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Panther raiders get slap on wrist

[illegible] and Bobby Seale [illegible] called into question by blacks [illegible] an effort [illegible] and jury report on the [illegible] on Black Panthers [illegible] ago. [illegible] Black Panther leader [illegible] Clark were killed [illegible] and [illegible] other [illegible]

[illegible] called the [illegible] conspiracy [illegible] some of the state's witnesses [illegible] Panthers [illegible] the police [illegible] Seven [illegible] a guilty [illegible] to conspiracy to murder [illegible]

[illegible] concluded that [illegible] Panthers fired [illegible] out of all from the grand [illegible] indicted the cops and [illegible] failure to indict [illegible] the killers of the Panthers [illegible] Bobby. The Panthers [illegible] because they [illegible] they were not [illegible] point of view.

[illegible] BLACKS the report [illegible] Superior Court Judge [illegible] Hanley dismissed all charges against the Panthers. Panther James [illegible] Pitts, [illegible] when [illegible] the charges were dropped, [illegible]

"This is an answer to the president of Yale University who made a statement that we said the Black Panthers could not get a fair trial in any court [illegible] and here we have the state's attorney coming in and asking that the case be dismissed. Congratulations [illegible] for taking a step to cool [illegible]

[illegible] of many blacks, [illegible] comment [illegible] on the judge [illegible] not stand up under cross-[illegible]. The fact that the charges against the Panthers [illegible] it be way [illegible] goes that they have been [illegible] fully. Two are dead, [illegible] wounded and many [illegible] Panthers, charged [illegible] with conspiracy, hang [illegible] against them.

[illegible] morning after with [illegible] piled up against [illegible] leading police and [illegible] investigated the [illegible] indictments were brought by the grand jury, [illegible] black lawyers and [illegible] before the report [illegible] it clear that crimes were [illegible] against the Panthers.

[illegible] blacks point [illegible] action is taken against the [illegible] who killed Hampton and Clark and wounded four others and against the police [illegible] who lied and others who admitted they tried to [illegible] whitewash their investigation of the [illegible] said the statement by [illegible] President Kingman Brewster [illegible] stands in [illegible]

[illegible] Major segments of the black [illegible] community find Judge Hanley's [illegible] conclusions to State's Atty. [illegible] Hanchahan hollow. His office [illegible] said the charges against the Panthers were dropped because "the methods used to discover and identify evidence seized by the police in the apartment may prevent us satisfying judicial standards of proof."

TO MOST black people this meant that Hampton had nothing against the Panthers that he could make stick in a court of law and the grand jury report confirmed the [illegible] police could do [illegible] [illegible] against them.

THE POINT is two-fold, in the view of many blacks.

• So far, all that has happened as a result of the grand jury report is that three [illegible] police officers have been demoted and nine cops have gone out for the scalps of Hampton and Fred's pals, Jason [illegible] Lowenstein.

[illegible] recommended [illegible] of the prosecution was [illegible] said by dropping [illegible] but Seale is [illegible] the Chicago [illegible] [illegible] grand jurors [illegible] [illegible]

• Shakeups won't solve much. As long as the system of law and justice is geared up against blacks, raids such as the one against the Panthers will continue and those responsible will not be prosecuted.

Many blacks who feel this way remember when they vented their wrath against School Supt. Benjamin Willis until they forced his resignation. Now, years later, the schools are not better. If anything, they are worse.

What is being driven home is that it's not the man; it's the system. The man only serves the system.