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Lil Bobby James Hutton

born April 21, 1950—murdered by the Oakland Pig Department, April 6, 1968

Bobby Hutton joined Huey Newton and Bobby Seale in 1966 and became the first member recruited to the Black Panther Party. Two years later, the Oakland pigs ambushed a group of Panthers; Bobby and Eldridge emerged from the house with their hands up; Eldridge was wounded, Bobby shot and killed. The attempt by the racist pigs to destroy the Panther leadership failed; the BPP has grown and become strong. Power to the people.

Pigs vamp on Panthers

New York

by Sheila Ryan
Liberation News Service

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (LNS)—“SMASH PANTHER BOMB PLOT!” “COPS: CUBA HELPS PANTHERS PROWL,” and “SEEK PANTHER LINK TO STOLEN YOUTH FUNDS” displaced the headlines of the previous week describing a city in disintegration—hospitals being closed because adequate funds were denied by the city and state governments, welfare appropriations cut so that clients would be hard-put to survive, the City College president resigning because the legislators had cut the budget below minimum, high school students in a state of rebellion.

The man who pulled the biggest media put-on of the year is District Attorney Frank Hogan. Immediately following Hogan's announcement that a Grand Jury had indicted 21 members of the Black Panther Party on charges of conspiracy, the Panthers were convicted in the newspapers and TV news broadcasts.

Hogan scheduled his news conference at 11:00 a.m., a time carefully selected to push Hogan into the evening TV programs and headlines—and his remarks were shrewdly chosen to present the District Attorney as the savior of New York City on the very eve of its destruction.

Sinister Panther Plots

For according to Hogan, a 5:00 a.m. round-up that morning had thwarted a Black Panther plot to blow up various parts of the city on the following day.

Macy's, Alexander's, Korvette's, Bloomingdale's, and Abercrombie & Fitch would have been bombed, newspaper readers and TV viewers were told, had not Frank Hogan and the Police Department acted fast. New Yorkers were thereby prevented from being burnt to a crisp as they bought their Easter finery—and just at the time, sacred to Columbia trustee Hogan, when the stores were making lots of money. In an odd twist, the indictment Hogan obtained also accused the Panthers of having plotted to sabotage a section of New Haven Railroad track. So sinister was the Panther plot, according to Hogan, that they were not going to leave undisturbed even the early spring flowers—as a final perverse gesture, the Panthers were going to dynamite the Bronx Botanical Gardens. In fact, the indictment charged, cops had observed them making “practice bombing runs” on the greenhouses.

The New York Times and the New York Post observed the niceties in their conviction, referring only to “alleged” plots, but the Daily News said just what it wanted people to believe: “SMASH PANTHER BOMB

Chicago

by Ed Jennings
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As a part of their nationwide effort to destroy the Black Panther Party—the vanguard party of black liberation and of the fight against racism and capitalism—the ruling class and their racist dog pigs in Chicago have escalated their already heavy attacks on the Illinois Panthers. In the early hours of April 2 an ambush took place involving several members of the Black Panther Party and several “unknown” individuals. The result: one Panther seriously wounded and another, Assistant Minister of Defense Bobby Rush, charged with “illegal gun possession”. The pigs—ever true to their nature—viewed the events at a distance and did not intervene until it became clear that the Panthers would win, and intervened then only to attempt to arrest them. The racist Chicago press, in its attempts to split the black community, claims that a “power struggle” or “war” is taking place between two black “gangs”—the Panthers and the Blackstone Rangers. The Panthers deny that they are at war with anyone except the white racist power structure.

‘Preventive Detention’

On the same day—Wednesday, April 2—19 Panthers were arrested on charges ranging from non-possession of a driver's license to having a license plate wired on instead of connected with the “legal” nut and bolt to having a loose headlight which angled several inches up thus creating a “hazard” to other drivers. The proximity to the anniversary of King's death is significant. The pigs claimed to have “intelligence” reports to the effect that the Panthers were going to foment “riots” on April 4 and in the interests of “law and order” it was necessary to engage in “preventive detention”.

