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*We demand that the movie industry stop using our lives to make money.*

# BLAXPLOITATION

Never have the racist inconsistencies inherent in American culture been more pronounced, more visible, than when brought to life by the film-making industry. The development of movies in America has been like the opening of a Pandora's box; every sick and twisted fantasy hidden within the American culture suddenly appears 'larger than life' on the screen. Seizing the opportunity for huge profits, pacification through projected fantasies and equipped with the facilities to further distort, modify and bewilder, the lily-white 'dream' world of Hollywood was born. From its origins, Hollywood has grown into an exaggerated nightmare, mimicking the worst in an already dehumanizing and oppressive society.

One of the first movies to be made in Hollywood, setting the tone for future activities, was called, "The Birth of a Nation". It shows the decadence of the United States from its very beginnings. "The Birth of a Nation" was the first motion picture to depict the genocide committed against the American Indians. The most memorable scene in the movie, however, was the one in which the Ku Klux Klan were made hero's, while they terrorized Black people in the South.

When Hollywood turned their cameras toward Africa, again, the traditional racist stereotypes appeared. Johnny Weissmuller 'starred' as Tarzan the great white hope among the Black 'savages'. In this 'great thriller', those Africans that weren't blood thirsty cannibals were domesticated into pack-carrying slaves; stumbling off mountaintops or falling into



COMRADE BOBBY SEALE: "The Black Panther Party denounces this silver coated form of oppression."

alligator pits with the 'terrified-nigger' screams the white audiences loved to hear.

We can sum up the development of Black people's involvement in the motion-picture industry, at least until the middle 1960's in just two words, "Stepin' Fetchit".

Catching on to the coattails of the civil rights movement, Hollywood, with its eyes on the previously untapped source of money in the white liberal audiences began to exploit this audience for all it was worth. Movies

of this period reflected the integrationist line of thought; Doris Day type movies with 'token' Black actors rather than the usual all-white cast. Perhaps the movie most typical of this era was, "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner". The Black community would never have guessed it was a Black 'hero', justified by a string of college degrees and other intellectual achievements, wanting to marry the white daughter 'in spite of it all'.

With the development of Black people's political consciousness and the rebellions of the late 1960's, Hollywood, always ready to make a fast dollar, changed with the times. Hollywood could take no shaky chances, the scheme had to work; the studio's were threatened with bankruptcy. Now, films with a predominantly Black cast and produced for a predominately Black audience rolled onto the movie screens in avalanche proportions. The Black community became curious about them and the white community, driven by guilt, loved them. Hollywood was temporarily saved by a new form of exploitation of the Black community -- Blaxploitation.

By turning our oppression into fantasies, by making Black people look like fun-loving, love-making, hustling freaks, Hollywood would have us walk away from the theatre feeling that all of the problems we saw were of our own cause. The dehumanization of our communities comes in black and white, or technicolor, as the mad dog moguls of Hollywood grind out negative images of Black people, des-

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# SHE DID NOT DIE OF OLD AGE

POLICE MURDER 72 YEAR OLD WOMAN  
IN EAST POINT, GEORGIA



*The murder of MRS. HESTER HOUSTON is another example of the abuse suffered by Black and poor oppressed people at the hands of ignorant American racists.*

The issue of police brutality and murder is as common as poverty in the Black community. Despite ample evidence to prove that the issue is valid, those in power continue to pretend it doesn't exist. Of course the police maintain that they are not brutal and that every time they kill someone it is 'justifiable'.

In some cities civilian review boards have been set up to monitor the actions of police. These boards, powerless from the beginning, issue well meaning but unheard reports while the slaughter continues.

The Black community carries the weight of this awful burden. Hardly a day passes when a brother or sister is not assaulted by the same police who claim to be protecting us. There have been so many Black people murdered by police that there are few words left to express the pain we feel about these continuing atrocities. The degrading treatment we receive from racist police bring back vivid memories of beatings, rapes and lynchings of Black people at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan. Today, the white sheet

has become the blue uniform and the lynch rope is a .357 magnum.

These racists pick their victims indiscriminately. Mrs. Hester Houston, a 72 year old Black woman who lived by herself is one such example. She was subjected to the kind of racist attack particular to the South. She was a resident of the community of East Point, Georgia. As sometimes happens with advancing age, Mrs. Houston occasionally had lapses of memory; Mrs. Houston was growing senile. During these memory lapses she sometimes forgot to pay her rent or other bills. However, once reminded, she would pay them promptly.

