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OPEN LETTER:

TO: Landon Robert Williams:

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You have a 5 week old daughter Kijana Melleke, who has been in- stilled with revolutionary prin- ciples. This was inborn in her from revolutionary parents through practice in a revolutionary envi- ronment. She was born a revolution- ary and will die one; the first of a new generation whose minds will not be conditioned by this power structure. A counter-revolution- ary she cannot be. The people; and

I will not tolerate it. Long may she and all others like her live to carry out the needs and desires of the people.

This, as all the other five ass busts, makes me mad and even more so, makes me realize the desperate need of the people to free them- selves from this beast. As your wife I say, "I love you and miss you, but with your incarceration, we are one step closer to over- throwing this fascist regime.

The RED BOOK is my bible, the GUN my staff, VICTORY TO THE PEOPLE! VICTORY IS OURS! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE! LONG LIVE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE!

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In the L.A. killing, which occurred June 11, 29-year-old Donald Lee Oughton, a white man, was gunned down as he apparently sought to produce identification for

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"All of a sudden, without any apparent notice, he slowed to a walk," a spokesman for the assassins said. When ordered to do so, Oughton stopped and approached O'Malley and Kennedy, who alighted from their car and positioned themselves about him. Oughton is reported to have turned and reached for his back pocket.

"Watch out, he's got a gun!" rookle Kennedy is to have yelled, without ever seeing a weapon or anything that appeared to be one. At this Kennedy drew and fired, missing Oughton and striking O'Malley in the left index finger. O'Malley was standing behind Oughton--O'Malley should have been able to see that the man had no gun--and Kennedy in front of him.



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O'Malley pulled his gun and shot Oughton dead, reportedly believing that Oughton had shot him.

The slain man's mother said her son always carried a card in his pocket with his name and address on it because of a speech handicap he had. She said he must have been reaching for it when he was slain. "My son doesn't own a gun, and

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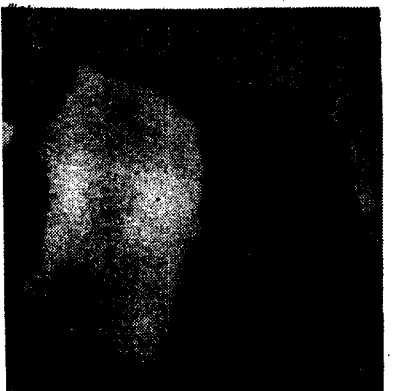
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FASCIST FORCES MOVE NATIONWIDE TO DESTROY BLACK PANTHER PARTY

When the oppressor makes a vicious attack against freedom fighters because of the way that such freedom fighters choose to go about their liberation, then we know we are moving in the direction of our liberation.

—Huey P. Newton

The Black Panther party is under nationwide attack, in a concerted government effort to destroy gains the Panthers have made in black communities. In a June 5 press conference, Bobby Seale, Black Panther party chairman, said more than 40 Panther leaders have been arrested in the last two months. The Panthers have lost key people in Oregon, Connecticut, Colorado, New Jersey and California. Seale termed these arrests "nothing more than Richard Nixon's operations."



LONNIE MC LUCAS



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Seale's figure of 40 did not include the indictment of 21 Panthers in New York City on April 3. They were charged with conspiring to bomb several department stores, blow up the Bronx Botanical Gardens, several police stations and a section of railroad tracks. This was the high point of a New York police vendetta which has brought 60 charges against Panthers in the last 10 months. There have been no convictions.

Thirteen of the Panther 21 are currently being held on \$100,000 bail each in seven New York prisons under maximum security. They are kept in lighted cells 24 hours a day, they are allowed no recreation or library privileges, and have not been permitted to meet as a group with their lawyers, Gerry Lefcourt and William Kunstler, to prepare their defense.

Under these conditions and with hostile nationwide publicity, the Panther 21 are guaranteed a prejudiced trial if it is held, as scheduled, on June 11. Defense lawyers have asked a federal court for a show-cause hearing which would force the state commissioner of corrections to release the prisoners, to lower their bail or to show that no injustice or violation of procedures has taken place which would deny them a fair trial.