The arrests of the past week are not a beginning but an escalation of an already existing program of pig barbarianism directed against the Panthers and other revolutionary groups. The pigs have been attempting to coerce, intimidate, harass, arrest, and violently attack the Panthers for the past eight months. Fred Hampton, chairman of the Illinois Panthers, faces 10 charges ranging from disorderly conduct to mob action; he was convicted this week on a robbery charge (an ice cream truck) and faces one to 20 years. Bobby Rush, Assistant Minister of Defense, has been arrested at least four times, three of them on gun charges. He's been convicted on one gun charge and is now facing imprisonment. In addition, Cha Cha Jimenez, leader of the Young Lords Organization (a revolutionary Puerto Rican youth group), faces 8 phony

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Offing the HAYAKAWA:

"We were set up and ambushed"

reprinted from New West Notes
by Bill Haywood
Colorado Regional Traveler

On March 3, 1969, Hayakawa tried to speak on the CU campus. 2500 people filled Macky Auditorium to listen and gawk at him. 500 students and friends shouted the racist down for an hour. A few chairs and a coke bottle were thrown. Eventually these people walked out of the auditorium, led by the Afro-American Association. The black people split and held a meeting and the rest of the group held a 5-minute caucus and decided to go back and liberate the microphone. As it turned out our return coincided with the end of Hayakawa's speech, so we took the stage and rapped to the audience about SF State, freedom of speech, violence, racism, and other related subjects. One of the speakers was a member of the strike support committee. The crowd listened, we finished and the evening ended.

Black People Taunted

The impact of the action taken was difficult to determine. The action had not gone according to plan. In fact we now have reason to believe we were set up and ambushed.

Because of the political climate on the CU campus, we had originally decided that the best tactic would be a walk-out. This was to have taken place as soon as Hayakawa appeared on stage and it was to be led by the black students. However, Hayakawa was successful in taunting the black people and many other people in the audience, and they all began to shout him down. 45 minutes of this and a few chairs were thrown, then a brief scuffle with the cops. No one was injured.

"Get SDS"

The immediate result of the action was blanket condemnation, and 8 arrests on charges which could result in 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years in jail for each person charged. 2 SDS members who had been suspended last year and readmitted conditionally were summoned to appear before the University Disciplinary Committee (UDC). The press, the regents, and the people responsible for bringing Hayakawa here (specifically Prof. Ed Rozek, a close friend of Sidney Hook) blamed the disruption on SDS, and it became very obvious very quickly that a concerted effort to get SDS was under way.

The next day we covered the campus with speakers and leaflets. We wrote leaflets on free speech, on violence, on institutional racism, and on amnesty. We were successful in getting people to consider the free speech question in a different light. The institutional racism leaflet and the one on violence were also successful. The question of amnesty was a bit more difficult. There was also a leaflet explaining why we had planned to do anything at all. Here we talked about the SF State strike, the BSU and TWLF demands, racism, and solidarity with SF State.

'Free' Speech Understood

The most successful aspect of this follow-up action was the understanding hundreds of students gained about the "free" press. When they read articles which grossly misrepresented actions they themselves had taken they began to understand what SDS had been telling them about the press for the last two years. So the hate campaign on the part of the local papers backfired and added to our support. The UDC also helped. They attempted to hold a closed hearing but a few hundred students showed up and they decided to have an open hearing. We demanded that the open hearing take place in the student center ballroom, which seats over 500. They said no, Fleming Law building, which seats 150. Masses of students changed that too. The hearing was held in the ballroom.

Between the first attempted UDC

hearing and the one held in the ballroom a student assembly was held. On the CU campus, the main legislative body of the student government is a student assembly which is open to all students, and all students can vote. This body did not pass a full amnesty demand but they did resolve that no student would be suspended or expelled because of the Hayakawa action. This meant the students wanted a hearing even though they limited the outcome of that hearing.

