

THE EMANCIPATION OF
LABOR IS THE
EMANCIPATION OF MAN
AND THE EMANCIPATION
OF MAN IS THE FREEING
OF THAT BASIC
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MAY THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF
'IKE JERNIGAN LIVE ON AND ON

Deep in the gloom
of the firefilled pit
Where the Dodge rolls down the line,
We challenge the doom
of dying in shit
While strangled by a swine. . . .
. . . For hours and years
we've sweated tears
Trying to break our chain--
But we broke our backs
and died in packs
To find our manhood slain
OUR THING IS DRUM

Black workers slave eight hours daily five, six and possibly seven days a week, in the modern-day plantation called, ELDON GEAR & AXEL, HAMTRAMCK ASSEMBLY; more widely known as DODGE MAIN; JEFFERSON AVE. ASSEMBLY; PLYMOUTH; MACK STAMPING; DODGE TRUCK; CADILLAC; CHEVROLET; OLDSMOBILE; the FORD ROUGE COMPLEX; PONTIAC; yes, and AMERICAN MOTORS too.

Black workers are working under the most oppressive conditions ever known to mankind. Throughout the history of Blacks working in the many plantations we have always been given the hardest dirtiest, heaviest, and most dangerous jobs; jobs which "white workers" have traditionally refused to take. Skilled trades, the millwrights, electricians, and etc., at ALL auto plants is lily-white; supervision at most plants is totally white or has knee-grows who are unconcerned with the selfare of their fellow Black workers. Black workers slave under all types of unsafe conditions:

1. The floors are always slippery from the oil and grease; bolts and nuts are scattered all over the floor.
2. You must always be on the look-out for jitney drivers, can't stop because the brakes are always failing, roaring down the aisles, usually the horns don't work.
3. Gas fumes which constantly make the brothers sick.
4. Poor ventilation - in fact it seems as though there is no ventailitation what so ever.

5. Our so-called representatives, the union stewards are never around; it's best that they are not because they only want to make sure the line keeps rolling at all cost if you drop dead on the line - someone is sent in to take your place - and you better not complain about being injured.

6. Grievances are constantly being written and never acted on - the union officials only interest is to make sure management meets production.

7. Black workers are constantly paying out their hard earned cash check-off - union dues are being paid to unions which refuse to represent Black workers; a certain amount of our checks is taken out for United Foundation, always totally unresponsive to the needs of Black people in general and Black workers in particular.

"MORE AND MORE BLACK WORKERS ARE FINDING IT NECESSARY TO TAKE THE D.R.U.M. ROAD THAT IS THE ROAD OF BLACK INDEPENDENT REVOLUTIONARY ACTION IN ADDRESSING THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS THAT THEY LABOR UNDER ON THEIR RESPECTIVE JOBS". D.R.U.M. ROAD

The conditions listed above, which is very incomplete, are basically the same whether it's DODGE MAIN or ELDON AVE' GEAR & AXEL; working on Joseph Campau or Lynch Road at Eldon St. is the same the names of the streets are just different. The death-like yokes are a constant challenge to your Black manhood; the few white, racist, capitalistic and imperialistic beasts who own the means of production constantly exploit our labor through the use of such willing lackeys as the white racist general formen, formen, union flunkies, the stewards as well as labor relations.

Union officials are working hand in hand with these avaricious, bloodsucking capitalists, the Lynn Townsends, Henry Fords, R.J. Millers and etc., who are always pushing for more profits off the backs of Black workers slaving at the point of production.

VICIOUSNESS OF THE WHEELS OF PRODUCTION

The ultimate power under this system (or any other system) is the power of labor, more specifically for us the power of black labor. Take the plantation for instance. No matter what anybody says, the only thing that kept the plantation system running was the black slaves out in the fields breaking their backs picking cotton, the slave master could die. Masters could get drunk or go to Europe. New masters could come and go. Without the blackman working, the plantation wasn't worth a dime because it didn't produce anything.

"Curtis Lee, struck down by an automobile. He was crossing the street at the overpass gate on Jos. Campau and was knocked up in the air around 100 feet down the street by a speeding car driven by a whitey. As our Black brother lay bleeding and dying in the street directly in front of the plant, the plant protection guards were called. As Curtis laid bleeding and moaning for some type of relief, the two white racists guards refused to aid him. They refused on the grounds that they did not know if he was an employee at Hamtramck Assembly Plant and that he had not been injured on plant property."

"The dispensary at Dodge Main is ridiculous. Black workers do not stand a chance at getting any decent medical attention at the hands of the butchers employed in the so-called first-aid department".

"During the second World War more workers died, gave up their lives at the hands of industry than soldiers who died on battle fields. Every black worker knows what industry is, they know the viciousness of the wheels of production".

IS A JOB THE ANSWER

Brother James Johnson labored daily under these sub-human conditions just as thousands of other Black workers. But like the heroic Black workers in the past who decided to put an end to the racist harrassment which is unavoidable Brother James accepted the challenge to his Black manhood; and as a result this courageous brother was forced to wage armed struggle at the point of production.

JAMES JOHNSON, an employee of the ELDON AVE' PLANT for the past 2 years, Wednesday afternoon, July 15, 1970 brought to an end, the months and years - of degradation and harassment that he had received at the hands of management its lackeys at the plant. After the brothers voice was heard three (3) men lay dead on the nasty, filthy floors of this HELL HOLE called ELDON where they had sent hundred's of brothers and sisters to their deaths.

Brother Johnson who worked in dept. 78 on the afternoon shift, reported to work as usual Wednesday July 15, 1970, only to face management and yet another attempt to strip him of his manhood. Brother Johnson was told by his forman to work a job different from the one he had worked in the past, so that a man with less seniority could work his (Bro. Johnson) job. When Bro. Johnson protested and asked for his union rep., the forman charged Bro. Johnson with insubordination, after trying to explain his case and hoping for some form of JUSTICE, management maintained its charge and its position on the suspension.

It was then that Brother Johnson decided that Justice would be served and left the plant only to return minutes later to "RING THE BELL OF JUSTICE" for a representative of every reactionary element with-in the plant-----"A HILLBILLY", "A POLLOCK" AND A UNCLE TOM NEE-GROW!

HAIL BROTHER JAMES JOHNSON

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NEW BETHEL TRIAL IS OVER!

The malicious persecution of Clarence J. Fuller (Brother Chaka and Rafael Viera for the most part is over. A Recorder's Court jury composed of twelve black people and two racist whites—deliberated four and one half days before reaching the "just" verdicts of not guilty for both Chaka and Rafael. Both were charged with shooting two Detroit policeman outside of New Bethel Church, March 29, 1969.

The Fuller-Viera trial culminates an almost unbelievable sequence of victories for the people; beginning with the historic legal position taken by a Black Judge, George Crockett Jr., to the effect that policemen and other law officials just cannot break the law in their efforts to apprehend those responsible for breaking other laws.

He was referring to the fact that Detroit policemen on the night of the "New Bethel Incident" shot into the church filled with innocent men, women and children, and arrested men, women and children and arrested all 142 of those present. Also not only were 142 of those present arrested, but some were shot, beaten, harassed or terrorized. After they were taken to jail and before any of them had been booked on any charges, all kinds and descriptions of illegal tests and such things were taken including paraffin tests to determine if a person had fired a weapon! These and other procedures were bitterly opposed by Judge Crockett. Judge Crockett released most of those arrested and the police charged that he fouled up their investigation. Subsequent to Crockett's position and statements, the Detroit Police Department became frantic in their efforts to bring those responsible to justice or to lynch somebody, and we witness the indiscriminate arrest of Alfred 2X Hibbitt, Chaka and Rafael. Hibbitt and Chaka were charged with assault with intent to kill Richard Worobec and Rafael was charged with second degree murder.

Another victory to come out of the "New Bethel Incident" was Judge Maher's dropping charges he brought against Kenneth V. Cockrel, revolutionary New Bethel Defense attorney. During the Alfred Hibbitt pre-trial examination, Judge Maher had left the bench and had refused to listen to any more of the defense witness testimony over the objections of the defense lawyer. He then increased the bond of Hibbitt from \$25,000 to \$50,000! This action made by Maher was a blatant example of the kinds of racism and fanaticism that exists in American courts and led to Cockrel's calling Maher a racist (honky dog fool). Maher heard about these remarks via TV and cited him with contempt of court, even though the comments were made outside the courtroom.

Because the "New Bethel Incident"

had already reached monstrous proportions in terms of the hostilities felt by both Black and white communities, Maher had little or no choice but to drop the charges against Cockrel. Blacks especially had become so outraged at the audacity and criminality of the police department's actions at New Bethel, Maher had little or no choice but to retract the charge.

"Inconclusive Evidence"

The police and others involved in the persecution of Hibbitt, Chaka and Rafael never had enough evidence to convict them! This has been undisputed. In all of the slanderous remarks made after the not guilty verdicts had been reached, not one insisted or even implied that there was strong evidence against the brothers. Instead, the police department, mass media, and other (racist) elements turned their warped minds toward the juries that

justice be coming. For four and one half days of thinking and trying to persuade other white jurors into thinking, they were labeled and attacked as racists.

Valiant Jurors!!!

The Black jurors said, after the trial was over, that if there had been any racists on the jury they were white racists. They told of how one white juror, Pranas V. (Frank) Cizaruskas, never clearly understood the charges against Chaka. He had expressed his opinion throughout the deliberations that he believed Chaka to be innocent of all charges. Yet, when a vote was finally taken he had written on a slip of paper that Chaka was "guilty" of second degree murder. The other white juror, Mitchell Martyn, was quoted in the Free Press as having said that he felt that in voting "not guilty" he was only doing what he thought

for something they did not do. They could easily have been David Browns, who beg to save their own skins. But these brothers have lived here in Racist America. They are aware of the burdens that imperialism have inflicted upon mankind. Man's inhumanity to man all over the world, they realized would not end if they copped out, or turned their backs. They chose to remain and are now "free" to continue to fight for black people's uphill surge to freedom.



acquitted these brothers. They claimed that racial bias prevented the New Bethel jurors from reaching guilty verdicts, but this is simply ridiculous, there were no Black racists on the New Bethel jury, not even one Black militant. There were some proud and determined black people. All they had to think about was the case presented before them. They didn't have to think about Emmett Till or the Algiers Motel Incident or any of the other incidents where countless numbers of other Black people have been murdered in cold blood by whites—they didn't have to think about these things. Indeed, they were instructed by the court not to. All they had to think about was the weak case that had been presented before them and they thought about it. For four and one half days they thought about it, talked about it, argued and cried about it, while others sat around the corridors of the court and wondered when would

"best for the society". He found it to address himself to the facts at hand, and had to be constantly reminded of the facts in the case. he was the one who tried to slip a note to Judge Gilmore without first discussing its contents with other jurors!!! These were the racists, not the blacks who only got a chance to sit on the jury as a result of the change in the jury selection process, which was by far the greatest victory to come out of the New Bethel incident and trials. Rafael benefitted from this; many people, especially blacks will continue to benefit. Already, scores of lawyers have filed appeals on behalf of clients to grant them new and fairer trials.

Thus we have witnessed an attempt to send three brothers to prison fail. Fail miserably. We have seen three strong and dedicated brothers stand up in the midst of widespread confusion and stand trial

**BLACK YOUTH
THE WORLD IS
YOURS
TAKE IT!**

**INNER
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INNER CITY VOICE FUND RAISING BENEFIT

U of D Student Union building, Friday
July 31, 1970 TIME: 7:30 p.m. til 12:00
ENTERTAINMENT: First African Priami
Rythm Archestra, New African players,
Ashanti Drummers and Dancers, Bobbie
Cummings' Players and others.
Donations: \$1.50 at door and \$1.25 in
advance

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BLACK REVOLUTIONARY
NEWSPAPER!

MURDER IN HIGHLAND PARK.

