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Despite a campaign of lies and distortions waged by the landlords and real estate interests, the people of Berkeley, California last week passed a rent control charter amendment.

As soon as the charter amendment is ratified by the state legislature (a formality) no rent increases will be possible in Berkeley unless approved by a five person rent board to be elected by the people in the near future.

Also, landlords will not be able to evict people unless the rent board approves. The charter amendment will also force landlords to keep their houses in a decent state of repair.

Finally, if tenants feel that their rents are too high, they will be able to ask the rent board for a reduction in rents.

Several months ago, when the campaign first started, very few people believed that the Amendment charter could pass. It was learned that the California Board of Realtors had sent \$15,000 to Berkeley to fight rent control, and that local landlords would come up with \$25,000 in order to try and stop rent control.

The landlords were obviously afraid that the huge profits they were making off Berkeley residents would be reduced.

The Fair Rent Committee, a community group which sponsored the rent control amendment, and collected the signatures to get it on the ballot, naturally, had almost no money. It did, however, have the support of a lot of people.

Congressman Ron Dellums and Berkeley City Councilwoman Ilona Hancock were among the first to endorse rent control, along with the Black Panther Party, the Berkeley Black Caucus, and the Associated Students of the University of California.

Other endorsers included Ella Walker, a Black businesswoman, Margo Dashlell, a member of the City Planning Commission and the Black Caucus, Larry Duga, the President of the Berkeley Co-op and Ying Kelley of Women for Peace.

It wasn't long before the landlords started their smear campaign. At



first they tried to say that the Black community did not support rent control. When the Fair Rent Committee released its list of Black endorsers, the landlords stopped using that line.

They were further embarrassed when Assemblyman John Miller and Michael Jones, candidate for Alameda County Supervisor, both of whom are Black, also endorsed rent control.

But the landlords had other lies with which they tried to divide and confuse the people. They tried to tell tenants that rent control would mean higher taxes and higher rents, when just the opposite is true.

They tried to say that rent control would cost the city over \$350,000 to run, which is what they said it cost the city of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Late in the campaign, TV station KQED in San Francisco called Cambridge and found out that rent control cost that city only \$115,000 a year, very close to what the Fair Rent Committee had estimated.

Despite all this, the landlords still had the advantage. They had all the money. They put out three mailings, filled with lies, that went to every house in Berkeley. Each mailing cost about \$5,000. They also hired people to distribute their literature, and to tear down the posters of the Fair Rent Committee.

Besides all this, they were able to afford a steady stream of radio ads,

designed at scaring people out of voting in their own interests.

The Fair Rent Committee, with less than \$2,000 to work with, had to depend on the work of community people. People doing precinct work for Ron Dellums and for Mike Jones, also carried rent control literature to give to people as they knocked on doors in their communities.

Other people wrote newspaper articles (See front page Black Panther Intercommunal News Service, dated April 22, 1972); others distributed leaflets at Co-ops and in the community, and several crews kept Berkeley plastered with rent control posters.

On election night, the landlords were so confident that they had bought the election, that they gathered together for a champagne party. The Fair Rent Committee gathered at the Rainbow Sign, a small night-club which the Dellums Campaign had reserved for the evening.

The first results were pretty close, but by 6 a.m. Wednesday morning, the results were official. There were 27,565 votes in favor of rent control, and 25,102 against. People hadn't been deceived by the lies of the landlords.

As one of the members of the Fair Rent Committee said: "It looks like good organizing and hard work can beat the man's money."

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PAY TAXES TO PANTHERS?

COURAGEOUS MEMPHIS BROTHER REFUSES TO PAY TAXES TO RACISTS.

On June 7th, 1972, in Memphis, Tennessee, Brother LaSaunders Hudson, the young, Black owner of the B.H.K. Dry Cleaners (located at 2453 Park Avenue) ordered three Internal Revenue Service agents to strip out of their clothes and leave his place of business, holding a fourth agent inside for seven hours. It seems that the four tax agents had come to B.H.K. Dry Cleaners to collect a "delinquent" \$197.00 income tax bill that Brother Hudson allegedly owed the government.

At around 12:00 noon, agents Vince Tumminello, Lee Mullins, John Mabile and Don Duncan invaded Brother Hudson's establishment, demanding the \$197.00. They had allegedly received a check for this amount from Brother Hudson, and left, only to come back a short while later saying that the check had "bounced". It was then that Brother Hudson criticized the four agents, three white and one Black, by removing their guns and ordering three to undress and leave his cleaners and keeping agent Don Duncan inside. Brother LaSaunders advised the other three that he would release agent Duncan when the Governor of Tennessee, Winfield Dunn, came to see him (Hudson). The three embarrassed and naked tax agents tried to creep out of the cleaners, only to be bombarded by the laughter and jeers of well-over 2,000 people from Memphis' Black community.

Governor Winfield Dunn was then, in fact, compelled to fly to Memphis, from Nashville, and Brother Hudson was driven by a city official to a suburban hotel to meet with him. After talking with the Governor for one hour about his tax problems, 29-year old LaSaunders Hudson was promptly arrested by pigs and absurdly charged with "assault with the intent to commit murder". He is being presently held without bail.

Brother Hudson and his partner had, previously, already informed State officials, through letters, that he was refusing to pay income tax because: "It is impossible for Black citizens of the State of Tennessee and America to be on a par with other citizens in America." Brother Hudson further said that his tax money was going to be put to use to really help the people by being turned over to the Black Panther Party, to be used in People's Community Survival Programs.

