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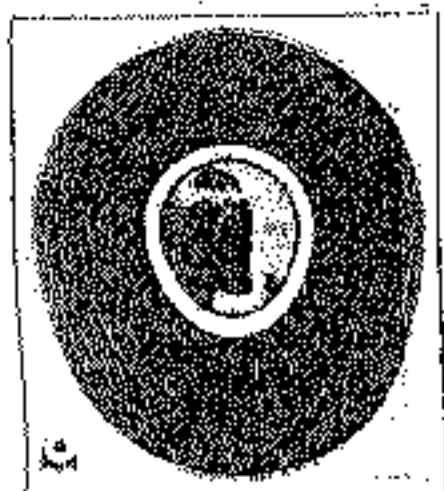
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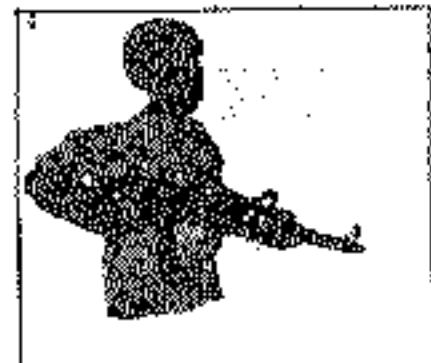
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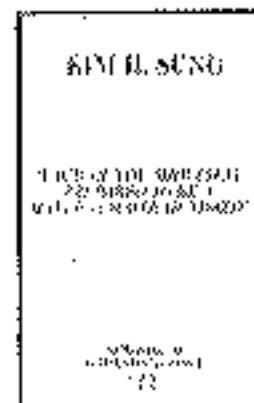
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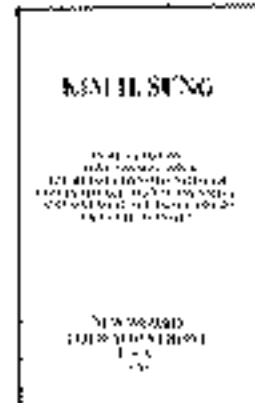
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THEY ARE Planning to  
KILL BOBBY SEALE ...

The U.S. Government is planning to execute Bobby Seale,  
Chairman of the Black Panther Party, on a trumped-up charge  
of conspiracy to murder.

On Wednesday, members of the Detroit chapter of the  
Black Panther party will be here to discuss the implications  
for this country if Bobby is executed. The meeting is  
sponsored by the Revolutionary Council to Combat Racism (RCCR).

Meeting with the Black Panthers  
Wed. 2 pm Beaumont Tower

# ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE



Eldridge Cleaver, as Minister Of Information of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California, sets the example for action against the situation in America. Unlike corrupt Republican and Democratic politicians who pay lip service to correcting unjust conditions, Eldridge believes in a peoples' movement, putting power into the hands of the people and taking it away from the elite rulers who control our very lives. He believes in a society based on human needs and wants rather than private profits and capital gains. There can be no just society as long as some are fantastically rich while other people suffer. Black people and other oppressed groups in raceland USA find themselves becoming more and more victimized by Americanism; Americanism being the tradition of slavery in this country; Americanism being the genocidal war waged against the Indian; Americanism being the exploitation of cheap Mexican labor; and finally, Americanism being such a racist social system that even millions of poor whites have lost out in this dog-eat-dog game of winner take all.



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# BLACK PANTHER PARTY PLATFORM AND PROGRAM



## WHAT WE WANT

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our black community.
2. We want full employment for our people.
3. We want an end to the robbery by the white man of our black community.
4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.
5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present day society.
6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.
7. We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of black people.
8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.
9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the constitution of the United States.
10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace, and as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered 6,000,000 Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over 50,000,000 black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

We believe that black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military by whatever means necessary.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The second amendment of the Constitution of the United States gives us a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self defense.

