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BLACK PANTHERS v s. THE POLICE

President Nixon is fighting Pollution and President Johnson fought Poverty, while, with ever increasing unfavorable publicity, the Police are fighting the Panthers. And from under the rugs and behind the bushes come all the bleeding hearts and "responsible" citizens who are concerned about the Panthers' civil rights. The Communists and other assorted subversives and "revolutionaries" scream "Genocide" when police raid Panther headquarters in search of the arsenals they know to be hidden there and are forced to kill to defend themselves from the namesakes of the beast which attacks when cornered. The new tactic of support for the militant Panthers from those who previously would not soil their hands and reputations by such involvement is but another facet of the attacks on law enforcement officials. Their sympathy for the Panthers is equivalent to an attack on the police. The Communists are calling for "united fight-back actions, including protest telegrams, vigils to protect Panther centers and support of Panther defense funds."

J. Edgar Hoover has warned that the "group is clearly subversive and represents an ever increasing danger to our national welfare and security" and that "Black Panther members have been instructed in guerrilla warfare tactics in preparation for a show-down with established authority." Information gathered by the FBI on the Black Panthers has been passed along to local police departments who have taken action against this subversive group while the federal government has failed to act. It investigates, and a special Justice Department Task Force has been checking Panther activities to see if they are in violation of Federal law, but so far there has been no action taken against them. If words such as those uttered by Panther leader, Eldridge Cleaver do not violate Federal law, we surely must need some new laws. In a speech to the International Conference on Tasks of Journalists of the Whole World in Their Fight Against U.S. Imperialist Aggressors, September 22, 1969 in North Korea, published in full in the BLACK PANTHER (official Panther newspaper) of October 25, 1969, Cleaver stated:

"The American Flag and the American Eagle are

the true symbols of fascism, and they should elicit from the people the same outraged repugnance elicited by the swastika of Nazi Germany The truth is that there is a sound revolutionary movement inside the United States that has already tasted the blood of the hated class enemy and is delivering deathblows to its system and is locked irretrievably in a battle to the death against the U.S. fascist imperialist regime. . . . The U.S. imperialist aggressors must cease their role of merchants of death and destruction who are guilty of financing and arming and protecting the arrogant, Nazi-like, Zionist landgrabbers who have usurped and plundered the Fatherland of the Palestinian people. . . . We need articles, essays, poems, and books that will make men pick up guns and enter onto the field of battle against the enemy; we need words that will make the soldiers, sailors, marines and special forces of the U.S. imperialists turn their guns against their commanding officers. . . We need words that will return the U.S. troops to the United States with their guns still in hand, there to put before firing squads President Nixon, ex-President Johnson, all the generals of the U.S. Armed Forces, all warmongers and exploiters."

If there is such a word as "treason" left in the federal dictionary, such words as were uttered by Cleaver must surely fit the definition. One of the top Panthers in the United States, David Hilliard, was arrested last December third for publicly stating he would kill President Nixon, but Cleaver is still a fugitive from justice, living in Algeria. He reportedly plans to return to the United States soon but whether he will sneak in or return like a conquering hero like the President of the Republic of New Africa, Robert Williams, did, remains to be seen.

American Negroes are being frightened into joining the revolutionaries by the propoganda about "genocide" being spread by the Communists. Lawabiding Americans who read words such as Cleaver's, urging that the soldiers returning from Vietnam turn their guns on the President, the ex-President, their officers and all who do not oppose the war, still think (as have all those who have fallen under the Communist yoke), "It can't happen here." Stokely Car-

(criminal, civil rights and internal security), completes its investigation. It is the local police departments which are targets of Black Panther attacks, party members being urged to "Kill the pigs." They are reported to have made more than one hundred attempts to kill police officer during the year 1969. In Chicago alone, two policemen have been killed and fifteen wounded since July 17. Other cities in which policemen have been the victims of Black Panther ambushes and attacks are Oakland, Cal.; Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berkeley, Jersey City, N.J.; Philadelphia, Cleveland, Wilmington, Del. and New York City.

