certain acts of force, trespass or disobedience of regulations. The programs affected by the legislation include: College work, study, educational opportunity grants, National Defense Student Loans and others.



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	1962	University Microfilms		
Xerox	1965	Basic Systems		
	1965	American Education Publications		
		Silver Burdett	1962	
General Electric	1965	General Learning Corp.	1965	Time, Inc.
I.B.M.	1964	Science Research Associates		
		Creative Playthings	1966	C.B.S.

In general, any student or any employee of an institution of higher education 1) who is convicted by a court of record of any crime involving the use (or assistance to others in the use) of force, disruption, or seizure of property of an institution of higher education, or 2) who refuses to obey a lawful regulation or order of an institution of higher education, may have certain Federal financial aid withheld at all institutions of higher education for a period of up to two years."

Looking again at the illustration you will notice that this entire structure is fixed upon a block which is labeled economy. This represents the financial systems of support for school operation as well as other financial inputs into segments of our economy which concerns themselves with school operations.

Before going further let's summarize again briefly so that this whole discussion forms a total picture with interlocking pieces. We have (1) the picture of society as a whole, (2) how our cultural patterms form the pieces of this society and (3) how education is only one of these institutional pieces.

With this in mind we are now ready to speculate and to ask questions about the relationships existing in this framework. This part of the discussion is meant to stimulate curiosity about why certain situations exists rather than trying to provide any answers. And since it would be difficult to cover all possible problems, we have selected sample problems which might be less well known but which appear to be relevant to the educational scene today.

The readers are probable well aware of many of the contemporary problems of school financing, of re-districting, of school reforms etc. as the mass media have covered these in some depth.

The average parent of a school child probably has some information about school procedures and he has probably developed a few generalized feelings about his child's relationships to reading programs, testing programs, counseling programs and the like. He probable also might know the name of the person who represents him in the state legislature which passes the laws affecting the education of his child. Now lets consider this parent and how he feels about school programs and how his elected representative was responsive to the needs of his child's education..

Taken from the booklet Purposes and Procedures of the Michigan Assessment of Education, prepared by the Michigan Department of Education in August, 1969, is the following excerpt. "Section 14 of Act No. 307, Public Acts of 1969, enacted August 12, 1969, reads as follows:

Sec. 14. The Department of Education shall begin to plan and develop aa state program for the purpose of conducting a periodic and comprehensive assessment of educational progress. Such plan shall include procedures for the objective measurement of instructional outcomes among the elementary and secondary school students pursuing the various subjects and causes that commonly comprise school curriculum. Such plan shcll be made statewide in application among the elementary and secondary schools. Such plans shall include

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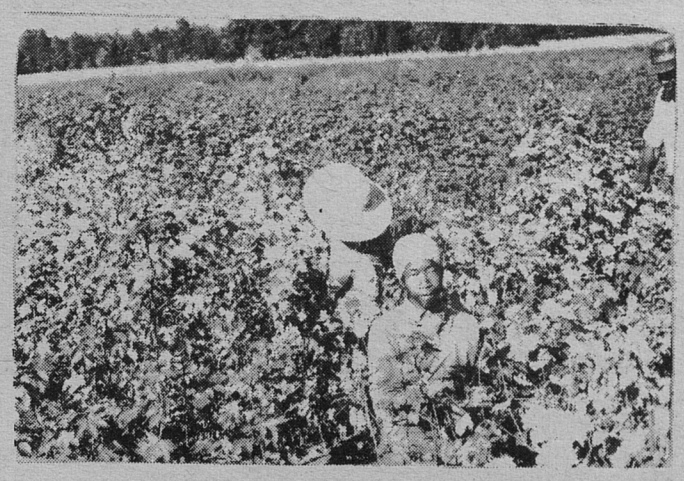
PLANTATION CLEVELAND

Plantation Cleveland is a huge plantation at the top of the State of Ohio. It is called a city as are most eastern urban plantations. The plantation is a confederation of the bourgeoisie who had to modernize the methods of control with the coming of industrialization and the complexity of the new slave system.

The big house where the plantation owner once lived is now replaced by City Hall, not that the bourgeois live there, it is the office of the (administrator) overseer. Some cities call him the chief magistrate, on Plantation Cleveland he is called the mayor. In the new social order of slave system the plantation owners are seldom seen or identified. The rich must not tip their hand and show their wealth or control, because if they do, all the slaves will wake up to the new game called democracy and the trick of the electoral system where they are led to believe they govern themselves by electing the overseers, mayors, city councilmen, etc.

There are two kinds of slaves in modern day Plantation Cleveland, the wage slave white and the wage slave black. The wage slave white lives in company-owned houses that he is allowed to buy through the banks with regular interest. He is told that he is a citizen, and the laws and courts are to protect him from criminals who would steal from him. He is told the schools are to educate his young so they can become controllers of the plantation's wealth and perhaps the number one head of all the plantations and confederations - President.



The white slaves areas are the better kept areas with regular garbage collections and a living wage greater than the black slave's.

The black slave suffers from the cruelest of all games on the plantation. He, too, is told that he is a citizen and that the courts are to protect him. In 1861, when the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, he got the right to have his part of the plantation name changed from the "quarters" to the "ghetto". The slave is told that the schools are there to educate his children when, in fact, the schools are set up to deliberately confuse, embarass, retard, and dehumanize his children. Some liars and controllers of the plantation system have gone so far as to tell the black slave that by 1999 there just might be a Negro head plantation overseer overseeing the whole plantation system. Unfortunately, a few misguided brothers and sisters believe this because they are not alert enough to see through the electoral game.

Just as in the old days of Denmark Vesey, Harriet Tubman, and Nat Turner, there are rebellions on the plantations. Many plantations have gone up in smoke, Watts, New York, Newark, Detroit, and even Plantation Cleveland.

As a means of controlling the quarters, oops, I mean ghetto, the plantation owners decided the best thing to do is to pretend to allow some Negro representation by giving Negroes political office and no power.

In the old days when the black slaves were unhappy on the plantation, the boss or massa got the idea of giving a little chitterlings along with the corn pone. This, of course, was not what the master had on his table, nor is it what Nat Turner had in mind when he started his campaign against slavery. On the plantation there were slaves that were satisfied with getting a few chitterlings every once in a while, after all, they said, this is more than we had before.

In modern day plantation life, when modern day Nat Turners rebel against the slave system, the boss decided that he would throw some crumbs into the quarters in the form of anti-poverty programs. Just as the chitterlings and corn pone were distributed by the good Negroes so they could have more chitterlings and corn pone than the others, the poverty funds are distributed by the good Negroes so they can have more financial crumbs than the other slaves.

If the diet for the slaves on the plantation that owned Nat Turner was chittlins and pone, then Nat Turner got his chittlins and pone the same as the other slaves. The fact that Nat Turner ate his chittlins and saved his pone to eat while in battle was Nat's wisdom and business. Surely the Negro distributor of chittlins and pone was not about to deny Nat Turner his portion. The white plantation owner would have been an even bigger fool to think that by not allowing rebellious slaves their portion of chittlins and pone that he could stop rebellions. The same is true today.

The Negro distributors of the crumbs called poverty funds cannot halt rebellions any more than the chittlins and pone distributors. There will be rebellions as long as there is oppression. Just as modern day Nat Turners used their means to gain material to fight with, Nat Turner of old used his means. The plantation owners use all kinds of menacing words about stopping the poverty funds as did his slaveholding grandfather threaten to stop the chittlins and pone. Old slaveholding grandpap knew that if he dare stop the chittlins and pone, he'd lose the whole damn plantation. His

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Drugs — Long Time Problem in the Black Community

In the past six months to a year, an increasing amount of attention is being focused on the hazards of drug addiction, particularly, concerning its effect among white youth. What has only now been projected by the media and established circles as being an "explosive" and extremely perilous situation, which must be immediately dealt with before it reaches unalterable proportions has been a menace in the black community for decades.

Black mothers have all along been keenly aware and fearful of the drug scene. From one generation to the next many black children, upon reaching their teens and younger, become victimized and enter the vicious cycle of drugs and addiction.

Over 20 years ago, blues songstress, Billy Holiday, lamented and wailed the despair and eventual death, which such a life entails. today through song, open and strong sentiments are expressed toward drugs and the escape which they provide, --- "Cloud Nine", "Needed something to ease my troubled mind", and others.

For the black youth some type of exposure to drugs (beans, scag, blow, Jones and sea-gulls are only a few of the many types and names) is almost enevitable before he reaches fourteen. The pressures of living conditions and working conditions force these black youth into the drug cycle. As one black youth related, "Sometimes drugs are only a more dignified escape and alternative to keep from turning into the wino your father is."

Accordingly, no long and ardorous studies or research are needed by the black parent or community to understand such questions, --- as to "what living conditions produces the black addict or to why does he allow himself to be victimized", the harsh realities leading to such a situation surrounds them everyday.

But questions which dig deep into the root of drug addiction are for the average person much too difficult to comprehend or to come to terms with. Such as what type of society and dehumanization would produce such horrors and atrocities as those stemming from drugs. Horrors such as this, a 38 year old woman who has been a heroin addict for 23 years, whose body is covered with needle scars, and who as a result of severe vein collapsing is unable to take a needle any place other than her neck. A doctor who was treating her for addiction was unable to give her the sugar test, which she needed badly because she had a very critical case of diabetes.

But it is even harder to imagine the type of cruelty and madness of a society which can make prey and profit from young people's feelings of hopelessness, fear and despair. A system which can be responsible for 800 deaths in one city (New York) in one year from heroin over-dosage. Number 800 was a twelve year old black child found dead and known to have been addicted for two years.

According to one program director, drug abuse should be recognized by the community, as being as much its concern and problem as it is the individual and families directly involved. Exponents of "law and order" and "fighting crime on the streets", would do well to recognize the very high percentage of crimes and theft which are drug-related. Crime or criminal activity is almost an inevitable component of drug addiction. The cost of an addict maintaining his habit daily may be anywhere from $10.00 to over $100.00. And secondly a very large percentage of these addicts are unemployed youth. In Detroit of 3,375 arrests in the first eight months of 1969, 68% were between the ages of 15-24, 48% between 15-20 and 35% between 17-20.

Furthermore, in New York city alone where there are reportedly, 60,000 addicts under medical control, it has

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ON THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

What is the Purpose of Testing— Who Benefits?

procedures for the presentation of periodic evoluation reports of educational progress for the state.

Also the department of education shall provied for an annual test or tests of pupil achievements in the basic skills. Such test or tests shall provide for the objective measurement of pupil learning outcomes in reading, mathematics, language arts and/or other general subject areas. Such test or tests shall be undertaken at one or more grade levels among elementary and/or secondary school pupils and shall be made statewide in application insofar as is necessary and possible."

Plans are now completed to have this statewide testing done by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey. It's cost will be a quarter million dollars. It will cover reading comprehension, mathematics, english expression and vocabulary. The schedule calls for the battery of tests to be administered in January of 1970 and is tentatively planned to be given to all students in Michigan who are in their fourth year (age 9) of school or in their 7th year (age 12) of school. There are countless questions that parents could be asking about this decision to test children statewide. Refer back to the diagram of all the ethnic groups represented in the homes of the children who feed into the schools and notice the items tested--English expression and vocabulary, reading comprehension and mathematics.

What happens to these test results, which, according to the above quoted source, will be presented along with data on pupil backgrounds and community backgrounds? Secondly, when many children do poorly on this type of test will that reinforce the idea of unteachable children. In what ways will it focus a hard look at the teacher who has presented this material to the children or will this factor be conveniently overlooked. And further still, what are the implications of a state wide testing program towards establishment of a common state wide curriculum.

The cost of the test is a quarter million dollars and it is to be administered annually. Note that these tax funds go to a New Jersey firm

Consideration should also be given to two questions: How many minority group members were involved in developing this test battery; and secondly, were these tests validated or checked against urban areas?

Two other broad areas are often mentioned when discussing school problems. These are the curriculum or course of studies, and the textbooks used for this curriculum. Study committees have been appointed; parent groups have formed; community organizations have demanded reforms. These are some facts that readers should understand about these areas. Many of the texts are purchased, and many of the curriculum programs are carried on by districts using the federal funds allocated to them through the State Board of Education.

In referring back to the illustration of the structure, the reader will see the foundation block labeled the economy. Michigan's school districts spend approximately one and a half billion dollars annually on elementary and secondary education; the great majority of any school district budget is the instructional program which is the curriculum or class offerings. A vital tool in classroom teaching is the use of a text. Groups of parents and community organizations who deal with school reforms often speak of changing the curriculum and texts. This is also one of the points talked about by students who ask school reforms.

STUDENT SUSPENSION
From Detroit Public School

The first of a series of court cases concerned with the suspending of students from the public schools of Detroit. took place Wednesday, January 14, 1970. This court case grew out of the disturbances that rocked Northern High School during the months of September and October 1969. The demands were presented to the principal of Northern High and the Board of Education.

On Friday, September 19, 1969. the black students of Northern High School revolted. This revolt came as a result of pent-up frustrations, disappointments and discontent with the administration of Northern High School, its policies and some of its faculty members whose minds have become crippled with racist ideas. This frustration also came as a result of the inaction of the racist Board of Education.

These demands suggest that the students were discontented with the administration of Northern High. During one of the many protest demonstrations staged at Northern High, fifteen of the participating students were arrested by the police, and suspended from school. The students filed a suit in federal court, against the Board of Education, for the arrest and suspension.

The case held Wednesday, January 14, 1970 was concerned with the placing of the suspended students in their right grade. The students want to take a test to tell if they can be placed in their right grade. The students also want to be reinstated back into day school. This issue of reinstatement was appealed by the Board of Education. The Board kicks out over 5,000 students a year in the Detroit area alone. Most of these cases never pass further than the principles desk. This is due to the lack of interest or knowledge of their judical rights, and legal aid that is available. The fifteen students who were suspended from Northern were aware of the aid and their rights and are now using them to fight those who wish to deprive them of an education.

FIGHT for Better Education in the Black Community Join the Black Student United Front!

A fact, however, which is very little known is that materials used in the curriculum such as texts, films, newspapers, and other audio visual materials are produced by publishing and production centers owned by large industrial corporations. The question to be asked is whether these corporations and their stockholders, among whom are educators and education oriented groups, could allow any major suggested curriculum changes if it would involve any large amounts of money spent on their products.

In summary, this discussion, although lengthy and at times complicated, has tried to show an entire picture of relationships in order to place education in its proper prespective. The problems discussed were, admittedly, only a representative group to serve to illustrate some major interlocking areas.

The important purpose behind all of this was to descrive the totality of the situation and how it developed. Without this total understanding there can never be a meaningful approah to the situation.

WE, THE UHURU ASSOCIATION, AND ALL OTHER BLACK STUDENTS OF NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL MAKE THESE DEMANDS ON THE ADMINISTRATION AT NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IF AND WHERE NECESSARY.

WE DEMAND:

1. That Principal McGivens and assistant principals Leach and Russel make an unconditional effort to bring the police who brutalized, beat and molested our black soul sisters and brothers to court

2. That in order to discontinue the educational crisis that exists at Northern (high drop out rate low academic achievement and reading levels. general unconcern for education by black students etc.) That a black studies curriculum be instituted.

3. That all pictures of whites be removed from Northern High School and be replaced with pictures of our own heroes such as. Robert F. Williams, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, Huey Newton and others.

4 a. That the library of Northern High School be restocked with an abundance of books dealing with the Black experience and true black history.

b. That the Ludington reading room be renamed the Malcolm X reading room and all supplies be oriented to black students.

5. That there be days set aside in honor of each of our martyred black heroes Malcolm X and Martin Luther King.

6. That the Nationalist Flag of Unity (Red, Green, Black) be raised each morning on one of the flagpoles of Northern High School.

7. That a Student-Community Review Board be created with the power to act intervene and decide on all matters concerning and affecting both students and school.

8. Removal of all police from the premises of Northern High School and be replaced with a trained and disciplined student security patrol.

9. That an overall modernization (fixing-up) of Northern High School i.e. lunchroom facilities must be improved immediately.

10. That total amnesty be given to all black students who become involved in any actions that may arise from the presentation of these demands. and amnesty for those students involved in the revolt of September 19 1969.

Black Youth the World is Yours Take It!!!

GUINEA-BISSAU

The Liberation of Guine: Aspects of an African Revolution, by Basil Davidson with a forward by Amilcar Cabral. Penguin African Library, Baltimore, 1969; $1.45.

"The people are not fighting for ideas, for the things in anyone's head. They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward. . . . ."

Amilcar Cabral

Guinea-Bissau is a Portuguese colony on the West Coast of the African continent. It lays between the independent republics of Senegal and former French Guinea. Guinea-Bissau is about the size of Switzerland or Holland, its population is just under one million inhabitants. But, despite its smallness in size and population the struggle being waged inside so-called "Portuguese Guinea" has international ramifications.

The people of Guinea-Bissau are the victims of an international white power conspiracy. Yet we in america know little or nothing about the heroic struggle being waged for National salvation inside this Portuguese colony. The 35,000 Portuguese troops are armed to the teeth with all sorts of western weapons of destruction. The deadly napalm bombs (which is made in the USA) which burns, kills and maims people of color in Asia) has been in use in Africa since the armed confrontation began in Angola in 1961.

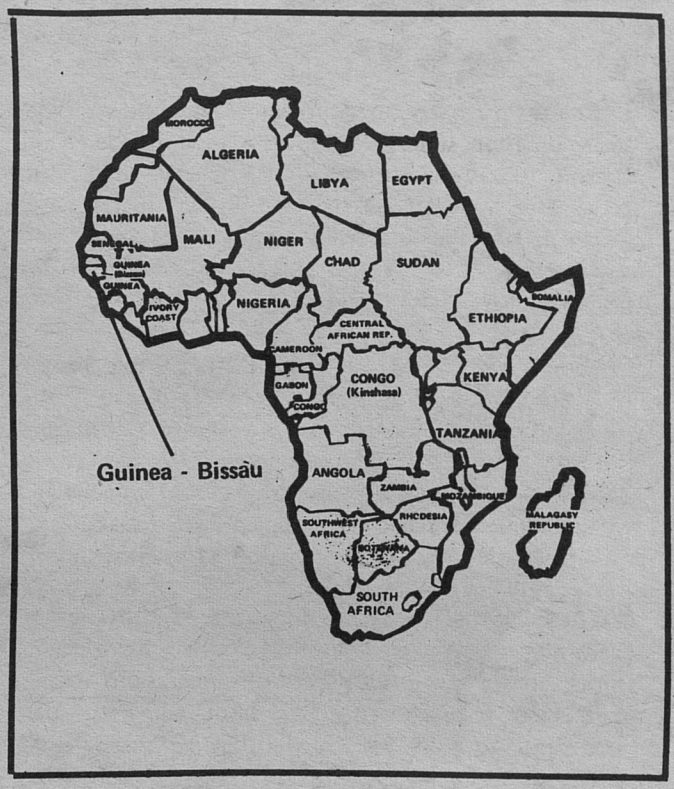
If we examine the liberation struggle in Guinea-Bissau closely we will see that in reality the struggle is being waged against the entire white capitalist world. In his pamphlet The Struggle Continues, Kname Nkrumah points out, "It is an open secret that South Africa, Portugal and Rhodesia are cooperating in the military sphere to crush guerrilla campaigns in their territories. They exchange information about freedom fighters activities, allow overflights and landings of military aircraft in each other's countries, and in the case of South Africa, supply armed forces and helicopters to assist in the counter-offensive.

A military intelligence board, known as the Council of Three, is said to meet regularly in Pretoria, Salisbury, Lourenco, Marques or Luanda, to prepare joint action." Behind this reactionary alliance of the "Council of Three" stands the major white powers, United States, Britain, West Germany and France, without whose economic, military, political and diplomatic aid and the support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) the repressive regimes in Africa could not carry on for long.

It must be remembered that Portugal is the poorest country in Europe. It has little or no industry. It makes no weapons.

The wars of Liberation being waged in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea Bissau are draining 47 per cent of Portugal's economy. If Portugal were not being proped up by NATO aid the liberation movements in Africa would be much farther advanced.

Chaliand's Armed Struggle in Africa and Davidson's The Liberation of Guine' are both eyewitness reports of the revolution taking place inside Guinea-Bissau. Chaliand was in Guinea Bissau in the summer of 1966 and Davidson entered the Portuguese occupied territory three times in 1967.



Africa's Vietnam

Both Chaliand's Armed Struggle in Africa and Davidson's The Liberation of Guine' points out the successful history of the vanguard party of Guinea-Bissau, The Africa Party for the Independence of Guinea and the Cape Verde Islands (PAIGC) whose Secretary-General is the brilliant Amilcar Cabral. The PAIGC was founded by Amilcar Cabral and six other Africans who met secretly in the country's capital Bissau in September 1956. The turning point came for the PAIGC on August 3, 1959. On that day, during the Bissau dock workers and merchants seamen's strike, (led by the PAIGC), in just 20 minutes the Portuguese shot and killed 50 African workers and wounded more than 100 on the Pidjiguiti docks. At that point the PAIGC decided to hold a secret conference in Bissau. At this conference the PAIGC decided to struggle against Portuguese colonialism "by all possible means, including war."

Until that point the PAIGC was fighting on urban struggle. After the Pidjiguite massacre the PAIGC began to prepare for the armed confrontation. Amilcar Cabral went to the Republic of Guinea and sent up a political school to prepare militants to go back into the countryside and politicize the peasants.

Both Chaliand and Davidson point out the fact that the PAIGC spend seven years politically educating the masses before beginning the armed struggle in 1963. The PAIGC did not take up arms until it was certain that the peasant masses were prepared to join in the revolution.

The PAIGC's army People's Revolutionary Armed Froces (FARP) (which was formed in 1964 by a decision of the first Party congress.) are engaging 35,000 Portuguese troops, which in proportionate terms is numerically as large or ever larger than the United States troops in South Vietnam. Despite these overwhelming odds, the PAIGC, which is fighting on three fronts, has liberated two-thirds of the countryside and is moving to take the cities and the Cape Verde Islands.

The PAIGC is building a nation as they fight. This is one reason why the PAIGC has chosen protracted confrontation inside Guinea-Bissau The PAIGC has moved to provide a more superior educational public health and economic organization than was left by the Portuguese.

Chaliand and Davidson deals with what the PAIGC is doing inside the liberated areas in education, health, and economic organization.

Guinea-Bissau was 99 per cent illiterate before the armed struggle began, after 500 years of Portuguese rule only 17 students had been graduated Things are different in the PAIGC liberated areas. Davidson points out "For the year 1965-1966, the PAIGC had 127 primary schools in Guine, with 191 newly-trained teachers and 13 361 pupils. In the following year, 1966-1967, they increased these figures to 159 schools, with 220 teachers and 14,388 pupils. (In Conakry they also had a "pilot-school", with Yogoslav aid, and 87 pupils.) Eighty per cent of these pupils had completed two years schooling, and the average age was 12. Some fifty young men and women were also sent to Europe in 1967 for technical training in various fields. Several printed school books prepared by PAIGC staff were now available and others were about to be published."

Before the PAIGC began the armed confrontation the Portuguese were unconcerned with the public health of the people of Guinea-Bissau. In 1954 the total administrative health services was composed of eighteen doctors and two pharmacists, four female nurses. twenty-six male nurses, sixty-six assistant nurses, one midwife and thrity seven assistant midwives. Even so, the Bissau hospital. mainly for the use of Europeans, employed seven of these doctors, all the female nurses and sixteen of the assistant midwives. There was one

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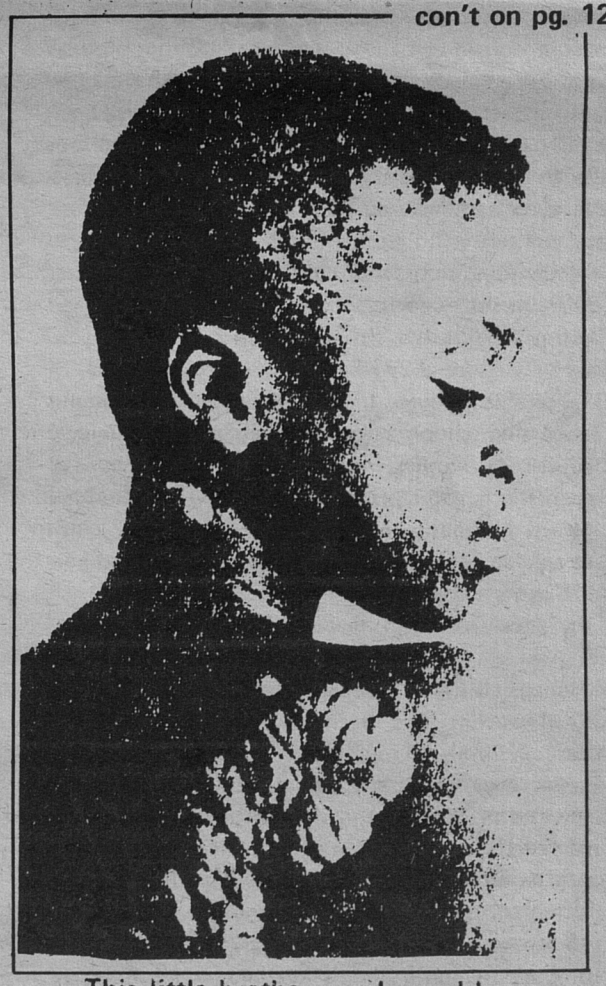

This little brother was burned by American made napalm bombs that where dropped from West Germany airplanes supplied to the Portuguese by the western world's front organization, NATO'

LEAGUE of REVOLUTIO







Attention

BLACK WORKERS!

In the past years black workers for the most part have been relatively silent about the numerous out right racist acts being perpetuated upon us by the white racist ruling-working classes!

We have suffered abuse upon abuse, we have suffered untold atrocities, we have be subjugated to chain gangism in assembly plants - we have been forced into downtrodden positions and we have been literally crushed under foot. Even in certain periods through-out our history, flagrant and savage attacks have been administered upon us. Once in New York Irish workers, who thought that blacks were out to get their jobs, massacred, 2,000 and injured another 8,000 blacks. This is a clear example of so-called working class unity. From 1889 to 1918 some 50 years or so ago, 3,224 known lynchings occured. In 1916, in Waco, Texas, 10,000 white working men and women and children cheered when Jesse Washington a 19 year old black mental deffective, was burned alive in the public square. Youngsters were held high to watch his agony as the flames crackled. His teeth were sold at $15 apiece and the chain that bound him for 25 cents a link.

In Tennessee a black farmer and his two daughters, taking a wagon full of cotton to a gin, were ambushed, all there were hanged from a tree and the load of cotton was burned under their dangling bodies. A mob in Valdosta, Georgia lynched 3 innocent Negroes, the pregnant wife of one of the three cried at her husband's death so loudly that the mob siezed her and burned her alive too. As the flames enveloped Mary Turner's body, her unborn child fell to the ground and was trampled underfoot; white parents held their children to watch.

In East St. louis Illionis in 1917, white workers went on a Negro hunt and massacred humdreds of innocent and submissive Negroes. In a single Parish in Louisana after a Negro hunt in 1870's more than two thousand brown babies were gathered for burial. The Black man in America today is considered just so much excess dirt under the racist white savages foot.

And even today these same savages are slaughtering thousands of innocent women and children in Vietnam. Even to the point that the multilated bodies are divided up and handed out as souveniers of hell. But many in our ranks doubt that such acts can happen to us again. They are too naive to see that the slaughter has never stopped, it has merely changed arenas and our turn will be back up again shortly.

Why right this very day one of the Noblest of our sons - One of our fellow black workers a former employee at the Rolling Mill at Ford Motor Co. and a member of Local 600 U.A.W., Brother Robert F. Williams is being hounded down by a notorious lynch mob in Monroe, North Carolina and their henchmen and stooges in Lansing and Detroit, Michigan.

We have suffered to long - It is now time to throw off all oppressive yokes, no other people have suffered the cruelty of such injustices as those heaped upon black workers without responding in kind. The yoke of speed-ups drives us harder than any slave driver on the plantation. Safety hazards make even the concept of going to work a possible fatality. The yoke of check off allows thiefs to steal money from us in our name.

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The yoke of check off allows thiefs to steal money from us in our name. And the yoke of complacent leadership discredits our outcry.

Even in our communities our babies have been leading the fight for freedom - young kids have been galiantly fighting for what we all know is right and young women and children have been forced to fill front line positions left vacant by cowardly so-called men.

Our human decency, manhood, and survival demand that we rise up now and fight these injustices and support Bro. Robert F. Williams.

For it was Bro. Rob. who fought the Ku Klux Klan "tit for tat" and "toe to toe".

It was Bro. Rob. who was hounded around the world by the savage running dogs of U.S. racism and branded a black racist.

It was Bro. Rob who in 1957 stood up in North Carolina and said we must meet violence with violence.

It was Bro. Rob who from 1957 to 1961 successfully fought off the Ku Klux Klan.

It was Bro. Rob who traveled around the world crusading for the black Americans.

It was Bro. Rob who forced the voice of america to go on overtime with its lies and slander trying to counter act the truth Rob spoke.

It was Bro. Rob who remained a consistant and powerful voice against Tyranny and racial oppression of black americans.

And now its Bro. Rob who is calling upon every black worker everywhere to stand resolute like a wall of granite and to oppose the racist Kangaroo Mob in Monroe, North Carolina lansing or Detroit, Michigan and where ever it raises it's head.

WE BLACK WORKERS SHOULD ALL RESOLVE THAT IF ROB GOES WE ALL WILL GO. OUR MERE SELF PRESERVATION DEMANDS THAT WE NOW FIGHT BACK.

SUPPORT BRO. ROB!!!

The Dodge Report

In the last several months, Dodge main (Hamtramck Assembly Chrysler Corp.) along with other Chrysler plants, are involved in a major crack down along with big layoffs. These layoffs are cutting many Black workers. Many who not only miss out on getting any of the christmas and new years pay, but also keeps them from getting in 90 days. Chances are these workers will never be called back. At the present time the line which was one shift on afternoons 2 shifts on days are working on a week on, week off. basis. With the layoffs of many of the 69 hired. work on the lines has increased for each man. Checks are slow, payroll checks, holiday checks and subchecks haven't been paid on time.

NARY BLACK WORKERS







Many workers were surprised to find their subcheck, which is supposed to be part of the 95% pay, after getting unemployment checks, were much smaller than they expected. The reason for this is a clause in the UAW contract which permits only employees with seven years to get 95%. The workers never knows how long he is going to work, but it never comes to eight hours. This means short paychecks with an increase in workload per car on a man, long layoffs and short checks.

The racist eyes of management are seeking out all out spoken Blacks and DRUM members. Some brothers have been charged with a lot of trumped up "bull shit". Management is doing all kinds of things to get militant Blacks out. They sit back and look for anything to nail on you. When they think they have something on you, they will react in somew ay. In some cases all the workers were doing was trying to get somebody to represent him, which is the responsibility of management. So you won't lose any unnecessary time off management is turning the wheels for what not only causes you to lose time, but sometimes your job as well. Some of our good brothers of D.R.U.M. have been out of the plant on foolishness. Management has the idea that they have DRUM under their control however this is far from true. DRUM will continue to go on no matter how they chose to fight, with any means necessary. until Black workers are free from the heavy toil and intolerable conditions which the racist thugs of Dodge Plantation has put on our brothers and sisters.

Long Live DRUM!
We Will Win!

THE REAL DEAL II

Two months ago ELRUM published an article exposing the "Special Conference" for what it was namely a trick, a stalling tactic and a sell-out cooked up by the U.A.W. International and Local 961 to keep Black Workers from raising Hell about outrageous plant conditions.

The conference began on Nov. 17, 1969 and ran until Jan. 16, 1970. 58 items and some 370 grievances were discussed by local union officials and the ELDON plant management and at the end of the conference a memorandum of understanding was signed by both parties.

At the last local union meeting Elroy Richardson our local union president was asked if a copy of the results of the "Special Conference'. would be made available to he membership. Elroy stated that the stewards and committeemen would recieve a copy and that a few copies would be available for anyone else interested.

We of ELRUM feel that all Black workers should be aware of the results of the "Special Conference'.. We feel that Black workers should be aware of how close to 5000.00 dollars of our hard earned money was wasted by the local union executive board in a bbullshit conference which obtained absolutely nothing. We feel that Black workers shoudl be aware that several hundred grievance were removed and discarded as a result of the Special Conference. And that most importantly we feel that Black workers should understand why Elroy Richardson is trying to hide the results of the "Special Conference". For this reason ELRUM, beginning this week, will publish the results of the "Speical Conference" in order that Black Workers will know what really went down.

The Conference was divided into two parts one on "Agenda" and one on grievances. On Jan. 16, 1970, Elroy recieved an answer from the Eldon management in regards to back grievances. The letter read:

Elroy Richardson
President Local 961 U.A.W.
7575 Lynch Road
Detroit, Mich. 48234

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Relative to issue No. 53 of the Memorandum of Understanding dated Jan. 16, 1970, certain grievance were resolved in a series of meetings. THE INDIVIDUAL DISPOSITION SHOWN BELOW SHALL FORM NO BASIS OR PRECEDENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF ANY OTHER CASE ALL OTHER GRIEVANCES THAT HAVE BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH THE THIRD STEP OF THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 21, 1969, ARE CONSIDERED RESOLVED.

Below this statement were listed 43 grievances which the company agreed to resolve. All other grievances were THROWN OUT!! Write-ups, time off etc., still remain on many Black workers records despite Elroy's claim that the special conference language resolved their grievances. It is also of importance that no second shift grievances were resolved. This letter was signed by J.G. Hatwer, plant personnel mannager and our president Elroy Richardson.

The other part of the special conference was an agenda of 58 items. On Jan. 16, 1970, the bargaining committee of local 961 and the Eldon Avenue management signed the Memorandum of understanding which read¾ Memorandum of Understanding, dated, Jan. 16, 1970, between Chrysler Corporation, Eldon Avenue Axle Plant. (hereinafter refered to as the "Corporation" and the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America and Its local union no. 961 (hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

Pursuant to the request of the local union, speical conferences have been at the Eldon Avenue Axle Plant since Nov. 17, 1969, to discuss a number of unresolved grievances and other matters contained in an agenda dated Nov. 17, 1969.

II

A disposition of these matters is set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

III

All other matters set forth in the Union's agenda and those discussed in the meetings and all similar grievances in the procedure have been withdrawn.

Following this statement was a list of 58 items and the Corporation's answer to each item. Next week the 58 items, and what they mean.

Eldridge Cleaver



I do not find it too hard to write about this brother. He spurted to fame overnight because he wrote a book which tore at the walls of white America. Eldridge Cleaver came to my attention a couple of years ago when I began to read Ramparts Magazine, a radical magazine that some white folks put out on the West Coast to disclose all the treachery America has been up to. At that time, I thought he was hip -- he verbally attacked the 'man' and exposed all of his callousness, savagery, cruelty. Moreover, I thought Eldridge gave the 'man' little or no room to get away. Today, everybody thinks this -- all the black people and even so-called white radicals. He became a hero, who gave hip speeches and seemingly understood how America works. All the white folks and all the black folks thought that he was the new king of "black power rhetoric". (He is the king of "black power rhetoric") But, then I thought we have had all kinds of heroes, but we're still in the same boat we were in a 100 years ago. No one has questioned this brother's writings. No one has ever taken a good look at the man and his work.

Eldridge Cleaver is a hero to white folks! Why? Because he has bought them time to atone for their sins. White youth and black folk will save America and usher in an age of "beauty, truth, and goodness." This ain't going to work and me and you both know that. From the first page to the last page of Soul on Ice, Cleaver is concerned with the sicknesses and mental diseases that America suffers. He was a "rapist". Speaking on the death of Emmeet Till (he saw a picture of the white broad, "with whom Emmett Till was said to have flirted") Cleaver remarked,

I looked at the picture again and again, and in spite of everything and against my will and the hate I felt for the woman and all that she represented, she appealed to me. I flew into a rage at myself, at America, at white women, at the history that had placed those tensions of lust and desire in my chest. (Soul on Ice, p.11)

He then found himself in jail for raping white broads. He loved them, but he hated them. (He loved white women and hated himself,) He was a confirmed rapist. Brothers and Sisters, dig that. He then claims he began writing to save himself. Now, if this ain't admitting defeat, as well as, inferiority I don't know what is. Words never harmed the man, and books by "black heroes" continually fatten his pocket as well as the "Black hero."

Eldridge then became a Muslim (yet, he violated all Muslim codes by diggin' all the things the white folks dug from Jesus to white broads.) He talks about some teacher-Lovdjieff-who taught him about Thomas Merton (some crazy white cat looking for jesus) and love. Cleaver wrote a paper in which he quoted Malcolm on the savagery of white folks and how he could never love them. The paper was denied and when Cleaver was asked why, he responded, "I've only written the way I feel." Now this reveals all the docility that white folks said about those niggers. Cleaver felt like a "stud." This is how Eldridge Cleaver felt, and he became white America's flunky to prove it. He himself tells us what he is:

.....I am an Ofay Watcher, a member of the uncharted, amorphous league which has members on all continents and the islands of the seas. (Soul on Ice. p.65)

But what is an ofay watcher? a cat that watches ofays to see what he can get into. This is a clear cut case of white worship, skin worship -- and all that emerges from such a belief. Yeah! Eldridge is the "Ofay Watcher" and he is really diggin' the ofays. His whole concern is uncovering the sexual mystique which to him is the key to understanding the black-white struggle: "The White man wants to be the brain and he wants us to be the muscle, the body." (Soul on Ice. p.162) He then remarks, "The stern of the body, the penis, must submit to the will of the Brain." Our struggle is between the brain and the body -- a struggle for the black man to re-capture his "negated masculinity." In simple terms, the struggle is in the bed, not in the cities.

A good key to Cleaver's thought on America and himself is his letters to Mrs. Beverly Axelrod, his lawyer, and part of his "primeval mitosis." Cleaver says, "I seek the profound," which is Beverly Axelrod, and the whole sexual myth that surrounds her. He seeks life in love and peace: never once mentioning that this only comes through struggle. Eldridge Cleaver hides America, keeps it safe in a paperback book, so we can digest his thought. Mere thought, because if we acknowledged his ideas America's battleground would become some sort of gigantic bedroom and playground where everyone would be happy and "seek the profound."

In his later writings, which I will touch on briefly, Cleaver supposedly emerges as a keen politician -- a new Malcolm. But he doesn't quite make it. For example, what black man do you know would give Playboy Magazine an interview with the idea that something revolutionary is being transmitted? Only a freak black man would do that -- a black man without any self or national respect. In his "Stanford Speech," he claims, "It is a desperate situation for white people, because the world is on the brink, and it is rocking, idiots are rocking the boat. I'm one of those idiots, they say." Now, what white folks do you know are in a desperate situation? If he is an idiot (because the white folks made him one,) he should not tell the 'man' through his books. Eldridge suffers from too much America. He feels inferior -- an "idiot", and he seeks his escape in the "Primeval mitosis" -- all that America stands for. His escape is white beauty, white rape, "negated masculinity," and a reformist revolution which calls for the "rearrangement of the system" (See the Black Panther, August 16, 1969, p.4) not its destruction.

Eldridge Cleaver is a lost brother, and we don't want to get lost with him. He is a product of a vicious and savage society. He has not yet learned the meaning of the struggle for freedom. He still remains a slave to his passions about America, will you?

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The Southern PATRIOT

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WASHINGTON D.C. -- The McClellan committee, which is the vicious right-wing committee, known for its investigation and charging of so-called subversives, militants and others, has charged two young poverty workers with contempt of Congress. Their trial was held on January 19, 1970.

The infamous John McClellan, arch right-wing racist Senators from Arkansas asked Alan and Margaret McSurely to turn over their private papers and records of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND (SCEF).

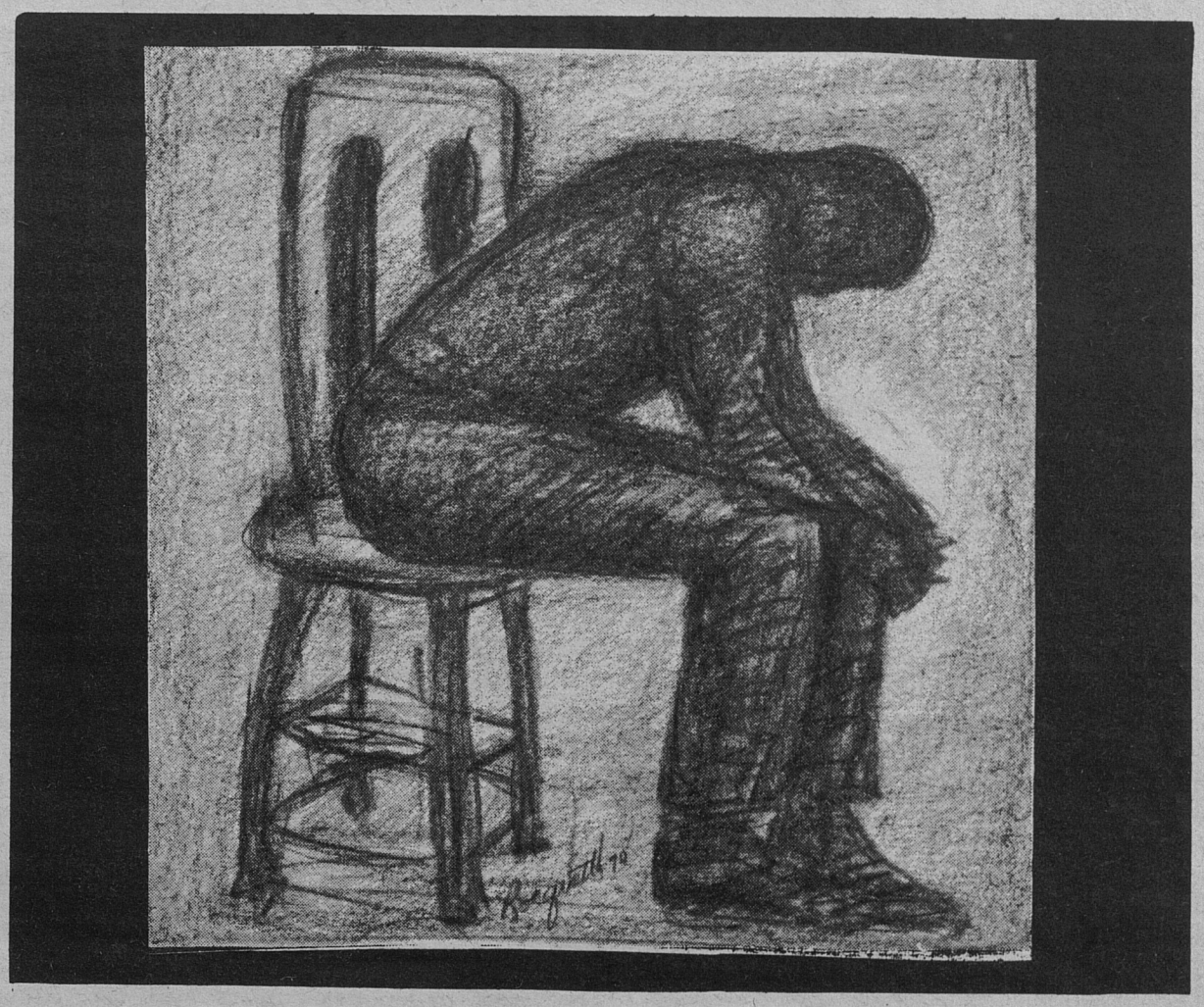
What is SCEF? The Southern Educational Fund is an interracial organization working in the South. Working against racial poverty, war and draft injustice. Publishes a monthly paper the Southern Patriot, and organizes.

This is what the McSurelys were doing, organizing. They were doing this in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. They and three other persons were charged with Sedition in 1967. Although charges were dropped, documents seized from the McSurelys when they were arrested, were subpoenaed. McClellan said that he needed the documents for an investigation of uprisings and disturbances in the cities. The McSurelys did not comply.

Another SCEF organizer, Joseph Mulloy was arrested and sentenced to five years for refusing to be drafted.

What is behind the McClellan and other harrassment? Carl and Anne Braden state: "there is no doubt that the coal operators are behind the prosecution of Mullo and the McSurelys the coal operators have a long arm and their power reaches into many places." The Bradens are executive directors of SCEF. In essence power lies in the hands of those people like the coal giants of Big Business.

DRUGS — What Can Be Done?



been estimated from research done by one drug rehabilitative center, "that the city is saving $18,000,000 a year on thefts alone, plus savings in jail, hospital and welfare costs, plus the taxes collected."

But in spite of the gravity and extensives of the drug situation, there is yet an extreme inadequacy of facilities or awareness to properly treat drug decendency in many of the major cities. In Detroit at present because of certain archaic Narcotic Bureau laws and insensitive court systems, treatment of addicts is severly stifled almost to the point of being null. Several programs in the city, doing a tremendous service in drug treatment have been forced to discontinue. The addicts who temporarily had gained some hope and were beginning to see some improvement in their lives, were without prior notice, turned back into the streets.

The problem of drug addiction is still being classified as criminal and accordingly addicts are being penalized as such, despite the fact that drug addiction is now becoming recognized in most medical circles as an illness.

A recent televised special on the use of heroin and other drugs by Gross Pointe youth, however hinted that some serious attempts are now being made to either soften or change some of these laws. According to one commentator: "Even some police officers are finding it hard put, to arrest these youngsters and to ruin their records at such early ages --- kids from good homes and prominent families", had these same youth been black there would have been no such problem.

And so though it is estimated that Detroit has anywhere from 10,000 to 100,000 addicts only a few programs or treatment centers are in operation. These at best are extremely limited in funds, facilities and in the number of persons they are able to take on.

One such program which has received a great deal of publicity, is a California based operation called Synanon. While trying to get established in this city a few years back, this organization received a great deal of resistance from some members of the Detroit community who were opposed to drug addicts living in their neighborhood. Synanon's approach is taking the addict completely off drugs, followed by an extensive period of sensitivity sessions and group therapy, until such a period (1 to 5 years), when an addict is able to function alone and maturely. Addicts also have an option of staying on indefinitely and working with the organization.

However, critics of the Synanon approach, say it is more geared towards the white addict or those coming from a middle-class background. Black addicts it seems are neither as attracted to, nor do they respond as well to the program. But the point of real seperation between the black and white addict is not as much while in the program as it is when they leave. Both addicts more than often must return and cope with very different life circumstances.

The other program which also has stirred up a great deal of controversy, are the Methadone clinics. Three are presently in operation at Harper Hospital, Lafayette clinic and Detroit General. All three though extremely limited in the number of patients they can treat (Harper, 38; Lafayette and Detroit General 25), have waiting lists and requests for treatment in the hundreds.

Methadone is a synthetic drug now being used for the treatment of addiction, stemming from heroin or its derivatives. It was put into use when it was found that many of the other drug programs had failed in the treatment of hard core addicts. As many as 90% of the addicts receiving just abstinance treatment, have returned to their addiction, upon being released. Though Methadone programs are relatively new and the statistics available are somewhat inadequate, only a very small percentage of addicts have returned to heroin or other drugs.

Though heroin and methadone are both drugs and addictive, there are significant differences in the properties and likewise in the effects they have psycholgically and physically upon the addict.

Heroin represents one of the most dangerous of the hard drugs. Once almost confined solely to the black community, it is now making inroads at an alarming rate in other communities as well.

A short acting narcotic with effects lasting only 4 to 5 hours, heroin when taken produces a feeling of "high" or "euphoria". Not only does its use result in dependency, but as the body builds up tolerance the amount of heroin required to produce euphoria skyrockets. A beginning dosage (shot intravenously) of 5 to 10 mgs. may increase over a period of time to as much as 450 mgs. per day.

Methadone is a long acting narcotic (24 to 38 hours) Before being used as a heroin medication, Methadone was used as a pain reliever. A husband and wife doctor team, Drs. Vincent P. Dole and Marie Nyswander of New York City accidently discovered its effectiveness with heroin addicts in 1964. Since that time several programs in New York, Chicago and more recently in Detroit have been devised.