We believe that all black people should be released from the man's jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

**WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR ONE PEOPLE TO DISSOLVE THE POLITICAL BONDS WHICH HAVE CONNECTED THEM WITH ANOTHER, AND TO ASSUME AMONG THE POWERS OF THE EARTH, THE SEPARATE AND EQUAL STATION TO WHICH THE LAWS OF NATURE AND NATURE'S GOD ENTITLE THEM, A DECENT RESPECT TO THE OPINIONS OF MANKIND REQUIRES THAT THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE CAUSES WHICH IMPEL THEM TO SEPARATION. WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN, DERIVING THEIR JUST POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED, THAT WHENEVER ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECOMES DESTRUCTIVE OF THESE ENDS IT IS THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO ALTER OR ABOLISH IT, AND TO INSTITUTE NEW GOVERNMENT, LAYING ITS FOUNDATION ON SUCH PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZING ITS POWERS IN SUCH FORM AS TO THEM SHALL SEEM MOST LIKELY TO EFFECT THEIR SAFETY AND HAPPINESS.**

PRUDENCE, INDEED, WILL DICTATE THAT GOVERNMENTS LONG ESTABLISHED SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED FOR LIGHT AND TRANSIENT CAUSES; AND ACCORDINGLY ALL EXPERIENCE HATH SHEWN, THAT MANKIND ARE MORE DISPOSED TO SUFFER, WHILE EVILS ARE SUFFERABLE, THAN TO RIGHT THEMSELVES BY ABOLISHING THE FORMS TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCUSTOMED. **BUT WHEN A LONG TRAIN OF ABUSES AND USURPATION, PURSUING INVARIABLY THE SAME OBJECT, EVINCES A DESIGN TO REDUCE THEM UNDER ABSOLUTE DESPOTISM, IT IS THEIR RIGHT, IT IS THEIR DUTY, TO THROW OFF SUCH A GOVERNMENT AND TO PROVIDE NEW GUARDS FOR THEIR FUTURE SECURITY.**



# BOBBY SEALE IS GOING TO BE MURDERED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTICUT

Bobby will be electrocuted not for actually committing a crime, but for having conspired to do so, an extremely vague charge that rests on circumstantial evidence and the testimony of informers.

**THE INCIDENT :** On May 22, 1969 eight New Haven Panthers were arrested and charged with the kidnap and murder of Alex Rackley, a New York Panther. The police claim he was killed because he was an informer. The Panthers charge that Rackley was murdered by the police in order to justify nation-wide raids and arrests. Fourteen Panthers have been arrested in connection with the incident. Bobby was arrested on August 9th. He had been speaking through out the country, had travelled internationally, and had prepared for a public conference of several thousand people. Yet, when he was arrested in Oakland, his home community, he was charged among other thing with "unlawful flight to avoid prosecution," in connection with the Rackley murder, close to three months after the incident occurred. Bobby has now been extradited to New Haven to stand trial.

**THE LAW :** CONSPIRACY is defined as an agreement between two or more people to engage in an illegal act, or a legal act by illegal means.

**ITS USE :** In the 60's it was used against the Oakland 7 (Stop the Draft Week demonstrations), the Boston 5 anti-draft demonstration including Dr. Spock, the Chicago 8, and the New York Panther 21 case (accused of conspiring to bomb two New York sights). In the past it was used extensively against labor organizing efforts during the 20's and 30's and the Communist Party.

Conspiracy convictions were the basis of death sentences against Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in 1952 and the 10 year confinement of Morton Sobell.

CONSPIRACY is the shabbiest yet most dangerous weapon in the prosecutor's arsenal. It is well suited to being used as a device for preventive detention.

The major reason for the use of conspiracy charges in political cases is the fact that all the actions and statements of any of the accused can be used against all of them, whether or not one defendant is aware of what another may have said or done.

Totally unconfirmed and hearsay evidence may be used against one defendant, and be binding on all the others.

While certain crimes may be misdemeanors, conspiracy to commit them is a felony. It is therefore possible to convict on less material evidence of a more serious crime.

It is not necessary that the prosecution show that the parties actually met or that they had a prearranged plan.

THE ONLY REQUIRED EVIDENCE FOR CONVICTION IS THAT AN ACT HAVE TAKEN PLACE. IT NEED NOT BE AN ATTEMPT, NEED NOT BE CRIMINAL, AND NEED NOT BE EFFECTIVE.

The Supreme Court has consistently upheld conspiracy laws.

You can demand of the President and the Attorney General that they immediately drop the charges against Bobby Seale.

You can inform your organization and your friends of this information.