For three long, hot summer nights the city of Highland Park, with the population of 38,000 was the scene of violent rebellion; during the three days of violence more than 160 people were arrested. Most of the people arrested were black adults, who had been suspected of violation of the dusk to dawn curfew declared by Mayor Robert Blackwell. The focal point of most of the disturbance was in and around Hamilton street, especially the sector extending from Davison to Webb. There were sporadic instances of burning and looting of some of the white-owned businesses. The most significant of these burnings was that of the Kozy Korner Bar, which is located at 12857 Hamilton; this is the site of the incident which touched off this black rebellion.

On Saturday, July 11, twenty-four year old Jerome Allen Lawlah was murdered by the white co-owner of the Kozy Korner Bar, fifty year old Grady Cash.

Since the incident there have been many different versions of what actually

happened. In the Sunday, July 12 issue of the Detroit News what was reported to have happened is almost totally different from what the I.C.V. has to report. When the I.C.V. questioned Mrs. Rose Lawlah the mother of the deceased about the conflicting reports, she replied that the News article about the death of my son on July 12th was distorted. In our effort to report the truth we have talked to a number of people who were directly involved. One thing is clear, and everyone must keep this in mind, Jerome Lawlah was murdered by Grady Cash on Saturday, July 11, between 1:00 a.m. and 1:45 a.m.

Jerry Lawlah along with his family had been long time residents of Highland Park. Jerry had graduated from Highland Park High School, where he had starred in track, and football. At the time of his death, he was employed as an X-ray orderly at Highland Park General Hospital.

About 1:00 a.m. the night of the murder Jerry, along with Frank Barry Wells, an unidentified girl and Wardell Sawyer entered Kozy Korner Bar. All of them had been in the bar earlier except

for Barry Wells. Once in the bar Barry began to talk with Wallace Tolbert, who was interested in involving Barry in a game of pool. The rest of the party seated themselves and continued their conversation. Barry soon decided to engage himself in a pool game with Wallace; in order to play they needed change for the table. Barry approached the white-bar maid, forty-eight year old Katherine Mix for some change. She responded by requesting the payment for four drinks, which supposedly had been ordered earlier; out of the request on argument followed. Soon Jerry interrupted the argument in behalf of Barry. Barry left the bar cool off; while he was outside the argument inside the bar became more heated. When Barry returned from outside he and Wardell began to pull Jerry away; as they reached the door a white customer, who had been sitting in the back, cut the lights off. At the same time the bar maid threw an ash tray toward them; they then turned around to see what had happened. Grady Cash, who had been quietly sitting at the bar shouted, "I ought to kill all you niggers" and fired, striking Jerry in the

chest. Jerry broke out of the door and ran about 30 feet before he fell down on the sidewalk. After the police arrived forty-five minutes went by before Jerry's body was taken away.

Grady Cash has been arrested and charged with second-degree murder; after his arraignment he was set free on a \$20,000 bond.

Mrs. Aretha Bailey, who has been president of the NAACP Highland Park Branch since 1965, has stated that if what is known of the events occurred on July 11 are true, then Cash should have never been allowed on the streets again.

"AMERICA
IS THE
BLACK MAN'S
BATTLE GROUND"
ROBT. F. WILLIAMS

ASYLUM FOR BRO. GLANTON

Dowdell gains refuge

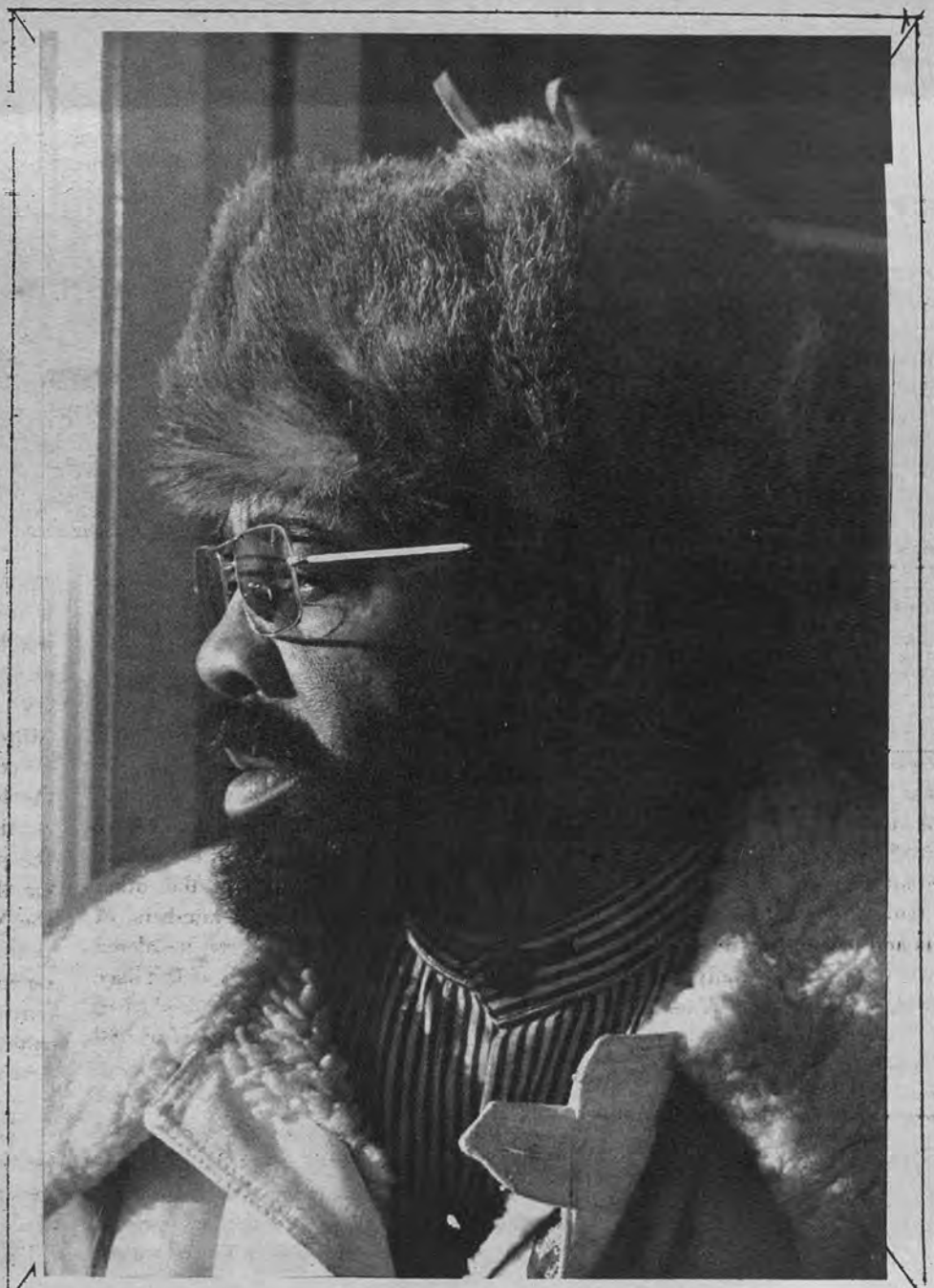
The combined efforts of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers and the Swedish leftist movement has resulted in a victory for the black Liberation struggle. Glanton Dowdell, a member of the League, a renown revolutionary artist and long time black freedom-fighter has been granted asylum on humanitarian grounds in Sweden. Brother Glanton fled racist, fascist America last year in order to escape political repression and harassment by the F.B.I. and other reactionaries forces. In 1968 he was indicted on "trumped-up" conspiracy charges in order to "railroad" him out of the liberation struggle and into jail. Prior to that a number of attempts to assassinate Brother Glanton had been executed by different law enforcement agents. These attempts were foiled by the skills acquired from years of studying and practicing Peoples War.

The Swedish government was petitioned by Glanton for asylum on political grounds but this was denied because Sweden is not yet ready or able to recognize that political repression exists in raceland U.S.A. Asylum granted on humanitarian grounds requires that the petition be reviewed at the end of one year and the government will decide whether or not to renew it.

At the time of his arrest in 1968 Glanton was on probation for carrying a concealed weapon during the 1966 "Kercheval Incident." Following that he was in the back of his art gallery on

Dexter. several months later two suspicious looking whites tried to shoot the brother down in the parking lot of a department store in Detroit. When these attempts failed, the government resorted to the frame-up by getting a white bank president to claim that he was forced by Glanton and several other men to aid them in a conspiracy to steal and forge some U.S. Savings Bonds. In typical fashion, the frame involved several whites and blacks, and when the trial came up charges were dropped against the whites while the blacks stood trial. Glanton is probably best known outside of Detroit for his paintings. The best known of his works is the Black Madonna which hangs in Rev. Albert B. Cleage's Shrine of the Black madonna. His art work first gained him fame while he was serving time in prison.

In addition to the League and the Swedish leftist movement, many other organizations and individuals demonstrated their support to the Swedish government through letters and cablegrams. The League would like to express to all people who aided in this effort our deepest gratitude for helping us find refuge for a brother who has given greatly to the struggle for liberation. The knowledge that he has found respite lightens our burden and makes easier our task of carrying on the work of waging peoples war against the enemies of mankind, U. S. racism, capitalism, and imperialism.



BALL OF CONFUSION (revised)
(That's What The Struggle Is Today)

Army movin' out
Guerrillas movin' in
Fools try to say,
"don't you know you can't win?"

Run, run, run, but
you sho' can't hide
An eye for an eye
A tooth for a tooth
Vote for me,
and I'll set you free
Rap on brother, rap on
Well, the only person talkin'
'Bout love is the
chicken-suckin' preacher
And it seems,

The struggle needs to
learn that practice
Is the teacher
Integration, emigration,
negroes' minds

Are on vacation,
Seize the time,
Off the slime,
don't forget to make it rhyme
Ball of Confusion

That's what the struggle is today
The sale of pills is at an all time high
"Star gazers" walk around with
Their heads in the sky
Cities aflame in the summertime
And the line rolls on

Land base out in space,
nothin' but a monkey chase
Shootin' rockets to the moon
Hope they don't get back too soon
"identity, purpose, and direction"
won't solve a goddamn thing
And the line rolls on
Here's the truth!
Around black workers unite
Liberation means guns and
a black general strike

Great googa mooga,
black workers, power to ya'
Stop the Ball of Confusion
Oh yeah, that's what the struggle
is today

Revolution in the air,
tension everywhere
Unemployment rising fast
Nixon's foot is in yo' ass
And the only cure to all these ills
Is black revolution
And the line rolls on
Eve of destruction, white seduction
City inspectors, bill collectors
Mod clothes in demand
"spookism" out of hand
suicide, too many bills,
crackers movin' To the hills
People all over the world say "NLF.
Win the war!"

And the line rolls on
Great googa mooga,
black workers, power to ya'
Stop the Ball of Confusion
Create a new world today
We will win, we will win, we will win
Stop the Ball of Confusion
We will win, we will win, we will win
Stop the Ball of Confusion



**LONG LIVE
BRO. FRED AHMED**

Remember the plight of our heroic Brother Fred Ahmed Evans. July 23rd not only is the anniversary of Detroit's 1967 Rebellion, but also marks the 2nd anniversary of what has become popularly known as the July 23rd Movement. On July 23rd, 1968, Bro. Fred Ahmed along with other dedicated brothers successfully defended themselves against the wanton attacks by the Cleveland police. Unfortunately, Bro. Fred has since then been found guilty of first degree murder. He has been sentenced to die in the electric chair. At present he has won a temporary stay of execution.

The black community of Cleveland has organized for his defense with the establishment of the defense committee headed by Mae Mallory.

