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THE LEGACY OF MALCOLM X



"We declare our rights on this earth to be a man, to be a human being, to be respected as a human being, to be given the rights of a human being, in this society, on this earth, in this day, which we intend to bring into existence BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!" Malcolm X

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DEDICATION:

This issue of the Black Panther, Black Community News Service is respectfully dedicated to our brother Malcolm X. The life and death of Malcolm X hold special meaning for our people in this country and throughout the world. Malcolm proved that it was possible for the common people to rise above the oppression and poverty that afflict all of us. He showed that through unity, discipline, study and an unbending determination to engage in the just struggle for liberation that we could change our objective conditions and ourselves. Malcolm was never afraid to confront the truth as he organized with us and fought for the basic human rights that have been denied to our people 465 years.

At a time when others were telling us to turn the other cheek, Malcolm said no. He taught us that we had the right and duty to use self-defense against anyone who attacked us. He questioned our willingness to fight and die for Amerikkka and compared it to our reluctance to strike decisively in our own behalf. Malcolm criticized our subservience to the Democratic fox and the Republican wolf, while both blatantly ignored our cries for justice. It was Malcolm who broadened the horizons of our struggle by shifting it from one of domestic politics to a higher plane of international alliances to secure our fundamental human right to self-determination and national liberation.

These were revolutionary steps forward in the consciousness were like a beacon to us in times of confusion and trouble. Today, more than ever, we should strive to implement his call for unity, discipline, struggle and self-determination. Amerikkan Imperialism in Angola, Grenada, Iraq, Panama, and Nicaruaga has once again reared its ugly head. Domestic racism is surging again. We will defeat our enemies but we need to be guided by unity and clear principles to do so. Our brother, like so many others, made the supreme sacrifice for us.

Malcolm believed that we should strive to gain our national liberation by "any means necessary." He maintained an implacable stand against those who oppressed, exploited, and abused Afrikan Amerikans. During his brief stay amongst us, he elevated our struggle to the international level and took it before the world forum. 25 years ago the Black Panther Party was founded with the goal of continuing that struggle. On the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Party, the Black Panther Newspaper Committee calls upon freedom loving people everywhere to take this occasion to rededicate ourselves to the continuing battle for liberation. We must continue to let the international community know we will not quietly accept the continued denial of our basic human right of self

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determination as a people. We will continue to resist and struggle on all fronts We must develop social practices, programs, and institutions which help liberate our community. We must be implacable in our strength and conviction to gain our RIGHT of self determination and national liberation. And we must also always speak out on issues and share information so that others will know that their struggle is neither alone nor in vain! The struggle continues!

Long live the spirit of Malcolm X!

The Editors



HELP THE BLACK PANTHER TELLTHE STORY:

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES AND PICTURES

Dear Afrikan Amerikan Community: Help us tell our brothers and sisters across Amerikkka and the world about what is happening in the Afrikan Amerikan community. One of the strengths of The Black Panther, Black Community News Service is its ability to provide a forum for members of the Afrikan Amerikan community to tell the story of their community in a way not biased by traditional press "objectivity." An "objectivity" which is controlled by the need to maintain the economic, political and social degradation and exploitation of people of color instead of a need to get at and tell the truth about what is happening.

Nearly 25 years before the video tape of Rodney King shocked White Amerikkka with graphic images of what is all to often the reality of police "community relations" in the Afrikan Amerikan community, The Black Panther told the world about the brutal police murder of 16 year old Denzell Dowell in Richmond, CA (Black Panther, Black Community News Service, 1967). It also told the story of many programs and institutions established and run by Afrikan Amerikans to meet their needs. It told of their strength and courage in the face of vicious and persistent Amerikkkan racism and intolerance.

Through the pages of The Black Panther, the story of our people's struggle against social, economic, and political injustice and for national salvation and liberation is told in our own words; not reported on by "objective "reporters. The story is your's. We need your help to continue to make that happen.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space limitations some letters are

BLACK COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE:

I am a young African-American living in the city, and was never taught in school about the "Black Panthers" and the other things this organization did for the black communities. I am glad that you have started this newspaper again, so that young black children can know what went on in the past, and what's going on now. Please "keep this dream alive". C.B., Daly City, CA

DEAR BPNC:

I'm glad that you have resumed publication after several years. I'm sorry that your publication is necessary because of the failure of the "press" to cover these issues that you address. There is a great need for what you do, and I consider it an honor to be counted among your Sustainer subscribers. Enclosed is my check for a 1 yr. subscription. Love, A.H., Burlingame, CA

EDITOR:

I was glad to read the new Panther. But if you want to re-arm the community with facts they had better be correct. The LA police chief Gates was NOT police chief in Oakland; that was Gaines. More power to you, but either get some experienced people in there or do your homework. I'm on your side so I won't get too pissed, but most others will use it against you.

[Editor's note: We apologiz to our readers for erroneously linking LA

police chief Gates with the 1968 incident where drunken Oakland police shot up their car and the Black Panther Party National headquarters office. Gates was not the Oakland police chief.]

DEAREST BLACK PANTHER NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE:

I was so inspired to see that the newspaper was being published again. When I first heard that such a paper was nationally distributed a long time ago I was in awe. I am glad there is now an African American publication that addresses our full concerns. Please devote a section of your paper to discussing the current U.S. economy and its effect on the community along with some informed financial advice. As some people don't realize that they are having extra hard times because of the recession or even what a recession is. Also, please do not make the same mistakes that were made before - the African-American community includes women - don't let sexism drag us down. Please print articles by and about women. Enclosed is a donation, send the subcription to my brother in Florida. I will read my roommate's copy. Dare to Struggle. Dare to Win.

L.T, Oakland, CA

GREETINGS COMRADES.

Congratulations on restarting the Black Panther paper. i greatly enjoyed Vol.1 No.1, all the articles were very good, particularly Nuh's "Split and Under", wherein he stated, "Our history, the good and the bad, must be analyzed and summarized for other revolutionaries. Only then can they avoid making the same mistakes."[..."or improve on the successes", i might add]. i agree, and think it is time to set about compiling a "History of the BPP" for eventual publication in book form. Struggle

Sundiata Acoli, POW

GREETINGS COMRADES:

After reading the Unity Newspaper I came across your address. You don't know how good it felt to see your Committee moving forward in the Black Community. It's going to take the Black Panther Newspaper as well as other progressive newspapers to raise the political consciousness of the Black masses and progressive minded whites.

Please be sure to put my name on your mailing list so that I can start receiving your newspaper. Continue to keep the revolutionary banner raised at all times! In Struggle

R.M., Angola Louisiana

BROTHERS:

I happened to hear an interview on KPFA. It had been prerecorded so I couldn't call in. But I'd like to add one more opinion to the "hopeless confusion" that surrounds Black objectives. We must present alternatives. We have the solutions to most problems in our own community. Look at the Jewish neighborhoods, for example, or the way the Mexicans, Chinese or Japanese encourage

I CAN"T BE AT YOUR PARADE, Armando Garcia My dear returning troops, I'm so very sorry but I can't be at your It's nothing personal, in fact I'm very proud that you were willing

OPEN LETTER TO THE TROOPS OF DESERT SHEILD:

to give your lives for something you believed in. It is rare in this Reagan/Bush era for someone to be willing to give anything! I'm sorry you spent so much time in the desert heat and then in the desert cold, first bored, then spending sleepless nights wondering if you would die soon. It was a great sacrifice but 1 can't be at your parade.

To be there would show my approval of an unnecessary war. Did I say war? It sounded much more like a massacre, I don't approve of massacres either. I can not be proud of this war. I would have the same feeling of horror witnessing my son mercilessly beat someone half his size, then kick his face bloody after his opponent was laying on the ground defenseless.

The war is over for us but its aftermath with bombed out sewer systems and little clean water or medicines may very well claim more lives than the war. Diarrhea, vomiting, intestinal hemmoraging, high fever through the stench of rotting corpses and carcasses is the order of the day. Those who died quickly in the bomb blasts and napalm attacks may very well be the lucky ones. You are not to blame, it is not your fault, you did what you were trained to do, you were only pawns in the global corporate

I blame instead governments who are not truthful to their people. I blame those who profit from war. I blame leaders who want to out "macho" each other and are willing to leave hundreds of thousands dead and maimed. I blame economic systems that reward excessive consumption. I blame those religions who make the absurd claim that "God is on our side" as if one of His children is worth more than another.

It didn't have to be. Our president didn't heed the advice of the retired Joint Chiefs of Staff and the head of the intelligence agencies who said "negotiate, use a blockade and sanctions, don't go to war". Instead he listened to his "yes men" and sent you off. The news media didn't say much about you being denied crosses and bibles. They didn't interview those of you who had a difference of opinion with the status quo. The fact that most of the frontliners were minority and underclass recieved very little press. I didn't hear anything about Iraqi women having more rights and the Iraqi masses having a higher literacy rate and standard of living than any of our Arab allies. These are but a few of the reasons that I can't be at your parade.

Don't worry though, there'll be plenty of people at your parade. Many of them scorned those who didn't want this war. We wanted

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GUIDELINES:

two sisters, BROTHER!]

their kids to develop their brains and culture.

that can give structure and purpose to our race.

We should organize to develop the financial and social institutions

[Editors Note: The interview team consisted of one brother and

FOR ARTICLES, PHOTOS, ART, AND GRAPHICS

However, especially compelling well-written pieces may be returned. longer. All articles must be truthful, and where a problem is THEME/TOPICS: Self-help groups that are serving the outlined a solution should also be proposed if possible. Article tone should never beg or implore, but insist and demand. Stories should flow logically; cite references whenever possible. When ever possible suggest a course of action: write letters, circulate petitions, feed the hungry. Be sure to include dates and adresses or other information as needed. Submit original instead of photocopy.

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people; politics and politicians on the local, state, or national level; health issues especially AIDS and infant mortality; hunger, police brutality, [mis]education of our youth; political prisoners and prisoners of war and prison issues; economic development in the Black community including trade associations and boycotts; housing and homelessness; international news with an emphasis on news from Afrika COMPUTER DISKS: You may submit computer disk 5.25 and countries of the diaspora; book reviews about Afrikan Amerikan history and biography. Remember, this is the Black Panther paper not the Ladies Home Journal or Essence

copies of the paper per article for publication rights. DUE DATES: We are a quarterly. Articles are due thirty





NEW JERSEY SHORTS

THEY ARE STILL PIGS: Plainfield, NJ

A fourteen year old Uriah Hannah and his parents were, victimized by Plainfield's swine recently. According to independent eyewitnesses, the incident occurred as follows:

Young Uriah was playing with a remote control toy car near his home when a motorist slowed down to watch. Subsequently, a Plainfield police patrol car ran into the back of the slowed vehicle. The enraged Pig exited his vehicle and immediately verbally and physically assaulted the youth. When the youth's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin and Venus Hannah tried to intervene, they too were then subjected to verbal abuse and threatened. The parents are pursuing "legal" actions.

Mr. Salaam Ismial of the United Youth Council states its agenda includes a public hearing on police harassment and brutality, immediate suspension of the police involved and cultural programs to up lift the community.

MURDER IN THE STREET: POLICE CLAIM TO BE VICTIMS OF UNPROVOKED ATTACK: Newark, NJ

Mr. Eugene Nickson a fifty two year old Newark resident was gunned down in the streets by a Newark pig. According to the police, they received an unidentified phone call that Mr. Nickson had a gun. Following a chase the police claim Mr. Nickson attacked them, subsequently causing them to shoot and kill him. However, community people who witnessed the murder gave a different perspective. They all agree that the police could have restrained him if they wanted to and that brother should not have been shot. "First of all," they stated, "Mr. Nickson was not resisting arrest," bled to death." He was given no medical treatment for over ten minutes. No gun was found.

NEWSPAPER BANNED IN TRENTON

Trenton, NJ

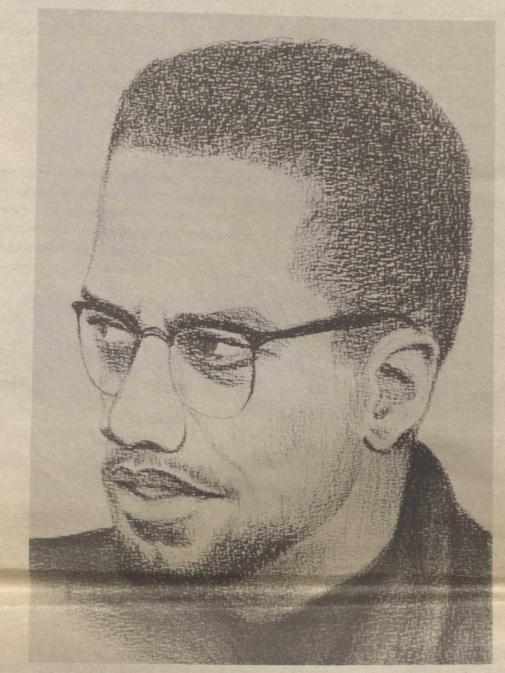
The Black Panther, Black Community News Service has been confiscated and or not allowed to be received by comrades behind the walls of Trenton State Prison. The NJ Dept. of Corrections has to this date not formally informed the Black Panther Newspaper Committee or those who have mailed the paper to inmates (see related letter to editor) as to why the paper is not allowed in. One comrade who is locked down was told informally that it was because page 27 of the paper, which dealt with the rules of the Black Panther Party, could cause disruption. The local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is monitoring the situation.

WHAT'S THE STORY BILLY?

Famous and well known activist attorney William Kuntsler has been hired by recently laid off Jersey City negro police. Kuntsler is challenging their lay offs as systematic institutional racism. This is manifested by being the last hired therefore the first fired. These same negro police who now demonstrate against the mayor and call him a racist were/are quiet about racist pig attacks on the community. They have signed allegiance to the state to become cannon fodder for the ruling class. As in neocolonialism the oppressor uses agents of the same color as the oppressed to carry out injustices. These "police officers" are learning that as in a DOING TIME AND PAYING FOR IT neocolonialist situation, they are still considered "niggers" and are discriminated against by institutional racism. While the community can identify with the discrimination they are facing, we are also reminded of their lack of community consciousness and concern when they see their fellow pigs brutalizing our community. Be they Black or White, a pig is a pig.

Tribute To Late BPP Field Marshall George **Jackson And All Political Prisoners**

On August 17, 1991, BCNS/NJ along with the communit Awareness series is sponsoring a tribute to George Jackson and political prisoners. The program will consist of speakers videos and cultural presentations. The program will be held at the Miller Branch Library 489 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, Saturday, August 17, 1991, 7PM sharp. Admission is free.



MAYOR FIDDLES WHILE BLACK **COMMUNITY BURNS**

Jersey City, NJ

Mayor Gerald (klu klux) McCann and his puppet city council have decided to cut back on essential services to the Black community. Four fire stations which are in the Black communities have been slated for either diminished manpower or taking away of fire fighting apparatus. The busiest firehouse in the city is losing its rescue vehicle and hook-and-ladder truck.

The community is being stripped of essential services. The Afrikan Amerikan community must be on guard against this assault. When attempting to gentrify an area, one of the first steps is to allow the existing structures to deteriorate and cause blight. Then the developers (Gerry's people) swarm in to make a mint gentrifying

There has been no organized opposition. Jersey City's Black politicians, especially councilwoman Willie (loyal to Gerry) Flood, needs to take tutorial lessons from Milwaukee Alderman Michael McGee on how to effectively serve the people via bourgeois

New Jersey State Legislators are considering a bill that would have inmates pay for being locked up. According to supporters of this bill, "The purpose is to go after drug kingpins' lucrative finances." However, opponents point out that, "there is nothing in the bill which stipulates it solely being for that purpose. Not only are some inmates locked up due to racism and an economic system of exploitative capitalism, the state wants them or their family to pay

Write your legislator and let them know how you feel about this

ON THE NATIONAL SCENE:

SUPREME COURT ISSUES POLICE SEARCH AND SEIZURE LICENSE

On April 23, 1991, the U.S. Supreme Court made a ruling on the Fourth Amendment which significantly limits the protection provided against illegal search and seizure. Alone in dissention, Justices Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens were the unsuccessful vanguards of yet another vanishing constitutional

The rest of the "Justices" said police can chase someone if they feel the person looks/acts suspicious and that what ever the police find that the suspect has discarded during the chase can be used as evidence against him - even if it is demonstrated that the officer did not have a valid reason for starting the chase.

Ron Niver, the California Deputy District Attorney General who successfully argued the case before the Supreme Court said, "A police officer won't chase anyone unless he knows catching them must be justified." James Lozenski, the defense attorney disagreed, saying the ruling will prompt police to begin more chases without good cause, especially in inner-city areas where Afrikan Amerikans

So much for the constitutional protection of "probable cause." This should serve as a reminder that constitutional rights were never intended to protect Afrikan Amerikans or to promote our wellbeing. In fact, the original document identified us as 3/5 of a human, therefore not worthy of equal protection under the law. Today's constitution no longer identifies us as less than human, however, when it comes to us, unequal protection lives on!

EDITORS' NOTE: Since this article was written, the Supreme Court issued a ruling in May giving police the right to search your person and vehicle without a search warrant.

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BLACK COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED



Budget Cuts and the Education of African RICHARD NAVIES: **American Children**

by A. Student

Large numbers of people in the community are troubled by the proposed education budget cuts which will have an adverse effect on people of color, particularly African Americans, in California. Governor Pete Wilson has proposed a cut in funding to all public education. This will make an already poorly funded education system even worse. Further, it will disproportionately affect students of color because they are overrepresented in the public school system. We are concerned about education because we are aware of the many problems facing the African American community. For example:

* One in four (25%) of the nation's African American men in their 20's are in jail, prison, on probation, or on parole.

* Violence is the number one cause of death for African American men between the ages of 15 and 25.

* While the life expectancy for whites is increasing, the life expectancy for African Americans is actually decreasing.

These few statistics out of the hundreds which would be marshalled indicate that both the quality and length of African American life

Clearly the entire nation is suffering from the effects of the to the San Francisco Bay area, he taught English at Washington downtum in the economy. During such times, those in the "lower classes" have to disproportionately bear the brunt of budget reductions. If public school budget cuts are approved, the students from middle class, working class and poor backgrounds will suffer. Fewer supplies will be available to help students learn and understand; library staff and resources will be cut, preventing students from having independent access to information; the number of counselors available to assist students in making college and career decisions will also be reduced. But most importantly, teachers will be laid off resulting in larger class sizes which reduces the amount of attention given each student. Public education is chiefly utilized by students of color from poor and working class

Simultaneously, they face problems such as urban crime, homelessness, and substance abuse. These are problems which need to be solved. Cutting funding to education can only make these problems worse.

The condition of the Richmond, California School District, which filed for bankruptcy in April, is only a precursor of what is to come for other mainly African American and Chicano/Latino school districts. The government is failing in its mission to provide for the welfare of all the people. The current budget proposals will remove even more funding from urban school areas condemning our children to a perpetually inferior education.

Those students of color who may make it to the next stage of education are also facing potential setbacks. Governor Wilson, the University of California Regents, and the California State University Trustees have posed huge fee hikes and budget cuts. These fee hikes will make it more difficult for poor working class students of color to afford the costs of public colleges and universities. The UC Regents also propose cutting admissions at the lower tier. African Americans are more likely to enter a UC institution at this level. This means that we will again suffer unduly. The students who are denied admission to UC may choose to attend a CSU. The CSUs are also raising fees and cutting back on services. The increased competition for spaces will exacerbate the crisis students of color face in higher education. The students who do attend a state college will be faced with numerous budget cuts. Tutoring and retention programs, which are very beneficial to African American students, are faced with large cuts. Library services are being drastically reduced. Departments may restrict access to classes and reduce the number of majors they admit. Remedial programs at UC institutions are to be shifted to the CSUs. This means that African American students at UC schools who received a poor high school education and need remedial courses will have to commute back and forth to a local CSU to meet their requirements. Once again, an unfair burden will be placed on African Americans.