East Point is a small community where most of the people know each other and have some knowledge of each other's problems. Therefore, it is safe to say that officials of the housing development where Mrs. Houston lived were aware of her condition.

On September 11, 1972, the racist East Point Housing Authority sent an off-duty policeman to serve Mrs.

Houston with an eviction notice. Captain Kenneth Stevens, acting in the arrogant manner that is typical of white policemen, broke open a screen door and used a pass-key to gain entrance to Mrs. Houston's home. Since Mrs. Houston lived alone, when she saw Stevens breaking into her house she automatically feared for her life. She defended herself against his gangsterish tactics. She shot him, the man who was illegally breaking into her house. Stevens, assisted by his partner, officer Huff, then shot Mrs. Houston at point-blank range, without hesitation. The East Point police immediately flooded the area. Captain Stevens was rushed to the nearest hospital, while Mrs. Houston, who was laying on the floor critically wounded, was ignored. When an ambulance arrived ten minutes later they would not allow the attendants to administer first aid or take Mrs. Houston to a hospital. Instead they left her on the floor for two and one half hours until they were certain that she had bled to death.

People in the immediate area who gathered to inquire about Mrs. Houston, were subjected to the insulting words of the East Point police. When Mrs. Houston's family arrived they were denied entrance to her house, the scene of the murder. Later, when an ambulance finally removed Mrs. Houston's body, the pigs showed how much they cared about Black people by walking through her blood. As if this were not enough, these police had asked Mrs. Houston's family to clean up the blood and rearrange the furniture thus removing the physical evidence of the crime that had been committed.

The murder of Mrs. Hester Houston is another example of the abuse suffered by Black and poor oppressed people at the hands of ignorant American racists. Though it grieves us deeply to learn of atrocities such as this one; we must transform our grief into our determination to survive.

Hester Houston was Black, she was 72, she was alone. She had the right to defend herself and she did. It was her home. We are only sorrowed that protecting her home brought about her death. The idea of self-defense is an old one. As old as the threat of enemy attack. There will be many more murders like that of Mrs. Hester Houston unless we let the government know that we will put a stop to the murder and brutality of Black people.

We understand clearly that the people are the motive force in the making of world history. When the people are ready, stern action will take place and the American nightmare will be brought to an end.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE



# "AIRING" OUR GRIEVANCES

## KRON-TV HARASSES GWENDOLYN TUCKER



*GWENDOLYN TUCKER was fired and SALLY SMITH'S life was threatened when they spoke out against KRON-TV's racism.*

Radio, television, newspapers, and other forms of mass media have long been tools of the government used to indoctrinate, dupe, and misinform Black and other poor and oppressed people. The object of the misinformation that is disseminated by the government-controlled media is to keep Black people from understanding the nature of the oppressive system in which we live, as well as to cause misconceptions about various occurrences in our community.

Television is one of the most racist of the brainwashing media. There are very few Blacks hired by television stations, and there are little or no programs shown that relate to the general conditions in the Black community. The news on television blatantly lies about what goes on in our community, and reports very little news relevant to Black people. How many programs on television depict the actual oppressive conditions in the Black community?

Television, along with the newspapers and other backwards media, were instrumental in misinforming the Black community about the Black Panther Party, thereby causing many misconceptions about our real goals.

KRON, a television station in San Francisco, California (Channel 4), has always exhibited its racism by not airing programs relevant to the

Black community and by presenting a biased view of Black people in its news telecasts. The station has also, behind the scenes, harassed the few token Black employees that work there.

Recently, KRON-TV's racist practices were exposed when Mrs. Gwendolyn Tucker, a Black woman employed by KRON, was unjustly fired. The reason given by the station for Sister Tucker's abrupt dismissal was because she had gotten into an argument with another employee on September 12th and had supposedly thrown a "temper tantrum." The truth in fact, is that Gwendolyn had argued with a white employee who had insulted her. After continuing her attempts to insult Gwendolyn, she went to her supervisors and lied. She stated that Sister Tucker had become violent and irate, and had verbally abused her. When Gwendolyn returned from lunch with another Black employee, Sally Smith, she was told that "her services were terminated immediately." The administration of KRON actually fired her without any notice, only giving the reason that her "attitude upset her fellow employees".