Two defectors from the Black Panther Party testified before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, headed by Sen. John McClellan. They were Larry Clayton Powell and his wife, Jean. Powell, who was a member of the Panthers from January 1967 to March 1969 stated: "I know that the B.P.P. (Black Panther Party) is an armed body for carrying out what they called armed revolution in the United States. In actuality I know that members of the B.P.P. are being used by leaders of the B.P.P., Bobby Seale and David Hilliard, for their own selfish ends without regard to the welfare of the Black Community." (p. 3782, Riots, Civil and Criminal Disorders)

Mrs. Jean Powell, who became secretary to the Black Panther Party at their national headquarters at 3106 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, Cal. in November 1968, testified:

"The party is being financed in many different ways, propaganda, rallies, barbecues, donations, contributions, intake from robberies, and defense fund committees. I would say that national headquarters in itself collects anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a month from these activities combined. I have never known any of the money to be used for the party nor the people. Food for the barbecues is donated. Food for the children's breakfast is donated." (p.3788)

Her husband added: "Also, they (B.P.P.) were receiving large donations from members of the advisory committee, a part of the Black Panther Party. The committee consists of many people who are in positions where they are well known either locally or nationally, or internationally; and they become members because they are sympathetic to the cause. Some well-known figures are actors and actresses, doctors, and political figures."

One of the Panthers' main sources of income is the newspaper, The BLACK PANTHER, for which they charge twenty-five cents and of which 100,000 copies are distributed per week, nationally and internationally. Another source is the robberies that members are required to perform and the shakedown of storeowners for "protection." Those who resist paying begin to have problems. While working as the Panthers' secretary, Mrs. Powell was told to get her office supplies by stealing them. . . a process called "liberating" them. The involvement of teenagers was

described by Mrs. Powell who stated, "A lot of teenage girls are used by the party members for their own satisfaction, even though they are 14, 15, 16 years old. . . (for) their sexual satisfaction. . . she has to do it because she is ordered to do it. . . (even) murder was committed by teenagers who were induced to do it" (one of the victims was a Black Panther who was considered a renegade).

The Powells testified that when there were student uprisings on campuses, members of the Black Panther Party would go into the campuses and start large demonstrations. . "Brothers" were assigned to instigate trouble. Also testifying at the same hearing was Stanley White, a sergeant in the Oakland, Cal. Police Dept. Intelligence Section, who characterized the Black Panther Party as a "nationwide paramilitary organization. . owing allegiance to the alien Marxist politics of Red China's Mao Tse Tung and forming political alliances with such diverse militant radical groups as the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), and the bizarre Yippies, as well as with the Communist Party, U.S.A., and the Peace and Freedom Parties (PFP) of California and New York."

The Powells were drawn into the Black Panther Party, as many people are drawn into the Communist Party, by being fooled into thinking that its aim was to help people and liberate them from oppression. This is, of course, just window dressing to attract people who otherwise would not associate with subversive and revolutionary organizations. Larry Powell voluntarily testified about the Black Panthers in the hope that he could warn his fellow Negro Americans and summed up the cynical use of these unhappy people as follows:

"Coming before this subcommittee was something that I really wracked over in my mind. Then I thought about my son and other young adults of today who had a problem such as mine and a past such as mine and I came to the conclusion that if I was dedicated to my people as I was dedicated to the party, which I joined because it was supposed to be for the people, then the only thing I should do was to come before this subcommittee and try to get a message across. to the thousands of young black Americans like myself who are searching for a cure to their hell and alert them to black extremists who are always on hand to exploit the misery of the black ghetto. . . . the so-called revolutionaries nurse (the seed of destruction) by creating the impression that this country. . . wishes a mass genocide on black people. . . . Therefore a person sees no alternatives but to participate in a revolution. For the fate of being called an Uncle Tom or house nigger seems much worse than participation itself, and few are mature enough in mind to sense that it is more a mark of manhood to tell the advocates of a revolution to go to hell. Once people aren't taught that all men wearing a police uniform are to be automatically hated, then there is progress and hope for a better

michael, the Communist-trained Black revolutionary, has explained the three levels of attack and events seem to indicate that we are now on the second level. When we reach the third level it will be all over. The levels are:

"First. Attack the symbols of oppression. The burning of stores represents the burning of the symbols of oppression. Our nearby storeowner, grocery store. They sell us rotten goods for highest prices, insult our dignity. So we burn them out. (Watts and the ensuing wave of riots in large cities across the land)

"Second. Attack the tools of the oppressor. The tools of the oppressor are those things that the oppressor employs to keep us oppressed. The police force represents the tools of these oppressors.