There are a number of special interest groups petitioning Gov. Wilson to suspend voter approved Proposition 98 (which

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Hero of Black Studies; Victim of U.S.A. Health-Care

Bay Area community paid their respects at a mass funeral for brother Richard D. Navies (1943-1991). The BPNC., along with the rest of our community, wish to express our deepest condolences and sympathy for the family and friends of this hero of Black studies and fighter for the oppressed. He will surely be missed. compatible donor for a bone marrow transplant.

As a person, Richard was a warm, caring, member of our community. He loved life and was an uncompromising fighter for truth and justice until the end. Those of us who knew Richard, remember him for his smile, his courage, his passion for knowledge integrity. We remember Richard for his serious dedication to revealing the true history of African people and his committment to bringing this knowledge to his students and the community. Richard graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit where he earned Master's degrees in English and History. Before moving

Trade School in Detroit where he won literary awards for teaching



poetry to students who were labled "UN-TEACHABLE" by the instream school system. In 1969, he accepted a job teaching African- American Studies at Berkeley High School. After one year, he was awarded the position of coordinator of the Ethnic Studies Program in the Berkeley Unified School District. In 1977, after the elimination of most of these programs, Richard became the chairman of the sole, surviving, Department of African American Studies in the United States public schools.

As a sincere educator who contributed countless hours to the development of all his students, Richard Darrell Navies distinguished himself as a pioneer in the field of African studies. Throughout his career he transformed and raised the consciousness of his students and those who came into contact with him. In the face of often discouraging odds, he made it possible for Black students to see their own reflections in the achievements of role models who overcame formidable obstacles. In his conversations, he often refered to the works of Carter G. Woodson, Dr. Hansberry, W.E.B. DuBois, and Malcolm X. as examples to be studied and emulated by serious students of history.

He was loved and respected by his students and the community for his dedication and scholarship in the promotion of an, "education that teaches us our true history and our role in present day society and knowledge of ourselves".

We must not only defend the continuation of African-American studies at Berkeley High School, we must EXPAND AFRICAN-

On Friday, March 29, 1991, many members of the San Francisco STUDIES to all schools, K-12 and colleges and universities, throughout the land!

At the same time, we must establish independent/community controlled schools that will meet the educational needs of African people in the United States and the world. This is not just a question of "civil rights", it is a question of HUMAN RIGHTS! This is not Richard died as a result of leukemia after failing to find a something we should be "asking" for, we should be demanding our human right to education, and the best health care society has

Richard's death also points out the racist-discrimatory nature of the American health- care system faced by poor and oppressed people in this country. First, poor and oppressed people can't afford and discussion of history and world affairs, and most of all his the high prices that the doctors and the hospitals charge to treat major life-threatening diseases such as: cancer, AIDs, organ transplants, and diabetes. Many working-class people and professionals (e.g. teachers, etc.) have had their incomes and savings eaten up by medical bills.

> Secondly, it is the American racist-capitalist system of oppression and exploitation which has created the wretched health conditions where the life-expectancy of a Black person is 6-10 years less than a White person; where black infant-mortality is almost twice that of White infants; where twice as many Black people die of AIDS, cancer, heart disease, hypertention, and other stress related illnesses as compared to Whites. This is not only racism; this is Genocide! We demand free, afforable health care for everybody. This health care should be the best society has to offer. The best health care is not a civil right. It is a human right. We demand our human rights, now! The same is true of health as in the field of education. We must begin to create alternative, independent education and health clinics and ways to provide quality education and health care to the masses of our communities.

CONTINUE THE WORK OF RICHARD NAVIES. DEFEND AND EXPAND BLACK STUDIES. THE BEST HEALTH CARE FOR ALL, NOW!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE SANGA

1966 - 1991 25th Yr Founding Celebrations Planned

Genocide In Alameda County, CA

Sisters and brothers, this is a call for action. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will be holding public budget hearings on Social Services, June 18th (1 - 5pm), Health Care, June 19th (9am -5pm), June 20th (9am - 5pm). They will approve a final budget on June 25th, and if things go as planned, Afrikan Amerikans, other people of color, and all poor people will be devastatingly

The County Social Services Agency (SSA) says it plans to fund community food programs for 12 months in this next fiscal year (July - June), but to reduce providing shelter to the homeless to only five months during the year AND they will completely eliminate all other services to the homeless which are funded by SSA! So, no more motel vouchers, no drop-in centers, no benefits counseling, NO NOTHING!

This is actually a trick. The real plan is to fund food and shelter programs at a seriously reduced level for the full 12 months and to completely eliminate all other services. But, they are pretending to only fund 5 months of shelter, so, that after a terrific outcry from the community, they can come back and offer the full 12 months--but at the reduced level!

We cannot allow this to happen. Human beings cannot live without food and housing. Sisters and brothers, 1/3 of the county's 8,000 homeless are children and the majority of them are African Americans. Failure to provide them with these basic human needs is not misguided thinking, its genocide.

The Board of Supervisors make the final decisions. They can reject SSA's recommendations. They are elected to office and they are

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guarantees grades K-14 will receive 42% of the state budget). Among the groups, prison guards stood out strikingly. Very likely, they would like to see state money spent on building more prisons. In fact, the government is likely to increase spending on prisons. The United States already has the highest rate of imprisonment in the world, higher than South Africa and the Soviet Union. In fact, the incarceration rate of African American males is four times higher than their peers in South Africa and seven times higher than the overall U.S. rate. It seems obvious that if more state funds are spent on education, on providing young people with the tools to succeed in this society, then less money will be spent to incarcerate

As African American people we must wage a two pronged battle for education. In the short run, we must pressure our legislators and the governor to oppose any measure which reduces funding for California public schools or higher education. But even more importantly, in the long term, we must stop depending on the people in government to help us. It is time we took matters into our own hands. More and more of us are becoming aware that it is not in the interest of the state to educate African American and Chicano/Latino people. Beyond the budget cuts, we must deal with some of the more fundamental problems of the school system. Look at Special Education classes. Afrikan Amerikan males are overrepresented. Many of the white students in special ed classes are mentally handicapped. The African Americans students, however, are placed there by teachers who incorrectly see them as troublemakers or children with emotional problems. The longer our children stay in special ed classes, the further they fall behind other students at their grade level. Many end up as high school drop outs. Too many of them end up in the correctional system. Other students of color are tracked into vocational schools where they train for jobs that do not exist while their white peers take classes which prepare them for college.

market. Low-skilled jobs which once provided an income for high school drop-outs and high school graduates are being sent overseas by corporations. Service jobs are increasingly being computerized, eliminating the need for humans (for example, Pacific Bell is planning to replace operator assisted, collect and third party calls by an automated system). Business, managerial, and high technology jobs are filled by everyone but African Americans and Chicano/Latinos. The opening up of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union for capitalism means more educated white immigrants can come to the United States to take the jobs which people of color are denied because our educational system has failed us. Given these factors it is imperative that we take control of our children's education. There are various techniques we can use to help ourselves. If we collect our financial and physical resources, we can provide tutoring programs, after school activities, mentorship and role model programs, and anything else we can to help our children. Only when we control the teaching of our children will they receive good quality education.

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supposed to respond to you! All but one of them are up for re-election this coming year. Come to the budget hearings. Let them know that they must fund services to the poorest of the poor. Take note of how they behave toward the general public and the type of comments they make. Carefully consider their decisions an make sure you vote accordingly when they run for re-election. Do not allow them to take you for granted, make them earn your vote. If they don't, vote for someone who listens to you.

Come to the hearing at 1221 Oak St. in Oakland, on the 5th floor in the Board Chambers. All of them are important, but the Social Services cuts (June 18th) are the deepest and will take a terrible toll on the black community.



Students Close Campuses at **CUNY Over Budget Cuts**

Early in the morning on Monday, April 8th of this year, students at the City College of New York chained and locked themselves into the main campus building in a protest against budget cuts and tuition increases. The students called for a schoolwide strike. Within three days other buildings on campus were seized. The college was effectively and then officially shutdown. The students took the action to protest the proposed \$500 increase in tuition and massive educational budget cuts.

City College is the Harlem campus of the City University of New York. CUNY is the third largest public school system in the United States (behind the University of California and the State University of New York). There are 21 campuses located throughout the five boroughs of New York City. CUNY consists of both four-year colleges and two-year community colleges. Prior to 1976, CUNY had a free tuition policy.

By the second week of protest, 10 other CUNY campuses were campuses, including the Graduate Center, students were able to completely shutdown their schools. In fact, the protests had spread outside the city. Students at Cornell University and CUNY Purchase had also shutdown buildings on their campuses because of their own budget complaints. CUNY students have also received support for labor unions and people of color communities. The student actions at CUNY can be explained by looking at the University's demographics. Over 60% of the student body are people of color. A large number of students have full time jobs and raise families. Sixty percent of the students are women. These are not the children of the elite, nor are there many from the middle class. They are hard working people trying to get a degree to enhance their chances in a highly competitive job market. CUNY is one of the last remaining sources of a low cost college education for poor and working class people, particularly people of color. CUNY has an open admissions policy which allows any high school graduate to attend one of the campuses. This is a great opportunity for people in the city which has a high school population of mainly people of color and where a high school diploma is not a guarantee of a job.

Two years ago, due to a budget deficit, Governor Mario Cuomo proposed a \$200 a year increase in the \$1250 tuition on top of millions of dollars in cuts in the CUNY budget. Students lobbied the governor and legislators to no avail. Stymied by uncaring politicians, many of whom had attended CUNY when it was free and mainly white, the students at City College seized the administration building in the spring semester of 1989. Similar actions spontaneously occurred at several other CUNY campuses. After two weeks of protests and a rally attended by 15,000 students in downtown Manhattan, the Governor backed down. The legislature "found" funds to stop the tuition increase and budget

Last year CUNY raised tuition \$200 and cut staff, faculty, and services anyway despite student protests and limited direct action. This year, not only does the Governor propose raising tuition an additional \$500 and cutting services, he also wants to cut financial aid to needy students by \$400. This would effectively make the tuition increase \$900 for many students, an enormous 62% increase. The \$92 million in budget cuts that are proposed will result in continued staff and faculty lay offs, fewer course offerings, larger class sizes and reductions in services. As in previous years, students wrote letters to the Governor and Legislators, they rallied

and lobbied in the State Capitol, and they proposed alternative ways of funding. The intransigence of the elected officials left the students with no alternatives. For the third time in three years, they have publicized their plight by seizing property, the only way to get attention from the power structure. This time the protests are as massive as the ones of two years ago.

Most college officials are opposed to the student activities but are reluctant to call in the New York Terrorists Department (known as the New York City Police Department). At one school however, New York City Technical, police arrested three students supporting the protest. In the process they beat an African American female student. At other CUNY schools the police harass student protestors by driving through campus throughout the day and night. Some students have been suspended by school administrators for their role in the take-overs. CUNY President James P. Murphy and Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds (formerly of the California State University) have taken strong stances against the student protests and are in favor of suspensions. There are even threats by various CUNY administrations to cancel the entire semester at striking students who do not want to lose a semester's worth of work.

The students vow to continue the protest until their demands are met, including the rescinding of the tuition increase, the restoration of financial aid, and the reversal of budget cuts.

Perhaps students at other public campuses around the nation affected by tuition increases and budget cuts should follow the lead of the students of CUNY. When lobbying and letter writing fail, when politicians refuse to tax the wealthy and corporations, and when students are made to feel powerless, perhaps they need to take matters into their own hands. Remember, "Education is a Right; Fight, Fight, Fight!"



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IT'S THE SAME OLD SONG

by Kimathi-California BPNC

We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of black people. Point Number Seven of the Black Panther Party's 10 Point Program And Platform addresses one of the most pressing and long-standing problems affecting Black people since the beginning of our enforced stay in this country in 1526.

The recent incidents in Los Angeles and Charleston are part of a continuation of a long Amerikkkan tradition of state brutality toward people of Afrikan descent. In Los Angeles the attempted lynching was filmed by a neighbor who was awakened by the

loud and vicious beating of Rodney King. If the camera hadn't caught the police in the act then it would have been just King's word against that of 25 White cops. All of the cops would have been prepared to swear on a stack of bibles that King was a violent and uppity nigger who had reached into his pocket for a weapon and had to be restrained by the LAPD who were acting in fear of their lives. Doubters can read the initial police report which said virtually the same thing. This was before the video was released for public viewing and revealed the usual and routine police conspiracy and coverup about their illegal gangster attacks and daily atrocities against Afrikan people.

The arrogant and stupid comments of Police Chief Darryl Gates reveal his total contempt for the Black community and his belief that a "Black man has no rights that a White man is bound to respect". So what else is new? In Charleston, South Carolina an innocent Black man was accosted and kneed in the groin by three cops (one of them an uncle tom doing his master's bidding). One of the White cops thought he "looked like someone" who had been stopped for drugs earlier in the week. Surprise, surprise. He wasn't. Many Black men have heard this one before. We are always looking like some one else when it is "convenient" for the police. Usually someone who is armed and dangerous and has to be killed to protect White society.

There are a couple of new wrinkles in these stories however. Charleston has a Black Police Chief, Reuben Greenberg. Instead of apologizing to the people for this rank Gestapo activity, Greenberg said community concern over this violation of human rights was "the latest fad," and would continue, " for the next four or five months because of the L.A. thing". His ancestors must be spinning in their graves. They struggled and sacrificed to bring forth a fool, and a traitor to Black people. Greenberg bites, barks, and bleeds at his master's command. Just like a good house negro. audible in his "call" for Gates' resignation. His knees were knocking together so hard that the noise could be heard from coast to coast. Bradley couldn't have been surprised by the actions of his storm troopers. After all he was a Lt. on the LAPD before he was annointed the "Negro Leader" for Los Angeles. He's very familiar with their habits. Not to mention the fact that he's presided over Darryl Gates' reign of terror for many years now. He was hoping that the national outrage would blow over. When It didn't, he reluctantly began to criticize Gates. These two house negroes are only upset because their master has been exposed once

Greenberg suspends one of his lackeys and Bradley pretends to be mad at Gates. Changing faces is not the solution. We have to change the whole program. The only solution to this problem is one that takes another approach. We can't continue to place our destiny in the hands of our enemies. Our people must organize around a viable goal and determine which way we want to go. Do we stay with those who hate us or do we take our rightful place among the nations of the earth? We Afrikan Amerikans have suffered a 465 year train of abuses and genocide that must be brought to a screaming halt. The whole world will understand when we decide that enough is enough. They are already

wondering why we're taking so long and what does it take before

BALANCING THE BUDGET ON THE **BACKS OF THE POOR** by Zenobia Embry-Nimmer, BPNC, Oakland, CA

In 1966, part of Point Number Ten of the Black Panther Party Platform and Program read: "We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice, and peace."

Bread, clothing, and housing are becoming luxuries. Education and employment are even less available. For many, land, peace, and justice are some things we once heard about, in some far-away never-never land. One thing is for sure, the increasingly difficult budget crisis will cause additional damage to the Afrikan

Amerikan community.

Please note, I did not say, the Federal budget crisis or the State budget crisis. The fact is, for the masses of people in our country, the budget crisis is a government engineered economic crisis at the Federal, State, County, and City level--with very little impact of the wealthiest of the wealthy. Accordingly, our strategies must be multitiered, broad based, and varied or we are doomed to fail.

The projected 91-92 deficit for the Federal government is \$281 billion, the State of California's is \$12 billion and Alameda County's faces a \$70 million deficit. The Issues are about Priorities and the lack of Fairness. In this issue, I will primarily address the California state budget, but the same dynamics are playing out in other states.

As a part of his effort to balance the budget, California's Governor Wilson has recommended cuts which will ensure a dramatic increase in hunger and homelessness. Specifically, he will decrease AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) payments by 8.8% (the payments were already less than 80% of the poverty level) and he will eliminate the AFDC Homeless Assistance Funds. Currently, a family of three (a single parent and two children) struggles to live on \$693 per month. The average rent in Oakland alone is 109% of that \$693! Is everyone out there asleep? If rent is 109% of your total income, which is about to be cut by 9%, it does not take a genius to know

that there will be more homeless people. Two thirds of the people on AFDC are not beer guzzling people as insinuated by Governor Wilson. They are children. And what do people buy their children food with if the rent is 109% of their income? The answer-they

The Governors' assault is not limited to mothers and children. Most people do not realize that the Maintenance Need Level (MNL) entitlements to medically needy seniors, by Federal Law, is tied to AFDC grant levels. So when AFDC grant levels are reduced, the MNL for medically needy seniors also goes down. They too will end up with even less to live on each month.

Of course, it doesn't end there, our would be fearless leader of a Governor proposes cutting \$210 million in tax credits to renters, but identifies no cuts in State subsidies for homeowners. For a family forced to live at or below the poverty level, the proposed reduction in the renters tax credit means a 42% increase in taxes. For a family of four earning \$25,000 annually, who pays approximately \$200 in State taxes, the proposed cut in the renters credit would increase taxes by 25%. Further, he would cut Public Schools, Community Colleges, the State Colleges and Universities, and the University of California by a minimum of \$1.9 billion and benefits for the aged, blind, and disabled by at least \$168 million.

Some would have us believe there are no alternatives, after all, a limited pot of money can only go so far, right? Wrong, its a matter of priorities.

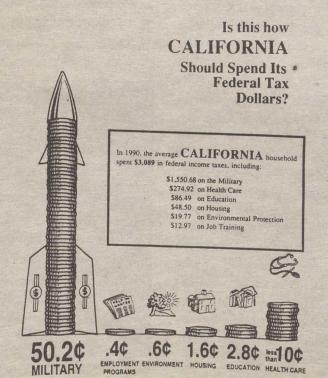
Instead of cutting \$39 million from AFDC Homeless Assistance Funds, why not raise \$46 million by closing the loophole which allows motion pictures to have sales tax exemptions? Don't cut \$225 million from AFDC grants, raise \$330 million by reducing

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NATIONAL POLL: One In Seven Armed

The results were recently released of a poll which revealed that one in seven Amerikkkans is armed. The results of the poll were based on in depth inteviews with thousands of Amerikkkans nations wide. Those who were interviewed were promised anonimity and answered over 1,200 questions. One out of seven respondents reported that they regularly carry a gun with them on their person and in their car. The next time you are in a room with Speaking of house negroes, L.A.'s so-called Mayor was barely 50 Amerikkans, think hard. Odds are that seven of them are



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FORTY ACRES AND A MULE: The Case For Black Reparations

by Paul Alkebulan - California BPNC

Africa and Africans in the Diaspora" was held in Lagos, Nigeria on December 13 and 14, 1990. The conference was organized by the chairman
It is time we collected. We should stop payment to utilize the positions you hold in the service of Chief M.K.O. Abiola.

Martin Luther King III, Minister Abdul Akbar Muhammed of the Nation of Islam, Massacusetts State Senator Bill Owens, and Prof. Robert Brown, Staff Director; Subcommittee on International Development, finance, trade and of the agenda. Even if it is not we should place Campaign contributions and Political Action monetary policy of the House committee on the issue before the United Nations or any Committees have nothing to do with it. to any of the following people. It need not take banking, finance and urban affairs.

The conference addressed the long overdue issue of reparations for Afrikan people on the continent and in the diaspora. The whole world knows that the Germans have paid reparations to the State of Israel, the Amerikkkan government is in the process of paying reparations to the families of Japanese

The principle of reparation payments by nations and peoples is too well established for it to be ignored by our people . . . At the end of slavery in the United States, we Afrikans were turned loose with nothing but our bare hands.

Americans who were illegally rounded up and held in concentration camps during WW II. The United Nations is now demanding that Iraq pay reparations to Kuwait as a result of Iraqi actions

during the recent Gulf War. The principle of reparation payments by nations and peoples is too well established for it to be ignored by our people. Arabs, Europeans and Amerikkans have plundered Afrika for centuries through such crimes as the slave trade, colonial plundering of natural resources, forced labor, genocide and other crimes too numerous to mention here. The slave trade and Afrikan slavery laid the foundation for the development of the modern Western Industrial state. (see Capitalism and Slavery by Eric Williams and How Europe Underdeveloped Africa by Walter Rodney).