Before Brother LaSaunders Hudson had been lured out of his Dry Cleaners



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to see Governor Dunn, Memphis police had cordoned off two surrounding square blocks around his cleaners, to divert traffic and in an effort to hold back the huge crowds of

Black people who had come to support his just demands. Memphis police had gone so far as to occupy a building directly next door to the B.H.K. Dry Cleaners, and were shortly joined by Memphis soul singer Isaac Hayes. In an effort to get him to change his stand, police began passing notes to Brother Hudson. After they eventually arrested him, police tried to cover up the fact that they could not change Brother LaSaunders' mind with threats, by lying that the building they used in their weak efforts to change Brother LaSaunders' mind was the Memphis Black Panther Party headquarters office. Police had occupied a building directly next door to the B.H.K. cleaners, on Park Avenue. The headquarters of the Memphis Branch of the Black Panther Party is located at 815 E. McLemore Avenue - many miles away.

Because of Brother Hudson's courageous stand against governmental taxation without representation, because of his humane concern for his community by offering would-be tax dollars to the Black Panther Party, we believe he deserves the respect and support of Black people, of all oppressed people throughout this country. See next week's issue of the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service which will give in-depth information on Brother LaSaunders Hudson and his courageous fight to survive racist, fascist America.

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COMRADE JOSEPH WADDELL'S HEART WAS TOO YOUNG TO FAIL

NORTH CAROLINA PRISON COVERS UP MURDER OF PANTHER INMATE.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1972, the oppressed Black community lost one of its most fearless, dedicated freedom fighters when Comrade Brother, Section Leader of the North Carolina Chapter of the Black Panther Party, Joseph Waddell, was pronounced dead by prison officials of the State Department of Corrections, Raleigh, North Carolina. The cause of death for this 21-year old Brother was attributed by prison authorities as heart attack. However, to the contrary, word from the prison inmates indicates that Joseph Waddell was the probable victim of poison or drugs, to induce a heart failure.

Joseph Waddell, or "Joe Dell" as he is called by his friends and Comrades, joined the Black Panther Party in September, 1970, while in the City Jail of High Point, North Carolina. Before going to jail, he had worked with the Party as a community worker. Joe Dell was serving a 25 to 30 year sentence for a trumped-up charge of armed robbery.

From the time that Joe Dell was taken to Central Prison in Raleigh, his life was in constant danger. The prison officials and degenerate guards continuously threatened to kill Comrade Joe Dell, because he was the drive and motivating force in the organizing of the Brothers at Central Prison against oppression. Because of the threat that Comrade Joe Dell posed to their reign of terror, oppression, brutality and murder, the prison authorities placed Comrade Joe Dell in maximum security, in solitary confinement on the I & J Cellblock.

I & J Cellblock is where all Brothers who show any measure of resisting prison repression are sent. There, they are isolated, in an effort to dehumanize and break their spirit and will to resist. Soon after Comrade Joe Dell got to Central Prison, the pigs began their systematic harassment, with the intention of breaking him. Comrade Joe Dell was continuously attacked by demerol, sadistic, fascist prison guards. These attacks would take place anytime of the day or night. On many, many occasions, the pigs would attack him at 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, while everyone was asleep. They would spray chemical mace on him (two full quarts at a time) and then hose him down with a water hose that exerted 500 pounds of pressure when turned on full force.

After so many of these vicious attacks, Comrade Joe Dell suffered, at one time, an enormous amount of body swelling, so much to the point that his eyes were swollen closed. His skin was burned very badly and he had to be hospitalized. Despite this barbarous treatment he survived and continued struggling to and the suffering of his fellow inmates whom he loved so very dearly. Comrade Joe Dell spent nearly a year on I

it out. In two days, after the Sister Hazel had reported that the Brother was doing well physically and feeling strong, Joseph Waddell was reported dead, supposedly having fallen dead in the prison exercise yard, the victim of an alleged heart attack.

When the family went to claim the body, they found that the prison officials had removed all vital body organs. This was done to prevent



To cover up their murder and render an autopsy impossible, Central Prison fascists even went so far as to remove the vital organs from the body of COMRADE JOE DELL.

and J Cell block before his life was snuffed out by the fascists at Central Prison. Most of that time was spent in solitary confinement in violation of his State and U.S. Constitutional rights.

Because Comrade Joe Dell was motivated by love for his people and a burning, intense desire to see us free from all forms of oppression, exploitation and murder, the fascists had to take their brutality and intimidation to a higher level.

On Sunday, June 11, 1972, Comrade Sister Hazel Mack went to visit Comrade Joseph Waddell. He was still in solitary confinement despite the fact that the Hearings Committee had said earlier that Joe Dell was supposed to be returned to the general prison population. This order was not carried out, simply because one fascist guard refused to carry

anyone from performing an autopsy to uncover the vicious yet subtle murder of Comrade Joe Dell. Immediately after the word got out that Comrade Joe Dell was dead, the Prison authorities moved at once sending hundreds of inmates out of Central Prison to other camps throughout North Carolina, to prevent any type of "action" by other inmates Comrade Joe Dell's death might have triggered.

Joe Dell is dead. He was murdered, no matter how they tell it. Everyone knows it and his name shall resound with Comrade George Jackson, the Brothers of Attica, so many more, unnamed, as a reminder of how far we have come and how much farther we have to go. We shall miss and miss the body of Comrade Joseph Waddell. We shall live with the burden and carry his spirit to victory.

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RAP, INC.'S SURVIVAL PROGRAM REALLY CURES DOPE ADDICTION.



Last week, the Black Panther Inter-communal News Service introduced readers to a real drug-cure program which operates in Washington, D.C. under the name RAP, Inc. Here, in Part II, the members of RAP express, in their own words, the real reasons other programs have failed and why RAP has presented the drug addict with a real and positive alternative. We would like to thank RAP, Inc.

for this contribution.

