

# Recent Bombings and Shootouts Are Linked to Guerilla Warfare By Black Panther Militants

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**T**HE two most notable victims of recent racial violence, an Omaha policeman and a Houston black militant, typify the alarming increase in organized urban guerilla warfare—often directly connected to the Black Panther party.

Both the Omaha dynamiting and the Houston shootout can be traced to local revolutionary organizations intimately connected with the Black Panthers. Taken together, they help dispel two widely held notions: First, the feeling by liberals that the Panthers, though unpleasant, are not really much to worry about; second, the comforting impression held by politicians generally that we have made it through most of the summer without racial trouble.

In truth, the absence of any Watts-style mass riot has masked the fact that this has been the terrible summer of 1970. Instead of headline-producing rioting, the pattern of black militancy has changed to ever-better-organized urban guerilla warfare deeply influenced by Black Panther philosophy.

Law enforcement experts believe that this year has moved the U. S. far down the road toward white counterguerilla action and virtual civil war.

For instance, the killing of the Omaha police officer on Aug. 17 by a dynamite booby trap was no solitary event but in intertwined with Black Panther activity. David L. Rice, charged with conspiracy to commit murder, is a leader of Omaha's National Committee to Combat Fascism—which until a year ago was an official Black Panther chapter. Despite the name change, its members continue promoting Black Panther philosophy.

Moreover, the Aug. 17 tragedy in Omaha was the eighth dynamite bombing in Omaha, Des Moines and Ames, Iowa, since the theft of dynamite from a Des Moines supply company on May 5. Some of the stolen explosives have been found in the hands of Des Moines Black Panthers.

**B**LACK Panther fingerprints are similarly all over the killing by police of black militant Carl Hampton in Houston on July 26. People's Party II, founded in Houston by Hampton, aped the Black Panther party in its ten-point program, its rules, and its adherence to Mao Tse-tung's teachings.



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Following Black Panther dogma, Hampton stockpiled arms at People's Party II headquarters and directed that "all party members must learn to use and service weapons correctly."

Questioning by police on July 17 of two Hampton aides selling Black Panther newspapers triggered a chain of events climaxed by a police assault on Hampton's fortified headquarters and Hampton's death.

These are not isolated incidents. Black Panther propaganda glorifying the killing of police abounds in Negro ghettos. Furthermore, authorities believe the Panthers are conveying expert guerilla instruction from Communist Cuba—including an English-language version of an urban guerilla manual printed in Cuba which has been circulated throughout Negro neighborhoods (including high schools).

The Cuban manual contains detailed instructions for city street fighting, bomb construction, hijacking airplanes, and—with special recommendation—kidnaping public officials. Only by killing police and other instruments of repression, it advises, can the terrorist maintain his identity.

**S**TILL more ominous are specific blueprints charted by local black guerilla bands. Earlier this year, Detroit police uncovered plans for recurrent ambush assassinations of police intended to trigger race riots. The document detailed how police could be lured into secluded ghetto areas to be cut down by high-powered sniper rifles—precisely the fate of two Detroit policemen before the document was captured.

Law enforcement officers in Miami, about the same time, found similarly elaborate planning by the Black Afro Militant Movement which resulted in several fire bombings this year. The organization formed its most trusted members into a "hit squad," which divided into two-man and three-man teams for urban terrorism.

The epidemic is worsening. Unlike the centrally-directed Communist Party underground, black guerillas are recentralized and difficult to infiltrate.

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