At the end of slavery in the United States we Afrikans were turned loose with nothing but our bare hands. The same sorry state of affairs prevailed throughout the Western Hemisphere whether it was in the Caribbean colonial possessions of the European powers or the Latin American Republics. Nowhere were the Afrikans compensated as a people for the crimes committed against us as a people. We moved from chattel slavery to peonage and wage slavery.

At no time did the white governments of the world, certainly not the United States, attempt to address the issue of paying us for the 339 years of free labor (1526 - 1865) that our ancestors were forced to perform. We lost untold millions of people during the Holocaust of the Afrikan Slave Trade. We have never been offered an apology for this robbery and genocide of our people. We have never been offered any compensation for the underdevelopment and oppression of our people and our continent which was the natural result of the Afrikan Slave Trade. Today it is said that Afrikan governments "owe" Western governments and banks some \$200 billion in loans. How can this be? By whose

and thieves. They on the other hand owe their

of the Nigerian Concord Group of Newspapers: on any so-called "debt" until our claims are not only recognized but paid. Anything less is an Some of the Afrikan-Amerikan panelists were insult to our ancestors, our dignity, and our basic

Afrikan States is scheduled to take place in June 1991. It is believed that reparations will be part

The "World Conference on Reparations for reckoning? We owe nothing to these robbers Now a special word for Afrikan-American politicians. It is up to you to participate wholeheartedly in this struggle. It is up to you

> Remember those jobs were purchased with the blood, sweat and tears of an oppressed people. Nat Turner, Ida Wells, Francis Harper, John The next summit meeting of the Organization of Huggins, George Jackson, Mary Church Terrell, Marcus Garvey, and others too numerous too mention are responsible for your existence.



International forum that we can.

a similar move is underway. John Conyers Amerikan community. We expect and deserve Reparations Bill. This legislation would create effort. We confidently look forward to receiving the first federally chartered commission to study the impact of slavery on Afrikan-Americans and the nation, and to recommend to Congress a range of appropriate remedies, such as reparations or some remunerative action. This bill falls short of a definitive call for compensation for our people at home and abroad. But it is a start. Nothing more.

Write to John Conyers and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus (c/o Congressman John Conyers, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.) and let them know what you think about the issue of reparations. Write to your Congressman and let him/her know that you support the idea of reparations for the Afrikan-Americans. Let us make sure that every elected official in this country hears our peoples' just call for reparations.

Understand this. Your political position is the In the United States House of Representatives result of the determined struggle of the Afrikan your cooperation in this great and long overdue

Speaking of doing it for ourselves, as long as we do not take charge of our national destiny, we will continue to be dangerously dependent on the funding fickleness of a government that has never intended to meet our needs. This critical need is identified in another part of Point

25Th Year Anniversary Celebration Of Founding Of BPPP Planned and helped to create political power bases within our community,

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Party's founding. The BPNC is working with surviving Panthers, Community Workers and Supporters to hold celebrations simultaneously accross Amerikkka to mark that historic anniversary. The focus of the celebration will be on honoring survivors, martyrs, political prisoners, and POWs. A special part of the program will emphasize Panther children and how the struggle continues from one generation of Afrikan Amerikans to the

To get more information or to become involved, contact the BPNC office nearest you or the Centra

Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win

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the deductions for business meals. Don't touch the benefits for the aged, blind and disabled (unless you are going to increase them), just eliminate tax write-offs by oil companies doing research and exploration for an minimum of \$220 million. Do not cut our public educational system. Instead close the business property tax loophole to the cool tune of \$2.2 billion. These alternatives are but a few of the far more responsible and humane ways to correct the

One immediate thing you can do is write a letter more than 30 minutes of your time.

Governor Pete Wilson, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Sacramento, CA 95814 Assembly Mbr Tom Bates, State Capitol, Rm

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Assembly Mbr Johan Klehs, State Capitol, Rm 2013, Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Bill Lockyer, State Capitol, Rm 2032,

Sacramento, CA 95814 Senator Nicholas Petris, State Capitol, Rm 5080, Sacramento, CA 95814

It does not have to be typed, you can hand write it-they say they pay attention to letters from the 'common people". It does not have to be fancy. Our people have "invested" heavily in the building of this country and we have a right and responsibility to tell elected officials (lackeys or not) what we think.

Just tell them what you believe important for the State to pay for and what they should and should

Let them know that large business and the wealthy should be paying their fair share. Tell them what your priorities are and are not! If we don't, we can count on no one else to do it for

Number 10 of the Black Panther Platform and Program calling for a Plebescite for The Purpose Of Determining The Will Of Black People as To Their National Destiny.

25 years ago the Black Panther Party sprung upon the Amerikkan scene. It was at once Amerikka's worst nightmare and Afrikan Amerika's hope and dream. Its goal was simply stated: to seize political and economic power for the Afrikan Amerikan community by any means necessary. In response to its call, thousands of the Afrikan Amerikan community's finest young people joined the BPP

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economically. A mentor of mine has often

dynamic applies to our neighborhoods and

communities. Situations such as these will

conscious decision to put aside individual avarice

and pride and collectively control our

merchants have for Africans is extremely low.

If a 51 year-old Korean woman can cross the

line from rude and abusive treatment of her

African patrons, to firing a .38 caliber handgun

has been corroborated by the security videotape.

Records and witnesses of the incident establish

that Harlin showed the owner her \$2 to pay for

the juice and that she put the juice and her

knapsack on the counter before turning to leave,

and that Du hurled a stool at the young girl before

is a serious problem.

EL CERRITO, CALIFORNIA

Traffic Violation Ends With Youth Shot In Stomach

Reprint from Cop Watch, May 1991 On February 26, 1991, El Cerrito police chased a car with three young men, who police say were driving recklessly, until the car crashed into a tree on Acton Street in Berkeley. One of the young men got out of the car and ran. In the process of arresting the other two, one of them, a seventeen-year-old, was shot by the El Cerrito police. According to Berkeley Police Review Commissioner Osha Neumann, who is investigating the incident, the young man was laying on the ground face down; then the police told him to roll over, at which point he was shot in the stomach. At the March 27th PRC meeting the officer was quoted as having said that he fired because "he [the young man] made a motion towards his waist." Attorney John Burris will represent the victim in a suit against the El Cerrito police involved.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Next Time The LAPD May Be Kicking Yo'Ass, Reprinted from NOMMO The State of the Union? Well, the Union was run down and brutally beaten to near death. But this is nothing new, its been happening for more than four centuries. The weak response within the African community to the police attack on by a Korean merchant, to our Samoan brothers murdered by the police and all the day-to-day trials and tribulations African people experience, reflects the State of the Union. The weak response within the African community to the vicious oppression, degradation, and exploitation it is subjected to further reflects the state of the African community and the Union: apathetic, unorganized, unconscious and with no direction.

We have our middle class "responsible" leadership, which has sold its soul and their people for civil rights and thirty pieces of silver, calling for the resignation of police chief Darryl Gates. Granted, Gates is a racist, sexist devil and he needs to get off this planet, but the problem is much deeper and goes much further than one old White man. If policeman Gates goes, there will be another "Gates" to replace him. The problem goes further than resignations, police review boards, and reforming policemen and police departments, simply because these band-aid solutions don't and have not worked. The ultimate source of the problem is the Capitalist system which breeds poverty, crime, racism, sexism, class struggles, dehumanization

Just a little while ago our middle class leadership, like Mayor Tom (as in uncle) Bradley, Maxine Waters, Robert Farrell, Theresa Hughes, and Gwen Moore, just to name a few were calling for more police in the Africa community. Bradley is an ex-policeman and the stupid ass mayor that gave the key to Los Angeles to the South African Consulate; Gwen Moore sponsored the notorious Step Act in the state assembly; Robert Farrell proposed a tax on the African community to pay for more police; and Danny Bakewell (an alleged slumlord) worked with the police to "take back the community" from the African youth that did not control it.

Los Angeles Merchant Of Death: Shop Owner Murders African

By Igbodike Obioha

On Saturday morning, March 16, 1991, 15-yearold Latasha Harlins was fatally shot in the Empire Liquor Store on 91st and Figueroa in South Los Angeles. 51-year-old Soon Ja Du, an immigrant Korean merchant, has been arraigned on murder charges in Compton Superior Court. Demonstrations since the shooting have been held at the store, lead by the Brotherhood Crusade and Mothers in Action. Chants of "stop killing our children" and vows that the store will "never reopen" have punctuated several of the Wednesday gatherings. Unfortunately, neither the talks, nor the demonstrations have really addressed the root of the problem, or the larger factors which may have contributed to Harlin's

Yang II Kim, president of the National Korean-American Grocers Association has urged the African community to view Harlin's death as an "isolated incident, without racial overtones, so as not to destroy the bridges that have been built over the last ten years by the Black-Korean alliance." In the first place, what good are those. bridges if they only lead to 15-year-old 9th grade girls being shot, and a virtual Korean monopoly

of neighborhood markets in

the African community? People from the community know that these "bridges" only mean Africans markets, mini-malls and swap meets that have flooded our areas, and being

subjected to exorbitant prices and rude treatment while we shop. African patrons will tell you that "they don't even bother putting your change in your hand, they put in on the counter." Secondly, to ask that we view Harlin's death as an "isolated incident", is to ask of us the same thing that was asked for in the murders of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Fred Hampton, Medgar Evers, Eulia Love, Eleanor Bumpers, Yusef Hawkins,

and the recent beating of Rodney King. The words "aberration" and "extenuating" circumstances" always fly whenever Africans are killed. And, the problems which afflict us as Africans nonetheless remain.

If Harlin had been Asian, or White, she would not have been killed. At the forefront of discussions should be the fact that Africans are

Latasha Harlins shooting her to death through the back of the

Whether Harlin was ever shoplifting that morning in Empire Liquor is moot. Du's reference to suffering three months of thefts and threats from gang members as a pretext for shooting a 15 year-old, 9th grade African girl in the back of the head represents an acute absence of respect and value of the lives of African

not in control of their own communities, which people. Clearly, Soon Ja Du would have been allows outsiders to come in and seize them very reluctant to fire on a 15-year-old White or

warned, "If you can't control your mind, Soon Ja Du is of course guilty of Harlin's murder. someone else will control it for you." The same No one in Harlin's community disputes that. But, it is a lot easier to get mad with a Korean store owner than to take action on the issues that tragically repeat themselves until we make a create the situations, atmosphere and tensions that got Harlin killed.

We can count on the media to constantly throw communities. Creating and owning African surface issues at us, and never divulge the true businesses in African communities is only one sources of problems facing us. Headlines like "Racial Tension Blamed in Girl's Death," simply The level of respect that many Korean exacerbate the difficulty of finding the truth here. if the media and the reactionary African American "leadership" successfully pit the Koreans versus the Africans in South Los Angeles, what will happen when an Italian, or an Arab, or even a Chicano store owner shoots at a young girl exiting her store after some scuffle over a \$1.19 bottle of orange juice, there a kid?

We cannot rely on the Los Angeles Times, the Soon Ja Du has said that in addition to LAPD, the governor, or the mayor to provide us with real solutions. They must come from shoplifting, Harlin was trying to take money within, from the people. from the store's cash register. Neither accusation

The community knows that homicides such as this one go on all the time. When Africans kill Africans or Chicanos kill Chicanos, etc., nothing is said. The African community has been aware of this for quite some time. So this is really nothing new. Instead of asking "What's so

different about this one?" and letting the media, or the Black-Korean alliance, or any other reactionary "leadership" control this one, people who are truly concerned with the community must take the opportunity to look at this tragedy and step forward to solve some of the problems. Harlin, her relatives, and the rest of the African community received no justice in Compton Municipal Court. The injustices were not mitigated by the fact that when the judge set Du's bail at \$250,000, the Korean-American crowd applauded, or when Harlin's killer "walked free" just days after the murdered youth was buried.

The hurt and disgust that Harlin's relatives felt was only intensified by the fact that Du's attorney is African. One of them stood, pointing and shouting at him, "How much did they pay you?"

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KICK ASS, Continued

This was the first time in history that Black Anyway, to cut a long story short, the state of the people called for more police in their community. Many people in our community sanctioned "Operation Hammer" (the police sweeps that resulted in 50,000 arrest) and the so-called "War On Drugs", which was really a war on oppressed people. If we're calling for resignations, Chief Gates is just one among many that needs to

union is a microcosm of the state of the African community. People have brought into the system, its values, beliefs and culture, so that people can't arrive at proper solutions that will address their situation. People are locked into apathetic, comfortable and compromising politics. Africans what are we going to do about our situation? And are we willing to do it?



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HONORARY WHITES: Japanese In South Africa

by Koji Shimura

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racist/fascist South Africa.

and American investment and business due to Products, to name but a few!

anti-apartheid pressure, highlighted South Africa's acute dependence upon raw materials, exports, and manufactured products, imports. As such the racist regime sought to speed the path to a self-supporting economy. Japan eagerly moved in to fill this trade gap and thereby quickened South Africa's industrial advancement.

To placate the increased number of Japanese businessmen in South Africa, the Japanese were declared "honorary whites" by the perverse architects of hate that same year. Japanese multi-national

corporations made long-term contracts to import huge amounts of natural resources from South Africa. Meanwhile they also began exporting heavy industrial plants to South Africa. The Japanese government provided the financial backing to the exporting

steadily increased over the years so much so that Western Europe as racist South Africa's leading trading partner. However, the U.S. still holds

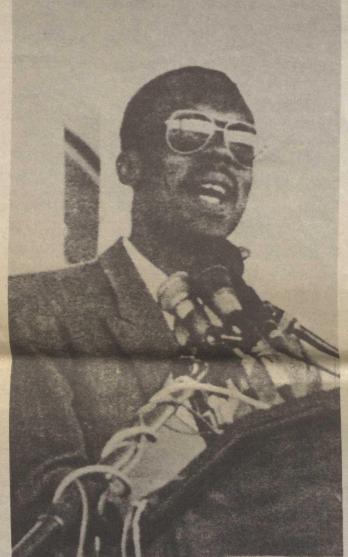
imported 55

its chrome from South platinum (for electronic catalyzer for auto exhausts), 54 percent of

the essential material for superconductors.

At the present, almost all the famous large Japanese firms are deeply involved in the apartheid economy. These include Ajinmoto, Itochgu, Japan External Trade Organization, Happy World, Kyodo Communications, Marumiya, Toyota Auto, Meiwa Industry, Osaka Merchant Vessel, Mitsui, Nichimen, Nishowiwai, Sanyo Electronics, Sumitomo Commercial Firm, TBS, Toyoda Commerce, Hino Automobile, Bridgeston, Fanack, Hitachi Construction Mecha, Malden S.A., Matsushita Electronic Trade, Mitsubishi Commerce Firm,

In 1961, two Nobel Peace Prize winners and Moritani, Nisan Deisel, Sharp, Sumitomo subsequent victims of racist political Electronic Manufacture, Toshiba, Fuji assassination, Martin Luther King, Jr. and ANC Electronics, Hitachi Factory, Kakinai President Albert Luthuli, jointly called for Commercial Firm, Komatsu Factory, Marubani, comprehensive mandatory sanctions against Matsuda, Mitsui Products, NGK, Nissan Automobile, Safmarine, Sukihama, Taiyow The subsequent "withdrawal" of some European Products, Tormen, Isuzu Auto, and Nihon



The Japanese presence in South Africa had The Japanese Anti-Apartheid Committee sent open letters to these companies and asked their today, Japan has supplanted the U.S. and opinions about the issue of economic sanctions against South Africa. Most of the companies refused to answer or stated that they were the dubious honor of the primary source of following the official policy of the Japanese government. The government in turn has taken Japan is South Africa's leading buyer of coal, the position that, "We cannot restrict the action iron ore, asbestos and andalusite. In 1985, Japan of the companies because this is a liberal

Africa, 68 percent of its To placate the increased number of government has Japanese businessmen in South Afrika, the repeatedly violated Japanese were made "honorary whites" by United Nations the perverse architects of hate.

resolutions its manganese and 85 percent of its panadium, prohibiting the exporting of computer technology and nuclear materials to racist South

> her ugly underbelly, i.e., its latent racialistic tendency. Japan's wealth and "liberal society" is being built on the backs of the oppressed masses of the world

The Afrikan Amerikan Comsumer Is One Of The Most Lucrative Markets Japanese Firms Have. As A People, We Ignorantly Buy Millions of Dollars worth Of Products Each Year Made By Firms Who Openly Express Their Racist Attitudes Toward Arfikan Amerikans And Who Are Doing All They Can To Help Keep Apartheid Strong. This Article Lists Many Japanese Firms With Investments In The Apartheid Government. The Afrikan Amerikan Community Should Boycott Them And All Other Japanese Goods Until Japan Treats Us With Respect And Gets Out Of Bed With Our Apartheid Enemies.

BEHIND THE POPULAR VICTORY IN HAITI By Niki

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On Feb. 7, 1991, exactly five years after Jean-Claude Duvalier fled Haiti to preempt a popular uprising, Jean Bertrand Aristide, a Socialist and proponent of liberation theology, was sworn in as President of Haiti. Evans Paul, one of his closest advisors and head of the FNCD, the popular front which backed Aristide, was sworn in as mayor of Port-au-Prince, the capital city, on January 17. Paul was also the founder of KID, a left formation within the FCND.

The Invisible Haitian Popular Movement

Aristide as President of Haiti took the American left and progressive movement completely by surprise. Even for Haitians, the outcome of the elections or the viability of the electoral process to dislodge a terrorist regime was clouded in mystery, as millions of them went to the polls last December. After all, it was the third time in four years that Haitians had tried to elect a President, in addition to a two-chamber legislature and hundreds of local officials.

In November of 1987, the international community had been shocked by the sight of armed thugs gunning down scores of voters as they approached the polls. The elections were canceled by the military government in favor of fraudulent elections which saw the accession to power of Leslie Manigat, a self-styled "Social Democrat", who was willing to lend legitimacy to a military regime where powerful Duvalierists still held sway. The military and paramilitary forces responsible for the 1987 terror were never The Japanese arrested or punished. So most Hatians could had generated much enthusiasm. only hope that 1990 would be different and that the heavy presence of international monitors (700 representing the UN and the OAS, in act as a powerful deterrent against sabotage by

The Left And The Elections

By bedding down with apartheid, Japan exposes

The decline of the international left as a whole, the confusion created by the demise of the Communist bloc, the intense counterrevolutionary attacks against liberation the U.S. but this entire process was to benefit movements in Southern Africa and the loss of Marc Bazin, a former officer of the World Bank power by the Sandinistas, all contributed to the and the American favorite. Marc Bazin was dissolution, fragmentation or marginalization of spurned by the great majority of the Haitian a small radical left that was poorly organized to people, not only because of his conciliatory begin with. The lack of internal democracy, stance toward the Duvalierists but also because short-sighted and unrealistic perspectives and he was "pro-American" to the point of implying the inability to mobilize significant resources --- CONTINUED PAGE 11, Column 2-also contributed to this situation. For example,

shortly after 1986, small groups around the previously Maoist Haitian Workers Party (the PTA, in French), such as a left coalition named IFOPADA, failed to adapt to the new political situation and disintegrated.

A Leader Of All The Haitian People

Contrary to the ineffectual radical left, Aristide, a self- proclaimed Socialist, and proponent of liberation theology, was able to represent the Haitian masses, the middle classes and the nationalist sectors of the Haitian bourgeosie. Aristide's main backer reputed to have given \$500,000 to his campaign was Antoine Izmery, a multi-millionaire of palestinian descent and fervent anti-imperialist. Aristide's Presidency became a national referendum against the continued influence of Duvalierists in Haitian politics and that was the source of his mass support: all of the other candidates including the representative of the Communist Party, had implied that it would be impossible for any new Haitian government to rise to power without appeasing the macoutes and the population was aware of the fact that most of them, including Marc Bazin, the American favorite, had been involved in secret deals with them.