There had been previous cases of two white employees arguing, but Gwendolyn's supervisors wanted an excuse to fire her anyway, because she always spoke out whenever she witnessed the institutional racism that

is so common at KRON. The most outstanding incident happened when she was recently demoted to a less important position at the station so that a white woman could be hired for that particular job. To sugar-coat her demotion, she was given a meager \$5 pay increase. Gwendolyn protested strongly, letting the racist officials know that she wasn't going to idly let them push her aside. KRON definitely did not want a Black woman speaking about their discriminatory practices, but they could not find a reason to fire her at that time for she is an excellent clerk/typist.

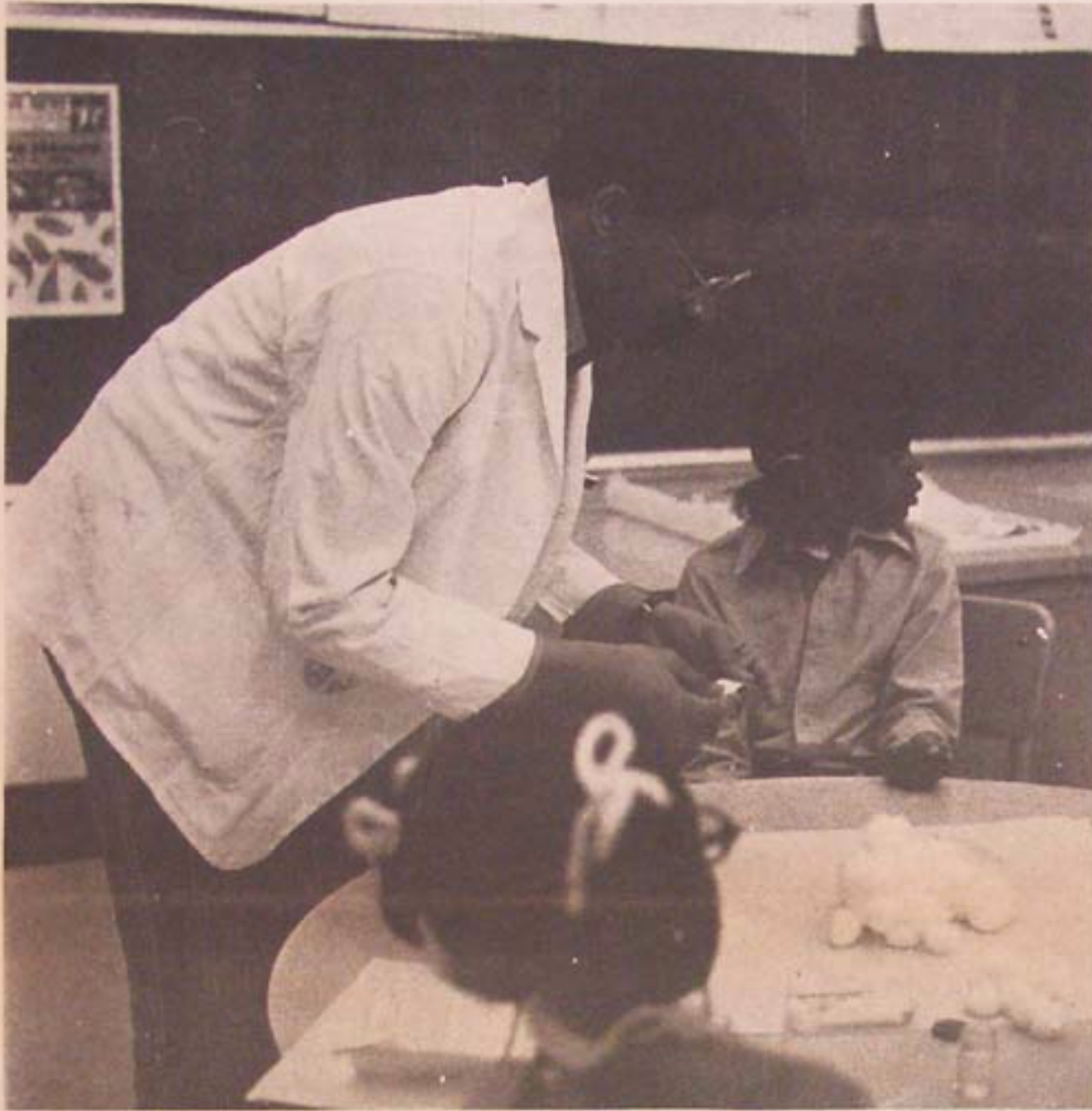
Sally, Gwendolyn's sister employee, spoke out against the firing. Later, while at work, she received, on two different occasions, phone calls threatening her life if she continued to support Gwendolyn. These calls came from white workers inside the station. They did not come through the switchboard, where all incoming calls are connected. Therefore, the calls were made from within KRON. If the situation were changed, if a white person thought that a Black person had made a threatening call, no stone would have been left unturned until someone Black was found, whether responsible or not. However, the racist management of KRON was not concerned about how Sister Smith felt after receiving those calls. However, KRON made a mistake in firing Gwendolyn Tucker. Organizations from various segments of the community came to her aid, including the the San Francisco Black Caucus, the Community Coalition for Media Change with the Black Panther Party. Progressive action was taken to educate the community as to KRON's racism by giving press statements to other television and radio stations and the newspapers. By showing the Black community the truth behind KRON-TV's false front the station's popularity is sure to drop. Realizing this, KRON's president, Harold Constant, met with Gwendolyn Tucker, members of the Black Caucus, and the Community Coalition for Media Change (CCMC). He immediately showed his antagonistic attitude by saying to Marcus Garvey Wilcher, co-chairman of CCMC, "I see you brought your boys with you this time, Marcus." Constant not only looked upon the Black people who were trying to change the conditions he and his station had created as a group of gangsters, but to him their complaint was childish and irrelevant. Because of his racist arrogance no agreement was made.