The U.S. Government's immoral and unprincipled attempts to legalize, control, and distribute highly addictive drugs: i.e. methadone, heroin, etc., through its super-agencies, pharmaceutical companies, Methadone programs and multi-modalities, is reinforcing and perpetuating some of the most base and corrupt roots in this

society, the fruits of which have now produced the plague. Rather than subsidizing community-based private organizations with a humanistic approach to the conditions that breed oppression, exploitation, racism and addiction, the Nixon administration has allocated huge sums of money, in the millions, to built-in bureaucratic failures.

Consider if you will for a moment such a government program, a process that encompasses the so-called treatment of a mass of people, particularly Black, that number somewhere in the millions, consisting of adolescents, young adults and some not so young. Add to this several thousands of returning Viet Nam veterans across the country. Imagine all these people, then, being processed through vast bureaucratic halls of machinery, registered, controlled and treated from one cubicle to the next. The individual, in order to avail himself of this drug "treatment", must first file an application, by coercion, register as an addict, be given an identification card, urinate in a bottle, proceed to the next cubicle to be interviewed by a drug counselor, psychologist or social worker. He is then scheduled to see a doctor who determines his maintenance dosage of methadone or heroin. In this narcotized state, he is then scheduled to see a psychiatrist who does an evaluation and assigns him to either irrelevant counseling, and/or therapy. Inevitably, job counseling follows, counseling for non-existent jobs. He is now a registered addict and, implicitly, subject to limitations, particularly if he is Black or of any minority race. Theoretically, this is supposed to "rehabilitate him" back into the mainstream of the larger society which produced him in the first place. Presumably, he is now better able to cope with the same contradictions which led to his addiction: the availability of drugs, inadequate employment conditions, inadequate education or none at all, and a fragmented oppressive police-state where he is watched constantly, has to check in for his daily fix, report periodically to some authority or other, and is in serious danger of regressing at any time. What you are talking about is institutionalizing millions of people in this way, programming them into dependent, sick wards of the state, governmentally controlled, researched, recorded and filed in a central registry. A government with its top priority being the control of the masses of Black and other oppressed people, rather than subsidizing and serving the needs of the people, with such a program can only be presumed to want legalized drugs, allowing for stricter law enforcement, and larger and more effective penal institutions.

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"The power of the establishment, the power of the hierarchy depends upon us. They can't do the things that they're doing without some consent from us, some consent."

COMRADE GEORGE JACKSON

We would like to thank Comrade Donald Freed, of Los Angeles, California for allowing us permission to print this portion of a work of his now in progress, "THE JOHN BROWN BOOK".

Studs Terkel in his chronicle *HARD TIMES* documents how people were made to suffer guilt on top of their poverty during the Great Depression.

"We have a religious phenomenon in America that has its origin in the South. Established churches followed urban trends. People out there were isolated and delivered religion on the basis of what they saw. Store-bought clothes which they could not buy out of poverty became worldly and sinful: 'We had rather be beggars in the House of the Lord than dwell in King's palaces.' They were denied schooling. They were called rednecks and crackers and damn niggers. But the Bible was God's Book. Refused access to medical aid, faith healed the body as well as the soul: 'We seek another world.' It was a protest against things economically unavailable. I interpreted this protest and related it to the Bible -- instead of calling them hillbillies and rednecks.

"At one gathering five or six Klansmen were around. I said, 'I want to speak about the Ku Klux Klan.' All the people who are in the Klan are not vicious. My brother was a member. You try to reach the people at the consciousness of their needs. I quoted Peter on the day of Pentecost: 'Save yourselves, don't wait for somebody else.' Peter made contact with every person in the language in which he was born. I won over a number of Klansmen.

We have lately been offered new candidates as the authors of all our griefs: large foundations and the college professors. The second are scorned by their students and controlled by their regents; the first, the foundations -- their names expose who control them. But most of all we hear the curse of "Big Government."

American unhappiness has recently been electrified by the announcement that "there is not a dime's worth of difference between the two parties." This is true. It is also true that the average man or woman in America has no control at all over his community or his institutions. George Wallace's analysis of American impotency was correct. But his deductions were infamous: that the poor are the enemy. These new populists are not like Huey P. Long, who seriously promoted "sharing the wealth". The new folk leaders are married to precisely the military-industrial complex and that Asian foreign policy that makes community control impossible and guarantees the gigantism of the Pentagon, C.I.A., F.B.I., and the

Jr., Robert F. Kennedy). These crimes are like unlaidd ghosts that weigh on the national soul and the answer to the crimes leads home, like the war, like the eco-disaster.

Will Fascism really come to America? Will it march in jack boots illuminated by torch light parades? Will it come, as predicted, in the name of "Americanism"? Will the citizens fight it and win like China; fight and lose as in Spain; succumb in the French manner; cheer and be transfigured by it as in Germany? In 1776 a handful, only, rebelled, but they were sufficient. In the 1860s other handfuls would have made history but for the massive Government intervention before the slaves could rise



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swollen bureaucratic state. We cannot have it both ways. It is either to be community control or Intelligence and Pentagon control. Either the people have their money for living needs or those hundreds of billions are poured into the bureaucratic maze of war and propaganda and corruption.

The liberals and the Left never understood what the assassination of John F. Kennedy meant to the man in the street. And many of today's revolutionaries are surprised, when they try to trace back their own sequence of radicalization in the 1960s, to find that the murder in Dallas was a new line drawn across their consciousness; changing them, leaving their youth on the precedent side.

An American Revolutionary Party will promise the most complete and devastating exposure of the big assassinations of the '60s (Malcolm X, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King,

in their own right.