There have been 10 hearings on bail reduction for the 21. Lonnie Epps, a minor, had his bail reduced to \$10,000 and was released. A "friendly" bailbondsmen told one Panther, "I got a call from DA Phillips saying that I would lose my license to do business if I bailed out the Panthers."

The government has used the Panther 21 case to bust and harass Panther chapters all over the country. In New Haven, Conn. on May 22, eight members of a chapter just being formed were arrested and charged with kidnapping and murdering a New York Panther who, the police claim, was going to testify against the Panther 21.

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The Panthers have called for a national conference of revolutionaries to form a United Front Against Fascism. The conference will be held July 18-21 in Oakland, Calif. The Panthers expect 5000 participants and the call to the conference stresses the need for "a front which has a common revolutionary ideology and political program which answers the basic desires and needs of all people in fascist, capitalistic, racist America. Primary objective will be *community control of police to end fascism.*"

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confrontation with the police who allegedly sought to instruct the Panthers to tone down their loudspeaker.

(The first time SWAT cops acted openly as a unit though not involved in an actual battle was just after the Nov. 28 affair. They surrounded the headquarters and shouted taunting remarks intended to provoke a fight. One source says a particular shouted remark was, "We know you have guns in there niggers—why don't you use them?")

Immediate defense strategy for the Panthers will be to challenge the legality of the search and arrest warrant and to request a full bail hearing, instead of the preliminary hearings.

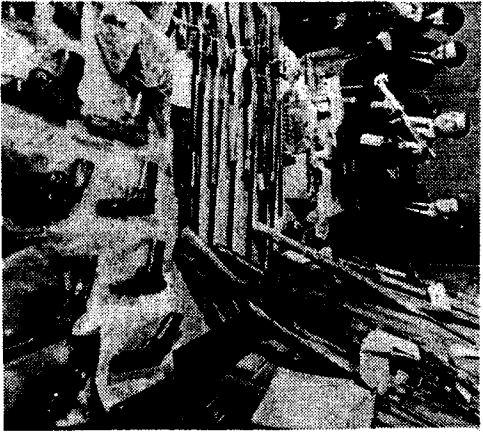
The viciousness of the police attack, following so closely on the Chicago murders, has solidified the black community in support of the Black Panthers. On the afternoon of the Dec. 8 attack, hundreds of black students from nearby Jefferson High School walked out of class. In the evening, some 350 representatives of various black organizations met to form the Coalition of Community Organizations, which called for the city hall rally. Participants in the coalition include radical groups, community service organizations, the Black Elected Officials' Organization, Urban League, Operation Breadbasket, NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and other black organizations.

The coalition demanded that an investigation of the attack be undertaken by the Los Angeles City Council, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Justice Department. A report will be drawn up and presented to the Justice Department charging that there is a national conspiracy against the Panthers.

Panther spokesmen have already announced that the UN Security Council would be asked to investigate U.S. government genocide against black Americans.

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The day after the attack, Panther members showed up at headquarters as usual and served hot breakfasts for children. Despite what happened, about half the normal number of children showed up. Later in the day, however, the Department of Health officially condemned the headquarters, putting up a notice, "Unsafe, do not enter," near a front door sign reading, "Free Huey—Feed Hungry Children. Free breakfast for school children."



L. A. cops display Panther "arsenal."

The party held a press conference outside the office the next morning. After declaring that it was an office belonging to the people, the Panthers broke into their own building, began cleaning up the debris and invited students and community residents to view the damage and help with repairs. Help was forthcoming. The hood carriers union sent workers to help rebuild the office and volunteer electricians set about to fix the lighting.

Twice during the day police sought to break up the crowds congregating around the Panther building, resorting at times to tear gas. At 9 p.m., with about 150 people milling outside, the SWAT Squad returned and declared an unlawful assembly.

They moved in with clubs swinging to disperse the crowd. Several people were beaten or arrested. They marched around in military formation for at least an hour,

terrorizing anyone who ventured outside a building or near the office.

State Senator Mervyn Dymally, one of several black legislators who had come to the support of the Panthers, tried to negotiate with the police, asking for five minutes to work out an arrangement for removing the crowd. No sooner had he turned his back, police charged a group of youths, striking Dymally on the cheek and temple.