You can help prepare for a nation-wide action to save Bobby Seale's life.

for more information contact:

BAY AREA DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
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# free the



Fifteen members of the local National Committee to Combat Fascism, the organizing bureau of the Black Panther Party, are in jail. Each of them has been charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

They were in or near the N.C.C.F. office on Saturday evening, October 24, when two pigs beat two black youths who were selling the Black Panther Newspaper. The people in the community responded by defending the two brothers, and when more pigs came on the scene with their guns out and shooting, the people again defended themselves, leaving one pig dead and another wounded. A whole army of officers converged upon the N.C.C.F. office, and finally, after about eight hours, the 15 sisters and brothers inside surrendered.

# DETROIT

# 15

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# Who Are The Black Panthers?

The 10 point program of the Black Panthers Party begins "We want our freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our black community." The Black people in America were brought here from their native land as slaves, and ever since they have been kept on the lowest level of American society. They are a community of people with their own history, economic life, and culture. Yet they've never had political power over their own community. The Black Panther Party formed to fight for this political power.

But the founders of the Black Panther Party, led by Huey P. Newton, knew that they had to have more than their goals. They had to understand how they were going to achieve them. Huey's answer was "Serve the People" and "Pick up the gun." The Black Panthers realized that the people can be liberated only by their own efforts, and that the Panthers had to reach out to their community, find out its needs, and respond to them. And they realized that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun," that the people in the black community were being moved down by the police and had to defend themselves, and that political power over their community would never leave the hands of the rich and enter their own hands unless they combatted the police--the army of the rich.

Huey first put his understanding of serving the people and picking up the gun into practice when he and Bobby Seale went out one night with a hammer and a shot gun to put up a stop sign that was badly needed by the community. Bobby stood guard with the shot gun while Huey hammered in the sign. Later, the Panthers started many health clinics, breakfast for children programs, and other community services.

Because of what the Panthers want for their people, because they are going about getting it, and because the community is beginning to look towards them for leadership, their enemy is scared. So scared that they have started a nation wide campaign to destroy the Panthers. Fred Hampton was murdered in Chicago while he slept, Bobby Hutton was murdered in Oakland, Calif. as he walked out of a house with his hands up, both by police officers that still remain free. Black Panther and N.C.C.F. offices all across the nation (L.A., New Orleans, Toledo, Philadelphia) have been attacked and ransacked by police officers. And now Detroit joins the list, just as the N.C.C.F. here was beginning to start a free community health clinic and to gain the support of the community.

But the Panthers continue to grow and sink deeper and deeper roots among the people. And all of us poor and working people, black and white, should be glad, should defend the Panthers and help them grow. For the Panthers are fighting the enemy of all poor and working people: the rich (e.g. the owners of GM) who run this country and control not only the black community but all of our communities, schools and factories. Huey says "We don't hate white people; we hate the oppressor." And so do we. We say right on Huey P. Newton. Power to the Black Panther Party! Power to the People! Free the Detroit 15!





# REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

## ON THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The Washington D.C. Armory Board has for the second time denied the Black Panther Party's application for use of the Armory for the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention. The first denial was on the basis that the dates that we requested were filled. The second, and most recent denial was on the basis that our Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention would hamper the operation of the National Guard "should they be called to duty, should an emergency arise." It is very clear that the Armory Board is consistently looking for reason to deny the people the use of the Armory, which is a public facility paid for by public tax money.

This blatant attempt to deny the use of the Armory is also an underhanded attempt to deny the people of one of their basic Constitutional rights: that is the right to freedom of assembly.

The demagogic politicians are attempting to manipulate the minds of the people into believing or thinking that only the Black Panther Party is requesting the use of the Armory. This is a smoke-screen designed to negate the fact that ten thousand oppressed people from all social, economic, racial and political backgrounds came together in Philadelphia to collectively find solutions to their common problems. We believe that the people had a chance to practice some true democracy and to take a hand in grasping their own destiny.

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From this point on, there should be no turning back. The people will have their Constitutional Convention, Armory or no Armory. The Black Panther Party is in constant struggle to provide the best for the people. So we struggle for the Armory, but it is not the Black Panther Party's struggle alone. It is a people's struggle. We want all those who came to the Plenary Session in Philadelphia and more to come to Washington D.C. on November 27 - 29 AND WE STAND FIRM IN OUR RESOLVE TO HAVE OUR REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENT

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People

Death to the Fascist Pigs

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9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

The Black Panther Party serves the people. The breakfast for children program, free health clinics, and liberation schools meet the basic needs of their people in the Black communities who are subject to the daily brutalities of racist Amerika.