At the time of the assassination of members and delegates to the Council of State in June of 1990, none of the candidates had dared to condemn the terrorist act. Finally, Aristide was also seen as the only one who would stand fast on his promise to prosecute Duvalierist criminals and the only honest candidate among a plethora of opportunists racing to fulfill personal ambitions The Haitian population was not only eager to get rid of the Duvalierists but the whole tradition of dishonest and manipulative politicians who would not only abet them. Prior to Aristide's entry into the race, none of the other candidate

The Forces For Change

It is undeniable that the pressure of imperialist addition to other independent observors) would powers who continue to hold significant influence in haitian politics, played a key role in pressuring the Duvalierists and the army to refrain from interfering with the electoral process. The U.S. government had cut off aid to the transitional military regimes of generals Namphy and Avril. Reforms to "professionalize" the army were undertaken with pressure from

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Slave Traders

Reprinted from the Final Call, Dec. 10, 1990 Slave traders are luring hundreds of young refugees from Mozambique's civil war onto farms and into Black townships of South Africa to serve as laborers and concubines or be ritually slaughtered, two South African newspapers end of the U.S. assault on Iraq, General Colin reported November 16, 1990.

Posing as a buyer, a reporter for the liberal Weekly of a slave is \$78 per head in rural settlements and \$137 in urban areas.

country's civil war, who are being brought into the country with the promise that they will be given a job," the Weekly Mail said.

and Mozambican slavers find victims by prowling the eastern border area, offering to show refugees routes through the electrified fence erected by south Africa to stop a flood of people fleeing Mozambique's 15-year war.

The immense proportions of the trade have hampered the police and welfare authorities of a "Soviet Bear" to scare the Amerikkan from taking decisive steps, the newspapers public, Powell and his successors are preparing reported, after weeks of investigations. The Sowetan claimed to uncover "a warren of clearing and safe houses, holes in the border fence called highways, handlers and a carefully planned transport network for bringing teenage boys and girls" into South Africa.

work or shelter but sold to men in townships in eastern Transvaal province and around 17-year-old Jabulile Masuku, first "repeatedly raped" by her slavers and then "sold as a inaction. Mobilize, Educate. Stop Militarism. concubine to a man old enough to be her father". The paper said boys were most often sold to peasant farmers, made to work long hours and given no remuneration.

The Sowetan quoted an unnamed welfare worker in South Africa's eastern nominally selfgoverning black tribal territory of Kangwane, home to many refugees, as saying "many of the refugees...are killed for muti" a form of ritual

But the Weekly Mail said investigations showed that despite their hardships, most of the former slaves and people still in bondage they had interviewed would choose to remain in South Africa rather than return to strife-torn Mozambique.

Right-wing rebels of the Renamo movement have fought the socialist government and ravaged the countryside since shortly after independence from Portugal in 1975, pillaging farm supplies, burning villages, and killing

Welfare organizations estimate more than 100,000 Mozambicans have crossed into South Africa. Although they are illegal aliens and liable for deportation if found, authorities have allowed most to stay in Red Cross-funded settlements and on smallholdings in Kangwane.

General Colin Powell: "Running Out Of Demons"?

Pentagon planners, afraid that they are "running out of demons" to villify, are increasing their propaganda war against Cuba and North Korea. In a speech to fellow army officers following the Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said North Korea and Cuba have become the Mail "acquired" two boys. The purchase price next targets of the military's powerful propaganda tools. "Think hard about it", Powell is quoted as stating. "I'm running out of Demons. "They are among hundreds of young I'm running out of villians. I'm down to Castro Mozambicans, rendered desperate by that and Kim Il Sung" (General Colin L. Powell, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Times, April 8, 1991).

Powell let the cat out of the bag with his speech. The daily Sowetan reported Black South African He along with fellow Pentagon planners, and his bosses in the military-industrial complex know that with the end of the "Cold War" there will be increasing examination of budget priorities. As the "war" in the mideast winds down, the question will be asked, "Should we build stealth bombers or decent housing?" Without the spectre to create a constant stream of lessor "Demons" to justify huge expenditures for more and more sophisticated weapons systems. We must not allow this to continue to happen while we remain silent and disorganized. Political and military strategies have both short and long term plans. The Weekly Mail said most of the slaves were . We must improve our ability to also plan and girls aged from 14 to 17, enticed by offers of execute plans to achieve objectives and goals. We must organize and educate to prevent continued militarization of Amerikkkan Johannesburg. The newspaper cited the case of resources for wars. We must not abdicate our world responsibility through silence and

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that as long as he had this support, the backing of the Haitian people was negligible. The historical surprise was that with mass mobilization, the Haitian people were able to use these reforms which restrained the army, to elect a candidate of their own choosing. Aristide was able to count on the support of the Miterrand administration, a source of non-negligible support, since France has continued to have influence in Haitian politics.

Strong anti-American sentiment had grown among the Haitian population because of their support for the Duvalierists who had brought the country to the brink of self-destruction: widespread corruption, an unemployment rate of 60%, ecological disaster, a rampant black market and destruction of local production. The destruction of local agricultural production was a key factor of radicalization since many middle-peasants and members of the commercial elite, sided with the popular forces. Furthermore, the the spectacle of poor people fleeing Haiti in rickety boats and the humiliation of the AIDS stigma which added insult to injury, gave a great majority of Haitians a sense that it was their last Chance to save their part of the island from certain catastrophe.

Aristide won by a landslide election, getting 70% of the vote to Bazin's 13%. Other candidates

Unity Is The Way

The news from Azania (South Africa) gets worse every day. Our people kill each other at every conceivable opportunity, with spears, knives, pistols, and gasoline. Our old enemy is still using the same divide and conquer tactics that were so successful during the era of empire building. The Europeans are successfully pitting one political tendency against the other. The ANC vs. the Inkatha Movement (Zulu nation), the PAC vs. the ANC, the Azanian People's Organization vs. the ANC, etc. etc.

We continue to "rise to the bait" time after time as the Europeans laugh at us openly and regard us with contempt while they continue to squat on the land of our ancestors. Our pitiful little factions squabble and slaughter each other wholesale, all the while loudly proclaiming to each other and the world that only their organization has the "correct" viewpoint. Only their organization has the "right" tactics. Only their organization is equipped to "lead" the way.

Don't be foolish Black man. Wake up now before it's too late. It's obvious that only our historical enemies are benefitting from this fratricide. Listen for a minute. The US organization attacked the Black Panther Party at the instigation of the FBI. The Nation of Islam and Malcolm X condemned each other and helped to create the climate that led to the death of Malcolm and the stagnation of the Nation of Islam. DuBois grappled with Marcus Garvey and Booker T. Washington. Who benefitted from all these internicine conflicts? Where and when did the national interests of Afrikan people advance on any level whatsoever? Who still rules us all?

Unity is the only way that we will advance as a people. Not just a paper unity. But a unity built on the principle of self-respect and respect for each other; not this obvious self-hate that passes for politics. A unity built on the desire for self-determination and national liberation. This is what we need. The people will follow if you lead. If you are not capable of leading then this holocaust will get worse. You can't teach what you don't know.

If you have the correct strategy prove it and come together so we can win once and for all.. But stop this insanity that shames us all before the world. This is not what our comrades have died for and sacrificed for all these years. They and we want freedom not slavery. We want peace not war. We want unity not factionalism. If you're not prepared to struggle for this reality than don't claim to be the vanguard of anything but backwardness.

Alkebulan



Aristide's election at the head of a loosely pride. constituted left and progressive coalition urban poor, have an unparalled opportunity to Toussaint L'Ouverture, and Dessaline. Editors organize and consolidate their forces. In particular, these forces will have to bring greater coherence to their philosophical and programmatic outlooks, especially in a difficult world context.

It is undeniable that Aristide as an individual was able to greatly offset the structural weakness and fragmentation of the Haitian left and progressive organizations. He played a determining role in engineering a popular victory and surprise that

trailed behind with single digit percentages. gave the Haitian people renewed confidence and

accomplished the major task of a clear political The BPNC takes this opportunity to offer break with Duvalierism. This popular electoral congraulations to the Haitian people and victory is only an opening to a new chapter in President Jean-Bertrand Aristide as they once Haiti's battle for participatory democracy and again embark on the road of true independence economic development, a process in which the and self- determination. It is our hope and the left and progressive forces who prioritize the hope of Afrikan people everywhere that Haiti interests of the working class, the peasants and continues to uphold the tradition of Boukman,



"Odd" because it seems bereft of context. Buttons reflect a goateed, steely-eyed glare beneath black-rimmed glasses, a finger pointed the buttons, or adorn their walls with his fierce (Autobiography of Malcolm X) Perhaps not. Books are far from popular in America, not to the "Big House"

mention Afro-America. Malcolm himself quoted his former mentor, Elijah Muhammad, as saying, "I you ever want to hide something from the socalled Negro, put it in a book." How true.

Records, tapes and film, however, are ever popular tools of dissemination amongst our people, and it is through these media that the figure of Malcolm emerged - tall, strikingly eloquent, a Black, public expression of the

incoherent rage that resides

in millions of African breasts; the words that we wept, "Whatsa Matta, Boss?" "We sick?", dared not speak, lest we suffer the lash, like Malcolm's own father, and later, like himself. Truly great men and women have a way of transcending themselves; of touching the common kernel of "humanity" within us, and ripening it, giving it life and expression.

written, and so many of us relate to the spoken; why our most reknowed and beloved leaders are/were wordsmiths; orators/poets /preachers; why writers are so distant, and rappers so dear. Think of it - Rev. Nat Turner; Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Min. Malcolm X; master orators all, able to take living breath and hold us in thrall, to touch us, to MOVE, to rebel, to protest, to stand tall with a militance that marked an age! Perhaps it is fitting that his films, spoken so long fruit unripened.

His demand for Black self-defense is still apt in the 1990s when we are still victims to a kind of violence from the system unlike any other people. Consider the street corner videotaped beating of a Black motorist in Los Angeles, California. Think back to the grainy, overused photos of African-Americans beaten during the Civil Rights demonstrations of the 1960s.

Thirty years - and how much has changed? Everything has changed - and nothing has of one field nigger to make a public prayer for changed.

On a surface level, if seems safe to say everything touched other "Field Niggers," in fields far and has changed as Africans here sit as judges, function in adminsitrative capacities, and even the spark heralding the fall of empire. circle the globe as astronauts.

More fundamentally, nothing has changed as African communities take on all the trappings of urban bantustans: unrelieved poverty, homelessness, vast unemployment, vicious brutality and numbing alienation. Third World

It is almost odd to see the resurgence of an Mortality rates soar in the shadow of opulence. For some, the selected few, things have changed. For most, things have not changed - indeed,

dreams are drenched with bitterness.

Malcolm's most memorable lecture was perhaps for emphasis. One wonders if those who sport his discourse on the "House Negro" and the "Field Negro"; based on real dichotomies posters, have dared do the work, and read of his between the living conditions of those slaves remarkable life, as recorded in his biography? who toiled in the fields, and those pampered few chosen to serve "Massa" in the cool interior of

> At bottom then Malcolm's appeal was to class, and he made a clean demarcate those who opposed 'Massa" and hose who served his vhims.

When 'Massa" got sick, the

Malcolm lectured. Meanwhile, the field Negro, chafing under the inherent cruelty of slavery, prayed for "Massa's" death!

Malcolm left no question where he stood - out in the blistering sun, under the gun, in the field, hating the pale fiend who stole his labor. He made Perhaps that is why so few of us respond to the Africans (and others!) proud to stand on the side of the oppressed, to resist the dehumanizing lash of the souless system. From that seminal stance, sprung the Black Panther Party, composed of men who thought of themselves as "The sons of Malcolm". In fact, various liberation movements, groupings of "Field Niggas", snatched fragments of his wondrous spirit.

The buttons, tee-shirts and posters that we now see is a sign that the spirit of Malcolms militant resistance still finds a reverberation amongst us. ago, touch us even today, for the seed of I continue to find how far his spirit ventured to Malcolm's message is still true today, and it's touch kindred echoes of the soul, utterly amazing.

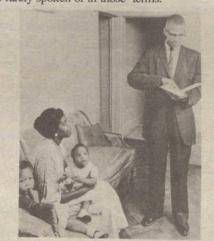
> Several White anti-imperalist rebels, imprisoned now for principled resistance against the empire, have marked their transition from mainstream middle-class American life, to radical rivers amd tributaries, and movements, from the moment they heard Malcolm, over twenty five years ago
>
> Malcolm was the seventh child of the Reverend - like Dr. Alan Berkman, fellow radical Laura Earl & Louise Little. His father, a Baptist

> Perhaps therein lies his significance - the ability Marcus Garvey, was murdered by whites for his freedom from systematic slavery, in a voice that yon, to join the rebellion, to catch a fire, to signal

FROM DETROIT RED TO EL HAJI MALIK SHABAZZ

by Andrea Sewiet Tenaye, Jersey City BCNS

Malcolm once told an interviewer, "A writer is what I want, not an interpreter". I will not attempt to analyze, interpret, or make they have worsened. Our lives, our hopes, our assumptions. I will however reveal a deeply caring and touching man, who, in my opinion, is rarely spoken of in those terms.



TIMETABLE OF EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF MALCOLM X

May 9, 1925--Born in Omaha

1940--Moves to Boston to live with halfsister, Ella Collins

1942--Moves to Harlem, New York City 1946-Begins seven-year prison term

1949--Becomes a member of the Black Muslim's Nation of Islam

1952--Released from prison 1953--Becomes Assistant Minister for the Detriot temple

1954--Becomes Minister of Temple Number 7 in Harlem 1958--Marries Sister Betty Shabazz-

Begins writing Muhammed Speaks 1959-Takes first trip to Middle East and

1963--Becomes first National Minister for National of Islam

Nation of Islam "silences" Malcolm X 1964-Leaves Nation of Islam and starts Muslim Mosque, Inc.

Makes pilgrimage to Mecca and second Changes name to El Hajj Malik El

Founds the Organization of Afro-

American Unity Feb. 21, 1965--Assassinated



Born May 19, 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska, Minister, and organizer for the UNIA, led by

"militant" political positions. The following years found this once proud family struggling through hard times, and eventually torn by the hands of a vicious welfare system. As a result of several years of humiliation, Malcolm's mother suffered a nervous breakdown, and spent 26 years in a mental institution.

Malcolm was sent to live in two foster homes, one black, the other white. Although he was a very bright student, and adapted to racial codes he was still put down. His dream of one day becoming a lawyer, was rebuked when he was told that he should be "realistic about being a nigger".. learn to work with your hands".

At 15, he realized that this society was responsible for destroying his father, his mother and his dreams. These attacks offered no hope for a legitimate life style. For us, Amerikkka requires giving up dignity and manhood in exchange for a life of poverty, violence and

Malcolm became "Detriot Red" when he accepted his rejection of white racism. He also



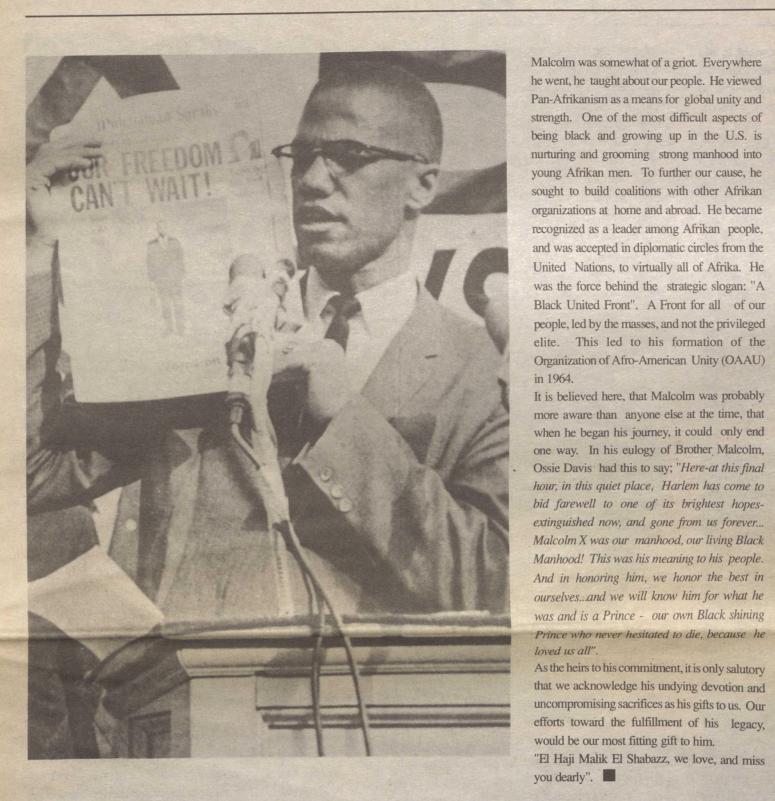
refused to adapt to legitimate black community norms. He was the opposite of Malcolm Little. Detriot Red was a street hustler who used anyone or anything for exploitation and

This "life style" eventually led him to the Concord Prison in Mass. where he served an eight to ten year sentence for burglary. His street smarts failed to arm him with the most rudimentary skills neccesary to rise above his

In 1948, Malcolm's brother Philbert wrote to him in prison telling him that he discovered the "natural religion" for the black man...the Nation of Islam seeing that his brothers and sisters were Muslims, he accepted the teachings of Elijah Muhammad who in turn wrote and encouraged him. This gave Malcolm the desire to get out of jail and better himself and to help others. On Labor Day, 1952, Malcolm met Elijah Muhammad for the first time at a Muslim rally



THE LEGACY OF MALCOLM X



in Detriot. They shared a mutual admiration and respect for one another. Malcolm began to work diligently for the Nation of islam; vigorously recruiting followers from the streets, bars and poolrooms; all unconscious victims of Amerikkka society.

organization in 1958, and named First Minister of Muslim Temples in New York and these traits. He wanted for us to be aware of the Washington D.C. In 1962, at a rally in most fundamental of contradictions, especially Philadelphia, Malcolm was named the first the ones that exist in our comthe Nation grew into the most powerful black people. he praised them when appropriate, and movement since that of Marcus Garvey.

President John Kennedy. He replied; "I saw it as a case of the chickens coming home to roost". Within hours, a directive came from the Nation of Islam's headquarters suspending Malcolm a leader. from his functions as a Muslim Minister. He was banned from speaking to the press as well.

Malcolm, long before this time however, grew racist violence. he then began turning our because we are Afrikan. struggle from one about civil rights to one about

human rights. Islam was his religion. But Malcolm dealt in the here and now and the realities of our struggle. His philosophy was one of self support, self discipline and self respect. Brotherhood and positive realistic directions for the Afrikan man were among his He became Business Manager of the priorities. Malcolm was a model of self emancipation because of his commitment to

Minister of the Nation of Islam. It was then that Malcolm was indeed a good "Father" to his tongue lashed them when neccesary. He didn't After a speech in New York, someone asked care about material possessions, but felt guilty Malcolm's opinion about the assassination of about being away from his own family. He trusted his wife, Betty Shabazz, with his life. Through it all, she managed because of her faith in him. That in itself is a testament to a man and

He never felt threatened when it came to women having ideas or leadership skills, as long as the A ninety day silence! This was to be the first job got done; "By Any Means Neccesary". major step in . Malcolm's divorce from the Malcolm taught one lesson that no one of Afrikan ancestry can afford to forget: "We suffer discrimination and racism is Amerikkka beyond the organization yet remained out of because of membership in a despised race". loyalty and his sense of purpose. He Adding that we do not suffer because of our emphasized Independence in consciousness and religious beliefs, or even because we are men political action, and self defense in the face of or women; we are victims in Amerikkka

FOR MALCOLM Dedicated to Comrades, Sundiata. Basheer, Abdul, & Seth

nurturing and grooming strong manhood into | El Hajj Malik El Shabazz! El Hajj Malik El Shabazz! Our Brother, Father, Teacher, Comrade,

> He walked among us. Talked with us. sharing the message and the plan from Detroit Red to Minister Malcolm to

We saw him grow, so we would know exposing the lies revealing the truth defining the terms of what we need to know he put religion in the closet and began to get

some of us heard and continued to spread the

as a people were pawns in a racist same the Palestinians still don't have their

Native Americans still get tricks instead of

our brothers and sisters in South Africa are

And in Babylon, the belly of the beast The United Snakes of Amerikkka

The Eleanor Bumpurs' and Clifford Glovers still get blown away from pig slugs in the Prince who never hesitated to die, because he head

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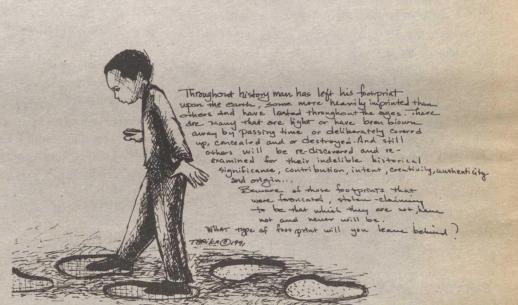
cause truth cannot be swept away and We Panthers, we BLA, we POW's, we political prisoners We all revolutionary freedom fighters

We are, We are, We are, We are,

We are all heirs of Malcolm X We must Unify, Organize, Educate, Agitate to Liberate Victory in our life time!