Tactic Worked Well

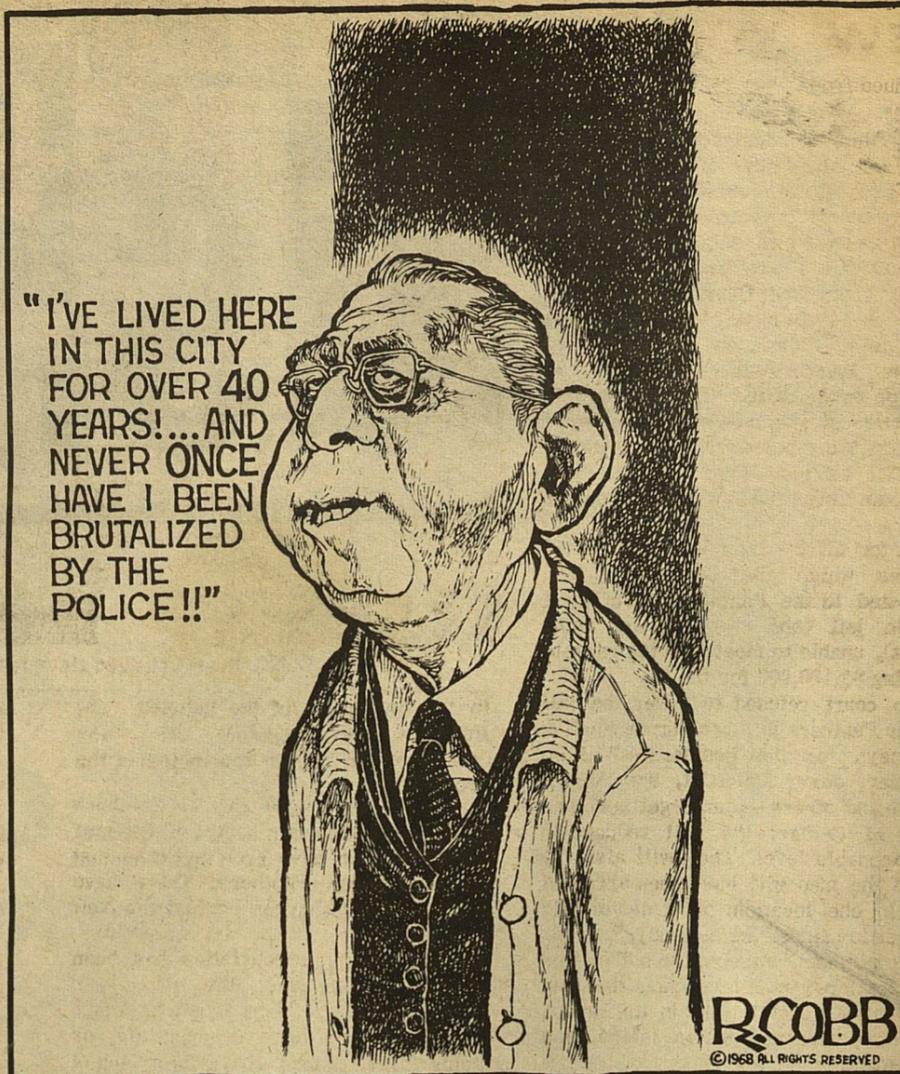
This left SDS with a choice. We could follow the Hayakawa action with another vanguard action and risk leaving all our new support far behind, or we could use the hearings to build support for the next step in our struggle. Since our defense lawyer shared our politics, we decided to go along with the assembly and permitted the hearing to take place. This tactic worked very well. Our defense destroyed the legitimacy of any and all evidence presented against the SDS people. So if they are expelled or suspended against the wishes of the student assembly, especially in light of what the defense did to their case, we are in a position to move again. But the UDC is in a trap. The local DA wants to smash SDS, so he is putting pressure on them to find the students guilty, because if they are not guilty in this case it will hurt his case in civil court. The regents have also called for an investigation of SDS. They want to throw us off campus. But if these students are found not guilty, then it will be difficult for them to build a case against SDS. The new HUAC is also coming to CU in a couple of weeks to investigate SDS, which gives us more to work with.

Of course the main problem now is to avoid letting the UDC and SDS affiliation become the issues, with racism getting lost along the way. To solve this problem we are doing research on the university, the city, and the state. This research is not only on the power structure; we are also going into things like the tax structure and oil depletion allowance. Along with this we are working on a program that ties in with this research. The main thrust of this program is to make the university serve all the people.

Remember Sidney Hook?

Our next step will tie in the UDC decision, whichever way it goes, and this program. We have plans on how to make the university deal with this program and these plans will be implemented after our spring break.

The situation in Boulder looks good right now, only because we were able to turn the tables on Sidney Hook and company. And this brings us to the



ambush mentioned earlier.

Many of you know of Hook's new organization, the Democratic Center for Rational Alternatives on American Campuses. Their tactic apparently consists of using speakers like Hayakawa to create situations like the one which developed here in Macky Auditorium. Listening to a tape recording of that evening shows that Hayakawa knew exactly what he was doing. His job was to turn whatever we had planned into a riot. He even tried to incite the crowd against the demonstrators. Hook and company had scores of cameras and tape recorders on hand to gather all kinds of evidence to be used later. Of course the local and federal cops were there collecting stuff to fatten their files with. They even had students from the local YAF and other such groups in the audience so they could testify against people later. In summary their plan seems to consist of making SDS deal with their speakers on their terms, get as much evidence as possible, charge us with everything in sight, tie up our limited funds in bail money, and, if possible, put us in jail for at least a few months. As more and more states pass campus disorder bills, it becomes easier for them to accomplish this last task. All of the people arrested here were charged on the basis of such a bill. The bill was only two days old.