The U.S. Government's only response to the Black Panther Party has been the wanton destruction of party offices, mass arrests on trumped-up charges, with high bail tantamount to ransom, and the brutal assassination of 29 Panthers.

On April 2, 1969, at 5 AM, coordinated teams of police simultaneously entered and searched the apartments of twelve Black Panthers without search warrants, and arrested them. Thirty counts are being brought against them which could carry 100 years in prison for each defendant. They were indicted by an almost all-white, rich, racist grand jury. They are being held on 1.9 million dollars bail, even though most of them have no previous criminal record.

On Sept. 8, 1970, the trial of the New York Panther 21 begins with the selection of the jury. As part of the process of REAL justice, the Panther 21 are demanding a trial by a jury of their peers- people from the Black communities- as defined by the constitution. On Sept. 8, 1970, there will be a massive support rally for the New York Panther 21, to protest the political repression against the Black Panther Party and to demand a fair and impartial jury.

# JOIN THE JURY

SEPT. 8, FOLEY SQ. 12 NOON  
mass rally

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE PANTHERS 213-2268

# FACT; NOT OPINION

IN TWO INCIDENTS IN THE PAST WEEK, POLICE HAVE KILLED TWO BLACK PANTHERS AND WOUNDED ANOTHER SEVEN. THIS RAISES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PANTHERS ~~SEEN~~ SLAIN BY POLICE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS TO ~~XX~~ 28.

AT 4:40 A.M. THURSDAY MORNING DEC 4, 15 POLICEMEN ATTACHED TO THE ILLINOIS STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ENTERED A WEST SIDE CHICAGO APARTMENT, ARMED WITH A SEARCH WARRANT AND A SUB-MACHINE GUN. THE POLICE HAVE CLAIMED THAT A WOMAN INSIDE THE ADPARTMENT OPENED FIRE ON THEM, TOUCHING OFF A GUN BATTLE THAT LASTED TEN MINUTES. BOTH FRED HAMPTON, THE 21-YEAR OLD ILLINOIS STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, AND MIKE, A PARTY LEADER FROM PECOIA, WERE SHOT TO DEATH. FOUR OTHER PANTHERS SUFFERED BULLET WOUNDS, AND THREE MORE WERE ARRESTED. THERE IS MUCH REASON TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF THE POLICE STORY OF A SHOOT-OUT. FIRST, MANY INDEPENDANT OBSERVERS, INCLUDING REPORTERS FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES, HAVE INVESTIGATED THE APARTMENT AND SEEN THAT THE AREA WHERE THE POLICE WERE STANDING IS VIRTUALLY FREE OF BULLET HOLES OR ANY OTHER SIGNS OF BATTLE, WHILE THE AREA WHERE THE PANTHERS WERE (INCLUDING FRED HAMPTON'S BED) WAS RIDDLED WITH BULLET HOLES. SECONDLY, IT WOULD SEEM STRANGE ~~XX~~ IN A "GUN BATTLE" IN WHICH 2 PANTHERS WERE KILLED AND ANOTHER 4 WOUNDED THAT POLICE INJURIES WERE HELD DOWN TO 2 SCRATHES. THE POLICE STORY WOULD NOT SEEM TO RING TRUE. <sup>T</sup> TWO DAYS LATER, ON DEC. 6, AN INDEPENDANT AUTOPSY, PERFORMED BY THREE LEADING PHYSICIANS UNDER THE INSTIGATION OF ALDERMAN A.A. RAYNER, CONFIRMED THAT FRED HAMPTON HAD BEEN SHOT WHILE LYING IN BED. THAT SAME DAY, PANTHER DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE BOBBY LEE RUSH, THE HIGHEST RANKING SURVIVING PARTY OFFICIAL IN CHICAGO WAS ARRESTED AND HELD ON \$ 1500 BAIL FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER A WEAPON.

~~IN~~ IN LOS ANGELES DEC. 8, THE POLICE SEIZED THREE PANTHER BUILDINGS ARRESTED 24 PANTHERS AND WOUNDED THREE IN GUN FIRE EXCHANGE.