Build to Win! Abdul Hassan Aki Lumumba

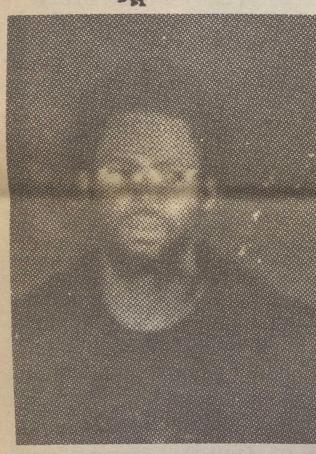




FALLEN COMRADES

In 1968, FBI Director J.E.Hoover issued orders to his agents to supress the growing Black National Liberation movement. Agents were told to do everything to prevent the rise of a Black Messiah. In Hoover's words, young Blacks "must be taught that if they want to be revolutionaries, they will be dead revolutionaries". Following Hoover's orders, the FBI orchestrated the murder of many young Blacks in the Panthers and other organizations.

Although we highlight the lives of Panther Fallen here, the Black Panther Newspaper Committee honors all our fallen comrades and heroes, most of whom are unknown. In each issue of the Black Panther, we will highlight fallen comrades. If you the reader know of fallen Panthers we have omitted, please send us the name, age, city, panther background and circumstances of the death for publication in the Black Panther. Also, if you know of former Panthers who have died for what ever reason please send us their brief biographies for publication. Be sure to include photographs.



BABATUNDE X OMARWALI

Assassinated: July 27, 1970

A member of the Chicago Chapter of the Black Panther Party, Babatunde X Omarwali, 26, was a shining example of our many revolutionary brothers who turned from being used as Black cannon fodder by the U.S. military to dedicated service of the oppressed community as a Black Liberation Fighter. Babatunde joined the Party in Chicago after serving two years in the Army, and quickly became one of its best organizers. In the summer of 1970, he had just returned to Chicago from the Cairo-Carbondale, Ill., area after organizing a National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) office there. On July 27, Babatunde's remains were "found" laying across railroad tracks in a deserted area of the city by Chicago police. They claimed Babatunde had been attempting to destroy the tracks with a "bomb" that went off prematurely, killing him. Although mutilated beyond recognition, the police positively identified the body of "Black Panther Babatunde X Omarwali." They could do so because the police themselves murdered him after placing his body on the tracks.

JONATHAN JACKSON

Assassinated: August 7, 1970

On August 7, 1970, a young, Black man entered the Marin County Courthouse in California. His name was Jonathan Jackson, brother of Soledad Brother, George Jackson, both

members of the BPP. Events that followed came to be called the August 7th Movement.

Jonathan had walked into a courtroom (armed to the teeth) where San Quentin inmate, James McClain, was defending himself against an assault charge on a prison guard in the wake of fellow inmate Fred Billingsley's murder at the hands of prison officials. Two other inmates serving as witnesses for McClain were also present -- WilliamChristmans and Ruchell Magee. Jonathan interrupted the proceedings, dazzling everyone with justice as he threw weapons to McClain, Christmas and Magee shouting "We are the

Taking the judge, prosecutor and three jurors hostage, they headed for a waiting van to get them to a radio station so



they could broadcast the systematic murder and torture of Black men behind the walls and demand freedom for The Soledad Brothers. But within minutes after everyone was in the van, it was riddled with bullets from the guns of San Quentin guards who disregarded not only the brothers' lives, but those of the judge, prosecutor and jurists.

When the shooting stopped, Jackson, Christmas, McClain and the judge lay dead; Magee, the prosecutor and a juror were wounded.

George Jackson summed up his brother's heroic actions in this way, "Tall, evil, graceful, brighteyed, black man-child --Jonathan Peter Jackson -- who died on August 7, 1970, courage in one hand, assault rifle in the other, my brother, comrade, friend -- the true revolutionary, the black communist guerrilla in the highest state of development, he died on the trigger, scourge of the unrighteous, soldier of the people..." (Soledad Brother)

FRED BENNETT

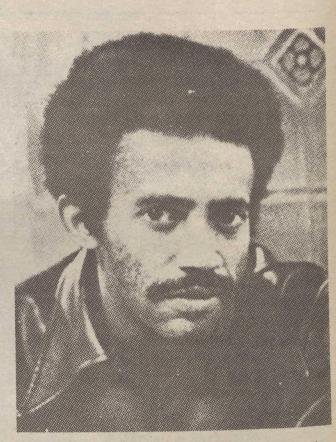
Assassinated: February, 1971

Pieces of the body of Fred Bennett were found in April, 1971, in a mountainous region near Oakland, California. Fred had been the coordinator of the East Oakland Branch of the BPP. and had been a Party member for three years, having joined in early 1968. Fred's body was mutilated when police found him. He was the first victim of the fratricide engineered by COINTELPRO following the internal "split" in the BPP.

SAMUEL NAPIER

Assassinated: April 17, 1971

As Circulation Manager for the BPINS, Sam Napier personified the hard work and dedication necessary to lay the foundation for revolutionary struggle. Often Sam would go without sleep for days on end to insure that the Black Panther newspaper was properly distributed and sold across the country. On April 17, 1971, in New York City, Sam



Napier was murdered in a Black Panther Party Distribution Office by unknown assassins who tied Sam to a chair in the basement of the Queens office, shot him dead, and then set fire to the building in an effort to cover up their crime. "One word is a thousand words to a thousand ears..." Sam Napier spread the people's word. Even now, we hear it resounding ten thousand times. "CIRCULATE TO EDUCATE."

GEORGE JACKSON

George Jackson spent the last ll years of his life behind prison walls, seven of them in solitary confinement, after a plea bargain over a \$70-gas-station robbery -- and getting a doublecrossing indeterminate sentence of one year to life in prison. During his incarceration, George attained an extroardinary level of revolutionary political consciousness. He was appointed Field Marshall of the Black Panther Party in San Quentin. A prolific writer, George authored two books: Soledad Brother, The Prison Letters of George Jackson and Blood in My Eye, published posthumously. On August 21, 1971, in an alleged escape attempt, George was assassinated by prison guards after a bloody struggle that left three notoriously racist guards and two turncoats dead. There were numerous accounts of what really happened, but it's clear to those who knew George and his comrades that San Quentin officials carried out a premeditated plan to silence a voice so full of revolutionary humanism they could no longer bear it. Long live the spirit of George Jackson!



FALLEN COMRADES

JOSEPH WADDELL

Assassinated: June 13, 1972

Joseph Waddell, or "Jue-Dell," as his friends and comrades called him, joined the Black Panther Party in September, 1970, while in the city jail of High Point, North Carolina. He was serving a 25 to 30-year sentence on a trumped-up charge of armed robbery. Before going to jail, he had functioned with the Party as a community worker. Joe-Dell was transferred to Central Prison in Raleigh, North Carolina, and because of his revolutionary politics, was beaten frequently by Central Prison guards. On June 13, '72, 21-year-old Joseph Waddell was pronounced dead by prison officials who claimed he died of a "heart attack." Joe-Dell had no history of heart trouble, and was physically healthy prior to his death. Inmates close to Joe-Dell reported that he was a target of Central Prison authorities who probably drugged or poisoned him to induce a heart attack. Joe-Dell's internal organs were removed by prison authorities before they released his body to his family.

CINDY SMALLWOOD

Killed in car accident:: February 4, 1973

Cindy Smallwood, the gentle woman with a smile like sunshine, lived a short but dedicated life. At the age of 17, she joined the BPP after completing high school. She worked with the Party's Intercommunal Youth Institute and later with the brothers and sisters who are responsible for the distribution of the Black Panther Newspaper. On February 4, while driving a passenger van from Richmond, California to Oakland, Cindy ran into an embankment and was thrown out of the vehicle and critically injured. On February 7, she was pronounced dead in a Berkeley hospital. Cindy Smallwood lived on in every copy of the Black Panther Newspaper distributed across this country -- a paper for



which she worked so hard and loved so much. She will never be forgotten.

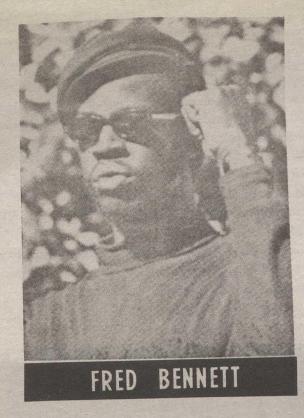
CARL HAMPTON

Assassinated: July 28, 1970

*(Note: Although Brother Carl Hampton was not "officially" a member of the BPP, he adhered to the ideology and principles of our Party, and dedicated his life to serving the people and the goals of liberation. He, like all the BPP fallen comrades was a dedicated servant of the people.) Brother Carl was the Chairman (coordinator) of the People's Party, a revolutionary organization in Houston, Texas. He



was the motivating force of the small organization which followed the example and the policies of the BPP. At the time, the Party was not organizing in the South, so Carl, seeing the need for a party that would serve the people's needs and desires, started the People's Party, which sold the Black Panther Newspaper. Culminating a series of incidents, on July 28, 1970, Houston police surrounded the Dowling Street area of Houston where the People's Party II office was located, and attacked the entire community. Carl was killed at 2:00 a.m. defending the office, which later became the Houston Branch of the BPP.



TWYMON MYERS

Assassinated: November, 1973

Twymon Myers was a member of the BPP's New York Chapter prior to being transferred to New Haven, Connecticut, where he worked on the Free Breakfast Program and other survival programs in the black community, and organized support around the Panther trials to free Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins among others. Twymon joined the Black Panther party when he was 17 years old and was a hard-working, dedicated brother. He later went underground with the Black Liberation Army (BLA). New York Times headlines boasted the FBI had "broken the back of the BLA" when agents machine-gunned

Twymon to death from ambush on the streets of Manhattan. He was 21 years old when he was brutally murdered.

JOHN HUGGINS

Assassinated: January 17, 1969

John Huggins was born in New Haven, Conneticut. In 1968, John and his wife Erica Huggins travelled to California to work with the Los Angeles Chapter of the Black Panther Party. John displayed a deep commitment to inproving the conditions the Afrikan Amerikan community faced in Los Angeles. He also posessed a conscious discipline and willingness to study and learn the truth. John soon became the Deputy Minister of Information for Los Angeles, and together with Bunchy Carter, forged firm alliances with Los Angeles gangs including the Crips (Bunchy's old gang). Their work caused the Chapter to grow and flurish. On January 17, 1969, John Jerome Huggins was shot from behind and murdered by assassins from the US organization. Deputy Chairman Bunchy Carter was murdered during the



"No, I'm Not An American. I'm One Of The 22 Million Black People Who Are The Victims Of Americanism. One Of The 22 Million Black People Who Are The Victims Of Democracy, Nothing But Disguised Hypocracy . . . I Don't See Any American Dream; I See An American Nightmare." Malcolm X, Malcolm X Speaks, page 26



POLITICAL PRISONERS/POWS



DHORUBA BIN WAHAD: ONE YEAR LATER by Safiya Bukhari-Alston

Dhoruba Bin-Wahad, formerly known as Richard Dhoruba Moore, was released from prison in New York State. A member of the New York Panther 21 and leader of the New York Chapter of the Black Panther Party, Dhoruba had been a target of COINTELPRO and his incarceration resulted from a joint conspiracy on the part of the United States Department of Justice and the New York City Police Department to remove him from the streets.

its bid to imprison 13 members of the Black Panther Party, collectively known as the New York Panther 21, after a trial that lasted over 26 months. The State had contended that these Panthers had been involved in a conspiracy to bomb the Bronx Botanical Garden and department stores over the Easter weekend, and some other equally asinine charges. During the course of the trial the defendants were able to turn the table and put the state on trial for racism. Smarting under this defeat, the State, in anger and vengefulness, went after individuals within the 21 that they felt were responsible for their defeat.

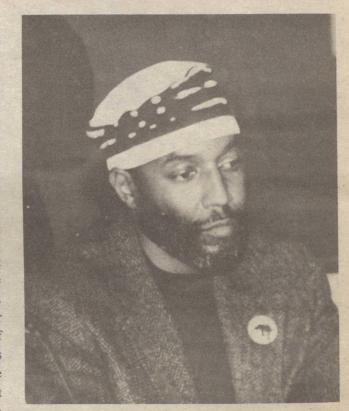
Richard Dhoruba Moore, Michael 'Cetewayo' Tabor, Jamal Josephs and Afeni Shakur had been out on bail during the majority of these 26 months and spent their energies and time educating the people about what the state was doing. They had continued to work within the communities organizing and educating and serving the needs of the people of the Black and oppressed communities. The community responded by being there in the court room daily to make sure the State did not convict the Panther member of the Black Panther Party had a conviction overturned.

Dhoruba, along with Cetewayo and Jamal Josephs, went Panther Party. It marked a milestone, something that we could underground and Afeni Shakur's bail was revoked. It was believed build upon. Dhoruba Bin Wahad, after spending 19 years in prison by the State that Dhoruba, Cetewayo and Jamal had left the for something he'd didn't do; something that the government knew country. Shortly after the 21 were acquitted, two police officers, Binetti and Curry were machine gunned on May 13, 1971. Since this opportunity to exact their revenge. He was a fugitive and two prison.

On March 22, 1990, after being imprisoned for almost 19 years, police were gunned down in front of DA Hogan's house. Dhoruba was accused of the shooting and was later captured, and inprisoned

Throughout the years of his incarceration Dhoruba had consistently challenged his imprisonment and contended that there was a conspiracy to keep him in prison. He vowed that he would prove that the government had not only falsely accused him of the machine gun shooting of New York City police officers Binetti Nineteen years ago, on May 13, 1971 the State of New York lost and Curry in front of then DA Hogan's house, but they had in their possession the evidence that would back up what he was saying. Painstakingly he, along with his lawyers Liz Fink and Robert Boyle, worked to uncover the trail of this conspiracy and the piecing together the pattern of the government's contrived case. Over the next 15 years they were to uncover, and have turned over to his defense, 300,000 pages of FBI information in the form of Letterhead Memorandums (LHMs), and FBI and NYPD reports that documented the length that the New York City Police Department, the State of New York through it Judicial Department and the Federal Government (up to and including the Nixon White House) went to make sure that members of the Black Panther Party in general and Dhoruba Bin Wahad, specifically, were taken off

It was information obtained as a result of this painstaking work that led to the hearing on May 22, 1990 that ended in the release of Dhoruba Bin Wahad from prison. Clearly a triumph for the people! This marked the first time since Huey P. Newton that a This is the first time that we have been able to successfully prove Prior to the acquitta, I several of the New York 21 including the government conspiracy to incarcerate members of the Black he didn't do and conspired to keep him in prison for anyhow. He had beat the odds and is now home!



He Hit The Ground Running

The year 1971 didn't just see the arrest of Dhoruba, but many more brothers and sisters who were membrers of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army were targeted by the government. During the time of his incarceration, Dhoruba had led the fight from the inside of the prison kamps to keep these brothers and sisters from being pimped by organizations who saw them as the means to legitimatize their own agendas without having to do any concrete work around their issues. This work didn't stop upon his release. He hit the ground running in bringing the issue of the Freedom of All Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War to the forefront. Where ever Dhoruba went he called attention to the plight of comrades such as Bashir Hameed, who suffers from chronic hypertension, is in solitary confinement at Shawangunk

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PRISONER OF WAR PROFILE: BASHIR HAMEED



Elizabeth, New Jersey is currently serving 12 1/2 to 25 years on latest act of intimidation has been to refuse Mr. Hameed a 1986 conviction. This conviction stems from a 1981 incident in medication he needs to alleviaste his hypertensive condition. Oueens, NY, which ended with the death of one police officer and This tactic exercised against Bashir is but another example of the wounding of another. Hameed and co-defendant Abdul Majid are known as the "Queens Two".

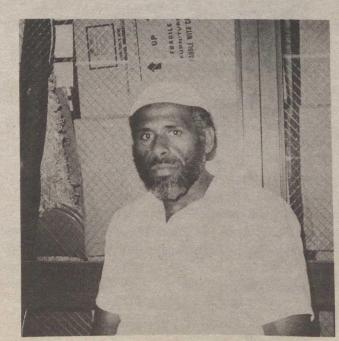
Former Deputy Chairman of the New Jersey Chapter of the Black Community Support Coalition-P.O. Box 1354-Brooklyn, NY Panther Party, Brother Bashir has over 3 1/2 decades of activism 11247 and community service. Brother Hameed has been held since It demands: (1) That Mr. Hameed be released from 1986 in the Special Housing Unit at Shawangunk Correctional Facility in Wallkill, NY. In Oct. of that year, Bashir was elected Chairman of the Inmate Liason Committee. The prison officials immediately recognized Bashir as a man of principle who would not rubber stamp their actions. Their response: denying him the right to continue to represent the inmates. On Oct. 4th, 1988, a

in the Closed Supervision Unit (CSU) engaged in a voluntary lock-in to protest the ongoing harassment by racist acting guards. Brother Hameed was accused of playing a leadership role, removed from CSU and placed in total isolation in S.H.U. In Oct. 89, all other prisoners who were sent to isolation as a result of the lockdown, were released in accordance to the agreement between the warden and the men of CSU. Not only has Bashir not been released as agreed, but he's been placed in administrative segregation because of his political views, leadership qualities, and history as a member of the BPP and community organizer. Evidence of this can be found in excerpts of a confidential report in Mr. Hameeds' prison files. Prison employees refer to Hameed a "threat to safety and security of the facility...highly articulate with developed organizational skills".

Bashir Hameed, born James Dixon York, Dec. 1, 1940 in Prison officials will stop at nothing to silence this Brother. Their

their unconcern and inhumane practices. A petition campaign on Hameed's behalf has been spearheaded by the Queens 2

administrative segregation; and (2) an end to his continued harassment due to his political and religious views.