How Cops Operate

None of this is really new. But we should be aware of how these cops operate. The days of spontaneously

running into an auditorium and doing your thing are over. Two things are absolutely necessary: we must know exactly what we want to accomplish in a given situation; and we need discipline. The people throwing chairs and bottles almost injured some of our own people.

With regard to tactics we must create situations which force these speakers to deal with us on our terms. We must not allow ourselves to be trapped into dealing with them on their terms.

This action against Hayakawa and the racism he represents taught us another important lesson. We cannot look to other groups for leadership. We were somewhat hampered in our planning because we did not know how to relate to the Afro-American Association on our campus. Politically they are weak. They tend toward cultural nationalism although they did some good things during the Hayakawa action. But SDS chapters must solve this problem if they are going to be able to act in a decisive way in any given situation. We do have a good working relationship with the Denver Black Panthers. Perhaps we should have worked more closely with them on this.

But as I mentioned earlier, things look good in Boulder. The action taken against Hayakawa tightened up our chapter. We are ready to move again and we will, soon.

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PLOT!"

"All this is designed to insure a fair trial, since none of the jurors will have seen it, of course," said one of the Panthers' lawyers in bitter irony.

The Daily News said the Panthers' plentiful funds are believed to come mainly from Red Cuba, but the Post had it that their money is actually from Communist China, and only funneled to the Panthers through the Cuban Mission to the United Nations. The Post also cited pigs as saying that they were "studying" the possibility that some of the \$2.7 million allegedly stolen from the Youth Corps funds went into Panther coffers.

But for all the income from suspect sources which the bourgeois press attributed to the Panthers, 15 of them are in jail (and 6 others are being sought), unable to meet with the ransom totalling \$2,100,000 for the 21.

The court refused to lower the bail for the Panthers in a hearing on April 4. Attorneys for the Panthers—William Kunstler, Jerry Lefcourt, and Arthur Turco and others—plan legal action on April 11 to have the bail reduced to a reasonable level. They will also try to get the men who have been arrested held in one location: in a systematic attempt to hamper the attorneys' access to the indicted Panthers, the authorities have scattered them throughout the city, 3 defendants each in jails in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Manhattan.

Typical Round-up

Other aspects of the round-up of the Panthers, too, are characteristic of the "extra-legal" harassment Panthers have faced from the District Attorney's office and the cops in the past months. At least four Panthers not named in the indictment were picked up by the cops at 5 a.m. Wednesday morning, and then disappeared from sight for two and a half days. Their disappearance was ominous, in view of the severe beating of a 19-year-old student nurse and Black Panther last month during the 19 hours she was held by cops between the time of her arrest and when she was actually charged. After their arrest, the missing Panthers were arraigned two and a half days later on weapons charges.

On the Lower East Side, two Puerto Ricans, one 15 and the other 16, were arrested when the cops found them



Bobby Rush and Fred Hampton of the Black Panthers

in the apartment of the indicted men. But the case against them was dismissed Friday, on the motion of the prosecution.

The indictment of the 21 Panthers is only the latest in a series of spurious charges which have been levied against the New York Panthers. There have been over 60 charges against the New York Panthers in the last ten months, but not a single conviction has been obtained. Thus far, the police and prosecution have been able to assuage their disappointment at acquittals, or being forced to drop charges for lack of evidence, by bringing new felony charges, often against the same people. No matter how absurd the charge, New York courts have set impossibly high bails, which keep Panthers in jail for months at a time.

But this time, the New York pigs have attempted a death-blow at the Panthers—they have named a substantial portion of the Panther leadership as "bomb plotters". And they have created the most lurid phantasmagoria yet, pandering to the racist fears of white New Yorkers in an obvious effort to stir up rage and retribution at the "mass murder" that never occurred.

The persecution of the Panthers in New York must be seen in the context of the attacks on Panthers across the country—the jailing of Huey Newton, the forced exile of Eldridge Cleaver, the murders of Panthers by cops in the Bay Area, and police-instigated assassinations in Los Angeles, the

gratuitous inclusion of Bobby Seale in the indictments ensuing from the Chicago Convention, raids on Panther offices in many cities....If there is any conspiracy associated with the indictment of the 21 Panthers, it must be that of the repressive forces of the Justice Department and the New York City prosecutor's office and police.