Methadone though fulfilling the physical cravings of heroin. does not produce a feeling of euphoria. Furthermore because theirs is a high amount of tolerance to this drug -- the daily dosage can remain somewhat stable.

As a result patients under methadone treatment are enabled to partake and to participate in life activities almost normally. Long hours once spent in states of limbo or in search of drugs can now be spent in useful and fulfilling activities by addicts on the job, in schools and with their family and friends

One authority greatly simplified the differences between the two drugs: "Heroin is a 'treat' for the addict where as methadone is a 'treatment' "

Critics of the methadone program such as Synannon, however, say that methadone is a crutch, the subsistution of one drug for another Supporters of this program say the addict taking methadone can be compared with the diabetic who must take insulin. And til such time as a better means is found to treat hard core addicts -- methadone combined with psychological and group therapy is yet one of the most effective and successful programs for addicts who have not responded well to other methods.

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Plantation Cleveland



slaveholding grandson knows that if he stops the poverty handouts, he stands to lose the whole plantation.

The modern day plantation owner is no one's fool. He realizes that his system of imperialism and wage slavery is threatened. Imperialism is threatened because wars of national liberationare spreading like wild fire, in Asia, grumblings in Latin America, and even Africa is beginning to rattle its chains.

Meanwhile, back at Plantation Cleveland, where black slaves have not yet learned that they are not only wage slaves but also victims of imperialistic control, the black slaves think they are citizens the same as the white wage slaves. Some think the schools are trying to educate their young, but the young are just to rebellious to appreciate that good white education. Some black slaves think the courts are there to mete out justice. There are some black slaves that see through the whole game and realize that a completely new order is necessary.

Some black slaves took to burning, liberating property that served outside interests, not necessarily because of political understanding of the necessity for new order, but out of good common sense that the present slave system did not meet their needs.

On the rural plantation during chattel slavery some slaves were satisfied with the addition of chittlins. They didn't reason that they themselves could have decided to eat the chittlins rather than throw them away. All they could understand was that this was more then they had before. They never considered that ol massa was not giving them anything but garbage.

The wise slave reasoned that although hog chittlins were only garbage, they had won a small victory in that ol massa had to find some way to appease them. The thoughtful slave decided if they could push the massa to give them more garbage, perhaps if they tried a little harder he would be forced to give them something worthwhile. So they called a funeral, they were not allowed to have meetings. Meetings were "against law and order".

The massa didn't mind a funeral, just another nigger dead, besides it was a harmless outlet for the slaves' emotions, thought he. They sang All of God's Chillun Got Shoes. They sang about Swing Low Sweet Chariot, a coming for to carry me home.

Unfortunately all of the slaves that attended the funeral weren't loyal to their class. Some favored the massa - after all, slavery was not unbearable for them. They ate what massa ate. All right, so what if it is what he left on his plate. Sometimes they ate right off massa fine China. Of course, massa never know the house slaves dared eat off his fine China. The house slaves had shoes. They were, of course, the castoff shoes of massa, ol missus, and the little massas and missus. House slaves could not help but think every once in a while to have a pair of new shoes that hadn't been shaped by ol massa's feet, how cute the chilluns would look in clothes their size and without patches. Even though the house slaves had shoes, clothes and the same food as ol massa, it was second rate, at best leftovers. Slavery would not allow the black man to exercise his rights as a father or husband. It completely destroyed his dignity be he house nigger or field slave.

The Meetin-- Oops Funeral

One slave got up and told the others of their small victory. Wouldn't it be wonderful, he dreamed out loud, to run the plantation for ourselves. Why we would pay ol massa for his services, whatever they are, but most important we would all be paid. Just imagine, we would all buy shoes. We could all buy clothes. Besides some of us don't like chittlins anyway, so we could raise the food we like and sell the other for cash. We might even build a school so our children could attend. Maybe we could build a hospital and have doctors the same as ol massa rather than have the veterinarian treat us as he does the animals on the plantation. On on on this wise slave dreamed.

Some slaves were horrified at this crazy nigger talk. Surely, this slave was tetched in the head. This kind of talk would make it hard for all of us, some slaves thought. There's bound to be a lynching! the frightened slaves thought. After all, some field slaves thought, we have more than we ever had before. Once we only had core pone. This crazy nigger talk will make us lose our chittlins. Some petrified house slaves panicked. We have shoes, clothes and leftovers. So what if they are leavings, it is better than what those field slaves have.

Deep down in the minds of other slaves, they started to dream those forbidden dreams too. It would be nice to have a school. It is only right to be attended by a doctor rather than a vet. A man should be able to be father to his children, husband to his wife and make decisions about his life. Oh if only there was a way for those dreams to come true. If it could only be reality. If this wild dream was to turn into reality they would have to have a plan.

The Plan

What if all the slaves got sick at the same time. Suppose they would get some terrible illness right at cotton picking time. Suppose they all got so sick the cotton would turn to seed and would cause ol massa to lose a lot of money. Suppose they all got so weak, they just couldn't pull the cotton bags up and down the rows. Suppose the house slaves spent so much time in the quarters helping the vet care for the field hands that the big house got dirty, the seamstress couldn't sew ol missus dresses, she'd have to cook because the cook was the only one the vet would allow to help him in the quarters. The seamstress would have to substitute as cook, but all the white folks knew the seamstress couldn't cook, she'd always been kept busy making pretty clothes for ol missus and the little massas and missuses. The chamber maids couldn't cook because they have only been allowed to serve and pick up and clean up after all the white folks that lived on or visited the plantation.

If the plan went well it would throw the whole plantation in an uproar. Everything would be complete chaos.

One super-subservient slave ran all the way back to the plantation to tell ol massa. With news such as this ol massa would surely make him head house nigger, besides the head house nigger was getting old anyway. The massa needed a new house nigger. News of this value would surely guarantee him the job.

When the massa heard about the plan he laughed. Slaves could not think, they had to be told what to do so he ordered a sound beating for the foolish slave who would have him believe that his niggers were plotting against him. His were happy slaves, after all they were not getting chittlins with their pone.

Cotton picking time arrived. The seed of thought had been planted.

America Is The Blackman's Battleground!

Guinea—Bissau

doctor for every 100.000 Africans and outside Bissau there was only one hospital. Davidson describes the situation as he saw it in 1967, "During 1967 fifty nurses completed courses in Europe. most in the Soviet Union. as well as several doctors; there are now about one hundred nurses in all. In their liberated regions, the PAIGC had now installed six field hospitals, 120 clinics and had twenty-three mobile medical teams at work A new hospital was being built in the Republic of Guineafor the treatment of severe orthropedic cases."

In the area of economic organization the leadership of the PAIGC maintains that "It is pointless to liberate a region if its population then remains without essential goods"

Davidson points out "Having smashed the Portuguese rural market the PAIGC clearly and urgently needed to provide at least a partial alternative . . . So the PAIGC began installing their own system. They began buying rice and other products from village producers at prices fixed slightly above those of the Portuguese thus eating into the portuguese system still persisting on the peripheries of urban centers -- and selling consumer goods (cottons. hoes kitchen ware. and so on) at prices fixed slightly below those of the Portuguese They fixed these exchanges without money, and at values calculated for the needs of barter trade To this end they began establishing a chain of "People's Store"..... Economic restructurization has had two aims: to carry on economic warfare, and to build a new marketing system in place of the Portuguese one"

Armed Struggle in Africa: With the Guerrillas in "Portuguese" Guinea, by Gerard Chaliand, Monthly Review Press, New York and London, 1969; $5.50. Introduction by Basil Davidson Translated by David Rattray and Robert Leonhardt.

The struggle being waged inside Guinea-Bissau should be seriously studied by African-american revolutionaries. The PAIGC is one of the most progressive and dynamic political parties on the African continent: it has successfully united the political and military struggle. Amilcar Cabral has pointed out "The political and military leadership of the struggle is one: the political leadership. . . Our fighters are defined as armed activists" African americans should know: where Guinea-Bissau is what the leading ideas of its vanguard Party the PAIGC are; what lessons if any does Guinea-Bissau offer the Black Liberation Struggle; and how was the PAIGC organized? Those of us who want the answers should read Gerard Chaliand's Armed Struggle in Africa and Basil Davidson's The Liberation of Guine. Guinea-Bissau is a moral example for Black america an example of a heroic endeavor, an example of what a people can do when organized and led by men who have decided to work for their people.

Nigerian War: Some Historical Developments

The attempt by the Western dominated forces of imperialism, to prolong the division of Africa by using deceitful methods to keep African nations fighting among themselves is failing.

These methods have historically been successful for the western powers when dealing with forces that are serious about obtaining the basic human rights for their people, the right of self-determination.

Their age old game of "little nigger killing little nigger" has been crushed by the forces led by the Nigerian's chief of state major general Yakubu Gowon. The people of Nigeria can begin to resolve some of their internal contradictions which have impeded their progress since it was organized into a federation in 1953.

There were three major contradictions within Nigeria that finally developed into the succession of so-called "Birfra" (primarily Ibos). led by Lt. Colonel Odumegwu Ojukwu. Tribal conflicts among the three major tribes, the Hausa-Fulani, the Yoruba, and the Ibo, basically involved an intense struggle for control of oil, economic trade, and political development of the country.

Minority tribes conflict with major tribes. In 1953 Britain divided the federation into three states with a total population of 60 million people (the largest population in Africa). The three major tribes were able to easily dominate the minority areas. In 1957 the minority tribes demanded that the British government re-structure the federation in order to create a more balanced government. But since it was to the advantage of the imperialist forces to continue to keep the government unbalanced, it allowed the northern region, inhabited primarily by the Hausa-Fulina tribe with its conservative policy to remain in control on the national level. the minority demands went to deaf ears.

Regardless of the various regional elements, ranging from the feudal and conservative elements of the bourgeois, to the progressive bourgeois and peasantry, alliances were made to promote their particular political interests.

Out of these alliances were formed the Nigerian national alliance representing the feudal and conservative forces, and the United progressive grand alliance representing the progressive bourgeois and the peasantry.

In the parliamentary election of 1964 the conservative forces were returned to power.

With little or no faith in the traditional political system there was but one road open; that of "coup d'etat", was that the Ibo tribe was able to become the dominate force in the politics of Nigeria, against the popular wishes of the people. The Ibo-dominated government abolished the federal constitution. This opened the door for another "coup d'etat". This time led by Gowon and his forces.

The new government decided to re-structure the nation into 12 states. This was rejected by Ojukwu and the Ibo tribe because this would take from their immediate sphere of control, the Ijaw, Calabra, and Ogoja lands, which possess the majority of the oil which by 1964 had become the largest export of Nigeria. therefore taking the economic control of the country out of the hands of the Ibos.

In 1967, so-called "Biafra" led by Ojukwu sucessed. Among its supporters were France, West Germany, Britain, and the United States.



NIGERIA'S YAKUBU GOWON

Imperialist Investment

It was in the interest of the U.S., France and Britain to support any element which lead toward a divided Nigeria. For so long as Nigeria stayed divided the imperialist nations were in no danger of losing their investments which for the United States amounts to 250-200 million dollars in Nigerian projects. The total for Britain, Japan, and France in private investments is estimated at 2 billion dollars.

Now that the Civil War is over the task of reconstructing the nation looks promising.

Will this new government be able to continue its economic growth? Will the Ibo tribe be able to spread out in the main stream of society? Most important will a truely revolutionary government moving toward socialism emerge to help unify Africa? If all goes well, Nigeria could turn out to be what its basic wealth always gave it a chance to be -- a leader in Africa's quest for unity.

Greetings From ZIMBABWE

LUSAKA, Zambia (LNS) -- Our vote for the most significant event of the decade just ended goes not to Neil Armstrong and the machines that put him on the moon's surface. Our vote goes to brother guerrillas in South Viet Nam who. by administering a humiliating defeat on American militarism, have helped in demonstrating the invincibility of People's Wars. We expect, as a result of Viet Nam. that those who have been spending billions of dollars developing machines and chemical poisons for "limited wars" have learned enough to dare try again during the next decade. This humiliating lesson applies to both the imperialist powers and resident colonialists in Southern Africa, where the already intensifying armed struggle will most certainly graduate into more fully fledged revolutions within the first half of the 1970's. And if the last decade belonged to the Asian guerrillas, the next will as sure as hell belong to the armed blacks of Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola, Namibia, Guinea-Bissau and South Africa.

But here the tempo and scope of our struggle and the quality of its ultimate victory cannot and must not be abondoned to chance orthe unknown whims of so-called Providence.

As we enter a most crucial decade in the history of our Southern African sub-continent it is necessary that our objectives be spelled out clearly. For this, after all, is a people's struggle. not a platform for ideological diplomats. As such the people, the true heroes of this revolution. have a right to ask themselves the question: What after independence? And those who would seek refuge in militant racism ("We must have our country from the whitemen") must be exposed with courage for the opportunists they are, because of such stuff are born the wealthy black bwanas of the era of post independence. What after independence? is a question so crucial it can only be answered satisfactorily by policy: a policy capable of susbaining the confidence of the people in the worthiness of a protracted struggle; a policy that eliminates completely any possibility of fighting a bitter armed struggle only to lose the revolution to bureaucrats and other agents of capitalism (the so-called colonial elites).

Thus the problems of ideological orientation and disciplined organization will be confronting all of us in our respective countries. We must face them and deal with both boldly rather than waste most of our time fussing about bureaucratic titles ("which ministry shall be mine after independence") in the safety of foreign capitals.

Let us enter the new year and the new decade with an iron determination to do better and achieve lasting victories in our individual countries before the first half of the decade is out.

A Happy and Most Revolutionary New Year!

"NEW WINE IN NEW WINE SKINS"
by Rev. P. Tytus

This is a statement made by a revolutionary 19 centuries ago, which set into motion new thinking regarding man's relationship to himself, to his fellows and to his God. The saying is relevant for us today in that new ideas, new ideals, demand a flexable apparatus to channel them.

WCO's hiring of a new staff director, John Watson, and of his hiring of a skillful and committed staff has already produced a tremendous effect upon this federation of community organizations. New faces and familiar faces are showing up at board and committee meetings. And they are bringing skills and committment needed for radical social change.

WCO is now struggling to become flexable enough to put in motion through concrete plans of action, the energies that are manifested. This could lead to an upsurge in the organization's activities, especially those activities that relate to getting on top of issues that affect the lives of its constituents.

Now if the future looks bright, it is from the frame of reference on looks. "I been down so long that down looks like up to me." However, it is a welcome relief to come to meetings and find that the time isn't completely used up in housekeeping matters, although there are certain financial needs that must receive some attention.

Yet, it is very clear that this federation of organizations will be as bright or as dark as the participating organizations and the community at large make it.

Poverty in the CARRIBEAN

by Cooper

Jamaica, that beautiful carribean island of over a million inhabitants located about 90 miles south of Cuba has been advertised for many years by various travel agencies in this country as . . . "a vacation wonderland . . . . . palm trees, coconuts mangos . . . . . a lush tropical paradise where the people are light hearted and gay . . . ." This image of Jamaica only attest to the media's effectiveness in the creation and perpetuation of illusions.

While in Jamaica, this reporter discussed the plight of Jamaica's people with a vacationing Afro-american dentist from Washington, D.C. He said that he had seen some "poverty on his way to the golf course", but he felt that "since the climate was warm it couldn't be too bad." It's not like in the great urban centers of the northern United States. where the climate is much colder, besides, he added, "these people have wild fruit like mangos cassavas, and bananas to eat, so there can't be any starvation." Then he gathered up his golf clubs and moved on.

I later had the pleasure of speaking with Mrs. Marcus Garvey who lives in her modest home in Mona near the campus of the University of the West Indies. She was deeply concerned about the living conditions of the people and remarked about the total lack of sanitation facilities and the grossly inadequate diet of the people. Mrs. Garvey also said that the full responsibility for the neglect of the people's welfare can be placed at the door steps of Prime Minister Sherrer's ruling Jamaica Labor Party government. Sherrer has been accused even from conservative quarter, of favoring foreign money interest at the expense of his people.

In the ghetto region near Old Spanish Town road in Kingston, I saw people living in the worst imaginable squalor. People sleeping in dwellings which could hardly be called shacks. There were people sleeping on the streets as well. There were women and especially children with protruding stomachs, mucous dripping from their nostrals harding between their noses and upper lips. A brother that live there explained "People cannot live off mangos, and bananas. . . . " He raises rabbits and sells the 'herb' (pot) in order to feed his family.

Another brother said that he had been jailed last April for his political activity. While in jail, he said he was beaten by his questioners. He then took off his shirt and showed the scars resulting of the beatings.

Jamaica ranks first among the nations of the world in the number of persons in prison (130 per 100,000). It even has more than South Africa which has 41 per 100,000.) There were also reports of many other tortures carried out by the police.

There were no people among the masses of the poor in Jamaica who wore glasses. This was surprising to me since I rely upon glasses a great deal.

It would seem that all the conditions that motivate people to take revolutionary action exist in Jamaica today; gross unemployment, lack of educational facilities, "starvation", super poverty of the masses in the midst of the super affluence of a few, police brutality, racial and class conflict, and governmental suppression and neglect. From all indications to the fovernment is not a popular one and the people speak to each other of revolution. One taxi driver summed up the feeling of the people as we drove through Kingston. He said to me; "you see those luxurious houses up there on the side of those mountains. . . . . well, we call that area Beverly Hill. . . . . and when the revolution comes, we shall call it Beverly Level."

There are some efforts being made to organize the "sufferers" of Jamaica so that they may effectively cope with their situation. These attempts are met with immediate suppression by the state apparatus (the government). The Jamaican government has placed a ban on the distribution of "Black Power Literature" from the United States. The people are forbidden to read Muhammad Speaks, for instance. Governmental pressure was brought to bear against "Abeng", a revolutionary newspaper whish attempted to articulate the plight of the "sufferer" in Kingston and on the rest of the island. Reliable sources indicate, however that after some re-organization "Abeng" will again be about the work of educating the masses. There is an embargo against the sale of certain records which are used as a means of education also.

Another blatant example of governmental suppression of progressive political elements in the country occured last August when the passport of Robert Hill, a Black Jamaican Socialist leader was revoked. Mr. Hill was accused of making remarks "unfavorable to the government", at the Black Writer's Conference in Montreal in October of 1968.

Government suppression has increased continuously since the October 16, 1968 revolt which resulted from the deportation of Walter Rodney a Marxist professor teaching at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies. Several people were killed and scores injured in that response by the people to Rodney's deportation. The revolt was put down by police and military troops armed with automatic weapons and heavily armored vehicles.

Many observers of contemporary Carribean politics believe that the contradictions are too many and too great for its present social order to endure much longer. There are many who believe that Cuba's example of a Carribean people effectively dealing with the realities of their wretched circumstances will be followed by other island states in that region. Few doubt that the masses of the Jamaican people will continue to tolerate the kind of vicious police suppression and degrading govermental neglect that is evident there today, much longer.

STATISTICS

PRISON POPULATION
per 100.000 of population

COUNTRIES	TOTAL
JAMAICA	130
SOUTH AFRICA	41
UNITED STATES	10
UNITED KINGDOM	6.2
FRANCE	6.1

SEE "NEW YORK TIMES"
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A wall painting from the October 16, 1968 revolt in Kingston, Jamaica. This Wall painting stands today at the University of the West Indies. The Rastafari is a Religious Cult which was instrumental in that uprising.



Mrs. Marcus Garvey in her home in Jamaica.

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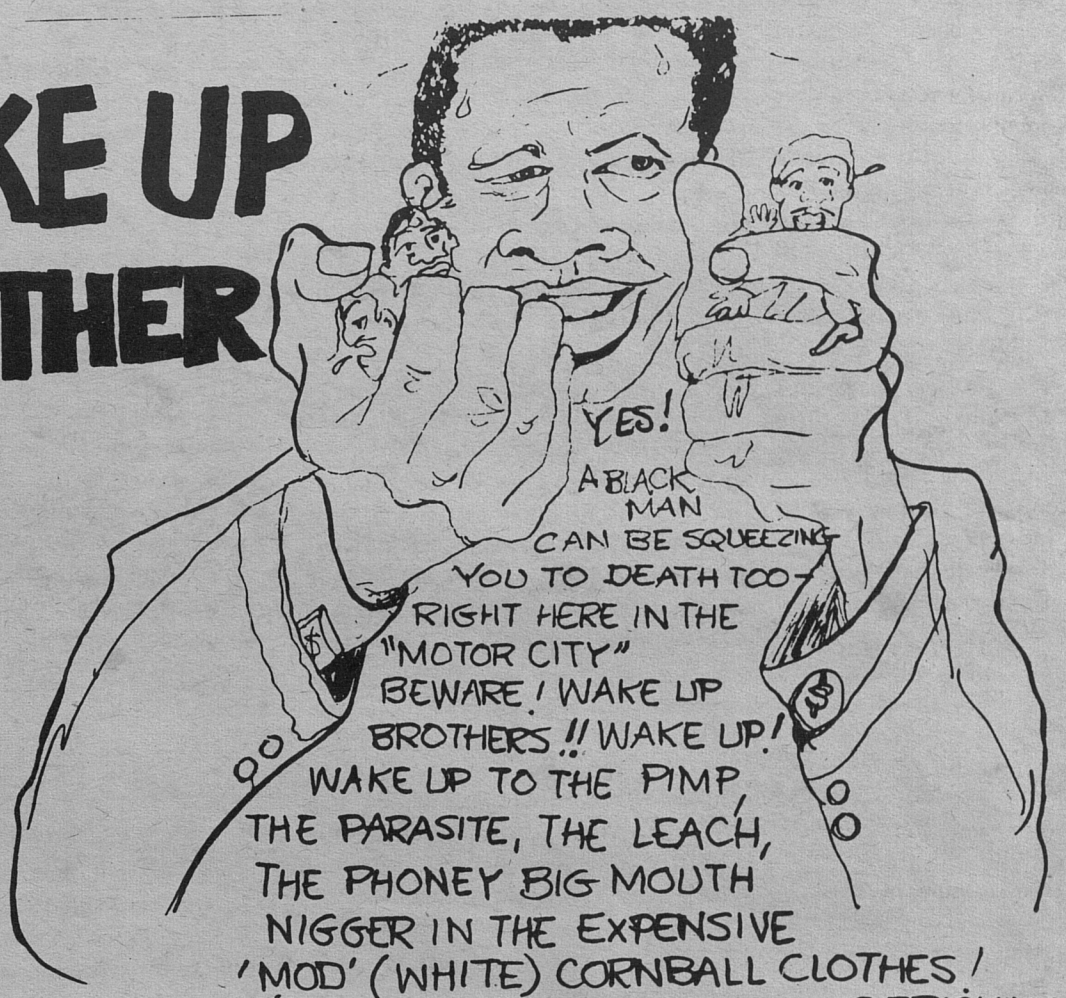
WAKE UP BROTHER





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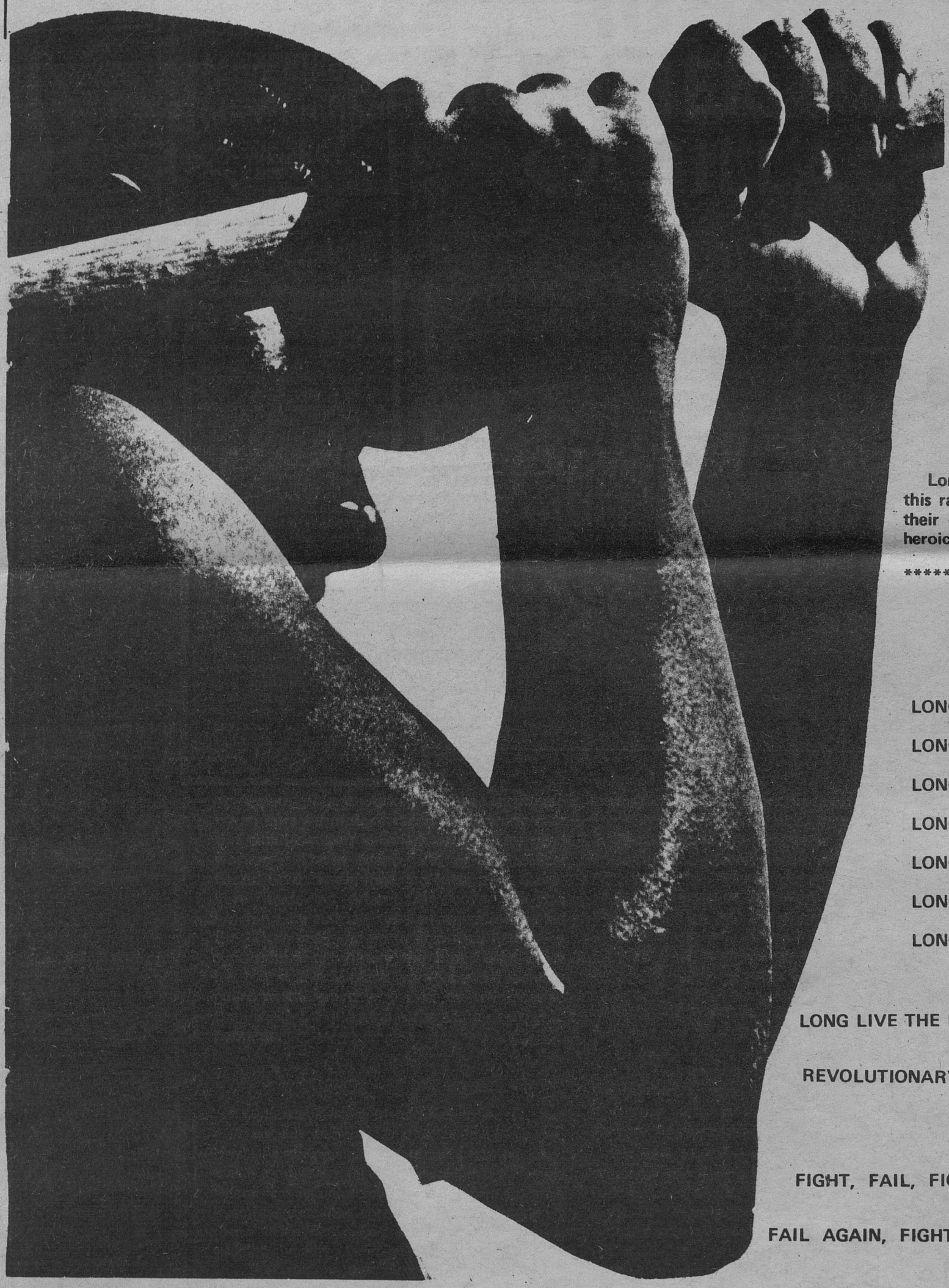

Long Live Black people in this racist land and death to their enemies. Long live the heroic black workers struggle.

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LONG LIVE E.L.R.U.M.

LONG LIVE M.A.R.U.M.

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ELECTION SPECIAL



DRUM SLATE

LEAGUE CALLS FOR BROAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN UNION ELECTION

Detroit, March 8 - The Central Staff of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers called for broad community support of DRUM candidates in the upcoming election at U.A.W. Local 3. In order to win in this plant the Black workers have to overcome the strong organized resistance of the Reuther gang. The League expects that the enemy will attempt to use all the tactics of police and company harrassment, bussing in retired white workers, fraudulant procedures and not informing laid off workers about the upcoming election.

Black candidates affiliated with the League of Revolutionary Black Workers are making a strong offensive designed to capture this local union.

In order to increase the chances of victory in this struggle, the League has called for the people of Detroit to support the struggle in the following ways:

1. Volunteer to drive workers to the polling booths on election day.

2. Volunteer to work on the campaign staff, distributing literature, contacting black workers, etc.

3. Make donations to the Campaign Chest necessary to publicize the League campaign.

Any person interested in helping may contact the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, 179 Cortland, Highland Park, Michigan 48203 - Telephone 865-8184.

The Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement, (DRUM) is making a strong bid to take over the leadership of U.A.W. Local No. 3, in upcoming elections on March 18 & 19. DRUM is running a full slate of candidates against two Reuther gang slates.

This is the most recent battle between DRUM and the union bureaucracy. In past struggles the enemy has used every trick available to prevent revolutionary Black leadership from truimphing, including election fraud, beating and macing black workers, busing in retired white workers and slander.

DRUM has attempted to learn from past experience and to overcome the unfair obsticle presented by the company - union coalition.

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OUR THING IS DRUM

Deep in the gloom
of the firefilled pit
Where the Dodge rolls down the line,
We challenge the doom
of dying in shit
While strangled by a swine. . . .
. . .For hours and years
we've sweated tears
Trying to break our chain- -
But we broke our backs
and died in packs
To find our manhood slain. . . .
But now we stand - -
For DRUM's at hand
To lead our Freedom fight,
and from now til then
we'll unite like men- -
For now we know our might- -
and damn the plantation
and the whole Dodge nation
For DRUM has dried our tears. . . .
and now as we die
we've a different cry - -
For now we hold our spears!
U.A.W. is scum- - - -
OUR THING IS DRUM!!!!!

POVERTY-STRICKEN FAMILY NEEDS HELP



This is another incident of the unjust economic conditions under which we as a people must undergo in this system of greed-profit and racism.

Mrs. Gertrude Hunt of the neighborhood action center on Hamiliton and Highland stated, "There is a family in Highland Park living in the most deplorable conditions I've ever seen."

The family (address and name withheld) consisting of a mother and eight children without any furniture, refrigeration or cooking facilities. The mother who is in poor health and her children sleep on the floor using old clothing for pillows.

The family is desperate and presently needs our help, but let us be careful lest we forget. This case must not be treated as something "unique'. or as an "isolated case". It has, can or will happen to all of us unless we move to cut off the root cause, that gives rise to such conditions that leave our people in these deplorable positions.

We must wipe out the disease and cancer of capitalism and mold a new life for ourselves and our furture generations. All of us who wish to help this family may contact Mrs. Hunt at the Neighborhood action center - 869-9180.

GILMORE ASSIGNED TO REMAINING NEW BETHEL TRIALS

Wayne County Circuit Judge Horace W. Gilmore has been assigned to try the two remaining cases steming from the shooting of the policemen at the New Bethel Baptist Church nearly a year ago.

The trial of the two defendants, Clarence Fuller, and Rafael Viera was scheduled to begin March 1st, but has been postponed until March 16, 1970.

The Fuller-Viera trial will be held in one of the unused courtrooms in the Old Recorder's Court at 1321 St. Antoine. Lawyers for the prosecution and defense have both agreed to the consolidation of the trials.

Fuller is charged with assault with intent to commit murder in the wounding of patrolman Richard Worobec. Viera is charged with the second-degree murder of patrolman Micheal Cazpski.

Already the courts have been forced to set another member of the Republic of New Africa, Alfred Hibbit free from a charge evolving from the New Bethel Incident.

The Black community should demonstrate their concern for these brothers by attending some of the sessions.

LONG LIVE BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS RACIST LAND!!!!

League Calls For Support

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In this election the League of Revolutionary Black Workers legal council, Ken Cockrel, has taken legal steps to ensure that minimal legal procedures are followed. In past elections the voting machines were handled in a fashion clearly in violation of the union constitution and the National Labor Relations Act. The League is attempting to assure at least quasi legality by securing an injunction preventing the city of Hamtramck, or the Hamtramck Police from interferring in the electorial process.

Moreover, DRUM, better organized than in previous struggles, is calling for broad community support of its candidates.

SUPPORT DRUM

F&M BAKERY UNDER UHURU HEAT

Friday, Febuary 26, 1970 at about 2:10 P.M. a Black student, who attends Northern High, was shot at 4 times by the Black lunatic rent-a-cop, who works out of the F & M(ess) Bakery across the street from Northern High.

The incident occured when the guard inside the bakery told the student who is know as 'Monty', to leave the bakery because he was supposedly loitering. After a brief debate with the pig guard 'Monty' began to leave the bakery but before he could get out of the door the guard slammed it on him. In return 'Monty' pushed the door back on the guard. Immediately following that the guard came out of the bakery, drew his gun, threatened to kill 'Monty' and backed him ((Monty) into the middle of Woodward Avenue.

In an effort to defend himself the brother pulled a knife: students on the scene seeing this told the brother to drop the knife because the insane guard would kill him. 'Monty' took the advise of the students dropped the knife and began to run down Woodward towards Leicester Street.

Without regard for 'Monty's' life or other people on the street the guard started to chase 'Monty' shooting his gun as he ran. Luckily, none of the shots fired hit anyone.

After using up the bullets in his revolver the guard finally caught up with the brother and apprehended him on the side of the nursing home on the corner of Leicester and Woodward. Thereupon the guard began to push, shove and generally harass 'Monty'.

In the meantime five Tactical Mobile Units from the Detroit Police Department were called and the police officer placed 'Monty' under arrest.

In order to avoid a reoccurence ofan incident similiar to the one which took place Friday, Feb. 26, 1970, at the F & M

Bakery the UHURU Association of Northern High calls upon all people of the Black Community to Boycott the F & M Bakery until the management of F & M meets the following demands:

1. The removal of the present guard inside the Bakery.

2. The new guard of F & M Bakery will not be present during the hours of 12:00 noon til 3:00 p.m. The preceding hours are hours, in which students of Northern frequent the F & M Bakery and is being asked, in order to guarantee student safety from armed guards in the store.

3. That students be allowed to stay in the bakery a period of at least 15 minutes after purchase.

4. The quality of food on sale to students and the public be improved.

5. The waitresses now working at the F & M bakery recieve a 20 cents pay raise per hour.

THE STRUGGLE Over School Decentralization

The most important element of any adopted school decentralization plan is that voters control each region.

This not only determines who controls the quality of education in each school within the region, but also what individual will represent that region on the Central School Board (which controls how much money each region gets).

The following table gives the important facts on each of the plans proposed by the present Board of Education:

PLAN	% BLACK STUDENTS UNDER WHITE CONTROL	NO. WHITE CONTROLLED REGIONS	NO. OF BLACK CONTROLLED REGIONS
B	81%	6	1
B-2	81%	6	1
A	80%	6	1
E	65%	5	3
F	42%	6	4
C	37%	4	3
D	33%	4	4

The School Board's planners have reached these terrifying results in a very simple way. They have "gerrymandered" regions by including at least one very strong white voter area with one not-quite-so-strong Black one in such a way that the white voters outnumber the Black ones. Plan B, for instance, lumps Redford High School area (which voted only 6% for Austin) with Central (which voted 94% for Austin). When Mackenzie, a somewhat integrated area, is added to this region, white voters from Redford, with the help of some from Mackenzie, control all three schools.

Plans A, B, and B-2 are illegal because they use the most effective (and also the most obvious) way of lumping white racist areas with Black ones. They put one outer-city school with one inner-city one, forming regions which are not even in one piece. These are called non-contiguous regions. Federal courts have ruled against them.

II. The School Board and Integration

The excuse that the School Board uses for having white people control Black schools is that they have to form "integrated" districts. Their interest in "integration" is only a front.

First, very few changes in actual school boundaries are proposed. This means that most students would go to the same schools they go to now. The Black inner city will still have Black schools, white racists will still have white schools, and only places where Black and white people live together will have integrated schools.

Second, the plans even put white racist areas in control over integrated schools. For instance, in Plan B-2, Redford (97% white) controls Cooley (41% white).

Third, even if magic could "integrate" all the Black and white students into the same schools, unless Black voters had the power to direct the education of their own children, the "integration" would harm the children. The master and slave were physically and geographically mixed. But the master controlled the slave. This is the kind of integration the School Board is proposing.

The Black Plan

(1) For the Black community to avoid this slavery, of powerlessness, it must force the School Board to draw regional lines which follow the natural patterns of neighborhoods in the city. This will permit Black voters to elect boards for Black schools. (Unfortunately, it will also allow white racist voters to control white children, but this plan at least saves as many children as possible.)

(2) The School Board has tried to confuse people with their publicity on decentralization. First, they published a "decentralization kit" which included no relevant information at all. Then they published "Progress Report No. 2", which included "information" on capacities transportation routes, and boundary problems. Ignore all of this so-called information. None of it applies to decentralization. Some of it does not apply to schools at all. All of it is there to confuse the public.

(3) The basic issue is who will control the new regions and the new central board.

The following regions were made up with one thing in mind: to keep as many children as possible out of the control of racists. The plan puts only 8.6 % of Black students under white control. It puts 6 regions under Black control and 2 under white control.

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BLACK STUDENTS STRIKE RIVER ROUGE HIGH



No classes were held at River Rouge High School, Thursday, Feb. 26, 1970, or Friday, Feb. 27, 1970, because of confrontations between Black and white students.

During the Negro History Week, Feb. 8 - 14, Black students had made posters honoring many different Black brothers (Eldridge Cleaver, W.E.B. Dubois, John Carlos, Tommy Smith, Judge George Crockett and many others).

As a result, many of the white parents and students, were upset because they didn't like the Black brothers, whom Black students chose to honor.

Members of the racist Board of Education, in response to the wishes of the white students, took down the pictures of the Black brothers stating tha they were "offensive".

Historically, white folks have always maintained the position that they will tell Blacks who are the Black leaders of the Black community and when and where Black people will honor Black leaders.

Black students at River Rouge High and at high schools all over the nation are standing up and saying, "We will pick our leaders, we don't need white people to tell us who our leaders will be."

Not having done enough to harass and humiliate and deprive Black students of their rights and dignity, James Moore, a Board member, upon hearing Anthony Rucker, a Black student, discussing the incident, grabbed Anthony and took him to the principal's office for a lecture.

As a result of these incidents there were confrontations between Black and white students, causing the principal to dismiss classes.

After the school administration asked the police to patrol the halls of the school, the Black students and parents, moved to begin a boycott of the school which was 90% effective the following Monday morning. The Black students and parents have demanded that the Board members apologize, that the police be taken from the school and that the school become more relevant to Black students.

Black students at River Rouge High should be commended for standing up for their rights, and demanding that racist institutions be made relevant to Black students.

LONG LIVE BLACK STUDENTS AT RIVER ROUGE HIGH SCHOOL!!!!!

HOUSEHOLD WORKERS OF DETROIT



Sunday, March 1, 1970, the Household Workers Organization met to discuss many of the problems which confront household workers (better known as day workers or domestic workers.)

Mrs. Laura Johnson and Mr. McClendon, the founders of the organization began by defining who is a household worker. Accordingly, Mrs. Johnson stated, that a household worker is any one who does any kind of housework (babysitting) for others or who doesn't fall under any other employment catgeory.

SHORT HISTORY OF HOUSEHOLD WORKERS

Historically, household workers have been super-exploited by their employers, employment agencies and others. Household workers, although hired for one specific job, may be required to do the task of a secretary, nursemaid, cook, laundress, wall washer, window washer and many other things that the employer might desire.

Black women have almost always been forced to make up the largest portion of domestic workers, due to discrimination and the racist nature of this country. Most Blacks are well aware that domestic work is physically (back breaking), mentally and s ritually degrading with no real monetary gains. We know this and know it well for many of our mothers, aunts, sisters and others have been forced to do domestic work for whites, since the beginning of our history in this country.

At present, Detroit has 25,000 household workers (the majority being Black) who are super-exploited and mistreated by their employers. Most of these people have families and have been forced to accept these conditions because no other jobs are available or because as Mrs. McClendon stated, "Some of these older people are afrain to speak for their "God given rights".

The majority of household workers *are not paid the minimum wage, do not have fringe benefits, old age pension, or* hospital insurance, besides the face that working conditions are deplorable.

An example of the amount of exploitation which goes on is suggested in the workings of an establishment called the "Minute Maid" service, which is equivalent to prostitution.

In this situation, Black sisters are sub-contracted by someone who finds employment for them and supplies them with a means of getting to and from work. The sisters are paid $10 a day by the man who carries them to and from work. If they were to find work for themselves, they would be making $22 a day rather than the $10 a day. How can this be called anything other than pimping off of the sisters. This is only one example, there are numerous other ways in which houeshold workers are exploited.

Finally some of the Black sisters are beginning to ban together inorder to fight against these animal like conditions.

The household workers organization will not rest until the rights of all household workers have been protected.

For more Information contact:
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833-5630 or
Mrs. McClendon
865-7457

UNITE FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY!!

UNITE FOR BETTER WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS!!!!

BISHOP BLOCKS BUCK

Detroit - Twelve representatives of six community based organizations sat in Bishop Emricks office,(head of the Episcopal Diosis of Michigan) on Friday, March 13, 1970. The demonstrators were protecting the Bishop's stalling tactics in preventing a $17,000 emergency grant from the National Episcopal Church to Parents and Students for Community Control (PASCC).

Parents and Students for Community Control is a new city wide organization designed to fight for community control of schools. It was formed as the follow up apparatus to the City Wide Conference on Decentralization and Community Control of Schools. After several months of negotiations with the Episcopal Church on a national level, PASCC was granted a substancial sum of money to fund its first year. An emergence grant of $17,000 was allocated to get the program off the ground, but the emergency grant has to be ratified by the Bishop of the local diosis (Emrick).

Instead of ratifying the emergency grant, Bishop Emrick chose to set up a "committee" to "study" the proposal.

PASCC and fraternal organizations felt that Emrick was defeating the whole purpose of the grant by setting up the committee. In effect he was stating that no emergency really exists if, after months of studying this proposal on a national level, more studying was needed locally. With the current crisis in the school system and with the Board of Education about to implement the decentralization act, there can be no question as to the existance of an emergency.

The Black community was already familiar with Emrick's racist tactics. Six months ago the Black Economic Development Conference (BEDC) precipitated a major confrontation in the diosis in which eight prominent Episcopal women stated a sit in in Emrick's office demanding that he meet with BEDC. At negotiating sessions the diosis agreed to raise $100,000 to meet the needs of the Urban Crisis. Six months later, after having established all sorts of bureaucratic committees, the diosis still hasn't begun to meet its commitments.

When the demonstrations entered Emrick's office, the bishop flew into a rage. He demanded that the demonstrators leave immediately and stormed out. A little later he came back and demanded that they leave in ten minutes, "or I'll veto the grant." He again demanded that they leave when one minute before his ultimatum had arrived. The demonstrators, of course, sat tight, and Emrick stormed out declaring, "you can stay here until next summer if you like!"

The protestors sat in the Bishop's office for most of the rest of the day. They decided, however, that the Bishop's luxurious office was not really what they had come for. Occupation of it had become a hollow victory since he apparently didn't do much up there anyway. It was decided that a broader offensive would be launched against the church in the near future if their demands were not met.

Upon leaving, they presented the following statement to the Bishop's secretary:

"Once again the hopes and aspirations of the Black people of Detroit have been trampled under the feet of racist white churchmen in the person of Bishop Emrich. His response to our desperation move was to offer us the occupation of his office indefinitely. We therefore recognize that the local Episcopal Diocese has no intention of making any kind of realistic response to the suffering and misery of the Black people of Detroit. This means that we launch an all out assault on the racism that is so entrenched in the local Episcopal Chruch. For this reason we are leaving the Bishop's office in order to be able to mobilize our people for a long range struggle. Our people will fight for principle and a principle has been violated. The National Diocese of the Episcopal Church has moved ahead of the Michigan Diocese in addressing itself to the needs of millions of poor, oppressed and Black people. The Michigan diocese has been dragging its feet, and tying up programs in countless committees.

We recognize the problems of the Black community to be truly at a crisis state. Our organizations are escalating our attempts to solve our problems, and we won't permit anyone or anything to stand in the way of the liberation of Blacks and oppressed people. There will be a press conference on the front steps of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral on Sunday, March 22, at 11:00 a.m. The community will demand an immediate end to the procrastination and evasive tactics practiced by racist white reactionary chruches. We will insist on immediate church support, action and implementation of community programs.

We are determined to deal with the fact that the Chruch's true mission is to act out of the cry of Jesus Christ to "give to the poor,set the prisoner free, and visit the sick in mind, body, soul as it relates to Black poor and oppressed people throughout this community."

Signed - PASCC, Unicom, BEDC, NCBC and WCO

MODEL CITIES

The Model Cities Program was in it's infancy in 1966, when it was suspected that Highland Park would be one of the cities studied for serious rehabilitative measures. Later in June,1969, Highland Park, one of the 61 cities chosen, was awarded a $2.5 million federal grant to finance the first year of it's program. $1.7 million of this grant was furnished by HUD (Housing and Urban Development). This $2.5 million was to be used to finance the programs proposed for the improvement of health, education, recreation, employment and public safety facilities in a portion of Highland Park's 2.89 sq. miles.

Many improvements of Highland Park have been attributed to the Model Cities Program by those citizens supporting the program, the government and white newspapers around the area of Highland Park and Detroit. Among these reported "improvements" are:

"The converstion of the city's highest crime area into a 93-acre combined residential and light industrial district dotted with $20,000 to $60,000 homes, colonial town-houses, two-story apartments and modern, landscaped offices."

"Improvements" such as these often have to be studied to determine their true relevance to the Black Community. For instance, this so-called improvement which involves the building of high-cost homes in a formerly high crime area does not ameliorate the conditions of homes in deteriorating neighborhoods of the city. Also the residents of said, neighborhoods would not be able to afford $20,000 to $60,000 homes under their present incomes.

The aforesaid "improvements" are only a few of the many proposed in the Model Cities Plan for Highland Park. These plans and improvements have to be studied by the community to find implications detrimental to it's livelihood not mentioned or made visible by the government. And these detrimental elements will not be made apparent by the government because the government does not work in the best interest of black people, especially where they are steadily becoming the majority of the population. This is also the case in neighboring Detroit, who was also awarded a Model Cities grant. These programs can be an asset to the black community, only after they have been analyzed for their motives and the community controls and benefits from what gains are made, and not the government. Black citizens should reap what they sow, as it is their tax dollars that finance such programs, and only complete community, study, involvement and control of these programs will bring about these benefits.

True improvements would involve the reconstruction of the decaying area and the building of homes that the black people living in these neighborhoods could readily afford.

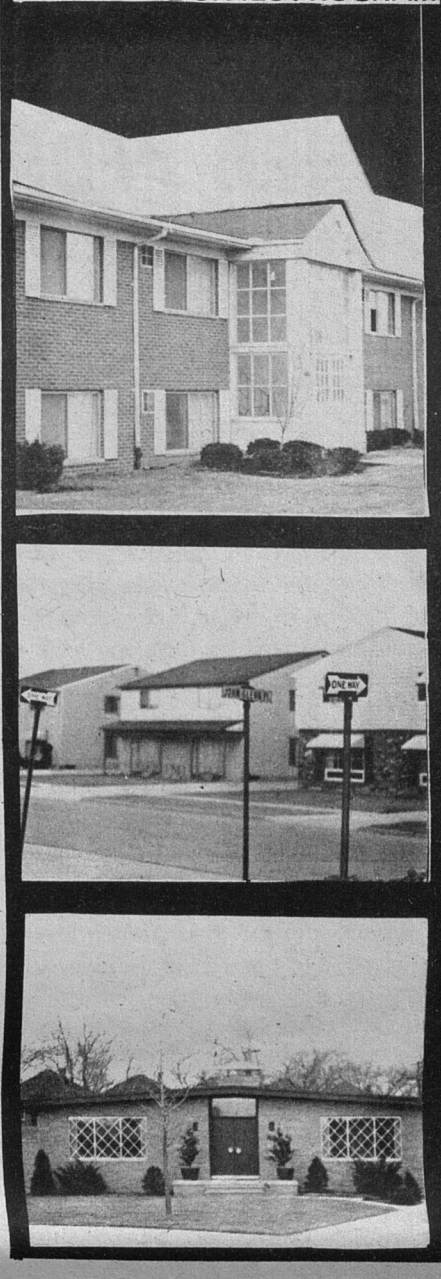
Another alleged improvement was the following:

"To counteract the fleeing of whites to suburbs around the city of Detroit, thus the making of the number of black residents into the majority, the program actively recruits young white families through notices at Wayne State University. Also another federal grant has been proposed, the money obtained as a result of this grant being used exclusively to draw whites to Highland Park."