**SUPPORT BROTHER AHMED EVANS
AND HIS FOUR CO-DEFENDANTS
SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

**THE JULY 23RD DEFENSE
COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 2404
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44112**

NOW IS THE TIME

Black Power: Search for Meaning

Part II

There is a strong and causative link between Black Power and American Christianity. Indeed, one may say with confidence that whatever its other sources, the ideology of Blackness surely grows out of the deep ambivalence of "American so-called Negroes" to the Christ we encountered here. This ambivalence is not new. It was ours from the beginning. For we, from Africa, first met the American Christ on slave ships. We heard his name sung in hymns of praise while thousands died, chained in stinking holds beneath the decks, locked in with terror and disease and sad memories of families and homes. When we leaped from the decks to be seized by sharks, we saw his name carved on the ship's solid sides. When our women were raped in cabins, they must have noticed the great holy books on the shelves. Our introduction to this Christ was not a favor! And the horrors continued on America's soil. So all through the nation's history, many black men have rejected this Christ. Indeed the miracle is that so many accepted him. In past times, our disdain often had to be stifled and sullen, our anger silent and self-destructive, but now we speak out! Our anger is no longer silent. It has leaped onto the public stage and demands to be seen and dealt with—a far more healthy state of affairs for all concerned.

If the followers of the American Christ have indeed helped to mold the Black Power Movement, it might be that the God whom many of us insist on keeping alive is not only alive but just. Maybe he is attempting to break through to us with at least as much urgency as we once sensed at the height of the good old "We Shall Overcome" days? Perhaps he is writing on the wall, saying that we so-called Christians, must choose between death with the American Christ and life with the suffering servant of God. Who dares deny that God may have chosen once again the Black sufferers for a new assault on the hard shell of indifference and fear that encases so many Americans?

If these things are difficult to believe, perhaps we need to look more closely both at the American Christ and the Black Movement he has helped to create. From the outset, almost everywhere we blacks have met him in this land, this Christ was painted white and pink and blue-eyed—and not only in white churches but in Black churches as well. Millions of Black children have had the picture of the pseudo-Nazarene burned into their memories. The books, the windows, the paintings, the filmstrips all

affirmed the same message—a message of shame. This Christ shamed us by his pigmentations, so obviously unlike ours. He condemned us for our blackness, for our flat noses for our kinky hair, for our power—our strange power of expressing emotion and singing and shouting and dancing. He was so sedate, so genteel, so white. And as soon as we were able, many of us tried to be like him.

GLAD TO BE BLACK

For a growing movement of bold young Black people, all that is past. They fling out their declaration: "No white Christ shall shame us again. We are glad to be Black. We rejoice in the darkness of our skin, we celebrate the natural texture of our hair, we extol the rhythm and vigor of our songs and shouts and dances. And if your American Christ doesn't like that, you know what you can do with him." That is Black Power: A repudiation of American culture—religion that helped to create it and a quest for a religious reality more faithful to our own experience.

These young people say to America: "We know your christ and his attitude toward Africa. We remember how his white missionaries warned against Africa's darkness and heathenism, against its savagery and naked jungle. We are tired of all that. This Africa that you love and hate, but mostly fear—this is our homeland. We saw you exchange your bibles for our land. We watched you pass out tracts and take in gold. We heard you teach hymns to get our diamonds, and you control them still. If this is what your Christ taught you, he is sharp, baby he is shrewd: But he's no savior of ours. We affirm our homeland and its great Black past, a past that was filled with wonder before your white scourge came. You can keep your Christ. We'll take our home." That is Black Power a search for roots in a land that has denied us both a past and a future. And the American Christ who blessed the denial earns nothing but scorn.

The advocates of Black Power know this Christ well. His people run breathlessly, cursing silently, leaving behind all the suffering people of the city. The white throng is fleeing from the strength and movement of the Black, leaving their stained-glass mausoleums behind. This very exodus of the Christians from the places where the weak and powerless live has been one of the primary motivating forces of Black Power.

**LONG LIVE THE
LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY
BLACK WORKERS**

Long Live Ahmed

NEW DETROIT ???



Editor's Note:

July 23rd is the third Anniversary of the 1967 Detroit Rebellion and the subsequent forming of the New Detroit Committee. The ICV staff thinks it appropriate at this time to give our readers a brief history of the New Detroit Committee in light of the many promises that it made after the Detroit Rebellion of bringing in a "New Detroit"

NEW DETROIT?????

Out of the smoke and fire of the July 23rd 1967 Detroit rebellion emerged a new fire prevention squad named the New Detroit Committee (NDC). This committee, headed by none other than

petty capitalist J. L. Hudson, was supposedly organized to help minorities obtain "self determination" in their communities. When the committee was formed it consisted mainly of people in business or civic organizations since Hudson felt that the committee should represent interests "well beyond the boundaries of Detroit". Mr. Hudson however did decide on the names of nine Blacks; to give the committee of thirty nine (39) "balance and a range of views". Included in his selection were three token 'militants': Al Harrison, Afro-American Unity Movement; Renny Freeman, West Central Organization and Norvell Harrington.

Chronicle Raps New Detroit

An editorial appearing in the Michigan Chronicle shortly after the formation of NDC denounced it for being "unrepresentative of the community." The Chronicle suggested that prominent Blacks like Berry Gordy Jr. or Ed Davis be selected to represent the Black community on the NDC, (as if either Gordy or Davis are representative of the masses of Blacks in Detroit). Later on however, the Chronicle recanted and fully endorsed NDC to solve all of our community's problems for us in the true spirit of paternalism.

Another organization that also denounced the membership of the NDC,

was the "New Black Establishment Committee", which later became, the now defunct Citizens City Wide Action Committee.

NDC's Role and Purpose

Originally NDC was supposed to play a supportive role in relation to all progressive organizations "seeking to change the existing institutions" to make them more responsive to the needs of the community." In 1968 NDC became incorporated (NDI) and began to play its present role of funding agency (great white provider), of non-progressive organizations. Detroit Citizens Center, headed by Kate Montgomery, whose treachous plans to petition Mayor Gribbs to bring in the National Guard to maintain law and order on the streets of Detroit, was originally funded by NDI. Detroit Citizens Center is fairly representative of the caliber of organizations that NDI gleefully funds.

Surveying the Community

Marketing Strategy Inc. conducted a survey in the inner city and outer city fringe areas in the summer of '68. The survey was supposed to measure tolerance of racial attitudes to find out if race relations had been affected by the '67 Detroit Rebellion. However many of the inner city questionnaires (suburbs and inner city received different questionnaires) were definitely oriented toward political beliefs and awareness. In essence, the primary purpose of the survey was to find out how much, if any affect the Black liberation struggle was having on the average Black person and his views.

New Detroit's Facade

Implicit in NDI's formation (which later became its motto) was "Don't Return to Business as Usual"; however the concept of New Detroit is a return to business as usual, since it is usual for a group of white men to use their power and position to further oppress and enslave Black people under the guise of helping them. NDI by funding organizations that are highly reactionary in effect endorses and makes legitimate these organizations' programs and perpetuates their existence.

Many of the corporate industrialists that relate to NDI have hired many so-called hard core unemployed, who were later laid off or programmed into meaningless jobs for totally inadequate wages.

Bwana Complex

NDI is representative of a Bwana Complex—the great white father coming in to solve the native's problems, since they obviously are unable to solve them themselves.

In order for NDI to have any relevance it would be mandatory for it to completely turn over all of its operations with no strings attached to a relevant, progressive Black organization that is completely and totally dedicated to the cause of Black Liberation.

Fight For Freedom

Gentlemen:

This letter is in regards to a notice sent to me, General Gordon Baker, Jr., requesting my appearance before an examining station to determine my fitness for military service.

You stand before me with the dried blood of Patrice Lumumba on your hands, the blood of defenseless Panamanian students, shot down by U.S. marines; the blood of my black brothers in Angola and South Africa who are being tortured by the Portuguese and South African whites (whom you resolutely support) respectively; the dead people of Japan, Korea, and now Viet-nam, in Asia; the blood of Medgar Evers, six Birmingham babies, the blood of one million Algerians slaughtered by the French (whom you supported); the fresh blood of ten thousand Congolese patriots dead from your ruthless rape and plunder of the Congo—the blood of defenseless women and children burned in villages from Napalm jelly bombs... With all of this blood of my non-white brothers dripping from your fangs, you have the damned AUDACITY to ask me if I am Qualified. White man; listen to me for I am talking to you!

How could you have the NERVE knowing that I am a black man living under the scope and influence of America's racist, decadent society???? You did not ask me if I had any morals, principles, or basic human values by which to live. Yet, you ask if I am qualified. QUALIFIED FOR WHAT, might I ask? What does being "Qualified" mean: qualified to serve in the U.S. Army? To be further brainwashed into the insidious notion of "defending freedom"?

I AM A MAN OF PRINCIPLES AND VALUES: principles of justice and national liberation, self-determination, and respect for national sovereignty. Yet, you ask if I am "physically fit" to go to Asia, Africa, and Latin America to fight my oppressed brothers (who are completely and resolutely within their rights to free their fatherland from foreign domination). You ask me if I am qualified to join an army of FOOLS, ASSASSINS and MORAL DELINQUENTS who are not worthy of being called men. You want me to defend the riches reaped from the super-exploitation of the darker races of mankind by a few white, rich, super-monopolists who control the most vast empire that has ever existed in man's one million years of History—all in the name of Freedom.

Why, here in the heart of America, 22 million black people are suffering unsurmounted toil: exploited economically by every form of business—from monopolists to petty hustlers; completely suppressed politically; deprived of their social and cultural heritage.

But, all men of principle are fighting men. My fight is for Freedom: UHURU, LIBERTAD, HALAUGA, and HARAMBEE. Therefore, when the call is made to free South Africa; when the call is made to liberate Latin America from the United Fruit Co., Kaiser and Alcoa Aluminum Co., and from Standard Oil; when the call is made to jail the exploiting Brahmins in India in order to destroy the Caste System; when the call is made to free the black delta areas of Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina; when the call is made to Free 12th STREET HERE IN DETROIT!: when these calls are made, send for me, for these shall be Historical Struggles in which it shall be an honor to serve.

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General G. Baker, Jr.

Compared To What Is

Koonz: Recession not the worst thing

This was the month that the Department of Labor—so-called friend of the working man came on honest.

Two of its top administrators, George Schultz, Secretary of Labor and Elizabeth Koonz, a Black woman who is head of the women's Bureau of the department, proved that they really serve the ruling class and not the workers.

"Industrial peace should not be our main objective," Schultz observed recently at a press conference, "union leaders can not take the position that their members should not bargain for higher wages, that has got to come from management."

Schultz continued by declaring, "We understand that you, the union leaders, have to ask for higher wages. But you've got to be smart. We know your union members won't re-elect you if you don't at least say you're doing their thing."

The Voice Interviews Koonz

Elizabeth Koonz, who is the highest placed Black person in the Nixon Administration, was previously a school teacher and a leader of the National Education Association (NEA) and is in charge of seeing that women get a fair break in the labor market.

In a recent interview with the Voice Miss Koonz indicated to the reporter who was interviewing her that she felt "in Detroit that recession and lay offs were not the worst things that could happen to the workers."

"Look at it this way," said Koonz, "it gives workers an opportunity to get into some new line of work or go to school to learn to be a computer programmer or something like that. It might be the start of a whole new career. After all, computers are the coming thing and they will be replacing workers." Koonz continued by suggesting that workers should "get into a training program and learn the skills that will be

In these times when the United States is invading other countries at will, when a plan for the detention of minority groups "in case of a domestic emergency" has already been adopted (King Alfred) by the U.S. government, when the Pentagon is exercising greater and greater influence over foreign and domestic policy, when President Nixon who talks of "the great silent majority" has commissioned the RAND corporation to carry out a secret public opinion testing what would be the reaction of the people if no elections were held in 1972, times when Esquire Magazine published an article entitled "The Possibility of a Coup d'Etat in the U.S. of A.", and there is

for the job market." Unfortunately Mrs. Koonz couldn't tell us how you were going to finance the training or who would feed your family while you went to school.