There is a long and terrible tradition in America of hunts and raids and official State violence against dissent, at the same time the tradition of rebellion, talked about though it is, has been fitful and verbal, cancelled out by manipulated war and propaganda. The healthy social impulse toward the power of autonomy has again and again been turned inward into racial turmoil or outward into imperialistic war.

It is good to be clear about eventualities. There may be a fascist conspiracy nearing maturation. The assassinations, the complicity of the intelligence services, the "Southern Strategy", the war: are these the planned elements of the Garrison State, or only the predictable reactions of an extremely violent and fearful culture

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HEROIN IS KING, BUT METHADONE IS THE EMPEROR

"FOR EACH MILLIGRAM OF METHADONE, YOU NEED FOUR MILLIGRAMS OF HEROIN OR MORPHINE TO GET THE SAME EFFECT."

One of the latest subtle forms of fascist repression to creep into the United States has come in the disguise of a solution. The U.S. government in its never-ending battle to maintain authority over our lives often creates an ill, later presenting a worse evil as a solution to "our" problem. Keeping up its tradition, then, the government has now offered an addictive drug to cure drug addiction.

By creating a society unbearable to Black people and other oppressed people, the government introduced a chemical cure to make us feel at ease with oppression. Heroin became King of such "cures". Now that the "painkiller" has been exposed as a killer of itself, the government offers a solution to those "troubled" people who've "gone astray" with heroin. Methadone has been pushed onto us, now, as the "human", in fact, the American way to treat those "sick" people in the society who've "somehow" become addicted to drugs.

With government funding, the Methadone program is being pushed all over the country as the panacea for the addict. Not only is Methadone not a panacea, a cure-all, but it is a harmful, addictive drug. Of course, this is denied by the pushers, the U.S. ruling circle and government. However, through the efforts of many sincere people, this subtle killer is also being exposed.

RAP, INC., a people's program for drug addicts, operating in Washington, D.C. (see article on page 5), has provided the following concrete information about Methadone. The information, revealing the treachery in the Methadone treatment, was prepared by Dr. Barry Festoff. Dr. Festoff is a neurologist and neurobiologist who is a member of the Task Force on Methadone of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Washington, D.C. Chapter. Dr. Festoff presented his findings in a speech at a Conference of Citizens Against the Use and Abuse of Methadone, on June 1, 1972, at the Anacostia Museum in Washington, D.C. We would like to thank both RAP, INC. and Dr. Festoff for permission to print the information.

FROM ONE ADDICTION TO ANOTHER

I'm from the Medical Committee for Human Rights and I'm only going to



take a few minutes of your time.

I want to present a few facts that conferences like this are now starting to disseminate to the people; the people who are taking drugs; the people who are taking methadone. One thing you have to keep in mind is the word maintenance. Maintenance means maintain and this is the concept behind Narcotics Substitution Therapy. You're switching from one addiction to another addiction. If you don't know that by now that's the

one thing you should leave this conference with. You're maintaining the addiction of an addict by switching the drug.

The reason behind this is that doctors, especially medical doctors as well as psychiatrists, are saying that heroin addiction is a medical disease. They make the analogy between pneumonia and diabetes, in which you have to give a specific drug to treat the

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RAP has presented an alternative program, a solution to this vicious cycle, which program is rapidly expanding. RAP is presenting a program in which the total lifestyle is affected.

We at RAP consider our program a survival program, related to the revolutionary movement throughout the country. We live a communal lifestyle, one of the aims of which is to explore and develop the collective lifestyle that will enable us to become an integral part of community development and progressive change. It is an educative process, where people provide for themselves an opportunity to become aware, enlightened and involved in order to serve the people of their community. As a side effect of the total environment and activity, the structure of RAP permits the people to discover the political, social and moral implications of drug abuse and addiction. Through intense re-evaluation of themselves, as individuals, and the part they play in the total scheme of things, the men and women at RAP have discovered they no longer choose to remain a part of a life-negating drug culture which has become in itself a reactionary, oppressive force; that what they are contributing to, in fact, is suicide; what they are victimized by is genocide.

RAP is a completely drug free environment, concerned with the revolutionary concepts of education, community activity and political commitment. One of our aims is to motivate a thirst for knowledge - to become enlightened to the needs of the people - to enlighten ourselves through active participation in education which is relevant both academically and vocationally. Education at RAP begins as an alternative to an educational system that teaches, but allows little room for learning. A system that disciplines, but stifles creativity in the same stroke. That gives technical knowledge but dulls our critical faculties. At RAP, one moves into an educational process rather than a system of gathering knowledge. There exist no teacher-student dichotomies. Residents, staff and professionals from the community exchange their knowledge, talents and experiences with each other. Classes are informal and take the form of study groups, semi-



We can begin to prevent the "escape" of narcotics addiction in the oppressed community by relating positively to the real survival needs of the people. RAP, INC. does this with its People's Free Clothing Program.

nars, celebrations and "rap" sessions. RAP has created an environment where theory is learned through practice, where belonging comes through participation rather than mandatory attendance and where there is a functional inter-relation of all that is learned.

Success is not measured by a test score or grade, but rather by behavioral change. Behavior is measured by the individual's commitment and effort to positively contribute to his world. What is provided is an experience-based approach to learning. The individual must unlearn former idealistic values and negative habits and must learn and practice a new, realistic and positive lifestyle. An environment of theory and practice is the basis of the re-education at RAP.

We aim to form, through cooperation, communication and coalitions,

a power base in order to resist the oppressive, personal and vested interests of the established reactionary forces in our community, that is, programs and institutions that are designed to fail and/or destroy any positive movement that might enable the people to control their own destinies.