Another meeting was set for September 22nd. This time Gwendolyn, members of CCMC, the Black Caucus, the Black Panther Party, and a

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# RACISM AND RED BLOOD CELLS



*Unlike the Chicago Board of Health, the Black Panther Party's Free Health Clinics has notified and counseled the people we have tested.*

*We are reprinting excerpts from an article written in the Chicago, Illinois Guide. It was written by Edwin Black, a reporter for that newspaper. The health clinic referred to in the article is the Spurgeon 'Jake' Winters People's Free Medical Care Center located at 3850 W. 16th Street in Chicago.*

Between 1965 and spring of this year, the Chicago Board of Health tested nearly half a million Chicago Blacks for Sickle Cell Anemia. The testing revealed 45,000 people carried the trait that could have passed the disease to their offspring. By the Board of Health's own admission, none of these people were notified of the test findings.

Sickle Cell Anemia is a genetic disease, and about nine percent of Chicago's Black population carries the recessive trait. The trait itself is seldom dangerous. But if two people with the trait conceive offspring,

a quarter of their children, on the average, will be born with the fatal disease. Statistically, Sickle Cell Anemia strikes one Black person in four hundred. In Chicago, the Board of Health has found a minimum of 45,000 people with Sickle Cell trait. Why weren't these people told of it?

"The Sickle Cell testing program originally began in 1965," recounted Dr. Hyman Orbach, director of the Board of Health's laboratory. Laboratory records indicate blood specimens from about a thousand pregnant Black women showed the disease. These women were immediately noti-

fied and given medical attention and counseling. Eighty or ninety of the pregnant women showed a positive carrier trait; but they were never told so, never asked to have their partners tested for the trait. Obviously, if both parents had the trait, they could have been counseled against further conception and on how to care for their offspring, should the children be diseased. Trait-carrying parents must take a gamble. For this reason, notification and proper counseling are extremely important.

Testing for Sickle Cell Anemia was made a routine procedure in the lead poison screenings of ghetto children, and the number of tested people increased year after year, from 38,000 in 1966 to 109,000 in 1971. But the same policy of non-notification continued. Between 465,000 and a half million people were tested. Half of one per cent had the disease; they were notified and given medical care. Eight to nine percent had the trait and were ignored. It's obvious that this policy could only result in keeping the disease at a constant level.

While the Board of Health was unable to assemble a notification and counseling procedure to accompany their Sickle Cell trait identification program, the job was being done through a community movement organized and sponsored by the Black Panther Party. Their Chicago office began a Sickle Cell testing program in May of 1971, and with the permission of the Chicago Board of Education carried out a pilot program in five grammar schools. In two months the Panthers tested 2,561 pupils. Two anemics and 169 carriers were found. All were informed of the results and person-to-person counseling followed. The program operated on pennies and dimes donated by community residents and the volunteer services of doctors, lab technicians, nurses, and community workers.