And, Sisters, she also indicated that she didn't think it was "realistic" to say that the federal government would be financing Child Care Centers for the children of working women—not even for those who under Nixon's new welfare reform will have to go to work at marginal jobs to support their families.

Mrs. Koonz concluded the interview by stating that "the government will help pay child care costs for women who make less than \$3,000 a year or for husband and wife combined income is less than \$6,000 a year." Mrs. Koonz is childless.

Summer Jobs

The overall economic picture is declining. Indicative of this is the lack of available employment of both adults and teens.

According to the U.S. bureau of Statistics, the labor force in Detroit this summer will include 205,00 youths.

The official policy according to Michigan employment Security Commission (MESC) is to hire all heads of household before hiring young people out of school for the summer. This policy will create a situation where youth, the most volatile and energetic sector of the work force, will be out a job and thus money.

This mandate will affect many black students who will be unable to return to school in the fall if they do not find summer employment.

The city hopes to curb this spiraling role of unemployment by the formation of the Detroit Summer Youth Program, located at 4715 Woodward, a type of employment agency for persons between the ages of 14 to 21.

general talk of "creeping facism"; the following letter appeared in the May 14th issue of the Washington Post. The letter was written by William L. Shirer, historian and author of "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich."

I hesitate to draw parallels between what one saw in Nazi Germany and what we now see here. The Third Reich, after all, was a totalitarian dictatorship. We are a democracy. Nevertheless . . .

When Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, the official communique of the German High Command called it a "counter attack". The official communique of the American High Command called our moves into Cambodia "counter attacks".

When Hitler invaded Denmark and Norway on April 9, 1940, the official German communique said this was "to protect their freedom and independence." We have been hearing similar language from Washington to justify sending our armed forces into Cambodia.

Press dispatches from Washington indicate that the President is gambling on

victory, and that if the gamble succeeds he believes the American people will forget everything else. "What really matters as far as the people are concerned," the president said at the Pentagon, "is that it comes out all right. If it comes out all right, that is what really counts." Senator Aiken seemed to sense this when he said; "If his strategy is successful . . . then we will have to call him a hero."

This somehow reminds me of the secret speech Hitler made to his generals on the eve of the German aggression against Poland.

"I shall give a propagandist reason for starting the war—never mind whether it is plausible or not. The victor will not be asked afterward whether he told the truth or not. In starting and waging a war it is not right that matters but victory."

I do not for one moment compare President Nixon with Hitler. But the shabby propaganda out of Washington since our going into Cambodia is bound to remind one of the Nazi propaganda used to justify the Germans going into Poland, Denmark and Norway.



Decentralization

The Detroit Board of Education, conspiring with several conservatives reactionary and uniformed Detroit figure heads have created city-wide confusion and frustration around the issue of school decentralization. Dispite pleas from virtually thousands of Blacks seeking maxium protection of their children and control of their schools, the Board passed a plan that would insure chaos and violence if it were ever to be implemented. Already white's demonstrating their opposition to the "intergration" plan asserted and beat Black students at Osborn. They have also successfully initiated recall drives to have four board members removed from their seats.

Black and white legislators for different reasons, have been and are still attempting to get the bill ammended. There are cries coming from conservative Blacks and so called liberals white for intergration. The Board of Education is struggling to maintain as much control as possible. Detroit Federation of Teachers is on record as being opposed to decentralization and has actively tried to destroy it. The powerless elements students, parents and grassroots

community people, have been demanding at open meetings that the school board and the legislature address itself to educating and protecting Black students. The vocal and progressive community leaders unequivocally support community control of schools. Students have said that demands for "pie in the sky" intergration, is nothing more than a belief in white is rightism.

The eleven district plan was approved by both houses, and the bill that would postpone the decentralization was approved by both houses. But neither of the proposals recieved enough votes to be implemented immediately. Also the governor has spoken out against the current decentralization plan indicating that he would like to see some change in the regional structure.

Here at home the community has illustrated a great deal of frustration as a response to the legislative hassle and the board's neglect of the communities demands. Only a handful of people filed for positions. There are several positions in which people are running for election

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T.U.L.C.

Ever since the Black Man's so-called emancipation from slavery, he has been denied work supposedly because of his lack of education and training. Even today, many blacks are in want of jobs because there was not training available to fill in the gap between what was needed to obtain a substantial occupation and that which was not offered in the school.

In 1968, President Johnson appointed a National Commission on Civil Disorders after the numerous riots throughout the nation. In doing research on employment and job opportunities in the Black Community, the researchers found, after months of tedious study, that Black people were very limited in employment because of lack of training for higher jobs (what any Black person could tell you in a second). The government began to set up programs designed to better the opportunities for job obtaining. A policy was instituted into these programs through the Commission. Below are six of the sixteen policies and strategies that the government researchers set up to be implemented:

Continued stress on national economic growth and job recreation so that there will be jobs available for those who are newly trained, without displacing all those who are already employed.

Careful evaluation of the individuals vocational skills, potentialities and needs, referral to one or more programs of basic education, job training and needed medical, social and other services, including transportation.

Concentrated job training efforts, with major emphasis on the job training by both public and private employers as well as public and private vocational schools and other institutional facilities.

Existing programs aimed at recruiting, training, and job development should be consolidated by function at the local, state and federal levels, to avoid fragmentations and duplications.

Creation of jobs for the hard core unemployed and special emphases be given to motivating the hard core unemployed.

Artificial barriers to unemployment and promotion must be removed by both public and private employers.

In Detroit, the Apprenticeship Program, a Branch of T.U.L.C., is a program that was made to fit these above requirements, even though it came into being before the Commission was revealed (the Commission was published in March,

1968, and a press release introducing the Apprenticeship Program came out in June, 1967.

The Apprenticeship Program trains men in 19 different trades in order to get Blacks in the skilled trades (although whites are in the program also). Some of the trades offered are bricklayers, stonemasons, plumbers, carpenters, elevator constructors, lathing, etc. In short the men participating in this program are being trained in the Building Trades. Approximately 200 men have gone on from the program to become successful in their occupations.

But the masses of the Black workers, as must be realized, are working in the plants, especially those working in the Detroit area. More emphasis should be placed on improving the conditions of the Black worker. It is the labor power of these factory workers that makes up the economic pillars of the country, not the workers in the Building Trades, and although it will be the workers that will lead any type of real change in this society, it is a vast mistake to concentrate solely of those occupations in the building trades.

This Apprenticeship Program is a part of T.U.L.C. This organization was formed to bring "pressure" on the unions, especially concentration on bringing Black members

on the Union boards (of 180 unions with national charters, in 1968, two major ones had Black presidents - Sleeping Car Porters and the Actors Equity). However, token Blacks on racist boards will not be able to change union policies, nor the plight of those black workers in that union, especially those "negroes" who really don't want to change anything too much, but just want to get up their with the white folks. Whatever pressure that they brought down on the union did not alleviate conditions in the plants, as there are still Black workers being murdered, due either to the white racist workers at the plants, or the carelessness of maintenance to the machines and building. And workers are still only getting a fraction of the pay that they should get while slaving 8 hours a day.

The Trade Union Leadership Council has been looked upon by man as one of the Saviors of the Black worker. Their relationships with the UAW vultures are too buddy-buddy to make any relevant changes or improvements for the Black worker. So of this organization, we must ask these questions, "Just who are you trying to help?", and if it is the workers, "Which workers are you dealing with?". And if it is the masses of the workers, who are factory brothers, "When will you start alleviating these problems and get these racists off the wild?"



WILDCAT, what next?

The Supreme Court issued an ultra right decision aimed at crushing the wild cat strike, the most effective tool of the worker. That decision gives federal judges strong powers to hand out injunctions forcing workers back to the plants under the same conditions that drove them out. According to one writer, the judges will be able to enjoy walkouts in situations where the union agreed to a no-strike clause in the contract.

The ruling is a complete reversal of the 1932 Norris-LaGuardia Act, banning federal judges from issuing injunctions in cases concerning labor disputes in industries involved in interstate commerce. The ruling is also contrary to the Supreme Court usual position against letting lower courts stop peaceful strikes. In 1962 under chief Justice Earl Warren, the court maintained that federal judges could not, enjoin "peaceful no-strike violations."

This judgment from the Supreme Court has already brought forth loud response from labor; Myra Wolfgang, Secretary-treasurer of the Hotel & Restaurants Employees Local 705 said "it is clearly a new weapon for employers, it also shows how much the pendulum is swinging to the right with the changing political climate." Gordon Gregory, a labor lawyer, said "the Nixon court has taken a giant step backwards in labor-management relations with its partial repeal of the Norris-La Guardia Act." A Black worker said that this is definitely what she was looking for, knowing that it would not be long before Nixon's "minions" showed themselves.

She also said that we could expect many more judgments of this nature. All agreed that several unions are likely to demand that the no-strike clause be taken out of their contracts, since most unions do have the clause in their current agreements. (The union usually submits to the clause, and the company agrees that there will be no lockouts.)

The court decision has been called a new weapon for management. The Taft-Hartley Act of 1947 gave federal courts jurisdiction over damage suits that result from contract violations, but it did not grant injunctive powers. The right to sue for damages should be compensation enough for employers. "An employer who doesn't give a damn about the workers or the contract can do whatever he wants, then ask the court to send the employees back to work when they hit the bricks."

One union spokesman recalled the wildcat strike at the Sterling heights Chrysler Stamping plant in 1969, when the workers complained of hazardous working conditions. After no resolutions were made the men walked out, defying their top union officials who were reluctant to ignore, even in this special case, their contract provision that made the working speed the only strikeable issue.

After they had struck, UAW leaders were hesitant to order them back, saying that "production standards include health and safety matters." The strike was eventually worked out. "We settled it because we walked out, but the way it is now, the court could make us go back to work," said the union spokesman.

LEAGUE of REVOLUTION



Executive Board Report; D.R.U.M

The last two issues of the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement paper have reported on the Executive Board activities.

Board meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 4:45. Very few business meetings are held prior to the board's session. Because of this, workers are easily overlooked or exploited.

Liska and his clique do nothing to buck the company. In fact, when you talk to Liska it's like talking to the head of Chrysler.

Even now, many of the new workers have no stewards to represent them. Liska would like for you to believe that nothing can be done about this. He claims he is doing everything he can.

Kosma, a racist plant committeeman of skilled laborers, has one steward for every ninety men. On the other hand, there are three hundred men or better per steward in other departments. Most of the non-skilled workers are black which stands to reason why Liska does not want them represented properly.

Stewards all over the plant have been asked to take on more people.

Why doesn't Kosma take on the added numbers?

Black workers are without the kind of power to stop most of this outrageous shit.

The lack of a good leader, money and good people behind the demands has cost many black workers hard earned money. The walk out, fights, strikes, safety hazards and racist conditions still exist.

Now is the time to start thinking about something for the coming contract. Most important to start with are compulsive overtime, penalties, working standards, speed ups, and the racist acts of management.

Liska at one of the board meetings asked for some of the workers demands. Give them to any D.R.U.M. representative or present them yourself.

Why?

Within the space of two weeks two of our fellow workers, Black workers, a sister Maimie Williams and a young brother Gary Thompson were murdered by Chrysler Corporation. Attendance by Eldon employees at both of these funeral services was sparse, but perhaps that is understandable in view of the present economic situation. However, it should be noted and noted well that Not a Single 961 union official attended mamie Williams' funeral and only two, Al Holly and James Cavers, attended Gary Thompson's funeral. Our Uncle Tom President and his Supersonic Nigger Executive Board consisting of James Franklin, Leon Johnson, Dan Toomer, Big Davis, Charlie McNeeley, J.C. Thomas, etc., together with the mass of so-called "Black" stewards and committmen did not see fit to even send a telegram or a wreath to the family of the deceased union members much less attend the last rites.