We are attempting to deal with a drug-oriented society, encased in a highly specialized, institutionalized, programmed professionalism: a society in which great masses of people can no longer communicate, teach and grow together in good faith. We are attempting to create an environment in which relevant education prepares people for the art of qualitative survival, enabling people to care for themselves.

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caught in the paroxysm of a Triple Revolution of population, technology and human rights?

It is time to proclaim an end to the "secrets" of the priests of the State. There was no conspiracy in 1950 to steal what belongs to all, but there should be one now. The right to know is, in some ways, the most revolutionary right of all and the university must open up all its files, from records to war research, or court immediate political reprisal. The man in the street has an electric razor, the State has weapons systems; you can fly to New York, the State can make electronic files on every man, woman and child; you have a telephone, they can monitor it; you have a credit card, the State lays claim on the future itself. So, behind political labels like "Fascism", lie the biological realities of survival.

It seems as unequal a struggle as when Crispus Attucks, a black man,

and those few ruffians faced the British on the Boston Commons and called the British filth and flung excrement in their faces. Now, the growing terror is largely invisible, computerized. The technology has fallen into the paranoid system. No telephone, home, vehicle, or encounter is immune from electronic invasion. Huge computer data banks are swiftly and silently collecting the names and "facts" about every single American. Long before any concentration camps these banks will have told their "top secret" story. The danger here is not a coup by Colonels, but a Pentagon in the hands of liberal bureaucrats. Not fanatics but pragmatists have called for the guns and clubs in the 1960s and sent the military into endless war. And the police and military, in their humiliation, have begun to arm the children of those who a hundred years ago were American serfs and indentured bond.

It is possible, it may even be probable given North American technology and Anglo-Saxon fanaticism.

We know that in the 1950s a combination of the two parties wrote the concentration camp legislation. It was the liberals led by Hubert Humphrey, who paved the way. In fact the main safe guard against fascism has been the conservative forces of the establishment, but these are attenuated, badly, by racism and anti-communism, and the thin shield of the "movement" is blowing in the wind of the Southern strategy.

The question simply becomes whether to grieve or to organize. The temptation to political suicide is a real one. The case for organizing quickly within the American tradition suggests itself. How can American populism, with its racist brake to the Right, be socialized? One of the first steps, it would seem, is to give up all European or Asian biases, even when masked in the Red Book, and begin to find a way to filter a revolutionary ideology through the original master plan of the first and American Revolution.

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"We are advocates of the abolition of war, we do not want war; but war can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun, it is necessary to take up the gun." CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG



Millions of Vietnamese people and millions of American soldiers have died in the so-called undeclared war in Vietnam. And, for what? At first, the U.S. claimed it was in Vietnam to guarantee democratic elections in the South. Next, U.S. the government sent troops to "defend" the "rights" of the Vietnamese people against Communism. It was said, somewhere in there, that the U.S. wanted Vietnam's resources. Well, the land is devastated, there is ecological imbalance and the Vietnamese people are still heroically fighting on. All of Nixon's and his bosses' claims have been stripped away. Why, then, do they fight? The U.S. needs power, to maintain power, to exercise power. That such a small country would dare to oppose is, to U.S. rulers, unforgivable. As Comrade George Jackson would state it, the U.S. must continue to fight to maintain the "prestige of power".

The masses of American people have shown time and again our opposition to this aggressive war. The government does not hear us. The U.S. government continues to offer excuses for its warmongering: they are communists; they started it; if we leave, they will destroy freedom in Vietnam; our honor is at stake.

The Vietnamese people, like ourselves, like all people simply want to govern their territory themselves. They want the right, the birth right, to determine their own destinies. The Black Panther Party has always opposed U.S. interference in Vietnam's business and the murderous and genocidal war America is waging against the innocent Vietnamese people. We have opposed this war not only for its basic evil, but because we know that the struggle of the Vietnamese people is all our struggle. They want to live. We want to live. They want to survive. We want to survive. They want peace with freedom. We want peace with freedom. The U.S. government opposes and oppresses them. The U.S. government opposes and oppresses us.

On June 24th, the Black Panther Party will sponsor a mass rally, in Oakland, California, to demonstrate that we Black and poor people in this country know


that our very survival is directly related to the survival of the Vietnamese people, the people of Southern Africa, particularly, of all poor, oppressed people throughout the world. We will come together to demonstrate, very concretely, with thousands of bags of groceries being given away free, with thousands of free Sick Cell Anemia tests and by registering thousands to vote, that we too, like our Brothers and Sisters in Vietnam, in Southern Africa and around the world, we too intend to survive U.S. aggression upon our humanity despite any maneuverings of the U.S. ruling circle and government. The heroic struggles presently being waged in Mozambique, in Zimbabwe, in Angola, in Guinea-Bissau, in Namibia, in South Africa, especially, are struggles to stop the murder and genocide of racist, imperialist wars of aggression, sponsored by the United States under various flags, and to guarantee the future survival of the people of Southern Africa.

For these reasons, we are printing here, in full, the well-known 7 - POINT PEACE PLAN of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, to end the war in Vietnam. It not only offers the only reasonable and just solution to ending their war and points out the true desire on the part of the Vietnamese people to come to a human settlement, even with aggressive warmongers, but, in the name of all oppressed people, it offers a proposal for peace throughout the world.

The U.S. has ignored this proposal. Our reasonable demands, too, have been ignored, to have land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice, peace and people's community control of modern technology - to survive. We, the people, cannot ignore it, for this is what the Vietnamese people want; this is what they believe. It is what the people in Southern Africa want; it is what they believe. This is what we want. This is what we believe. (THE FULL TEXT OF THE 7 - POINT PEACE PLAN BEGINS ON PAGE 12.)