In the first few days following the indictment, however, all indications are that Hogan and the cops have not succeeded in completely isolating the Panthers. Several hundred people, a substantial portion of them white radicals, picketed the court Wednesday during the hearing on reduction of bail. They shouted "No more Panthers in jail" and a refrain of "Off the pigs!" The proceedings in the courtroom were delayed for 15 minutes when the judge first ordered all standees out of the court, forcing out the Panther supporters who stood four deep around the aisles, and then specified that only one person might sit in each seat, excluding a hundred or more others who had doubled up. The hundreds of demonstrators returned Friday morning, for the hearing at which charges against the two Lower East Side teenagers were dismissed.

Plans are being made for a large demonstration at the hearing on Friday, April 11, at 9:00 a.m. at 100 Centre Street. Contributions to the Black Panther Legal Defense Fund should be sent to Box 1224, Brooklyn, New York 11202.

CHICAGO

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charges.

On Wednesday, April 9, Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, went on trial in Chicago along with seven other individuals on charges resulting from the convention demonstrations last August. Seale only spoke for 15 minutes in broad daylight to a peaceful audience but is being indicted as a part of the nation-wide attempt to destroy the Panther leadership.

The absurdity of the charges and the mass jailings of the Panthers show the whole thing for what it is—an effort by the racist power structure to destroy the Panthers locally as well as nationally. The movement in Chicago will not allow these repressive measures to go unchallenged. SDS people have helped raise bail funds for the Panthers and the Young Lords. We are in the process of building a full-scale program which will not only defend the Panthers and the Young Lords but which will also educate the masses of people as to the repression brought down on revolutionaries and on the nature of "justice" in this racist capitalist society. On the morning of April 9 when Bobby Seale went on trial, nearly 600 people tried to get into the courtroom.

SDS, the Young Lords, and the Panthers have issued a warning to the racist pig power structure that we will fight unceasingly against their repressive actions. We will see that all political prisoners are freed and all charges dropped. Huey P. Newton teaches us that "the spirit of the people is greater than the man's technology," and it will certainly be far greater than the man's repression.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
DROP ALL PHONY CHARGES
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
LATIN POWER TO LATIN PEOPLE

We're planning a special issue of New Left Notes on the high schools. Send contributions: descriptions of h.s. actions, statistics, leaflets, analytical articles, quotes from school administrators, photographs, art works, cartoons, strategies, and other miscellany. Deadline is April 20, and we're going to stick by it.

Free the Black Panther 21!

(This is the text of a statement released to the press by the Central Committee of the Black Panther Party, National Headquarters, Oakland, California, on April 7, regarding the 21 Panthers busted in New York City and charged with conspiring to blow up five downtown department stores, and several other places.)

Historically, all reactionary forces (the pig power structure and their "cultural" nationalist black capitalist lackeys) on the verge of extinction invariably conduct a last desperate struggle against the revolutionary forces (all workers, the unemployed, Mexicans, Indians, Puerto Ricans, poor whites, et al., but especially poor black and oppressed peoples and their vanguard, the Black Panther Party). And some revolutionaries are apt to be deluded for a time by this phenomenon of outward strength but inward weakness, failing to grasp the essential fact that the enemy is nearing extinction while they themselves (the revolutionary peoples) are nearing victory" (Mao's little red book, p. 83).

ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL AND THE CHARGES AGAINST THE 21 BLACK PANTHER PARTY MEMBERS IS ABSURD AND OUTRAGEOUS. Concerning the charges, every Black Panther Party chapter and leadership knows that we would not waste dynamite on the blowing up of some jive statue, simply because even if a statue was blown up, that would not put any food into our people's stomachs. Second, the Party would not blow up railway stations and department stores simply because some of our own people would be killed and we know this is completely wrong when it comes to organizing the people against the demagogue politicians, the avaricious businessmen, and the racist pig police forces. They are the enemies of the people of America, be they white, brown, black, etc.

We will not try to fight fire with fire because all the people know that fire is best fought with water. Therefore, the Black Panther Party will not fight racism with racism. But we will fight racism with solidarity. We will not fight capitalism with capitalism (black capitalism), but with the implementation of socialism and socialist programs for the people. We will not fight U.S. imperialism with more imperialism, because the peoples of the world and other races, especially in America, must fight imperialism with proletarian internationalism. All peoples and revolutionaries must defend themselves with organized guns and force when attacked by the PIG POWER STRUCTURE.