IN NEW YORK CITY ~~X~~ 21 MEMBERS OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY ARE BEING HELD ON \$ 100,000 BAIL FOR CHARGES ON CONSPIRING TO BLOW UP NEW YORK CITY BUILDINGS (ONE OF THE ALLEGED TARGETS BEING THE BOTANICAL GARDENS! )

IN NEW HAVEN ~~SEVEN~~<sup>14</sup> MEMBERS OF THE PANTHER PARTY ARE BEING HELD FOR A MURDER CHARGE FOR WHICH THERE IS NOT A CORPSE. SIX OF THESE ARE WOMEN, THREE OF WHOM ARE PREGNANT. THESE WOMEN ARE BEING DENIED THE FRESH AIR AND EXERCISE THEY NEED, ARE KEPT AWAKE WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS IN THEIR CELLS, AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE BORN IN THE PRESENCE OF ARMED GUARDS. BOBBY SEALE HAS ALSO BEEN CHARGED IN THIS CASE.

BOBBY SEALE IS ON TRIAL FOR CONSPIRACY IN CHICAGO, BOUND AND GAGGED IN THE COURTROOM FOR ATTEMPTING TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

STATE SENATOR MERVYN DYMALLY, OF LOS ANGELES, HAS SAID "THIS IS PART OF A NATIONAL PLAN OF POLITICAL REPRESSION AGAINST THE PANTHERS."



## PANTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS FOR US PRISONERS OF WAR

WHAT IS AN AMERICAN PILOT WORTH? Would the US Government be willing to free one Black man for the freedom of one of its pilots?...Maybe for a dozen of its pilots?

Recently, North Vietnam let it be known that it would free an unspecified number of American prisoners of war in exchange for the freedom of Huey P. Newton, minister of Defense, and Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party. As yet, the US Government has seen fit to ignore the offer. However, in past years the US has released prisoners serving long penitentiary sentences in exchange for Americans imprisoned in other countries. Why should it stall on the exchange of Black Panther political prisoners for American prisoners of war?

### VIETNAM AND THE AMERICAN GHETTO

Just as occupied Vietnam is ruled by outsiders, the American Black Ghetto is ruled from the outside. Outsiders conscript the Black man to fight theirs, use the Black man's labor on their own terms, police the Black man according to their own interests, use their judges and court system to prosecute and imprison him, educate his children according to their cultural norms, and try to buy off their leaders with Black Capitalism. And just as the Vietnamese are determined to end Western Occupation and exploitation of Vietnam, an increasing number of Black people in America are determined to end the occupation and exploitation of the ghetto.

In their struggle for self-rule of Black communities, over 27 Panthers have been killed and over 200 imprisoned. A systematic, nationwide effort has been launched by law enforcement officials to destroy the Panther leadership and smash their facilities. Undeclared war is being waged against liberation movements both in Vietnam and in the American ghetto.

### FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

The Vietnamese people have shown as deep internationalism and humanitarianism through several releases of American servicemen. Their releases have been unilateral good-will gestures to the American people who oppose the war. Why should they be willing to make the proposed exchange?

The liberation movement is one struggle of people everywhere who are determined to be free of foreign domination. The Vietnamese understand this and they also know the value of a man--Vietnamese or American-- who has decided that he and his people must be free.

The Vietnamese people understand Huey Newton leading the struggle of Black people in Oakland against the oppressive government of Oakland. That is why the Vietnamese have agreed to exchange American war prisoners for Huey.

The Vietnamese understand Bobby Seale, gagged and chained in a Chicago courtroom, imprisoned for showing his contempt for American courts which make a mockery of justice for political prisoners, Black or White. Bobby Seale is a political prisoner because he was active in organizing demonstrations, and protest against the Vietnam war and because he was active in demanding community control of police.

### SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PRISONER EXCHANGE

ALL PEOPLE INTERESTED IN FREEDOM FOR ALL AMERICANS WHO ARE NOW PRISONERS OF WAR IN VIETNAM, PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE RIGHT OF POLITICAL DISSENT, PEOPLE INTERESTED IN FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS, SHOULD DEMAND THAT THE US GOVERNMENT ACCEPT THE VIETNAMESE PROPOSAL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

EXCHANGE WAR PRISONERS FOR  
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FREE HUEY NEWTON!

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# On The Constitution

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Minister of Information  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY

At this time the struggle of our people has reached classic proportions and we are going to have to deal with this in classic terms. Our struggle has deepened until the issues that control the society are the everyday issues of Black people. We've finally launched the spearhead of our attack into the very system of oppression itself. We challenge the entire system of oppression in Babylon and we've got it on a level now where it can be dealt with. There is no more hide-an-go-seek. The Black Panther Party has put the struggle of our people on a for-real level where there ain't no place for the oppressor to hide, because we confront the oppressor with Revolution. We confront the oppressor with the negation of everything about him, his entire system. Our freedom can only be based upon the negation of the system of oppression. And since our struggle is now on that level, we must deal with it in those terms.