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7 - POINT STATEMENT

by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam made public by Minister MADAME NGUYEN THI BINH at the 119th session of the Paris Conference on Viet Nam (July 1, 1971)

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Responding to the Vietnamese people's aspirations for peace and national independence, considering the American and the world peoples' desire for peace, showing its goodwill to make the Paris Conference on Viet Nam progress, basing itself on the 10-point overall solution, and following up the September 17, 1970 eight-point and the December 10, 1970 three-point statements, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam declares the following:

1 - REGARDING THE TERMINAL DATE FOR THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES.

The U.S. Government must end its war of aggression in Viet Nam, stop the policy of "Vietnamization" of the war, withdraw from South Viet Nam all troops, military personnel, weapons, and war materials of the United States and of the foreign countries in the U.S. camp, and dismantle all U.S. bases in South Viet Nam, without posing any conditions whatsoever.

The U.S. Government must set a terminal date for the withdrawal from South Viet Nam of the totality of U.S. forces and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp.

If the U.S. Government sets a terminal date for the withdrawal from South Viet Nam in 1971 of the totality of U.S. forces and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp, the parties will at the same time agree on the modalities of

a) the withdrawal in safety from South Viet Nam of the totality of U.S. forces and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp;

b) the release of the totality of militarymen of all parties and of the civilians captured during the war (including American pilots captured in North Viet Nam), so that they may all rapidly return to their homes.



The Vietnamese people, the people of Southern Africa want liberation, as do we, the suffering masses of the United States. We want our inalienable right to live, grow and prosper in complete freedom. The struggle of the Vietnamese, of the African people, our own struggle is the struggle of the entire oppressed world community.

These two operations will begin on the same date and will end on the same date.

A cease-fire will be observed between the South Viet Nam People's Liberation Armed Forces and the armed forces of the United States and of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp as soon as the parties reach agreement on the withdrawal from South Viet Nam of the totality of U.S. forces and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp.

2 - REGARDING THE QUESTION OF POWER IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

The U.S. Government must really respect the South Viet Nam people's right to self-determination, put an end to its interference in the internal affairs of South Viet Nam, cease to support the bellicose group headed by Nguyen Van Thieu now in office in Saigon, and stop all maneuvers, including tricks on elections, aimed at maintaining the puppet Nguyen Van Thieu.

By various means, the political, social, and religious forces in South Viet Nam aspiring to peace and national concord will form in Saigon a new administration favoring peace, independence, neutrality and democracy. The Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam will immediately enter into talks

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with that administration in order to settle the following questions:

a) to form a broad three-segment government of national concord that will assume its functions during the period between the restoration of peace and the holding of general elections and that will organize general elections in South Viet Nam.

A cease-fire will be observed between the South Viet Nam People's Liberation Armed Forces and the armed forces of the Saigon administration as soon as a government of national concord is formed.

b) to take concrete measures with the necessary guarantees to prohibit all acts of terror, reprisal and discrimination against persons having collaborated with one or the other party; to ensure every democratic liberty to the South Viet Nam people; to release all persons jailed for political reasons; to dissolve all concentration camps and to liquidate all forms of con-

straint and coercion so as to permit the people to return to their native places in complete freedom and to freely engage in their occupations.

c) to see that the people's conditions of living are stabilized and gradually improved, to create conditions allowing everyone to contribute his talents and efforts to heal the war wounds and rebuild the country.

d) to agree on measures to be taken to ensure the holding of genuinely free, democratic, and fair general elections in South Viet Nam.

3 - REGARDING THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

The Vietnamese parties will together settle the question of Vietnamese armed forces in South Viet Nam in a spirit of national concord, equality, and mutual respect, without foreign interference, in accordance with the post-war situation and with a view to lightening the people's contributions.

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4 - REGARDING THE PEACEFUL RE-UNIFICATION OF VIET NAM AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH ZONES.

a) The re-unification of Viet Nam will be achieved step by step, by peaceful means, on the basis of discussions and agreements between the two zones, without constraint and annexation from either party, and without foreign interference.

Pending the re-unification of the country, the North and the South zones will re-establish normal relations, guarantee free movement, free correspondence, free choice of residence, and establish economic and cultural relations on the principle of mutual interests and mutual assistance.

All questions concerning the two zones will be settled by qualified representatives of the Vietnamese people in the two zones on the basis of negotiations, without foreign interference.

b) In keeping with the provisions of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Viet Nam, during the present temporary partition of the country into two zones, the North and the South zones of Viet Nam will refrain from joining any military alliance with any foreign countries, from allowing any foreign country to maintain military bases, troops, and military personnel on their soil, and from recognizing the protection of any country or of any military alliance or bloc.

5 - REGARDING THE FOREIGN POLICY OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY OF SOUTH VIET NAM.

South Viet Nam will pursue a foreign policy of peace and neutrality, establish relations with all countries regardless of their political and social system, in accordance with the five principles of peaceful coexistence, maintain economic and cultural relations with all countries, accept the cooperation of foreign countries in the development of the resources of South Viet Nam, accept the economic and technical aid of any country without any political conditions attached, and participate in regional plans for economic cooperation.

On the basis of these principles, after the end of the war South Viet Nam and the United States will establish relations in the political, economic, and cultural fields.

6 - REGARDING THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE UNITED STATES TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN THE TWO ZONES.

The U.S. Government must bear full responsibility for the losses and the destruction it has caused to the Vietnamese people in the two zones.

7 - REGARDING THE RESPECT AND THE INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE OF THE ACCORDS TO CONCLUDED.

The parties will reach agreement on the forms of respect and international guarantee of the accords that will be concluded.