These measures to counteract the increase of black residency in Highland Park is known to few people in the city. This importation of whites to the city does not, unfortunately improve conditions among blacks. It would be more logical to first better the conditions of those blacks living in the community instead of making new neighborhoods which few black people living in the decadent regions of Highland Park could afford.

Other proposed improvements slated are police inservice training, the bettering of community- police relationships and the like. However, there is still much animosity towards the Highland Park Police Department, which is the largest in the nation for a city of it's size. And to fully contradict the "improvements" of the police in Highland Park, there has been much talk recently of the passing of a "stop and frisk'. law and the use of police dogs; acts, both of which would be taken advantage of to further repress black people.

THE MODEL CITIES PROGRAM



SISTER BRUTALIZED AT KRESGE

On the afternoon of March 3, 1970, Deborah Jones, a student of Malcolm X High, was brutally assaulted by the assistant manager of the S.S. Kresge store located at Grand River at Lothrop. This store has a policy of banning students who appear to be too "militant'. for their taste, regarding them as would-be trouble makers.

Deborah looked like a girl the store had banned. Both of the girls have large Afro's. Deborah entered the store and was immediately asked to leave, by a rent-a-pig from the Blair Security Service. Not knowing what was happening, Deborah refused to leave. The assistant manager was then called and without any hesitance, he, the assistant manager, proceeded to grab Deborah by the collar, kick her, hit her, knock her to the floor and brutally beat her with his fists. When a concerned brother asked the attacker the reason for the attack, no valid answer was given.

They were both asked to leave the store. Not being satisified with the assistant manager's answer, the brother re-entered the store.

Immediately he was forced to leave the store by the guard and a loaded 38 caliaber pistol. This is a mere example of the "fascist repression that exists in the United States of America."

The students of Malcolm X High are boycotting Kresge's and they will continue to boycott until their demands are met.

These are the following demands of the Black students at Malcolm X High:

1. Better respect from the Kresge employees.

2. The dismissal of the assistant manager from all Kresge stores.

3. The dismissal of the security guard.

(The last demand has been met, at the writing of this article)

There is also a suit being filed against the assistant manager by the parents of Deborah Jones. The students of Malcolm X are asking for the support of the entire Black Community in order to curb the probability of such an attack from re-occuring.

Keep in mind that the next victim could very well be you!!!!

Sacrifice For Liberation

People's Action Committee

There is a new office located on 3rd between Highland and Cortland in Highland Park. In this office is a new group called the People's Action Committee. This organization was formed by concerned Black Parents and Students who's main objective is the betterment of Highland Park.

In an interview with one of the persons on staff, it was stated that "our organization is here because we see that H.P. has a grant of 22 million dollars and the Mayor is erecting 20 - 60 thousand dollar homes with this money. In another year or so the city will be so rat infested that it wouldn't be suited for human beings. Dope is spreading like a forest fire through-out the city, (which is about 2-2½ square miles) our crime rate is the highest in the United States and yet with the largest police force in the country (per square miles), a solution hasn't been found yet.



This is " our " city and it is up to the black citizens to straighten it our seeing that the mayor is not accountable to the people who voted him into office. Classes will be started to politically educate black people in H.P. Issues and solutions to problems will be discussed and made to work within the community and for the community.

Through the PAC office the Coalition of Black Students will operate. Their main concern being to make the school accountable to them and not them being accountable to the school.

One student said "I just don't want to see my life go down the drain, if you don't come out of HPHS with a "Pimp-Thug" philosophy, you come out a junky. After investing twelve years of my life with school, I should be capable of doing something other than going to a factory"

The PAC slogan is:

Education for Liberation!

Organization for Salvation!

One People!

One Politics!

One Destiny!!

feature page

"OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS"

In the column Other People's Business, June Brown of the Michigan Chronicle, ran an article Feb. 12 concerning a confrontation that allegedly took place between a group of Black revolutionaries and Black christians at a Black church. According to Miss Brown, these Black revolutionaries who went to the church with the intention of harrassing and intimidating the Black congregation were instead confronted by an armed and hostile mob, so fierce that the revolutionaries took one look at them and ran for their lives.

Does this sound like a joke? It is not. It was written as a supposedly accurate account of what happened. It is not what happened and we must respond to her deliberate lies in a very serious manner. The facts are as follows:

Members of the Black United Front (BUF), an organization composed of several Black groups formed to deal with issues affecting the Black community, went to St. Mark Baptist Church to protest their $1,000 donation to a slain white policeman's widow. In addition to protesting this action BUF felt it was their responsibility to attempt to educate the people as to the very real needs of many black families in the community that they should be showing concern for, rather than some white widow. Any Black church located in the Black community should be responsive to the problems and needs of that community. Black people, including christians must begin to relate to our oppression and begin to make a clear distinction between who is actually the victim and who is the criminal.

After about 20 minutes of picketing outside the church the group was invited in. Inside the church, one of BUF's representatives breifly addressed the congregation. He explained why the group had come and asked for their help in aiding the family of Chucky Howell, a 14 year old black youth shot and killed by a white policeman. Rev. Williams thanked the group for coming and expressed his intention to do whatever he could.

Contrary to the slanderous lies of June Brown, the congregation was not "strapped". The police surrounding the church were. Miss Brown has no awareness at all of those people who have dedicated themselves to the liberation of Black people, which explains how she could accuse black revolutionaries of desiring to provoke or be provoked into a shoot out with other Blacks, much less inside a church. We are not the ones who have bombed and shot up Black churches, killing innocent men, women and young children. Our brothers and sisters inside that church had no reason to fear us, or we them. It is unfortunate that they felt it necessary to request protection by the police against 'Black revolutionaries'.

This unfounded fear is based on, among other things, the manipulation of our minds by the white controlled media. It is in their interest to keep Black people divided, suspicious and fighting each other which leaves no time for collectively attacking our enemies. June Brown is actively encouraging and aiding this situation, and has therefore placed herself in the position of an enemy of Black people. For her, our oppression is a source of salacious gossip, and our struggle only a game run at the expense of our brothers and sisters.

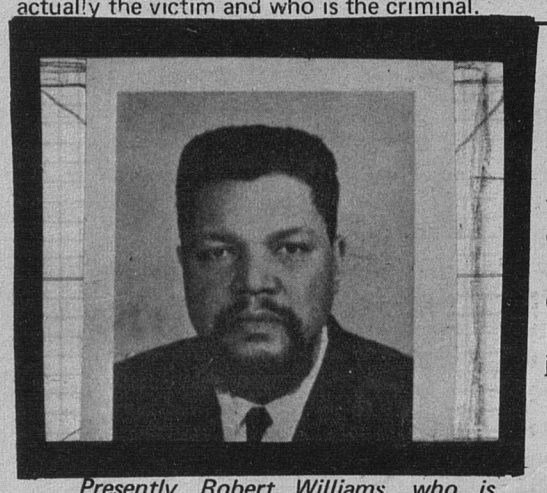
It is apparent that the seriousness of our struggle is not worthy of her attention for her concern is not to educate or bring about any awareness of our situation as black people in a racist and oppressive society, but she continues to keep operating at the level of personal pettiness and antagonisms.

"Other People's Business" is misnamed; for what she writes about are those things which are personal and private not public. Every week there are new tales of who's sleeping with whom, husbands and wives about to cut each other's throat over some real or imagined infidelity, hustles that Blacks are running on other Blacks, personal tragedies and losses played up without concern for the possible consequences of added suffering to those involved.

The obviously degenerate Miss Brown is intent on continuing the myth that Black people's lives revolve around drinking, using and killing each other constantly. Black people's private personal lives, sexual and intimate relationships should not be discussed in a Black newspaper.

Such things are not relevant to our struggle. We must be about the task of attacking and destroying the conditions that force Blacks to fight each other in order to feel they have some power and control over their lives, not the senseless description of self destructive behavior patterns which are to be found in any group of people suffering from racism and exploitation.

As Black people we must demand that June Brown cease printing her endless supply of garbage, lies and deliberate sensationalism at our expense. We must demand accountability from our so-called Black newspapers.



Presently Robert Williams, who is ex-president of the Republic of New Africa, and his legal counsel's Sen. Roger Craig and Atty. Bernard Fieger are in the process of planing their next legal step in the fight against the attempt by Gov. Milliken to extradite him back to North Carolina on an alleged 1961 kidnapping charge.

Battle With Courts

by REGGIE WILLIAMS

COURT'S DECISION

Circuit Judge Thomas Roumell, recently ruled against Bro. Rob, when he dismissed a petition for declaratory judgement and a restraining order preventing Gov. Milliken, from serving an extradition warrant.

Bro. Rob's attorneys charged that the North Carolina warrant is a "fraud" and that Gov. Milliken abused his statutory discretion, when he issued his warrant for Robert Williams arrest on charges that are erroneous. They had hoped to get a ruling in favor of their petition for declaratory judgement from Roumell.

BRIEF HISTORY

In 1955 Robert Williams returned from the marines to his hometown, Monroe N.C., and soon joined the practically defunct local chapter of the NAACP. Two years later he became the president of the chapter. Over a period of four years the activities of this local chapter increased. Along with this agitation came constant attacks from the Klu Klux Klan and the local authorities. These constant attacks finally made it suicidal for Bro. Rob to remain in North Carolina.

Bro. Rob, along with his family fled, first to Canada, then to Cuba where he stayed for four years. In 1966 Bro. Rob moved to China where he stayed for three years. In May of 1969, he moved to Tanzania, in southern Africa, where he lived until he returned to the United States.

Since Bro. Rob's return he has been constantly making speaking engagements through-out the community. He recently spoke at a Malcolm X rally in the Stevenson Memorial Building. Bro. Rob made it very clear that he is opposed to certain elements within the revolutionary struggle to be adventuristic. He went on to elaborate that although those of us who have resolved ourselves to the struggle for Black liberation are willing to die in the name of the revolution, we must guard ourselves against such defeatist attitudes as believing that the act of dying or going to jail are revolutionary acts in themselves.

SUPPORT NEEDED!!

The Black United Front has formed a committee to aid in the defense of Bro. Rob. The Front is asking the support of the community so that we may become instrumental in preventing Rob from having to be sent back to North Carolina and face the very forces that he so courageously fought, in the defense of Black people nine years ago.

UNITE OR BRO. ROB WILL PERISH!!

For more information, contact the Committee To Aid in the Defense of Robert Williams. Box 666 Detroit Mich. 48206.

America Is The Blackman's Battleground!

BROTHERS SLAIN — GOVERNMENT CHARGED

March 11, 1970

We charge the Federal Government with the crime of wantonly murdering our two brothers, Ralph Featherstone and (apparently) William "Che" Paine.

We suspect, although we may never be able to prove it, that agents of the Federal Government were directly involved, probably because they thought that Brother Rap was in the car. This is the way that the CIA has operated all over the Third World, from the Congo to Laos, from Ghana to Vietnam. If they are in the way, people of color and their leaders are mysteriously blown to bits, with even less thought than if they were boulders blocking a road or trees blocking a view.

But directly involved or not, the Federal Government is responsible fo; initiating the chain of events that has now resulted in this hideous crime against Black people. Just as the Mayor of Memphis, Tennesses, created the political climate of violence and hysteria which led to the wanton murder of Dr. King in the spring of 1968, the Federal Government today, with its repressive legislation against Movement activists, such as the "Stokely Carmichael" Anti-Riot Act and the Anti-Conspiracy Act, and its bringing to trial of Movement activists on the basis of this repressive legislation, has now created the political climate of violence and hysteria which has led to the wanton murder of these two dedicated, hard-working unsung fightersfor human freedom.

For the last many years it is the Federal Government itself which has been responsible for the growing chaos and disorder in and around the courts. By its deliberate efforts to muddy-up the fundamental distinction between political activity and crime, it has fostered disrepect for the judicial process, incited to riot and murder, and unleashed the most reactionary forces in the nation.

By sending in agents-provocateurs to Movement organizations, as in the notorious alleged plot by RAM to blow up the Statue of Liberty, it has deliberately instigated and sought to provoke freedom fighters to acts of terrorism which could only end in their imprisonment or death.

THE TIME HAS COME TO TAKE SOME SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO BRING A HALT TO THIS VIOLENCE AND UNENDING INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE BY THE GOVERNMENT. TO THIS END WE DEMAND:

1. That the Federal Government itself take the initiative immediately to move the dismissal of all charges against H. Rap Brown as well as against all other political defendants, Black and white, who have been charged under the Anti-Riot, Anti-Conspiracy Acts and similar repressive legislation.

2. That steps be taken immediately to repeal the Anti-Riot and Anti-Conspiracy Acts.

3. That the FBI. the CIA and police departments across the country immediately destroy their dossiers on Movement activists and that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations of the U.S. Senate, SR whose extensive and published hearings have revealed only a small part of what is contained in these dossiers, be immediately disbanded.

4. That wherever agents-provocateurs have been or are disclosed to be involved in acts of terrorism charged against Movement activists, the charges against theMovement people be dismissed and charges be brought instead against these agents and the official agencies employing them, for conspiring to violate the civil rights of citizens.

WE CALL UPON THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND ALL DECENT CITIZENS ACROSS THE NATION TO SUPPORT THESE DEMANDS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO CLEAR UP THE CALCULATED CONFUSION BETWEEN POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND CRIME, WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO DESTROY THE MOVEMENT.

At the same time we call upon Black organizations to appoint their own investigative committee to determine the guilty parties to this murder and we demand that the Justice Department and all other officials on every level cooperate with this Committee, giving it the right to subpoena persons and documents and granting it access to all files and information related to this and similar crimes.

In particular, we urge Movement people to reflect upon the need for new forms of organization which *will minimize future opportunities for the enemy to* waste our brothers and sisters. We cannot continue to lose our Medgars, our Malcolms, our Martins, our Freds, our Marks, our Ralphs and our Ches.

BLACK REBELLION AT CLEVELAND'S C.C.C.

The black students of Cuyahoga Community College (CCC), a two-year school in Cleveland, "took to the streets" to enforce their demands for better services at the college.

The activities which led up to the open rebellion on Fri. Feb. 6, began with a list of demands presented to the administration by a coalition of groups in the student body, and by the Afro-American Society.

The activities of the coalition centered around the high prices of food in the cafeteria. The students protested that the prices for food were exhorbitant for a student body, the majority of whom came from working class families. The students had even set up their own lunch services which provided sandwiches at a reasonable rate while the boycott of the University run facilities was in effect.



The exact incident which set off the rebellion is not known, but hundreds of Cleveland's finest were called in to suppress it. It was reported to Operation Black Unity, a coalition of black community groups, that a black secretary, who was not even a part of the demonstration, boycott, or rebellion, was beaten by police and had to be hospitalized.

Immediately following the rebellion, a large group of students staged a sit-in at City Hall in front of the offices of Benjamin O. Davis, new Safety Directory of Cleveland, Ohio, and a former general in the USAF, to demand the release of six arrested students.

This student sit-in at City Hall indicates perhaps the beginning of the end of the attitude of the black community that they must protect Mayor Stokes, the first black mayor of a large city in the USA. In the future the black community of Cleveland will be making greater demands from Mayor Stokes and other high ranking black city officials such as Gen. Davis, to relate to the problems of the black community, rather than trying to create a false image of racial "harmony and progress" in this racist stronghold.

On Monday, Feb. 9, 1970, CCC was closed by the demonstrations of the students and the list of demands was escalated to include the firing of three callous officials.

The college administration perfers to take the attitude of the national administration, and instead of relating to the existing problems, speaks in terms of the "silent majority" and expresses concern only for the well-being of this mythical sector of the student body.

This will no doubt be a great political lesson for the black students at CCC and will lead to the escalation of the struggle.

LEAGUE of REVOLUTION



Dodge Revolutionary Union Mov

The Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM) held a special convention on Saturday, Feb. 28, to select candidates to run in the upcoming union elections at Hamtramck Assembly Plants' U.A.W. Local 3.

About 100 delegates attended the day long meeting at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

Elections are scheduled for March 18th and 19th at Local No. 3 for all the major offices as well as for 25 slots for delegates and alternate delegates at the upcoming U.A.W. International Convention in Atlantic City. The special DRUM convention was called to develop program and strategy for the revolutionary take over of Local No. 3 as well as selecting candidates for this election.

Mike Hamlin, Central Staff member of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers and Chairman of the DRUM Convention, opened the meeting with remarks on the current plight of Black workers and the necessity of strong organization and unceasing struggle against the twin enemies, Chrysler Corporation and the Reuther gang.

The Keynote Address was given by Attorney Ken Cockrel, also a member of the League's Central Staff.

After discussion and debate, the Convention voted unanimously to run candidates on the 15 point program developed by the League to meet the challenge of the special U.A.W. Convention last November. The delegates also added three highly important points to their demands of the U.A.W.

These three demands incorporated into the program were:

1. The U.A.W. must establish safety committees in every plant. These committees will have the power to shut off unsafe machines, and if necessary to close down the entire plants because of conditions which are unhealthy or unsafe for the worker.

2. The U.A.W. must prevent retired workers from controlling in-plant union politics. In every U.A.W. election the Reuther machine buses in retired U.A.W. members, who are neither familiar with, or concerned about conditions inside the plants. These workers, the vast majority of them reactionary, anti-black, white racist, inevitably vote for reactionary, anti-black, white racist candidates, who do not represent the Black workers in the plant. The U.A.W. must establish a special department for retired workers, which relates directly to the U.A.W. International in pressing their economic demands, so that they cannot hinder the struggle of rank and file workers inside the plants.

3. The U.A.W. must fight for the right of workers to control changes in production standards in the plant. The company will not have the right to indiscriminately place workers on new jobs, or harder jobs. Currently workers can challenge the decisions of the company after they have been implemented. We demand that the workers have the right to challenge any decision affecting them before those decisions are executed.

After voting on the program, Mike Hamlin read the duties of the local union offices and informed the delegates as to the nature of the positions people were running for.

Nominations and elections followed. The slate elected by DRUM follows:

1. President - Ron March
2. Vice-President - Don Jackson
3. Financial Secretary - Ray Johnson
4. Recording Secretary - Gerald Wooten
5. Treasurer - Carlos Williams
6. Trustees (three candidates) -
   A. Betty Griffith
   B. Charles Roberts
   C. Grover Douglas
7. Sergeant-At-Arms - Don Gaito.
8. Guide - Lafayette Philyaw
9. Delegates (25 elected)
   1. Albert Hicks
   2. Don Jackson
   3. Jerome Harvard
   4. Sam Powe
   5. Grover Douglas
   6. Raymond Johnson
   7. Aaron Pitts
   8. George Smith
   9. Mitch McClellan
   10. Leon Pickett
   11. Lula Hoskins
   12. Portia Redman
   13. James Ware
   14. Irvin Bostic
   15. Mary Allen
   16. Joyce Bivens
   17. Walter Harris
   18. Ann Jordan
   19. Charles Grant
   20. Walter Barnett
   21. Earl Robinson
   22. Ron March
   23. Richard Jackson
   24. Lafayette Philyaw
   25. Eugene Watkins

Five alternate candidates were nominated for the positions of delegates to run on the DRUM slate in case any of the five persons originally nominated, who were not present at the DRUM convention declined to run for office. The absent delegates who were nominated were mainly from Huber foundry.

Huber foundry, in which a strong DRUM contingent of 150 members has been active, was recently closed down and all the workers laid off because of the developing economic depression.

As a result, the workers were dispersed and most of them did not receive notification of the DRUM convention in time to attend.

With the completion of the elections, Ron March explained the departmental instructions on carrying on the election campaign inside the plant. The instructions basically covered the following points:

Departmental Instructions

1. Mobilization of Department
   a. Break into sections in Department line
   b. Appoint Section Leaders

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c. Circulate campaign literature
d. Push candidates in conversation with other workers.
e. Counter all opposition
f. Talk about program
g. Line up workers to vote on election day.
h. Post DRUM Posters
I. Educate workers to conditions inside and outside plant.
j. Talk about lay-offs.
k. Talk about record of present Local Union Offices.
l. Talk about grievances of particular worker.
m. Talk about cheating in elections.
n. Talk about police harassment.
o. Talk about retiree vote.
p. Collect names and addressed of co-workers in case of layoff.
q. Appeal to contacts outside the plant for support.
r. Push concept of necessity for new "Blood" in Union.

Brother March and Attorney Cockrel also explained the legal complications involved in the election. From experience in past elections DRUM has learned that the enemy cheats. Local union officers don't follow established legal procedures and use the Hamtramck police to harrass Black workers. The League of Revolutionary Black Workers has already secured an injunction preventing police interference in Local No. 3 Union elections.

The League is securing another injunction concerning procedures of counting votes.

The U.A.W. constitution states that a certified public accountant must be present at elections to check the voting machines and to insure fair elections.

The Reuther controlled enemy leadership has, in the past, hired an "Accountant" who is apparently related to one of the union bigwigs. DRUM suspects that in past elections the machines were fixed to register Votes for DRUM candidates for the enemy candidate. The new injunction should help prevent a repetition of the shenanigans.

The Convention ended with the delegates confidant of victory, yet aware of the difficult struggle ahead. The halls of St. Joseph's Church trembled as the Black workers enthusiastically shouted the DRUM chant:

DARE TO FIGHT! DARE TO WIN! FIGHT, FAIL, FIGHT AGAIN, FAIL AGAIN, FIGHT ON TO VICTORY! LONG LIVE BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS RACIST LAND! DEATH TO THEIR ENEMIES! LONG LIVE THE HEROIC BLACK WORKERS STRUGGLE! LONG LIVE D.R.U.M.!

vote drum

Drum's *Program*

1. Halt U.A.W. racism. 50% representation for black workers on the international executive board. Fire Reuther and elect a Black president and one Black vice president, 50% of all international staff members should be black. Open skilled trades and apprentices to any black worker who applies. Recognition of DRUM and its affiliates as the official spokesman for Black workers on the local and national level with the power to negotiate Black demands on the company and union and the power to call officially sanctioned strikes.

2. We demand that the grievance procedure be completely revised so that grievances are settled immediately on the job by the workers in the plant involved. The grievance procedure is used to prevent workers from using their strike power to fight abuses from management. Since the procedure completely ties the hands of workers and basically serves company interests it should be scraped and replaced by a completely new system, eliminating the company's rights on safety. The U.A.W. must fight for the right of workers to control changes in production standards in the plant. The company will not have the right to indiscriminately place workers on new jobs, or harder jobs. Currently workers can challenge the decisions of the company after they have been implemented. We demand that the workers have the right to challenge any decision affecting them before those decisions are executed.

3. Elimination of all safety and health hazards in the auto industry. This means cleaning the air in the foundry and redesigning dangerous machinery and cut back in production on hazardous jobs, and that safety rules be adhered to. The U.A.W. must establish safety committees in every plant. These committees will have the power to shut off unsafe machines, and, if necessary, to close down entire plants because of conditions which are unhealthy or unsafe for the worker.

4. The union must fight vigirously against speed up and increases in production standards. The companies should double the size of their work force to meet the present workload. There were 650,000 production workers in auto in 1947 producing 4.5 million vehicles. In 1966, 650,000 workers produced nearly 10 million vehicles loaded with accessories and options. We are working two and three times as hard for the same real income. With today's technology production standards can easily be cut to reasonable humane lines.

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G.M. DENIES JOBS TO "DARK WOMEN"

Once again white America nas tried to weaken the power of Black people by superimposing color distinctions, but it was the fastitude and political awareness of two Black women, Mrs. Beverly J. Harris of Detroit, and Mrs. Willie J. Frazier of Highland Park, that has brought this attempt to light and exposed the racist attitudes of one of the largest industries in the United States, the General Motors Corp.

In a public hearing which began Monday, February 23, 1970, at the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Frazier stated that G.M. refused to employ them because of their dark skin. It would appear that Mrs. Harris thirteen years of experience at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., and Mrs. Fraziers 15 years as an operator at Michigan Bell (including some supervisory experience) would be enough to qualify them as telephone operators at G.M.

However, this obviously was not enough. Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Harris applied for switchboard operators openings in early 1968 at G.M.'s central office building on West Grand Blvd. While being interviewed for the job, both women were given the impression that they would be hired. Both were told that *they would be called in January or* February of 1968. However, in March, Mrs. Harris received a letter saying that she could not be used. Harris returned to G.M. but no reasons were given for not hiring her.

Mr. David Reese, superintendent of telephone services at G.M. is the man responsible for refusing to employ Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Frazier. Reese, presently in New York, testified on the first day of the hearing that he couldn't recall the reasons for not hiring Mrs. Frazier but he stated that Mrs. Harris was not hired because she had a "dominant attitude", and she had dominated the interview and also he felt as if he were being interviewed.

Joan Jackson is another dark complexioned telephone operator, employed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. She was employed there for 6 years, advanced rapidly and became a supervisor. She too, applied at G.M. and was not hired. She returned in April to see Mr. Reese, but no reasons were given for not hiring her.

Mrs. Harris, Frazier and Jackson, discussed their identical situations and decided that because of their more than adequate experiences, and the fact that none of the switchboard operators whom they observed at the G.M. building were dark, the color of their skin had to be the only reason for their not being hired.

Shelia Parzak, field investigator for the Civil Rights Commission, testified on *the second day of the hearing that she* went to General Motors and observed 6 to 8 "Negro Operators". She reported that two of the operators were of medium complexion, and the others had a fair or light skin - none were very black.

Dr. Grier, co-author of Black Rage, was called in by the Civil Rights Commission to testify as an expert witness. As a psychiatrist, Dr. Grier was well qualified when he testified to the existence of a caste system in America. Grier stated that Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Frazier had to feel the humiliation of personal discrimination and that they were not employed are important and unfortunate issues of this caste. However, the underlying conspiracy to divide black people on the basis of shades of skin color is equally important. The caste system that Dr. Grier described is one, based on the idea that Black people with light skin are superior to those with dark skin, because of their resemblance to whites. It is a system devised and perpetuated by whites who are desperately afraid of the power of a unified black people, and will try to make as many divisions as possible among blacks. We cannot and will not allow ourselves to be deceived by the white man's racism.

Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Frazier are to be commended for again exposing G.M. for the racist institution it was suspected of being. The Civil Rights Commission conducted investigations which uncovered evidence in support of Mrs. Frazier's and Mrs. Harris' charges. After the efforts at conciliation with G.M. failed, the Civil Rights Commission issued a formal charge and authorized a formal hearing, Assistant Attorney General, Walter Clements, M.C.R.C. counsel, and G.M. Attorney Eugene L. Hartwig will offer witnesses at the hearing. The hearing Referee Rolland O'Hare of Detroit will take the testimony of each side, and present his findings along with his recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will take the Referee's findings into consideration in making the final decision in the case. If the Commission supports the charge of discrimination it has the power to issue orders to G.M. to hire the ladies or to give them back-wages. The Commission also has the power to order the company to change their policies concerning employing workers or improve the personnel in charge of hiring workers in order to cut down the possibility of further discrimination. The hearings, which are public, are held in the M.C.R.C. Conference room on the 11th floor of the Cadillac Square Building, are expected to last two more days. After this General Motors will be allowed to give it's hearing.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Because of the Historical practices of this corporation as the "Champion of Racism and exploitation", the Inner City Voice has and will continue to wage a never-ending struggle against G.M. recently we published a front page story of the murder of a young Black worker at the Cadillac Plant on Michigan and Clark, a division of General Motors. We must never forget that General Motors is not an isolated example of racism and exploitation. She is part and parcel of an representative of the American way of life. We must struggle to deprive all such corporations power to inflict suffering and misery upon the Black masses.

WESTSIDE MOTHERS

Members of West Side Mothers of 8827 Linwood, are planning to launch a new campaign this year for Spring clothing allotments.

The organization hopes to force officials into giving them an automatic quarterly clothing allotment.

West Side Mothers (WSM) is an organization that was formed in December of 1965 to confront the problems that plague many welfare receipents and low income families, and they also hop to increase and establish dialogue with governement agencies about the plight of the needy.

"The budget that is presently being alloted is drastically inadequate even according to the standards that the government itself has set," asserts Mrs. M. Fordham, a pert staff member of WSM, "currently, adequate budget hearings are being held in order to ascertain what is an adequate budget and many of the members of our organization, including Mrs. Blakely the chairman, are being called on to testify."

ADC'S OF ECONOMICS

Presently the allotment given to welfare recipients does not take into consideration the extra money needed for the additional cost of heating a home in the winter nor does it take into consideration the extra winter clothes that children will need.

In addition to working on the drive for additional money for spring clothes, the WSM's currently have a law suit pending against the Detroit Board of Education due to it's practices of discrimination against children who recieve free lunches."

"The children are constantly being singled out as being different because they recieve free lunches," explains Mrs. Fordham, "we hope to, through our suit force the Board of Education to treat all of the children equally, whether or not they recieve free lunches, and not send those who do recieve free lunches to another line or to the end."

Everyone is invited to either join or support the WSM's in their demand for a decent living. Meetings are held each Thursday at 3:00 PM at the WSM's office, membership dues, which are used to support the organization and its work, is $1. a month.

WAYNE COUNTY ADC BUDGET FOR A FAMILY OF 4

Personal Needs ..... $37.00 per person per month
X 4
$148.00 month

Household Needs ..... $25.00 (heat, utilities)
$85.00 rent

Monthly total: $258.00

Yearly total: $3,096.00

Bureau of Labor Statistics Lower Standard Budget: .$4,922.00 per year

Social Security Administration Poverty Line: .....$3,335.00 per year

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5. The union must fight for a five hour work day and a four day work week. The profit level of industry is high enough to increase employment and end layoffs.

6. The union must fight for an immediate doubling of the wages of all production workers. Since 1960 wages of black workers have risen less than 25%. Yet profits have risen more than 90%. The pitifully small increase the black production workers have received has been completely wiped out by inflation. We know how wealthy the company is. We know how low their labor costs presently are. In fact, we know that it costs less than $100 in labor to produce a $3,000 car. We say increase that labor cost to $200 per car and double the wages immediately.

7. We demand a cut in union dues. The union already collects $10 million a month from its members and can't defend the rights of the workers.

8. We demand the end of the checkoff of union dues. While the check off was progressive in the 30's today it prevents workers from disciplining poor union leadership.

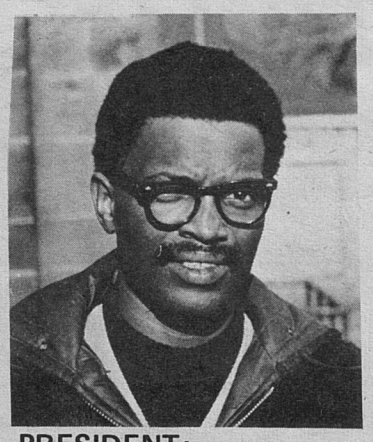
9. We demand that all U.A.W. investment funds be used to finance economic development in the black community under programs of self determination. The union now holds over $90,000,000 in strike funds in white banks. They lost over $1,000,000 in strike funds when a bank in California folded two years ago. We demand that all such money be held in black institutions and used in the black community.

10. We demand that the union end its collusion with the United Foundation. Black workers should contribute only to black controlled charities working for the benefit of the Black community, and that the $300,000 dollars in Peoples State Bank in Hamtramck be removed immediately and placed in Black Banks.

11. We demand that all monies expended for political campaigns by the U.A.W. be turned over to the Black United Front for Black controlled and directed political work.

12. We demand that the U.A.W. end its collusion with the C.I.A., the F.B.I. and all other white racist spy institutions.

Drum Candidates



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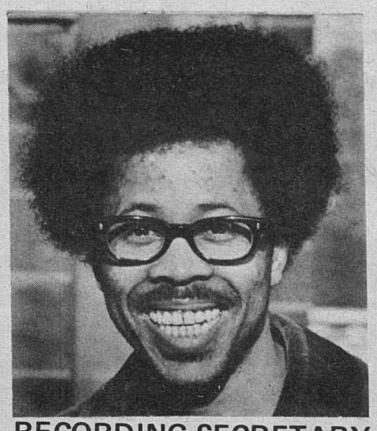

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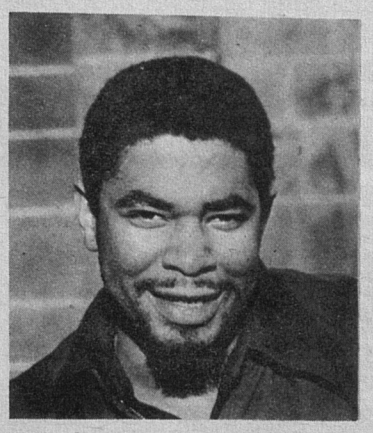

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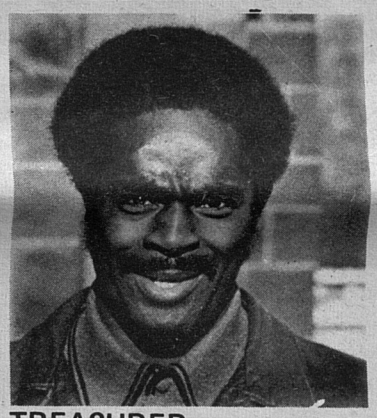

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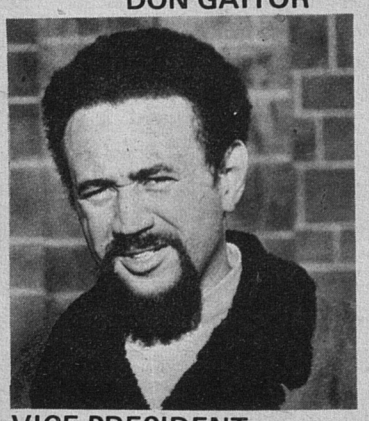

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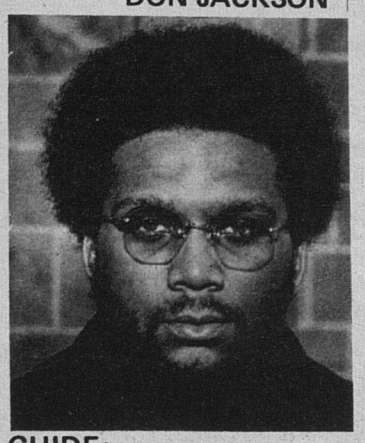

GUIDE:
LAFAYETTE PHILYAW

13. We demand that the U.A.W. end all interference in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the Black community. That community and the Black workers in it are to exercise self determination in all political, economic, social and cultural activities and are to use black contributed union funds in any such activities. This means that the UAW end its affiliation with MDCDA, New Detroit, and other such programs and place all administration authority and funds in the hands of the Black community.

14. We demand an end to the harrassment of Black revolutionists and their leaders by the auto companies with U.A.W. Cooperation.

15. We demand that the U.A.W. use its political and strike powers to call a general strike to demand immediately:

    a. An end to the Vietnam war and withdrawal of all American troops.

    b. An immediate end to all taxes imposed upon workers.

    c. Increases in profit and industrial property taxes to make up the difference.

Sacrifice For Unity!

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THE END OF A NATIONALIST

NAIROBI- Secretary of State William P. Rogers is visiting several African heads of State on an African tour sponsored by the State Dept. Rogers met with President Jomo Kenyatta on Saturday, February 14. On that occasion Rogers presented Kenyatta with a letter from President Nixon. The letter praised Kenyatta's leadership and was supportive of Kenyatta's general policies. In order for our readers to understand the significance of this event it is necessary for us to realize that any 20th Century Imperialist nation must devote a great deal of its diplomatic effort to Africa if it is to maintain its imperial status. Africa is, without a doubt the richest continent, in the world. Its natural resources are almost limitless. We can therefore expect the Western Powers to intensify their efforts on the diplomatic front. The Pope has made the tour of African states (first in history) Rogers is making the tour, and its only a matter of time before Nixon makes that same tour. Vice President Agnew, probably, will not be sent to Black Africa. (He may, perhaps, be sent to South Africa and Rhodesia on a good will tour.)

It is important that we know why President Nixon is so full of praise for Kenyatta. The following article will help you to understand.

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AFRICA AND THE WORLD

Six years ago the reputation of Jomo Kenyatta as a nationalist leader was beyond challenge. For a decade he had been the symbol of the Kenya people's struggle for independence. Imprisoned, then detained, then placed under indefinite restriction Kenyatta had remained through all the years of bloody struggle the indisputable leader of the nationalist movement.

Then, at independence on December 12, 1963, he became the symbol of something new. Like Lincoln, after the American Civil War, who called for the nation to bind its wounds, Kenyatta called on Kenyans - whatever their tribe or race - to forget the bitter past and to pull together to build a new nation - Harambee!

Mzee Kenyatta - the old man - became the "father of the nation". For his example he was hailed around the world as a great statesman.

The call for nation-building under the slogan of Harambee was meritorious. A nation cannot be built, progress cannot be made, out of bitterness and hate.

But Kenyatta neglected one thing. Neither can a nation be built by ignoring the injustices which cause division and conflict.



Privileged Elite

As the months and years went by it became apparent that Kenyatta was seeking national unity not by asking the privileged minority to adapt themselves to the needs of the masses, but by asking the masses to be patient with the privileged minority.

He was more concerned in placating the white settler farmers - paying them fat prices for their land if they wished to leave, defending their interests if they wished to remain - than with providing land for the destitute peasants. He was more concerned with defending the rights of private business than with providing jobs for the urban workless.

So long as a few Africans could climb into the hierarchy of the privileged landowners and the directors of companies, Kenyatta and his government were satisfied.

As discontent grew among the landless and unemployed, Kenyatta took measures to suppress opposition. He isolated his Vice-President, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, who voiced the needs of the people, altered the Party constitution and called a hurried rigged party conference so as to eliminate the left-wing in the party.

When the KANU left-wing, under Odinga, quit and formed the opposition KPU, Kenyatta altered the national constitution, forced by-elections on MPs who had crossed the floor of Parliament, and sought thereby to quell disaffection in his Parliamentary group.

Growth of KPU

But the KPU continued to grow. Moreover, the spirit of the KPU - the protest against the betrayal of the independence struggle and the demand for policies to satisfy the people - remained strong among the rank-and-file and the back-benchers in his own party.

Kenyatta responded by a series of wholesale repressive measures. He stopped the KPU from holding public meetings, he detained many of its members, he raided the KPU offices, he banned socialist books and papers, he seized Odinga's passport preventing him travelling abroad and when, as is his right without a passport, he travelled into Tanzania or Uganda he had him stopped, stripped and searched at the borders.

When the local government elections were held last year, Kenyatta refused (on ludicrous alleged technicalities) to accept the nomination papers of KPU candidates and throughout the country KANU candidates were returned unopposed.

Kenyatta has to be held personally responsible for these things because it has become increasingly obvious that his government is being run, not as a body responsible to Parliament as a whole nor even to the Ministers collectively, but by a small clique (known as the "inner circle") which, apart from Vice-President Daniel arap Moi, is composed of an old-guard of right-wing Kikuyu politicians.

This is apparent by the frictions inside the Government and by the split throughout the KANU branches that in at least a dozen cases has led to violent physical conflict in the battle for leadership.

When, earlier this year, Tom Mboya was shot dead in Nairobi no one in Kenya believed other than that this was a political murder resulting from the conflict inside KANU and inside the Government. Mboya, despite his prominence and reputation, had never been admitted to the inner circle and never played any part in the essential decisions.

The slaying of Mboya - and the shock and disgust it provoked - set loose all the resentment that had been building up against the Kenyatta regime. For the first time there were open demonstrations against the President. In Nairobi thousands of people demonstrated against him and stones were thrown at his car as he made his way to Mboya's memorial service.

Contrary to many reports, the demonstrators were not all Luos - members of Mboya's tribe. There were not that many Luos in Nairobi. Most of the demonstrators were Kikuyus, seeking the opportunity to vent their dissatisfaction.

For the truth is that all of the people of Kenya who have been betrayed by the Kenyatta regime, none have suffered so grievously as the Kikuyu masses. They bore the brunt of the colonialist oppression and the struggle for independence: more than 10,000 were killed, 78,000 were detained during the emergency. These people lost everything: life, land, possessions.

They, above all, were entitled to a fair deal when independence was won. Kenyatta has failed them.

Forcible Oathings

It is the knowledge that his greatest danger comes from his own Kikuyu tribe that led Kenyatta and his clique to resort to their final disgraceful opportunism - the deliberate fanning of tribal fears.

There is no doubt whatever that the illegal oathing campaign, which has brought death and terror to Kenya, was instigated at least with the collusion of Kenyatta himself.

Most of the oathing has been carried out on Kenyatta's own farm at Gatundu. Yet when it was first reported in the Kenya press, Kenyatta's clique denied categorically that it was taking place. To this day Kenyatta has made no condemnation of the practice of oath-taking.

In its simplest form the oath requires the recipient to drink blood from a spoon and, with the flag of Kenya spread before him (or her), to swear to take up arms if the flag should ever be in danger of being "removed from the House of Mumbi". Mumbi is the mythical mother of the Kikuyu tribe and the oath is, in fact, an appeal to the most primitive Kikuyu tribalism and an assertion that Kenyatta and his Kikuyu-dominated clique must forever be in control of the Government of Kenya.

The Kenyatta clique denied that this disgusting practice was taking place until there had been murder and ruthless beatings-up of those who refused to participate, until all the Christian churches had protested, until witnesses were brought before Press conferences,

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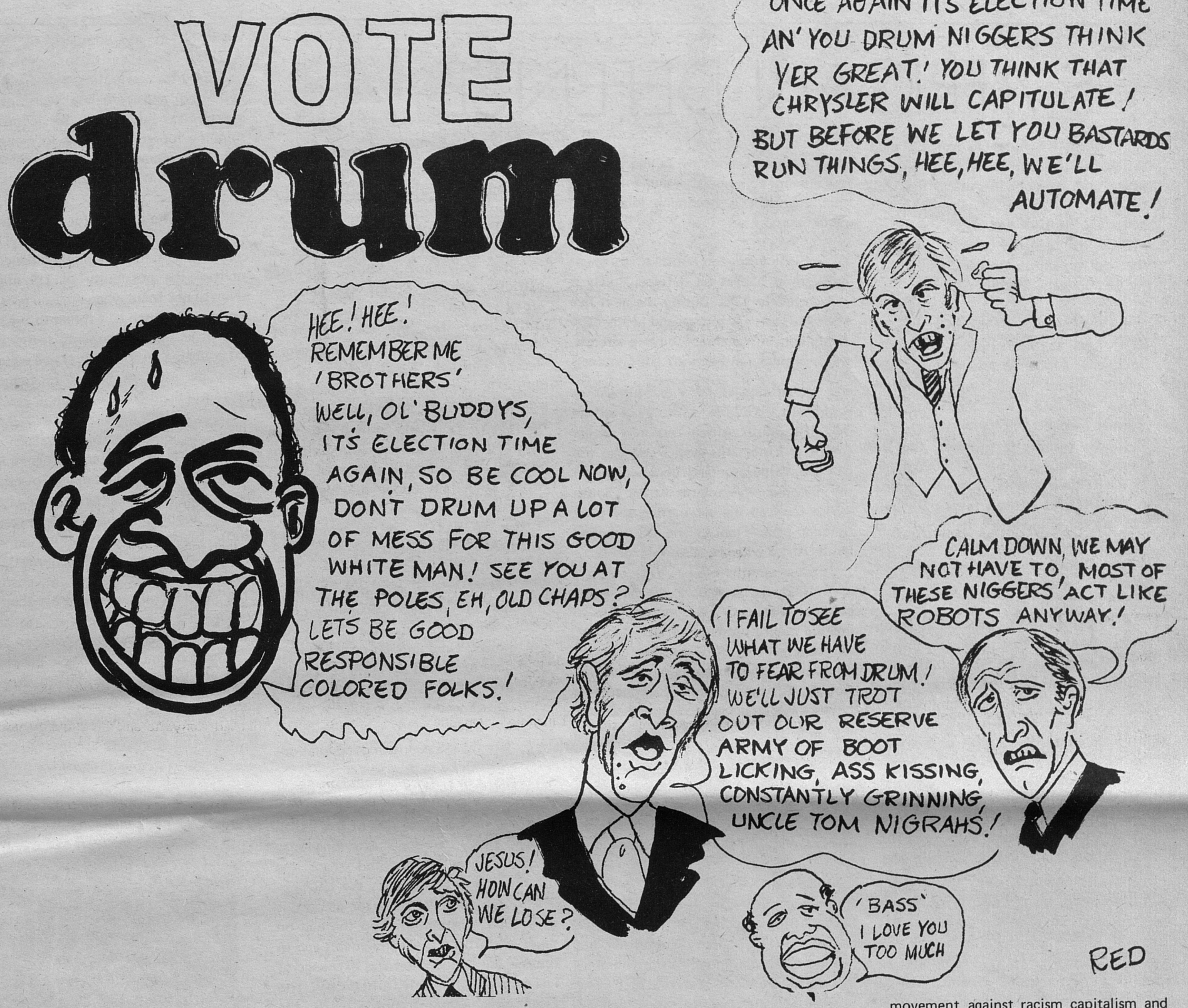


ELRUM 'DEFEATED' IN LOCAL 961 ELECTION

ELRUM had gathered the strongest election machine both inside of and outside of the plant. ELRUM members passed out literature on the line and got committeements from scores of workers to vote for the "Voice of the Black Worker" slate. ELRUM was the only organization which passed out literature and prostetized at all plant gates. A strong ELRUM contigent was present at the Union Hall encouraging the workers to vote the Black slate. By and large the workers were sympathetic to the Revolutionary Union Movement cause.

Yet, when the votes were tallied, ELRUM and the Voice of the Black Workers slate were "wiped out". The results of the election were not surprising. For twenty years the Reuther clique has used every gangster trick to maintain its power, and stuffing ballot boxes is common practice. In this particular election the votes were not counted until the day after the election (Friday, March 13, 1970), The ballot boxes, and all the ballots were held overnight in the 15th precinct police station, at Mack and Connor. As one ELRUM member put it, "We lost the election by staying over night in the police station."

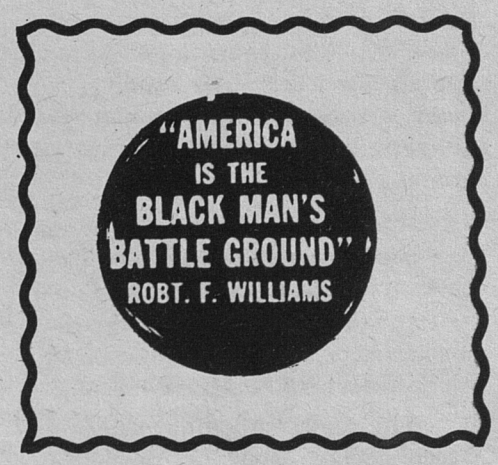
Other irregularities were actually admitted by the union. Fifty-three ballots for ELRUM candidates were openly voided by the plant election committee.

The clearly flagrant abuse of democratic procedure indicates the importance which the enemy places in maintaining control of the Eldon Ave. Plant, where all gears for Chrysler vehicles are produced. Shortly before the election ELRUM leaders were arrested by the Detroit Police Dept. on bogus armed robbery charges.

ELRUM will continue to grow; but that growth, and the growth of all affiliates to the League of Revolutionary Black Workers greatly depends upon the development of the organizational ability to overwelm the attempts of the enemy to commit outright election fraud. In the next ELRUM election, and in the upcoming DRUM election, the League hopes to be able to get workers voting for revolutionary candidates to sign a statement declaring who they voted for, so that the workers will have an independent account of the votes cast. In the case of struggles against the Reuther machine, even the secret ballot is turned against the cause of workers democracy.

The ELRUM candidates ran on a revolutionary platform. They addressed themselves to the needs of the Black worker, the Black community, humanity in general, and the revolutionary movement against racism capitalism and imperialism. The gratitude of all Black people goes to the six brothers who waged this galant struggle. They will fight again with the support of all freedom loving peoples in the world.

Long live ELRUM. Special thanks to the Voice of the Black Worker candidates, James Edwards, Jordon Sims, Robert McKee, Nat Smith, Alonzo Chandler and William Sparks.



S. AFRICAN DEFENSE

When it comes to voicing loud support of Anti-Colonialism, justice, peace and freedom in Africa, the U.S. takes first prize for its sweet-talk. But when you go back and check the record of how the U.S. has been operating on the sidelines and in the back rooms, you get a completely different picture.