We of ELRUM can make these statements because we were present at both of the funerals and we are presently doing everything in our power to aid the families concerned. We say this not out of self glorification but out of a true and sincere feeling of concern for all of our brothers and sisters. The present administration from top to bottom, has demonstrated time and time again its lack of concern with the problem of Black workers at Eldon. Its lackadaisical

attitude in regard to the deadly conditions in the plant which have just recently, taken two lives, indicates that Elroy and Co. are in partnership with management. The time to break up this union management partnership is now!!

The time to obtain BLACK representation is now! The time to stop all the racist harassment, intimidation, degradation and murders is Now.

Three Member Of E.L.R.U.M Discharged

Three members of E.L.R.U.M. The Eldon Revolutionary Union Movement, were recently discharged for their part in the Safety Work Stoppage which took place at Eldon on May 27 and 28. The work stoppage was a direct response to the murder of Gary Thompson, a young black forklift driver who was crushed to death early Tuesday morning, May 26. Prior to this tragic occurrence the Eldon Safety Committee, a loose coalition of E.L.R.U.M., Eldon Wildcat and several discharged union officials, had been putting out leaflets and papers exposing the hazardous conditions at Eldon. The Safety Committee responded to Thompson's murder with a Safety Work Stoppage, a refusal to work until the plant is cleaned up and the deadly conditions corrected. This action is covered under the National Labor Relations Act which gives workers the right to refuse to work under hazardous safety conditions regardless of union contracts and agreements.

Armed with this act the Safety Committee showed at the gates Wednesday morning with pickets saying "Death rides a Jitney", "No Safety, No Production", "Refuse To Work Until The Plant Is Safe", "You Will Be Next". E.L.R.U.M. had lawyers at each gate to deal with the police and any injunctions

that might be issued. The picketing began. Response from the day shift was fair and nearly all of the afternoon shift stayed off work. However dissention within the ranks of the Safety Committee, particularly among the Uncle Tom union officials spelled failure for the Safety Work Struggle. Management's response to the deaths of Black workers and to the Safety Work Stoppage was to call out the Detroit Police Department and request special patrols of the Tactical Mobile Unit. James Edwards, one of the discharged E.L.R.U.M. was arrested on bogus Assault and Battery charges, later the charges were dropped. U.A.W. Local 961 made no response at all to the Safety Work Stoppage. Their interest being the Corporations interest which they have demonstrated time and time again.

On Friday May 29th Chrysler discharged Alonzo Chandler, Robert McKee and James Edwards all members of E.L.R.U.M. for an alleged violation of the "no strike" clause in the agreement between Chrysler and the U.A.W. This action was clearly another premeditated act by Chrysler and the U.A.W. designed to rid the plant forever of any voice that cries for Justice for Black Workers. The racists of Chrysler Corp. even went so far as to send out letters to all of Eldon's Employees expressing phoney sympathy and concern over the recent murder of Gary Thompson and denouncing the people who participated in the Work Stoppage.

This week Harry T. Engelbrecht lackey plant manager of the Eldon Gear and Axle Plant sent our letters to all of the Eldon employees in regard to the recent safety work stoppage. Below is Engelbrecht's letter and ELRUM's reply to it.

June 4, 1970

TO: ELDON AVENUE AXLE EMPLOYEES:

NARY BLACK WORKERS



The events that occurred at our plant last week have been of deep concern to me as I am sure they have been to you. Most disturbing, of course, was the tragic accident which resulted in the death of Gary Thompson, one of our jitney drivers. Rest assured that our continuing efforts to make our plant a safe place in which to work will be intensified. This, together with your observance of good safety practices, will prevent future accidents. I am also extremely concerned because of the disruptions that have taken place at our gates at our gates at shift change times, resulting in the loss to plant employees and their families of many thousands of dollars in wages. I am convinced that the vast majority of Eldon people want to come to work and want to perform their jobs conscientiously. Regrettably, however, there is a small group of people who seem not to care about their own welfare nor for the welfare of others. It appears that their aim is to disrupt our operations by any possible means.

Last Wednesday, May 27, our gates were obstructed by a number of people, many of whom were not our employees. These persons had no legitimate interest or responsibility for what goes on in our plant. Most had nothing to lose by their irresponsible demonstrations. The fact that hundreds of our employees were deprived of their wages apparently did not concern them.

You should be aware that we have taken and we will continue to take every legal step to insure your safety and to keep our plant operating. To this end, it was necessary to discharge those employees who were responsible for, or elected to participate in, the disruptions at our gates.

Although deeply disturbed by the events of last week, I am encouraged by the large numbers of loyal employees who came to work despite the outside protesters and disruptors at our gates.

You are to be commended for your patience during these times of stress. Your continued responsible conduct will serve to preserve our security and ability to earn a living.

Very Truly Yours,

Harry T. Engelbrecht
Plant Manager
Eldon Avenue Axle Plant

*An Open Letter to Funky,
Honky, Flunky Harry T.
Engelbrecht and White Racist
Chrysler Corporation*

Dear Harry,

You and the racist corporation you work for have demonstrated beyond all doubt that you're nothing but a gang of more axle, one more car and suck the life blood of one more worker. You say that you are "concerned" about the "events" at "our" plant last week, that you are "disturbed" by the tragic "accident" which took the life of Gary Thompson.

Yes, you, Harry Engelbrecht, stand before the Black workers of Eldon with the fresh blood of Rose Logan, Mamie Williams and now Gary Thompson dripping from your fangs and claws and say that you are "concerned and disturbed"! What is the nature of your "concern" Harry? Are you "concerned" about the family of Rose Logan now motherless because of one of your brakeless high-lows? Are you "concerned" about the family of Mamie Williams, Harry? The same Mamie Williams whom you made leave a hospital bed and doctor's care to return to the death pit of Eldon Avenue? Are you "concerned" Harry, about the pregnant wife whose husband you killed, about the 19 month old son whose father you murdered? Gary Thompson was only 22 years old Harry, he survived 18 months in Vietnam yet could not survive five months in your plant. But, of course,

your "concern" will remove this huge burden of sorrow that rests on the families whose loved ones you murdered.

We suppose too, Harry, that you are "concerned and disturbed" about the outrageous and deadly conditions which exist in the Eldon Gear and Axle Plant. We imagine it "disturbs" you to see high-lows with lopsided tires, broken horns, lights and hydraulic lines, missing safety rails and faulty and completely non-existent brakes and emergency

brakes. We suppose too, that while you sit in your air conditioned office, sipping Cutty Sark and Chivas Regal that the dangerous oil covered floors and cluttered aiseways weigh like millstones on your humanitarian mind. Yes Harry, when you sit in your cozy leather chair in your plush office and watch Black workers coming into the plant bandaged, in casts and splints, wrapped up like mummies, VICTIMS of your oil belching, rusty, and unsafe machinery we know your "concern" brings tears, **crocodile** tears to your eyes.

You say observance of good safety practices will prevent future accidents as if a flimsy pair of safety glasses can stop five tons of cold hard steel. You say that efforts to make the plant safe are being intensified but we know that the only thing being intensified is the already outrageous production. You say that you are concerned about the employees loss of wages as if their wages are more valuable than their lives.

Yes Harry, we of ELRUM clearly understand the nature of your "concern" and the reasons you are "disturbed". We understand that lives and limbs of Black workers are meaningless to profit hungry pirates as yourself. We can understand why you and the other racist criminals of Chrysler would spend thousands of dollars to send out hypocritical and deceitful letters yet spend not one penny to correct the hazardous conditions which are maiming and killing Black

workers daily.

You praise the "patience" of the "overwhelming" majority of workers in these times of stress but even you cannot see that patience rapidly turning to outrage and anger. Your discharge of Robert McKee, Alonzo Chandler and James Edwards along with other members of the Eldon Safety Committee will not stop ELRUM from organizing that anger and outrage. The day when you could snuff out Black lives with impunity is gone. No longer will we play victims to your deadly plans of profit. Yes Harry, you say that you are "concerned" and "disturbed", well Harry you will soon be in a panic you will soon be pulling hair out of your already greying head and the ulcers you now have will soon spread through your whole body. You see Harry, we are concerned and disturbed too and we are making revolution Harry, and we will win!!

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MINERS ON STRIKE



SAME OLD CON GAME

The Department of Labor is about to release its long heralded regulations to introduce more minority workers into apprenticeship programs in the skilled trades.

The regulations will require that all companies registered or taking jobs for government agencies introduce "affirmative programs" to equalize employment opportunity in such programs.

Union officials are expected to oppose the regulations.

It is expected that the regulations will call qualifications for such programs "be validated by accepted standards of statistical analysis." Qualified candidates would enter a "pool of eligibles" and be randomly picked for apprenticeships.

More than two-thirds of apprenticeship programs operated are registered with the government because registration permits the employer to pay apprentices less of federal construction projects. More than half of registered apprentices are in the building trades.

Under current regulations apprentices are picked from "ability ranking" lists. The programs are run both by management alone and by the union and management together. The regulations stipulate that applicants be picked on the basis of "objective standards."

New regulations would bar the use of oral interviews in deciding what applicants will be admitted to the "pool of eligibles." If applicants pass a "minimum qualifications" test they must be admitted.

However, the government has not come up with anything specific in the way of "minimum qualifications" or an "accepted standard of statistical analysis."

And it has allowed racist unions and employers more than one out. Alternative methods for selection may be employed if they are approved by the Department of Labor.

Once the regulations become effective employers and unions will have nine months to come up with an "affirmative program" to end discrimination.

The "affirmative program" is a paper plan for gaining equality of opportunity where there has been discrimination. How much of the plan ever gets off paper to be acted upon usually depends upon how hard it is pushed by the unions.

Such guidelines and programs have been part of the labor scene since the 40's and earlier with the provision that federal contracts will be withdrawn if they are not followed.

The discrimination continues and so do the contracts.

BLACK WORKERS!
STRIKE A BLOW TO THE RACIST
UNIONS!
AND BLOW AFTER BLOW TO
MANAGEMENT!
UNTIL VICTORY IS WON!

Soft coal miners seeking minimal safety conditions in one of the most hazardous jobs in the world walked off that job in protest against the policies of the United Mine Workers and the federal government's Bureau of Mines. The Bureau admitted it was not inspecting mines as regulations require.

The mine operators went to court in an effort to force wildcat strikers back to the pits.

A federal judge withheld his decision in the case saying if hazardous conditions in the mine threaten the lives and safety of the miners and their own union and the Bureau of Mines have not acted to correct them, the rank and file miners' equity may be stronger than the rights of the mine operators.

The U.M.W. contract with the soft coal industry provides for arbitration in cases of dispute and thus tacitly outlaws strikes during the life of the contract.

The rank and file members striking say the union has failed to press for federal safety enforcement and the strike is the result of fear of miners to work mines in which there is a constant possibility of explosion when inspections have not been made by the Bureau of Mines on the schedule required in safety regulations.

IKE JERNIGAN WILL WIN

Isaac (Ike) Jernigan shot and killed his foreman at the Lockheed Aircraft plant in Los Angeles last July. Then he went to the office of the International Association of Machinists, Local 727, and killed the President and another local union official. Now, the state of California wants to give him the gas chamber.

You can probably think of plenty of reasons why a Foreman ought to be shot... and also corrupt union leaders who cooperate with the company. Ike Jernigan had special reasons. He had gone through the crap forced on all workers—unsafe conditions, speed-up, low pay, high prices, rising taxes—for the six years he had worked at Lockheed, and, since Ike Jernigan is a Black man, he also had to deal with the racist practices of both the company and the union. Like other unions, the I.A.M. allowed the company to keep Black workers in the jobs with the lowest pay and the worst conditions. Everybody got cheated at Lockheed, but the Black workers got cheated worse.

Nobody wants to be pushed around. Jernigan tried to do something about it. He helped organize the Lockheed Employees' Unity Association to fight for better working conditions and just and fair treatment for the Black workers. The

White collar workers now are beginning to learn what their blue collar brothers have always known when the Man doesn't need you—you're gone.