The U.S. Government must bear full responsibility for the devastation and destruction it has caused in Vietnam.



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disease. There is no such medical disease as heroin addiction. We all know what the problems are that cause an addict to become an addict. We are learning each day what further problems there are existing in this society that make an addict an addict.

The Federal Government initially thought that heroin addiction was a criminal problem and the Harrison Narcotics Act was passed for that reason. We're still feeling the influence of this thought. It didn't seem to work. It was then said that heroin addiction was an individual psychological problem related to Freudian concepts; whether or not you loved your mother and hated your father and things like that. That didn't work.

And now we have a medical problem: that a heroin addict by taking heroin causes a change in his body for which there can be no cure. The only way that you can help this poor

individual is by giving him a drug that is both safe and legal - and this is what methadone is supposed to be. It is legal but I'm not so sure about it being safe. Milligram for milligram methadone is four times as potent as heroin. For each milligram of methadone you need four milligrams of heroin or morphine to get the same effect. Whether you're talking about reducing pain, whether you're talking about euphoria or nodding, whether you're talking about sedation - it's four times as potent. That's a fact.

It's also a fact that methadone was developed during World War II by the Germans because their natural supply of morphine from poppies was low. North African battlefields where the poppies were grown were being overrun. So their pharmacologists in Germany invented methadone. I'm not so sure how the patent came to this country but suffice to say that in 1947 Eli Lilly had the American patent for dolophine or methadone.

That's when research with methadone was begun by the Federal Government in Lexington, Kentucky on addicts as well as animals. We ought to turn to that research because it shows all of the effects we can see on the streets and in the clinics with patients on methadone.

PRODUCES NODDING

We're told that methadone blocks the euphoria and that, in itself, doesn't produce euphoria. How can this be so when the research early in 1948, in Lexington, Kentucky stated that in intravenous dosages of more than 5 milligrams methadone produced euphoria; dosages greater than 30 milligrams, in every individual that received the drug, produced nodding. That was known. How about the sedation? Again with more than 30 milligrams not only did they feel good, but they were nodding out; they were sedated. They couldn't think right, they couldn't perform tasks well in

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Methadone is a cold-blooded drug pushed by heartless U.S. rulers upon oppressed people as a "cure" for heroin addiction. What will come next when the government decides that it is time for a Methadone addiction program?

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a certain allotted time period, their responses were diminished.

What other effects did it have? It lowered the blood pressure making them susceptible to all the changes that happen when your blood pressure is low - if you stand up too fast from a lying position all the blood rushes out and you can pass out. It slowed the heart rate - slowed the respiration, just like heroin did, just like morphine did. Qualitatively there was no difference in the effects. One of the major effects that it had, and this was somewhat different from heroin or morphine, was that it affected the brainwaves as measured by electrical studies in doses less than morphine or heroin. As you increase the doses, and let me state that these doses are equivalent to the maintenance doses that people are receiving in maintenance clinics, it causes electrical seizures of the brain.

These were facts. These were facts that never really came out. All this was known before 1950. It was stated that methadone was a very effective drug for detoxing heroin addiction. It's true, it is, it's longer acting. It lasts anywhere from 24 to 36 hours, where the action of heroin or morphine is only 4 to 6 hours. So it was very helpful in preventing the painful withdrawal experiences, when you withdraw off drugs like heroin or morphine, and so it is

an effective detoxifying agent, I agree with all the speakers here who were talking about that point.

But it was never stated back in those days that it was a maintenance drug. And that only came along in 1962 with the studies of Dr. Dole and Dr. Nyswander of New York. They talked about Narcotic Blockade and with 7 patients - 7 patients being the basis of their study - they showed if you gave a patient a dose of methadone at 8:00 in the morning and five hours later gave him 20 to 30 milligrams intravenously of heroin that the patient didn't receive any of the euphoric effects. They didn't get a rush or a high. Only 2 patients showed that out of 7 and on the basis of those studies now we have 45 to 50 thousand methadone maintenance victims across the country. By July 3rd, when the Federal Regulations Board approved programs become law and not just a proposal, we will see 2 and 3 times the number of clinics and 2 and 3 and 4 times the number of people on methadone by the 1st of the year. And that's a fact.

BABIES ADDICTED

You've been hearing about pregnancy; the initial studies of maintenance patients who were pregnant said that the infants born of these women had no untoward effects, they didn't look like heroin babies. Well, we already know both in the published literature and non-published facts of

people like Miss Jones and other individuals across the country, that methadone maintenance babies do in fact have problems when they are born. One thing that they don't have is depressed respiration and you would assume that a baby or an individual receiving a drug like methadone would have depressed respiration. Well there's a reason for that; the baby's in the womb, he's already become tolerant to the drug, tolerant and dependent on the drug. So that if he doesn't receive the drug he's going to have seizures or he's going to have irritability; or he's going to have tremors or some other problem that you see in adults who are withdrawing from any kind of narcotic drug, including methadone. So that's a fact.

It's also been shown recently that if you do experiments with rats, and unfortunately we have to do these kinds of experiments with animals in order to make some kind of statements about what we can anticipate seeing with our fellow humans, these studies show that the increased concentration of the drug is in the uterus, not in the rest of the body. It's in the uterus in the pregnant rat in this case, and in the baby rats the highest concentration of methadone is in the brain. That's where the drug works.

We've heard from a number of individuals that are supporting metha-

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done maintenance programs that some effects occur with the drug and these side effects are mild sedation, mild nodding, mild slurring speech, mild motor incoordination. Well, these are all effects of this function of the brain, these are not side effects. These are direct effects of the drug. Any drug that is affecting the brain in order to control an individual, control his withdrawal symptoms, has these kinds of effects. You can't consider them side effects. You have to consider them direct effects of the drug. And that's a fact.