"The socialist system will eventually replace the capitalist racist system; this is an objective law independent of man's will. However much the

reactionaries try to hold back the wheel of history, sooner or later revolution will take place and will inevitably triumph" (Mao's little red book, p. 24).

The Black Panther Party is informing and calling on all the peoples of the communities across the country to scorn and denounce the actions of this capitalist racist government attempt to try and destroy the Black Panther Party which has chapters and branches across the nation. Scorn, denounce, and destroy the lies by capitalists and racists, from the Nixons, Rockefellers, and all their pig lackeys, to the bootlicking cultural nationalists and black capitalists are the real conspirators where we see their obvious attempts to destroy the Black Panther Party's revolutionary leadership. They, of course, try to do this by murders, jailings, unfair court trials, the forcing of Eldridge Cleaver into exile, and the temporary imprisonment of the Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, in California. FREE HUEY. THE REVOLUTION IS HERE. We the people of the world must FREE HUEY AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS because if it wasn't for Huey P. Newton Breakfast for Children before school would not be spreading across the nation. If it wasn't for Huey P. Newton the idea of having free medicine and FREE HEALTH CLINICS wouldn't be in the process of being implemented. If it wasn't for Huey P. Newton the teaching that "it's not a race struggle, but a class struggle" would not begin to be understood. IF IT WASN'T FOR HUEY P. NEWTON, THE 10-POINT PLATFORM AND PROGRAM OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY WOULD NOT BE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING IMPLEMENTED. PRACTICAL SOCIALIST PROGRAMS FOR THE BLACK NATION IS WHERE IT'S AT. EVEN WHEN OTHER GROUPS COPY IT, AND THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD KNOW THIS IS THEIRS AND THAT IT'S RIGHT. THE NEW YORK BLACK PANTHER PARTY 21 MUST BE SET FREE AS HUEY NEWTON MUST BE SET FREE. THEY, AND ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS, MUST RECEIVE THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT AS A NATIONAL RESISTANCE AGAINST THE PIG POWER STRUCTURE WHICH IS IMPERIALISTIC, CAPITALISTIC, AND RACIST.

A NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING WAGED TO PUT TOGETHER A "FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS FOR THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE." THE NEW YORK BLACK PANTHER PARTY 21 MUST BE SET FREE. BAIL MONEY IS NEEDED FOR THE 21, HUEY P. NEWTON, ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, AND THE "CONSPIRACY 8" OF CHICAGO, WITH BOBBY SEALE, BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHAIRMAN.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

Vietnam offensive: greater than Tet

by Bernardine Dohrn

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As the NLF Spring Offensive starts its seventh week, the longest sustained action the NLF has ever undertaken, its support based on the masses of Vietnamese and their ability to decimate U.S. forces is again proven. The scope and coordination of the attacks is enormous: last week alone, 26 helicopters were downed, 30 U.S. bases were hit on March 26, including a powerful attack on a Mekong Delta base, and on March 21 and 22 over 100 bases and installations were attacked despite a highly publicized U.S. counter offensive.

Despite the massive news blackout, some staggering defeats for U.S. imperialism emerged: 1) The ability of Vietnamese armed forces to coordinate simultaneous attacks over a period of months shows that the strategic and tactical initiative lies only with the NLF and the powerful people's liberation armed forces. 2) The revolutionary offensive has seriously crippled U.S. military forces and their "clear and hold" defensive strategy. 3) Political support of the masses of Vietnamese people and even the Saigon puppet troops was clearly necessary for the victories. 4) The offensive was launched as evidence of U.S. bombing escalation and terror (such as rural pacification, "preventive terror", forcible conscription, and annihilation of so-called "third element" forces) were confirmed. 5) The NLF has rejected absolutely any posturing of the U.S./Saigon aggressors around so-called "secret talks" or "direct contacts" and reaffirmed their Five Points.

The officially announced U.S. casualty toll for the first two weeks of the offensive was higher than the official figures for the first two weeks of the 1968 Tet offensive. The offensive has not only demonstrated the greater Vietnamese ability to destroy U.S. troops, but the NLF has suffered fewer losses of troops. On March 6, the U.S. command officer conceded, "The military significance of the figures is clear. The enemy has concentrated his attack on American installations and managed to kill significantly more U.S. soldiers this year, while losing less than half the men he lost last year."

The NLF claims to have inflicted 45,000 casualties—23,000 of them American—during the first ten days alone. During that time, 35 air bases, 17 major logistic bases and more than 100 provisional and district military headquarters were attacked.