Already Chrysler Corp. has laid off thousands of white collar workers now, General Motors has announced white collar lay-offs.

It is expected that as many as 30,000 white collar workers will be laid off either permanently, indefinitely or in more "palatable" schemes such as "early retirement".

Some 15,000 white collar workers are due to be permanently laid-off.

Traditionally the white collar worker has allowed himself to be deceived by the capitalist management.

He has allowed himself to believe that he is closer to management and has identified his interests with management rather than workers. He has been slow to join unions, but he has always been willing to cash in on the benefits blue collar workers' union dues and strike gains.

But when the management sees a need for cut back because of their own greedy over-production and exorbitant prices it is clear that the worker who wears a white collar must take his place with his brother who wears a blue collar.

They are both workers and for the bosses they are expendable.

Association worked through all of the "channels"; the grievance procedure, the contract negotiations, the union election campaigns. For this activity, Jernigan and the brothers he worked with were constantly harassed. The union joined with the company to try to smash the Unity Association. Most of the members were eventually fired.

One day Jernigan was fired for merely wearing an African shirt to work. The union refused to support him, and it took an appeal to the government to get him reinstated. Reprimand followed reprimand. Then, last July, Jernigan said that enough was enough, and let his foreman have it along with the union president and another union official.

Lockheed, the I.A.M., and the government of California are putting on the pressure to have Ike Jernigan executed.

We must defend our working brother who fought for his rights. The justice he demanded would benefit all of us. For a worker, an injury to one is an injury to all.

1) Send a letter of support to:

The Jernigan Defense Committee c/o Southside Citizens Defense Committee
1540 W. Jefferson Blvd. Los Angeles, California 10018

2) Give what you can afford for legal costs to the same address.

The Political Thought Of James Forman



Editor's Note

James Foreman, long time freedom fighter in the worldwide struggle against imperialism, has just completed his new book, *The Political Thought of James Forman*.

The articles and speeches in this book are not arranged in the order they were written, but are grouped under certain subject matters in order to provide a better framework for reading. All have been written since January, 1967, and flow from the necessity to wage an ideological struggle around the issues of class, race, internationalism, and opportunism, and to indicate other forms of struggle we must wage, including armed struggle.

When I began writing these speeches and articles, there was an acute need in the black liberation struggle for a greater emphasis on class analysis, for many black spokesmen were articulating our problems only as a racial fight and ignoring the world-wide struggle of exploited and oppressed people against United States imperialism. I felt at that time that only a study of revolutionary theory and an articulation of class-oriented concepts in popularized form could help to overcome some of the erroneous and misleading ideas floating in sectors of the black community. It was also apparent that our struggle suffered greatly from a lack of study of revolutionary theory on the part of many people who were given the spotlight by the imperialist news media. This was no accident, but a two-pronged move deliberately staged in order to unify our oppressors against the total black struggle, and to promote the faulty and misleading ideas of those who failed to analyze our problems in the United States or those on an international level from a basic class viewpoint, as well as from that of the historical, racism oppression of black people.

It is very easy and often rather comforting to accept the fact of the United States' willingness to concede that white racism is a problem, but it is another question for the power elite, the military-industrial complex, the Central Intelligence Agency, Wall Street and all other elements of control to admit—which it will not and cannot do—that racism is an historical product of capitalism and imperialism. This problem can never be solved until the apparatus of capitalism and imperialism is shattered, smashed to pieces through the armed struggle of the people.

In January, 1967, I wrote "Rock Bottom," an article posing questions which I intended to serve as a guide for

political education. Since then I have placed increased emphasis on the waging of armed struggle and the seizure of state power as the **only ultimate weapons** for solving the problems of all exploited people, continue to be debatable issues for many. Inside the United States severe brutality and repression are exercised, vast amounts of money, time and energy are spent by this greatest imperialist power in the world in order to convince people—and especially black people—that violence and armed struggle in the United States is contrary to the "American way of life" and impossible to wage. Yet while this campaign of terror against the exploited in the United States and around the world is launched by the racist U.S. government, soldiers from the so-called land of the free are busy napalming the people of color in Indo-China, especially Vietnam. Many misguided black soldiers are unfortunately helping in the slaughter of our Indo-Chinese sisters and brothers.

The absolute necessity to wage a campaign for armed struggle and the seizure of state power in the United States under the direction of a revolutionary black vanguard party is not only theoretically correct, but **armed struggle against United States imperialism is the only movement that the imperialists cannot co-opt.** They will seek to crush it and destroy it, but it cannot be co-opted.

Co-optation in black communities is mounting. Everywhere there are abundant signs that many black people with reformist programs and capitalistic ventures, under the cover of blackness, nationalism or Pan-Africanism, are getting vast sums of money for programs that do not threaten capitalism and imperialism, and certainly do not advocate armed struggle in the United States.

The power elite of the United States has already decided and proven that it can co-opt various forms of we-are-black-and-proud Americans, we are some "give us some money too" nationalists, we are some anti-communist

Pan-Africanists. These tendencies do not pose a serious threat to imperialism, but can be readily utilized by the United States Government, the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Information Agency, the State Department and the local police departments to further control all of us.

In 1970, three years after the most intense black rebellions in the United States since slavery, rebellions that seriously affected the world position of U.S. military forces, we hear many mass-media, so-called black leaders urging black people to fight with arms in Africa, but not in the United States. In fact, many urge black people not to engage in any form of political confrontation.

Perhaps the most insidious form of co-optation—one which directly plays into the long-range interests of the United States Government—is the vehement struggle against socialism, communism and Marxist-Leninist thought that is often articulated by many leading spokesmen in the black community. Many of those who take this position are financially supported by the U.S. government in one form or another. Some arrive there through a lack of study. The petty-bourgeois class position of others force this attitude upon them. Many do not understand the pervasive unconscious effect that the anti-communist hysteria in this country has had upon all of us.

As black people, we have seen how the slogan, "Black Power," has been co-opted in many quarters. We have seen how slick, commercial magazines claim how they are "black and proud." We have witnessed the commercializing of the Afro and the dashiki. To assume that the United States Government will not bankroll and promote forms of nationalism and Pan-Africanism that are anti-socialist, anti-communist and anti-Marxist-Leninist is a mistake of the highest order. For instance, McGeorge Bundy, former head of the CIA and now president of the Ford Foundation, has urged all foundations to fund anything that is black, for the dynamics of U.S.

imperialism is such that everything that is merely black and without a socialist overtone can be successfully co-opted.

The government of the United States will even co-opt those who claim they are socialists, communists and Marxist-Leninists if they do not believe in armed struggle against imperialism. History has proven time and time again that many who call themselves socialists and Marxist-Leninists have taken the exclusive road of reform through the electoral process rather than the road of armed struggle. They, too, do not pose a threat.

A critique of those who have betrayed the road of armed struggle against imperialism can and must be made, but this can be done without the vehement anti-communism often heard by some black charlatans who make money and enjoy immense privileges from vicious attacks on revolutionary theories.

Much of the confusion, competing ideas, rank opportunism and indifference within black communities of the United States, acceptance of racist and capitalist ideology in white America, oppression in Africa, Asia and Latin America—are related in a great measure to the billions of dollars that all exploiters spend to educate and convince people about the virtues of colonialism, capitalism and imperialism. As a result we see all sorts of bourgeois printing operations turning out millions of books that in some way or the other support the exploiters of this earth, while the availability of revolutionary literature is often difficult to find.

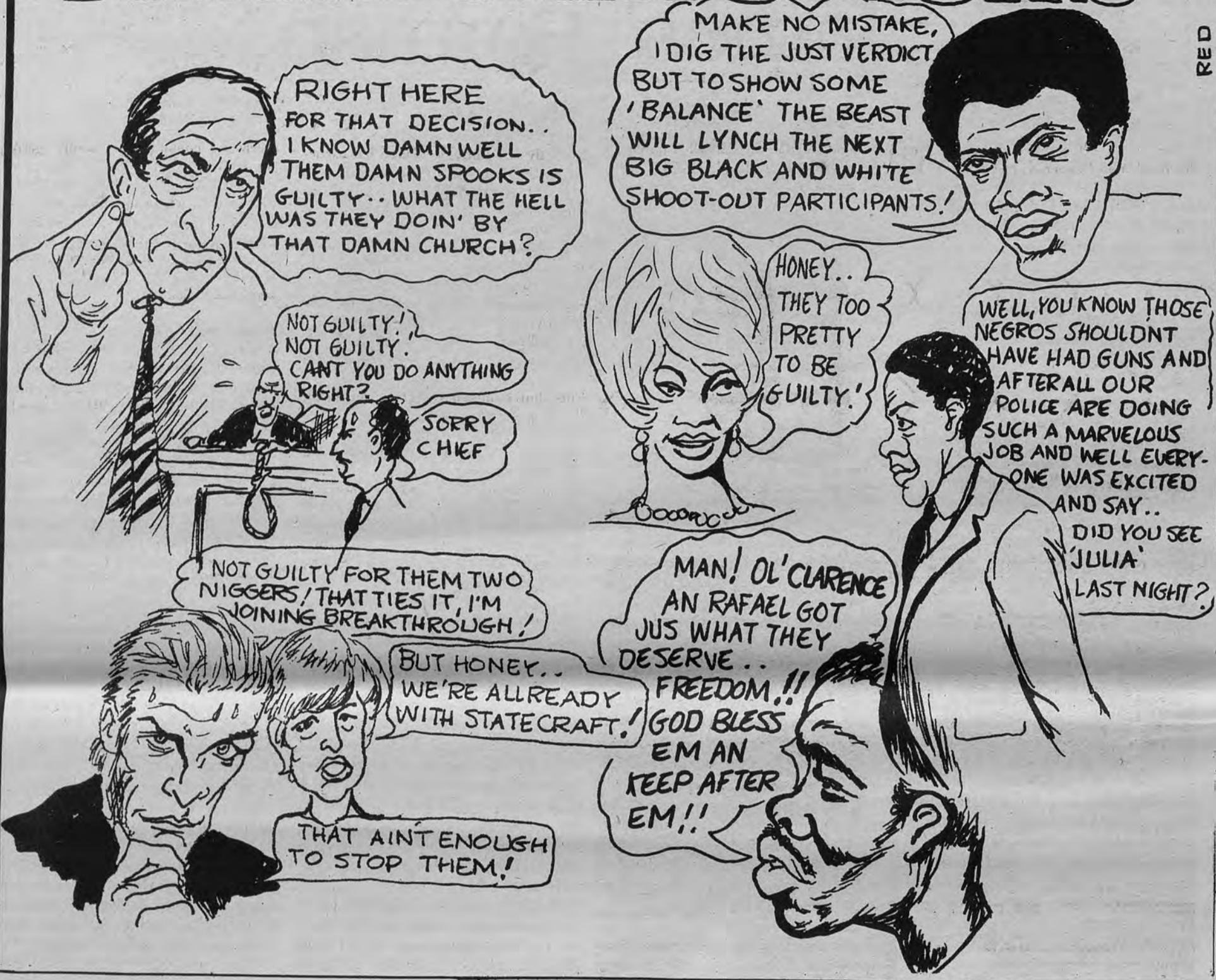
Thus the first effort by a group of black people who do not cringe from revolutionary theory and who understand that we must wage ideological struggle and who seek to guarantee that black workers will assume positions of leadership in the revolutionary struggle and the reconstruction of a socialist society in the U.S. — this first effort must be commended and will have long-range effects in black communities and throughout the world.

And now I must direct a few words to the opportunists in the black church structure. The publication of this book flows from the principle fight for reparations many of us have made. Many middle-class black preachers and christians have received large amounts of money as a result of the Black Manifesto. One black christian in particular has pimped off our efforts and used his funds and his position to see that his friends and relatives reap the benefit of our efforts. My comrades and I have been silent over the way some of the black preachers and christians have behaved

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with huge sums of money they have received in reparations directly as a result of our efforts. They never believed that we would be able to launch a printing operation and they have refused to help us, but we say to those opportunist black preachers and christians who are also a part of imperialist exploitation that we will wage an intense struggle against them, expose their nepotism and favoritism.