According to UN speeches, the U.S. is opposed to white minority rule in Southern Africa, which includes the unholy alliance of the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia, and the Portuguese colonies (Angola and Mozambique). In the same breath of freedom, the US claimed to support an armed boycott on the racist governments. However, reports in the UN and African press point out that the US is increasing its money and military influence in supporting the unholy alliance, particularly the Union of South Africa.

A UN survey lists the US as South Africa's second largest trading partner to the tune of over $800,000,000. That figure represents over 260 US companies dealing in everything from aircraft (Boeing engines via France) to trucks manufactured by the big US automakers. The Johanesburg (SA) South African Star reported that Mississippi senator Eastland had disclosed a secret arms supply agreement between the US and South Africa that had been authorized by former US ambassador Satterthwaite. Neither the State Department nor the Pentagon would comment on this.

It is important to note that the Union of South Africa is becoming an independent military power resulting from NATO (US, Britain, France, West Germany and Facist Portugal which was invited in at the US request) support. The US defends its underhanded support in private conversations by falling back on the old anti-communist argument. And that argument is becoming louder and more open.

Eight years ago South Africa spent 6.6% of its budget on defense. Today it spends nearly 17%. During the next five years the racists plan to spend nearly $2.4 (b) billion on defense -- buying aircraft, ships, armour, anti-aircraft guns, rockets and guided missiles, radar and navigation equipment. Western military observers say that South Africa can now airlift troops at a moments notice and can use her submarines to land commandos on the beaches of Eastern Africa. South Africa received the submarines and crew training from France. The US supplied South Africa with a nuclear reactor.

Now the apartheid regime boasts publicly that she will soon be able to include nuclear weapons in her armory. In the words of Tanzanian foreign Minister S. Mhando speaking at the UN, South African statements concerning nuclear weapons "were not made without a purpose. They are aimed at terrorising those who have committed themselves to opposing the inhuman policies of apartheid and exploitation in Southern Africa. South Africa is preparing to become a base of future nuclear aggression against the rest of Africa."

South African Defense Minister Botha was quoted in the Cape Times of South Africa as saying there are now five centers in SA where young men "are being trained continually on a full time basis to combat terrorism." The counter-guerrilla training also includes skydiving "paradogs." The head of the army-dog school said: "they will prove invaluable in strengthening the country's military forces. There's nothing like a man-and-dog team when it comes to flushing out terrorists."

The war cry against "Terrorists" is being heard in Washington on the Hill and in the Pentagon. South Carolina's patriotic Senator Strom Thurmond, a close friend of Dick Nixon and a spokesman for the silent majority, included an article in the Congressional Record entitled "Naval Defense of the Southern Oceans." The Article, written by Charleston, SC editor, Anthony Harrigan, is what Strom had been searching for to justify closer relations between the racist US and racist South Africa, and falls under the banner of anti-communism and defense of the "FREE WORLD." The following is a statement by Thurmond:

> "Much has been said in the press and in Congress in recent months about the growing Soviet sea power. On a number of occasions, I have expressed by grave concern to my distinguished colleagues regarding the ever-increasing Soviet sea threat..... it is imperative that the US maintain good relations with Africa in this regard."

Harrigan says in his article "South Africa is the only country, except Australia on the other side of the Indian Ocean, likely to undertake long-range reconnaissance flights and share the information obtained with the US..... The Nixon administration for its part, is in a good position to drop the ban on naval aircraft and naval armaments and to resume the cooperation and exchange of information maintained by the Eisenhower administration..... In the event of a major naval crisis, the naval staffs of the NATO nations and other FREE WORLD countries such as Japan will find at the southern tip of the African continent the framework necessary for conducting large operations, repairing and refueling warships and merchant ships, and for controlling shipping movements so as to make sure that adequate fuels and other vital cargoes reach Western Europe"....



The implications for Black America are staggering. Increased US committment to the unholy alliance will increase the possibility of US military involvement there when African guerrillas become too much of a threat to the racist regimes and US investments. If Blacks are not educated on these issues, we will once more be used as pawns to fight our oppressed brothers.

The question of allegiance was raised on a New York radio program in an interview with high-ranking black US Marine Officers concerning the possibility of their supporting the US if sent to fight their black brothers in Africa. The Marines said they "would support their government regardless of the enemy." They said "moral issues were not theirs to consider, but only the duty to their country." Of course the Marines were quickly condemned by black people in the audience. But it points out that we have much educating to do among out brethern about defining the real enemy and how not to be used as pawns against our own.

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until even some of his own non-Kikuyu ministers had protested.

Then it was announced that the police would be asked to investigate. Nothing has been done about it, of course, because if charges were brought, Kenyatta himself would have to be arrested.

It is necessary to refer to the more recent demonstrations which took place against Kenyatta in Kisumu, to the brutal shooting down of unarmed demonstrators, and to the arrest of Mr. Odinga and other KPU leaders.

The next morning Kenyatta's General Service Unit (a para-military police force) placed Odinga and the KPU Vice-President under house arrest, arrested and detained all the KPU MP's together with KPU leaders Achieng Oneko, J.D. Kali and Ochola Makanyengo. In the course of the week the KPU was banned and it was announced that Odinga had been removed to a "secret detention centre".

Kenyatta went to Kisumu to officially declare open a hospital built by the Soviet Union. More than three years had passed since Kenyatta last visited Kisumu. The hospital was completed in 1967; Kenyatta was asked to go there and open it, but refused. In August 1967 the hospital began functioning. In October 1967 Kenyatta was again asked to officially open it. He declined, but said he would send his Vice-President Moi. The Soviet Ambassador rejected this suggestion, saying that anyone other than the President was unsatisfactory.

Since then the hospital has been active without any ceremonial opening. Many of the Russian doctors who first worked there have completed their two-year contracts and gone home.

Then suddenly, at two days' notice, it was announced that President Kenyatta would go to Kisumu to perform a function he had refused more than two years earlier.

It is quite obvious that Kenyatta's Kisumu visit was deliberately provocative, carried out at a time when he had himself fanned tribal animosity and political resentment. As soon as demonstrations were made, his special guard open fire on the crowd. Seventeen have died; more than 70 were injured. The dead include children.

At the ceremony Kenyatta took the opportunity to turn to Odinga and shout: *"We shall show you who rules Kenya".*

A general election has not taken place in Kenya since 1963. Earlier this year Kenyatta promised to hold it before June 1970. This, presumably, is how he hopes to win it.

THERE COULD NOT BE A MORE OBVIOUS ADMISSION BY THE PRESIDENT OF HOW UTTERLY DISCREDITED HE IS IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AND OF HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT IS FOR HIM TO RETAIN POWER BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS.

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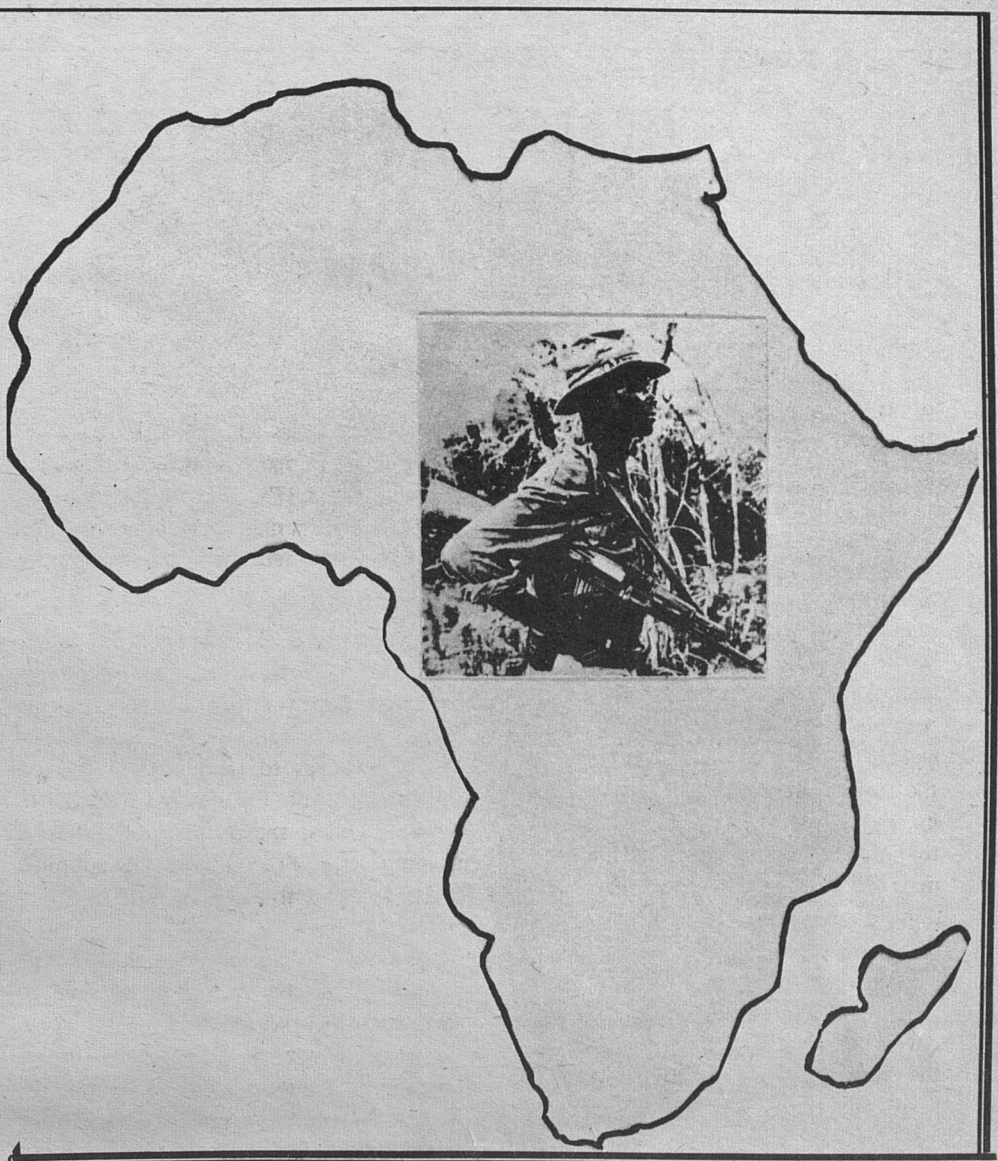


U.S. Steel Invests in South Africa

U.S. Steel now owns a 15% interest in African Triangle-Mining after a loan of $7.5 million made by U.S. Steel to that South African firm. Black African labour creates super profits for those who invest in that Facist Controlled land. Perhaps the ubiquitous Colonel Saunders (of fried chicken fame) has also added his name to the list of American profiteers that reap benefits from, not only the cheap labour, but also the great consumer market that Black Africans bring to the South African economy.

PRO-South Africa Coup in Lesotho

Maseru, Lesotho, January 31 - The legally elected government of Ntsu Mokhehle has not been allowed to assume the duties of ruling Lesotho by a swift coup by chief Leabua Jonathan, the outgoing Prime Minister. This sudden coup d' etat in the tiny Bantutan-state (a word meaning a black reservation) was backed and instigated by the Republic of South Africa realizing that the elections of January 27 which swept Makhehle and his Basutoland Congress Party to power was against the interest of South African's white minority. On numerous occasions Makhehle has promised his people that if elected he would move to alie Lesotho (formerly Basutoland) with anti-apparheid forces of the Black African nations to the north. The Vorster Government of South Africa acting through chief Jonathan engineered the coup.

A state of emergency has been declared by Jonathan as he and his white armed police jailed Mokhehle and all of the progressive element of the country. The police may not prove strong enough to impose the will of this unpopular government upon the people of Lesotho, who have spoken through the ballot. South Africa is therefore massing troops on it's borders with Lesotho.

Zambia Nationalization Copper Mines

Lusaka, Zambia - President Kenneth D. Kaunda is nationalizing copper production in Zambia, like all other Third World nations, whose economy was destroyed by colonial exploitation. So far Zambia has been trying to make adjustments in her economy so that her wealth can be shared by her citizens.

The copper mines are responsible for 43% of the production that takes place within the country and 90% of what is exported. Roan Selection Trust and Zambian Anglo-American which are part of American and South African based conglomerates, control the eight mines operating in Zambia. As of the first of December the Zambian government holds a "controlling interest" (51%) in all eight mines. This same agreement provides for retention of the management contract for a period of 10 years by the Companies. In more direct language, Roan Selection Trust and Zambian Anglo-American still run the mines. Imperialist interest will doubtlessly benefit from this nationalization move, with the State as an allie, but Zambian as a nation will also benefit. The final criterion for the evaluation of this step is the welfare of Zambia and its people.

The Angolan People's War

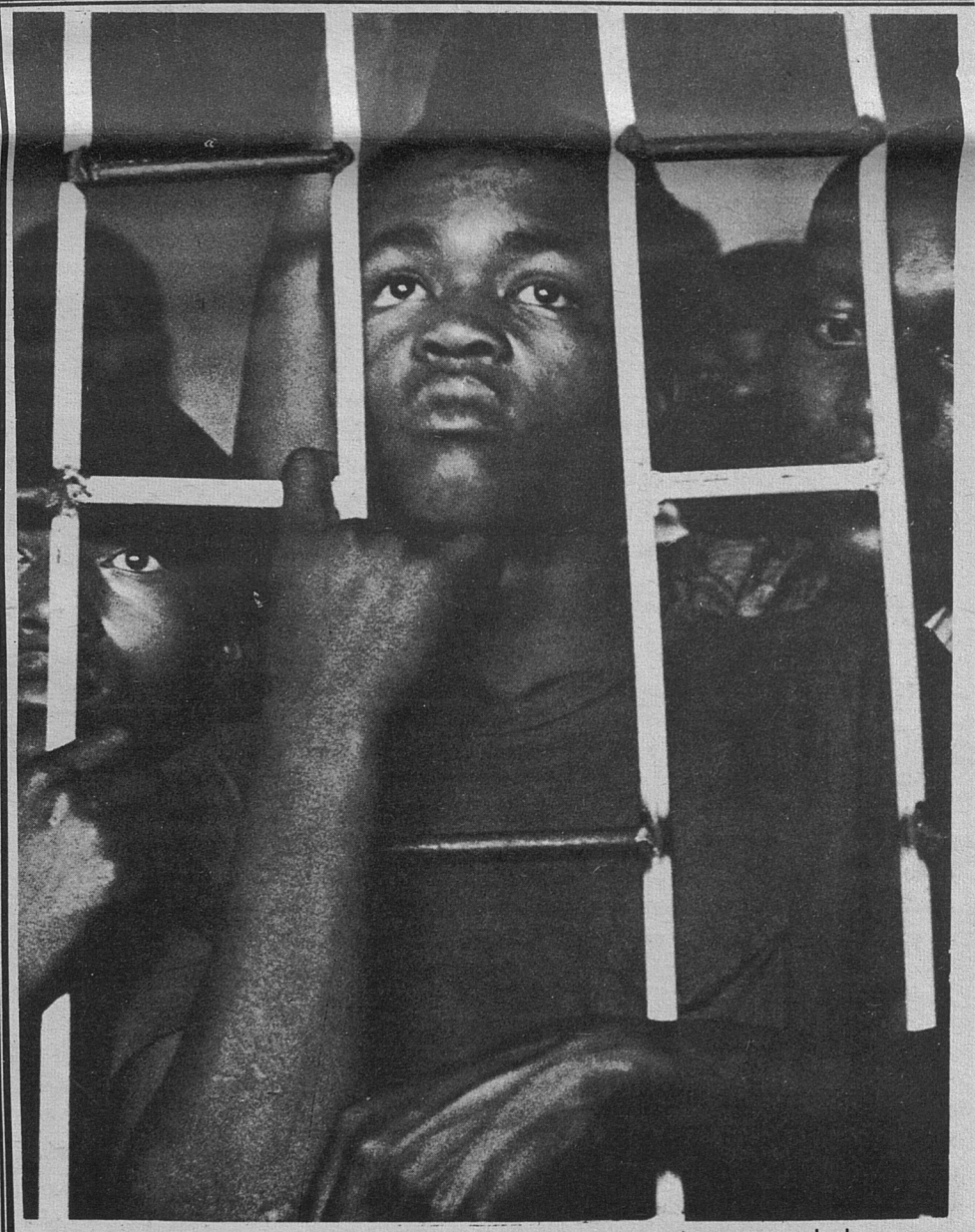
Angola, February 4, marks the ninth year of that Black nation's war of national liberation. The 1961 attack on the prisons of Luanda (Angola's capital) spearheaded by the Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) launched Angola's Peoples' War. The next day the Portuguese slaughtered 3,000 Angolan Nationalist in the Capital city. Since the Feb. 5th incident the fighting has intensified. Presently, the freedom fighters control and administer over one third of the country.

Since last October 60 Black men have been arrested by Ian Smith's illegal regime, for supporting and aiding the Guerrillas. This attests to the amount of popular backing that the liberation movement has. It has been reported that between 14,000 and 20,000 fighters are operating throughout Angola.

Ghana Expels Hundreds of Thousands

The Government of Dr. K.A. Busia, in an unpresidented move, has decreeded that all "aliens" should be out of Ghana by Dec. 2, 1969. According to a 1960 census there were 574,000 people in Ghana who were not born there.

Many observers believe that this is a attempt by Busia to stablize the faltering economy of that country. Since the Feb. 1966 coup that ousted Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and his CCP ruling party, the so called "aliens" have been blamed by the government for creating every social and economic problem that Ghana has. Dr. Busia has said on several occasions that 90 per cent of the prison population and hoods are aliens. Progressives in Ghana have been shocked by this apparent lack of concern for humanity as well as the inability of the Busia Government to correctly analyze the cause of the social and economic difficulties of the country and place the blame where it should be, instead of looking for a scape goat. However, there is no reason to expect the Busia government to resign. Since, they are the problem.



ERNEST COLE (South Africa)

"The jails are filled with black men and the courts are white with hate."
—STOKELY CARMICHAEL, 1966

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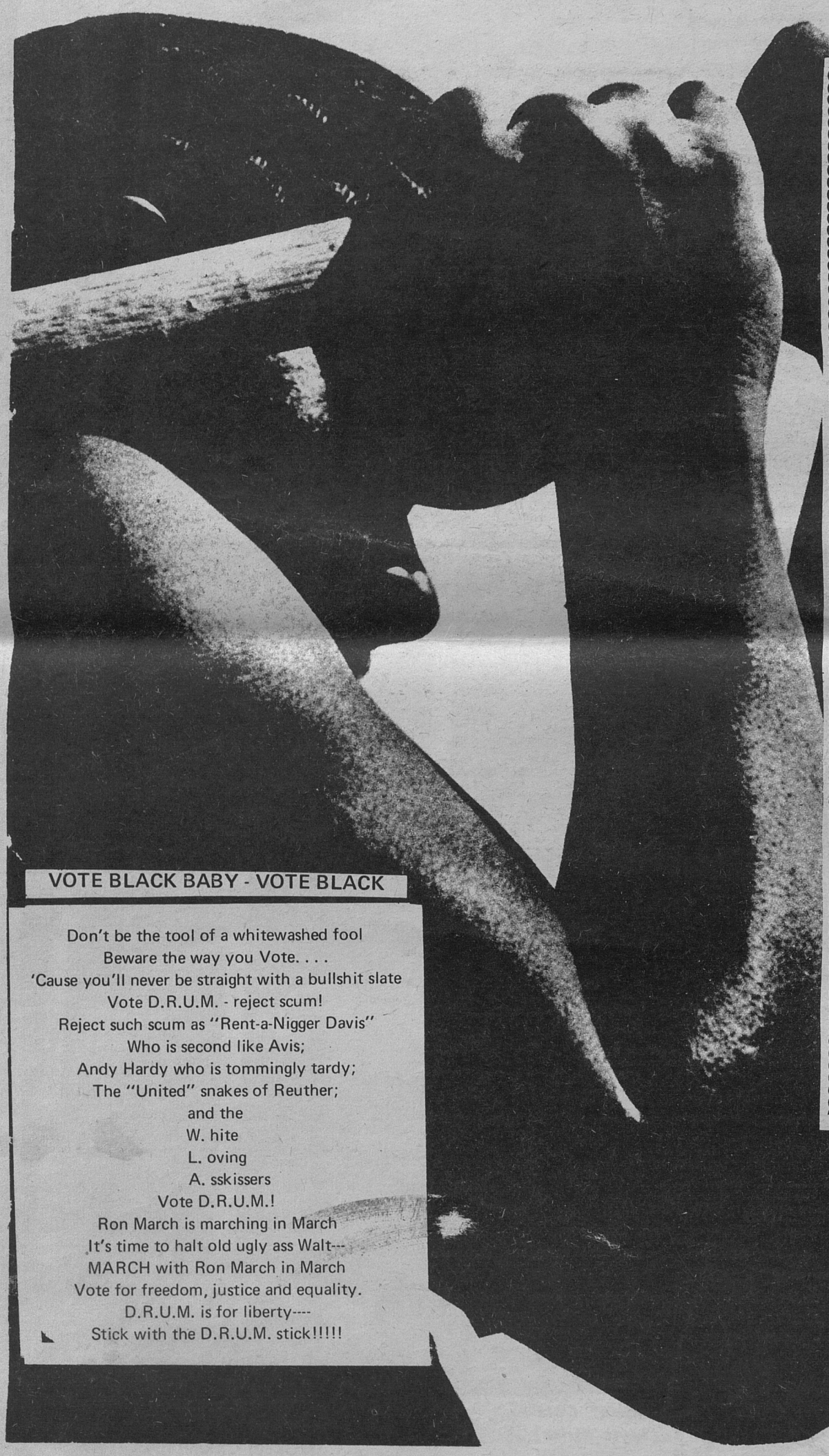

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MAY THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF 'IKE JERNIGAN LIVE ON AND ON

Deep in the gloom
of the firefilled pit
Where the Dodge rolls down the line,
We challenge the doom
of dying in shit
While strangled by a swine. . . .
. . .For hours and years
we've sweated tears
Trying to break our chain- -
But we broke our backs
and died in packs
To find our manhood slain.

OUR THING IS DRUM

Black workers slave eight hours daily five, six and possibly seven days a week, in the modern-day plantation called, ELDON GEAR & AXEL, HAMTRAMCK ASSEMBLY; more widely known as DODGE MAIN; JEFFERSON AVE. ASSEMBLY; PLYMOUTH; MACK STAMPING; DODGE TRUCK; CADILLAC; CHEVROLET; OLDSMOBILE; the FORD ROUGE COMPLEX; PONTIAC; yes, and AMERICAN MOTORS too.

Black workers are working under the most oppressive conditions ever known to mankind. Throughout the history of Blacks working in the manyplantationswe have always been given the hardest dirtiest, heaviest, and most dangerous jobs; jobs which "white workers" have traditionally refused to take. Skilled trades, the millwrights, electricians, and etc., at ALL auto plants is lily-white; supervision at most plants is totally white or has knee-grows who are unconcerned with the selfare of their fellow Black workers. Black workers slave under all types of unsafe conditions:

1. The floors are always slippery from the oil and grease; bolts and nuts are scattered all over the floor.

2. You must always be on the look-out for jitney drivers, can't stop because the brakes are always failing, roaring down the aisles, usually the horns don't work.

3. Gas fumes which constantly make the brothers sick.

4. Poor ventilation - in fact it seems as though there is no ventalitation what so ever.

5. Our so-called representatives, the union stewards are never around; it's best that they are not because they only want to make sure the line keeps rolling at all cost if you drop dead on the line - someone is sent in to take your place - and you better not complain about being injured.

6. Grievances are constantly being written and never acted on - the union officials only interest is to make sure management meets production.

7. Black workers are constantly paying out their hard earned cash check-off - union dues are being paid to unionswhich refuse to represent Black workers; a certain amount of our checks is taken out for United Foundation, always totally unresponsive to the needs of Black people in general and Black workers in particular.

"MORE AND MORE BLACK WORKERS ARE FINDING IT NECESSARY TO TAKE THE D.R.U.M. ROAD THAT IS THE ROAD OF BLACK INDEPENDENT REVOLUTIONARY ACTION IN ADDRESSING THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS THAT THEY LABOR UNDER ON THEIR RESPECTIVE JOBS". D.R.U.M. ROAD

The conditions listed above, which is very incomplete, are basically the same whether it's DODGE MAIN or ELDON AVE' GEAR & AXEL; working on Joseph Campau or Lynch Road at Eldon St. is the same the names of the streets are just different. The death-like yokes are a constant challenge to your Black manhood; the few white, racist, capitalistic and imperialistic beasts who own the means of production constantly exploit our labor through the use of such willing lackeys as the white racist general formen, formen, union flunkeys, the stewards as well as labor relations.

Union officials are working hand in hand with these avaricious, bloodsucking capitalists, the Lynn Townsends, Henry Fords, R.J. Millers and etc., who are always pushing for more profits off the backs of Black workers slaving at the point of production.

VICIOUSNESS OF THE WHEELS OF PRODUCTION

The ultimate power under this system (or any other system) is the power of labor, more specifically for us the power of black labor. Take the plantation for instance. No matter what anybody says, the only thing that kept the plantation system running was the black slaves out in the fields breaking their backs picking cotton, the slave master could die. Masters could get drunk or go to Europe. New masters could come and go. Without the blackman working, the plantation wasn't worth a dime because it didn't produce anything.

"Curtis Lee, struck down by an automobile. He was crossing the street at the overpass gate on Jos. Campau and was knocked up in the air around 100 feet down the street by a speeding car driven by a whitey. As our Black brother lay bleeding and dying in the street directly in front of the plant, the plant protection guards were called. As Curtis laid bleeding and moaning for some type of relief, the two white racists guards refused to aid him. They refused on the grounds that they did not know if he was an employee at Hamtramck Assembly Plant and that he had not been injured on plant property."

"The dispensary at Dodge Main is ridiculous. Black workers do not stand a chance at getting any decent medical attention at the hands of the butchers employed in the so-called first-aid department".

"During the second World War more workers died, gave up their lives at the hands of industry than soldiers who died on battle fields. Every black worker knows what industry is, they know theviciousness of the wheels of production".

IS A JOB THE ANSWER

Brother James Johnson labored daily under these sub-human conditions just as thousands of other Black workers. But like the heroic Black workers in the past who decided to put an end to the racist harrassment which is unavoidable Brother James accepted the challenge to his Black manhood; and as a result this courageous brother was forced to wage armed struggle at the point of production.

JAMES JOHNSON, an employee of the ELDON AVE' PLANT for the past 2 years, Wednesday afternoon, July 15, 1970 brought to an end, the months and years - of degradement and harassment that he had received at the hands of management its lackeys at the plant. After the brothers voice was heard three (3) men lay dead on the nasty, filthy floors of this HELL HOLE called ELDON where they had sent hundred's of brothers and sisters to their deaths.

Brother Johnson who worked in dept. 78 on the afternoon shift, reported to work *as usual Wednesday July 15,1970, only to face management and yet another* attempt to strip him of his manhood. Brother Johnson was told by his forman to work a job different from the one he had worked in the past, so that a man with less seniority could work his (Bro. Johnson) job. When Bro. Johnson protested and asked for his union rep., the forman charged Bro. Johnson with insubordination, after trying to explain his case and hopeing for some form of JUSTICE, management maintained its charge and its position on the suspension.

It was then that Brother Johnson decided that Justice would be served and left the plant only to return minutes later to "RING THE BELL OF JUSTICE" for a representative of every reactionary element with-in the plant-------"A HILLBILLY", "A POLLOCK" AND A UNCLE TOM NEE–GROW!

HAIL BROTHER JAMES JOHNSON

This article to be continued in the next issue.

SUPPORT DRUM

NEW BETHEL TRIAL IS OVER !

The malicious persecution of Clarence J. Fuller (Brother Chaka and Rafael Viera for the most part is over. A Recorder's Court jury composed of twelve black people and two racist whites–deliberated four and one half days before reaching the "just" verdicts of not guilty for both Chaka and Rafael. Both were charged with shooting two Detroit policeman outside of New Bethel Church, March 29, 1969.

The Fuller-Viera trial culminates an almost unbelievable sequence of victories for the people; beginning with the historic legal position taken by a Black Judge, George Crockett Jr., to the effect that policemen and other law officials just cannot break the law in their efforts to apprehend those responsible for breaking other laws.

He was referring to the fact that Detroit policemen on the night of the "New Bethel Incident" shot into the church filled with innocent men, women and children, and arrested men, women and children and arrested all 142 of those present. Also not only were 142 of those present arrested, but some were shot, beaten, harassed or terrorized. After they were taken to jail and before any of them had been booked on any charges, all kinds and descriptions of illegal tests and *such things were taken including parafin tests to determine if a person had fired a* weapon! These and other procedures were bitterly opposed by Judge Crockett. Judge Crockett released most of those arrested and the police charged that he fouled up their investigation. Subsequent to Crockett's position and statements, the Detroit Police Department became frantic in their efforts to bring those responsible to justice or to lynch somebody, and we witness the indiscriminate arrest of Alfred 2X Hibbitt, Chaka and Rafael. Hibbitt and Chaka were charged with assault with intent to kill Richard Worobec and Rafael was charged with second degree murder.

Another victory to come out of the "New Bethel Incident" was Judge Maher's dropping charges he brought against Kenneth V. Cockrel, revolutionary New Bethel Defense attorney. During the Alfred Hibbitt pre-trial examination, Judge Maher had left the bench and had refused to listen to any more of the defense witness testimony over the objections of the defense lawyer. He then increased the bond of Hibbitt from $25,000 to $50,000! This action made by Maher was a blatant example of the kinds of racism and fanaticism that exists in American courts and led to Cockrel's calling Maher a racist (honky dog fool). Maher heard about these remarks via TV and cited him with contempt of court, even though the comments were made outside the courtroom.

Because the "New Bethel Incident" had already reached monstrous proportions in terms of the hostilities felt by both Black and white communities, Maher had little or no choice but to drop the charges against Cockrel. Blacks especially had become so outraged at the audacity and criminality of the police department's actions at New Bethel, Maher had little or no choice but to retract the charge.

"Inconclusive Evidence"

The police and others involved in the persecution of Hibbitt, Chaka and Rafael never had enough evidence to convict them! This has been undisputed. In all of the slanderous remarks made after the not guilty verdicts had been reached, not one insisted or even implied that there was strong evidence against the brothers. Instead, the police department, mass media, and other (racist) elements turned their warped minds toward the juries that acquitted these brothers. They claimed that racial bias prevented the New Bethel jurors from reaching guilty verdicts, but this is simply ridiculous, there were no Black racists on the New Bethel jury, not even one Black militant. There were some proud and determined black people. All they had to think about was the case presented before them. They didn't have to think about Emmett Till or the Algiers Motel Incident or any of the other incidents where countless numbers of other Black people have been murdered in cold blood by whites–they didn't have to think about these things. Indeed, they were instructed by the court not to. All they had to think about was the weak case that had been presented before them and they thought about it. For four and one half days they thought about it, talked about it, argued and cried about it, while others sat around the corridors of the court and wondered when would justice be coming. For four and one half days of thinking and trying to persuade other white jurors into thinking, they were labeled and attacked as racists.

Valiant Jurors!!!

The Black jurors said, after the trial was over, that if there had been any racists on the jury they were white racists. They told of how one white juror, Pranas V. (Frank) Cizaruskas, never clearly understood the charges against Chaka. He had expressed his opinion throughout the deliberations that he believed Chaka to be innocent of all charges. Yet, when a vote was finally taken he had written on a slip of paper that Chaka was "guilty" of second degree murder. The other white juror, Mitchell Martyn, was quoted in the Free Press as hiving said that he felt that in voting "not guilty" he was only doing what he thought "best for the society". He found it to address himself to the facts at hand, and had to be constantly reminded of the facts in the case. he was the one who tried to slip a note to Judge Gilmore without first discussing its contents with other jurors!!! These were the racists, not the blacks who only got a chance to sit on the jury as a result of the change in the jury selection process, which was by far the greatest victory to come out of the New Bethel incident and trials. Rafael benefitted from this; many people, especially blacks will continue to benefit. Already, scores of lawyers have filed appeals on behalf of clients to grant them new and fairer trials.

Thus we have witnessed an attempt to send three brothers to prison fail. Fail miserably. We have seen three strong and dedicated brothers stand up in the midst of widespread confusion and stand trial for something they did not do. They could easily have been David Browns, who beg to save their own skins. But these brothers have lived here in Racist America. They are aware of the burdens that imperialism have inflicted upon mankind. Man's inhumanity to man all over the world, they realized would not end if they copped out, or turned their backs. They chose to remain and are now "free" to continue to fight for black people's uphill surge to freedom.



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MURDER IN HIGHI AND PARK.

For three long, hot summer nights the city of Highland Park, with the population of 38,000 was the scene of violent rebellion; during the three days of violence more than 160 people were arrested. Most of the people arrested were black adults, who had been suspected of violation of the dusk to dawn curfew declared by Mayor Robert Blackwell. The focal point of most of the disturbance was in and around Hamilton street, especially the sector extending from Davison to Webb. There were sporadic instances of burning and looting of some of the white-owned businesses. The most significant of these burnings was that of the Kozy Korner Bar, which is located at 12857 Hamilton; this is the site of the incident which touched off this black rebellion.

On Saturday, July 11, twenty-four year old Jerome Allen lawlah was murdered by the white co-owner of the Kozy Korner Bar, fifty year old Grady Cash.

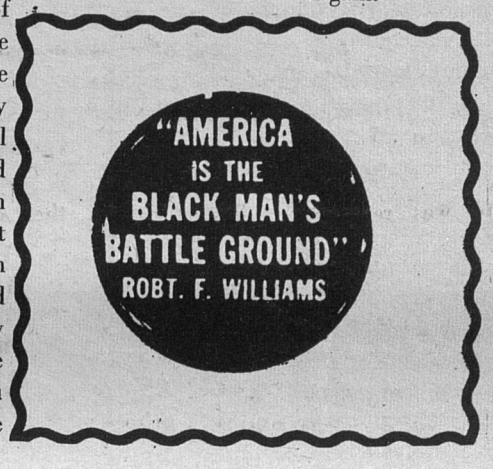
Since the incident there have been many different versions of what actually happened. In the Sunday, july 12 issue of the Detroit News what was reported to have happened is almost totally different from what the I.C.V. has to report. When the I.C.V. questioned Mrs. Rose Lawlah the mother of the deceased about the conflicting reports, she replied that the News article about the death of my son on July 12th was distorted. In our effort to report the truth we have talked to a number of people who were directly involved. One thing is clear, and everyone must keep this in mind, Jerome Lawlah was murdered by Grady Cash on Saturday, July 11, between 1:00 a.m. and 1:45 a.m.

Jerry Lawlah along with his family had been long time residents of Highland Park. jerry had graduated from Highland Park High School, where he had starred in track, and football. At the time of his death, he was employed as an X-ray orderly at Highland Park General Hospital.

About 1:00 a.m. the night of the murder Jerry , along with Frank Barry Wells, an unindentified girl and Wardell Sawyer entered Kozy Korner Bar. All of them had been in the bar earlier except for Barry Wells. Once in the bar Barry began to talk with Wallace Tolbert, who was interested in involving Barry in a game of pool. The rest of the party seated themselves and continued their conversation. Barry soon decided to engage himself in a pool game with Wallace; in order to play they needed change for the table. Barry approached the white-bar maid, forty-eight year old Katherine Mix for some change. She responded by requesting the payment for four drinks, which supposely had been ordered earlier; out of the request on arguement followed. Soon Jerry interupted the arguement in behalf of Barry. Barry left the bar cool off; while he was outside the arguement inside the bar became more heated. When Barry returned from outside he and Wardell began to pull Jerry away; as they reached the door a white customer, who had been sitting in the back, cut the lights off. At the same time the bar maid threw an ash tray toward them; they then turned around to see what had happened. Grady Cash, who had been quietly sitting at the bar shouted, "I ought to kill all you niggers" and fired, striking Jerry in the chest. Jerry Broke out of the door and ran about 30 feet before he fell down on the sidewalk. After the police arrived forty-five minutes went by before Jerry's body was taken away.

Grady Cash has been arrested and charged with second-degree murder; after his arraignment he was set free on a $20,000 bond.

Mrs. Aretha Bailey, who has been president of the NAACP Highland Park Branch since 1965, has stated that if what is known of the events occured on July 11 are true, then Cash should have never been allowed on the streets again.



ASYLUM FOR BRO. GLANTON

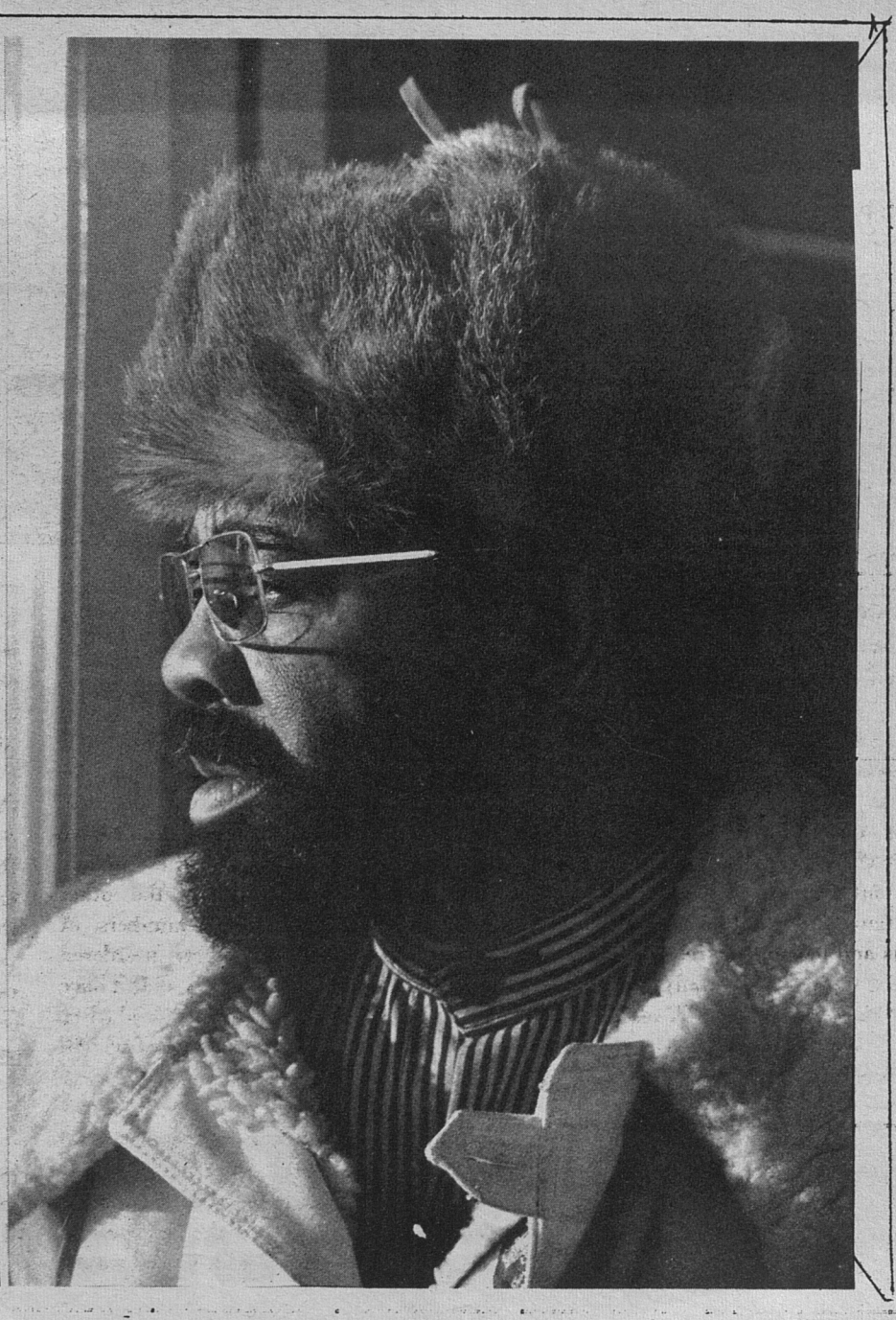
Dowdell gains refuge

The combined efforts of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers and the Swedish leftist movement has resulted in a victory for the black Liberation struggle. Glanton Dowdell, a member of the League, a renown revolutionary artist and long time black freedom-fighter has been granted asylum on humanitarian grounds in Sweden. Brother Glanton fled racist, fascist America last year in order to escape political repression and harassment by the F.B.I. and other reactionaries forces. In 1968 he was indicted on "trumped-up" conspiracy charges in order to "railroad" him out of the liberation struggle and into jail. Prior to that a number of attempts to assasinate Brother Glanton had been executed by different law enforcement agents. These attempts were foiled by the skills acquired from years of studying and practicing Peoples War.

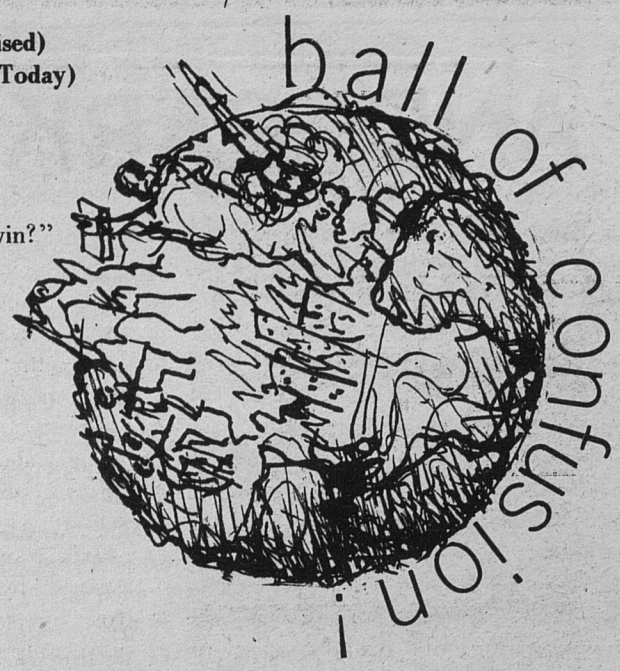
The Swedish government was petitioned by Glanton for asylum on political grounds but this was denied because Sweden is not yet ready or able to recognize that political repression exists in raceland U.S.A. Asylum granted on humanitarian grounds requires that the petition be reviewed at the end of one year and the government will decide whether or not to renew it.

At the time of his arrest in 1968 Glanton was on probation for carrying a concealed weapon during the 1966 "Kercheval Incident." Following that he at him in the back of his art gallery on Dexter. several months later two suspicious looking whites tried to shoot the brother down in the parking lot of a department store in Detroit. When these attempts failed, the government resorted to the frame-up by getting a white bank president to claim that he was forced by Glanton and several other men to aid them in a conspiracy to steal and forge some U.S. Savings Bonds. In typical fashion, the frame involved several whites and blacks, and when the trial came up charges were dropped against the whites while the blacks stood trial. Glanton is probably best known outside of Detroit for his paintings. The best known of his works is the Black Madonna which hangs in Rev. Albert B. Cleage's Shrine of the Black madonna. His art work first gained him fame while he was serving time in prison.

In addition to the League and the Swedish leftist movement, many other organizations and individuals demonstrated their support to the Swedish government through letters and cablegrams. the League would like to express to all people who aided in this effort our deepest gratitude for helping us find refuge for a brother who has given greatly to the struggle for liberation. The knowledge that he has found respite lightens our burden and makes easier our task of carrying on the work of waging peoples war against the enemies of mankind, U. S. racism, capitalism, and imperialism.



BALL OF CONFUSION (revised)
(That's What The Struggle Is Today)



Army movin' out
Guerrillas movin' in
Fools try to say,
"don't you know you can't win?"
Run, run, run, but
you sho' can't hide
An eye for an eye
A tooth for a tooth
Vote for me,
and I'll set you free
Rap on brother, rap on
Well, the only person talkin'
'Bout love is the
chicken-suckin' preacher
And it seems,
The struggle needs to
learn that practice
Is the teacher
Integration, emigration,
negroes' minds
Are on vacation,
Seize the time,
Off the slime,
don't forget to make it rhyme
Ball of Confusion
That's what the struggle is today
The sale of pills is at an all time high
"Star gazers" walk around with
Their heads in the sky
Cities aflame in the summertime
And the line rolls on

Land base out in space,
nothin' but a monkey chase
Shootin' rockets to the moon
Hope they don't get back too soon
"identity, purpose, and direction"
won't solve a goddamn thing
And the line rolls on
Here's the truth!
Around black workers unite
Liberation means guns and
a black general strike

Great googa mooga,
black workers, power to ya'
Stop the Ball of Confusion
Oh yeah, that's what the struggle
is today

Revolution in the air,
tension everywhere
Unemployment rising fast
Nixon's foot is in yo' ass
And the only cure to all these ills
Is black revolution
And the line rolls on
Eve of destruction, white seduction
City inspectors, bill collectors
Mod clothes in demand
"spookism" out of hand
Suicide, too many bills,
crackers movin' To the hills
People all over the world say "NLF
Win the war!"
And the line rolls on
Great googa mooga,
black workers, power to ya'
Stop the Ball of Confusion
Create a new world today
We will win, we will win, we will win
Stop the Ball of Confusion
We will win, we will win, we will win
Stop the Ball of Confusion



LONG LIVE
BRO. FRED AHMED

Remember the plight of our heroic Brother Fred Ahmed Evans. July 23rd not only is the anniversary of Detroit's 1967 Rebellion, but also marks the 2nd anniversary of what has become popularly known as the July 23rd Movement. On July 23rd, 1968, Bro. Fred Ahmed along with other dedicated brothers successfully defended themselves against the wanton attacks by the Cleveland police. Unfortunately, Bro. Fred has since then been found guilty of first degree murder. He has been sentenced to die in the electric chair. At present he has won a temporary stay of execution.

The black community of Cleveland has organized for his defense with the establishment of the defense committee headed by Mae Mallory.

SUPPORT BROTHER AHMED EVANS AND HIS FOUR CO-DEFENDANTS SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

THE JULY 23RD DEFENSE COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 2404
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44112

NOW IS THE TIME

Black Power: Search for Meaning

Part II

There is a strong and causative link between Black Power and American Christianity. Indeed, one may say with confidence that whatever its other sources, the ideology of Blackness surely grows out of the deep ambivalence of "American so-called Negroes" to the Christ we encountered here. This ambivalence is not new. It was ours from the beginning. For we, from Africa, first met the American Christ on slave ships. We heard his name sung in hymns of praise while thousands died, chained in stinking holds beneath the decks, locked in with terror and disease and sad memories of families and homes. When we leaped from the decks to be seized by sharks, we saw his name carved on the ship's solid sides. When our women were raped in cabins, they must have noticed the great holy books on the shelves. Our introduction to this Christ was not a favor! And the horrors continued on America's soil. So all through the nation's history, many black men have rejected this Christ. Indeed the miracle is that so many accepted him. In past times, our disdain often had to be stifled and sullen, our anger silent and self-destructive, but now we speak out! Our anger is no longer silent. It has leaped onto the public stage and demands to be seen and dealt with—a far more healthy state of affairs for all concerned.

If the followers of the American Christ have indeed helped to mold the Black Power Movement, it might be that the God whom many of us insist on keeping alive is not only alive but just. Maybe he is attempting to break through to us with at least as much urgency as we once sensed at the height of the good old "We Shall Overcome" days? Perhaps he is writing on the wall, saying that we so-called Christians, must choose between death with the American Christ and life with the suffering servant of God. Who dares deny that God may have chosen once again the Black sufferersfor a new assault on the hard shell of indifference and fear that encases so many Americans?