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REPRESSION MOUNTS AGAINST THE R.N.A.



Mississippi racists are enslaving RNA members for defending their right to survive.

scene "just in case." The whole procedure was out of the ordinary for so-called warrant serving. The chief of police had never served a warrant before, yet he participated in the raid. Even two of the attacking police (after the incident) considered this an unusual method of serving a warrant. At the end of the attack upon members of the RNA, one Jackson policeman was dead and an FBI agent and another policeman lay wounded. The attacked members of the RNA were arrested and charged with "murder and plotting to overthrow the State of Mississippi." These victimized Black men and women became known as the RNA 11.

This raid, however, only began the repression of the RNA. In July, 1972, two citizen workers of the RNA were arrested, unjustly, by the U.S. government. The brothers, Malek Sonebeyatta and Ahmed Obtemi, were arrested and charged with allegedly "carrying concealed weapons and attempted assassination". One hundred thousand dollars bond for both the brothers was set. These so-called weapons were not found on the brothers, but were supposedly found in their car.

The alleged object of the assassination was George McGovern; the presidential nominee of the Democratic Party. Both of the false charges really stemmed from the anger of authorities over the distribution of the Republic of New Africa's Anti-Depression Program to the delegates at Senator George McGovern's hotel headquarters in Miami, Florida, during the Democratic Party's Convention. They are still in jail despite growing community protest to dismiss the false charges.

Of the RNA 11, two brothers, Offagga Quadduss and Hekima Ana, have both been sentenced to life imprisonment in Parchman Prison on the false charge of murder resulting from the August 18, 1971 police and FBI raid. Both trials serve as a reminder that justice for Black people has still not emerged from the slaveowner's racist mentality.

During the trial of Hekima Ana, a number of flagrant injustices occurred. Quite naturally, the jury was composed of white people with the exception of one Black person.

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evitable.

On August 18, 1971 (see Black Panther Intercommunal News Service, Vol. VIII #7) Jackson, Mississippi police and FBI special agents made a 35 man, pre-dawn attack on RNA headquarters in Jackson. Allegedly, the police and FBI came to "serve warrants". This is proved false by the fact that they came in a murder-squad of thirty-five, wearing bullet proof vests, riot helmets, prepared to attack with riot guns, gas masks and service revolvers. As if all this equipment were not enough, an armored tank was also brought to the

Based in Jackson, Mississippi, the Republic of New Africa (RNA) has undergone countless attempts on the part of the U.S. government to harass, imprison and murder its members. Through the use of intimidation, pre-dawn raids and legal lynching, the government hopes to destroy the RNA as a force struggling in behalf of Black people in America. They must have forgotten that even greater attacks against the Black Panther Party served to swell the ranks of Black people actively struggling for a better way of life. Yet the backwards and reactionary elements continue to conspire to defeat a victory which is in-



# INTERCOMMUNAL NEWS



*"... Various Vietnamese groups are learning in practice, through concrete experience, at the present time how to work on a coalition basis ..."*

## WHY THE VIETNAMESE ARE WINNING PART VIII: LIBERATION FORCES PUT 7 - POINT PEACE PLAN INTO ACTION

If the United States Vietnamization program is defeated, what will be one's future in South Vietnam? The question has really only one answer. One has a future if one breaks away from the American policy and swiftly integrates into the forces of the winning side, who will remain in South Vietnam in the future. Of crucial significance, we were told, is the fact that the urban opposition has broadened since 1968 beyond the students and Buddhists to now embrace all classes. With Thieu conscripting half the male population, running one-man elections, with inflation and unemployment incredibly high, and the prisons filling up, even the small but important national bourgeoisie has been alienated. The spring offensive adds an urgent forward impetus to these trends.

The PRG thus reaps tremendous political advantage from the failure of Vietnamization. It can even be said that the PRG is now implementing the seven point program in some respects, pending its final ratification at a future negotiating table. Two examples make this clear. The first is that of the ARVN regimental commander who de-

fected in early April with all his men to the side of the PRG in Quang Tri province, and broadcast an appeal over liberation radio for more defectors. We were told by the PRG in Paris that this individual commander and his entire military unit were incorporated intact into the liberation armed forces and now serve not only in a military capacity but in an administrative capacity in Quang Tri province as part of the new administration, with no loss in rank. This is a demonstration of the principle of coalition, or what the PRG Paris negotiators describe as a three-segment government of national reconciliation (the PRG, other nationalist groupings, and elements of the Thieu administration, minus Thieu). The power of its example on the battlefield itself during the offensive can only be compelling on all other units of the Saigon army and politicians within Saigon.