The struggle in the United States against racism, capitalism and imperialism is accelerating. All around the world exploited and oppressed people are rising up with arms in hand to fight United States imperialism. If this book can serve to motivate one more person to dedicate his life to an unrelenting struggle against United States imperialism and its manifestation of racism - then all the effort toward its production shall not have been in vain.

Hence I am extremely elated that Black Star Publishing is printing as its first book this collection of speeches and

writings that are all geared to helping to make revolutionaries of black people in the United States. There is a great deal of—but not enough—descriptive literature on African people wherever they exist. Much of this literature does not address itself to capitalism and imperialism as being integral to the cause of racism, and certainly does not hold high the banner of armed struggle by All-African People as the ultimate solution to ending these destroyers of humanity, to the establishment of a new and just society capable of ending all forms of human exploitation.

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unopposed. Working class people also had a serious problem getting the 1500 signatures needed for filing a petition. It appears that this confusion and the requirement for 5000 signatures on a petition were moves intentionally made to hinder and prevent Black Workers.

The State legislature has approved an 8 district decentralization plan, and a three man governor's panel has twenty-one days to form the school districts. The NAACP a long time fighter for integration has filed a court action against the new plan. Parents and Students for Community Control (PASCC), a city-wide working class community organization, created around the concepts of black control of black schools, quality education for blacks, and the providing of maximum protection of black children, is struggling for the adoption of the Black Plan.

the Black Plan was designed to protect as many black children as possible by keeping them out of the control of white racists. The plan puts 8.6% of black students under white control. According to the plan blacks will control six of the eight districts. Unfortunately white racist voters will still control a large segment of white children.

PASCC has prepared many other resolutions including the development of a City-Wide School Review Board, to be

comprised of students, parents, and community people. It will be established to review controversial administrative decisions and school policies. PASCC is also preparing a program and assisting, and supporting those candidates that are sympathetic and responsive to the needs of black working class youth. The most oppressed and helpless sector of black society.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BLACK PLAN, RECRUITMENT AND SUPPORT OF CANDIDATES, establishment of the city-WIDE REVIEW BOARD, PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, or the many other resolutions, AND HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED. CALL 866-1266 or write PASCC 12019 linwood, Detroit, Michigan 48206.

MORE EXPLOITATION FROM CHURCHES

"And yet we seek converts. If I were a Negro, I would laugh at the Catholic Church for its obvious hypocrisy, just as I would laugh at all white faces. But I am not a Negro, and in silence I have to stand by and watch him love what he should despise" FROM A WHITE CATHOLIC.



Recently the Catholic church has carries on a drive for public support of mostly Black St. Martin De Porres High School. The so-called "reason" for this drive is that the Catholic church needs a little help from the Black community to carry on this school "service". They want the overtaxed, overworked, and superexploited Black workers to take from their already meager incomes and give support to a very rich, racist and oppressive church.

This church must have NO respect for the Black people's community sense. This church's past and present history is overflowing with racism, and the exploitation and oppression of Black people. Wherever we find the church in the Black community, we find misguided, confused, used, and superstitious people. Yet, the church still has nerve enough to try and persuade our people to SUPPORT our oppression.

Although most of its economic dealing are well kept secrets, we do know that the Catholic church is one of the largest landowners in the U.S. This includes Black ghetto slum property.

The Catholic church's holdings also include large shares of monopolistic, exploitive corporations. AND THEY STILL WANT SUPPORT!

Just what kind of school "service" is this that we should support? It is a church operated school system that has, in addition to the same old state approved textbooks that systematically misguides our youngsters, indoctrination with European religious myths. In other words, the Catholic church INTENSIFIES the miseducation that our children are subject to in the public schools.

Instead of teaching about Black people who, thru the ages have helped their people the church teaches Black children to honor so-called "saints" most of whom are white. The tiny remainder being a few misguided blacks who lately the church has opportuniatically chosen to reconize.

One of these Catholic Black "saints" was Martin De Porres. He was the son of a Spanish conquistador and an exploited Black sister in South America. His Catholic biographers relate with self-righteous glee the many times when Martin De Porres would be called something other than common cuss words. He would drop, prostrate, to the ground and kiss it. And sometimes, if the tormentor was a church official, he would kiss the official's feet. For this reason, he adequately fits the requirements for a Black to gain "saintly" reconition among the Catholic heirarchy.

If Martin De Porres, in the days of the Spanish rule in South America, encountered a racist church, we can see it even more today. Down South Blacks must wait until all the WHITES have

received "communion" before getting theirs - that is if the Blacks don't have a church of their own... Those church areas in the South where the Blacks don't have a Black Catholic church have policies of "excusing" the Black church members from the obligation of Mass so as to keep him from attending the Mass with the white Catholics.

When the issues of Birth control, Abortion, or Divorce arise, you can't count the Priests, Fathers, Sisters etc. that leap to support so-called "moral issues". But when Black people's oppression is mentioned, you hear hardly a peep. Every once in a while a few Bishops get together to give lip-service to the "negro" cause, but like the joint pastroal letter put out in 1963, they aren't read in most white Catholic churches.

We strained our ears to hear the Papal authorities cry out against the German and Italian Fascists, and to day we vainly wait for church denouncements against the South African, Rhodesian, and Portugese racist regimes. It is not hard though, to find the Catholic church involved in all types of white racist adventures all over the world. It is involved in the oppressive war in Southeast Asia. It is involved in

the oppression of the Blacks of Africa, and it is involved in this racist machine right here in the U.S.A.

The "South" Vietnamese puppet Ngo Diem was a Catholic-trained "tom" Many South American puppet dictators are Catholic. And we find that wherever the church is influential, the oppression of the people is great and these puppets have a lot of Catholics among them. They are trained in Catholic schools.

If the Catholic church wants to help our people, why don't they support Black control of schools in Black communities? Why don't they improve the conditions of Blacks living in Catholic-owned slum housing? And where is the Catholic support for the Black Manifesto?

TO THE READERS:

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THE VOICE INTERVIEWS FRANK JOYCE

Editors note: Frank Joyce, a member of People Against Racism, has recently visited Indochina, and in this candid interview relates some of his ideas and observations on the struggle in this country and its long range and short range affects on the war in Viet Nam. —

ICV: Frank will you tell us to begin with, briefly about People Against Racism (PAR) and some of its activities.

Joyce: Par began in '65 we were in some of the Northern Student Movement and Adult Community Movement for Equality. We decided that it was time to turn our attention to the source of the problem: racism in the white community. As Blacks had been suggesting that needed to be done, we took the challenge seriously and so from '65 to '68 we functioned locally in the Detroit area and in '68 we began to set up chapters in different cities. We have been organizing in the suburbs (Ferndale) that met with some success in getting together some youth groups. Traditionally we have felt that racism is the primary contradiction that people have moved around in the Sixties and will continue to do so in the Seventies. Particularly around cities, which is a major domestic issue, that is not to take anything away from the War, since we came out against the War in '65 because we concluded that it was both racist and imperialist, although we didn't use that language at that time.

ICV: The Anti-War Movement in this country is comprised mostly of white people and many middle class whites that are involved in the anti-war movement are not "movement" people as such. Why do you feel that it has evolved that way?

Joyce: Well that's a very good question and a very complicated one. My involvement with the anti-war movement



goes way back, both locally and nationally and is not a primary concern. I've always been involved in it from the perspective of trying to make people see that the war in Viet Nam and the race war at home are related. I think that that is becoming increasingly clear although people necessarily know that. For one thing we have always contended that the war in Viet Nam is an extension of domestic policy anyway, the U.S. has never had a foreign policy. Which we say that the same reason that the U.S. is in California is the same reason they're in Viet Nam. What we mean by that is that the U.S. has always been engaged in westward expansion against people of color. Since the first white settler came here from Europe. I remember while in Viet Nam less than a month ago, being overwhelmed with the notion that the U.S. was doing to Viet Nam the same thing it did to the Indian nations that were also destroyed in the westward expansion of manifest destiny. Also Blacks and other Third World people die disproportionately in the War. Statistically, the U.S. has suffered 50,000 deaths since it has been actively involved

in the struggle for ten years, including both combatant and non-combatant victims. This sum is out of a population of 200 million. By the Defense Department's own statistics the Vietnamese both North and South have suffered over 700,000 deaths out of a population of over 30 million. In addition to that, according to the Defense Department, there is a minimum of 450,000 civilian deaths in the South, no one has even counted the civilian deaths in the North. This brings us to a total of well over a million and a quarter people who have died in the last ten years out of a population of 30 million. This gives us a good idea of who the War really affects and who is really hurt by it. It has to do with the fact that the Red population in this country was reduced to more than one half in the 1800's essentially. That's one way to talk about the War and domestic issues. However I think that there is another perspective from which we can talk about the war and it is important, but complicated. The U.S. is an imperialist country and has sought to maintain economic, military and political

control and influence in particular areas of Indochina along the lines of South Korea which still has 64,000 U.S. troops. That's a fact that nobody pretty much disputes. The objectives are clearly stated: to prove the Peoples War cannot succeed and that has to do with the U.S. involvement in Brazil. Now the thing that's important to understand to have any clear analysis of the War is the role that racism, ethnocentrism and white supremacy plays in what I think is a very dangerous situation in Indochina. It is possible for a colonial and imperialist forces to concede defeat, the French did it in Indochina and Algeria, and the British did it in Africa. After Dien Bien Phu the French acknowledged that they couldn't win. The U.S. is defeated militarily in Indochina, every strategy that they have tried has failed and this should be crystal clear by now. Half of Cambodia has conceded to the Communists and in just this morning's paper, reports that the fighting level in all of Indochina is higher than it has been in two months and a year and a half. All of this illustrates the capacity to fight that the liberation forces in Indochina have, the problem is, as illustrated in Agnew's speech in which he declared war on the liberals of the ruling class, obviously what is going on is that the Nixon administration is unwillingly to admit defeat even more so than the Johnson administration. That's not a factor of rational capitalism or imperialism. It is a factor of irrational racism that Nixon will not allow it to go through his head that these little gooks could defeat the U.S. army. The situation is dangerous because of the diverse cultural and racial elements. I would be the first to agree that these factors are not understood generally by the Anti-War Movement.

ICV: How do the people, government officials and otherwise of North Viet Nam relate to the anti-war movement in the U.S.?

Joyce: Well they do think that it is very important and they're very...grateful isn't the right word and they put the U.S. into a very broad historical perspective—they are very serious revolutionaries and they have a understanding of things that tends to be a lot broader than their own. That means among other things that they put into the perspective of what happened in France and they understand that there has been serious opposition to the war in France, there wasn't much of an Anti-War Movement in France until Dien Bien Phu. And then the French began to say "well maybe this war is wrong". There has been a basis of opposition to the war since 1964 and getting stronger all of the time. This opposition has had some successes; the halt of the bombing of North Viet Nam and the abdication of Lyndon Johnson. Although those are tangible accomplishments of the Anti-War Movement those aren't to be overestimated either; it is a serious social force and they do take it seriously. Consequently they do invite activists like myself because they think that it is important that we understand them and they understand us. And they also understand that there is a deepening social crisis in the U.S.

third world workers in france

UN—AWA—French Colonialism, once limited to the provinces of the Third World, has boomeranged onto the streets of Paris. An outgrowth of this situation was the recent youth rebellions in Paris which resulted in massive head-whippings and jailings, although not on the scale of May 68. However, one issue which has gone unmentioned here was the conditions of African and other Third World immigrants who work on the worse jobs in France. When five African workers died in a Paris slum quarters last winter, there were massive student demonstrations. Yet, the overcrowded conditions still exist and was one of the reasons for the recent protests.