If these things are difficult to believe, perhaps we need to look more closely both at the American Christ and the Black Movement he has helped to create. From the outset, almost everywhere we blacks have met him in this land, this Christ was painted white and pink and blue-eyed —and not only in white churches but in Black churches as well. Millions of Black children have had the picture of the pseudo-Nazarene burned into their memories. The books, the windows. the paintings, the filmstrips all affirmed the same message—a message of shame. This Christ shamed us by his pigmentations, so obviously unlike ours. He condemned us for our blackness, for our flat noses for our kinky hair, for our power—our strange power of expressing emotion and singing and shouting and dancing. He was so sedate, so genteel, so white. And as soon as we were able, many of us tried to be like him.

GLAD TO BE BLACK

For a growing movement of bold young Black people, all that is past. They fling out their declaration: "No white Christ shall shame us again. We are glad to be Black. We rejoice in the darkness of our skin, we celebrate the natural texture of our hair, we extol the rhythmn and vigor of our songs and shouts and dances. And if your American Christ doesn't like that, you know what you can do with him." That is Black Power: A repudiation of American culture—religion that helped to create it and a quest for a religious reality more faithful to our own experience.

These young people say to America: "We know your christ and his attitude toward Africa. We remember how his white missionaries warned against Africa's darkness and heathenism, against its savagery and naked jungle. We are tired of all that. This Africa that you love and hate, but mostly fear—this is our homeland. We saw you exchange your bibles for our land. We watched you pass out tracts and take in gold. We heard you teach hymns to get our diamonds, and you control them still. If this is what your Christ taught you, he is sharp, baby he is shrewd: But he's no savior of ours. We affirm our homeland and its great Black past, a past that was filled with wonder before your white scourge came. You can keep your Christ. We'll take our home." That is Black Power a search for roots in a land that has denied us both a past and a future. And the American Christ who blessed the denial earns nothing but scorn.

The advocates of Black Power know this Christ well. His people run breathlessly, cursing silently, leaving behind all the suffering people of the city. The white throng is fleeing from the strength and movement of the Black, leaving their stained-glass mausoleums behind. This very exodus of the Christians from the places where the weak and powerless live has been one of the primary motivating forces of Black Power.

LONG LIVE THE
LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY
BLACK WORKERS

Long Live Ahmed

NEW DETROIT??



Editor's Note:

July 23rd is the third Anniversary of the 1967 Detroit Rebellion and the subsequent forming of the New Detroit Committee. The ICV staff thinks it appropriate at this time to give our readers a brief history of the New Detroit Committee in light of the many promises that it made after the Detroit Rebellion of bringing in a "New Detroit"

NEW DETROIT?????

Out of the smoke and fire of the July 23rd 1967 Detroit rebellion emerged a new fire prevention squad named the New Detroit Committee (NDC). This committee, headed by none other than petty capitalist J. L. Hudson, wa supposedly organized to help minorities obtain "self determination" in their communities. When the committee was formed it consisted mainly of people in business or civic organizations since Hudson felt that the committee should represent interests "well beyond the boundaries of Detroit". Mr. Hudson however did decide on the names of nine Blacks; to give the committee of thirty nine (39) "balance and a range of views". Included in his selection were three token 'militants': Al Harrison, Afro-American Unity Movement; Renny Freeman, West Central Organization and Norvell Harrington.

Chronicle Raps New Detroit

An editorial appearing in the Michigan Chronicle shortly after the formation of NCD denounced it for being "unrepresentative of the community." The Chronicle suggested that prominent Blacks like Berry Gordy Jr. or Ed Davis be selected to represent the Black community on the NDC, (as if either Gordy or Davis are representative of the masses of Blacks in Detroit). Later on however, the Chronicle recanted and fully endorsed NDC to solve all of our community's problems for us in the true spirit of paternalism.

Another organization that also denounced the membership of the NDC, was the "New Black Establishment Committee", which later became, the now defunct Citizens City Wide Action Committee.

NDC's Role and Purpose

Originally NDC was supposed to play a supportive role in relation to all progressive organizations "seeking to change the existing institutions" to make them more responsive to the needs of the community." In 1968 NDC became incorporated (NDI) and began to play its present role of funding agency (great white provider), of non-progressive organizations. Detroit Citizens Center, headed by Kate Montgomery, whose treachous plans to petition Mayor Gribbs to bring in the National Guard to maintain law and order on the streets of Detroit, was originally funded by NDI. Detroit Citizens Center is fairly representative of the caliber of organizations that NDI gleefully funds.

Surveying the Community

Marketing Strategy Inc. conducted a survey in the inner city and outer city fringe areas in the summer of '68. The survey was supposed to measure tolerance of racial attitudes to find out if race relations had been affected by the '67 Detroit Rebellion. However many of the inner city questionnaires (suburbs and inner city received different questionnaires) were definitely oriented *toward political beliefs and awareness. In* essence, the primary purpose of the survey was to find out how much, if any affect the Black liberation struggle was having on the average Black person and his views.

New Detroit's Facade

Implicit in NDI's formation (which later became its motto) was "Don't Return to Business as Usual"; however the concept of New Detroit is a return to business as usual, since it is usual for a group of white men to use their power and position to further oppress and enslave Black people under the guise of helping them. NDI by funding organizations that are highly reactionary in effect endorses and makes legitimate these organizations' programs and perpetuates their existence.

Many of the corporate industrialists that relate to NDI have hired many so-called hard core unemployed, who were later laid off or programmed into meaningless jobs for totally inadequate wages.

Bwana Complex

NDI is representative of a Bwana Complex—the great white father coming in to solve the native's problems, since they obviously are unable to solve them themselves.

In order for NDI to have any relevance it would be mandatory for it to completely turn over all of its operations with no strings attached to a relevant, progressive Black organization that is completely and totally dedicated to the cause of Black Liberation.

Fight For Freedom

Gentlemen:

This letter is in regards to a notice sent to me, General Gordon Baker, Jr., requesting my appearance before an examining station to determine my fitness for military service.

You stand before me with the dried blood of Patrice Lumumba on your hands, the blood of defenseless Panamanian students, shot down by U.S. marines; the blood of my black brothers in Angola and South Africa who are being tortured by the Portuguese and South African whites (whom you resolutely support) respectively; the dead people of Japan, Korea, and now Viet-nam, in Asia; the blood of Medgar Evers, six Birmingham babies, the blood of one million Algerians slaughtered by the French (whom you supported); the fresh blood of ten thousand Congolese patriots dead from your ruthless rape and plunder of the Congo—the blood of defenseless women and children burned in villages from Napalm jelly bombs . . . With all of this blood of my non-white brothers dripping from your fangs, you have the damned AUDACITY to ask me if I am Qualified. White man; listen to me for I am talking to you!

How could you have the NERVE knowing that I am a black man living under the scope and influence of America's racist, decadent society???? You did not ask me if I had any morals, principles, or basic human values by which to live. Yet, you ask if I am qualified. QUALIFIED FOR WHAT, might I ask? What does being "Qualified" mean: qualified to serve in the U.S. Army? . . . . To be further brainwashed into the insidious notion of "defending freedom"?

I AM A MAN OF PRINCIPLES AND VALUES: principles of justice and national liberation, self-determination, and respect for national sovereignty. Yet, you ask if I am "physically fit" to go to Asia, Africa, and Latin America to fight my oppressed brothers (who are completely and resolutely within their rights to free their fatherland from foreign domination). You ask me if I am qualified to join an army of FOOLS, ASSASSINS and MORAL DELINQUENTS who are not worthy of being called men. You want me to defend the riches reaped from the super-exploitation of the darker races of mankind by a few white, rich, super-monopolists who control the most vast empire that has ever existed in man's one million years of History—all in the name of Freedom.

Why, here in the heart of America, 22 million black people are suffering unsurmounted toil: exploited economically by every form of business—from monopolists to petty hustlers; completely suppressed politically; deprived of their social and cultural heritage.

But, all men of principle are fighting men. My fight is for Freedom: UHURU, LIBERTAD, HALAUGA, and HARAMBEE. Therefore, when the call is made to free South Africa; when the call is made to liberate Latin America from the United Fruit Co., Kaiser and Alcoa Aluminum Co., and from Standard Oil; when the call is made to jail the exploiting Brahmins in India in order to destroy the Caste System; when the call is made to free the black delta areas of Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina; when the call is made to Free 12th STREET HERE IN DETROIT!: when these calls are made, send for me, for these shall be Historical Struggles in which it shall be an honor to serve.

Vencerемos
General G. Baker, Jr.

Compared To What Is

In these times when the United States is invading other countries at will, when a plan for the detention of minority groups "in case of a domestic emergency" has already been adopted (King Alfred) by the U.S. government, when the Pentagon is exercising greater and greater influence over foreign and domestic policy, when President Nixon who talks of "the great silent majority" has commissioned the RAND corporation to carry out a secret public opinion testing what would be the reaction of the people if no elections were held in 1972, times when Esquire Magazine published an article entitled "The Possibility of a Coup de'Etat in the U.S. of A.", and there is general talk of "creeping facism"; the following letter appeared in the May 14th issue of the Washington Post. The letter was written by William L. Shirer, historian and author of "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich."

I hesitate to draw parallels between what one saw in Nazi Germany and what we now see here. The Third Reich, after all, was a totalitarian dictatorship. We are a democracy. Nevertheless . . . .

When Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, the official communique of the German High Command called it a "counter attack". The official communique of the American High Command called our moves into Cambodia "counter attacks".

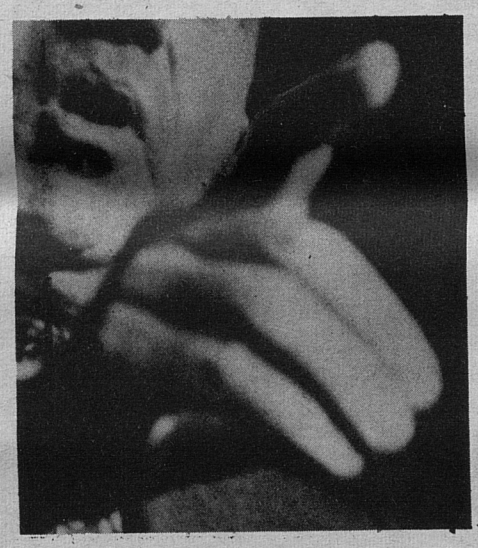
When Hitler invaded Denmark and Norway on April 9, 1940, the official German communique said this was "to protect their freedom and independence." We have been hearing similar language from Washington to justify sending our armed forces into Cambodia.

Press dispatches from Washington indicate that the President is gambling on victory, and that if the gamble succeeds he believes the American people will forget everything else. "What really matters as far as the people are concerned," the president said at the Pentagon, "is that it comes out all right. If it comes out all right, that is what really counts." Senator Aiken seemed to sense this when he said; "If his strategy is successful . . . .then we will have to call him a hero."

This somehow reminds me of the secret speech Hitler made to his generals on the eve of the German aggression against Poland.

"I shall give a propagandist reason for starting the war—never mind whether it is plausible or not. The victor will not be asked afterward whether he told the truth or not. In starting and waging a war it is not right that matters but victory."

I do not for one moment compare President Nixon with Hitler. But the shabby propaganda out of Washington since our going into Cambodia is bound to remind one of the Nazi propaganda used to justify the Germans going into Poland, Denmark and Norway.





Koonz: Recession not the worst thing

This was the month that the Department of Labor—so-called friend of the working man came on honest.

Two of its top administrators, George Schultz, Secretary of Labor and Elizabeth Koonz, a Black woman who is head of the women's Bureau of the department, proved that they really serve the ruling class and not the workers.

"Industrial peace should not be our main objective," Schultz observed recently at a press conference, "union leaders can not take the position that their members should not bargain for higher wages, that has got to come from management."

Schultz continued by declaring, "We understand that you, the union leaders, have to ask for higher wages. But you've got to be smart. We know your union members won't re-elect you if you don't at least say you're doing their thing."

The Voice Interviews Koonz

Elizabeth Koonz, who is the highest placed Black person in the Nixon Administration, was previously a school teacher and a leader of the National Education Association (NEA) and is in charge of seeing that women get a fair break in the labor market.

In a recent interview with the Voice Miss Koonz indicated to the reporter who was interviewing her that she felt "in Detroit that recession and lay offs were not the worst things that could happen to the workers."

"Look at it this way," said Koonz, "it gives workers an opportunity to get into some new line of work or go to school to learn to be a computer programmer or something like that. It might be the start of a whole new career. After all, computers are the coming thing and they will be replacing workers." Koonz continued by suggesting that workers should "get into a training program and learn the skills that will be for the job market." Unfortunately Mrs. Koonz couldn't tell us how you were going to finance the training or who would feed your family while you went to school.

And, Sisters, she also indicated that she didn't think it was "realistic" to say that the federal government would be financing Child Care Centers for the children of working women—not even for those who under Nixon's new welfare reform will have to go to work at marginal jobs to support their families.

Mrs. Koonz concluded the interview by stating that "the government will help pay child care costs for women who make less than $3,000 a year or for husband and wife combined income is less than $6,000 a year." Mrs. Koonz is childless.

Summer Jobs

The overall economic picture is declining. Indicative of this is the lack of available employment of both adults and teens.

According to the U.S. bureau of Statistics, the labor force in Detroit this summer will include 205,00 youths.

The official policy according to Michigan employment Security Commission (MESC) is to hire all heads of household before hiring young people out of school for the summer. This policy will create a situation where youth, the most volatile and energetic sector of the work force, will be out a job and thus money.

This mandate will affect many black students who will be unable to return to school in the fall if they do not find summer employment.

The city hopes to curb this spiraling role of unemployment by the formation of the Detroit Summer Youth Program, located at 4715 Woodward, a type of employment agency for persons between the ages of 14 to 21.

Decentralization

The Detroit Board of Education, conspiring with several conservatives reactionary and uniformed Detroit figure heads have created city-wide confusion and frustration around the issue of school decentralization. Dispite pleas from virtually thousands of Blacks seeking maxium protection of their children and control of their schools, the Board passed a plan that would insure chaos and violence if it were ever to be implemented. Already white's demonstrating their opposition to the "intergration" plan asserted and beat Black students at Osborn. They have also successfully initiated recall drives to have four board members removed from their seats.

Black and white legislators for different reasons, have been and are still attempting to get the bill ammended. There are cries coming from conservative Blacks and so called liberals white for intergration. The Board of Education is struggling to maintain as much control as possible. Detroit Federation of Teachers is on record as being opposed to decentralization and has actively tried to destroy it. The powerless elements students, parents and grassroots community people, have been demanding at open meetings that the school board and the legislature address itself to educating and protecting Black students. The vocal and progressive community leaders unequivocably support community control of schools. Students have said that demands for "pie in the sky" intergration, is nothing more than a belief in white is rightism.

The eleven district plan was approved by both houses, and the bill that would postpone the decentralization was approved by both houses. But neither of the proposals recieved enough votes to by implemented immediately. Also the governor has spoken out against the current decentralization plan indicating that he would like to see some change in the regional structure.

Here at home the community has illustrated a great deal of frustration as a response to the legislative hassle and the board's neglect of the communities demands. Only a handful of people filed for positions. There are several positions in which people are running for election

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T.U.L.C.

Ever since the Black Man's so-called emancipation from slavery, he has been denied work supposedly because of his lack of education and training. Even today, many blacks are in want of jobs because there was not training available to fill in the gap between what was needed to obtain a substantial occupation and that which was not offered in the school.

In 1968, President Johnson appointed a National Commission on Civil Disorders after the numerous riots throughout the nation. In doing research on employment and job opportunities in the Black Community, the researchers found, after months of tedious study, that Black people were very limited in employment because of lack of training for higher jobs (what any Black person could tell you in a second). The government began to set up programs designed to better the opportunities for job obtaining. A policy was instituted into these programs through the Commission. Below are six of the sixteen policies and strategies that the government researchers set up to be implemented:

Continued stress on national economic growth and job recreation so that there will be jobs available for those who are newly trained, without displacing all those who are already employed.

Careful evaluation of the individuals vocational skills, potentialities and needs, referral to one or more programs of basic education, job training and needed medical, social and other services, including transportation.

Concentrated job training efforts, with major emphasis on the job training by both public and private employers as well as public and private vocational schools and other institutional facilities.

Existing programs aimed at recruiting, training, and job development should be consolidated by function at the local, state and federal levels, to avoid fragmentations and duplications.

Creation of jobs for the hard core unemployed and special emphases be given to motivating the hard core unemployed.

Artificial barriers to unemployment and promotion must be removed by both public and private employers.

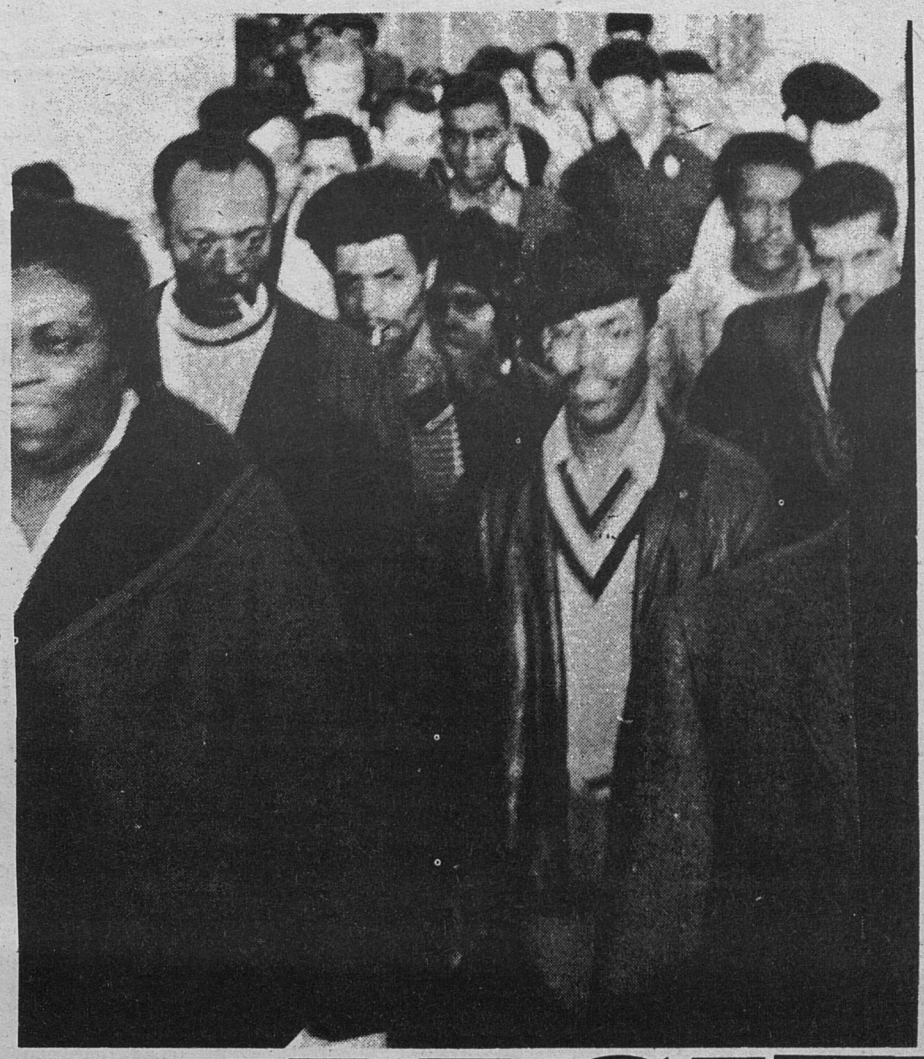
In Detroit, the Apprenticeship Program, a Branch of T.U.L.C., is a program that was made to fit these above requirements, even though it came into being before the Commission was revealed (the Commission was published in March, 1968, and a press release introducing the Apprenticeship Program came out in June, 1967.

The Apprenticeship Program trains men in 19 different trades in order to get Blacks in the skilled trades (although whites are in the program also). Some of the trades offered are bricklayers, stonemasons, plumbers, carpenters, elevator constructors, lathing, etc. In short the men participating in this program are being trained in the Building Trades. Approximately 200 men have gone on from the program to become successful in their occupations.

But the masses of the Black workers, as must be realized, are working in the plants, especially those working in the Detroit area. More emphasis should be placed on improving the conditions of the Black worker. It is the labor power of these factory workers that makes up the economic pillars of the country, not the workers in the Building Trades, and although it will be the workers that will lead any type of real change in this society, it is a vast mistake to concentrate solely of those occupations in the building trades.

This Apprenticeship Program is a part of T.U.L.C. This organization was formed to bring "pressure" on the unions, especially concentration on bringing Black members on the Union boards (of 180 unions with national charters, in 1968, two major ones had Black presidents – Sleeping Car Porters and the Actors Equity). However, token Blacks on racist boards will not be able to change union policies, nor the plight of those black workers in that union, especially those "negroes" who really don't want to change anything too much, but just want to get up their with the white folks. Whatever pressure that they brought down on the union did not alleviate conditions in the plants, as there are still Black workers being murdered, due either to the white racist workers at the plants, or the carelessness of maintenance to the machines and building. And workers are still only getting a fraction of the pay that they should get while slaving 8 hours a day.

The Trade Union Leadership Council has been looked upon by man as one of the Saviors of the Black worker. Their relationships with the UAW vultures are too buddy-buddy to make any relevant changes or improvements for the Black worker. So of this organization, we must ask these questions, "Just who are you trying to help?", and if it is the workers, "Which workers are you dealing with?". And if it is the masses of the workers, who are factory brothers, "When will you start alleviating these problems and get these racists off the wild?"



WILDCAT, what next?

The Supreme Court issued an ultra right decision aimed at crushing the wild cat strike, the most effective tool of the worker. That decision gives federal judges strong powers to hand out injunctions forcing workers back to the plants under the same conditions that drove them out. According to one writer, the judges will be able to enjoy walkouts in situations where the union agreed to a no-strike clause in the contract.

The ruling is a complete reversal of the 1932 Norris-LaGuardia Act, banning federal judges from issuing injunctions in cases concerning labor disputes in industries involved in interstate commerce. The ruling is also contrary to the Supreme Court usual position against letting lower courts stop peaceful strikes. In 1962 under chief Justice Earl Warren, the court maintained that federal judges could nots, enjoin "peaceful no-strike violations."

This judgment from the Supreme Court has already brought forth loud response from labor; Myra Wolfgang, Secretary-treasurer of the Hotel & Restaurants Employees Local 705 said "it is clearly a new weapon for employers, it also shows how much the pendulum is swinging to the right with the changing political climate." Gordon Gregory, a labor lawyer, said "the Nixon court has taken a giant step backwards in labor-management relations with its partial repeal of the Norris-La Guardia Act." A Black worker said that this is definitely what she was looking for, knowing that it would not be long before Nixon's "minions" showed themselves. She also said that we could expect many more judgments of this nature. All agreed that several unions are likely to demand that the no-strike clause be taken out of their contracts, since most unions do have the clause in their current agreements. (The union usually submits to the clause, and the company agrees that there will be no lockouts.)

The court decision has been called na new weapon for management. The Taft-Hartley Act of 1947 gave federal courts jurisdiction over damage suits that result from contract violations, but it did not grant injunctive powers. the right to sue for damages should be compensation enough for employers. "An employer who doesn't give a damn about the workers or the contract can do whatever he wants, then ask the court to send the employees back to work when they hit the bricks."

One union spokesman recalled the wildcat strike at the Sterling heights Chrysler Stamping plant in 1969, when the workers complained of hazardous working conditions. After no resolutions were made the men walked out, defying their top union officials who were reluctant to ignore, even in this special case, their contract provision that made the working speed the only strikeable issue.

After they had struck, UAW leaders were hesitant to order them back, saying that "production standards include health and safety matters." The strike was eventually worked out. "We settled it because we walked out, but the way it is now, the court could make us go back to work," said the union spokesman.

LEAGUE of REVOLUTION







Executive Board Report; D.R.U.M

The last two issues of the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement paper have reported on the Executive Board *activities.*

Board meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 4:45. Very few business meetings are held prior to the board's session. Because of this, workers are easily overlooked or exploited.

Liska and his clique do nothing to buck the company. In fact, when you talk to Liska it's like talking to the head of Chrysler.

Even now, many of the new workers have no stewards to represent them. Liska would like for you to believe that nothing can be done about this. He claims he is doing everything he can.

Kosma, a racist plant committeeman of skilled laborers, has one steward for every ninety men. On the other hand, there are three hundred men or better per steward in other departments. Most of the non-skilled workers are black which stands to reason why Liska does not want them represented properly.

Stewards all over the plant have been asked to take on more people.

Why doesn't Kosma take on the added numbers?

Black workers are without the kind of power to stop most of this outrageous shit.

The lack of a good leader, money and good people behind the demands has cost many black workers hard earned money. The walk out, fights, strikes, safety hazards and racist conditions still exist.

Now is the time to start thinking about something for the coming contract. Most important to start with are compulsive overtime, penalties, working standards, speed ups, and the racist acts of management.

Liska at one of the board meetings asked for some of the workers demands. Give them to any D.R.U.M. representative or present them yourself.

Why ?

Within the space of two weeks two of our fellow workers, Black workers, a sister Maimie Williams and a young brother Gary Thompson were murdered by Chrysler Corporation. Attendance by Eldon employees at both of these funeral services was sparse, but perhaps that is understandable in view of the present economic situation. However, it should be noted and noted well that **Not a Single** 961 union official attended mamie Williams' funeral and only two, Al Holly and James Cavers, attended Gary Thompson's funeral. Our Uncle Tom President and his Supersonic Nigger Executive Board consisting of James Franklin, Leon Johnson, Dan Toomer, Big Davis, Charlie McNeeley, J.C. Thomas, etc., together with the mass of so-called "Black" stewards and committmen did not see fit to even send a telegram or a wreath to the family of the deceased union members much less attend the last rites.

We of ELRUM can make these statements because we were present at both of the funerals and we are presently doing everything in our power to aid the families concerned. We say this not out of self glorification but out of a true and sincere feeling of concern for all of our brothers and sisters. The present administration from top to bottom, has demonstrated time and time again its lack of concern with the problem of Black workers at Eldon. Its lackadaisical attitude in regard to the deadly conditions in the plant which have just recently, taken two lives, indicates that Elroy and Co. are in partnership with management. The time to break up this union management partnership is now!!

The time to obtain **BLACK** representation is now! The time to stop all the racist harassment, intimidation, degradation and murders is Now.

Three Member Of E.L.R.U.M Discharged

Three members of E.L.R.U.M. The Eldon Revolutionary Union Movement, were recently discharged for their part in the Safety Work Stoppage which took place at Eldon on May 27 and 28. The work stoppage was a direct response to the murder of Gary Thompson, a young black forklift driver who was crushed to death early Tuesday morning, May 26. Prior to this tragic occurance the Eldon Safety Committee, a loose coalition of E.L.R.U.M., Eldon Wildcat and several discharged union officials, had bee putting out leaflets and papers exposing the hazardous conditions at Eldon. The Safety Committee responded to Thompson's murder with a Safety Work Stoppage, a refusal to work until the plant is cleaned up and the deadly conditions corrected. This action is covered under the National Labor Relations Act which gives workers the right to refuse to work under hazardous safety conditions regardless of union contracts and agreements.

Armed with this act the Safety Committee showed at the gates Wednesday morning with pickets saying "Death rides a Jitney", "No Safety, No Production", "Refuse To Work Until The Plant Is Safe", "You Will Be Next". E.L.R.U.M. had lawyers at each gate to deal with the police and any injunctions that might be issued. The picketing began. Response from the day shift was fair and nearly all of the afternoon shift stayed off work. However dissention within the ranks of the Safety Committee, particularly among the Uncle Tom union officials spelled failure for the Safety Work Struggle. Management's response to the deaths of Black workers and to the Safety Work Stoppage was to call out the Detroit Police Department and request special patrols of the Tactical Mobile Unit. James Edwards, one of the discharged E.L.R.U.M. was arrested on bogus Assault and Battery charges, later the charges were dropped. U.A.W. Local 961 made no response at all to the Safety Work Stoppage. Their interest being the Corporations interest which they have demonstrated time and time again.

On Friday May 29th Chrysler discharged Alonzo Chandler, Robert McKee and James Edwards all members of E.L.R.U.M. for an alleged violation of the "no strike" clause in the agreement between Chrysler and the U.A.W. This action was clearly another premeditated act by Chrysler and the U.A.W. designed to rid the plant forever of any voice that cries for Justice for Black Workers. The racists of Chrysler Corp. even went so far as to send out letters to all of Eldon's Employees expressing phoney sympathy and concern over the recent murder of Gary Thompson and denouncing the people who participated in the Work Stoppage.

This week Harry T. Engelbrecht lackey plant manager of the Eldon Gear and Axle Plant sent our letters to all of the Eldon employees in regard to the recent safety work stoppage. Below is Engelbrecht's letter and ELRUM's reply to it.

June 4, 1970

TO: ELDON AVENUE AXLE EMPLOYEES:

NARY BLACK WORKERS





The events that occurred at our plant last week have been of deep concern to me as I am sure they have been to you. Most disturbing, of course, was the tragic accident which resulted in the death of Gary Thompson, one of our jitney drivers. Rest assured that our continuing efforts to make our plant a safe place in which to work will be intensified. This, together with your observance of good safety practices, will prevent future accidents. I am also extremely concerned because of the disruptions that have taken place at our gates at our gates at shift change times, resulting in the loss to plant employees and their families of many thousands of dollars in wages. I am convinced that the vast majority of Eldon people want to come to work and want to perform their jobs conscientiously. Regrettably, however, there is a small group of people who seem not to care about their own welfare nor for the welfare of others. It appears that their aim is to disrupt our operations by any possible means.

Last Wednesday, May 27, our gates were obstructed by a number of people, many of whom were not our employees. These persons had no legitimate interest or responsibility for what goes on in our plant. Most had nothing to lose by their irresponsible demonstrations. The fact that hundreds of our employees were deprived of their wages apparently did not concern them.

You should be aware that we have taken and we will continue to take every legal step to insure your safety and to keep our plant operating. To this end, it was necessary to discharge those employees who were responsible for, or elected to participate in, the disruptions at our gates.

Although deeply disturbed by the events of last week, I am encouraged by the large numbers of loyal employees who came to work despite the outside protesters and disruptors at our gates. You are to be commended for your patience during these times of stress. Your continued responsible conduct will serve to preserve our security and ability to earn a living.

Very Truly Yours,

Harry T. Engelbrecht
Plant Manager
Eldon Avenue Axle Plant

An Open Letter to Funky, Honky, Flunky Harry T. Engelbrecht and White Racist Chrysler Corporation

Dear Harry,

You and the racist corporation you work for have demonstrated beyond all doubt that you're nothing but a gang of more axle, one more car and suck the life blood of one more worker. You say that you are "concerned" about the "events" at "our" plant last week, that you are "disturbed" by the tragic "accident" which took the life of Gary Thompson.

Yes, you, Harry Engelbrecht, stand before the Black workers of Eldon with the fresh blood of Rose Logan, Mamie Williams and now Gary Thompson dripping from your fangs and claws and say that you are "concerned and disturbed"!! What is the nature of your "concern" Harry? Are you "concerned" about the family of Rose Logan now motherless because of one of your brakeless high-lows? Are you "concerned" about the family of Mamie Williams, Harry? The same Mamie Williams whom you made leave a hospital bed and doctor's care to return to the death pit of Eldon Avenue? Are you "concerned" Harry, about the pregnant wife whose husband you killed, about the 19 month old son whose father you murdered? Gary Thompson was only 22 years old Harry, he survived 18 months in Vietnam yet could not survive five months in your plant. But, of course, your "concern" will remove this huge burden of sorrow that rests on the families whose loved ones you murdered.

We suppose too, Harry, that you are "concerned and disturbed" about the outrageous and deadly conditions which exist in the Eldon Gear and Axle Plant. We imagine it "disturbs" you to see high-lows with lopsided tires, broken horns, lights and hydraulic lines, missing safety rails and faulty and completely non-existant brakes and emergency brakes. We suppose too, that while you sit in your air conditioned office, sipping Cutty Sark and Chivas Regal that the dangerous oil convered floors and cluttered aisleways weigh like millstones on your humanitarian mind. Yes Harry, when you sit in your cozy leather chair in your plush office and watch Black workers coming into the plant bandaged, in casts and splints, wrapped up like mummies, VICTIMS of your oil belching, rusty, and unsafe machinery we know your "concern" brings tears, **crocidile tears** to your eyes.

You say observance of good safety practices will prevent future accidents as if a flimsey pair of safety glasses can stop five tons of cold hard steel. You say that efforts to make the plant safe are being intensified but we know that the only thing being intensified is the already outrageous production. You say that you are concerned about the employees loss of wages as if their wages are more valuable than their lives.

Yes Harry, we of ELRUM clearly understand the nature of your "concern" and the reasons you are "disturbed". We understand that lives and limbs of Black workers are meaningless to profit hungry pirates as yourself. We can understand why you and the other racist criminals of Chrysler would spend thousands of dallars to send out hypocritical and deceitful letters yet spend not one penny to correct the hazardous conditions which are maiming and killing Black workers daily.

You praise the "patience" of the "overwhelming" majority of workers in these times of stress but even you cannot see that patience rapidly turning to outrage and anger. Your discharge of Robert McKee, Alonzo Chandler and James Edwards along with other members of the Eldon Safety Committee will not stop ELRUM from organizing that anger and outrage. The day when you could snuff out Black lives with impunity is gone. No longer will we play victims to your deadly plans of profit. Yes Harry, you say that you are "concerned" and "disturbed", well Harry you will soon be in a panic you will soon be pulling hair out of your already greying head and the ulcers you now have will soon spread through your whole body. You see Harry, we are concerned and disturbed too and we are making revolution Harry, and we will win!!

Uhuru na Umoja

Freedom and Unity

BLACK WORKERS' POWER

MINERS ON STRIKE



Soft coal miners seeking minimal safety conditions in one of the most hazardous jobs in the world walked off that job in protest against the policies of the United Mine Workers and the federal government's Bureau of Mines. The Bureau admitted it was not inspecting mines as regulations require.

The mine operators went to court in an effort to force wildcat strikers back to the pits.

A federal judge withheld his decision in the case saying if hazardous conditions in the mine threaten the lives and safety of the miners and their own union and the Bureau of Mines have not acted to correct them, the rank and file miners' equity may be stronger than the rights of the mine operators.

The U.M.W. contract with the soft coal industry provides for arbitration in cases of dispute and thus tacitly outlaws strikes during the life of the contract.

The rank and file members striking say the union has failed to press for federal safety enforcement and the strike is the result of fear of miners to work mines in which there is a constant possibility of explosion when inspections have not been made by the Bureau of Mines on the schedule required in safety regulations.

SAME OLD CON GAME

The Department of Labor is about to release its long heralded regulations to introduce more minority workers into apprenticeship programs in the skilled trades.

The regulations will require that all companies registered or taking jobs for government agencies introduce "affirmative programs" to equalize employment opportunity in such programs.

Union officials are expected to oppose the regulations.

It is expected that the regulations will call qualifications for such programs "be validated by accepted standards of statistical analysis." Qualified candidates would enter a "pool of eligibles" and be randomly picked for apprenticeships.

More than two-thirds of apprenticeship programs operated are registered with the government because registration permits the employer to pay apprentices less of federal construction projects. More than half of registered apprentices are in the building trades.

Under current regulations apprentices are picked from "ability ranking" lists. The programs are run both by management alone and by the union and management together. The regulations stipulate that applicants be picked on the basis of "objective standards."

New regulations would bar the use of oral interviews in deciding what applicants will be admitted to the "pool of eligibles." If applicants pass a "minimum qualifications" test they must be admitted.

However, the government has not come up with anything specific in the way of "minimum qualifications" or an "accepted standard of statistical analysis."

And it has allowed racist unions and employers more than one out. Alternative methods for selection may be employed if they are approved by the Department of Labor.

Once the regulations become effective employers and unions will have nine months to come up with an "affirmative program" to end discrimination.

The "affirmative program" is a paper plan for gaining equality of opportunity where there has been discrimination. How much of the plan ever gets off paper to be acted upon usually depends upon how hard it is pushed by the unions.

Such guidelines and programs have been part of the labor scene since the 40's and earlier with the provision that federal contracts will be withdrawn if they are not followed.

The discrimination continues and so do the contracts.

BLACK WORKERS!

STRIKE A BLOW TO THE RACIST UNIONS!

AND BLOW AFTER BLOW TO MANAGEMENT!

UNTIL VICTORY IS WON!

IKE JERNIGAN WILL WIN

Isaac (Ike) Jernigan shot and killed his foreman at the Lockheed Aircraft plant in Los Angeles last July. Then he went to the office of the International Association of Machinists, Local 727, and killed the President and another local union official. Now, the state of California wants to give him the gas chamber.

You can probably think of plenty of reasons why a Foreman ought to be shot . . . and also corrupt union leaders who cooperate with the company. Ike Jernigan had special reasons. He had gone through the crap forced on all workers—unsafe conditions, speed-up, low pay, high prices, rising taxes—for the six years he had worked at Lockheed, and, since Ike Jernigan is a Black man, he also had to deal with the racist practices of both the company and the union. Like other unions, the I.A.M. allowed the company to keep Black workers in the jobs with the lowest pay and the worst conditions. Everybody got cheated at Lockheed, but the Black workers got cheated worse.

Nobody wants to be pushed around. Jernigan tried to do something about it. He helped organize the Lockheed Employees' Unity Association to fight for better working conditions and just and fair treatment for the Black workers. The Association worked through all of the "channels"; the grievance procedure, the contract negotiations, the union election campaigns. For this activity, Jernigan and the brothers he worked with were constantly harassed. The union joined with the company to try to smash the Unity Association. Most of the members were eventually fired.

One day Jernigan was fired for merely wearing an African shirt to work. The union refused to support him, and it took an appeal to the government to get him reinstated. Repremand followed reprimand. Then, last July, Jernigan said that enough was enough, and let his foreman have it along with the union president and another union official.

Lockheed, the I.A.M., and the government of California are putting on the pressure to have Ike Jernigan executed.

We must defend our working brother who fought for his rights. The justice he demanded would benefit all of us. For a worker, an injury to one is an injury to all.

1) Send a letter of support to:

The Jernigan Defense Committee c/o Southside Citizens Defense Committee 1540 W. Jefferson Blvd. Los Angeles, California 10018

2) Give what you can afford for legal costs to the same address.

White collar workers now are beginning to learn what their blue collar brothers have always known when the Man dosen't need you-you're gone.

Already Chrysler Corp. has laid off thousands of white collar workers now, General Motors has announced white collar lay-offs.

It is expected that as many as 30,000 white collar workers will be laid off either permanently, indefinitely or in more "palatable" schemes such as "early retirement".

Some 15,000 white collar workers are due to be permently laid-off.

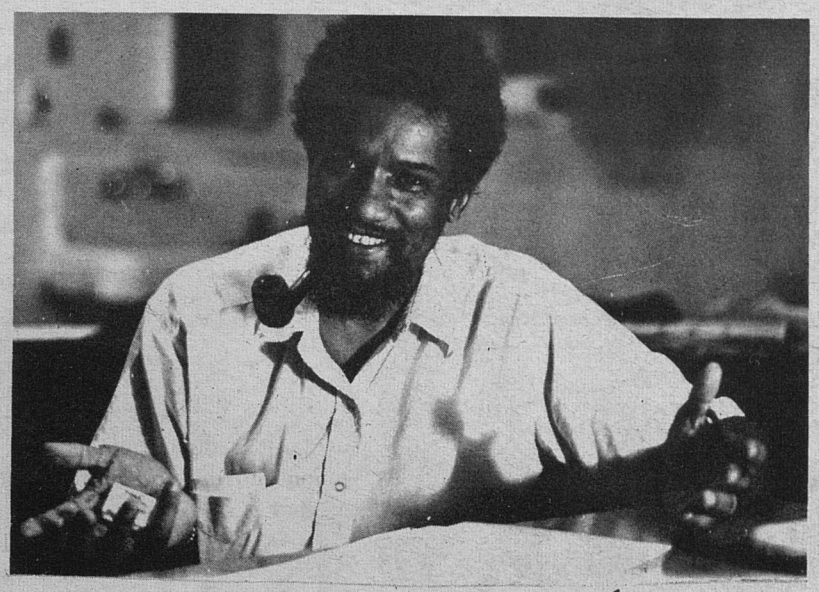
Traditionally the white collar worker has allowed himself to bedeceived by the capitalist management.

He has allowed himself to believe that he is closer to management and has identified his interests with management rather than workers. He has been slow to join unions, but he has always been willing to cash in on the benefits blue collar workers' union dues and strike gains.

But when the management sees a need for cut back because of their own greedy over- production and exhorbitant prices it is clear that the worker who wears a white collar must take his place with his brother who wears a blue collar.

They are both workers and for the bosses they are expendable.

The Political Thought Of James Forman



Editor's Note

James Foreman, long time freedom fighter in the worldwide struggle against imperialism, has just completed his new book, The Political Thought of James Forman.

The articles and speeches in this book are not arranged in the order they were written, but are grouped under certain subject matters in order to provide a better framework for reading. All have been written since January, 1967, and flow from the necessity to wage an ideological struggle around the issues of class, race, internationalism, and opportunism, and to indicate other forms of struggle we must wage, including armed struggle.

When I began writing these speeches and articles, there was an acute need in the black liberation struggle for a greater emphasis on class analysis, for many black spokesmen were articulating our problems only as a racial fight and ignoring the world-wide struggle of exploited and oppressed people against United States imperialism. I felt at that time that only a study of revolutionary theory and an articulation of class-oriented concepts in popularized form could help to overcome some of the erroneous and misleading ideas floating in sectors of the black community. It was also apparent that our struggle suffered greatly from a lack of study of revolutionary theory on the part of many people who were given the spotlight by the imperialist news media. This was no accident, but a two-pronged move deliberately staged in order to unify our oppressors against the total black struggle, and to promote the faulty and misleading ideas of those who failed to analyze our problems in the United States or those on an international level from a basic class viewpoint, as well as from that of the historical, racism oppression of black people.

It is very easy and often rather comforting to accept the fact of the United States' willingness to concede that white racism is a problem, but it is another question for the power elite, the military-industrial complex, the Central Intelligence Agency, Wall Street and all other elements of control to admit—which it will not and cannot do—that racism is an historical product of capitalism and imperialism. This problem can never be solved until the apparatus of capitalism and imperialism is shattered, smashed to pieces through the armed struggle of the people.

In January, 1967, I wrote "Rock Bottom," an article posing questions which I intended to serve as a guide for political education. Since then I have placed increased emphasis on the waging of armed struggle and the seizure of state power **as the only ultimate weapons** for solving the problems of all exploited people, continue to be debatable issues for many. Inside the United States severe brutality and repression are exercised, vast amounts of money, time and energy are spent by this greatest imperialist power in the world in order to convince people—and especially black people—that violence and armed struggle in the United States is contrary to the "American way of life" and impossible to wage. Yet while this campaign of terror against the exploited in the United States and around the world is launched by the racist U.S. government, soldiers from the so-called land of the free are busy napalming the people of color in Indo-China, especially Vietnam. Many misguided black soldiers are unfortunately helping in the slaughter of our Indo-Chinese sisters and brothers.

The absolute necessity to wage a campaign for armed struggle and the seizure of state power in the United States under the direction of a revolutionary black vanguard party is not only theoretically correct, but **armed struggle against United States imperialism is the only movement that the imperialists cannot co-opt.** They will seek to crush it and destroy it, but it cannot be co-opted.

Co-optation in black communities is mounting. Everywhere there are abundant signs that many black people with reformist programs and capitalistic ventures, under the cover of blackness, nationalism or Pan-Africanism, are getting vast sums of money for programs that do not threaten capitalism and imperialism, and certainly do not advocate armed struggle in the United States.

The power elite of the United States has already decided and proven that it can co-opt various forms of we-are-black-and-proud **Americans,** we are some "give us some money too" nationalists, we are some anti-communist Pan-Africanists. These tendencies do not pose a serious threat to imperialism, but can be readily utilized by the United States Government, the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Information Agency, the State Department and the local police departments to further control all of us.

In 1970, three years after the most intense black rebellions in the United States since slavery, rebellions that seriously affected the world position of U.S. military forces, we hear many mass-media, so-called black leaders urging black people to fight with arms in Africa, but not in the United States. In fact, many urge black people not to engage in any form of political confrontation.

Perhaps the most insidious form of co-optation—one which directly plays into the long-range interests of the United States Government—is the vehement struggle against socialism, communism and Marxist-Leninist thought that is often articulated by many leading spokesmen in the black community. Many of those who take this position are financially supported by the U.S. government in one form or another. Some arrive there through a lack of study. The petty-bourgeois class position of others force this attitude upon them. Many do not understand the pervasive unconscious effect that the anti-communist hysteria in this country has had upon all of us.

As black people, we have seen how the slogan, "Black Power," has been co-opted in many quarters. We have seen how slick, commercial magazines claim how they are "black and proud." We have witnessed the commercializing of the Afro and the dashiki. To assume that the United States Government will not bankroll and promote forms of nationalism and Pan-Africanism that are anti-socialist, anti-communist and anti-Marxist-Leninist is a mistake of the highest order. For instance, McGeorge Bundy, former head of the CIA and now president of the Ford Foundation, has urged all foundations to fund anything that is black, for the dynamics of U.S. imperialism is such that everything that is merely black and without a socialist overtone can be successfully co-opted.

The government of the United States will even co-opt those who claim they are socialists, communists and Marxist-Leninists if they do not believe in armed struggle against imperialism. History has proven time and time again that many who call themselves socialists and Marxist-Leninists have taken the exclusive road of reform through the electoral process rather than the road of armed struggle. They, too, do not pose a threat.

A critique of those who have betrayed the road of armed struggle against imperialism can and must be made, but this can be done without the vehement anti-communism often heard by some black charlatans who make money and enjoy immense privileges from vicious attacks on revolutionary theories.

Much of the confusion, competing ideas, rank opportunism and indifference within black communities of the United States, acceptance of racist and capitalist ideology in white America, oppression in Africa, Asia and Latin America—are related in a great measure to the billions of dollars that all exploiters spend to educate and convince people about the virtues of colonialism, capitalism and imperialism. As a result we see all sorts of bourgeois printing operations turning out millions of books that in some way or the other support the exploiters of this earth, while the availability of revolutionary literature is often difficult to find.

Thus the first effort by a group of black people who do not cringe from revolutionary theory and who understand that we must wage ideological struggle and who seek to guarantee that black workers will assume positions of leadership in the revolutionary struggle and the reconstruction of a socialist society in the U.S. – this first effort must be commended and will have long-range effects in black communities and throughout the world.

And now I must direct a few words to the opportunists in the black church structure. The publication of this book flows from the principle fight for reparations many of us have made. Many middle-class black preachers and christians have received large amounts of money as a result of the Black Manifesto. One black christian in particular has pimped off our efforts and used his funds and his position to see that his friends and relatives reap the benefit of our efforts. My comrades and I have been silent over the way some of the black preachers and christians have behaved

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with huge sums of money they have received in reparations directly as a result of our efforts. They never believed that we would be able to launch a printing operation and they have refused to help us, but we say to those opportunist black preachers and christians who are also a part of imperialist exploitation that we will wage an intense struggle against them, expose their nepotism and favoritism.

The struggle in the United States against racism, capitalism and imperialism is accelerating. All around the world exploited and oppressed people are rising up with arms in hand to fight United States imperialism. If this book can serve to motivate one more person to dedicate his life to an unrelenting struggle against United States imperialism and its manifestation of racism – then all the effort toward its production shall not have been in vain.

Hence I am extremely elated that **Black Star Publishing** is printing as its first book this collection of speeches and writings that are all geared to helping to make revolutionaries of black people in the United States. There is a great deal of—but not enough—descriptive literature on African people wherever they exist. Much of this literature does not address itself to capitalism and imperialism as being integral to the cause of racism, and certainly does not hold high the banner of armed struggle by All-African People as the ultimate solution to ending these destroyers of humanity, to the establishment of a new and just society capable of ending all forms of human exploitation.

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unopposed. Working class people also had a serious problem getting the 1500 signatures needed for filing a petition. It appears that this confusion and the requirement for 5000 signatures on a petition were moves intentionally made to hinder and prevent Black Workers.