A second example of the implementation of the seven points takes place in Paris on a day-to-day basis among the Vietnamese exile community. There are five or six small to large sized Vietnamese groups in Paris to-

day besides the parties at the Paris Peace Talks. These include the Union of Vietnamese Resident in France (UVF), which directly supports the PRG; and several other religious and intellectual groups which support the seven points. We were told by one Vietnamese organizer in the community that the various Vietnamese groups are learning in practice, in concrete experience, at the present time, how to work on a coalition basis and a trust basis with the PRG, and that this experience will be carried back into Saigon in the future as part of the three segment administration of national harmony. In other words, Vietnamese groups who were once considered part of a "third force," an alternative to "communism" and "puppet status," groups which to this day are courted by men like Kissinger, have now in large part reconciled their political views in accordance with what they consider to be the future reality of South Vietnam. They have become already integrated, in some sense, in both Paris and Saigon, with the PRG.

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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.*

*In light of these facts, we the undersigned, therefore petition that David Hilliard be granted his human and constitutional rights, that is, parole from prison or an appeal bail bond by the American courts pending appeal of his case before higher courts, and that his retrial jury be of his peers, a true representation of a cross section of the community.*

For over one year, we have printed the People's Petition for immediate parole of Brother David Hilliard from the California Prison system or an appeal bail bond with a re-trial jury of his peer group. The response of the world community has been overwhelming and most heartwarming. Over 100,000 signatures have been returned (an accurate count will be available soon).

On behalf of David Hilliard, Chief of Staff, and the entire Black Panther Party, we again extend our love and our sincerest thanks.

We are reprinting here, a cross section of some of the letters (sent in with the petitions), from David's true peers--the People, for you to read:

"Brothers and Sisters,  
I hope this will be some help . . . I am on parole and am interested in doing anything 'legally' to help . . ."

" . . . I just want to thank you for all you have done to help our people in every way possible . . . keep the faith, power to the people . . . (petition enclosed). "

"Brother David,  
This is the first time that I have put forth any effort to really help a brother that is in prison. For so long I have been talking . . . but found myself really doing nothing . . . I was looking only to get ones (signatures) from the poorer brothers and sisters, but some professionals wanted to sign also. It really made me feel good . . . "

"Brothers:  
I am hoping that these few Canadian names can be added to those you have already collected within the U.S. May your efforts for David Hilliard be successful.  
Yours, In times of trouble . . ."

"Comrades,  
  
We are a group of prisoners who wish to make known our support for Brother David Hilliard. We know only too well how 'rehabilitation' works, and we want ALL prisoners freed . . .  
  
IN SOLIDARITY, ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!"

"Brothers,  
  
We here in the 'Nam' (U.S. Military in South Vietnam) send our whole-hearted support and solidarity with this petition . . ."

" . . . We fully support all of your efforts to liberate David Hilliard and the beautiful ideals of the Black Panther Party . . . "

"Comrades,  
  
" . . . I am sixteen years old, will be seventeen soon. I got a Black Panther Paper; and a Petition for the Immediate Release of David Hilliard was inside. So I and some of my friends signed it. Hope in some way that this petition will help our Black Brother.

Thank you"

Just a few words. A few thoughts and expressions from those who are the true makers of world history. We know, as these letters indicate, that the plight of David Hilliard is the plight of us all; and that the cry to "Free David Hilliard" is the cry to free humankind of the oppressive conditions that contain us all.