BRAIN DAMAGE

Other effects on the brain have been recently shown and mentioned before by a doctor in New York - Dr. Roysen, a neuropathologist. He received brains of 14 individuals from the medical examiner in the city of New York who died of no other cause than methadone overdose. He looked at these brains, and he looked at them

with some very sophisticated modern techniques, and he found changes that have never been seen with heroin, morphine, amphetamines, barbiturates or any other kinds of drugs.

Most of these changes were degeneration in the brains; the kinds of changes you see in individuals who are dying of senility at 70 and 80 years old are being found in 20, 23, and 24 year old individuals. These changes are pretty severe changes considering that these individuals died and that's an irreversible side effect, if you want to call it that. We know for a fact that methadone overdose deaths are more just in the first 6 months of this year than they were during all of last year. And that's a fact.

I want to make one closing remark; the initial regulations that were put forth by the Food and Drug Administration in 1970 when it was proposed to outline the requirements for methadone maintenance programs, were responded to by organizations like the

American Medical Association, National Research Council on Drugs, by various scientific authorities. These regulations were restricting regulations, these regulations said that it should not be used in pregnancy, it should not be used in addicts under the age of 18, it should not be used in addicts who may have some psychological problems. These restrictions were responded to by these organizations that I mentioned, and these restrictions were eliminated not because of the FDA, not because of the Federal Government, but because there are people in this society with a vested interest in not restricting these programs. We have to deal with these problems too; with the American Medical Association, with the National Research Council on Drugs, and with the scientific backbone of this country who are trying to promote the kinds of things that have to be done to people in the ghetto communities in order to make them, and I say make them, be tranquilized.



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WHAT WE WANT

1. WE WANT FREEDOM. WE WANT POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR BLACK AND OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES.

We believe that Black and oppressed people will not be free until we are able to determine our destinies in our own communities ourselves, by fully controlling all the institutions which exist in our communities.

2. WE WANT FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every person employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the American businessmen will not give full employment, then the technology and 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.

3. WE WANT AN END TO THE ROBBERY BY THE CAPITALIST OF OUR BLACK AND OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES.

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 were 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 American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million Black people. Therefore, we feel this is a modest demand that we make.

4. WE WANT DECENT HOUSING, FIT FOR THE SHELTER OF HUMAN BEINGS.

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

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.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If you do not have knowledge of yourself and your position in the society and the world, then you will have little chance to know anything else.

6. WE WANT COMPLETELY FREE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL BLACK AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

We believe that the government must provide, free of charge, for the people, health facilities which will not only treat our illnesses, most of which have come about as a result of our oppression, but which will also develop preventative medical programs to guarantee our future survival. We believe that mass health education and research programs must be developed to give all Black and oppressed people access to advanced scientific and medical information, so we may provide ourselves with proper medical attention and care.

7. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE, OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR, ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

We believe that the racist and fascist government of the United States uses its domestic enforcement agencies to carry out its program of oppression against Black people, other people of color and poor people

WHAT WE BELIEVE

inside the United States. We believe it is our right, therefore, to defend ourselves against such armed forces, and that all Black and oppressed people should be armed for self-defense of our homes and communities against these fascist police forces.

8. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO ALL WARS OF AGGRESSION.

We believe that the various conflicts which exist around the world stem directly from the aggressive desires of the U.S. ruling circle and government to force its domination upon the oppressed people of the world. We believe that if the U.S. government or its lackeys do not cease these aggressive wars that it is the right of the people to defend themselves by any means necessary against their aggressors.

9. WE WANT FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK AND POOR OPPRESSED PEOPLE NOW HELD IN U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY AND MILITARY PRISONS AND JAILS. WE WANT TRIALS BY A JURY OF PEERS FOR ALL PERSONS CHARGED WITH SO-CALLED CRIMES UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY.

We believe that the many Black and poor oppressed people now held in U.S. prisons and jails have not received fair and impartial trials under a racist and fascist judicial system and should be free from incarceration. We believe in the ultimate elimination of all wretched, inhuman penal institutions, because the masses of men and women imprisoned inside the United States or by the U.S. military are the victims of oppressive conditions which are the real cause of their imprisonment. We believe that when persons are brought to trial that they must be guaranteed, by the United States, juries of their peers, attorneys of their choice and freedom from imprisonment while awaiting trials.

10. WE WANT LAND, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE, PEACE AND PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CONTROL OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands 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 the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable 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 to abolish it, and to institute a 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 shown 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 usurpations, 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 government, and to provide new guards for their future security.



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PEOPLE'S PETITION

FOR IMMEDIATE PAROLE OF BROTHER DAVID HILLIARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA PRISON SYSTEM OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND WITH A RETRIAL JURY OF HIS PEER-GROUP.



WE THE PEOPLE, RESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, IN THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTIONARY INTERCOMMUNALISM, DO HEREBY REDRESS OUR GRIEVANCE AND PETITION THE COURTS OF AMERICA AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT AND PAROLE BOARD: THAT DAVID HILLIARD BE RELEASED FROM HIS PRISON INCARCERATION IN THE CALIFORNIA PENAL SYSTEM TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES ON PAROLE OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND.

BROTHER DAVID HILLIARD, POLITICAL PRISONER AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY, WAS IN FACT WRONGFULLY CONVICTED ON FALSE CHARGES BY A PREDOMINATELY WHITE RACIST JURY, AS ALL MEMBERS OF THE OAKLAND BLACK COMMUNITY WERE SYSTEMATICALLY ELIMINATED FROM THE JURY SELECTION PROCESS IN HIS TRIAL.

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