BASHIR HAMEED FOR THE RECORD

1986 CONVICTED: In 3rd Trial (Death Of Scarangella) 86-87 CONFINED AT GREAT MEADOWS

CORR. FAC. (COMSTOCK) 1988 TRANSFERRED TO SHAWANGUNK

Elected To I.I.C. 1988 PLACED IN ISOLATION 1990 STILL IN ISOLATION:

Being Refused Medication For Hypertensive Condition

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. WRITE: Bashir Hameed/York 82A6313 Shawangunk Correctional Facility

Wallkill, NY 12589-0700 2.PARTICIPATE: rallies, Meetings, Fund

3.CONTRIBUTE: funds, Material Support 4.RAISE THIS ISSUE: At Home, Work,

5.JOIN: Queens 2 Support Coalition P.O. Box 1354 Brooklyn, NY 11247

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'LESS WE FORGET: AFRICANS ON DEATH ROW

by Don White, Project Coordinator Death Penalty Abolition Project

"Power to the People", Brothers and Sisters: I am delighted to see you are now back on the stands making some necessary noise in this time of acute need in the Black Communities all over this kountry. We are now, more than ever, being

genocidically destroyed by the racist pigs. The system is doing all that it can to see that we are going to become more and more disfranchised, disorganised, and devoid of the rightful heritage

that our people have fought and died for. I am an ex-prisoner, having spent ten (10) years on death row, and a total of twenty eight (28) years in the koncentration kamp. I now work with the American Friends Service Committee as the Death Penalty Abolition Project Coordinator. My constituency is every man and woman on death row in this state, and the united states. Of the 2,412 prisoners on death row in the united states, 951 are brothers, of the 302 in kalifornia's death row, 105 are brothers. There is no white man on death row for killing a brother, , nor has there ever been one on the row for killing a brother, or whole families of brothers and sisters. Even a recent decision by the united states supreme kourt noted, "there seems to be a pattern of racial imbalance of brown people on death row," suggesting that there might be some racism in the way brothers are sentenced to death by all white juries. However, to get relief, the brothers must prove that racism played a part in their sentence. Now I ask the question, how can a brother sitting in jail, in an all white

environment, with a white attorney from the

Correctional Facility in New York and has been

Over the last year he has crisscrossed the country

a half dozen times speaking to students on the

college campuses, radio and television programs,

raising the issue of freedom for political

prisoners/prisoners of war in the United States.

He worked diligently to make the International

Tribunal on Political Prisoners, held at Hunter

College in December, 1990 a success and now

he is preparing to do a European speaking tour

Embraced By Nelson Mandela

into the international forum.

to bring the issue of U.S. held political prisoners

behalf of the ANC Dhoruba spoke to the crowd

of over 100,000 people gathered in Afrikan

Square in Harlem to greet the Mandelas and

raised the issue of freedom for the hundreds of

Mandelas in prison in the United States. He

challenged the government of New York City

(David Dinkins) and New York State (Mario

Cuomo) about the plight of the 14 Mandelas

incarcerated in New York State prisons, noting

that it was the height of hypocricy to call yourself

champions of human rights in South Africa while

incarcerating political prisoners right here.

Afterwards Dhoruba read portions of a statement

presented him with it. Nelson Mandela

embraced Dhoruba. The national newsmedia

Recently, when the New York Three had Oral

attempted to black him out.

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for over two years.

public defenders office, ever get enough concrete evidence of racism in a kountry filled with racists. It is worse than a catch 22, it is a continued act

And then, there are these Black clergy persons who forget that most of the prisoners in jail and on the death row, are their congregation's children, so instead of doing all that they can to be a part of the solution, they quote white figures and detach their congregations from those who need them most. Of course our neighborhoods are fraught with violence, with all of the pressures on black folks from the system, it is a wonder that we are not fighting a civil war, and then; maybe we are, but to win this war, we cannot join the war being played on us. We must recognise the tactics of the enemy and join our communities in the struggle to fight back.

It is time for us to tackle all of our fronts, and to not let the powers keep us struggling with one point at a time while we are being systematically executed on the streets, and in the prison systems, and on death rows.

"POWER TO THE PEOPLE"

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Don Anthony White "KIBURI" American Friends Service Committee Death Penalty Abolition Project 1212 Broadway, Ste 830 Oakland, CA 94612 (415) 836-2144

extremely instrumental in getting the people out

to court on their behalf. The courtroom was

packed and people were not only there to see

what was going on, but were there to offer their

support in helping to Free the New York Three.

What this has clearly shown is what can be done

when a person dedicates him or herself to an

issue. He stated when he was released that he

was going to work with bringing the issue of

political prisoners in America out of the closet

and into the livingroom and his work is paying

off in the movement around political prisoners.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO -SAVE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL AND FREE GERONIMO AND RUCHELLE McGEE!

Dear Afrikan Amerikan Community and all concerned People, The BPNC along with the support committees for political prisoners, call upon you to help save the LIFE of Mumia and FREE Geronimo and Ruchelle. These brothers are circulating petetions and ask for your support. We did not have the space to print all the lines for the signatures in the Black Panther, so we are asking our readers to make up petitions to send to the appropriate persons, the warden, the president, congress people, etc. Below are three pettitions either written by these political prisoners or that have their approval. Please take time to copy them, add lines for signatures, and get them filled out. Send completed petitions to the address on the petition.

FREE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL:

TO: GOVERNOR ROBERT CASEY MAIN CAPITOL BUILDING, ROOM 225 HARRISBURG, PA. 17120

We, the undersigned, petition you regarding the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal, currently facing execution for allegedly killing a police officer in Philadelphia. After having reviewed the basic facts of the case: the failure to call witnesses, the jury selection, Mr. Abu-Jamal's inquires at the time of the incident, and the circumstances leading up to and following the shooting, I am deeply troubled by the conviction and sentence. I hereby appeal to you in your capacity as governor to remove the cloud of death from Mumia Abu-Jamal. I join with many others in urging you to commute this sentence, and to spare the life of one who has met his accusers on the spoiled ground of political entanglement:

Much Yet To Be Done

There is much yet to be done. Not only around the issue of the freeing of all of our political prisoners, but in keeping Dhoruba out. It's true When Nelson and Winnie Mandela came to New he's on the street, but the indictment that led to York as part of their national speaking tour on his 19 years of incarceration has yet to be thrown out. The state is still appealing the reversal of his conviction and we're still waiting to see what

Still, he's on the street and work has got to be done. The job of organizing, educating and liberating the people continues. The reason why they thought he was such a threat before was because of his ability to organize and galvanize and motivate the people to struggle. Clearly he has not lost that ability, and his commitment to struggle has only intensified. It is only with the support of the people that he can remain on the street and continue to carry out this important from the prisoners to Nelson Mandela and work.

> FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS and PRISONERS OF WAR!

Argument on their federal appeal, Dhoruba was KEEP DHORUBA FREE!

FREE RUCHELLE MCGEE:

MAIL TO: BPNC, P.O. Box 519, Berkeley, CA 94701-0519

RUCHELLE CINQUE MCGEE (presently falsely imprisoned at No. A92051, Pelican Bay, C3F123, P.O. Box 7500, Cresent City, California) hereby seeks immediate and unconditional pardon from the President of the United States, George Bush. Ruchelle McGee has been illegally enslaved since 1963, falsely charged with robbery and convicted in Los Angeles, County, California by a racist court for a \$10 mis-understanding. Twenty-eight years of imprisonment is enough! In the spirit of a "Kinder Gentler Nation," We the undersigned demand that George Bush pardon Ruchele McGee, now.

FREE GERONIMO PRATT, NOW:

TO: HONORABLE PETER W. RODINO, JR CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY 2137 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, DC 20515

We, the undersigned, urge you and all members of the Committee On the Judiciary to co-sponsor House Resolution No. 413 introduced by Congressman Ronald Dellums. This resolution calls on Congress to conduct inquiries into the F.B.I.'s role in the arrest, conviction and continued imprisonment of Geronimo Pratt, and urges the Governor of California and the State Parole Board to take immediate action to secure his release. In addition, we urge you to do everything in your power to bring about a Congressional Hearing into FBI Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO) operations which have resulted in the ongoing denial of civil and constitutional rights today of people in this country who were targeted by the FBI for their political activities in the late 60's and 70's:

POLITICAL PRISONERS CONTINUED



BAD TIMES IN AMADOR COUNTY: The Case of Patrick Hooty Croy by Sakiza

day for Patrick Hooty Croy. On that day, Hooty, a Shasta-Karuk Indian of Northern California, accompanied by friends and supporters went into the White man's court in Auburn, California to answer charges that he violated conditions of his probation. Hooty had two "dirty" urine tests and admitted in court that he had smoked marijuana twice. The judge responded not with the usual "slap on the hand" but instead, remanded Hooty to the custody of the California Department of Corrections pending a hearing on revoking Hooty's probation and making him serve the remainder of a life sentence! Aside from the obvious injustice of sentencing someone to life in prison over a charge which typically earns the first time offender 30 days incarceration or an oral reprimand, Hooty's case highlights the vicious nature of the ongoing racism against Native Amerikans in California's old gold

The city of Arburn is located in Amador County in the foothills of California's gold country. It is in the heart of the land that the settlers and the plundering 49ers invaded to rip gold from its mountains, rivers and streams. When the 49ers arrived with their pick axes, shovels, mules, and greed, eager to stake a claim, they discovered that the peaceful Shasta-Karuk Indians had their villages and homes along these same rivers, mountains and streams. In their greed to get at the gold, the settlers in California, like the settlers in South Africa, first vilified and later attempted to exterminate the Native Amerikans so as to occupy their land.

The Homestead Act which formed the "legal" basis in Amerikkkan law for the miners "claim" to the land, required that the land to be staked

February 28, 1991 turned out not to be a good out as a claim not be occupied or settled by murder and a sentence of death. When Hooty anyone. The collision between the traditional livelihood of the Native Amerikans who loved the rivers and streams where they made their homes and raised their families, and the insatiable greed of the miners led to massacres May 1990, the jury acquitted Hooty when they of tens of thousands of California Native

went to court in February, 1991, he was on probation after serving 12 years of a death sentence for conspiracy and murder of an Auburn police officer. At his retrial on these charges in found he had fired in self defense after being shot



In order to stake their claims, the plundering miners had to first force the Native Amerikans to abandon their ancestral lands. This they accomplished with the active participation of the U.S. military, initially through bogus treaties and later with a bounty of \$.50 for Native Amerikan

ago, its legacy continues to shape race relations in California's gold country (for a detailed history, see To Serve the Devil, Vol.2.). In Hooty's first trial it lead to his conviction of

twice in the back by the officer who was drunk. Unfortunately for Hooty, his retrial on the murder charges did not include a retrial of his conspiracy conviction for which he and his sister, Norma Jean Croy, had received life sentences. So although Hooty was acquitted on the murder charges and released from death row, he still Although that happened one hundred forty years conviction. The judge who heard the retrial placed Hooty on ten years probation. The Judge also stated that had Norma been tried before him, he would have acquitted her too.

It was a surprise to Hooty, his friends and supporters when this same judge threatened to return Hooty to prison for life for smoking a joint. At sentencing, the judge cynically stated that he would have forgiven Hooty if it had been alcohol. The Judge showed he is a product of his racist environment. His home is in Auburn. He appears to have bowed to the constant stream of racist verbal abuses, threats, news articles, and editorials from the "respected citizens" of Amador County which flooded the press after he released a Native Amerikan who had killed a White man. The judge gave Hooty six times the usual sentence and returned him to prison for six

We must protest the continued injustice being done to Hooty and Norma Croy. Write to them at these addresses:

Norma-Jean Croy CCWF B080-701 P.O. Box 1508 Chowchilla, CA 93610

Patrick Hooty Croy 2775 Richardson Dr. Auburn, CA 95603

JOIN THE 1992 PROTEST OF THE 500 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF NATIVE AMERIKAN LANDS BY COLUMBUS!

STOP THE EXECUTION OF MUMIA ABU JAMAL

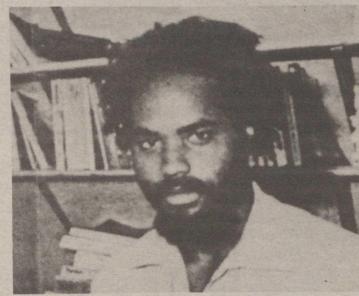
Execution of A U.5. Political Prisoner. Unless we organize to stop it. MUMIA Abu JAMAL will soon become the first political prisoner executed in this country since the Rosenbergs. Mumia Abu-Jamal has been on death row since 1982. A former Black Panther, a journalist, and a supporter of MOVE, Mumia has been a target of the Philadelphia Police Department since the late 1960's. His articles for the Panther Party newspaper exposed the racist violence of the Philadelphia police and their chief, Frank Rizzo. Rizzo's response was a military style raid against the Panther headquarters on September 1, 1970 where police goons viciously beat Panther members and charged them with a series of trumped-up charges. Mumia was one of those singled out. (See Chronology of the Black Panther Party, The Black Panther, Black Community News Service Vol. 1, No. 1, page 19).

In the 1970's, Frank Rizzo was the 'law and order' mayor of philadelphia. Mumia was one of the few journalists willing to speak out against the violence of his administration. In 1978, when Rizzo ordered the police to beseige and then assault a MOVE house, Mumia was the only reporter to interview MOVE members. Rizzo publicly vowed revenge.

In December 1981, Mumia saw his brother being beaten by a policeman. Mumia intervened. The policeman was killed and Mumia critically wounded. The trial was a farce presided over by

Fraternal Order of Police. He refused Mumia's request to represent himself. Afrikan Amerikans article about Mumia at age 16 for the Philadelphia Inquirer was introduced to prove

The State Of Pennsylvania Is Planning The a judge who was a retired member of the considered enemies of the government of We need to stop the railroad of Mumia Abushooting at or killing police. This was used to justify the police executions of Panthers Bobby were systematically excluded from the jury. An "Hutton, Zayd Malik Shakur and Fred Hampton and of Puerto Rican Independence activists Soto-Arrivi and Dario Rosado. Some of the longest 'intent' of an alleged long held wish to kill cops. held political prisoners and prisoners of war in



There is a long history of using the death penalty against radicals: Haymarket square martyrs, Joe Hill, Sacco and Vanzetti, the Rosenbergs. Numerous organizers of the Afrikan-Amerikan, Native American, Mexican, Puerto Rican and Asian Amerikan communities historically have been executed with or without the benefit of a doing 19 years in prison on a fabricated charge trial. In the 1960's and 1970's, one of the tactics favored by the FBI was to accuse those it

the US, including many former Black Panthers and American Indian Movement leader, Leonard Peltier, are still held in prison on trumped-up charges of killing police or FBI agents. Dhoruba bin Wahad, a former leader of the Black Panther Party from New York, was recently freed after of shooting two police.

Jamal. The death penalty means we have little time to do it. Mumia has exhausted his state appeals and Pennsylvania's governor Robert Casey has begun signing death warrants. The U.S. supreme Court just added its own blessing by refusing to review the case.

We must not allow the same racist fear and hatred of Afrikan Amerikan self determination that brought about COINTELPRO to execute Mumia. We cannot allow the state to finish the job the FBI and Philadelphia police started when they dropped the bomb on the MOVE house in May 1985 killing 11 men, women and children, by putting Mumia Abu-lamal to death. We must put a stop to this genocidal agenda that has put more than 2400 Third World and white working class people on death rows around the country. The death penalty has already been used to kill children, the mentally retarded, and the innocent. Now, unless we stop it, it will again be used as a tool of political revenge. The struggle against racism and injustice in this country has had enough martyrs.

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U.S. POLITICAL PRISONERS AND POWS (1991 Partial List)

In September, 1970, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover sent correspondence to FBI offices exhorting them to intensify their campaign to disrupt the activities of the Black Panther Party (BPP) and other groups participating in the struggle for liberation of the Afrikan Amerikan community. In memorandum, Hoover reminded his agents that facts were immaterial when it came to disrupting our various organizations and eliminating their leadership and principal cadres. "The purpose of counterintelligence is to disrupt the BPP and it is immaterial whether facts exist to substantiate the charge." (AIRTEL 9/16/70 Director FBI (100-44800600)).

The following decade saw an ever increasing escalation of police and FBI initiated violence with fabricated cases and arrests of Afrikan Amerikan and other freedom fighters. In many instances, the FBI paid informants and provocateurs to initiate illegal actions or incite violence which it could falsely accuse the Black Panthers of initiating. The mass media played a major role in this government conspiracy. Over the next several years, scores of young people who treasured freedom and justice were falsely incarcerated by the Amerikan government. Here is a list of some of the many Freedom fighters who remain political prisoners and prisoners of war. Some have been locked in prisons for twenty years for standing up for the rights and human dignity of people of color and poor Whites. To learn more about these people and to help win their freedom, write them at the addresses given below or contact their defense committees. We must not forget those who have given so very much in our struggle for human rights and dignity.

The Struggle Continues:

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HELP SAVE MUMIA

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PRISONERS OF WAR, POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS SOCIAL PRISONERS demand that Governor Casey commute the death sentence of Mumia Abu-Jamal. We call upon our movements our communities, progressive nations and all anti-racist people committed to human rights to join us in undertaking all possible measures to stop this execution. We urge you to adopt this case as the highest priority in the struggle for justice. Only our collective power can save this man that the Black community of Philadelphia calls the Voice of the Voiceless.

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April 17, 1991

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Attorneys For Geronimo Offer New Evidence To Overturn His Conviction

Lawyers and supporters of Geronimo ji Jaga Pratt announced the filing of a petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus calling for a new trial for the convicted Black Panther leader. Geronimo, long time LAPD informant. whose case has received national and international attention, has been held in the California prison system for over 20 years. He is considered to be one of the longest held political prisoners currently behind bars anywhere in the world. Despite appeals from members of Congress, Amnesty International, and others, the California court system has heretofore turned down all efforts at gaining a

Now, armed with compelling evidence that Geronimo was framed and that his trial was rife with perjury and withheld evidence, his attorneys are going back to court. Among the new evidence contained in their writ is the

information about who really shot and killed Mrs. Kenneth Olson in Santa Monica on Evidence from within the Los Angeles Police Department that Julio Butler, the main government witness against Geronimo, was a

LiTestimony from sources about FBI wiretap logs which would show that Geronimo was in the Bay Area, 400 miles away at the time of the

Sworn statement from a trial juror concerning prejudicial misconduct by the jury foreman during the trial.

Geronimo's attorneys are filing this case in San Francisco rather than Los Angeles County. They are requesting that the matter be heard in San Francisco because the District Attorney who tried this case, Mr. Richard Kalustian, is now a sitting judge in the Los Angeles Superior Court. Geronimo accuses Kalustian of intentionally supressing evidence and misrepresenting facts to the court, the jury, and New evidence about the supression of the defense. G and his attorneys believe that no judge in Los Angeles County - friends. acquaintances and collegues of Richard Kalustian - will give Geronimo a fair hearing.

HISTORICAL ANALYSIS

HISTORY OF THE AFRIKAN PRISONER By Sundiata Acoli

Most Afrikans were originally brought to America as prisoners. Slaves are, in the first place, held captive against their will - as prisoners. The primary concern of all prisoners is "gaining their freedom." As America changed from a colony of England to the foremost imperialistic power that it is today, the

The Slave Plantation Itself Was A Form Of Mass Prison . . . All Afrikan Men, Women, And Children Were Subjected To Life Sentences.

forms of imprisonment of Afrikans changed accordingly - but imprisoned we remain - in the ghetto colonies, in poverty, in dependency, in jails and penitentiaries. The fate of the Afrikan prisoner has always been intricately tied up with the fate of the imprisoned Black Nation and vice versa. In each instance, "gaining our freedom" remains the primary concern today.

mass prison where all Afrikan men, women, and children were subjected to life sentences. As a result, there were few Afrikans in penitentiaries during slavery. Black resistance and escapes from the plantation gave rise to numerous insurrections, the Abolition movement, the Underground Railroad and the Fugitive Slave Law which legalized the capture and return of runaway slaves. This same Fugitive

Slave Law evolved into today's "extradition law" which is used to return escaped prisoners from out of state, and to extradite prisoners in general from one state to the other.

Eventually, slavery plunged this country into its first Civil War, compelled the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation and removed the legal basis of chattel slavery from the Black Nation. That is, except for any prisoner sentenced to a penitentiary, because the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution still allows slavery in prisons.