"Third. Once we have got to the tools of oppression, then we go to the oppressor himself, seize power, and we begin the revolution. How fast can we move against the oppressor? Guerrilla warfare is where you got to go." (Once the police are immobilized, which is what they are working on now, the public is at their mercy.)

The Black Panthers consider themselves the "vanguard of the revolution," which sounds exciting but actually the Negroes of America are being used to do the dirty work of the Communists and will be their "cannon fodder," come the revolution. The Justice Department has reportedly "uncovered sufficient evidence" to show that the Panthers are heavily infiltrated by Communists. The great interest of the Communists in aiding the Panthers should be evidence enough although some people need a lot of convincing to see any "Communist threat" whatsoever in the United States, but then they may not feel Communism is a "threat." LIFE Magazine of Feb. 6, 1970 contains an article containing an interview with Panther leader, Eldridge Cleaver in his home outside of Algiers, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The interviewer, evidently very sympathetic to the Black militants, asked Cleaver, "And the Communists? There are a lot of reports that they are trying to infiltrate your party." Cleaver is quoted as replying evasively, "Black people don't need Communists to teach them about trouble. The jails in Babylon (U.S.A.) produce more rebels and revolutionaries than the Communists could dream of producing back there."

The man who defends the Panthers in court when they run afoul of the law, which is often, is Charles Garry (ne Garabedian) who has been officially identified as a Communist and took the Fifth Amendment when questioned concerning his Party membership. He was the first to accuse the police of trying to liquidate the Black Panther Party and was reportedly the "master mind" in the organization of the Panther's United Front Against Fascism Conference in July 1969. This was the Panther's first move to form a united front with whites from whom they had formerly held aloof. One of the most

important results of the conference was a move against the police in the form of petitions for "Community Control of Police" to be circulated by the "brothers," white and black, upon their return to their respective areas of operation. The American Liberation Front would now seem to be fully formed, if the rush of persons from all walks of life to the defense of the Panthers is any indication.

On December 15, 1969 Arthur Goldberg, former Supreme Court Justice and former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., and Roy Wilkins, president of the N.A.A.C.P., announced the formation of a private commission of inquiry to delve into recent incidents involving law enforcement officials and members of the Black Panther Party. Twenty-five other "responsible citizens" joined Goldberg and Wilkins to form a panel to be called the Commission of Inquiry into Black Panthers and Law Enforcement Officials. Among them were Julian Bond of the Georgia House of Representatives; Sam Brown, coordinator of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee; Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General of the U.S.; George Lindsay, co-chairman of the Lawyers Committee of Civil Rights Under Law and brother of N.Y. Mayor Lindsay; Rep. John Conyers of Michigan; Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Ind.; Philip Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee; Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress; John De J. Pemberton, executive director of the A.C.L.U.; Louis Pollak, dean of the Yale University Law School; A. Philip Randolph, vice president AFL-CIO; Cynthia Wedel, president of the National Council of Churches; and Whitney Young, Jr., executive director of the Urban League.

The commission, according to Goldberg, will conduct "an orderly and dispassionate inquiry" and also urged the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence to open an investigation "of all incidents involving the local police forces and the Black Panther party which have occurred across the country in the last few years." In the press conference, Roy Wilkins declared that Fred Hampton, Illinois chairman of the Black Panther Party, who had been killed by police during a raid, "was a fine young man who wanted for his people only what we want for everyone. To see him shot down under the pretext of a search for weapons is what spurred us." He stated in "an orderly and dispassionate" way: "The process of justice cannot proceed on the basis of predawn raids, killing and by some stories that are not even plausible."

Another "orderly and dispassionate" person on the panel is Ramsey Clark. Justice Department records show that when Clark was Attorney General he barred any action against black militants. In fact, during the Johnson Administration no action was ever taken against the Black Panthers and it remains to be seen if the Nixon Administration will move against the Panthers once its Task Force, comprised of representatives of three Justice Department divisions

understanding between black people of the ghetto and law enforcement agencies.”