What we need, at this time, is an over-all framework and structure to our struggle so that everybody can see how we can move.

The Black Panther Party has totally and unequivocally indicted the system of oppression in Babylon, and we've proposed a method for dealing with the system; and we must also begin to articulate a rational and positive alternative to the system. It is not enough just to say that we're going to have Socialism, or that we're going to change this decadent Capitalist system. We must also point out that we want Socialism and how we go about getting it. And we must be able to deal with the structure of society and the instruments that hold that structure together. And at the bottom of the structure of oppression in Babylon is the American Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution is the battlefield which the struggle of our people for their liberation is taking place. The Supreme Court interprets the law of the land according to the Constitution. The Constitution is the ultimate source of authority, the ultimate repository of the collective sovereignty of the people. It is the place where the collective sovereignty of the people has been gathered together. And the Constitution is supposed to represent a just and equitable organization of our collective sovereignty in a form that will guarantee us a good life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And we have not received this.

So our challenge is a constitutional challenge. We challenge the Constitution of the United States of America. And we're saying that there's something wrong in Babylon, and the form of its organization is based upon the U.S. Constitution, and we must change this form of the system, and we must change the Constitution.

I anticipate the same type of reaction from a lot of napes that we got from our call for a United Front Against Fascism. But by the backsliding that these people do, they only guarantee and they only prove the Black Panther Party right once again--they guarantee that the United Front Against Fascism will be in the streets, by the people, with arms in their hands. Because they made it impossible for any other form of United Front Against Fascism to come about. And they will always do this, and they will do this with our call for a REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, to be convened by the people, and pigs have no say.

I think that we can do a little research on American history and check out the Constitutional Conventions that have been held in the past, after the liberation of the colony from British Imperialism. And the way that power has been apportioned in Babylon, I've been thinking, we can attack. We can make a valid attack with which to educate the people. We can attack the Great Compromise, which structured the American Congress and created the Senate and the House. This was supposed to balance off those states with large populations against those states that had small populations so that each state was given two senators and all the other power was apportioned out on a numerical basis, according to the population. So many people meriting one representative in Congress. This is one of those so-called checks and balances that they talk so much about that keep Black people in check while White people balance off their power against us, and exploit us, murder us, and oppress us.

our humanity. This is one of those checks and balances. And this is really the trick bag in America history. They like to call it the genius of the American System because it provides them with an instrument of rule. This is why they say that democracy in America has been perfected under the American form of electoral system.

And if you notice, the historic nature of the U.S. Senate, this is the instrument through which the ruling class guarantees its power and guarantees its control of the American government. Our oppressors have been Senators. Senator Johnson, Senator Kennedy, Senator Eastland, Senator Strom Thormond, Senator Talmage, Senator Stennis, Senator Humphrey, Senator Knowland, Senator Goldwater, Senator Brooks. These are the higher echelon of the Demagogic Politicians. These are the Watchdogs of Babylon, the Guarddogs of Babylon. These pigs. And they're a different form of target than the more numerous populated House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives is more representative than the Senate, and it doesn't represent us.

I say that we challenge the structure of the U.S. Government and we propose to change the structure of this government by holding another Constitutional Convention so that we can all be represented. Black people can pick their own representatives. Where young people, who are the majority in Babylon, can have some form of representation guaranteed, instead of all these old decrepit witches deciding our destiny. And we know that these pigs will not give us a Constitutional Convention. So that the struggle for the Constitutional Convention becomes part and parcel of our struggle for liberation. In fact; it becomes synonymous with our struggle for liberation because you can't have one without the other. We have a right to a Constitutional Convention when the people call for one. The people of Babylon have become alienated from the atrocious, oppressive government that is in the hands of a vicious, exploitative ruling class.

The ruling class will not allow it, but we have a right to a Constitutional Convention and we will fight for our rights.

So we call for a REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

This is actually the implementation of Point No. 10 of the Black Panther Party's Platform and Program. In Point No. 10 we state that we call for a U.N. Supervised Plebiscite to be held determining our own destiny. And we stated that this is our major political goal.