The State legislature has approved an 8 district decentralization plan, and a three man governor's panel has twenty-one days to form the school districts. The NAACP a long time fighter for integration has filed a court action against the new plan. Parents and Students for Community Control (PASCC), a city-wide working class community organization, created around the concepts of black control of black schools, quality education for blacks, and the providing of maximum protection of black children, is struggling for the adoption of the Black Plan.

the Black Plan was designed to protect as many black children as possible by keeping them out of the control of white racists. The plan puts 8.6% of black students under white control. According to the plan blacks will control six of the eight districts. Unfortunately white racist voters will still control a large segment of white children.

PASCC has prepared many other resolutions including the development of a City-Wide School Review Board, to be comprised of students, parents, and community people. It will be established to review controversial administrative decisions and school policies. PASCC is also preparing a program and assisting, and supporting those candidates that are sympathetic and responsive to the needs of black working class youth. The most oppressed and helpless sector of black society.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BLACK PLAN, RECRUITMENT AND SUPPORT OF CANDIDATES, establishment of the city-WIDE REVIEW BOARD, PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, or the many other resolutions, AND HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED. CALL 866-1266 or write PASCC 12019 linwood, Detroit, Michigan 48206.

MORE EXPLOITATION FROM CHURCHES

"And yet we seek converts. If I were a Negro, I would laugh at the Catholic Church for its obvious hypocrisy, just as I would laugh at all white faces. But I am not a Negro, and in silence I have to stand by and watch him love what he should despise ....." FROM A WHITE CATHOLIC.



Recently the Catholic church has carries on a drive for public support of mostly Black St. Martin De Porres High School. The so-called "reason" for this drive is that the Catholic church needs a little help from the Black community to carry on this school "service". They want the overtaxed, overworked, and superexploited Black workers to take from their already meager incomes and give support to a very rich, racist and oppressive church.

This church must have NO respect for the Black people's community sense. This church's past and present history is overflowing with racism, and the exploitation and oppression of Black people. Wherever we find the church in the Black community, we find misguided, confused, used, and superstitious people. Yet, the church still has nerve enough to try and persuade our people to SUPPORT our oppression.

Although most of its economic dealing are well kept secrets, we do know that the Catholic church is one of the largest landowners in the U.S. This includes Black ghetto slum property.

The Catholic church's holdings also include large shares of monopolistic, exploitive corporations. AND THEY STILL WANT SUPPORT!

Just what kind of school "service" is this that we should support? It is a church operated school system that has, inaddition to the same old state approved textbooks that systematically misguides our youngsters, indoctrination with European religious myths. In other words, the Catholic church INTENSIFIES the miseducation that our children are subject to in the public schools.

Instead of teaching about Black people who, thru the ages have helped their people the church teaches Black children to honor so-called "saints" most of whom are white. The tiny remainder being a few misguided blacks who lately the church has opportuniatically chosen to reconize.

One of these Catholic Black "saints" was Martin De Porres. He was the son of a Spanish conquistador and an exploited Black sister in South America. His Catholic biographers relate with self-righteous glee the many times when Martin De Porres would be called something other than common cuss words. He would drop, prostrate, to the ground and kiss it. And sometimes, if the tormentor was a church official, he would kiss the official's feet. For this reason. he adequately fits the requirements for a Black to gain "saintly" reconition amoung the Catholic heirarchy.

If Martin De Porres, in the days of the Spanish rule in South America, encountered a racist church, we can see it even more today. Down South Blacks must wait until all the WHITES have received "communion" before getting theirs - that is if the Blacks don't have a church of their own... Those church areas in the South where the Blacks don't have a Black Catholic church have policies of "excusing" the Black church members from the obligation of Mass so as to keep him from attending the Mass with the white Catholics.

When the issues of Birth control, Abortion, or Divorce arise, you can't count the Priests, Fathers, Sisters etc. that leap to support so-called "moral issues". But when Black people's oppression is mentioned, you hear hardly a peep. Every once in a while a few Bishops get together to give lip-service to the "negro" cause, but like the joint pastroal letter put out in 1963, they aren't read in most white Catholic churches.

We strained our ears to hear the Papal authorities cry out against the German and Italian Fascists, and to day we vainly wait for church denouncements against the South African, Rhodesian, and Portugese racist regimes. It is not hard though, to find the Catholic church *involved in all types of white racist adventures all over the world. It is involved in the oppressive war in* Southeast Asia. It is involved in

the oppression of the Blacks of Africa, and it is involved in this racist machine right here in the U.S.A.

The "South" Vietnamese puppet Ngo Diem was a Catholic-trained "tom" Many South American puppet dictators are Catholic. And we find that wherever the church is influential, the oppression of the people is great and these puppets have a lot of Catholics amoung them. They are trained in Catholic schools.

If the Catholic church wants to help our people, why don't they support Black control of schools in Black communities? Why don't they improve the conditions of Blacks living in Catholic-owned slum housing? And where is the Catholic support for the Black Manifesto?

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THE VOICE INTERVIEWS FRANK JOYCE

Editors note: Frank Joyce, a member of People Against Racism, has recently visited Indochina, and in this candid interview relates some of his ideas and observations on the struggle in this country and its long range and short range affects on the war in Viet Nam. —



ICV: Frank will you tell us to begin with, briefly about People Against Racism (PAR) and some of it's activities.

Joyce: Par began in '65 we were in some of the Northern Student Movement and Adult Community Movement for Equality. We decided that it was time to turn our attention to the source of the problem: racism in the white community. As Blacks had been suggesting that needed to be done, we took the challenge seriously and so from '65 to '68 we functioned locally in the Detroit area and in '68 we began to set up chapters in different cities. We have beer organizing in the suburbs (Ferndale) that met with some success in getting together some youth groups. Traditionally we have felt that racism is the primary contradiction that people have moved around in the Sixties and will continue to do so in the Seventies. Particularly around cities, which is a major domestic issue, that is not to take anything away from the War, since we came out against the War in '65 because we concluded that it was both racist and imperialist, although we didn't use that language at that time.

ICV: The Anti-War Movement in this country is comprised mostly of white people and many middle class whites that are involved in the anti-war movement are not "movement" people as such. Why do you feel that it has evolved that way?

Joyce: Well that's a very good question and a very complicated one. My involvement with the anti-war movement goes way back, both locally and nationally and is not a primary concern. I've always been involved in it from the perspective of trying to make people see that tne war in Viet Nam and the race war at home are related. I think that that is becoming increasingly clear although people necessarily know that. For one thing we have always contended that the war in Viet Nam is an extension of domestic policy anyway, the U.S. has never had a foreign policy. Which we say that the same reason that the U.S. is in California is the same reason they're in Viet Nam. What we mean by that is that the U.S. has always been engaged in westward expansion against people of color. Since the first white settler came here from Europe. I remember while in Viet Nam less than a month ago, being overwhelmed with the notion that the U.S. was doing to Viet Nam the same thing it did to the Indian nations that were also destroyed in the westward expansion of manifest destiny. Also Blacks and other Third World people die disproportionately in the War. Statistically, the U.S. has sufferd 50,000 deaths since it has been actively involved in the struggle for ten years, including both combatant and non-combatant victims. This sum is out of a population of 200 million. By the Defense Department's own statistics the Vietnamese both North and South have suffered over 700,000 deaths out of a population of over 30 million. In addition to that, according to the Defense Department, there is a minimum of 450,000 civilian deaths in the South, no one has even counted the civilian deaths in the North. This brings us to a total of well over a million and a quarter people who have died in the last ten years out of a population of 30 million. This gives us a good idea of who the War really affects and who is really hurt by it. It has to do with the fact that the Red population in this country was reduced to more than one half in the 1800's essentially. That's one way to talk about the War and domestic issues. However I think that there is another perspective from which we can talk about the war and it is important, but complicated. The U.S. is an imperialist country and has sought to maintain economic, military and political control and influence in particular areas of Indochina along the lines of South Korea which still has 64,000 U.S. troops. That's a fact that nobody pretty much disputes. The objectives are clearly stated: to prove the Peoples War cannot succeed and that has to do with the U.S. involvement in Brazil. Now the thing that's important to understand to have any clear analysis of the War is the role that racism, ethnocentrism and white supremacy plays in what I think is a very dangerous situation in Indochina. It is possible for a colonial and imperialist forces to concede defeat, the French did it in Indochina and Algeria, and the British did it in Africa. After Dien Bien Phu the French acknowledged that they couldn't win. The U.S. is defeated militarily in Indochina, every strategy that they have tried has failed and this should be crystal clear by now. Half of Cambodia has conceded to the Communists and in just this morning's paper, reports that the fighting level in all of Indochina is higher than it has been in two months and a year and a half. All of this illustrates the capacity to fight that the liberation forces in Indochina have, the problem is, as illustrated in Agnew's speech in which he declared war on the liberals of the ruling class, obviously what is going on is that the Nixon administration is unwillingly to admit defeat even more so than the Johnson administration. That's not a factor of rational capitalism or imperialism. It is a factor of irrational racism that Nixon will not allow it to go through his head that these little gooks could defeat the U.S. army. The situation is dangerous because of the diverse cultural and racial elements. I would be the first to agree that these factors are not understood generally by the Anti-War Movement.

ICV: How do the people, government officials and otherwise of North Viet Nam relate to the anti-war movement in the U.S.?

Joyce: Well they do think that it is very important and they're very. . . .grateful isn't the right word and they put the U.S. into a very broad historical perspective—they are very serious revolutionaries and they have a understanding of things that tends to be a lot broader than their own. That means among other things that they put into the perspective of what happened in France and they understand that there has been serious opposition to the war in France, there wasn't much of an Anti-War Movement in France until Dien Bien Phu. And then the French began to say "well maybe this war is wrong". There has been a basis of opposition to the war since 1964 and getting stronger all of the time. This opposition has had some sucesses; the halt of the bombing of North Viet Nam and the abdication of Lyndon Johnson. Although those are tangible accomplishments of the Anti-War Movement those aren't to be overestimated either; it is a serious social force and they do take it serously. Consequently they do invite activists like myself because they think that it is important that we understand them and they understand us. And they also understand that there is a deepening social crisis in the U.S.

third world workers in france

UN—AWA—French Colonialism, once limited to the provinces of the Third World, has boomeranged onto the streets of Paris. An outgrowth of this situation was the recent youth rebellions in Paris which resulted in massive head-whippings and jailings, although not on the scale of May 68. However, one issue which has gone unmentioned here was the conditions of African and other Third World immigrants who work on the worse jobs in France. When five African workers died in a Paris slum quarters last winter, there were massive student demonstrations. Yet, the overcrowded conditions still exist and was one of the reasons for the recent protests.

When young French editors wrote about the situation of the immigrants, and other issues, the government banned the publications and jailed the editors. At that time, writer-philosopher Jean Paul Sartre replaced one of the editors and demanded that he also be jailed. Sartre condemned the increasing repression of the French Government and the general treatment of African workers recruited from abroad. He said the French social order forces the African workers in France "to live in sordid conditions and sometimes to die a horrible death." He also charged the government with overworking the immigrants, abandoning them after old age, and for "jailing the workers who have failed to take indispensable safety measures."

Decolonization and the demands of industrialization have taken the peoples of the Third World flooding into Europe, and to such effect that without them industry would grind to a halt, andmuch service work would go unfulfilled. With 2½ million foreign workers and immigrants in France alone, that country is nearing the saturation point, according to author Jean LeCouture, who wrote the biography of Ho Chi Minh. He said French sociologists feel there is the risk that racism will become official policy.

Immigrants of the Third World now represent 20% of the French industry and have only recently been "given" the right to take part in union activity. Even so, says LaCouture, the immigrants are a long way from achieving equality.

There was a time when French families enjoyed having "a little Caribbean lad" in their home. But times have changed, and many young students who land from the Black countries run up against the "room for Europeans only" signs on the campus bulletin boards or arrive at the stated address only to find the room "has just been rented." The rebellions of 1968 led to the resignation of former President, General Charles DeGaulle, and a crisis of the economy; however, the same problems exist today under the Pompideau regime, and perhaps, a perpetual crisis for a long time to come.

ASIAN PEOPLE UNITE!



The Nixon Administration is trying desparately to turn the mounting tide of popular sentiment against the war in Indochina by using the media to project illusionary U.S. military successes in Cambodia. All evidence points to U.S. failures both militarily and diplomatically.

At this writing, Phnom Penh (Cambodia's capital) is isolated. Roads and communication have been blocked. Most correspondents talk of eminent attack on the city. The unpopular government of puppet Premier Lon Nol is now recruiting women for his demoralized army. Lon Nol himself, realizing the shakey foundation upon which his government rests, has lost 20 pounds since coming to power last March. For support inside his country Lon Nol can only count on his ill equipped army, government clerks, the few in the neo-colonial aristocracy, and the businessmen of Cambodia. The progressive forces that seek the return of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the deposed Cambodian Chief of State, include 41,000 NFL and North Vietnamese troops, Khmer Rouge guerillas who are becoming more influential among the peasants, and the six million peasants in what is a predominantly agricultural country.

Not only in Cambodia, but in Laos, Vietnam, and even Thailand the military picture looks very dismal indeed for the U.S. . . . The fact that America's military forces are engaged in armed combat in these areas represents a generalized policy of aggression directed against people who inhabit the Indochinese peninsula. The Pentagon has sent forth its best generals and has used its most brilliant military tacticians to "win" the war. All that has resulted is a procession of discredited brass stars and bottoms. (Remember Harkins, Taylor, Westmoreland and now Gen. Creighton Abrams). Abrams will follow the way of those "glorious" generals that have gone before him. All these men have a common psychosis.

They have delusions of not only their own grandeur but of America's, and they had remedies based upon these delusions. The great Generals bellowed, if only we could have more advisors . . . if only we could have more troops . . . if only we could cut the supply lines from the North . . . if only we could find those strategic sanctuaries . . . in Cambodia . . . if only . . . if only . . . if only . . . And so the generals come and they go.

American failures on the diplomatic level is the primary reason for its military presence in the first place. The continued diplomatic blundering of this country based upon inhumane motives necessitates a further and faster widening of the Indochinese war. The expansion and intensification of the war on the part of the U.S. resulted in a heightened spirit of cooperation and unity behind a common cause in Indochina despite the mass media's projection of what has been termed "an age old antagonism between the Vietnamese and the Cambodian peoples"

Cooperation between the progressive anti-capitalist forces of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia is not new. In an April 1951 conference, a program for a coordinated effort by the Viet Minh of Vietnam, the Neo Lao Itsala of Laos and Khmer Issarak of Cambodia against the French who were the inperialist force in Southeast Asia at that time, was agreed upon and implimented. Again at the Phnom Penh conference of 1965 a program of combined resistance to U.S. military expansion was adopted by representatives of the Indochinese people. The latest in this historic series of Pan-Indochinese conferences was held April 24-25 of this year and was in direct response to the ouster of Prince Sihanouk. In attendance were representatives of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, the Patriotic Front of Laos and the National United Front of Cambodia.

The U.S. has been using its military to counteract this Pan-Indochinese thrust of the anti-western imperialist forces by balkinizing and compartmentalizing and effectively dividing the peoples of the Indochinese peninsula. The imperialist are trying to accomplish this by locking the borders between Cambodia and South Vietnam under the pretense of looking for "sanctionaries" in order to contain the war against the Vietnamese people. Over-throwing the Sihanouk government and installing the puppet Lon Nol to contain the Cambodian peoples' struggle. Attempting to isolate the Laotian peoples' war by trying to take the Plain of Jars.

This strategy will fail because it is precisely this energy, American imperialism, struggling for its survival that is forging this unity of the peoples' of Indochina. In order for imperialism to continue it must intensify the military force brought to bare against the people of that region of the world. As this military pressure increases so does resistance to it. Final the raw force of the masses of people rise up against foreign military force in a peoples' war in which only the masses will be victorious. The people of Indochina will win.

INTERNATIONAL BLACK APPEAL

The conditions of black people, red, brown, and yellow, are worsening in this country. We charge that big business and its operating structure, the U.S. government, are grossly negligent, and completely, wholly, and resolutely responsible for the conditions of our people. Big business and its tool, the U.S. government, has failed to administer the necessary resources to eradicate these conditions. Furthermore, the country's profit motive craze has, of necessity, led her into wars abroad and severe repression at home, to protect her interests.

The allocations of the government are increasingly for the military, police, state troopers or all functions that are supposed to "protect" or "stop" communism from spreading". On the other hand, allocations for the resources that we need in health, education, and welfare, are grotesquely cut or scraped altogether.

It is within this setting, the refusal to deal with our needs, increased repression at home and abroad, a profit motive as opposed to people-oriented system, that the International Black Appeal is formed.

Our major focus is to address ourselves to the needs of oppressed black people, in particular, and the struggling minority oppressed as previously identified, in general.

We state that the Appeal is an attempt to provide resources to minimize some of our problems. In addition, we state that a complete elimination of our miseries can only be accomplished through organized struggle against this structure that creates these conditions. Therefore, the interim has developing programs that will alleviate our miseries while, in route, via stringent organizing efforts, to total liberation from a super-subhuman-beast-of-burden type system.

As representatives of the International Black Appeal Board, we ask that persons cease giving money to the Torch, Red Feather, and Community Chest drives, and contribute to the International Black Appeal. The contributions to the International Black Appeal is not the only function. We must also organize around the existing problems and thrust forth to liberate ourselves from them. That is to say, to give is a necessity, but to involve yourself within the Appeal actually, is of paramount importance to make the Appeal function for you.

What does the Appeal plan hope to accomplish and how can you be helpful?

We state that the Appeal plans are based on the needs of the people. Therefore, the major areas of the Appeal Fund will deal with the Labor Strike and Defense Fund, Emergency Food Centers, Training Centers, Publishing House, political prisoners, general fund to minority oppressed, Black Land Bank, and the development of other International Black Appeal Chapters, and futuristic plans for medical, health care, and recreational facilities.

It must be understood that the International Black Appeal is in the first phase of a three to five year plan. The underlined parts are the major focus in our first years. The formulation and organization of these efforts have our first priority.

The International Black Appeal has an operating board of directors, an advisory board, and staff. But only the cooperation and active participation by the community and especially the black and minority oppressed will make this Appeal Fund a success.

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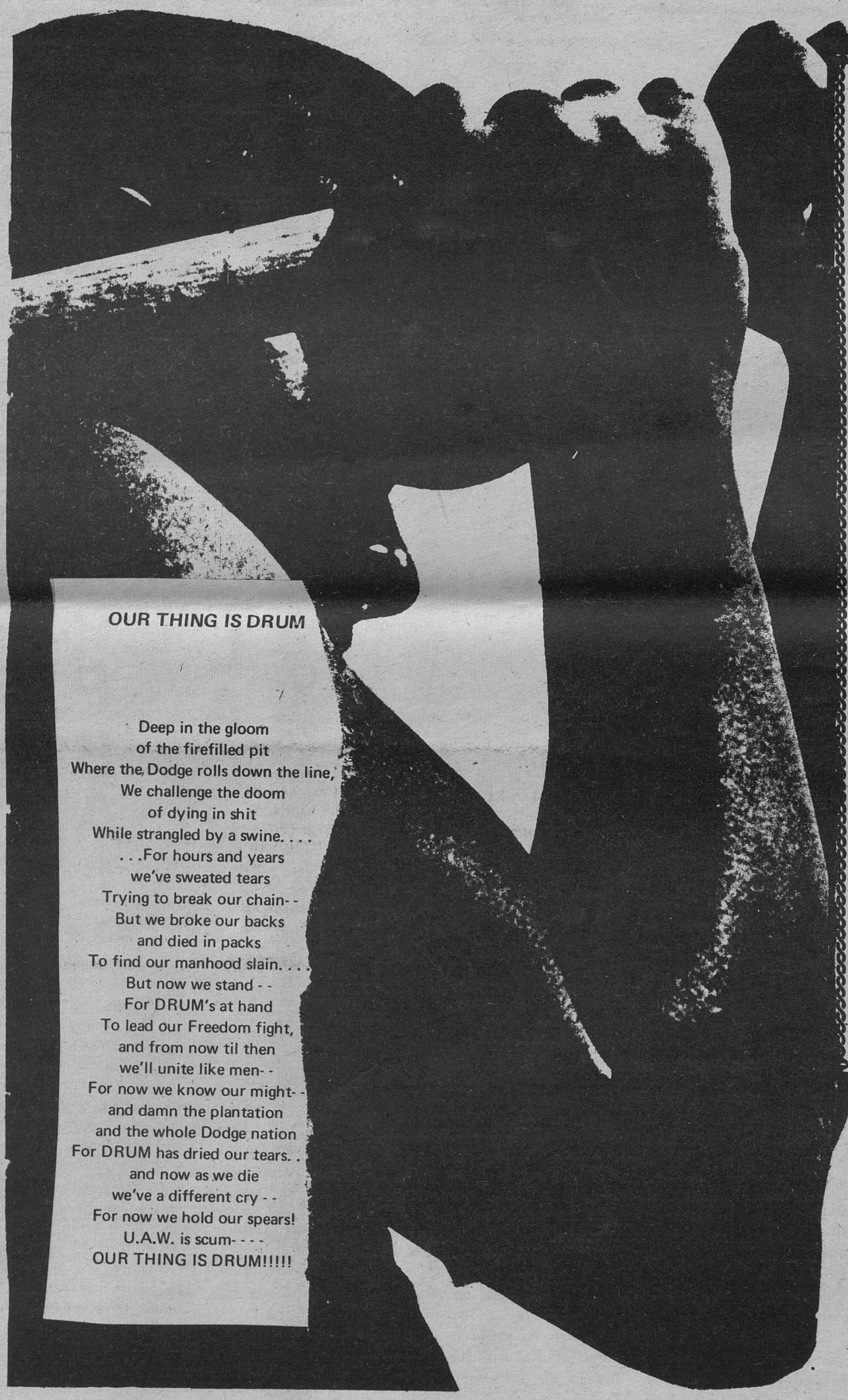

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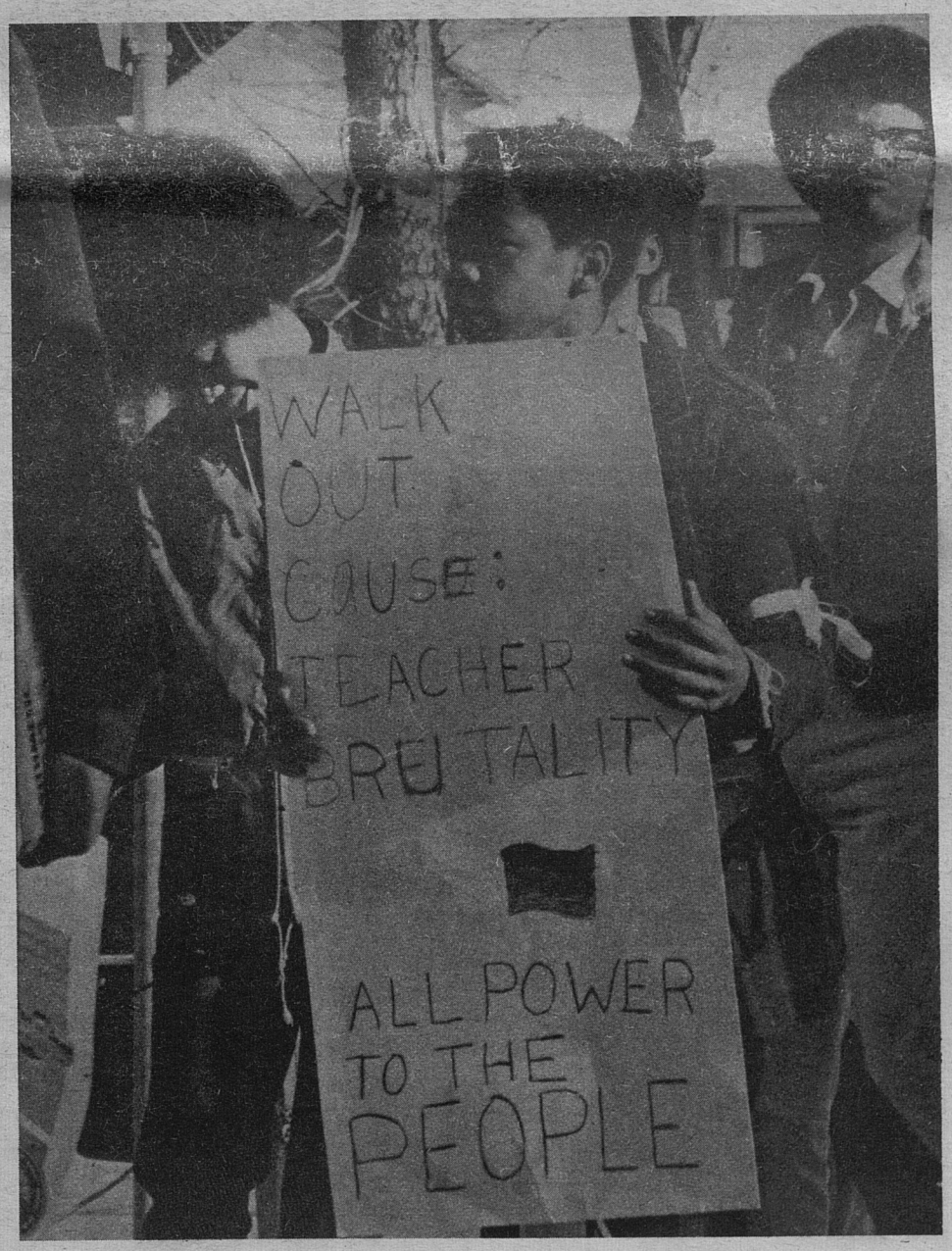

Black students refuse to accept teachers brutality and inferior education.

Detroit Mich-abama was the scene of violent racial confrontations during the week of April 6 - 10, at several high schools. At Laura Osborn High School, where black students are outnumbered by whites by about a six to one ratio, they were savagely assaulted by enraged students and community people. The violence started Tuesday as the white students held a demonstration protesting "Zwerdling's school integration plan" passed by the school board. While about 150 black students waited for a bus to stop for them after school, several hundred white students massed in a parking lot across from the school. One of them hurled a pipe and it struck a black girl in the back, someone threw a bottle back into the crowd of whites and the whites charged the blacks throwing bricks and bottles at them as the blacks attempted to flee. Three busses passed the black students refusing to stop, a fourth bus stopped and the black students attempted to get as many girls as possible on the bus. The whites hurled bricks at the bus breaking out windows and they followed the bus in cars apparently attempting to overtake the bus, but the driver didn't stop. During the disturbance the police arrested 2 black students.

The following day several white students went to Denby and massed about 500 students, they marched down the street back to Osborn, blocking traffic. The police made no attempt to stop them. At the same time a large crowd of blacks had gathered across the street from Osborn, as the whites approached the crowd the police brutally attempted to disperse the blacks by clubing and beating any student (girls included) they were able to catch. The police seemed to have forgotten that all the black students at Osborn had to catch the bus home.

Friday, concerned parents, community people and students met and discussed the racist attacks on blacks at Osborn, Pershing, Denby, Cooley and some of the other high schools on the fringe areas of the city. At the meeting it was stated that "as long as black students are forced to attend schools in savage white racist communities, with racist school administrations, it will be impossible to insure protection of the students." A parent thoughtfully stated "when our children go out to these white schools and get attacked and beaten, what should happen to whites coming into the inner-city? An eye for an eye." She received a standing ovation.

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HIRED KILLERS TO SUPPRESS BLACKS

THE MOST TREACHEROUS ORGANIZATION IN DETROIT'S BLACK HISTORY HAS JUST SPRUNG INTO ACTION. Throughout the history of Blacks being oppressed in America the power structure has used two major and effective tools to divide and conquer Black people: the church and lackey organizations. Usually these organizations are funded by agents of the power structure and think that they are crusading for the good of the community and are unaware that they are being used.

One of such organizations goes under the name of Detroit Citizens Center and is located at 10348 Mack near Garland on Detroit's east side. The organization is headed by Kate Montgomery, a (Black) substitute teacher at Cooper elementary, who feels that the struggle for Black Liberation in this country is "a plot by Communist to tear down the United States."

Calls for "National Guard"

Detroit Citizens Center (DCC) was funded originally by the New Detroit Committee, a pseudo white liberal organization known for funding non-progressive Black organizations.

Currently DCC is planning to hold a "rally" on May 15 at the 2nd Baptist Church - 441 Monroe at 7 PM where they will present petitions to Mayor Gribbs asking that he:

a) Bring in the NATIONAL GUARD to maintain law and order on the streets in Detroit.
b) Hire 10,000 additional police
c) Compel all Detroit citizens to donate $10 to a fund to pay the salaries of all the additional police hired.
d) Organize a volunteer police force, fully deputized.
e) Sponsor a Holiday in which all the citizens will meet at Cobo Hall to discuss ways to combat crime.

It is no coincidence that Mel Ravitz, Police Commissioner Murphy and Mayor Gribbs, all members of the power structure are actively supporting DCC's totalitarian plans. Additional advisers are Dr. T.S. Boone, Dr. Charles Williams, and Rev. Roy Allen all of the latter are Black ministers have churches and are allowing themselves to become instruments of their own destruction. Also allowing himself to become a tool of the power structure by acting as an advisor is Congressman Charles C. Diggs. Most of the members of DCC are elderly "Negroes" affiliated with churches, that do nothing but fill the minds of Black people with illusions of escapism and thoughts of being humble and meek.

Lazy, Shiftless and don't want to work

DCC's basic assumption in launching this anti-crime crusade is that Black people are "lazy, shiftless and don't want to work". This attitude shows no understanding of how monopoly capitalism and racism work in this society. In a capitalistic country there is never full employment, you need a segment of the society to be dependent on the system, furthermore due to white racist attitudes which permeate American society Black people are conditioned to attack, rob and kill each other. Moreover it's a mere matter of geography, nobody would jump into their car and drive out to Dearborn and commit a crime.

Due to DCC's lack of understanding of racism, capitalism and the overall nature of American society it comes to the detrimental conclusion that all Blacks are criminals. This group with reactionary tendencies is very dangerous to the Black community for it legitimizes occupations of the Black Community. This group makes it easy for people the ilk of Police Commissioner Murphy, Councilman Mel Ravitz and Mayor Gribbs to initiate gespoish tactics on the Black community by allowing themselves to be taken in by the media created hysteria of crime on the streets. Black people must resist anyone, Black or white who threatens their freedom. This organization is not only treacherous but also a traitor to the liberation of our people and although it is not the policy of the Inner City Voice to divide any Black people, we can in no way condone, but must fight a never-ending battle against such decadent tools who will only further the oppression and brutality already heaped on the Black masses. The Black masses will never be fooled by such tricknology and will fight tooth and nail this attempt to betray us and put us under GESTAPO SEIGE!

U.C.S. CONFRONTED

United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit is planning to thwart the primary recommendations of the Greenleigh Research Report, dated October, 1968, on reorganization of U.C.S. The primary recommendation was that citizens at large should have control of U.C.S. (as well as strong participation) through the structure of a Citizens Assembly group attached to the U.C.S.

United Community Services, last year received over 19 million dollars from the United Foundation . Seventy Five percent of this money was raised from working class people, fifty percent of which came from Black workers. Workers are seemingly forced to agree to payroll deduction of these funds in order to obtain jobs.



Black community protest U.C.S. on their stand against the Greenleigh Report.

At the same time U.C.S. is controlled by ruling class whites and a few token upper middle class blacks. Cisler, Hudson, Day, Fisher, Townsend, Reuther and Woods are closely associated, if not in fact the controllers of U.C.S. funds.

None of U.C.S. funds go to community controlled or Black controlled organizations. They fund YMCA's Scout groups, Jewish centers, and other organizations that are controlled by the same capitalist, industrialist and their families.

It is for these reasons that a broad cross-section of Black and white, grassroots, indigenous community and worker organizations have united to form a powerful coalition which will force United Community Services to permit the structure of a working class, community oriented Citizens Assembly that will represent the true needs of the Black, poor, and oppressed people. The coalition is also insisting that the citizens Assembly have full decision and policy making power, and that any governing board formed from the assembly have a majority of working class representatives. U.C.S. has planned to form a governing board in which 75% of the members will be U.C.S. representatives and the other 25% community representatives. That apparently is the U.C.S. definition of community control.

The Community Coalition for Control of U.C.S. is in the process of recruiting as much support as possible in this attempt to prevent this method of black exploitation, and to force the racist reactionary U.C.S. into becoming a relevant community oriented organization.

For further information, please contact West Central Organization or contact the Inner City Voice office.

Virginia Park Rehabilitation Project

The Virginia Park area, bounded by Clairmount, Lodge, West Grand Boulevard, and Fourteenth, is the target of a rehabilitation project. The so-called purpose of the project is to improve housing, city services and businesses and prevent the neighborhood from becoming a slum. The project is federally funded. Over a five year period it will recieve a total of $40,507,254.

As with all federally funded projects there must be a local public agency to administer funds, in this case the Detroit Housing Commission does this job. Under the Housing Act of 1969, the city was divided into thirteen districts, each with representatives to advise the city of the communities needs and suggestions relating to urban renewal. The twenty-four member Virginia Park Rehabilitation Committee, headed by Joseph L. Williams, serves as the neighborhood's representatives.

The Rehabilitation Committee, the people's representatives, are in reality powerless. The Housing Commission controls the money and plans the budget. The Rehabilitation Committee is often put in the position of merely agreeing with the decisions already made by the Housing Commission.

The Virginia Park area consists of 500 acres with 25,000 residents (only 315 of them are white). Yet the people are without power because they do not own the land. Black homeowners hold only 23% of the land.

The community's plan might not be very different from the Housing Commission's plans because choices are

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Osborn High

Incident

The events following the decision by the Detroit Board of Education to institute a sham integration program at the expense of Detroit's Black youth, turned out to be a clear indication for black parents that white parents and children in this city and the nation, would much rather send their children to school with a dog than be forced to share a public school on an equal basis with black children. These events which shall be presented below, also points out the growing need for black parents to take complete control of the Detroit Board of Education, and continue to strive for quality education for black youngsters in their own neighborhoods, away from the un-civilized white barbarians who can do nothing more than promote racial hatred and continued abuse, such as that which is so rampant at Detroit's Osborn High School, located at E. 7 mile and Hoover.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1970, roving packs of white adults and white Osborn students charged a bus containing some 60 black youths. These lawless citizens threw bottles, bricks and various deadly objects at the youths. One witness stated that the rioters threw a pipe and struck one young black sister in the back, then other black students came to her defense.

While, white thugs were seen chasing after black students West on Seven Mile Road in an attempt to murder and assault any young blacks they could possibly find, another 40 whites began to attack the same bus which at this time had stopped on a rescue mission to save another group of fleeing black youths. As the bus pulled away, black students had to beat off their attackers while the bus was being stoned and bricked by whites standing along East 7 Mile Road.

During the beginning of the school day students were met at the door by whites who seemed to be protesting their indignation over the boards foolish integration plan. At this time there were only an estimated 100 whites.

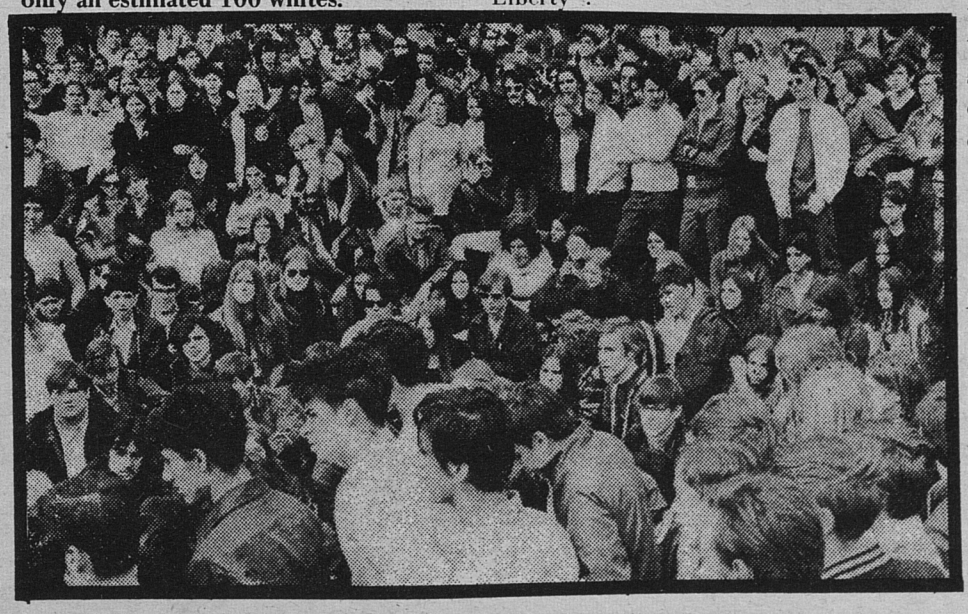
During the second hour of class, blacks joined whites in their protest against the Board's integration plan as an attempt to explain to the whites that they were also pushed into integration, and that blacks also perferred to attend the schools in their own neighborhoods. A black picket line was then formed to give the demonstration some black perspective.

After the peaceful demonstration had ended at 12:30 p.m., whites began to congregate in a parking lot, just behind the bus stop, where 200 black students waited for the bus to travel back to their communities. The estimated crowd of whites at this time was 500, who were ready to and did incite a riot.

PROTECTORS OF LIBERTY

On Wednesday, April 8, during the morning, whites began to circle Detroit's Osborn high school in cars displaying such signs as "Nigger go Home". and "Send them Back", while gathering into lawless mobs around the school. At 9:25 a.m., black students walked-out of Osborn in protest to the events of the day before.

Although white mobs had been left alone by police when they began to form in the morning, police began to immediately harass and intimidate the black students as soon as they had left the building. Two black students were arrested and other black students, began to establish contacts with their parents and other students. Black students from Pershing High School and some parents did arrive to aid their Black brothers, but this was not enough to offset the arrival of 1000 white students from Detroit Denby High School in addition to the already large contingent of riot, detective, cruisers and other types of police. Both black brothers and sisters were beaten, and in an attempt to clear the area of demonstrators, a young black sister was hit by a police car marked "Protectors of Liberty".



Racist Denby students gather at Osborn to confront Black students.

Cooley Walks Out

These are the facts that brought about the problems leading to the state of emergency which was declared at Cooley High by the Black Student United Front, April 9, 1970:

1. Martin Luther King Day, April 5, 1968, Black Students were maliciously attacked by white racist group "Breakthrough" - no police action taken.

2. Sept. 19, 1969, Breakthrough incident again. Black Students viciously attacked by white racist group Breakthrough again no police action taken.

3. Malcolm X Day, Feb. 21, 1969, Black Students attacked by white racist group "Breakthrough" once again - no police action taken.

4. Black Students expelled after Sept. 19, 1969, for trumped up charges. No significant action was taken against white students.

5. Approximately 50 to 60 Black students have been expelled on trumped up charges since the beginning of the Black Student struggle at Cooley.

On Thursday, April 9, while the P.T.A. and other elements of the city that have never related to the black community, held a conference at Osborn, Pershing High School was about to explode with a violence of a different kind.

At Pershing High School, the police shot and wounded a black student. He was later accused of breaking and entering into the school building.

And, back at Osborn another meeting among black and white parents, students and the administration of Osborn held another meeting in an attempt to resolve their problems. At this meeting, militant parents and students were denied entrance. So, black students walked out of Osborn again after gangs of whites and police began to surround the school for the fourth day of confrontation. There were no other major out-breaks of white violence.

What is to be Done

It was no surprise that the Detroit Police Department stood totally behind the whites. It was also not surprising that, only 2 whites were arrested, and over 17 blacks were arrested during the four days of rioting at Osborn. It is encouraging to note that many parents will refuse to let their children be transfered into a school district of racist savages. It is also encouraging to note that black parents are now thinking seriously of taking control of their neighborhood schools, and many are moving to that end.

6. March 10, 1979, Black student expelled for being in classroom 5 minutes after the class was over.

7. Same student beaten viciously the next day upon returning school property (a band book).

8. Between March 11, and March 18, ½ dozen Black students were suspended on trumped up charges.

9. White racist teacher threatened with support of D.F.T. (Detroit Federation of Teachers), to strike if white teacher is not reinstated. Not withstanding the fact that he was charged by the Black Student Body and community leaders with viciously assaulting a Black student.

10. White faculty members risk the safety of 3,000 Black and white students in demanding that this idiot be returned to Cooley.

11. Cooley Community Council on March 23, 1970, passed the resolution that Abe Eliowitz not return to Cooley High School until a thorough and proper investigation be conducted. Region 4 office disregarded the Council's resolution without considering the safety and welfare of Cooley's Student Body. *Therefore, we charge the Board of Education, Cooley's White Faculty, and D.F.T. with gross mis-conduct and malicious racist attitudes and actions.*

12. On April 6, 1970, Abe Eliowitz returned to Cooley High School in spite of strong opposition from Black students and Community leaders.

13. On April 6, 1970 Black students and Black Community Leaders, were stopped and questioned at the north entrance of Cooley High School by members of the Detroit Police Department and Board of Education Security Forces. White Students and white community persons entered the building at the south door without any questions.

14. Black Students are victims of a vicious tracking system which results in the majority of Black students being placed in general curriculums.

The history of the Black Student struggle has been met with violent harrassment from members of the Detroit Police Dept., white racist faculty, and administration. The Black students have attempted to negotiate with persons in the Board of Education. Negotiations have resulted in little or no cooperation from persons negotiated with.

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Klansboy Attacks Muslim Farm

Over the pass six months thirty-three cows on a Black Muslim farm in St. Clair, Alabama have been slaughtered by the racist KKK of Pell City which is located right next to St. Clair. The Klan killed these thirty-three cows by sneaking near the area where the cattle were and shooting them down. On March 25, the KKK began to slaughter more cows by dumping what chemical tests indicated later to be calcium arsenic poison into the Muslim's water supply.

The Black Muslims had originally moved to St. Clair to raise cattle and crops on 990 acres of land that they proposed to transform into a ultra-modern, $2.5 million farm-factory complex. They had attempted and succeeded in keeping to themselves and avoiding the ignorant rednecks of nearby Pell City, their mere presence was enough to provoke fear, anger and a general attitude among the Pell City peckerwoods that 'niggers ain't fit to own a farm no how.' The local Klansmen began to spread a wide variety of lies throughout the city claiming that the Muslims were planning criminal activity, violence and to eventually begin carving an all-Black nation out of the old South.

Shortly after the first few KKK rallies, the Muslim farm began being attacked. The Muslims, who proclaim to be non-violent unless attacked, made no attempts to obtain revenge. Instead they loaded up their remaining livestock and left for another Muslim farm across the state.

This attack on the Muslim farm can only be viewed as another concrete example of the need for black people to unite in their struggle against racist America.

Elijah Muhammed said in a statement issued from his Chicago headquarters, 'this proves that white people don't want the Black man to have any freedom for himself,' also in an article in a recent issue of Muhammed Speaks, (the newspaper of the Black Muslims) Muhammed said that they had obtained revenge through Allah (the Muslim's God) whose retaliation came immediately in the way of storms and disaster.



We must make sure in these difficult times, that we don't use spiritualism as a crutch for not preparing ourselves properly.

Union, Gov't SELLOUT

The National and local postal unions have succeeded once again in being unresponsive and indifferent to the needs and aspirations of the postal employees they are supposed to represent. After bootless attempts to get postal employees a substantial pay raise, the unions have succumbed to Nixons diabolical scheme to give postal employees a scanty six per cent hike in pay, with no fringe benefits, and a funky promise of an additional eight per cent if and when a ridiculous and repressive "Reform Bill" is enacted.

Tricky Dick has been working like a man-dog since early 1969 trying to have this bill approved by Congress. This bill will not benefit postal employees. The primary reason for holding back the additional eight per cent raise was to see first if Congress would pass the bill and, secondly, to see if it would be acceptable to the unions. If the unions and Congress don't accept Postal Reforms, in other words, then the eight per cent raise will not be granted. In this reform measure, Nixon would like, first of all, to transform the postal service into the private sector of the economy, turn it over to rich and super-rich whiteys in hopes of making the service "more efficient." One has only to imagine the hardships postal personnel will encounter if a factory-like atmosphere prevails. And Postal Workers have no illusions - this most certainly reflects the reality of what is to come.

Another feature proposed in this bill, it is believed, seeks to place retiring employees in the hands of Social Security as opposed to the current retirement plan. Under the present retirement plan, retiring employees can expect benefits of $5,000 or more annually, depending in part on how much money they put into the plan. Currently, postal workers relinquish a certain percentage of their salaries bi-weekly towards retirement, and the government pays another percentage. The government now seeks to put an end to this practice and Postal Workers face a bleak future of being dependent after retiring on a mere $200.00 or so per month as alloted by Social Security. The benefits a postal employee could have expected under the present retirement plan, therefore, will be cut almost in half if Nixon has his way. To deny already dispairing peoples the RIGHT to serenity or peace of mind upon the completion of 30, 40, or 50 years of labor IS RACIST!!! When one considers the fact that the Post Office work force is 68% Black, it is no coincidence that these measures have been adopted. In fact, this is the ONLY reason why there is any need for these so-called "reforms" at all. Nixon refuses, adamantly, to come to gripes with this black majority. Postal employees, however, are aware of these injustices and are preparing to deal with them.

Treacherous Unions

The Union Officials behavior can be described as almost obsequious or ass-kissing during bargaining sessions with the government. But, this was no surprise to Postal employees. For too long, mailhandlers clerks, and carriers, and other personnel have voiced opposition publicly and privately of the unions inefficiency in meeting their demands. The unions have backslid time and time again on issues ranging from the wearing of mini-skirts to pay-hikes and have indicated repeatedly by their silence on these issues, the sham and farce of their objectives.

Postal workers were promised a five per cent pay raise in early 1969 which should have gone into effect on October of that same year. This raise, however, was stalled upon for the remainder of 1969, in hopes that the "Postal Reforms" issue would go into effect. Seemingly, the currently approved six per cent hike reflects positively on Nixon's administration and bargaining efforts by union officials. But, as we all know, this six per cent raise should have been granted long before now. Many Postal employees have been duped, once again, into believing that the system and the unions are totally behind them in their endeavors.

Bad Working Conditions

Apart from the pay increase issue, postal employees have complained bitterly about their current working conditions. The ephemeral strike of March 20, 1970 came about in Detroit not only to pressure the government for higher wages, but sought to put an end to hazardous health conditions, long working hours, and cumbersome scheme training with no compensation upon qualification.

In Detroit, at the General Post Office on Fort Street, almost any employee can attest to the fact that there does exist hazardous health conditions. The employees there, who are mostly black, have complained of illnesses sustained as a result of substantial amounts of dust and fumes in the air. Many such complaints are referred to the General Post Offices Personnel section where puppets and tools of the administration (mostly white) reiterate the administrations position that the accumulation of dust and fumes is of little consequence as the dust and pollution one might find in ones own home. This is an obvious lie, and personnel employees who sit in their air-conditioned, dust free offices and run this crap are obvious liars. If any of them dare venture from their offices and travel to the "work floor", they might find that the mere blowing of ones nose inside the building and a careful examination of the contents ensueing refutes their claim: a black, oily unidentified substance is readily visible. Thus, one can well imagine what is being inhaled into the lungs. Therefore, the current of thought expressed by employees at the General Post Office, insists that the government, at its own expense, initiate a program to give its employees regular, exhaustive medical examinations to combat upper-respiratory diseases.

Not Paid for Work-hours

Long working-hours without standard overtime rates is another of the many problems that postal employees seek to put an end to. A "Regular" postal clerk or carrier clerk is compelled to work eight and nine consecutive days without overtime for the sixth and seventh days. The post office employs a system where the work week begins on Friday and Saturday and Sunday are considered, in



Postal struggle sell-out.