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# BLAXPLOITATION

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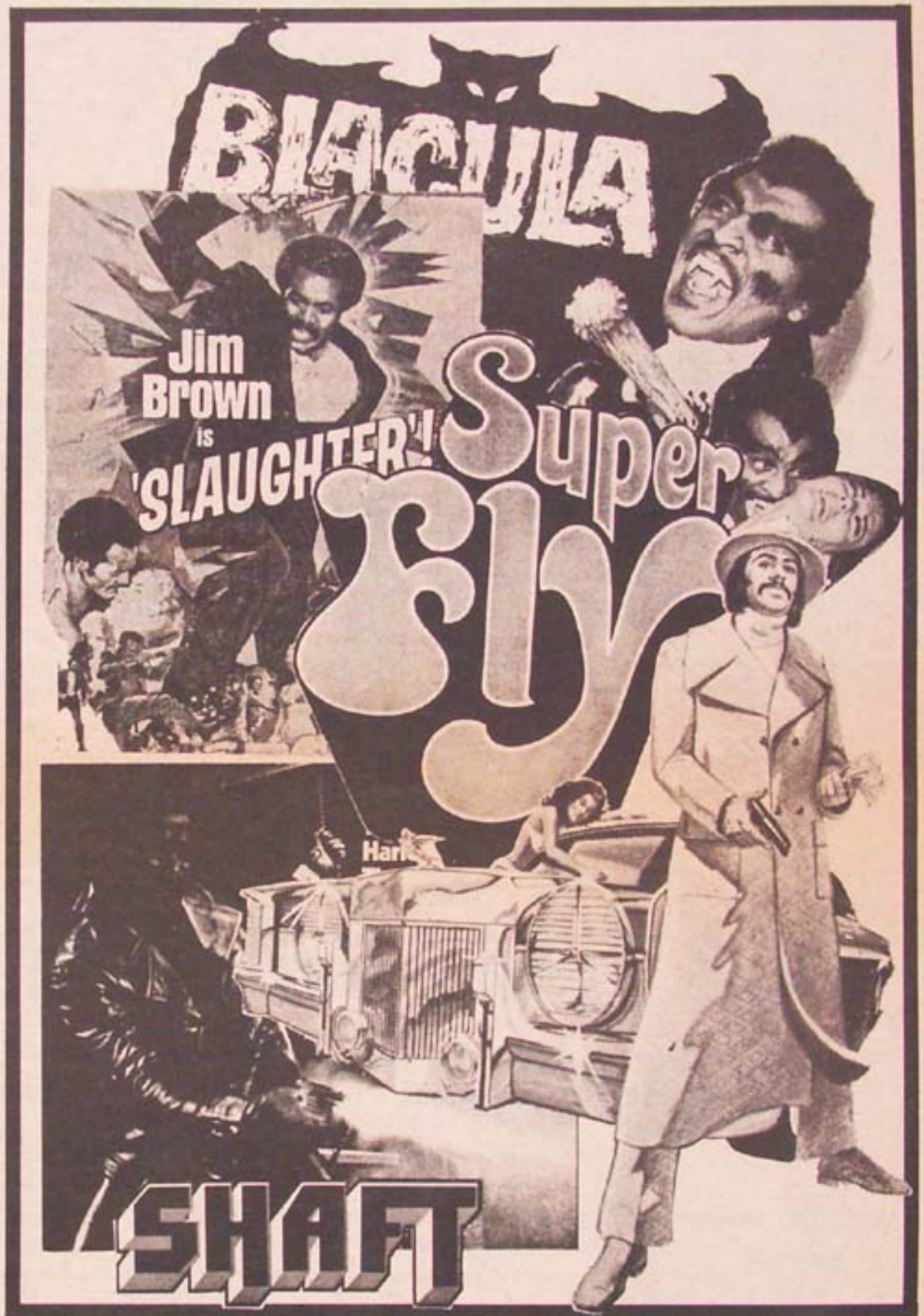
stroying the positive ones.

As defined by Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Blaxploitation follows a certain pattern: "Using our oppression as a twisted story line, using our inexperience in the film-making industry to underpay us, and by collecting our money at the box offices as a 'reward' for finally putting us on the silver screen, the formula for big capital gain is complete." (The complete press statement by Comrade Bobby Seale appears on page 11).

Examples of the Blaxploitation of the Black community are growing. Movies such as "Putney Swope", "Cotton Comes To Harlem" and "Shaft" cost white businessmen little to produce while box office returns are in the millions. Other movies such as "Slaughter", "Shaft's Big Score", "SuperFly" and the upcoming "Shaft in Africa", hope to (and probably will), achieve the same financial success. Hollywood has left the sexually sick world of the middle-class bedroom and now projects the 'reality of the ghetto'. When we consider the distortion presented upon the screen, it seems that the racist stereotypes of old have just been updated and placed in a contemporary setting.

Typical of the 'Black' type of movie is the characterization of the revolutionaries. Usually portrayed as Black youths with out-dated rhetoric, the 'revolutionaries' come across as stumbling fools, with no program to serve the community and obviously being controlled by others. This characterization only serves to undermine the credibility of people who desire dignity and justice. In fact it flaunts our continued oppression in our faces.