After the Civil War and Reconstruction, the number of Afrikans sent to prison increased dramatically. This was particularly true in the South where Afrikan populations outnumbered whites in many states. Mob violence, lynchings and Klan terror became the order of the day. Any White person could execute any Afrikan with impunity and the enactment of anti-Afrikan segregation codes (Black Codes) spread across the country. Prisons always reflect outside society in concentrated form - especially in brutality - and a cloud of repression descended on the prisons. Most acts of resistance were individual, but individual, or collective, all were murderously suppressed and no inkling of it spread beyond the prison grounds. This was generally the scene of the



Afrikan prisoners through World War I. It adequately reflected the conditions of Afrikans outside.

recruited soldiers from its Afrikan racist frame ups such as the Scottsboro given the choice of jail or the army; most colonies and the U.S. recruited Afrikans Boys rallying cry of "making the world safe for democracy" and "self-determination for the weaker nations," the war was fought and won. Afrikans returned to their respective homelands expecting a better life for having helped win the war. Instead repression set in. The masses felt indignant and betrayed. In the US, Marcus Garvey stepped upon the scene preaching "Afrika for the Afrikans - At Home and Abroad," and organized this discontent into one of the greatest Afrikan movements in the Western Hemisphere. To destroy this movement, the US government framed Garvey and sent him to prison, making him a political prisoner in the clearest sense. He was deported upon completion of the sentence, and his movement declined. The aftermath of World War I gave rise a Black Nation and that we needed land to various social movements: the Communists, the Socialists, the Trade

Unionists, and it added fuel to the World War II made jobs plentiful and NAACP integrationist movement as accelerated the migration of Afrikans Garveyism faded. In addition to from the South to the Northern cities. With the arrival of World War I, Europe imprisonment on criminal charges and Often upon arrest, many Afrikans were

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> going North, looking for work and a better life. The Northern jails and prisons began to take on increasing Afrikan percentages in its populations. Among those Afrikans coming North was Elijah Poole. Some said he was a former Garveyite. After changing his name to Elijah Muhammad, he began organizing Afrikans into the Nation of Islam (NOI) and preaching that Islam was the true religion of the Black Man, that we were

leaving the South

chose the army.

He refused the draft himself and was sent to prison, making him a political prisoner. In prison he recruited for the NOI among Afrikan prisoners. He continued this process after his release, making the NOI the first Afrikan organization that put a special effort into

recruiting prisoners into its ranks.

European wars.

After World War II, Afrikans returned from a victorious war expecting life to be better at home. Again they were disappointed, but this time the US government employed a secret weapon to control the discontent that it knew was sure to follow: "King Heroin". During

World War II, the US government in the North, were busted, and several complexion of most prisons from white recruited the services of the Mafia in gathering intelligence throughout Italy to help defeat Mussolini. In return for In October of 1966, Oakland, California, this cooperation, the US government looked the other way as the Mafia flooded the Black Nation with heroin. As expected, Afrikans began to accelerate their drive for freedom after World War II and maintained the pressure through the Korean War. With the 1954 Supreme court desegregation ruling, the focus of the struggle moved to the South. The struggle centered around equal rights and desegregation of the schools, public transportation, restaurants, and other public accommodations. Martin Luther King spearheaded this movement for Civil Rights through the tactic of nonviolence. He and his followers were often arrested, spending time in local

strict segregation codes. Afrikans on the Continent, having fought for Europe's freedom in World War II and Korea, returned to their various colonized countries and began to fight for their own freedom. As a result, a large number of Afrikan leaders and presidents of the newly emerging independent nations had histories of imprisonment: Kwane Nkrumah, Ahmed Ben Bella, and Jomo Kenyatta,

jails, and some were sent to prison. The

Civil Rights movement's influence

eventually spread into the prisons and

prison struggles around equal rights

eventually caused the prisons to lift their

During this same time, an Afrikan prisoner, Malcolm Little, became one of Elijah Muhammad's most dedicated disciples. After leaving prison, as Malcolm X, he became Elijah Muhammad's best organizer and spokesman - and the Nation of Islam rocketed to prominence in the black colonies ("ghettos" in the US) and prisons. Elevating his perspective to the world level, Malcolm analyzed the impact of Third World revolution and emerging independent Afrikan nations and preached that our solution lies in pursuing the struggle for Human Rights, National Liberation, Independence, and Land - and that Afrikans should gain their freedom "by any means necessary," including violent means, he was assassinated in the beginning stages of US buildup in the Vietnamese War.

Stokely Carmichael (now Kwane Ture) and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) organized voter registration drives, freedom rides and opposition to the Vietnam war and were jailed on a number of occasions. the Deacons for Defense and Justice was organized in the South during this period as protection against white mob violence. Herman Ferguson, a New York City Assistant School Principal, and Max Stanford, a former student, along with members of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), organized around self-defense

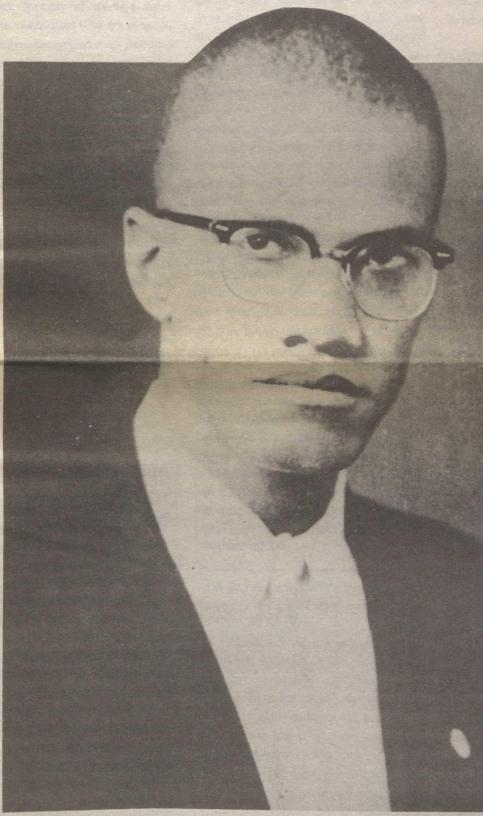
members were sent to prison due to COINTELPRO activities.

the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense (BPP) organized around a 10point program similar to the Nation of Islam in form, but more revolutionary in content. The Panthers' practice of selfdefense combined with their Revolutionary Nationalist theory, propelled the organization across the country as each major city witnessed the to black and brown.

The new breed of prisoner came from various militant/revolutionary organizations, and were community activists, and/or Civil Rights activists, male and female. In 1970 when Afrikan prisoners Fleeta Drumgo, John Clutchette and George Jackson were charged with the killing of a guard in retaliation for the murder of three inmates, numerous defense groups, including the BPP, formed a massive repression; all the components are present that are needed to forge themselves into a powerful force for social change in this country: National Liberation and Revolution. Consequently, prisons must be transformed from being primarily instruments of suppression into instruments of liberation. Prisons are a fundamental pillar of state power; their main function is the suppression of all internal threats to the state. Liberation of colonies, foreign and domestic, poses

the gravest threat to

the very existence



forming of BPP branches in its black colonies. The militancy of the Panthers had a ripple effect throughout the black colony and the USA and all organizations increased their militancy. As the government moved to crush this rising black revolutionary militancy during the height of the Vietnam war, a number of different black militants were sentenced to prison. The militancy and revolutionary consciousness spread into the prison with them. This government's onslaught on black militancy, combined with the rising drug related arrests, changed the overall

support movement for them. This is generally accepted as the point where the prison struggle transformed itself into a prison movement. The decline of the BPP due to imprisonment of its members and other repressive actions gave rise to other forms of resistance. Many of these resisters also ended up in prison. A lull descended over the Black Liberation Movement in general. With the most militant nationalist section of our Nation imprisoned, the main revolutionary influence transferred from the streets to the Afrikan prisoner.

Today, Afrikan prisoners find themselves in a unique situation. Though faced with increasing

of an imperialist state. No colonies, no imperialism. It's as simple as that. The main function of prisons today is suppression. As a result, we have seen the complexion of US prisons turn f r o m predominantly white predominantly black and brown in the last 25 years. Afrikans make up the majority of the prisoners and it falls upon the Afrikan prisoner spearhead this movement turning weakness strength. Instead of being breeding grounds for petty criminals, opportunists and informers to return to our community to prey on it, the prisons must be turned into breeding grounds revolutionaries, and spawning grounds for collectives to teach, train, study, nurture, and distill revolutionary principles, lifestyles and disciplines into

Afrikan prisoners - to form lifetime bonds and commitments to the struggle and to each other - and to turn out professional revolutionaries. professional community activists, or at least, more conscious Afrikan men and women back into our communities. How to begin? One Afrikan prisoner makes it plain: we begin with ourselves, Afrikan prisoners, studying, agitating, educating, and organizing. Many prisoners have already begun this process; others are just starting. The ball is now on our side of the court - the Afrikan prisoner.

Black Community News Continued



C'ain't Touch Dat

Douglas Wilder, Virginia's negro governor, is

said to be planning to run for the Democratic

nomination for President. The BPNC will not

get into the habit of endorsing either Democrats

or Republicans for Chief Oppressor. We do plan

to warn people against the foxes or wolves who

prey on the lifeblood of our people. On May 5,

1991 the Sunday San Francisco Chronicle

carried an article which showed ol' Doug in his

true colors: traitor. Ol' Doug, darling of the

Dixiecrats, was quoted as saying, "Too many

young black males have trouble doing hard,

honest work and staying out of jail, but no trouble

making illegitimate babies." He said he hoped

his remarks would make it easier for White

politicians to make criticisms that otherwise

Let's get right down to cases. Doug should stop

being an apologist for the system which exploits

our labor and destroys our youth's minds with

lies and half truths. First of all this country is rich

today because we have done hard work. Most

of it for free. That's called slavery Doug. Second

of all, there's no such thing as an illegitimate

baby, a baby is just a baby that's all. On the other

hand there is such a thing as a housenegro. Can

difficult for Amerikkkans to slander, villify or

never been difficult. From George Washington

to Theodore Bilbo, Bull Connor, George

Wallace, Ronald Reagan and George (Willie

Horton) Bush the theme is always the same. Kill

Malcolm X

Hit the Road Bush, and PRESIDENTIAL Don't Cha' Come Back POLITICS: Sorry Doug No Mo', No Mo',...

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA: Graduating seniors at Hampton College in Virginia recently let President Bush know how they feel about his administration's policies toward Afrikan Amerikans. Bush visited the college on Sunday, May 12, 1991 to deliver the keynote address at the University's commencement exercises.

According to reports, most of the graduating seniors abruptly sat down and remained seated when Bush was introduced to strains of "Hail to the Chief' and did not applaud when his speech on economic development and education concluded.

Hampton is one of the traditionally Afrikan Amerikan Universities founded in the late 19th century to provide an education to ex slaves and their decendents who were denied the right to attend White only universities. The ex slaves were prevented from attending White universities through overt Amerikkkan government policy which also denied the exslaves and their decedents their basic human rights. The Amerikkkan public conspired handin-glove with the government and school administrators to maintain a privileged position vis a vis education for Whites. Hampton University and Tuskeegee were two of the first you spell housenegro Doug? No, not Tom, that Black Colleges established to address this comes later. Third, since when has it been

Hampton's role in overcoming racial lynch Afrikan men and women? Answer: it's discrimination and the denial of civil and human rights was apparently forgotten by Hampton President William Harvey who awarded Bush an honorary degree in Law; perhaps for vetoing recent Civil Rights Legislation. Harvey, to the the nigger. Question: why does Ol' Doug want

shock of many students, praised Bush for his "The Slave Master Took Tom And Dressed Him commitment to black Well, Fed Him Well, And Gave Him A Little education and Bush's work Education. Gave Him A Long Coat And Top Hat with the United Negro College And Made The other Slaves Look Up To Him. Then Fund. Hampton's President He Used Tom To Control Them." apparently believes that the few

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crumbs Bush scrapes off his plate to Afrikan Amerikan colleges more than compensated for Bush's veto of the Civil Rights Bill, his dismantling of affirmative Action Programs, his "Willie Horton" Law and Order bootlicker years ago. As the twig is bent so goes community as well as his Administration's time on this mess than neccesary. I just thought general retreat on financial aid for minority y'all would like to get hip before 1992 rolls youth. Most of Hampton's 1,023 graduating around and these jackanapes start parading seniors, however, did not agree. The Black through the community being introduced by Panther Newspaper Committee says "Right On" to Hampton's graduating seniors who recognize, as it is stated elsewhere in this publication: They are still pigs!

SAME OLD STORY: POOR PAY MORE TAXES THAN RICH

\$875,200 a year. Middle-income families, with paid in 1985! earnings that average \$39,100,

bills on the back of the poor and the working than the wealthiest 1%. In California, a family class, a recent study by the Citizens for Tax of four living on \$11,700 pays 14.1% of their with the University of Vermont student occupiers. Justice examined taxes in all 50 states and found income on taxes - up from 11.8% in 1985, while The following Thursday, May 2, New Jersey that nationally, the poorest families pay 81% Californians in the top 1% of the income Black Panther Newspaper Committee member more of their average \$12,700 earnings in state brackets, whose incomes average \$1,000,000, Breeze Barrow also flew to Vermont and spent and local taxes than Amerikkkans who make pay only 10.6%, which as about the same as they the day with the students.

Somethin' else slipped out.

I gotta go now for real. See y'all next time.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS CONTINUED -

SOUTH AFRIKA: MANDELA UPDATE

JOHANESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA public. This public wrangling only benefits the Winnie Mandela has been convicted by a White South Afrikan Judge and sentenced to 6 years in prison for her alleged part in the kidnapping and assault on four youths at her Soweto home in late 1988. One of the youths died as a result of

It is not for the BPNC to say whether or not Mrs. Mandela is in fact guilty or innocent but certain things relating to her situation are obvious. 1. The Nazi settler "government of South of Africa" has no right to try our people for any so called "civil or criminal offense". It is an oppressor "government" that is kept in power by the NATO alliance for the purpose of extracting the natural resources of the land that belongs legimately to the Afrikan people. In no way do we owe allegiance to these dogs. 2. During the incarceration of Nelson Mandela and many other leaders of the ANC, Mrs. Mandela was instrumental in rallying international support for the Azanian liberation struggle. 3. Mrs. Mandela should not submit to this so-called "judgement". She should in fact leave the country as fast as possible or go underground and continue to struggle. Her model in this case should be our sister Assata Shakur who was incarcerated on phony charges. In 1979 Assata was liberated from her false imprisonment and is in exile now in Cuba. 4. The ANC should assist her in all ways not to be locked up. They don't need any more martyrs than they already have. There are too many of us locked up already. 5. Any disputes that they have with this sister

Lastly we should consider this: many things occur during the heat of battle that are neither just nor correct. It is up to the revolutionaries to correct them as they proceed to victory. The death of this young man reminds us of George Sams and Alex Rackley. They were both Panthers. In 1969 Sams, a police agent who infiltrated the party, accused Rackley of being a

Rackley was killed. His death led to the compromising, arrest and incarceration of many valuable comrades. This case smells just like the Rackley incident. The ANC should close ranks and take whatever steps are neccesary to protect their comrade as she acted to protect them when they needed it. They should be the first to remember that they are in a combat situation. The plots of the enemy are many and devious. Government witnesses testified that Ms. Mandella was miles away at the time; she was convicted of being an acomplish after the fact. The commitment to struggle and the passage of time will reveal the true facts of this affair. But right now first things first. Defend Comrade Mandela. She has proven her commitment to the

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EDUCATION

THIRD WORLD STUDENTS TAKE OVER BUILDING AT UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT by Jersey City BCNS

Keeping in tune with rising student activism on In general, the demands of the students were the college campuses, 25 Third World students took ones familiar to those who struggle for an over the President's Row of the Waterman education which teaches us our true history and to make this easier? Perhaps it goes back to his Building wing at the University of Vermont on our role in this society. The students are days as a waiter in Ol' Richmond's segregated Monday, April 22 pressing for 18 demands of demanding the establishment of Ethnic Studies He got trained as a coatholder, chauffer, and

should be settled behind closed doors not in

University President, George Davis. At 12 noon on that date, the Black, Latino, and students and faculty members, and staff positions attitude toward the Afrikan Amerikan the tree. Look, I don't want to spend any more Asian American students walked into the for Third World people. They also demand that morning. The second night, the support group on campus, and no action against student jackleg preachers. Oops! there I go again! grew to over 100; and by the third night, the occupiers. number had more than doubled to over 300. Supporters brought blankets and bed-rolls and protectively huddled in front of the door, behind which the occupiers had taken over. Supporters also managed to supply food to the third World

students inside. On Friday, April 26, former Black Panther Party political prisoner Dhoruba bin Wahad, Kevin In yet another example of paying the country's pay over one third more of their incomes to taxes Powell, Steve de Castro, and Maria Pins flew from New York to Vermont to express their solidarity

Departments, recruitment of more minority Waterman wing and stated their intention to take the University educate all faculty and staff on the requested that the staff leave. The first night, some on campus, university commitment to cultural 65 student supporters kept vigil until the following diversity, removal of racist monuments, no police

VERMONT UPDATE

At 5 A.M. Sunday, May 12, 1991, while most of the nation was asleep, (regular pig vamping time) over 100 state, city and university police attacked the students who were occupying a seized wing of Watermen Administration Building. The onslaught began with the cutting of phone services to prevent word of the assault from reaching outside student supporters. Eight students and one faculty member inside were arrested along with eleven student supporters outside the building. They were arraigned Monday May 13, 1991 and charged with trespassing. BPNC New Jersey

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LETTERS TO EDITOR, CONTINUED



POWS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS



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you home. We didn't want you to have to experience war. We didn't want you fighting in order to restore a Kuwaiti monarchy that has a history of repressing democratic movements. We didn't want you allied with the Saudis who still stone women for merely being accused of adultery. I can not condone such relationships, therefore, I can not be at your parade.

Instead we will continue to work for job programs because factories are still closing around the country. Corporations are reopening factories in Mexico and Asia to take advantage of immorally low wages. We will be working to restore the veterans benefits that were cut while you were away. We will continue working for those families living in cars, under bridges, and on the streets. We will be working to support bankrupt school districts and keep sports programs funded. We will work to rescue the envivironment; the war has caused an environmental nightmare. It didn't have to be. Welcome home. I'm glad that most of you came back alive. I hope most of you didn't have to witness the atrocities that accompany war. I hope you will not suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. I hope your jobs will be waiting for you. I hope your families will be able to understand what you'll be saying. I hope they can understand that there'll be things you will not want to talk about. If they can't understand, I will. I hope that you can appreciate that I can't be at your parade.

Prisoner Requests For Subscriptions

DEAR READERS:

Armando

We have received dozens of letters from persons presently incarcerated in prisons throughtout the United States requesting subscriptions to the BCNS. There are over one million people in prison in this country, up to 51% of whom are Afrikan-Amerikan. Presently the BPNC provides free subscriptions to 101 U.S. political prisoners and prisoners of war. Without your help we are financially unable to do more. We encourage each of you who are able to take out a \$10.00 gift subscription for a prisoner using the subscription form on page 2. We have a waiting list and will notify you when your subscription is donated in your name. The following letters are excerpted from letters to BPNC from prisoners requesting subscriptions: The Editors

Dear BPNC;

I am 19 years old and presently serving a life sentence. I read every article I can on the Black Panthers and would highly appreciate (it) if I could receive your newspaper.

D. Jones, Louisiana State Penitieniary

I am a 25 year old Afrikan who does nothing but try to learn ALLI can about my people. I'm very serious and dedicated to the struggle. I would like to be put on your mailing list. I'm sorry to have to say that I don't have any funds to offer, but if ever the time comes & I'm in the position to give, I shall give! Hope to hear from you

M., Concoran, CA

As many Afrikan youth reading about Marcus Garvey, El Hajj Malik el Shabazz (Malcom X) and BPP-BLA while in these population contro warehouses (prisons) has inspired and motivated me to have self-dignity, pride; political, cultural, and spiritual conscious(ness) and struggle against any form of oppression, "by any means necessary!!! I would love to receive the Black Panther, Black Community News Service. Put

M.D.G. Concoran, CA

me on your mailing list for prisoners.

New York Three Legal Update

Because the State of New York conspired to hide the FBI's involvement in the case of the NY3, much of the evidence has never been revealed. On April 17, 1991, lawyers for the NY3 went into Federal Court and asked Judge Morris Lasker to order New York to turn over the entire NEWKILL file (code name under which this case was investigated) to the defense. This request followed the March 12th oral arguments in the federal habeas corpus action that could lead to the release of the NY3.