Now it's very clear that we have a position on the C.C. on a \*R.P.C.C., and what we're saying is that we are either going to have our full freedom and liberation within the structure that succeeds Babylon, or we want out of it. We're not going to accept less than our full freedom and liberation and remain inside of it peacefully. So either we're going to change Babylon, restructure it along humanistic lines, or we implement that portion of Point No. 10 that related to moving on the international level--the Black Plebiscite.

We're speaking about the form that our struggle must take and the direction that we move in, like a target to aim at. Because we have to liberate ourselves from this offensive power structure. We have to wage a People's War against the oppressive system will be victorious, and we will have a \*C.C., a \*R.P.C.C. But we don't wait until after the victory takes place before we start thinking and talking about how we move, what we will do. Because it is all part of the process of getting there -- knowing where you're going.

We are opening up the hidden history, opening up Babylon to a full examination. We've already diagnosed it as a fatal cancer called Capitalism, Fascism, and Imperialism. It will all become much clearer when we start talking about changing the documents and the structure of the mechanism and the documents that control.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

\*C.C. - Constitutional Convention

\*R.P.C.C. - Revolutionary People's Constitutional

# REGISTRATION FORM

FOR REPRESENTATIVES OR INDIVIDUALS FOR THE  
REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S PLENARY SESSION

Temple University Gymnasium  
Broad & Montgomery Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
September 5-7, 1970

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED OF CHANGE

CHECK-IN CENTER IS, CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE, 18TH. & DIAMOND ST.

CHECK-IN TIME STARTS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th AT 12 NOON THRU  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 4 P.M. PLENARY SESSION STARTS  
SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 5th AT 7 P.M.

WE SUGGEST TO ALL PEOPLE, REPRESENTATIVES AND PARTIES OF  
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SEPTEMBER 4th, 12 NOON SO THAT EVERYONE CAN BE PROPERLY ASSISTED  
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OTHER MEMBERS OF MY ORGANIZATION WILL ALSO ATTEND. HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_

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(IF THIS IS FOR AN ORGANIZATION, PLEASE SEND NAME, ADDRESS AND OTHER  
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THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IS  
PROJECTED TO November 4, 1970, ELECTION DAY.  
LOCATION and PLANS WILL BE DEVELOPED at the PLENARY SESSION

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FREE

OUR SISTERS



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Jean Wilson, Maude Frank, Peggy Huggins, Erica Huggins, Francis Carter, Loretta Lukes and Rose Smith are being held, without bail, in Niantic State Prison Farm. They have not been tried, or charged with any crime. Our sisters are young, black, and members of the Black Panther Party.

Francis Carter, Loretta Lukes and Rose Smith are pregnant, and due to give birth in December.

**WHAT'S BEING DONE TO THESE WOMEN?**

They are deliberately kept in bad health; searchlights shine in their faces, sirens sound outside their windows day and night, so they can't sleep.

They are badly fed, denied fresh air and exercise, and were allowed maternity clothes only a month ago.

They are kept in solitary confinement, denied the right to speak to other women, or to choose lawyers to defend them.

They will be forced to give birth under armed guard, attended by prison doctors who don't care at all about them: Rose Smith weighed 133 when she was thrown into jail six months ago. She is now eight months pregnant, and has gained only one pound.

If the babies manage to be born alive, and survive under these conditions, the State of Connecticut intends to: call our sisters "unfit" mothers; take away their babies; decide who will raise their babies.

Francis Carter, Loretta Lukes and Rose Smith are being tortured because they are BLACK because they are PANTHERS because they are WOMEN

And what these women are suffering is an extension and magnification of generally how rotten things are for all women, like on the job, alone in the home.

**WE DEMAND:** With the mothers, that the Black Panther Party be allowed to care for these children as is the desire of the Black Panther women and men.

We reject the State's definition of "fit" mother, family unit and "suitable" home. The State, by its torturous treatment of our Panther sisters, has proven itself to be an "unfit" guardian for these children.

We insist that a mother is NOT "unfit" because she does not accept the status quo.

**WE DEMAND:** That our three pregnant sisters be released on their own recognizance, and that reasonable bail be set for all of the Panthers in jail.

**WE DEMAND:** An end to the torture of these women, adequate diet, exercise and clothing, an end to the isolation and sleepless nights.