At noon Dec. 11, perhaps the largest rally ever was held on the steps of city hall. About 5000 people—four-fifths black—listened to militant speeches by representatives of militant and moderate black organizations. Speakers from the SCLC and NAACP shared the platform with two Panther women and Angela Davis of the Communist party's Chelumba Club. The Rev. Richard Bass of the NAACP declared the attacks on the Panthers were "part of the national conspiracy to destroy any aggressive, write black leadership." The Rev. H.H. Brookins, who chaired the rally, expressed the solidarity of the entire group when he said the Panthers were the bull's-eye but the target was the black community.

The police attack was well-planned, at least two weeks in preparation. But it may have misfired, as did the Chicago police attack. Instead of destroying the Panther organization the police have succeeded in solidifying the black community in defense of the Panthers. Even the police now seem to have second thoughts. "In hindsight," commented assistant police chief Robert Houghton, who led the planning and the actual raid, "I don't know whether this was the best tactic."

150 support bomb suspects

More than 150 persons appeared in a Philadelphia Common Pleas Court last week to support 10 blacks jailed a month ago for allegedly bombing Philadelphia police cars in early October. Bail, originally set at \$100,000 each, was reduced to \$2500 for six of the accused, \$5000 for three and \$10,000 for the other.

Judges getting tougher

Prosecutions are being initiated against more than 300 men each month for draft violations in an effort to combat the most intensive war resistance in the nation's history, assistant Attorney General Wilson reported Dec. 7. Wilson said that 1839 men were prosecuted during the first six months of 1969, resulting in 915 convictions. "The judges are getting tougher," said Wilson, noting that in fiscal year 1969 (July 1968 through June 1969), 3455 men were prosecuted for draft violations with sentences averaging more than three years.

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A. police assault Panthers

By Paty Lee Parmalee
Guardian Los Angeles Bureau

Los Angeles

Quick and heroic thinking may have prevented more murders of Black Panther party members by police last week. That is the real story behind the gunfight between the Panthers and Los Angeles police.

Just four days after two ranking Illinois Panthers were shot to death during a police raid on a party office in Chicago, Los Angeles police conducted similar raids on three offices here—one of which, at Panther regional headquarters, resulted in the nearly six-hour gun battle.

The police attacks began before dawn Dec. 8. First, police barged into the office-home of Panther leader Elmer Pratt. The second attack was at the Toure community center—named for Panther Wally "Toure" Pope, killed by police Sept. 20—where police threw tear gas. Ten Panthers were arrested in these raids.

The final and largest raid was at the two-story brick building which serves as Los Angeles headquarters, where police had gone on an alleged search for illegal weapons.

Eleven party members, including two women, held off some 300 policemen, withstood gas and automatic weapons fire and refused to leave the building until it was assured newsmen and other civilians would be allowed to witness their surrender.

The besieged Panthers feared that without witnesses they would have been murdered, as were Fred Hampton and Mark Clark a few days earlier in Chicago. There was no question of winning the fight against such odds. "We gave up because it's not the right time," said Renee Moore, 19, after she was arrested. "We'll fight again when the odds are more in our favor."

The three raids resulted in 21 arrests. Five policemen and seven Panthers were wounded in the headquarters attack. Police claim to have found a storehouse of illegal weapons in the building, but the Panthers charge the weapons were planted on the scene after they left.

Community support for the Panthers developed immediately. Leading black political representatives have called for investigations. Some 5000 people protested the attack in a rally at city hall Dec. 11.

Few people in the black community believe the police version of the attack. According to a Los Angeles police spokesman, the raids were conducted 10 days after police lieutenant Ted Morton was ordered out of the headquarters at gunpoint after requesting that a loudspeaker be turned down. Returning before dawn Dec. 8 with search and arrest warrants, police said there was no answer when they knocked on the door. After they demolished the front door with a battering ram and entered the building, they were met with submachine gun and shotgun fire. Three of the four cops inside were wounded. Reinforcements were called to bolster the nearly 80-man force around the building and the siege began.

Awakened by gunfire

The Panthers tell a quite different version. The nine men and two women sleeping in headquarter apart-

Hilliard convicted

Guardian West Coast Bureau

Berkeley

David Hilliard, Black Panther party chief of staff, was convicted on a misdemeanor charge of possession of a loaded weapon in Berkeley on Dec. 11. The jury was unable to reach a decision on a second charge, possession of a concealed weapon.