One of the most publicized Panther programs is their free breakfast for children of the ghetto, but served along with breakfast is propaganda against the police. The children are given coloring books with police with pig faces and little black children shown shooting them, with the caption, “The pig is afraid of black children because they are brave warriors.” Another cartoon in the coloring book shows black people, including a child, killing a pig-faced person and states: “Brothers and sisters deal with the white store owner that robs black people.” This indoctrination of small children will bear fruit when they grow up.

Indoctrination on the college level takes place with Black Student Unions, which are a branch of the Black Panther Party, being formed in colleges and high schools as well. Indoctrination is also carried on with the help of a \$75,000 Ford Foundation grant to a student-run program called CASE (Community for Awareness and Social Education) which was originated in response to the assassination of Martin Luther King and dedicated to the eradication of “racism.” On the door of the CASE office in the Student Union Building at UCLA is a large picture of Eldridge Cleaver and a sign which reads, “Eldridge Cleaver welcome here.” On the desk of one of the two coordinators for the program, Rob Baker, is a large can, calling for donations to the Black Panther Party Defense Fund. Among the courses offered by a project of the program, HENAC (Humanistic and Educational Needs of the Academic Community) is one called “Venice Defense Committee” which prepares radicals to resist the police and to exert revolutionary tactics against the Venice Police Department. Other courses offered are “Peace and Freedom Party” and “Operation Breadbasket,” which plans to involve students in boycotts called “Don’t Shop” campaigns.

Word has obviously gone out from control headquarters of the International Communist Conspiracy . . . save the Black Panthers, we need them! So we have the usual TV documentaries, the articles in magazines of wide circulation such as LIFE, the involvement of the clergy and important social and political figures, Arthur Goldberg and his “responsible” friends concerned about the Panthers’ civil rights. Conductor Leonard Bernstein and his (former actress) wife gave a large party for the Panthers, their lawyers and ninety assorted personages who donated \$10,000 to help the Panthers secure “justice.” The N.Y. TIMES of Jan. 24, 1970 stated: “Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bernstein’s gathering on behalf of the New York Panther 21 Legal Defense Fund is rapidly becoming the most talked-about party since Truman Capote’s masked ball. . . .the gathering has generated discussions from one end of the upper echelons to another, as well as private inquiries into the case and

plans for even more meetings and more money-raising for the defense fund. . . . Nearly a dozen parties are being held or planned.” Among the Bernsteins’ guests were Mrs. Peter Duchin, Mrs. Sidney Lumet, Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mrs. August Heckscher, Mrs. Arthur Krim, actor Harry Belafonte and his wife, movie director Otto Preminger, Harold Taylor, former president of Sarah Lawrence College, and Rev. Robert L. Pierson, former son-in-law of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

Five Presbyterian and Episcopal churches and four ministers raised \$100,000 bail for one of the Panther 21’s; the Vietnam Peace Parade Committee held a Protest Meeting “to fight the nationwide policy of political repression and extermination launched against the Black Panther Party;” a group of theological students, professors and administrators in California published a statement urging individuals and church groups in sympathy with a moratorium of the Vietnam War to join them in protest over recent actions against the Black Panthers. They stated:

“Those churches who have already expressed their allegiance with the moratorium against the war in Vietnam must, by the same faith and logic, protest the move against the Black Panthers.

“This demands our concern, our efforts, our money, and our committed recognition of a new terrible urgency in our midst.”

Not only the Negroes but seemingly respectable white Americans are joining the Panthers in their efforts to immobilize the police, the second stage of the planned revolution as outlined by Stokely Carmichael back in the days when he was much in evidence as a leader of said revolution. We fear the courageous voices of Jean and Larry Powell will go unheeded in the mad rush to be in with the “In-Crowd.” We also fear that their voices may even be permanently stilled for having been mature enough to tell the revolutionaries to “go to hell.” It is organizations like the Black Panthers who are making it unsafe for Americans to walk down their streets at night and it is the local police who are alone in trying to cope with this lawlessness. They need your support to offset the support given the Panthers by Communists and their “responsible” friends.

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