**WE DEMAND:** Their right to prenatal and maternal care by doctors of their choice, their right to give birth without armed guard.

**WE DEMAND:** Immediate freedom for the Connecticut Panthers, and all political prisoners.

**AND WHAT IS THEIR GOAL?**

They have begun to construct concrete programs which help women.

- Free health programs
- Free Breakfast for Children programs
- Free day-care programs
- Free clothes for women and children who need them.

These women had to stand up alone to begin these things. We will no longer have to stand up alone—now when we rise up—we rise up together.

We will show the prison, the courts, and the state that we will not tolerate the oppression of our sisters anywhere, in any form, shape or form.

Join us—November 22, in New Haven. Women's Liberation and the Black Panther Party of America are calling for a massive demonstration to protest the "preventative detention" of the Conn. Panthers and in support of all political prisoners. Doctors will be with us to demand immediate entry into the prison to care for our sisters. For further information about the demonstration, write to Women's Liberation, 2700 Broadway, New York, NY 10028, or call (212) 714-1017.

Please send contributions to:  
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" YOU CAN JAIL A REVOLUTIONARY - BUT YOU CAN'T JAIL A REVOLUTION "

An American judge had Bobby Seale bound and chained in a Chicago federal courtroom last week for trying to defend himself against a conspiracy charge. The government wanted to put Bobby away so badly that it was afraid to let Bobby open his mouth in his own defense. The judge tried to make us believe that Bobby was a crazy troublemaker, disrupting the "civilized" process of justice. Now Bobby has been sentenced to four years for sixteen counts of so-called contempt of court. In fact, each time Bobby spoke out in court it was to demand that he be allowed to defend himself, as guaranteed by the constitution. What is clear from this trial is that the judge and the whole legal system is in contempt of the people.

A lot of young people--white, black, and brown-- are beginning to dig on what the courts, the cops, the judges, and the public defenders (prison deliverers) are all about. They know whose side the legal system is on in this country--not on the people's side, but on the man's side, keeping all of us down and out. But there's more to it than that in Bobby's case. Bobby Seale is on trial because he is a black revolutionary and because he is opposed to the war in Vietnam. Bobby is the Chairman of the Black Panther Party. The people who run this country are trying to get him, just like they got Huey Newton, just like they got Erika Huggins, just like they jailed over a hundred Panthers all over the country on trumped-up charges and killed another 20 Panthers since the Party started.

WHAT ARE THEY SO AFRAID OF?

From its beginning, the Black Panther Party has recognized that people in this country--black, brown, and white working people (almost everyone but the relative few who own and run this country-- the politicians and big businessmen) are messed over--in the schools, on the job, in the courts, in the streets and parks, in the home. And they knew it was worse for black people than for white people. So they got together to do something about it. They formed people's defense groups that went around the streets of Oakland to protect and defend people who were harrassed by the cops. They went down to the courtrooms and jails to help their people get bail and lawyers. Then they wrote a program for the black community that said what they believed-- they demand that the schools and the courts serve the people; they demand jobs, decent housing and food, and an education that teaches them their true history.

The Panthers are leading the way for all of us, showing us that if we get together, we can turn this country around and make it serve the people instead of the politicians and rich men. The Panthers are getting black people together and they're helping white people to get together, too. Judge Hoffman in Chicago thinks he can shut Bobby up because he's black--because the white people of this country have been brainwashed by the schools and the mass media and the people who run the system into thinking black people are their enemy. Well, that's just a trick to keep us from finding out who our friends are and who our enemies are--black people didn't get us into Vietnam, they don't control the schools and the courts that keep us down. It's the old strategy of divide and rule. Keep us fighting amongst ourselves --white against black and brown--so we have no real strength.



Bobby Seale knows they're out to get him. He could shut up and try to get off in that court. He could let that jive kind of "justice" proceed unchallenged. But he isn't. He's exposing their so-called trial for what it's really worth, he's using his own trial to teach all of us what the system's all about before they shut him up--even bound and gagged he mumbles out his demand to defend himself. Cause Bobby knows "you can jail a revolutionary, but you can't jail a revolution."

What he wants us to learn is that we have to get the brothers and sisters together to demand that the schools and courts meet our needs, to demand our constitutional rights, and to demand an end to the man's war which is killing our brothers and sisters in Vietnam.

STUDENT STRIKE AGAINST THE WAR -- NOV. 14

YOUNG PARTISANS  
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