Wilfred Burchett reports from an NLF communique on the first assaults:

"At An Don, three miles east of

Danang, the city where American strategic reserve supplies for the whole of central Vietnam are located, the NLF blew up several huge warehouses and underground dumps, causing explosions that continued for 10 hours. The powerless American command ordered planes to bomb the whole area to speed up its destruction. Virtually the entire 300 American troops defending this area perished."

At the same time, Defense Secretary Melvin Laird told Congress that the current enemy drive is "destined for failure". He then requested an increase of \$102,000,000 for fiscal 1969 and 1970 to maintain a high level of B-52 raids in South Vietnam.

U.S. and Saigon puppet troops have no sanctuary anywhere in Vietnam. Many of the attacks would have been impossible without the passive and active aid of Saigon troops. For some time, the NLF has claimed substantial infiltration of the Saigon army. NLF access to bases and installations, to cities and barracks, has been accomplished only with the cooperation

of "Saigon" troops. This reduces the fantasies of de-Americanizing the war to absurdity.

The offensive has exposed the collapse of two intensified programs of vengeance pushed by U.S. Gen. Creighton Abrams: the "accelerated pacification" program and the Phoenix plan. "Accelerated pacification" attempted to reconcentrate peasants in barbed wire encampments.

The U.S.-inspired Phoenix plan aims at assassinating 80,000 people listed as NLF cadre and sympathizers. This is coupled with the physical liquidation of "third element" personalities: Dzu Buddhists, Catholics and neutralists. More student arrests, the closing down of more newspapers and prisons crammed with "neutralists" are a further part of the frenzy.

The offensive comes amid clear evidence of U.S. escalation—despite the platitudes surrounding the Paris talks and phony tricks which focus on "secret talks" or direct negotiations. Even the New York Times dispatch demonstrated that since the bombing halt of October 31, the U.S. "rate of contacts" has increased 100% from the days before

the halt. According to the AP, in February 135,000 tons of shells and ammunition were used, U.S. battalion strength operations increased 33% after November 1, and 129,000 tons monthly of bombs and rockets are now used over the South—the total used monthly over both North and South Vietnam a year ago.

The shuck of "direct talks" propounded by Thieu was categorically dismissed by Tran Buu Kiem in Paris. "The Saigon administration is but a lackey and instrument of U.S. aggression, representing nobody. By ordering the administration to clamor about 'private talks' while South Vietnamese people demand its overthrow... the U.S. more clearly exposes its obduracy and hypocrisy. If the U.S. really wants to settle the South Vietnamese problem, it must hold direct talks with the NLF which organized and leads the South Vietnamese people in the struggle against U.S. aggression, and is the genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people, having full competence to settle all problems relating to South Vietnam."

8 indicted in Chicago

Bobby Seale, National Chairman of the Black Panther Party, and seven others indicted with him for violation of the federal anti-riot statute during the Chicago Democratic Convention were arraigned in federal court here this week.

Those indicted by a federal grand jury which met here for six months are, in addition to Seale: Dave Dellinger, Tom Hayden, Rennie Davis, Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman, and two professors—one from Northwestern University and one from the University of Oregon. Eight additional people were listed as "co-conspirators".

These are the first indictments under the anti-riot law, which makes almost everything illegal and part of "conspiracy to incite riots"—using the telephone, mail, telegraph, traveling, or in any way crossing interstate lines in organizing work or planning demonstrations.

The listing of "co-conspirators" is one of the trickiest weapons in the arsenal of "legal" attacks. Those named are not officially indicted but remain open to indictment. Meanwhile anything allegedly related to them can be used as evidence against the eight and the "co-conspirators" have, of course, not even the right to cross-examination.

The federal grand jury which indicted the eight is still in session; sources say that some forces are pushing for

more indictments. In addition, the Justice Department continues to leak news that "campus agitators" will also be indicted under this same statute. Clearly a conviction under the law is one of the key weapons which the state intends to use against the entire movement.

The atmosphere for the hearing was clearly established as nearly 600 supporters—black, brown and white—packed the corridors of the federal building where the arraignment was held and joined the defendants in a briefly outside the building at the end of the hearing.

Harassment Inside the Courtroom

The presiding judge at the trial, Hoffman, known locally as the worst of the worst, made clear how he will attempt to railroad the trial. When the defendants were asked how they pleaded he refused to recognize one plea when the answer was "Of course not guilty. The real criminals have yet to be indicted."