Sentencing was set for Dec. 18. Maximum penalty on the charge is six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

The long delayed trial stemmed from the arrest of Hilliard and two other Panthers, Bunchy Carter and John Coltrane outside of Bobby Seale's residence in Berkeley in February 1968. Hilliard stood trial alone as Carter and Coltrane have since been killed.

Hilliard still must face a charge of attempted murder in connection with the April 7, 1968 shootout with Oakland police and a federal charge of threatening the life of the President stemming from his Nov. 15 speech to the antiwar rally in San Francisco. He is currently out on bail.



Police hold two LA Panthers after pre-dawn shootout.

afraid, they were being surrounded and at that point they allowed the Panthers to surrender."

Several of the Panther wounded were in serious condition. Wayne Platt, 19, was wounded in the left arm, wrist and the left portion of his chest. Roland Freeman, 24, was shot in both arms. Tommye Williams, 19, was shot in both legs. Renee Moore, cut

The Panthers left a quite unimpressed version.

The nine men and two women sleeping in headquarter apartments were awakened in the pre-dawn darkness by the sound of gunfire splintering the front door. They jumped from their beds without fully dressing and began shooting back. When police fired tear and pepper gas into the building they did the best they could with two gas masks, passing them from person to person.

During the battle the Panthers called community and radical organizations and sympathetic individuals, informing them of the attack and urging them to gather near headquarters at 4115 S. Central Ave. as witnesses. They also called all the press in hopes the presence of reporters would deter police from murder.

Lawyers and friends of the Panthers, including the Rev. Blaise Bonpane, a Roman Catholic priest expelled from Guatemala two years ago for sympathizing with the guerrillas there, intervened with police to allow reporters to be present at the surrender. The press and other civilians had been kept about three blocks away, allegedly as a safety precaution.

Police finally relented and allowed reporters to station themselves near the building. Informed of this by telephone, the Panthers waved a white cloth out a window at 9:45 a.m. and firing ceased.

Bonpane said that during the hour he talked with police they were awaiting the command to let go with everything they had, including an armed helicopter circling overhead, a borrowed National Guard personnel carrier and other counter-insurgency equipment. The Catholic priest said one of the main reasons police finally allowed the Panthers to surrender was "fear of another Watts," a reference to the black rebellion in the same neighborhood in 1965. "Reports were coming in of disturbances all around the battle site," Bonpane recalled. "The police were

Tommye Williams, 19, was shot in both legs. Renee Moore, cut and bruised, suffered a miscarriage during the attack. Tight security precautions, such as mounds of sandbags, probably prevented the Panthers from being cut to pieces. Police exploded two dynamite charges on the roof of the building but were unable to gain entrance.

The attack on the Panther headquarters was the first battle assignment for the Los Angeles police department's elite SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Squad. The group was formed two years ago to combat ghetto insurgency. The squad receives special military training and weapons to carry out "missions involving great danger." Their uniforms consist of black jump suits, black caps, boots, bullet-proof vests or flack jackets and military-type weapons, such as M-16 rifles.

The special squad began deploying around 3:30 a.m., surrounding the headquarters and cordoning off 16 blocks in the vicinity. During the fight, SWAT cops took up positions in nearby homes, behind cars and in stores.

When the Panthers emerged from the building they entered a scene as chaotic as the damaged office they left. The streets were littered with broken glass and debris. "Tell mother I love her," said Wayne Pharr as he was being led away.

Once the building was cleared, police "discovered" the Panther arsenal. After two hours alone in the headquarters, police invited a reporter inside to observe the illegal weapons. The Panthers insist, however, that they can produce witnesses in the neighborhood who saw police carry the weapons into the building through a rear entrance.

Taken to the police station, the 13 from Panther headquarters were charged with conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit assault with a deadly weapon upon a police officer, conspiracy to possess illegal weapons and five counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. They are being held without bail. The eight others were arraigned on various charges including conspiracy to possess illegal weapons and assault with a deadly weapon. Their total bail is \$325,000.