When young French editors wrote about the situation of the immigrants, and other issues, the government banned the publications and jailed the editors. At that time, writer-philosopher Jean Paul Sartre replaced one of the editors and demanded that he also be jailed. Sartre condemned the increasing repression of the French Government and the general

treatment of African workers recruited from abroad. He said the French social order forces the African workers in France "to live in sordid conditions and sometimes to die a horrible death." He also charged the government with overworking the immigrants, abandoning them after old age, and for "jailing the workers who have failed to take indispensable safety measures."

Decolonization and the demands of industrialization have taken the peoples of the Third World flooding into Europe, and to such effect that without them industry would grind to a halt, and much service work would go unfulfilled. With 2½ million foreign workers and immigrants in France alone, that country is nearing the saturation point, according to author Jean LeCouture, who wrote the biography of Ho Chi Minh. He said French sociologists feel there is the risk that racism will become official policy.

Immigrants of the Third World now represent 20% of the French industry and

have only recently been "given" the right to take part in union activity. Even so, says LaCouture, the immigrants are a long way from achieving equality.

There was a time when French families enjoyed having "a little Caribbean lad" in their home. But times have changed, and many young students who land from the Black countries run up against the "room for Europeans only" signs on the campus bulletin boards or arrive at the stated address only to find the room "has just been rented." The rebellions of 1968 led to the resignation of former President, General Charles DeGaulle, and a crisis of the economy; however, the same problems exist today under the Pompidou regime, and perhaps, a perpetual crisis for a long time to come.

ASIAN PEOPLE UNITE!

The Nixon Administration is trying desperately to turn the mounting tide of popular sentiment against the war in Indochina by using the media to project illusionary U.S. military successes in Cambodia. All evidence points to U.S. failures both militarily and diplomatically.

At this writing, Phnom Penh (Cambodia's capital) is isolated. Roads and communication have been blocked. Most correspondents talk of eminent attack on the city. The unpopular government of puppet Premier Lon Nol is now recruiting women for his demoralized army. Lon Nol himself, realizing the shaky foundation upon which his government rests, has lost 20 pounds since coming to power last March. For support inside his country Lon Nol can only count on his ill equipped army, government clerks, the few in the neo-colonial aristocracy, and the businessmen of Cambodia. The progressive forces that seek the return of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the deposed Cambodian Chief of State, include 41,000 NFL and North Vietnamese troops, Khmer Rouge guerillas who are becoming more influential among the peasants, and the six million peasants in what is a predominantly agricultural country.

Not only in Cambodia, but in Laos, Vietnam, and even Thailand the military picture looks very dismal indeed for the U.S. . . . The fact that America's military forces are engaged in armed combat in these areas represents a generalized policy of aggression directed against people who inhabit the Indochinese peninsula. The Pentagon has sent forth its best generals and has used its most brilliant military tacticians to "win" the war. All that has resulted is a procession of discredited brass stars and bottoms. (Remember Harkins, Taylor, Westmoreland and now Gen. Creighton Abrams). Abrams will follow the way of those "glorious" generals that have gone before him. All these men have a common psychosis.

They have delusions of not only their own grandeur but of America's, and they had remedies based upon these delusions. The great Generals bellowed, if only we could have more advisors . . . if only we could have more troops . . . if only we could cut the supply lines from the North . . . if only we could find those strategic sanctuaries . . . in Cambodia . . . if only . . . if only . . . if only . . . And so the generals come and they go.

American failures on the diplomatic level is the primary reason for its military presence in the first place. The continued diplomatic blundering of this country based upon inhumane motives necessitates a further and faster widening of the Indochinese war. The expansion and intensification of the war on the part of the U.S. resulted in a heightened spirit of cooperation and unity behind a common cause in Indochina despite the mass media's projection of what has been termed "an age old antagonism between the Vietnamese and the Cambodian peoples"

Cooperation between the progressive anti-capitalist forces of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia is not new. In an April 1951 conference, a program for a coordinated effort by the Viet Minh of Vietnam, the Neo Lao Itsala of Laos and Khmer Issarak of Cambodia against the French who were the imperialist force in Southeast Asia at that time, was agreed upon and implemented. Again at the Phnom Penh conference of 1965 a program of combined resistance to U.S. military expansion was adopted by representatives of the Indochinese people. The latest in this historic series of Pan-Indochinese conferences was held April 24-25 of this year and was in direct response to the ouster of Prince Sihanouk. In attendance were representatives of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, the Patriotic Front of Laos and the National United Front of Cambodia.

The U.S. has been using its military to counteract this Pan-Indochinese thrust of the anti-western imperialist forces by balkinizing and compartmentalizing and effectively dividing the peoples of the Indochinese peninsula. The imperialist are trying to accomplish this by locking the borders between Cambodia and South



Vietnam under the pretense of looking for "sanctionaries" in order to contain the war against the Vietnamese people. Over-throwing the Sihanouk government and installing the puppet Lon Nol to contain the Cambodian peoples' struggle. Attempting to isolate the Laotian peoples' war by trying to take the Plain of Jars.

This strategy will fail because it is precisely this energy, American

imperialism, struggling for its survival that is forging this unity of the peoples' of Indochina. In order for imperialism to continue it must intensify the military force brought to bare against the people of that region of the world. As this military pressure increases so does resistance to it. Final the raw force of the masses of people rise up against foreign military force in a peoples' war in which only the masses will be victorious. The people of Indochina will win.

INTERNATIONAL

The conditions of black people, red, brown, and yellow, are worsening in this country. We charge that big business and its operating structure, the U.S. government, are grossly negligent, and completely, wholly, and resolutely responsible for the conditions of our people. Big business and its tool, the U.S. government, has failed to administer the necessary resources to eradicate these conditions. Furthermore, the country's profit motive craze has, of necessity, led her into wars abroad and severe repression at home, to protect her interests.

The allocations of the government are increasingly for the military, police, state troopers or all functions that are supposed to "protect" or "stop" communism from spreading". On the other hand, allocations for the resources that we need in health, education, and welfare, are grotesquely cut or scraped altogether.

It is within this setting, the refusal to deal with our needs, increased repression at home and abroad, a profit motive as opposed to people-oriented system, that the International Black Appeal is formed.

Our major focus is to address ourselves to the needs of oppressed black people, in particular, and the struggling minority oppressed as previously identified, in general.

We state that the Appeal is an attempt to provide resources to minimize some of our problems. In addition, we

state that a complete elimination of our miseries can only be accomplished through organized struggle against this structure that creates these conditions. Therefore, the interim has developing programs that will alleviate our miseries while, in route, via stringent organizing efforts, to total liberation from a super-subhuman-beast-of-burden type system.

As representatives of the International Black Appeal Board, we ask that persons cease giving money to the Torch, Red Feather, and Community Chest drives, and contribute to the International Black Appeal. The contributions to the International Black Appeal is not the only function. We must also organize around the existing problems and thrust forth to liberate ourselves from them. That is to say, to give is a necessity, but to involve yourself within the Appeal actually, is of paramount importance to make the Appeal function for you.

What does the Appeal plan hope to accomplish and how can you be helpful?

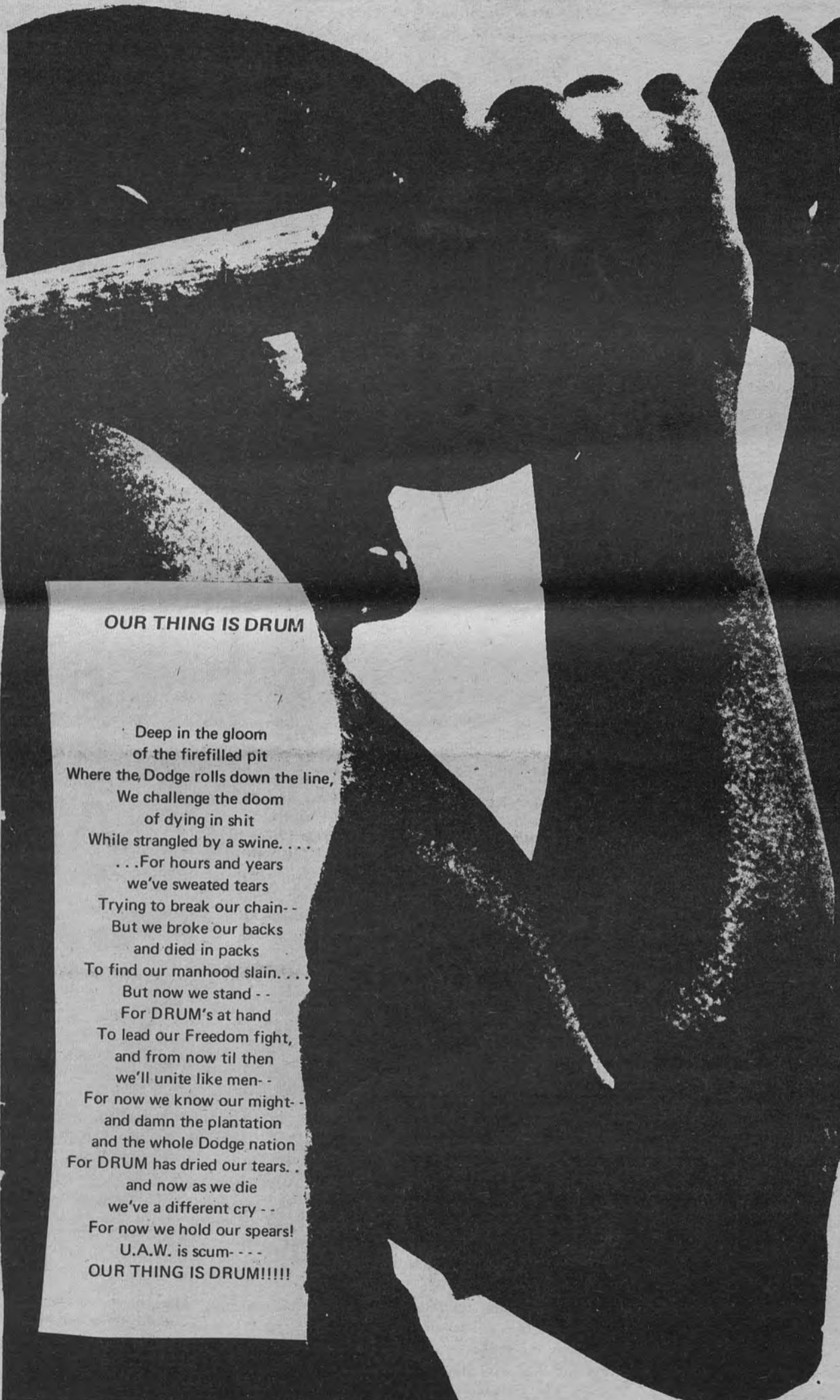
We state that the Appeal plans are based on the needs of the people. Therefore, the major areas of the Appeal Fund will deal with the Labor Strike and Defense Fund, Emergency Food Centers, Training Centers, Publishing House, political prisoners, general fund to minority oppressed, Black Land Bank, and the development of other International Black Appeal Chapters, and futuristic plans for medical, health care, and recreational facilities.

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It must be understood that the International Black Appeal is in the first phase of a three to five year plan. The underlined parts are the major focus in our first years. The formulation and organization of these efforts have our first priority.

The International Black Appeal has an operating board of directors, an advisory board, and staff. But only the cooperation and active participation by the community and especially the black and minority oppressed will make this Appeal Fund a success.

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Deep in the gloom
of the firefilled pit
Where the Dodge rolls down the line,
We challenge the doom
of dying in shit
While strangled by a swine. . . .
. . .For hours and years
we've sweated tears
Trying to break our chain--
But we broke our backs
and died in packs
To find our manhood slain. . . .
But now we stand --
For DRUM's at hand
To lead our Freedom fight,
and from now til then
we'll unite like men--
For now we know our might--
and damn the plantation
and the whole Dodge nation
For DRUM has dried our tears. . .
and now as we die
we've a different cry --
For now we hold our spears!
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