Following is a partial list of what the NY3 lawyers are asking from the court:

1. An uncensored copy of the entire NYPD file on this case, including but not limited to all documents, tape recordings and other records relating to or reflecting:

b.the chain of custody of ballistics evidence;

c.communications to or from the FBI concerning this case; and

d.cooperation with the FBI in the investigation and prosecution of this case, including but not limited to the "Major Investigative Summary Sheet."

2. Given the allegations of prosecutorial misconduct, connected with this case, all documents, tape recordings and other records in the possession of the New York County District Attorney's office relating to or reflecting:

a.ballistics test or evidence; and

b.communication to or from, or cooperation with, the FBI concerning this case.

3.All documents, tape recordings and other records relating to or reflecting:

a.the White House meeting on May 26, 1971, attended by President Nixon, Attorney General Mitchell, Domestic Affairs Advisor Erlichman and FBI Director Hoover; and

b.subsequent communications concerning this case among any of the aforesaid national officials, or between any of them and any of their subordinates.

At trial, a New York City detective lied about ballistics testing when he stated that only the NYPD performed the tests. The requested files contained documented proof that he did, in fact, turn over to the FBI the bullets recovered by the NYPD. The FBI's subsequent lab results which were not divulged during trial state that "the test cannot verify this is the murder weapon"

Given the fact that at the trial, Judge Edward Greenfield would not allow NY3 defense attorneys to bring out the existence of the FBI's counter-intelligence operations (COINTELPRO), thus, the illegal campaign against the NY3 has remained hidden.

It should also be noted that the FBI is still actively involved with the case of the NY3:

1. The FBI monitors the NY3 via the Inspector General's Office at the New York State Department

2.The FBI has been instrumental in having the NY3 and other New York State political prisoners continually transferred from prison to prison.

3. The FBI has also given the Inspector General false information which has prevented Nuh Washington from participating in the Family Reunion Program.

People should ask why state prisoners not involved in any federal crimes are being investigated and harassed after 20 years of imprisonment.

Write the Congressional Black Caucus and ask them to look into the case of the NY3 and the ongoing persecution of other political prisoners in this country.

The US denies it has political prisoners. We and the NY3 Know there are. Write to the Black Caucus and demand they investigate the case of the New York Three and other U.S. Political Prisoners and

Address your letters to: Chairperson Congressional Black Caucus H2-344 House Annex #2 Washington, DC 20515

202/225-1691

Looks Like The Same Ole Stick To Me by CVG Sheba Makeda Haven

That son of a Bush, That Dirty son of a bush. With the blood of Panama Still wet on his hands He's made a "New World Order" out of Teddy's 'ole Big Stick, and beat the hell out of Sadaam 'wid it.

That son of a bush, Vetoed Civil Rights, and in his "kindler, gentler way" Made Amerikkka a safe place for racism to hold sway, Where Qualye can play golf on Saturday.

He's promised to build more prisons in his war on drugs, Trims scholarships and welfare funds, While dodging the question of why so many of his so-called friends have been exposed as Looks like that same 'ole stick to me.

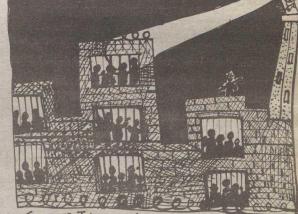
thugs. Contra-Iran-Cocaine scandal, S&L's his son has made to hot to handle, Why, even Ollie got off free.

He proposes the police search without warrant, Holds a bag of crack cocaine and pretends the folks in the projects got \$12 billion for it, And still this crocidile grins on TV, Kissing a black crack baby.

You'd think he'd feel some guilt, just maybe, But no,

That son of a bush While proudly proclaiming a New World Order begun. . . .





Gov. Wilson's housing and employment program for BLACK Males.

Black Panther Party Plaform and Progam What We Want, What We Believe

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of Black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The Amerikkkan government is paying reparations to the Japanese Amerikans for racism during World War Two. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

a modest demand that we make.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe the Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in a court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the

We believe that the courts should follow the United States

them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth. the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established



Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, Amendment of the United States Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected

accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under a solute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such



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Key BPP Writings: Rules of the Black Panther Party

EDITORS' NOTE:

One of the primary keys to building and maintaining unity of purpose and disciplined action within the ranks of the Black Panther Party was regular focused study and discussion of the political, economic, social and national liberation goals of the Party and the correct methodology for achieving these goals. Unity within the ranks of the Party was based on a sharing of these goals and mutual respect for each other and respect for the Afrikan Amerikan Community.

Regular study and discussion of the Three Main Rules, Eight Points of Attention, and the Rules of the Black Panther Party were manditory for all Party members from the moment they entered Panther training. These rules were quidelines to be used in developing reationships within the Party and between the Party and the People. As long as Party members remained loyal to the principles contained in the rules, the Party remained strong.

A time came, however, when discipline within the ranks grew weak and study became slack. Instead of serving the people, a segment of the Party leadership became self serving. The unity of purpose and will which had been cultivated through years of study, struggle and building community serving programs dissipated. The Black Panther Party stopped studying, lost its vision and became disorganized.

Mehough COINTELPRO played a part, the weakness COINTELPRO exploited was internal. The adherence to principled rules and a conscious discipline to abide by them, were the glue which held the Party faithful together. When the BPP stopped studying, discussing, and practicing its rules, its members lost the respect of each other and the people and our people's just struggle for national liberation was set back! We cannot allow that to happen again. Those who are committed to making a meaningful change in the physical, material, social, economic, psychological and political development and well being of the Afrikan Amerikan community must study and analyse not only the objective conditions that affect our people, but also the basic rules for conduct of proper behavior towards each other and toward our community. Unfortunately, during our long journey in this wilderness of Amerikka, we have forgotten much. We have forgotten how to treat each other with respect and how to work collectively with purpose and determination to achieve a purpose. In future issues of the Black Panther, this section will contain an analysis of the major rules, platform, programs, and

Landon Williams

EIGHT POINTS **OF ATTENTION**

- 1. Speak politely.
- 2. Pay fairly for what you buy.
- 4. Pay for anything you damage.
- 5. Do not hit or swear at people.
- 6. Do not damage property or crops of the poor
- . Do not take liberties with women.
- 8. If we ever have to take captives, do not ill treat

THREE MAIN RULES:

- 1. Obey orders in all your actions.
- 2. Do not take a single needle or piece of thread from the "poor and oppressed"
- 3. Turn in everything captured from the attacking enemy.

RULES OF THE **BLACK PANTHER PARTY**

Central Headquarters

Every member of the Black Panther Party throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. Central Committee members, Central

subordinate to either national, state and local leadership of the Black Panther Party will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action neccesary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the Black Panther Party were violated. Every member of the party must know these verbatim by heart, and apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to the leadership or they are counterrevolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the Black Panther Party.

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.

Staffs, and Local Staffs, including all captains

- will be expelled from this party.
- 3. No party member can be drunk while doing daily party work.

2. Any party member found shooting narcotics

- 4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the Black Panther Party and meetings of the Black Panther Party anywhere.
- 5. No party member will use, point, or fire a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidently
- 6. No party member can join any other army force other than the Black Liberation Army.
- 7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while drunk or loaded off narcotics
- 8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or Black people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
- 9. When arrested Black Panther members will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party
- 10. The Ten Point Program and Platform of the Black Panther Party must be known and understood by each Party member.
- 11. Party communications must be national and 12. The 10-10-10 program should be known by
- all members and also understood by all
- 13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
- 14. Each person will submit a report of daily
- 15. Each Sub-Section leader, Section Leader. Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.

16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.

17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so thay it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.

18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.

19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do political work out in the community, including Captains, Section

20. Communications-all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National

21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.

22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the Black Panther Party must submit a monthly financial report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.

23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.

24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any govenment agency without contacting the National Headquarters.

25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the Central Committee of the Black Panther Party.

26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.



ONLIBERALISM

The following article was required reading in

THE ELEVEN POINTS OF LIBERALISM by Mao Tse-Tung, "Combat Liberalism", Selected

Liberalism is extremely harmful in a revolutionary collective. It is a corrosive which eats away unity, undermines cohesion, causes apathy and creates dissension. It robs the revolutionary ranks of compact organization and strict discipline, prevents policies from being carried through and alienates the Party organizations from the masses which the Party leads. It is an extremely bad tendency.

Liberalism manifests itself in various ways.

friendship when a person has clearly gone wrong, and refrain from principled arguement because he (she) is an old acquaintance, a schoolmate, a close friend, a loved one, an old colleague or old subordinate. Or to touch on the matter lightly instead of going into it throughly, so as to keep on good terms. The result is that both the organization and the individuals are harmed. This is one type of liberalism.

instead of actively putting forward one's suggestions to the organization. To say nothing to people to their faces but to gossip behind their

-To let things slide for the sake of peace and backs, or to say nothing at a meeting but to gossip afterwards. To show no regard at all for the principles of collective life but to follow one's own inclination. This is a second type.

> -To let things drift if they do not affect one personally; to say as little as possible while knowing perfectly well what is wrong, to be worldly wise and play safe and seek only to avoid blame. This is a third type.

-Not to obey orders but to give pride of place to -To indulge in irresponsible criticism in private one's own opinions. To demand special consideration from the organization but to reject its discipline. This is a fourth type.

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political education classes in The Black Panther Party. Our cadre studied this material and attempted to implement it in an effort to improve our social and political practice and upgrade our ideological level. Combatting liberalism strengthened the ability of cadres to deal openly and honestly with each other for the good of the collective. It formed the basis for healthy constructive criticism and self criticism within the Party.

BOOKREVIEW:

MALCOLM X: THE MILITANT BLACK LEADER

Jack Rummel, 1989

When homicide is the leading cause of death among young Black males and most households with children are headed by women, when self-esteem and school achievement among our children are low, and sexual promiscuity and drug use are at an all-time high, it is imperative that our children are exposed to positive role models - historic and contemporary.

The story of Malcolm X's life is one from which our children can benefit greatly. It reminds us that there is a vast reservoir of talent, of untapped genius, alive, but not so well hidden in our Black ghettoes. Malcolm's story is one of the triumph over devastating - though commonplace odds. The violence that beset his early years including the terrorism by the KKK and the murder of his father, the intrusion of state agencies, dropping out of school and becoming a hustler, and his eventual conviction and Prison term - are familiar occurrences in our communities

It was during his imprisonment that Malcolm's story becomes unique and inspirational. He began to think for himself, to plan and to develop a process of self-education and self-realization. It was in prison that Malcolm began to realize his potential and his tremendous talent and genius for the benefit of his people.

Apparently unbridled by any compassion for his subject, author Rummel provides us with an adequate-to-good biography of Malcolm Little, the child, "Detroit Red," the hustler, "Satan," the convict, Malcolm X, the man responsible for the Black Muslim movement in Harlem, and finally, El Haji Malik El Shabazz, global Black

Rummel does an excellent job of acquainting us with the facts of Malcolm's short life and interweaves these facts into a well-written and highly readable story that should appeal to young readers ages 12 and up. The book is greatly enhanced by memorable photographs.

The book begins at the end, several months prior to Malcolm's assassination, two days after his 39th birthday in 1964. The climate in America is racially tense and explosive. Malcolm has just recently undergone a "dramatic transformation in his thinking" following his trip to Mecca and Africa. Malcolm, the author states, is hopeful that the changes he has been longing for may finally

The story then jumps back in time to Malcolm's early childhood and much consideration is given to his father, Earl Little, a strong-willed, dignified and defiant Garveyite who was

murdered for his efforts to unify the Black community in East Lansing, Michigan. Malcolm was four at the time, and the book traces his downward trend as poverty and state institutions destroy his family.

In a chapter entitled, "Detroit Red's Streets," we witness Malcolm's descent into drugs, hustling, crime and, eventually, a ten-year sentence in prison for burglary where he was nicknamed "Satan" by fellow inmates.

The second half of the book tells of Malcolm's "reawakening," his self-education and rise within the Nation of Islam. This portion of the book is factually accurate, interestingly written and provides an adequate though superficial introduction to the man and his philosophy.

The perspective, however, is that Malcolm X operated in a social and political vacuum, devoid of the actual outside forces which created the man and ultimately destroyed him.

proper perspective, we must realize and be at hand as "race riots" break out across the understand the nature of the society in which he lived. It was the racism and oppression of White America that convinced Malcolm of the necessity of Black nationalism as the vehicle for Black liberation, as opposed to integration. And this essential fact is somehow omitted from this

biography. It is suggested that educators and parents using this text supplement it with Malcolm's own words as found in Malcolm X on Afro-American History or Malcolm X Speaks to Young People.

Malcolm X was an uncompromising champion of his people. Young people will be intimately inspired reading his story.

Blanche Richardson, Marcus Books

To place Malcolm X and his magnificence in For Harold by Malika Majid Adams as i sit reading about dreams dreamed, dreams deferred and dreams lived.

> i think of you/us absorbed with dreams of liberation/ of those days in brownsville when we rose with the hungry sparrow/just before the sun peeped over the dying buildings and ghostly alleys. door to door, we'd go/rounding up the young and unnorished/planting a seed here and there/with the hope that it would blossom

beyond these seedy boulevards, and abandoned blocks. 2. dreams deferred (a)

what comes next sliding on this mount of memory is the day terror stung the spring spiced air/silencing your one-time-smile. i fast forward the frame of your half exposed body lying amid rubbish/debris/broken bottles/broken dreams. i feel your black blood soaking up footprints of the forgotten. 3. dreams deferred (b)

fast forward, fast forward. on the wave of ancient uncried tears move this disturbing frame.

the familiar keep rewinding/a bitter chill pricks my bones. and i remember a system that rejoiced at your dwindling light. i curse the boldfaced headlines that read, HE LOST.

there is still life in these flashing frames. i see that one-time-smile that touched so many minds/so many lives/see

the eyes that sparked with the noonday sun. i hear your voice dignity is what make a man a man, my brother. i see rising young shadows fitting

Name:

Address:

confortably in your still warm footprints. hear voices chanting your favorite

dignity is what make a man a man, my

MALCOLM X: ANOTHER SIDE OF THE MOVEMENT

by Mark Davies125 pages, photos and drawings

This book was written for young people aged 10-14 years and is based mainly on Alex Haley's Autobiography of Malcolm X. It's one entry in a nine-part series on the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's published by Silver Burdett Press. Other books in the series are on Ella Baker, Stokely Carmichael, Fannie Lou Hamer, Jesse Jackson, Martin Luther King, Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, and A. Philip Randolph. The author explores the life of Malcolm in a very readable and fast paced manner. The book is complete with many excellent photographs and drawings of Malcolm, his contemporaries, and the conditions of the Black community during that time. While it doesn't cover any new ground (nor can it be expected to in 125 pages), it does serve as an introduction to Malcolm for young people who have little or no knowledge of him. The book doesn't treat Malcolm as a saint or demi-god but as a Black man who dealt with life as a constant learning and growing experience. I found this very refreshing. Malcolm's tremendous contributions to the liberation struggle of our people has sometimes made him practically unapproachable for youngsters. They find it difficult to relate to him as a human being like themselves, who had to struggle for knowledge like they do, and had to handle the seemingly overwhelming problems of the Black community just like they do. Malcolm is shown as a young man who was able to recover from the mistakes of his earlier years and become a dedicated servant of the people always working for knowledge and liberation. The book makes it plain that the key to Malcolm, and life itself,

is the ability to grow and advance your knowledge of self and the world around you. Knowledge of self teaches you that as a human being your potential is limitless and no one has the right to oppress you but it is up to you to recognize your duty to take charge of your life and begin to reach your potential. Malcolm was about self-reliance and self-determination. He called upon the Black community to rise and do



for self in all areas of life. This must be constantly stressed to young people because of

the never-ending propaganda about Malcolm "changing" after he left the Nation of Islam. Malcolm was a Black Nationalist Freedom Fighter 'til the day he died and an effective one at that. That's why he was killed. The author explores the plot to kill Malcolm in the book's epilogue and shows the influence of this great man on the Black Panther Party, SNCC and CORE. He also touches on the effects of Malcolm on Louis Farrakhan, Wallace Muhammed, and the Afrikan-American Muslim community.

I do question the choice of Andrew Young to do a so-called "introduction" to the book. I say Malcolm once in his introduction nor does he state why Malcolm should be studied by young people. Some things never change.

The book does have several unique features that should be incorporated into other books for young people. These are a time-line of important events during the book's historical period, a time-line of important events in the main character's life, a suggested reading list for further study, and a list of sources used in the writing of the book. This is excellent scholarly material for book reports and further research into the life of our great freedom-fighter. The book closes on a positive note by emphasizing that Malcolm's voice was not silenced on Feb. 21, 1965. Let us continue to take heart and learn from his courage and wisdom. Long live the spirit of Malcolm X!

Paul Alkebulan, BPNC

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LOOK FOR THE BLACK PANTHER AT THESE LOCATIONS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (Partial List)

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Detroit, Michigan Shrine of the Black Madonna

SUGGESTED READINGLIST FOR MALCOLM X

The Autobiography of Malcolm X, Malcolm X and Alex Haley Malcolm X, Arnold Adoff (for ages 7 to

Malcolm X: Another Side of the

Movement, Mark Davis Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary, Malcolm X

Malcolm X: the Last Speeches, Ed. Bruce Perry

John Henrik Clarke

Malcolm X: Militant Black Leader, Jack

Malcolm X on Afro American History, Malcolm X

Malcolm X Speaks, Ed. George Breitman Malcolm X Talks to Young People,

Malcolm X To Kill A Black Man, Louis E. Lomax

Malcolm X: the Man and His Times, Ed. Booklist Courtesy of Marcus Books

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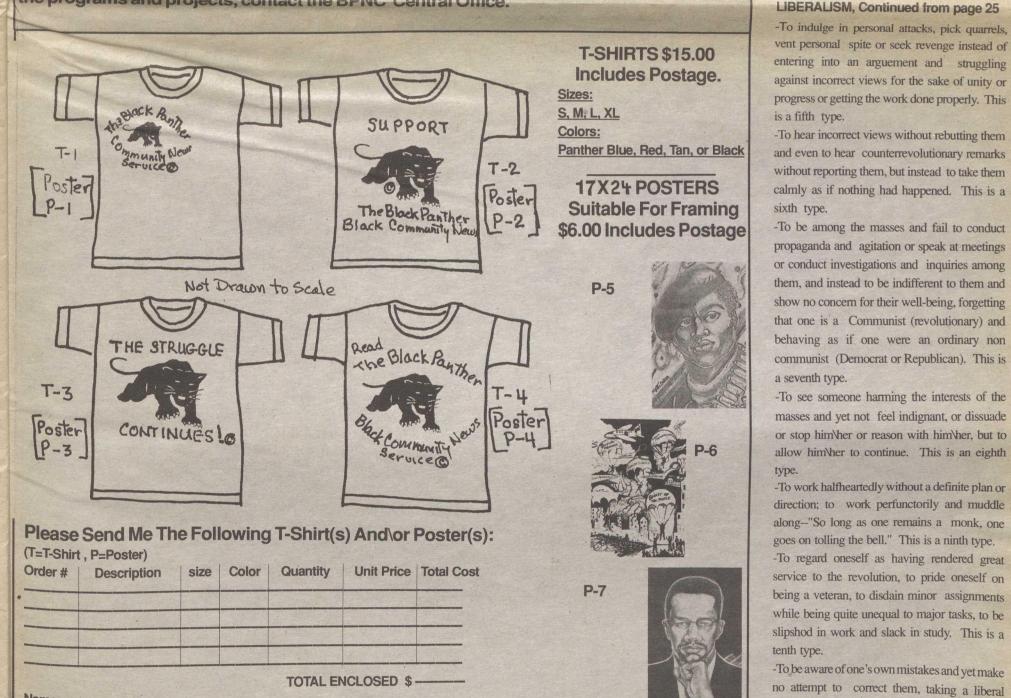
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