The charge of conspiracy to possess illegal weapons and assault with a deadly weapon was the original charge on which the search and arrest warrants were based. This stems from the Nov. 28
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Seale: we're growing

"It's not stifling the party."

That was the comment of Black Panther party chairman Bobby Seale interviewed in a San Francisco jail last week by a reporter from the Washington Post asking about recent police attacks on the Panthers.

"The more they attack," Seale said, "the more support we get... The more they attack, the more branches we get."



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Moderates, government react to Panther slayings

The murder of two Black Panthers by Chicago police has set in motion a reaction that last week reached into the highest levels of the U.S. government.

As the public outcry by black militants and moderate black leaders intensified, the Justice Department Dec. 12 ordered a preliminary investigation into the Chicago shootings of Fred Hampton, the Illinois chairman of the Black Panther party and Mark Clark, a Peoria Panther leader.

Meanwhile, a number of national figures, including a former Supreme Court justice and a former Attorney General, were expected to head a "national commission of inquiry" into the deaths of Black Panthers and "alleged" police harassment of the Black Panther party.

The Justice Department's announcement that the Civil Rights Division of the department would investigate followed requests for such a study by Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, Whitney Young Jr., head of the Urban League, John Gwynn, president of the Illinois

NAACP and Thomas Picou, managing editor of the Chicago Defender, a black Chicago newspaper.

Many black radicals expressed the conviction such an investigation would be a whitewash, aimed at defusing tensions in the black ghettos—especially in Chicago—heightened by the slayings.

Earlier in the week nine Congressmen urged President Nixon to extend the life of the National Violence Commission, to investigate the Panther killings. Nixon ignored the requests.

An independent investigation by some 30 moderate organizations was announced Dec. 12 by Jack Greenberg, director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. The New York Times reported Dec. 13 that Wilkins and Arthur Goldberg, former Supreme Court Justice, would be co-chairmen of the organization and that Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General, would be a member of its board of directors.

A spokesman for the Justice Department

said the preliminary investigation by the department would try to determine whether Chicago police had committed any federal crime in violation of civil rights laws.

At the same time, there were these other developments:

—Six black U.S. Congressmen announced that they would come to Chicago Dec. 20 to hold an unofficial investigation into the slayings to "ascertain if the Constitutional rights of the Panthers had been violated."

—Speaking in Bowling Green, Ky., Young charged that "a national conspiracy" was in progress against the Panthers.

—Daniel Miller, president of the Chicago United Auto Workers civil rights council, called the shootings a "brutal and unwarranted slaying."

—The Mayor of Maywood, Ill., Leonard Chabala, called the killing of Hampton "a blatant act of legitimized murder."

—The Chicago NAACP called the slayings "a modern day lynching."

5,000 honor

murdered

Panthers

By Clark Kissinger
Special to the Guardian

Chicago

A sense of unity unparalleled in the black community has developed here in the aftermath of the slaying of Black Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.

Over 5000 people filed past the coffin of Illinois Black Panther party chairman Hampton in a memorial service last week. Addressing the service, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, declared: "The nation that conquered Nazi Germany is following the same brutal course as Nazi Germany."

Looking down at Hampton's body, Abernathy emotionally intoned: "I want

About 150 then marched to police headquarters to protest the slayings.

The day after the memorial, the Panthers conducted a news conference, gave details of the assassination revealed for the first time and produced evidence demonstrating there was no "shootout," as police claimed, but a "shoot-in."

Bobby Rush, acting chairman of the Illinois Black Panther party, said that state attorney Edward Hanrahan, who ordered the raid, Richard Jolovec, chief of Hanrahan's special prosecution unit and judge Robert Collins, who issued the search order for the raid, "conspired to murder" the Panthers along with 14 policemen who raided the apartment.

bune and its followers adhere to the police version of the killings but have been forced to accept the inevitability of an outside investigation—though the object would be an investigation which would support the official story and stop the criticism. The other side maintains an investigation must be independent of the Chicago police. Their concern is that the police account is so transparent that unless liberals take the lead in criticism it may fall into more radical hands who might be able to galvanize the black community into taking action.