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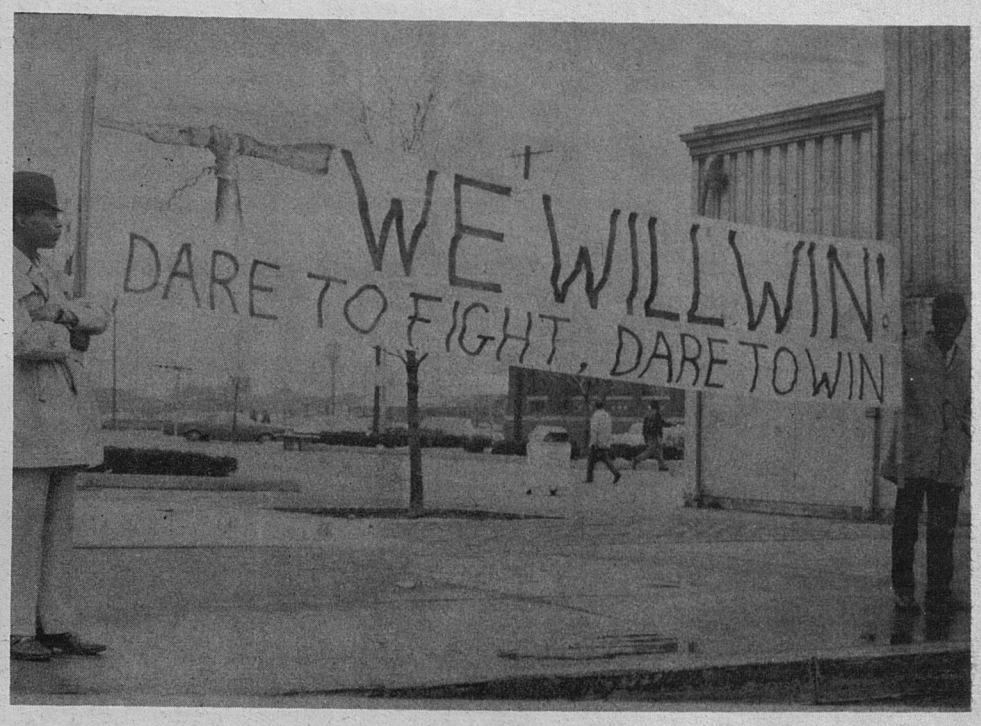
RACIST STEAL ELECTION AT DODGE MAIN

This has been the most blatant election in the history of Local 3. All of our Black workers who thought that U.A.W. was democratic should have had that facade wiped away.

The last edition of the Inner City Voice was devoted to the election at U.A.W. Local 3. The election was the most hotly contested election in the history of that Local. It marked for the first time an opportunity for a black takeover of the entire local. It also marked the first time in the history of Local 3 that an all black slate was ever run. The election got under way at 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 18 with three major slates in contention, The United Slate which is the local Reuther gang, and therefore the right wing slate, W.L.A. the Liberal Slate, and the DRUM Slate running on a revolutionary platform.

The Politics at Local 3 have been very sophisticated historically and in bygone years Local 3 has had a record of being a progressive local. It has strong standing committees. It has since long ago instituted good welfare committees functioning entertainment, F.E.P.C., and By law committees. It has a retiree room right in the local hall. All of the reform movements out of the big Push in the 1930's and 40's have established bases in Local 3.

But a new era has begun at Local 3 an era ushered in in 1964 by a big black upsurg in the membership at that local. Ever since then Local 3's record has been one of open reactionary policy. All of the reforms of the 30's and 40's have only served the interest of the reactionary Polish sector which has been historically in control of that local. The present financial secretary has been in office since 1944 and the financial secretary runs the local. The DRUM push has been the only factor which has forced the reactionary poles to abandon their image of sophisticated politicians operating democratically. And for the second time in the past two years the local Reuther gang was forced to resort to calling out the Hamtramck Police Dept. in order to steal the election. The election proceedings lasted for two days and for those two days the DRUM campaign was overwhelming. The DRUM slate controlled all of the gates - its contingent of supporters far out numbered the other two slates. With flags and banners we were able to raise the enthusiasm of black workers to the point of frenzy. The DRUM challengers fought every move made by the Reuther gang election committee. It was the collective work of over 200 black people in support of the DRUM campaign that forced the Reuther gang not only to use the Police Dept. but to send in George Merrilli, Regional Director of Region I and 50 plain clothes U.A.W. security men in to occupy and hold local 3 hall. This move by the Reuther gang was unprecedented in the history of the U.A.W. The following is a more detailed account of the election from a leaflet circulated on Friday, March 20 one day after the polls closed by the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement.



Brothers holding banner at Dodge election.



Brothers struggle to overthrow racist union.

PIGS IN THE POLLS

On Wednesday morning at 5:00 A.M. when the polls opened only 3 voting machines were in working condition and all day Thursday levers on various voting machines were broke. Ron March's lever was broken all day long and Don Jackson's lever was broken all evening. Gerald Wooten's lever was out off and on all day and many delegates levers were broken. Plugs were being kicked out of their sockets and lights going out on machines. Curtains were flying open in the middle of votes, registering the vote before the voter was finished. Many votes were lost because Black brothers became frustrated and left the Local hall because of all the confusion. A Hamtramck Fireman came in and began opening every voting machine and refused to show any I.D.

In the past 2 elections in which D.R.U.M. has participated the election was stolen from us by a Pollack named Anthony J. Waluk, who had been parading as a Certified Public Accountant. In this election we moved to serve Waluk with a law suit for relief and damages. It was because of this law suit that the old methods of cheating could not be used.

We were expecting the Reuther machine to do something to stop the D.R.U.M. push. Since it was obvious that we had the popular support and that we had Waluk up tight that they had to resort to hit and run, breaking levers here and there in order to destroy the DRUM vote. Walter Reuther will go to any end to see to it that DRUM does not take control of Local 3 and it is obvious that he intends to use any means necessary to keep the likes of Liska and Andy Hardy in control of that Local. The United Membership slate is so pitiful that Andy Hardy was chased away from every plant gate that he showed up at even his base at Huber Foundry. At the Front Main Gate, Andy Hardy dared not show up during the rush from fear of being trampled by angry Black workers. Liska only moved as far as the corner of Denten on Jos. Campau also because he feared the Black workers. United Membership tactics were not to pull out its supporters on Wednesday while the hall was in chaos but rather wait until Thursday for the big push. On Thursday morning our challengers were given special rules for challenging which were not even present on Wednesday. United has planned to have orderly proceedings on the day of its big push for the white vote. On Thursday night after the polls closed, the D.R.U.M. challengers discovered 2 (two) voting machines were out of whack. One had a broken glass on the side allowing anyone to run up tallies on the side without voting. Conditions were so bad that two sisters working for the C.P.A. quit in the middle of the election. Hamtramck Police Dept. occupied the Union Hall accompanied by Union Helen Bodnar and Ed Liska. The Police Dept forcibly evicted all of our challengers leaving 15 voting machines wide open at the expense of the Hamtramck Police Dept. One of

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RACIST STEAL ELECTION AT DODGE MAIN

our Challengers was forcibly evicted from the hall. The election was suspended as Walter Reuther sent his special henchmen from solidarity house. Charlie Brooks was maning the polls with the Hamtramck Police.

It is our duty to see to it that the Black workers at Local 3 know the conditions under which the Reuther gang operates. This election should not be considered seperately. The Delegate election at Local 600 took place on the third of March, the week in which the plant was closed. Almost no one voted except retirees. At Eldon Ave. last week, at Local 961, we saw Skilled Trades steal that election from our E.L.R.U.M. brothers. We must understand that these are not isolated incidents, that the Reuther gang has a thing going on.

But we must not let the thugery and theft of the Reuther gang dampen our galliant enthusiasm, that we should expect time and time again the fact that they will stoop to no end to stop us. We should never forget the galantry of our Challengers who have fought every step of the way inside of the Polls. We should never forget the vigorous effort and hard work displayed by so many Black workers, the drivers, the flag bearers, the chanters, the hustlers, the community supports, the students, our beloved Arab Brothers, our Candidates who so galliantly campaigned, all of our friends, and even some of our enemies, who made our jobs simpler by their stupid mistakes.

So Brothers and Sisters, remember our motto:

DARE TO FIGHT! DARE TO WIN! DARE! DARE! AND DARE AGAIN! FIGHT! FAIL! FIGHT AGAIN! FAIL AGAIN! FIGHT ON TO VICTORY!

Down with the Reuther gang and to the wall with Liska and Hardy.

ATTENTION: THE REUTHER GANG HAS ALREADY, AT THIS TIME, OCCUPIED LOCAL 3.



Black Students and workers unite for DRUM election.

NEWS SHORTS

SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES MAY RISE

Medicare payments to hospitals and nursing homes are expected to be raised by the Social Security Administration. The increase, reflecting higher nursing costs for elderly patients, would approximate $60 million in the year ending June 30. This expected increase and higher hospital costs in general are creating pressure to raise the Social Security tax rate.

RNA MOVES TO MISSISSIPPI

Brother Imari newly elected chairman of the Republic of New Africa said Thursday, April 2, that he would locate the capital of the RNA in southern Mississippi near New Orleans and would also establish an RNA "new city area" of about two hundred acres in old Mississippi. He further stated that he would also move his residence to old Mississippi.

PUBLIC LOOKS FOR A RECCESSION

According to the Harris survey some 68% of the people now report that their income have lagged behind the rise in the cost of living. Also the survey points out that there has been a sharp turnabout in opinion since last year figures show that last August 28% thought there would be a recession as opposed to 43%. In February of this year 38% thought there would be as opposed to 35%. It should be pointed out that the Harris survey is behind the times. We are in a recession. Now the future word is depression.

MILITARY THUG CHARGES CORPORATE THUG

The Defense Department claimed that Western Union charged too much for its defense communications system. According to the Defense Department, Western Union, between Nov. 1963 and Sept, 1965, unlawfully collected $15.6 million at five domestic message stitching centers in a network for transmitting defense information throughout the world.

The Defense Department stated that it was charged for various maintainence, administrative and tax expenses that Western Union didn't incur providing the service. It asked the FCC to set reasonable rates and return the overcharges. In addition the Defense Dept. asked the Federal Communications Commission to block an additional increase of $1.3 million for the service. Imagine that, one thug charging another thug with thuggery!

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WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS AS A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO STATION WCHB FOR ITS EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE "RACIST ON THE WILD". THIS STATION HAS TAKEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ALLOWING ANY BLACK CITIZEN TO CALL IN INCIDENTS OF GROWING POLICE AND WHITE REPRESSION THROUGHOUT DETROIT AND THE METROPOLITAN AREA. IN TAKING ON A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN INVESTIGATING AND REPORTING THESE INCIDENTS, WCHB WILL ASSURE ITSELF OF SOLID SUPPORT FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

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ON THOSE PETITIONS!

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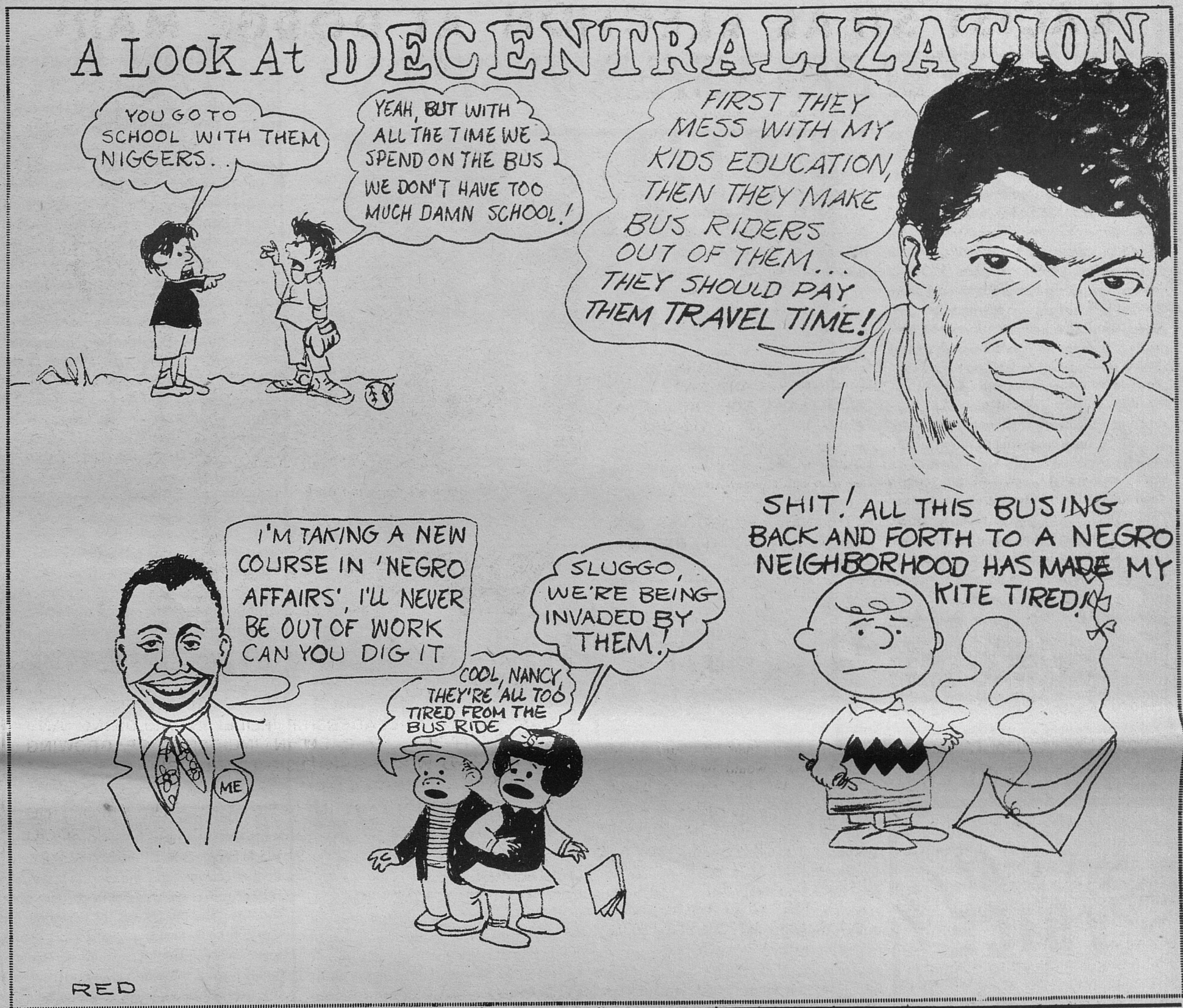
FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSION DOES NOT COME WITHOUT SACRIFICE AND NO SACRIFICE IS TOO GREAT FOR THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OVER OPPRESSION.



PICKING UP THE BOOK SUGGESTED READING

The Struggle for Mozambique, Edwardo Mondlane, Penquin, Baltimore, 1969, $1.65.

The Struggle for Mozambique is an account of how 7 million Black people are waging a life and death struggle against the (U.S.A. backed) Portuguese in that African country.

The Struggle in Mozambique is for power - BLACK STATE POWER'

The publication of this book by Edwardo Mondlane (who was assassinated in early 1969) breaks the 'white wall of silence' that was built by the Portuguese.

Despite Black america's ignorance, the war for National Liberation in Mozambique is now being waged with increasing success on several fronts. This war has ramifications for the entire planet.

The author of this book, until he was killed mysteriously in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania was President of The Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO).

The book deals in detail with where the people of Mozambique have come from, and where they are planning to go. Mondlane analyzes 'the origins of the war in the economics of exploitation, in education and submission and in general cultural deprivation; and he shows how his people's liberation struggle implies a radical transformation of society at all levels - social and cultural, as well as economic, administrative and political.' Mondlane also deals with the question of how FREMILO was built, which is a question that all African-americans should be concerned about.

ZIONISM COMES TO GUINEA-BISSAU

Luiz Cabral a member of the Political Bureau of the African Independence Party of Guine and the Cape Verde Islands (PAIGC) which has been engaged in armed struggle since 1963 against Portugal and her western allies recently visited Cuba. Cabral talked about the 'white holy alliance' that has been formed between Portugal, the United States, West Germany, South Africa, Rhodesia and now Israel to crush African Liberation Movements.

He spoke specifically about Israel's role in his country, he says Israel's actions aren't limited to a verbal united front but 'Israel is also trying to sabotage our struggle by using small groups of people originally from our country who call themselves nationalists and who, nevertheless, are agents of Portuguese colonialism. These people are sent to Israel and we have reports of Israeli trained agents trying to infiltrate our ranks.'

Luiz's brother Amilcar Cabral who is the Secretary-General of the PAIGC recently visited america where he lobbied for support of the struggle in Guinea-Bissau.

STOKELY'S BACK

Stokely Carmicheal has returned to america from Sekou Toure's Guinea in West Africa. While in Africa Stokely "worked in mysterious ways" he split with the Black Panther Party, spoke about the need for a 'land base' in Ghana (Africa), declared that "Osagyefo Dr. Kwame NKrumah is the greatest Black Man alive" and swore he would "live and die" bringing Dr. NKrumah back to Ghana.

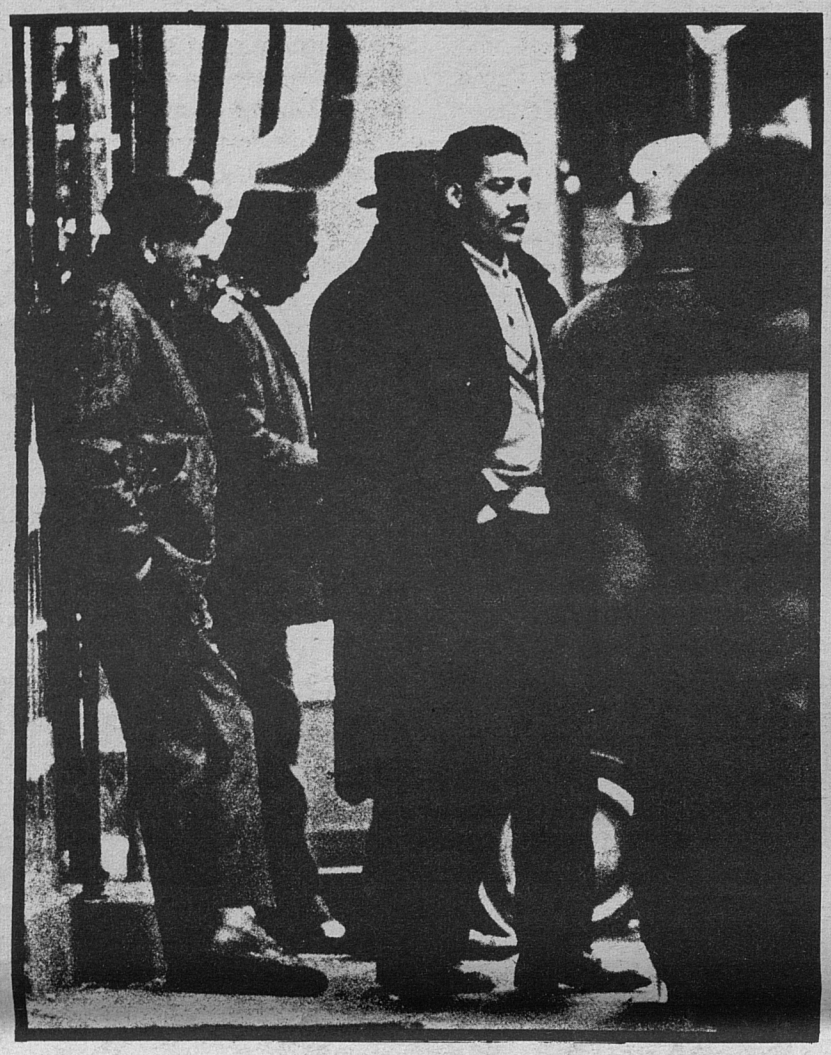
Shortly after he returned he was subpoenaed to appear before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Securities.

He says he has returned to show the world and the Nixon Administration that they can't get rid of Black people. He says he wants to unite Black people of all countries around the philosophy of Pan-Africanism. He also plans to wage a struggle against 'cloud nineism' (drugs in the Black community).

8% UNEMPLOYMENT SEEN

Time and time again the Black masses are put into a state of "limbo" when it comes to trying to understand what type of economic situation this country is in or will be in.

The con game played by the so-called economic experts in this country is nothing but a sham and farce, and is just one more example of the stalling tactics of the government and the profit making thugs who control us. Most so-called economic experts say that the unemployment rate (which is 4.2% as of this writing) will reach about 4.5-5% by next year. However a leading manpower economist reveals that this is wishful thinking and that the rate of unemployment will probably reach 8% by the middle of 1971. Dr. Charles Killingsworth, professor of Economics at Michigan State University stated that Nixons so-called Manpower programs were far from being adequate. Of course this is nothing new because this government and this system has never produced anything adequate especially for Black people in this racist land of "milk and honey". To further illustrate the deceit and trickery the government has been playing on us over the years, Dr. Killingsworth points out: "The essence of the matter, I believe is that we never really solved our chronic problem of excessive unemployment which was painfully apparant in the late 1950's and the first half of the 1960's." He said, "We simply masked part of it, temporarily deferred another part and ignored the rest of it. The mask is now slipping and the deferment is beginning to run out, and the ignored aspect of unemployment has worsened." In a recent Inner City Voice we pointed out in a article entitled "1970 Year of the Struggle", that the economic situation in this country was going to get worse. We also understand that conditions will not only worsen in terms of economics for our people but these conditions will have a direct bearing on the political situation under which our people must go. For these reasons the Inner City Voice feels that it is absolutely important that all of us understand the economic conditions in this country as they worsen and how it will effect us. We will continuously print articles in the future designed to take care of these needs.



BLACK WORKERS FIRST TO GO!

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NAB duped Blacks

The National Alliance of Businessmen was established in April, 1968. The organization consists of capitalists from various private industries. Among its notorious board members are Lynn Townsend, Chairman of the Board of Chrysler Corporation, and Henry ford II of Ford Motor Co. It was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the District of Columbia. The internal revenue service has ruled that the corporation is exempt from federal income taxes. Ostensibly it was formed to provide jobs and hope for the so-called 'hard-core' unemployed. The N.A.B. program is another concrete example as to the various methods in which the Federal government is used as an instrument of the monopoly capitalists.

The Department of Labor uses the taxes that are extracted from the already minimal wages of the working class to fund the very elements in this society who are responsible for the deplorable conditions of the masses of people. This is done under the facade that those who are in control of the means of production are concerned about the plight of the working class. Recently tricky Dick Nixon stated in reference to the common interests of the government and private industry that 'all that we want and all that you want is to deal with this basically essential problem in an effective way, to move people from welfare rolls to

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BIGOTS MARCH ON WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON D.C. - On Saturday, April 5, 50,000 chanting, screaming, bible toting, John Birch white American racists called for complete or what amounted to complete victory in the treacherous war being waged in Vietnam. The mad mob was carrying signs saying "bomb Hanoi", and "America forever, Communism never". The "communism" part is the mask that racists in this country have always hidden behind to commit their atrocious acts on the colored peoples of the world fighting for liberation from American domination.

The march was called as a pilgrimage against the "communist conspiracy". One of the main speakers was Rep. John Rarick D-La. He stated that "North Vietnam" is a F minor, backward, disorganized fourth-rate Oriental dictatorship. We americans are accustomed to victory". This man is a lawmaker and he is not a unique lawmaker, but is like the average white racist politician making the laws by which you and I are governed. His statement is obviously the statement of a deranged and disgusted, frustrated caucasian, who calls the Vietnamese "disorganized" when any fool knows they are obviously according to their fantastic fighting history one of the worlds most organized people. Another marcher, Mary Tampakes, states "You don't understand" she said. "The communists are everywhere. They've taken over everthing' We've got to stop them." This woman should obviously be locked up in an insane asylum. Furthermore, most of the marchers were just as she was: INSANE AND MAD.

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

The march was conceived of by a known right-wing revivalist by the name of Dr. Carl McIntire. McIntire had the marchers chanting "America the Beautiful" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." McIntire, who is a New Jersey fundamentalist has a radio program (going to 600 stations) called "the 20th century reformation hour". Aracist and right wing program sponsored by the government as a front operation. To understand the politically racist, by that I mean in order for us to understand that this was not simply a march concerning the Vietnamese war, we need only read some of the other signs such as: "no more Busing" (schools), "give our schools back to the people" and "prayer in schools".

This march was a march against more than Vietnam. It was a march agains Black people and all progressive elements in this country and the world. It was an indictment of freedom, justice and equality. The march was the beginning of a march back to slavery and terror. There is no escaping the facts. These screaming lunatics were the worse that America has to offer. All newspapers said that half of the marchers were from the south. What they didn't say was that the other half was from the north. As americans (white) have done in the past when they were about to go on their genocide kick, they have historically began talking about righteousness and the bible to cover up and condone their MURDER. The cry has always been, "OPPRESSION IN THE NAME OF GOD", "RACISM IN THE NAME OF GOD".

If there were 50,000 lunatics marching in Washington, D.C., how many more lurk in the Suburban dens of raceland U.S.A. The only fear that we need have from this march is the fear that we will not successfully understand what is happening in this country, its history and what we as revolutionary people must do in order to survive and become victorious in this evil land.

DARE TO FIGHT! DARE TO WIN!

FIGHT, FAIL, FIGHT AGAIN

ON TO VICTORY!!

from repression to REVOLUTION

The following speech was made by Kenneth V. Cockrel at a Repression Conference held at St. Joseph's Chruch, January 30, 1970. The Conference was planned and sponsored by Newsreel in Detroit. The speakers were Robert Williams, former President of the R.N.A., Emory Douglas, Minister of Culture of the Black Panther Party and Attorney Kenneth V. Cockrel, Central Staff member of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. The following is the text of his speech:

This is going to be brief. I live here - don't have to catch a plane so it wasn't too difficult to wait. I just want to make a couple of observations, but before we make the observations and I don't think I will be long, what I was going to do was first of all, remark upon the fact that the program has no direction obviously, whatsoever. And that as a result of the program not having any direction, persons might be tired from having sat for a fairly long time. And if people are interested in taking a break for a brief time we would be happy to accomodate them. On the other hand what we've got to say won't probably take too long. So what I'd like to do is get some indication of what people's attitudes are. They might want to stand up and stretch in terms of this marathon instruction on the foibles of repression. Evidently, people don't want to get up so let me be as brief as I can.

A Need for Criticism

First of all, I think it is the obligation of persons, who are a part of political structures that they regard as being serious political structures to engage in criticism in the spirit of fraternity, and in the spirit of constructive concern for the accomplishment of revolutionary objectives. So it is in that spirit that I would want to make some observations about the course of the conduct of this meeting. That is to say that whoever set up the meeting, I'm not sure I can identify the persons who set up the meeting: Newsreel and perhaps some other individuals. It seems to me they ought to be the subject of some criticism here, in terms of not making the maximum efficient utilization of the time, and the presence of people here. Now, I don't want to compound that by going into an extenuated rap on the instances of attempts at incarceration that met with no success on the part of the MAN in relation to members of organizations that I'm associated with. What I do want to say is I don't understand what this program is all about. And I don't see what we can accomplish within the context of these protracted raps. And I think that there has been a breach of responsibility on the part of people who set up this meeting, and I think they ought to be criticized for that and they ought to accept that criticism in the spirit in which it was intended. But if they don't - it's of no consequence either. Now, the position that the League of Revolutionary Black Workers takes in relation to the question of repression, since this is styled as a repression conference, is that there is but one means whereby a repression can be ended and that is that the source of the repression, namely the oppressor, be destroyed.

On A Revolutionary Need to Avoid Arrest

We don't say that idly - we don't say that in the familiar sense of the nominal black militant who points his finger and roundly denounces honkies, threatens to decimate the entire white



Kenneth V. Cockrel

population of the globe, and stands astride of what remains and proclaims the intrinsic beauty of blackness without relating to a concrete political program that's going to end oppression for all people in this world. We say this in all seriousness, that there is but one solution, that is the destruction of the present state mechanism. The dismantling of the present state mechanism and the process whereby that dismantling will be brought about is that those who are seriously concerned about bringing about revolutionary change will move to seize state power, and what we suggest is the program of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. We say that for a very simple reason: we express and we feel complete and total solidarity with all organizations which relate in a revolutionary way to conditions in this country. We are concerned about the extent to which they appear to be singled out to have repression visited upon them - and to the extent that it is possible, we do all that we can to support members of other organizations who find themselves subjected in a specific way to efforts at repression. For example, we relate to and defend members of the Republic of New Africa, members of the welfare Rights Organization and indeed we've represented and related to members of the Black Panther Party here locally (as well as other members). But we feel that the principle responsibility of persons who are concerned about doing political work is that they first of all have an obligation to conduct themselves in such a way as to avoid incarceration, because the primary responsibility of revolutionaries is to be about the business of doing revolutionary work. And that means that your first responsibility is to do all that is in your power to avoid becoming a defense organization. Now there's a very interesting phenomenon that is operating here at this meeting. One of the things that I was alluding to when I was engaged in my criticisms. See, the first phenomenon is that the M C or the Master of Ceremonies (he who has the responsibility for this program) is exhibiting a kind of standard and fairly predictable psychophantic white response. That is, there are bloods speaking: I am reluctant to exercise any control over the meeting because they are bloods. What is it? Is it that the cat's into a psychophantic thing? Is the cat just afraid that he's a blood? Or is it the position that any utterance that is ever made by any blood, at any time is profoundly revolutionary in content and should not be in any way stifled, stymied, ordered, directed, or organized? We regard that as being a wholesale abdication of the responsibility to use time efficently and to use time of other people efficently. That's one observation that we would want to make in connection with what we pick up on.

On Revolution in Detroit

The other thing that we pick up on at a meeting like this is that we got, you know, all the people here are basically local people, live in the metropolitan area, live in the city of Detroit. They're here to relate to what is called a Repression Conference, and the discussion with the exception of the discussion with Chairman Rob (who presently resides here and who is the object of an effort at extradition), the discussion relates to the 'political prisoners' strung out all over the country. No discussion whatsoever with regard to what's going down in Detroit, what's going down in the metropolitan area and how you relate to that. What does that say? There are people here for example who are so unaware of what's going down in terms of serious effort at making revolutionary change in this city that when they seek external objects of admiration in relation to what they perceive as being revolutionaries. They are forced to canvas the country and relate to, let us say, New Haven, Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Jackson, Fort Dix, Milwaukee Fourteen or whatever. We could go on, Texas Southern Five, Fort Jackson Eight and so forth. What they don't realize is that there are wholesale murders going down right here in the city of Detroit, wholesale murders indeed going down wherever you find yourself in this country. And that there are persons being killed who are not Panthers, that there are political organizations which are being subjected to attacks which are not Black Panther Organizations, and we're not suggesting for a second that we have the remotest interest in having these things recognized so that persons can say - well, there's been a fairly impressive lists of shall we say Panther casualties. It then becomes the responsibility of other speakers to attempt to match it or perhaps top it. We're not relating to that. What we're relating to is the responsibility of politically serious people to recognize what's going down where they find themselves, because that's

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where they've got an obligation to do work. The reality is that you ain't in New Haven, that you cannot do a damn thing for Bobby Seale and you cannot do a damn thing for the Panther 21. You can't do anything for Fred Hampton and Mark Clark. You can't do anything for David Hillard, but you can do something where you find yourself. That is, you can be about the business of doing serious revolutionary work. What do I mean by this? We say that the League of Revolutionary Black Workers is a serious organization with a serious program that has been consistently working over the years and point proudly, not to the numbers of persons that we have in jail, not to the number of persons that we have under indictment. We point proudly to the fact that we have functioned as a serious revolutionary organization for years and we have not one man in jail. We point proudly to that fact. And, we don't say that lightly, and we don't say that because we haven't been subjected to efforts to place us in jail. The last year for example, has been replete with instances in which efforts have been made to place members of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers Central Staff and member organizations in jail and we will briefly canvas them for the information of those who are present. Member of Central Staff, General Gordon Baker, Jr. You see, I think it is the responsibility of persons engaged in political work to select from their comrades their heroes, and while I have profound respect for other men in other organizations, who are brothers who are relating to the liberation struggle; my principle respect and my undying love and affection and my primary responsibility and obligation goes to my comrades in struggle. Persons with whom I am associated, those are my heroes and those are the persons whose posters I have on my wall, my brothers. And when we talk about my brothers we understand that people in Detroit have been subjected to efforts at incarceration and what is styled repression. But the significantly different factor when you begin to look at bloods who are operating in Detroit in all the organizations, incidently, is the fact that the MAN does not have them anywhere in jail. Be he RNA, be he Panther be he League, be he whatever. None of them... none of them...none of them...are in jail and that says something. What does that say? It says, number one, we've got a highly sophisticated black community in the city of Detroit and that we relate in such a way as to make it impossible for the MAN to frame us on jive chicken shit charges. What do I mean by this? We mean a number of things. For example, there has been discussion, there has been discussion of people being charged with various kinds of conspiracies. There is one thing that must be understood when you talk about people being charged with conspiracies.

The League - Strong Solidarity

A conspiracy under law is defined as an agreement between two or more persons to perpertrate an unlawful act in an unlawful manner. What does this mean? This means that the only way by which you could get busted, for conspiracy is for one of the parties to the conspiracy to testify against you. That's the only way you can be cracked in a conspiracy. What does that mean? That means then that you must be a member of a political organization that is structured in such a way as to make it possible for your enemy to be in a position to sit on a witness stand and plausibly run to the MAN that you are a part of a conspiracy to do some ridiculous thing. We say that we do not relate to an organization that permits that kind of penetration and that is one of the reasons why we have not been subjected to efforts at conspiracy, although there has been one effort, that being the Federal Grand Jury that convened in the city to investigate members of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers who also are members of the Steering Committee of the Black Economic Development Conference around the question of the Manifesto. People like Mike Hamlin, people like Chuck Wooten, people like John Williams, people like Luke Tripp, and other members of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers have been subjected to the microscopic scrutiny of the federal blood hounds. We were successful to date, in that no indictments have been returned.

John Watson, member of the Central Staff of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, former famous editor of the South End newspaper. John Watson was attacked. John Watson was sought to be prosecuted for allegedly beating the hell out of a white television newsman in the offices of the South End, who came to interview him to get his opinion of a letter written by the president of Wayne State University charging his paper with being anti-semitic. The Detroit News and other racist institutions in the city of Detroit including jive liberal institutions such as the UAW which is opposed to Watson because he is a member of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, which organization was using the South End as an organizing vehicle. That is to say, that after the Inner City Voice went out of business we took over the South End with the explicit purpose in mind; to use the resources of that printed organ to organize workers in the plants. This was being done, and this represented the reason John Watson was attacked...and you found such perverse things going down in the city as the racist Detroit News pretending to be not anti-semitic and charging the bloods with being anti-semitic. John Watson was not anti-semitic. John Watson was not prosecuted and attempting to be charged for beating the hell out of a white newsman, because he allegedly beat up Joe Weaver. He was charged because he was a member of a revolutionary organization and he was making an efficient revolutionary use of an available resource to replace resources we no longer had. He took over the paper.

Subject to Attack

Ron March, member of the Central Staff of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, one of the founding members of DRUM (Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement) which went on strike in 1968, closed down the Dodge Main plant, which related to ELRUM (Eldon Avenue Revolutionary Union Movement) another member organization that closed down the Eldon Avenue Assembly plant which makes axel housing, wheel wells and so forth, which if it had remained closed for another day would have paralyzed all assembly operations in all Chrysler plants in the country. Injunctions were gotten, naming members of the Central Staff. Naming Wooten, naming General Baker who was already on probation for allegedly carrying a concealed weapon during the 1966 so-called mini riot, the Kerchevel Street incident as it is referred to. The MAN sought to bust him for violating the injunction by demonstrating in opposition to Chrysler Corporation. They were unsuccessful. Ron March was charged - and we just completed his trial

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last month, he was charged with assault and battery on a police officer from the tenth precinct. They contended that Ronald March had nothing better to do when he got off from work but to get in a car and play bumper tag with some rollers, riding around in a marked scout car. We beat that. Myself, a member of the Central Staff, had some problems in terms of being cited for contempt. Presently, being subjected to disbarment for allegedly characterizing, truthfully, the conduct of a judge - the racist honky fool. We could go on interminably. Young brothers in the Black Student Voice have been ejected from schools, Northern High School, for example, Warren McAlpine and Rocquieth Jackson. Young brother, Waistline, Darryl Mitchell who has been kicked out of Highland Park High - just put on two year probation by a Circuit Court judge because he was distributing the Black Student Voice in Highland Park High School. We could go on and on with persons in organizations who have been sought out for attack. But we proudly proclaim to the world that all of our people who are members of our organization are still on the street and are still working. Moreover, we say and we claim some responsibility for keeping members of other organizations on the street, where they can still work, i.e. Hibbit. We say that to say what? We say that to say a very simple thing, that conferences such as these should theorectically, at least, be designed to produce something. That they shouldn't be designed to have persons auditory nerves affected by sound waves traveling across the ether. We say that one of things that ought to come out of such a political discussion is some understanding of what might be regarded as being a proper course of conduct to pursue, if you're about the business of revolutionary change. And that also deals with the question of oppression and repression, because repression is that which is to be logically expected by a person who perceives you as a serious threat to the maintenance of conditions which are beneficial to him. You are to be honored when you find yourself as the object of an act of repression, because he would not, for a second, consider expending energy in directing it toward you if you did not, in some minimal way, at least, represent some threat to the way things are being done in this country. But, the primary thing that can be done to prevent the occurance of repression is for those of us of the oppressed classes to take over, to take power, to run every goddamn thing in this country. To run everything in this world and certainly to start out by running everything in this city.

On The First Responsibility

So, we say the first responsibility of revolutionary organizations is to advance and practice a program that is designed to produce that one and only thing that can bring about an end to repression and that is to take power. How does the League of Revolutionary Black Workers relate to that? Just briefly, some of the things the League of Revolutionary Black Workers in indeed involved in is organizing black workers because the League proceeds from the analysis that it is necessary to humanize the world, that racism, monopoly capitalism and imperialism and the institutional structure that is designed to maintain those three things be destroyed. And, we say that the point of greatest vulnerability of such a system is the point of production in the economic infra-structure of this system. So we say that it makes sense to organize workers inside of the plants to precipitate the maximum dislocation and the maximum paralysis of the operation of the capitalist, imperialist machine. And that is why we organize workers; we do not simply define workers in the orthodox sense of he who toils laboriously with his hands over a lathe or on the line, or in the trim shop or in the frame plant or in the foundry. We say that all people who don't own, rule and benefit from decisions which are made by those who own and rule are workers. That includes black students who are kicked out of schools for example, because these black students understand very clearly the fact that the instruction that they get is designed to produce fodder for, fuel for, the maintenance and the on-going operation of this economic machine. We understand in other words, that the productive relations of this society, that the way it's organized in terms of its economy determines how the educational structure is going to respond to it and we then understand that Northern High School, for example, and the Northwestern High School for example, are deliberately structured in such a way as to produce potential unemployed men during periods of what are euphemistically referred to as recessions. Or in the alternative, bloods can go to Saigon and die bravely for this country for which we have no reason whatsoever for dying. That's what the educational system is designed in such a way as to reflect, precisely what is ordered and what is required to be done by the economic system. We see that relationship. We say that all persons who are oppressed are workers. Whether they are permitted to participate productively in the operation of this society is determined, not by the fact that they are or are not workers, but by the fact that the men who control the means of production organize them (the means of production) in such a way as to make them unnecessary. And the way that you solve that problem is to take over the total ownership and complete control of those devices of production, so that you have a society where you do not have production for profit but production for the use of the people in the society - production for the use of those who do the producing. We're committed to the development of that kind of society. And we say that you do not develop that kind of society necessarily in the joint. But we understand that there are instances in which cats will get cracked and there ain't nothing that they can do about it - they're going to get vamped on - they're going to be jammed up - we understand that. So we organize workers. We also understand that the only way that you end oppression is not by circulating petitions, not by writing letters to the attorney general, is not packing galleries in the state legislature, is not by demanding meetings on the third floor of Detroit Police Headquarters with whoever the black administrative assistant is to the current police commissioner might be. We say that the only means whereby you do this is to run the police department, is to run the city. So we say we're committed to running the city. In order to do this we've got to develop a political machine. And when we say that we're interested in developing a political machine we do not delude ourselves for a second into suggesting there's an alternative route to the destruction of the oppressor short of actually having to destroy him. We don't deceive ourselves. But we don't engage in superficial discussions between the cat relating to electoral politics, thats bullshit. We relate to whatever's going to give us the power we need to create and widen the sphere within which we can

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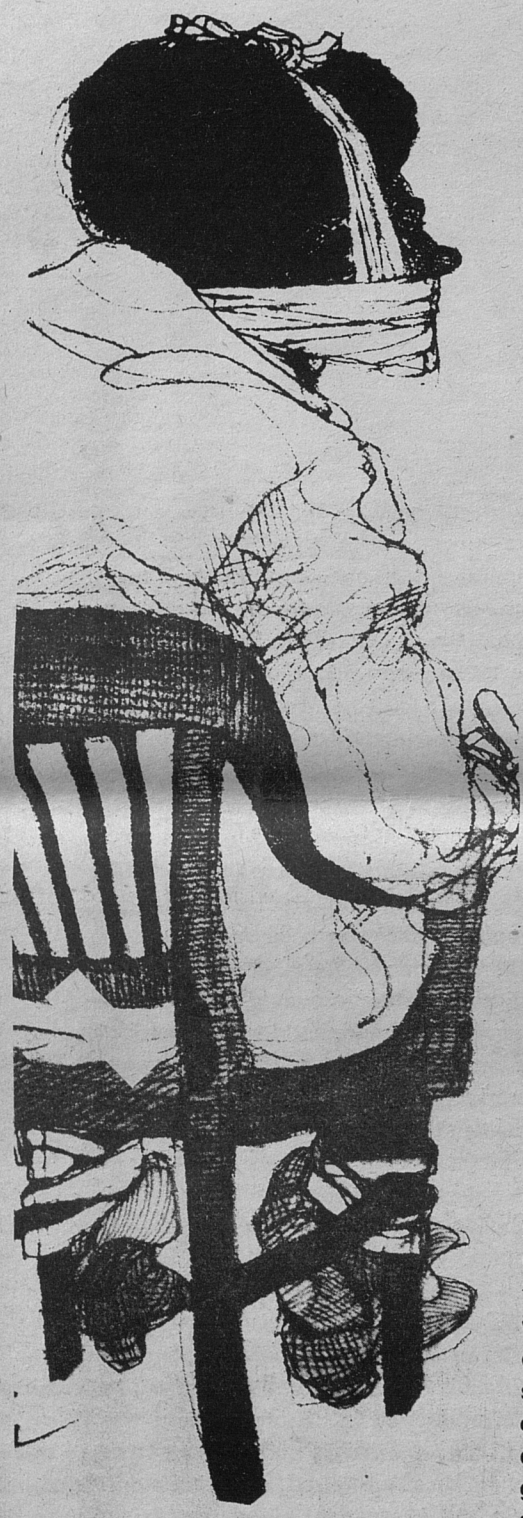
function to bring about the destruction of this country. We don't engage in bullshit arguments about - that's reformist - that's not reformist - what's reformist: is that which is counter-revolutionary. What is not reformist or what defines what is counter-revolutionary is any action that conduces to the greater creation of a larger predisposition on the part of most people to view revolution as the only course of conduct available to the end of oppression. That's what we relate to - that's what we understand and see very clearly as being real. One of the means that we begin to approach that is that there has been a bill passed that proposed to decentralize the Detroit School System - to create between 7 and 11 regions; to create local regional governing bodies that will relate in certain ways to the communities in which they find themselves and relate in other ways to what remains a so-called Central Board whose members will be increased and so on.

On Community Control

We have no illusions about decentralization and community control being the solution to the problem. We don't say that community control will end anything; but we do say that if that bill, for example, affords an opportunity *to organize people around the concept of taking power; that we will relate to the bill on that level.*

And in order to do that, the West Central Organization, (which is headed by John Watson, a member of the League) has been relating to; having Decentralization Conferences and attempting to develop a mechanism to organize a political machine so that we can take power via whatever means necessary. We understand the need for a theoretical organ, for a revolutionary organ, for a newspaper for a means of communication; so we're making efforts to develop a high quality press. We've had some problems, we've printed the paper, they're persons who have all kinds of views of the Inner City Voice, none the less we keep pushing it because we think its a serious revolutionary document.Apart from that the League runs journalism classes. The League is training young people to write. In addition to training young people to write, the League is in the process of establishing printing presses and printing shops and printing newspapers in four parts of this country. That's another program because we understand the need for an accurate and truthful dissemination of information. What we say very simply is this - that, yes we can stand up and raise our hands and we can declaim mightily about the existence of Honkies - that Black is Beautiful and we can hang bullets around our neck and wear all kinds of dashikies but that's not going to bring about an end to oppression. What really is going to bring about an end to oppression is doing very serious and very hard work over a fairly protracted period of time, that is designed to increase the liklihood of people taking power. And we say that the League represents that kind of organization and we say that its important to talk about the League in that connection, at what is styled a repression conference because we say that the only means of ending that repression is to take power over that system in which you find yourself and that's how we relate to the question of repression.



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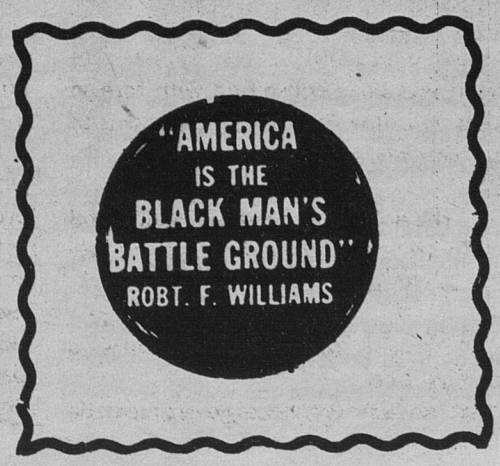


EDUCATION

Who Controls It?

Educational institutionalism is one of the best means to maintain a racist society. As members of the black community demand the right to control their own schools we must explore the power structure that we must remove. On the local level the school board may be 'power', but many people don't live in the same locality throughout their lives. Who controls how schools relate to each other in different towns, cities, or states. Since this is a mobile society, we should have the power to see that studies in Detroit will be accepted in Chicago.

The Inner City Voice has done some research on this matter and found some interesting 'public' information.

In the mid-west, from Arizona to West Virginia this power, for education above the ninth grade, rests in the hands of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In the by-laws of the organization, membership consists of universities, colleges, and secondary schools, and is voluntary. However, 'the Association has the right to establish requirements for membership, to develop and establish criteria for the evaluation of universities, colleges and secondary schools, and to establish and maintain all regulations and conditions for continued membership.' In other words, the Association is a very powerful organization in that it can dictate to schools what is to be taught and it can determine the fate of many students by extending or denying membership to a given school. There are five other regional accrediting agencies and they, along with North Central cover all of the United States.

Who specifically are these people that have all this power? On the Official Roster of North Central there are no officers from Michigan, however on the Board of Directors is the principal of Grosse Pointe South High School, Jerry Gerich. This man is also chairman of the Commission on Secondary Schools. Working under Gerich on the Administrative Committee from Michigan are men from Marshall, Birmingham, Alma, Coldwater, Grand Rapids, and one man from Detroit, specifically, Henry Ford High School. One is struck by the total lack of representation from black schools.

With this kind of show of white power one wonders where Uncle Sam fits into the picture. One does not have to look far. The Office of Education of the United States, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (headed of course by a political appointee) is required under Section 253 of the Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 to publish a list of recognized accrediting agencies and associations. In many cases if a school is not accredited by a recognized association it will be denied federal funding. In short, the association has the power to even close a school if they feel it necessary.

In what other ways could this affect black people? Some blacks already are familiar with persons having to repeat courses for credit because their own schools were not accredited. Could the accredidation association also rule on black studies? How will the associations react to black universities? Is it because of the associations that some colleges refuse to hire gifted blacks as teachers even though they are the best in that field (say, jazz) under the pretext that they don't have a master's degree? Why does North Central pretend as though all the Detroit schools are doing just fine while many of the students fall way below the national average...if the students were white would they allow it?