Then came argument about bail restriction placed on four of the defendants: Seale, Davis, Dellinger, and Hayden. Hoffman refused to listen to arguments by their attorneys for lifting their travel restrictions and intimated that they should work out some sort of deal with the U.S. attorneys, which of course they refused to do. Since the eight were in different parts of the country when the indictments came down last month, they posted bail (\$10,000 each) outside of Chicago. The state tried to force them to repost bail here and to restrict them to the Northern Illinois District for the duration of the trial. As was most clearly shown in Rap Brown's case, these travel restrictions are one of the key tools used by the state to break the back of the movement.

An enormous battle then ensued about how long the defense would have to prepare its pre-trial motions—a very arduous and important part of the legal maneuverings. Attorneys Kunstler and Garry argued that the government had taken six months to prepare its case and that it would take the same amount of time for the defense to investigate and prepare its case. The judge ruled with the government that 30 days would be allowed—no more.

Hoffman will rule on these pre-trial motions, which he refused to even hear listed in court today, early next September. And trial was set to begin on September 24.

Taking the Case to the People

Politically, the defendants represent a "mixed bag". It is clear, however, that the revolutionary movement must take its position on the use of this

weapon as part of the entire court apparatus to the people. And it must also make clear that we will not be intimidated or stopped by the use of this statute, but will work to turn this as all other weapons of the state against the state.

Under the leadership of the Black Panther Party the Chicago area movement has begun an educational action program around the case. Focusing on the political program of the Panther Party and the principle that revolutionaries—black, brown and white—in Chicago are seeking to serve the people, the first demonstration was held at the Federal Building. The indictments are being linked with the local attacks on the Panthers, the Young Lords, and other revolutionary groups in the cities.

Bobby Seale made clear at the rally outside the Federal Building that these indictments will finally be stopped only when we go to the people and build the organization that demands "Power to all the people". Then the people will start the indictments.

14 indictments issued in Texas

In Houston, Texas, 14 indictments were issued against members of the Afro-Americans for Black Liberation and SDS. Three of those indicted—Texas regional traveler Margie Halle and two AABL leaders, Dwight Allen and Gene Locke—are charged with incitement to riot, participation in a riot, and malicious mischief. Bond has been set at \$1500 for the three, and \$1000 for the others, who were charged with just the latter two charges.

The charges stem from actions taken in support of 11 demands put forward by AABL at the University of Houston (including a black studies department controlled by the community, 35% free black and brown admissions recruited by blacks and Chicanos, decent housing, and removal of all racist faculty, staff, and regents). On March 7, 1500 black, brown, and white students moved on the administration building, occupied it briefly, and moved outside for a rally.

After a leader of AABL was attacked by white students, a rally was called and attended by 1000 students. The rally moved to the Safety Security Building to confront the head of safety and security for his racist practice, and then moved into the University Center, disrupting it.

Trumped-up charges have been used heavily in Texas to get at black leadership, to frighten people newly involved in the movement, and to propagandize about rioting and violence. Defense which continues the head-on attack must be guaranteed. Send checks to Houston Movement Defense Fund, 4157 Anita, Houston, Texas 77004.

Standard boycott

by Phoebe Hirsch

The SDS National Council meeting in Austin voted unanimously to support the boycott of Standard Oil products called by Local 1-561 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (OCAW) in support of their strike at the Chevron Ortho Chemicals plant at Richmond, California. Since that time, however, the International Union of OCAW has refused to sanction the boycott against Standard on the grounds that it is "immoral." The International claims that the only justifiable act would be a boycott against Chevron (a subsidiary of Standard) coming out of the Chevron plant at Richmond. The leaders of Local 1-561 contend, however, that a boycott aimed only at Chevron and not including a full-scale attack against the Standard national and international monopoly would be useless. This internal struggle between Local 1-561 and the International was quickly brought to a halt by the International threatening to put the local under trusteeship (being put under trusteeship would mean that the local elected union leaders would be suspended and in their place would be a representative from the International). The local, then, has been forced to

retreat for awhile and remain on the job without a contract guaranteeing grievance procedures and without a union shop (the Ortho plant had been the only plant in the entire Standard Richmond complex to have a union shop).

Since SDS takes a firm stand on the side of workers fighting against corporate oppression, we continue to call for the boycott. Through education and agitation around Standard's corrupt policies both in crushing the valiant fight of Local 1-561 in Richmond as well as in its vicious exploitation of workers throughout the country and the world, we can help bring renewed momentum to the struggle against Standard. It seems especially crucial in a case such as this where workers struggle has been so forcefully repressed that we show our support and willingness to fight against a common oppressor.

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