The day following Rush's revelations, the Tribune ran a page 1 "exclusive" purporting to substantiate the police report

Looking down at Hampton's body, Abernathy emotionally intoned: "I want to tell you this, Freddy—you didn't die in vain. We're going to see to it that you did not die in vain. But I don't think you'll rest in peace, Freddy, because there isn't going to be any peace."

Hampton, 21 and Clark, 22, were cut down in a police raid on a Panther office-residence in the early hours of Dec. 4. Four other party members were wounded. Police claim self-defense, but increasing evidence points to murder.

Thousands of black Chicagoans have been admitted to the apartment to view the bullet holes in the wall, the bloody bed where Hampton was slain and other evidence in the building pointing to contradictions in the official police story.

Black students at a number of high schools staged mass walkouts to attend the memorial. At Harrison High School, 1400 students walked out after the school principal refused to allow a memorial service for Hampton and Clark.

Support grows in S.F.

Guardian West Coast Bureau

San Francisco

This past week has seen an unprecedented expression of outrage and support for the Black Panther party in the San Francisco Bay area as a result of the Los Angeles police department attack on the Panther office there Dec. 8.

Several hundred supporters assembled outside of Panther offices in San Francisco and Berkeley the day of the Los Angeles gunfight in response to rumors of possible police attack. The San Francisco Panther office reported an unusual number of police were concentrated in the area. A police helicopter was seen hovering above the office. At the same time, 150 people gathered outside national Panther headquarters in Berkeley.

The vigils continued throughout the week on a 24-hour-a-day basis. At week's end, they became more organized and a system of chain telephone calls was being introduced to ensure the presence of at least 20 supporters at all times. The vigil is to be continued indefinitely.

The National Lawyers Guild announced that there will be attorneys present on a 24-hour-a-day basis at both offices. In a statement Dec. 11, the Bay Area chapter of the Guild declared: "The so-called violent record of the Panthers is a myth. The violence associated with the Panthers as an organization has come from police attacks on the Panthers."

... the 1969 Chicago riots, with 17 police officers who raided the apartment.



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Three of 21 Los Angeles prisoners, apprehended four days after Chicago murders.

Rush said a truckload of state's attorney police, armed with machineguns, waited outside the apartment until the lights were turned out inside. He said Sgt. Daniel Groth, who led the raiding party, went to the back door. When someone inside asked, "Who is it?" Groth answered, "Tommy." Asked, "Tommy who?" Groth replied, "Tommy gun." With that, Rush said, police broke into the front and back doors, firing wildly. Clark was slain almost immediately.

"Where's Hampton—is he dead?" shouted policeman James Davis. "I don't know," replied another cop. "He's still in the bedroom." Davis, according to Rush, raced into the bedroom, fired shots and emerged moments later, commenting, "Well, if he wasn't dead then, he's dead now."

Rush stated that the Panthers did not engage in a gunfight and that the police did all the shooting. The entire episode took five minutes.

A split seems to have developed in Chicago's ruling class over the murder. On one side is the ultra-reactionary Chicago Tribune, which has become a virtual spokesman for Hanrahan and the police. On the other are the Marshall Field newspapers (the Sun Times and Daily News), less-reactionary elements and liberals such as Sen. Charles Percy, Adlai Stevenson 3rd and several Congressmen. The Tri-

with new details. Hanrahan had given the Tribune police photographs and allowed the newspaper to interview police who made the raid, a courtesy he did not extend to the Field papers.

The photos showed the back door with holes in it, indicating the Panthers fired from the inside; the front door with a large hole in it, allegedly from a shotgun blast from inside and a bathroom door punned with bullet holes, said to have been fired by Panthers.

The next day the Field papers demonstrated the descriptions of the photos were phoney. The holes in the back door turned out to be nails, the hole in the front door was shown to be from entry, not exit and the "bathroom door" turned out to be a bedroom door open at the time of the raid and hit by police machinegun fire coming through the bedroom wall.

The first legal confrontation is likely to take place this week at the coroner's inquest. The Cook County coroner—described as a "machine hack"—has been asked by the Chicago Bar Association to step aside so a special coroner can be appointed in this case.

Six of the seven survivors of the police "search and destroy" attack are still in jail. Contributions for bail and to help the Chicago party may be sent to 2350-W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. 60612.