We must also realize that North Central determines what books are to be read. What type of ideas can be taught in the schools. This is direct treachery. Education is the foundation upon which students turn into men and women. How is it possible for us to progress as a people when our very philosophy and principles are in the hands of a racist accrediting Board who is in league with the government in dictating these ideas?

This case of North Central and the Federal Government is just another of many cases wherein the white power structure forms a closed system. North Central's powerful members form a white club working along with (if not ahead of) the federal government to perpetuate racism and capitalism in the name of education.

North Central is now responsible only to itself. It has been around for three quarters of a century and dictates top level education in the Midwest. We who are not a part of this system can never become a part of it as long as we relate to the needs of the people, for membership in this system depends on who you know, not what you know or who you are dedicated to. The only way that we can make an organization like North Central responsible to black people is that we become the power structure, that is we must be the government that it must deal with. More on the educational structure will continue in the future.

Urban Housing Problems Answered

concentration camps formed

Is this the place where you will be staying?



Will House Blacks in Concentration Camps

While some black people are moving toward implementing definite social change in racist America, many Afro-Americans are still suffering from that salvation syndrome which has been used historically to keep black people mentally powerless and totally alienated. The salvation syndrome which has been used historically to keep black people mentally powerless and totally alienated. The salvation syndrome presupposed that the black man's ultimate reward is "on the otherside of the mountain" and in order for blacks to gain their just salvation, Afro-Americans will have to continue to suffer through the white man's lies, murders, and any other abuse that white citizens wish to inflict at will.

Unfortunately on the otherside of the mountain, the Federal government has been busily restoring concentration camps, and engaging in various other acts and schemes, which will lead to the act of legal mass genocide.

As the various lies became clear in this society, and as this society's institutions began to crumble under their own inability to control certain segments of the population, the corporate powers (that control the government) had to engage in stepped-up cultural programs, ear-marked for continuing confusion, and reinforced feelings of powerlessness (i.e. "The white man's technology is so great, and he has all of the money we will never win") This sort of attitude is cultivated by the power structure through its institutions by using the following methods:

1. School integration which is a smoke screen, covering up black miss-education,
2. Birth control campaigns which are used to lessen the future existence minority groups.
3. Poverty programs and job training programs which are used to preserve the learned inferiority complexes of blacks,
4. Little or no housing, which is another way to deny black property rights and a decent place to live,
5. Internal development programs placed in the black community which are being used to create a so-called elite black ruling structure, and they are also feeder programs for internal corruption (New Detroit.)

These methods of cultural control became necessary, because some black people were beginning to properly channel their grievances toward those institutions which had been hiding behind their self-created governmental structures, unions and other political, economic and social institutions. And now some Afro-Americans are moving to replace the most fundamental, racist organizations which have historically upheld the existance of white supremacy and monopoly capitalism.

It goes without saying that those institutions are fighting for their own survival, and there is nothing that will stop them, short of their complete destruction. And, there is nothing that will stop the liberation movement of the Afro-American, short of mass genocide.

So, consequently, the Federal government, has planned a whole new world for black people, consisting of step up repression in the form of:

1. Assassination and kidnapping of various political leaders by the F.B.I. and the C.I.A..
2. General harrassment by various sectors of the state and local economic and political organizations,
3. Instant trials and sentencing to detention complexes,
4. Continued police raids and assaults where black policemen will be used to purposely get blacks to fight and kill other blacks.

all leading to mass genocide.

An interesting aspect of the growing repression in this country, is the fact that the Nixon administration has moved to legislate white immorality by proposing two new laws:

1. The Senate passed a "no-knock" bill which gives the police legal permission to continue to break into the homes of private citizens without a search warrant under the pretext of looking for narcotics,
2. In a Senate sub-committee is "The Preventive Detention" bill which will give the courts the legal right to hold an accused citizen without bail fo; 60 days under the pretext that these people will be too dangerous to release into society.

All of this and more will be under the banner of LAW AND ORDER.

The Other Side of the Mountain

As a logical extension of white belligerence, it can be said with full knowledge that there are newly renovated concentration camps. If one were to look at the police who have been fully garbed in battle gear, and fully equipped with armament of war, then it would logically follow that mass arrests plans, would have to be followed by mass detention plans. And, since state and local prisons are crammed full of black men, "relocation centers" away from "civilization" are the only logical alternative that a white supremist government would have.

Meanwhile, Title II, section 100 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (the McCarran Act) gives the President of the United States that same logical alternative.

According to the "emergency detention" provision of Title II, the President acting through the Attorney General, has the power to apprehend and detain, all persons of whom there is reasonable grounds to prove that this person will or is conspiring with foreign agents and other wise to engage in acts of insurrection (espionage or sabotage).

The accused is presumed guilty and is left with the burden of dis-proof. He will have to follow three steps:

1. A hearing without bail before a hearing officer,
2. At no time will the government be asked to present evidence or witnesses (government agents).
3. You are therefore to be placed in a concentration camp.

There are 50 Job Corps Centers which were supposed to have been built for training the unemployed black. It now appears that these centers, located in rural areas, will be used to house blacks when the proper time comes. These fifty centers have barracks-type housing, search lights, and miles of level, graveled land encircling the camps. For immediate use without any waiting lists, there are also the same camps that were used on Japanese citizens during World War II. And there are also some that were built during the Joe McCarthy era, all of which have been renovated. Here are a few locations of some camps that Senator James O. Eastland has placed on record as being ready to use:

1.U.S. Relocation Center, Topaz Utah
2. Allenwood, Pennsylvania
3. Tanforam Assembly, Bruno California
4. Avon Park, Florida
5. Florence, Arizona
6. El Reno, Oklahoma
7. Devil's Garden (new camp) California.

Unicom

United Community (Unicom) located at 8815 Puritan is a organization striving to bring about relevant change within the community, by providing needed programs and coordinating activities for the community. Unicom first opened in June, 1969, after extremely difficult but successful negotiating for over a year with the black community around it. It also had the help and combined efforts of Black Brothers and Sisters Uhuru (BBSU), Youth Development, etc. Its first fund raising event was a kick-off dance "Choice of Colors" which was free and a Jazz and Pop Festival, to make it possible to carry out its alternate goal. Unicom now has a program and has activities for the community such as: Political Education-every Wednesday at 7:30 at Hillcrest Methodist Church with various philosophers, arts and crafts, showing films for children 12 and under, Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 at Hillcrest, and sports activities such as football, basketball and baseball for boys and girls, drill teams, knitting and crocheting classes for adults and is also in the process of creating a more meaningful program for adults. Unicom is also working on fund raising projects such as giving dances in order to get adequate funds for opening up a store, restaurant, and gas station to create more jobs and to give youth management skills. Unicom is providing services such as babysitting for kids while their parents are attending some of these programs.

Cloud NiNeism

Black people in general and Black youth in particular must begin to critically look at and seriously question many of our favorite 'black' entertainers and artists. Many of these 'black artists' have begun to push such concepts as 'Cloud Nineism' (escapism through drugs) and 'Sly & the Family Stonism' (Black and white unite, but, this time, don't fight - drop out. We gotta live together). Another question that should concern the Black community in, are these black artist with us or do they simply want our buck.

Brothers and sisters who are seriously struggling on the cultural front must intensify their attack on the decadent white american way of life. Someone must create meaningful alternatives (community owned radio, T.V., publishing houses, etc.) for Black artists, poets, are writers who are responsible to the Black masses (workers, students and our beloved and explosive youth).

Many of our people who consider themselves political heavyweights will simply dismiss what we are attempting to say as 'meaningless madness'. We hate to say this about us, but its true, some of our most 'enlightened' leaders need to be ENDARKENED on many issues.

Besides the obvious; political economic and educational exploitation, African-americans also suffer from CULTURAL DEGRADATION. We are victims of what some have termed 'cultural imperialism'. While, we recognize that racism and capitalism are the twin enemies of blacks in america and around the world, we must also address ourselves to the struggle against 'white is rightism' (the struggle against the most decadent way of life on this planet - the white american way of life). You can't get rid of the cold (racism & capitalism) and keep a few of the germs (pimpin' and gamblin', selling our women to the highest white bidder that drives along and taking your brother's rent money and depriving his innocent baby of a drink of milk).

Those of us who are seriously concerned about Black Liberation must consider this: at this point in our glorious struggle (the stage of re-education and organization building) millions of Black people in general and Black youth in particular are still under the influence of the 'Thought's of James Brown' and not the Black Liberation Movement. Someone might seriously ask us, 'WHAT IS A MAO TSE TUNG'?

As long as our people in general and our youth in particular are still influenced by a singer who is 'Too busy thinkin' bout his baby' to think about the murder of little Chucky Howell, as long as brothers can flip out over 'one' sister and forget about 30 million Black people in america and go on a 'Moon Walk', as long as our people can relate to blippies (Black Hippies) who advocate such madness as 'having your fortune told, while you learn the meaning of soul', down at the 'dope house' (renamed) the Psychedelic Shack, while facism stares the Black Nation in the face, as long as the minds of Black people can be influenced, controlled or 'blown' by a Bill 'I Spy for the F.B.I.' Cosby, a Clarence 'Odd Squad' Williams III, a James 'something I clown' Brown or a group of sisters who wear 'bushes' but suffer from 'hot combed' minds; our people must make a decision, should we be 'picking up the gun' or trying to re-educate, organize and politicize the Black masses.

22 ONE WAY

There seems to be a never ending battle for Black workers in this country to achieve some sort of justice in their working conditions.

Recently pickets were lined up outside Ex-Cello Corp. headquarters in Highland Park. The heading on one of the leaflets read: '22½ MILES ONE WAY'. These words exemplified the struggle that Black janitorial workers had been waging out at Ex-Cello in Walled Lake, Michigan, an all white community known for its KKK position. The Black workers were employees of Terminal Building Maintenance Company, which contracts out service workers to different companies such as Ex-Cello. Ex-Cello had such a contract with Terminal Building Maintainance. It is necessary that the reader understand that the Walled Lake Ex-Cello has a long history of wanting no unions. The Black janitorial workers were members of Local 79 Building and Service Employees Union A.F.L.-C.I.O. One of the Black women workers told the Inner City Voice that her supervisor had warned her about 'union talk'. Another example of the Black workers situation was that their supervisor happened to be a known member of the Klu Klux Klan. The '22½' on the leaflet referred to the distance to work the workers had to travel every day. Ex-Cello finally tried to figure out how it could fire the workers 'legally'. They found out that Terminal Building Maintainance was not paying the workers union scale wages (the contract between Local 79 and T.B.M. states that the lowest employee to start at $2.38 per hour, however all employees were getting only $1.75). Therefore Ex-Cello ended the contract with T.B.M. and this left the Black workers without a job, even though they had building senority. But the most blatant example of racism was when Ex-Cello hired in an all white worker team (six) under a non union contracting company (which is what they wanted all along).

This outright racist act was a total disgrace and sham to the workers specifically but to the Black masses in general. The foul union sent the workers on a wild goose chase by telling them to go way out to Walled Lake and picket in the all white racist territory. The Black workers mostly women trudged through rain, sleet and snow every day while being continuously insulted. This kind of trickology didn't work for long as the workers began to see that they were getting nowhere marching in Walled Lake, They decided to take some Black action and victory was right around the corner. They came to the League of Revolutionary Black Workers and plotted some strategy. A picket was in order, but not in racist Walled Lake but right at home base at the Ex-Cello headquarters on Hamilton and Oakman.

After the union failed to come up with anything positive the picket was the last resort. The company, well aware of the planned strategy, was well prepared to accede to the demands of the Black workers. On the day of the picket, members of the community, colleges and workers from the League of Revolutionary Black Workers had amassed in front of the building. Upon seeing this army of Blacks the company decided that it was better to give in to full reinstatement of the workers than to face the embarrassing situation right out in front of its doors. VICTORY WENT TO THE WORKERS!

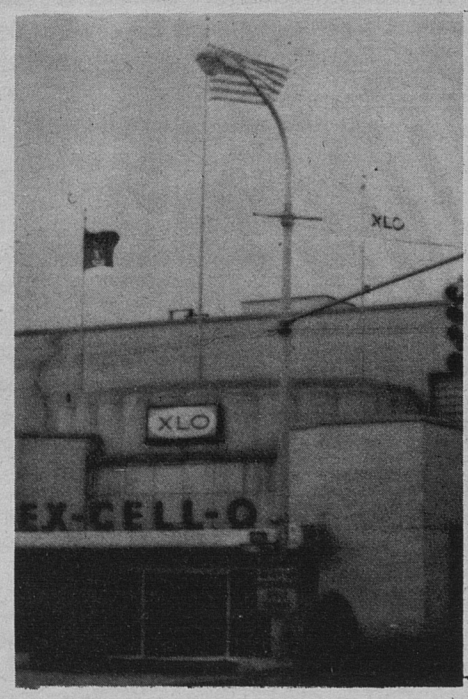
Although these workers won on this particular issue, racism at the company still exists and it will continue to exist. Exploitation will continue. The only way that the workers will be able to protect their interest is to take the factories, like Ex-Cello which they created and put it in their hands so that the profit making racist thugs will no longer be able to exploit us as a people or as workers!

BLACK WORKERS!

STRIKE A BLOW TO THE RACIST UNIONS!

AND BLOW AFTER BLOW TO MANAGEMENT!

UNTIL VICTORY IS WON!



COOLEY Con't

This in itself, is the history of the Black Student struggle at Cooley. Black students have been the victims of institutional racism, and individualized racism (WHITE REIGN OF TERROR). Thus we maintain, racist practices will no longer be tolerated from the masses of Black students. We are presently about the business of boycotting Cooley High School. All over the city of Detroit there is no doubt that when it comes to Black folk, we always get the short end of the deal. It is our conviction that this will mark the turning point of the Black Student Struggle, thus the community struggle for FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY.

WE CALL FOR SUPPORT FROM ALL ELEMENTS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY, PHYSICAL AND OTHERWISE. WE ARE ASKING PERSONS TO AID US IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1. PHYSICAL: That is to say on the picket lines.

2. WRITE IN'S: Letter in support of the Black Student Struggle at Cooley. We are asking for letters to be addressed to two (2) places.

    1. Detroit Bd. of Ed.
    2. Cooley High School Black Student United Front - 8818 Puritan - Detroit, Michigan, 48221.

BAM Strikes at Michigan!

BAM STRIKES AT MICHIGAN

Black and white students at the U. of M. in Ann Arbor, united in a student strike which successfully closed the University. The students were protesting the university's policy of admissions for minority students.

The Black Action Movement (BAM) presented eleven demands at the Board of Regents monthly meeting. BAM demanded that the University become relevant by reordering its priorities and attempt to educate all of the people of Michigan instead of catering to "white elites".

The BAM demands were:

1.10% black enrollment by Fall, 1973.
2. 900 new black students by Fall 1971 (450 freshmen, 150 transfers, 300 graduates)
3. Initiation of a program to supply financial aid and counseling to all black students.
4. Graduate and 9 undergraduate recruiters.
5. A referendum on March SGC by ballot to have students vote on assessing themselves $3.00 per year for the Martin L. King, Scholarship fund.
6. Tuition waivers for minority group students who are residents of the State of Michigan and admitted under special programs.
7. Establishment of a black student center to be located in the Black community.
8. All work of a permanent nature done on the black studies program must be reassessed by black students and community.
9. Creation of a university wide appeal board to rule on the adequacy of grants and financial aid given to students.
10. Revamping of parents confidential statement.

Immediately after the Board of Regents has unanimously voted down the students demands, they students massed outside the administration building. Within minutes, the police the arm of the oppressor, arrested a sister who had allegedly thrown a brick. The arrest sparked further retaliation by the students. 3 brothers were arrested, 2 for felonious assault and one was charged with a high misdemeanor.

BAM leaders and organizors immediately went into action by disrupting the honors convocation and called for a general strike. The students response was not immediate. It took a weekend of teach-ins, rapping and rallies to educate students to the real deal. On March 23rd attendance dropped and picket lines were all over campus.

The support of faculty was the key to the closing of the University. The support first grew out of the teaching fellows union until it reached the professors, who supported the strike and BAM's demands. A substantial number of instructors cancelled classes during the strike.

The university refused to take any move until March 25th when University President Robin Fleming, addressed BAM and is supporters, with the threat of bringing in the National Guard.

The strike reached its peak Friday, March 26th. The students successfully closed down all food services on campus, the few classes that did meet were physically closed, and university workers honored student picket lines. The university then asked for a truce and talks.

The BAM demands were intended basically to reorder the Universities priorities and make it relevant to the students.

Two days after the talks started, the administration reverted to double-dealing tactics by breaking a "gentlemen's agreement" with BAM by releasing a press statement which indicated that the strike was over.

BAM then broke off all talks and the students resumed picketing. When the administration made a public apology, BAM resumed negotiations.

On April 1st BAM leaders ended the strike. BAM proclaimed that their organizations must and will live on because the battle is not won. The University and BAM came to an agreement on all but three of the demands:

a) Self tax for M. L. King Scholarship Fund.
b) Tuition waivers
c) Community located black center.

BLACK YOUTH

THE WORLD IS

YOURS

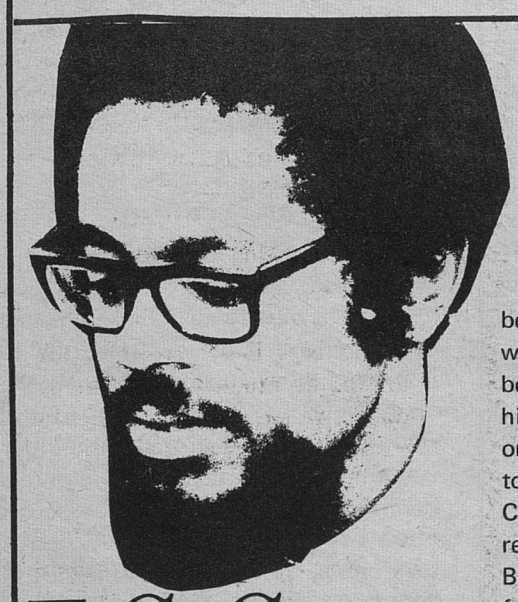
TAKE IT!

BOOK REVIEW

A History of Pan-African Revolt, by C.L.R. James, Drum and Spear Press, Washington, D.C., 1969, $2.50.

It is quite accurate to state that C.L.R. James is probably the greatest chronicler of the Black man's long standing international revolt against international white power. James is fond of telling the story of how he introduced Osagyefo Kwame NKrumah (the exiled President of Ghana) to George Padmore (the brother who some call the 'Father of African emancipation'). James' latest contribution to the struggle knows no national boundaries where Black people are concerned. It is a history of international Black revolts. James shows how the African population at home and abroad has historically revolted against white domination everywhere, be it, Sekou Toure and the Democratic Party of Guinea struggling against the French; Clements Kadalie and the Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union of South Africa (I.C.U.) leading millions of Black workers in revolt against white South African madness; Toussaint Louverture and Dessalines making a revolution in Haiti; Black people fight Shell Oil in Curocao (Curacao is an island in the West Indies that was colonized by the Dutch). There in 1969 Black workers and unemployed youth burned down business houses of a value variously estimated between 15 and 40 million dollars (Dutch money) or Black people taking the struggle to the streets in Raceland, U.S.A.

A History of Pan-African Revolt should be studied and reviewed by serious students of history. C.L.R. James has made another contribution to progressive Black thought.



E.C. Cooper

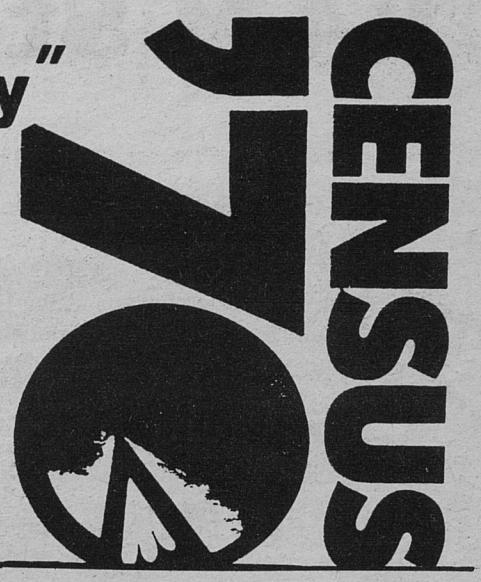
Repression at H.P.

Mr. Cooper is about to be fired because he is the only teacher at H.P.C. who conducts classes as if they meant to be classes of learning. He represents the historical repression that has been levied on the heads of Blacks everytime they try to exert their true humane nature. E.C. Cooper is the manifestation of the repression that has been experienced by Black people in this racist land for over four hundred years. From the time of the first slave revolt, Black people have fought this oppression of who shall control our schools. Will it be outside whites or will it be Black people who live within the community? Will it be those who have shown little regard for our rights of self-determination or we Black people of H.P. who really care about what happens to our children in highschool and college? Will we sit around and let white people who have historically made decisions that have been shown to manifest as a detriment to Black people?

E. C. Cooper is that element of the Black Community that has been singled out by a white racist administration Board of Education that has proven to its Black student body (80% of the schools enrollment) that they could care less is Black students receive an education that would deal with the needs of the Black Community. E. C. Cooper as the instructor can not be compared to any instructor in the H.P. school system. His evaluation was made on hearsay, and his so-called superior making two-visits to his classes. We pose a question to the Black community. Will you help us in retaining E. C. Cooper? Will you become involved in the educational process of your beautiful Black children? Will you become the ones responsible for what your children learn? Will you, the Black community, take charge of the Black Community?

We the students of H. P. C. realize that in order to be free we must struggle for the right of self-determination. We must take the power of decision out of the hands of those who are not responsive to our needs, for in the final analysis, "there is no progress without struggle"!

Code Name Census Operation "I Spy"



Recently nearly everybody had a chance to play "I spy". This opportunity was afforded to them by the "innocent" Census Bureau. Every ten years the racist-thug government acting through its Census Bureau takes a head count to see how many subjects it controls.

But there are some more basic reasons why the racist-thug government seeks information about its subjects. Some of the more important ones are to determine 1) how many men are ripe to be pressed into the armed forces to be used for internal repression at home and for cannon fodder in imperialist wars abroad. 2) Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Rican, Indians, Orientals and to a lesser degree poor whites are seen as a real and present threat therefore the criminal leaders of raceland (U.S.A.) want to know their numerical strength. 3) To create an up-to-date general master file containing the name and location of practically every subject in raceland. This information of course will be available to all the forces of repression from the F.B.I. to C.I.A. on down to the local gestapo. (Introducing 1984 by 1974) 4) In regards to the third world people residing in raceland the statistics will be cited as further evidence that a more vigorous population control program is needed to check our numbers.

The ultimate reason naturally is to use the figures to determine how much barbwire and soul furnaces to make for the concentration camps being readied for you know who.

Topping the list of tools is the reactionary racist Catholic church; an institution which has been traditionally cooperative with the racist-thug government and inimical to the interest of Black people. This earthly rich, spiritually poor, mystic institution offered its resources to aid in the "I spy" operation. In Detroit alone, thirty-one Catholic schools volunteered their faculty and facilities located in the ghetto to help get us counted for the grand round-up.

For all those who didn't go for "Operation I Spy" you might be visited by one or more of the 160,000 hired spys (Census Takers). Who are they? A large number of them are none-other than innocent looking white-Republican women. They will take time out between baking apple pies, letting air out of tires on school busses and target practice to play spy for $2.50/hr.

Large unions especially the sell-out U.A.W. headed by ugly-ass Walter Reuther plus the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments furnished posters and pamphlets boosting the Census.

New Detroit Inc. which is composed of some of the biggest, funkiest, capitalist crooks and a sundry of other traitors and tricks did their thing to push 'operation I spy".

But the treacherous organization involved in the diabolical plot was the Urban League. Once again proving itself to be one of the most loyal, flunkey organizations to the racist-thug government, the Urban League went gung-ho in bringing "Operation I Spy" to the Black community.

Not taking note of the fact that people today are very conscious of pollution these tom fools littered our community door-to-door with some white-washed propaganda.

The jive-time propaganda, which was written undoubtly by some slick opportunistic tom or tomanette, showed no respect for the intelligence of our people.

In the propaganda sheet they ran a thing that brothers and sisters should not only coorperate with "Operation I Spy" but they should encourage everybody else to do like wise. The idiotic reason given why they should be counted was that a higher black count will give us greater representation in the racist tyrants congress. That argument doesn't even merit a response. Let's just say in passing to look at a vivid example like Michigan and move on. Argument number 2 was that the Congress, State and local Government, labor unions and employers use the census figures to decide who gets what. We know who gets what and it ain't based on any census and further more it ain't us.

The tom-inspired treacherous propaganda went so far as to indict blacks not counted as being responsible for the lack of school space and adequate housing in our community. In fact they make the census thing into something our very livelihood depended on.

To illustrate how jammed-up the Urban League is into its thing they exhort the people who don't receive a census interrogation sheet to make noise, call, write or talk to somebody in the community who can "help" you get "counted in".

After all that was said and done the flunkeys went on to deny the obvious by telling the big lie that the info you give will not blow your cover, if you have one, or be given to your enemies (F.B.I. or down to your avaricious creditors).

Our people will never go for some ole jive like that and we know that the majority of us are hip enough to be "creative" in unanswering any questions asked by our enemies.

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payrolls. This we want, this you want, and you will have our support in that project.' This we know to be a deliberate attempt to deceive the masses of people.

These elements who now proclaim to be concerned about the objective conditions of the poor, have historically been known to be the number one enemy of mankind. These forces have thrown kerosene on potatoes to make them unfit for human consumption, large quantities of coffee have been destroyed, milk poured into rivers, and fruit has been left on the ground to rot. All these things have been done at a time when a substantial percentage of the working class suffers from malnutrition. These criminal acts against humanity have been committed because it was not profitable for private industry to feed the starving masses.

Since the N.A.B. program was launched its primary source of jobs has been the auto industry. General Motors, Fords, along with Chrysler Corporation have hired 76,000 so-called 'hard core' workers. Many of the nation's so-called 'hard-core' poor include black, brown, and yellow people. Their condition is the result of years of oppression and exploitation which continues to perpetuate itself in monopoly capitalistic america. As long as it was profitable both economically and image wise the so-called 'hard-core' were in great demand. But now that the economy is moving towards a crisis, and the political atmosphere is moving towards the right, these workers (primarily black, brown, yellow) are thrown into the streets again. 9,000 of these workers have found themselves without a job because of lay-offs.

General Motors Corp. which says it has laid off 3,300 'hard-core' workers - Ford and Chrysler all admit they have no follow-up program to find out what the 'hard-core' workers who were laid off are now doing. The capitalists not only are laying off significant numbers of 'hard-core' workers, but are hiring fewer. In the first six months of 1969, G.M. hired 10,329 under the N.A.B. program, compared with the 17,409 hired in the last six months of 1968. Ford's hiring plunged from 7,500 to 1,900 in the same two periods. Chrysler has recently cancelled a $13.8 million contract with the Department of Labor to train 4,450 'hard-core' workers to connect nuts and screws because of mounting recession.

Recently a Chrysler spokesman showed the racist nature of his understanding of the problem. *'Psychologically, they (primarily black, brown, yellow) have a history of failing or expecting to fail. This time they were part of the system and it was economic failure rather than their own failure'.*

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many instances, regular scheduled work 'days. Time and a quarter is paid for Saturday and Sunday. Time and a half is only paid if an employee is not scheduled to work on a particular day, or after he has worked longer than 8 hours. Double time is paid only if an employee works on a holiday. But, shift differential employees or those employees who work afternoons or midnights, are still not given the proper rate of overtime for holidays. Instead of being paid straight double time, for 8 hours, including shift differential, employees on afternoons and midnights are given day shift pay for the holiday, and their regular night rate and pay. Mathematically analyzed, this does not figure to proper double time.

The Supreme Court recently handed down a ruling which made these practices and other related practices involving overtime- illegal. Postal employees should have been given retroactive pay as of the the date their service to the post office began. Nothing to date, however, has been done by the unions to gain these back wages.

Substitute employees, many of who work for 2 years before attaining "regular" status suffer even more under present conditions. Substitute employees work at least 3 week-ends out of 4 and do not receive overtime rates for these weekends, unless they are required to work on that one weekend they have off monthly. No overtime is paid to them if they have not completed at least 40 hours of work. These conditions are outrageous!

Hard Training but Underpaid

On the question of scheme training, employees have also complained but to no avail. For example, a clerk on the fourth floor at G.P.O. is assigned a "station". He is then responsible for distributing mail to that zone. Before he can distribute mail to that zone or section of the city he must first qualify. He is usually given 30 days or so to learn this scheme and is required to take an official examination. At this point, out of a possible score of 100, he must attain at

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BRIGADE

Misinformation, through the news media is the basic propaganda organ of this country. This tactic is used to mentally enslave and psychologically brainwash the people. One recent example of this, is the recently formed team of the Detroit News and Senator Eastland. The purpose of this "dynamic duo" is to heighten the propaganda against Cuba, which is the only free territory in this hemisphere.

The Detroit News, long known for its racist subjective news reports, states that Cuba is training American youth as revolutionaries. As evidence, the Detroit News has presented some anonymous hearsay from "some" European consulate. The hearsay states, that "some" consulate saw "some" Americans in Cuba dressed in paramilitary clothing. Senator Eastland from Mississippi, then gave a speech on the senate floor in which he assumed that there is a connection between Cuba and the recent bombing wave in the U.S. Senator Eastland holds the senate sub-committee chair and plans to conduct an investigation this month.

Those who are to be investigated are the 217 members of the Venceremos Brigade, who went to Cuba last November. The Venceremos Brigade was organized by people who had previously visited Cuba. The sole purpose of the Brigade was to participate in the Cuban 10 million Ton Harvest. The only training that they received was how to use a machete in a sugar cane field. Brigade members worked 7 hours a day, six days a week, doing hard physical labor. Thus many members of the Brigade wore the inexpensive army surplus clothing for work. This is the reason that the european consulate saw them dressed in "paramilitary attire".

Senator Eastland's idea that Cuba has motivated people to bomb the imperialist industries is ridiculous. There are enough internal disorders and problems in this country to motivate everyone and no outside influence is needed. If Eastland wishes to find out the causes for the bombings he should start examining internally. Cuba has enough problems of its own and unlike the U.S. is dealing with them in a constructive not destructive manner.

WEST INDIES IN REVOLT

Port of Spain - Trinidad (the home of George Padmore, C.L.R. James and Stokely Carmichael) and other West Indian countries have been hit by weeks of violent anti-foreign domination revolts. In Trinidad, Canadian owned banks and the home of a U.S. embassy official have been firebombed, Roman Catholic churches have been attacked, workers have walked off their jobs and thousands of people have been marching in the streets. Demonstrations have also taken place in Georgetown, Guyana and Kingston, Jamaica.

These uprisings were sparked by the trial of 10 Black students from Trinidad (facing life in prison) who were charged with destroying nearly 2 million dollars worth of I.B.M. computers at the Sir George Williams University in Montreal, Canada on Feb. 11, 1969. The 'Sir George Williams University affair' came about during a protracted struggle against racism at that Canadian University. The protesters in Trinidad also called for Black Power and an end to United States and Canadian (foreign domination) of the island.

THE STRUGGLE IS WORLDWIDE

Shortly before he was assasinated Bro. Malik (Malcolm X) spoke about the importance of Black people in america recognizing the power of the peoples of African descent uniting against racist oppression in the Western Hemisphere. Bro. Malcolm pointed out that there were probably 100 million people of African descent living in the West Indian islands, Cuba, Brazil, all of South and Central America, Canada and the United States.

This article is intended to zero in on the struggles being waged by the peoples on the numerous West Indian islands i.e. Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados and Guyana which is on the South American continent but is considered to be part of the West Indies. The West Indian situation is similar to the African situation, that is to say, the masses of West Indians like the masses of Africans are the victims of neo-colonialism (the people have a flag and a national anthem) but, generally speaking their economy is controlled by white people (Canada, England and the U.S. is rapidly gaining a foothold in the Carribean).

Two events in Montreal, Canada have recently acted as 'sparks' that have set off West Indian 'prairie fires' (rebellions). Event number one was the banning of Dr. Walter Rodney from Jamaica in Oct. 1968 after he attended the Congress of Black Writers in Montreal.

The second event was the trial of 10 Black students from Trinidad (held in Montreal earlier this year) for their alleged role in the destruction of 2 million dollars worth of I.B.M. computers at the Sir George Williams University on Feb. 11, 1969.

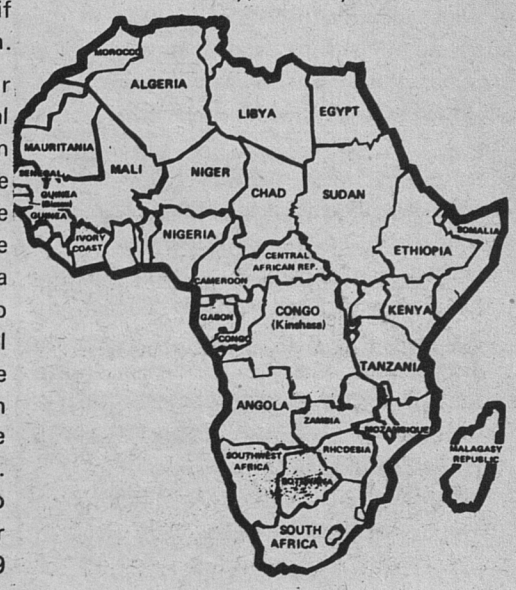
In Oct. 1968, Black people from the United States, Canada, England and the West Indies met in Montreal Canada for a Congress of Black Writers. In attendence were Michael X from England, James Forman, Stokely Carmichael, Dr. Walter Rodney and others. Dr. Walter Rodney, who is an African scholar from the small South American country, Guyana, had been working in the history department of the University of the West Indies teaching and lecturing on black history and black problems since Jan. 1968. Walter Rodney was both loved and hated in Jamaica, he was loved by the Black masses and hated by the Jamaican government.

Walter Rodney's brilliant speech 'African History In the Service of Black Revolution' was widely accepted at the Congress of Black Writers. After attending the Congress, Walter Rodney was to return to his post at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. Students at the University and other elements of the Jamaican population anxiously awaited Walter Rodney's return. The Jamaican government had other plans. Walter Rodney was banned from Jamaican soil and the government gave no reason.

This incident triggered off three days of violent rebellions in Jamaica's largest city, Kingston. After the students heard that a university lecturer had been banned (and they were given no reason) they began to demonstrate by marching down the streets. The students were met by the Jamaican 'protectors of liberty' (the local police) they were beaten with night sticks and tear gassed by the agents of white power. What had started out as a student demonstration turned into a peoples uprising. Fifty buses were overturned and burnt, fourteen major fires were started in different parts of the city, certain known enemies of the people were spat upon, dragged out of their cars and beaten and numerous shop windows were wrecked. Three people were killed. Downtown Kingston looked as if Hurricane Flora had just passed through.

West Indian students attending Sir George Williams University in Montreal who had been fighting Canadian racism witnessed this blatant attack by the Jamaican government against the Jamaican population and they were enraged. These Black students had layed a charge of racial discrimination in the lap of a racist Zoology professor in April 1968 but were ignored by the administration at this Canadian university. The students struggled to be heard from April 1968 until Feb. 1969. In Jan. 1969, the students, determined to be heard decided to occupy the computer room at the university. On Feb. 11,1969 after occupying the room for 14 days, the students were confronted by the Canadian 'protectors of liberty' and the computers were destroyed. Ninety-two students including 42 Blacks were arrested. The Black students received charges that could send them to prison for life. The trial of 10 of the Black students was held one year later in Jan. 1970.

As a direct result of the 'Sir George Williams Affair' Black students in Trinidad formed an organization called the National Joint Action Committee. The N.J.A.C. was formed because the Trinidadian press which is to a large extent controlled by white foreign interests reacted in almost the same manner as the press in Canada did. The N.J.A.C. felt it was necessary to try to disseminate information concerning the truth of all that went on at Sir George Williams University, for they felt that the



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people of Trinidad and Tobago were not getting a fair picture of what really happened. This was the N.J.A.C.'s short range objective. The organization's long range objective was to fight for genuine Black Power and an end to all white foreign domination. The N.J.A.C. in essence wanted every Black person (which they consider Africans and Indians) to get a fair deal and feel that they really have a stake in the future of their society.

The N.J.A.C. and the people of Trinidad and Tobago watched the development of the trial and they didn't dig it. They felt that the issue was an attempt on the part of the Canadian government (which they felt was racist and capitalistic) to 'keep the niggers' in their place. They fully supported the students and said that if one student was convicted in the Canadian courts, Canada would be on trial in the West Indies. They said that there cannot be a fair trial unless the whole matter is investigated by the Federal Government of Canada prior to the trial. They also said they hoped that the Canadian people remembered that there are many Canadian businesses and interests which were exploiting their country, and that the racist action on the part of the University would only serve to draw Black people from the different islands together, since there were people from various countries in the Carribean involved.

Shortly before the trial began in Montreal, Black students who supported the 'Trinidad Ten' attempted to meet with the Prime Minister of Canada, Pierre Trudeau, to discuss the trial with him. He refused to meet with them. These students said that if Trudeau continued to ignore them, Canadian business would be in trouble in the West Indies. Trudeau didn't meet with them and as predicted there was trouble on the islands.

There were demonstrations in Jamaica in support of the 'Trinidad Ten'. In Georgetown, Guyana Eusi Kwyana (Sidney King) who heads the African Society for Cultural Relations with Independent Africa sent a cable to the Prime Minister of Canada warning that it is not prepared to accept the verdict of an all-white jury in the Montreal case.

The mess really hit the fan in Trinidad. There were weeks of continual demonstrations where as many as 12,000 people marched in support of the students on trial in Montreal. Canada and (quiet as it's kept) the United States was indeed on trial in this West Indian country. All the symbols of white foreign control were under attack. Canadian owned banks and the home of a U.S. embassy official were firebombed, Roman Catholic churches were attacked and many workers walked off of their jobs in support of the students on trial in Montreal.

As a result of the support the 'Trinidad Ten' received from concerned people in the West Indies and in Canada, the all-white jury was forced to compromise. All 10 of the students were acquitted of conspiracy to commit arson (which would have sent them to prison for life). Eight students were found guilty of the minor charge of conspiring to illegally occupy the computer center and one student was convicted on the latter count as well as conspiracy to illegally occupy the faculty lounge. The conviction carried a maximum sentence of five years.

Obviously, the governments of Canada and Trinidad didn't want further problems in their countries so the students were not jailed, but fined $33,500 in total, and the judge recommended that they be deported. The Trinidadian government has offered to pay the student's fines.

These two events in the West Indies were used by the people to expose the essence of West Indian society. The essence of the problem in the West Indies is not Dr. Walter Rodney or the Trinidad Ten. The greatest problem confronting the West Indian masses is White Foreign Domination.

The West Indian governments in general and the government's of Jamaica and Trinidad in particular are not independent and there is no genuine BLACK POWER in the Carribean. Black heads of state like Eric Williams of Trinidad and H.L. Shearer of Jamaica are merely front men for white capitalist power. The governments of the West Indies generally speaking have failed the African and Indian masses who make up the vast majority of the populations.

The Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Eric Williams, recently wrote 'Our banks, insurance companies, hire purchase arrangements, advertising, external telecommunications and mass media, are all in foreign hands.....together with a large portion of our lands'. The chief planning official of Trinidad and Tobago testified before the Canadian Parliament a year ago and had this to say, 'If one looks at countries like Trinidad and Tobago one finds the oil industry foreign-owned, and that most of the new manufacturing plants are foreign owned.....All the commercial banks, and all the life insurance companies except one. The Carribean people learned that the Metropolitanization of economic decision making has been the most single important cause of their cultural dependency, of irrational public policy and therefore, in the final analysis, of political instability'.

According to the Canadian press, Canada controls 60 % of Trinidad's money market. There are 43 branches of Canadian banks in the city of the Port of Spain, Trinidad alone - representing the Royal, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the Nova Scotia Bank and the Bank of Montreal.

Like Cuba before the revolution, the West Indies has been turned into a playground for rich white people. Rich whites from the U.S. and Canada have begun to build winter and retirement homes on many islands in the West Indies. These white capitalists can (at the expense of the Black masses) 'retreat' and enjoy the 'hot fun in the summer sun' whenever their hearts desire.

Unemployment in both Trinidad and Jamaica is as common as steel bands and calypso. Thirty per cent of the potential work force is unemployed in Jamaica. There are laws in the Jamaican and Trinidadian Parliaments which forbid workers to strike. Police brutality in Jamaica is rampant and Canada has troops stationed in Jamaica waiting to crush anything Black that gets in their path.

Black militants have been barred from entering many of these 'Black Nations', for example, Stokely Carmichael can't visit the country of Trinidad where he was born. Jamaica is also 'anti-black thought' along with Walter Rodney, Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael and James Forman are barred from this country. In the 'Black Nation' of Jamaica, the people can't read Black literature, all the literature of Stokely Carmichael, Malcolm X and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is taboo.

As E.C. Cooper has written 'It would seem that all the conditions that motivate people to take revolutionary action exist in Jamaica and Trinidad today; gross unemployment, lack of educational facilities, 'starvation', super poverty of the masses in the midst of the super affluence of a few, police brutality, racial and class conflict, and governmental suppression and neglect'.

Until this point in history, West Indians have had one traditional 'safety value' to keep down revolutionary action - mass emigration to the United States, Britain or Canada. With the rise of 20th century racism in the United States and England, those doors are now virtually closed to West Indians. With America now controlling 75% of the Canadian economy and the racism surrounding the Sir George Williams University affair, West Indians have 'nowhere to run and nowhere to hide'. The Black masses of the Carribean (Africans and Indians) must now build organizations to unite and fight neo-colonialism in the West Indies.

Our message is: Black People of all countries must UNITE to fight and destroy racism, capitalism and neo-colonialism or PERISH.

Rehabilitation con't

greatly restricted by traffic and zoning codes, but it is unlikely that they will have an opportunity to find out. Also legal delays slow down the project. Buildings condemned in 1967 are still standing. Some have been reopened and rented.

Plans include renovating houses and apartments, tearing down delapidated buildings, widening 12th Street and establishing a 21 unit shopping center at 12th and Blaine and two smaller centers at Lee Place and Byron and Pallister and Poe.

Owners of single family homes or houses with 2 or 3 units will be able to obtain grants or loans at 3% interest to rehabilitate their homes. Owners of large apartment buildings (4 or more units) can't get these funds. They must get loans from FHA at 7½% interest which will raise the rents. This area has the largest concentration of apartment buildings in the city. These renovated apartments will not be low rent. A studio apartment could begin at $105 per month; one bedroom at $115; 2 bedrooms $136. Many people will not be able to afford this and will be forced to move.

Low income housing cannot be built with federal money. New housing will have to be built by private companies and they will be out of reach of most people living in the area. There is a possibility of the private builders leasing the homes to the city which could rent them at Housing Commission rates. However, this is unlikely because the builders can probably make a larger profit by selling them on the open market. This project is just another example of the treachery of the bureaucratic machine working against us as a people. It also shows that the black masses in general and the Black inhabitants of the Virginia Park Project area have no substitute for their own real control, that is until they themselves control the area themselves including land and all monies they will always be at the mercy of racist profit making thugs and their lackeys. The Inner City Voice will continue to keep the reader posted as to the development of this project.

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least 95% in order to "pass". If he learns this scheme, he is them compelled to learn 4 other schemes after which, upon qualification, he is able to distribute mail correctly anywhere in this city. There are well over 200 entries that he must memorize. For these deeds, postal employees feel that they should be given additional compensation. The realization that Postal employees are about 2 dollars above the poverty scale makes additional salaries a must. In addition to the amount of work performed in terms of learning schemes, employees are now examined twice yearly as of January, 1970. Prior to Jan., 1970 workers were only examined once. This is but another imposition that the Unions have failed to counteract.

New Revolutionary Organization

The only solution to many of the problems that beset postal workers is effective, constructive and revolutionary organization. As evidenced here, postal employees can no longer expect justice from the unions or concern from the government. They will have to rise up on their own accord and resist categorically systematic racism and union sell-outs by whatever means necessary, if they are to survive.

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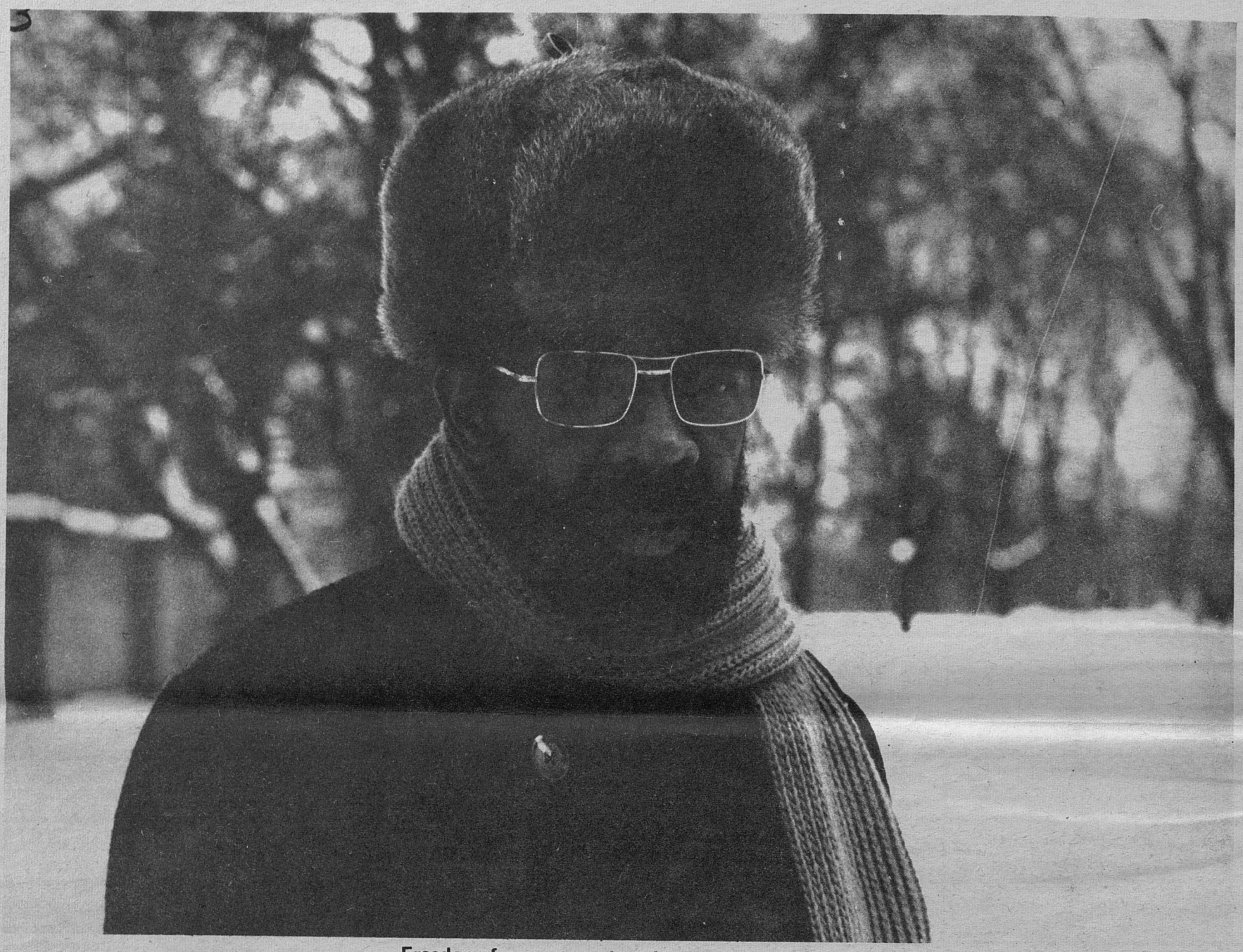

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