One particular example of Black exploitation, is the movie, "The Mack", presently being filmed in Oakland, California. The producers of this 'hip flick' have attempted to keep their production costs at a minimum by paying 'extras' (non-union actors with minor parts), only \$10 per day. Ten dollars per day is not enough to draw unemployment; it is less than the amount paid to white 'extras' in the 1950's. The Black Panther Party has begun to organize around this issue, presenting our demand that



*We believe that from STEPIN' FETCHIT to SUPERFLY is a great leap to nowhere.*

the Black 'extras' be paid a minimum of \$50 per day. As Comrade Bobby Seale has said, "...Black actors, writers, directors, cameramen and all of our people whose talents are used in the profitable film-making industry (should) be paid at least an amount equal to their white counterparts." We believe that Black actors and actresses should represent more thoroughly the real lives of people in our communities without the sensationalism and excessive sex. We make these demands centered around the issue of

employment; actors are people who work.

"We further demand that a large percentage of the millions of dollars now going into the pockets of rich white businessmen be put into the hands of the Black community for our benefit." It was for the achievement of these goals, to expose Blaxploitation and persuade even greedy Hollywood to donate to the Survival Programs that, on September 27th, the Black Panther

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Party and people from the Oakland Black community set up a picket-line in front of the Showcase, a nightclub in North Oakland.

Our grievances are not with the Showcase nor are they with the Sister's Love who were appearing there. Our grievances remain with the producers of "The Mack" who were filming on location that day. We believe that from Stepin' Fetchit to Superfly is a great leap to nowhere. We hope that the people in the Black communities can understand the nature of Blaxploitation, the exploitation we face through the treachery of the motion picture industry, their beautiful music and delectable words.

The following is the press statement that was released on September 27, by the Black Panther Party, to the oppressed community of Oakland, California. It was given by Comrade Bobby Seale, Chairman of the

Black Panther Party:

### "BLAXPLOITATION"

*It seems that building the American economy on the backs of Black people, engaging Black people as the cheapest labor available, charging Blacks the highest prices for inferior products has not yielded enough profit to the American businessman.*

*With the American public becoming more and more obviously bored with and tired of being insulted by blue-eyed blond sex stars and all the other Hollywood-created phenomena, something new and exciting was required to save the film-making industry from pending doom. It took the financial success of only a few would-be-shelved, low budget Black films to provide the formula for Hollywood's salvation and a new and different form of exploiting Black people.*

*Using our oppression as a twist-*

*ed story line, using our inexperience in the film-making industry to underpay us, and by collecting our money at the box offices as a "reward" to our community for finally putting us on the silver screen, the formula for big capital gain was complete. Today, over a hundred such all Black, low-budget spectacles are either being shown in our community or are about to be released upon us.*

*The Black Panther Party denounces this silver-coated form of oppression. We demand that Black actors, writers, directors, cameramen and all of our people whose talents are used in the profitable film-making industry be paid at least an equal amount to their white counterparts. We further demand that a large percentage of the millions of dollars now going in the pockets of rich, white businessmen be put into the hands of the Black community for our benefit.*

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# "AIRING" OUR GRIEVANCES

## KRON-TV HARASSES GWENDOLYN TUCKER

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labor union representative came to the station to meet with Constant. He tried the "divide and conquer" tactic by refusing to meet with more than two people and he refused any meetings with Gwendolyn. Because of this a press conference was scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th, to expose KRON to the entire community. In an attempt to appear "fair", the station reinstated Gwendolyn on the morning of the conference, hoping that the conference would be canceled and their policies wouldn't be exposed. The press conference was held in the lobby of KRON. After a joint statement was issued by the Black Caucus, CCMC, and the Black Panther Party, the general manager of the station, C.E. Cuney, tried to justify the firing. However, he only helped to show the station's racism. When asked why Sister Tucker was fired, he said, "it was for just cause".

When he was asked, "If she was fired for just cause, then would you say that she was re-hired for just cause", meaning that she should never have been fired, he could only stutter and say, "No comment".

KRON was forced to rehire Gwendolyn because of the exposure of their discriminatory practices to the community, and because various segments of the Black community showed support for her. If we could insure that KRON (and television and radio stations in general) cease their discriminatory employment policies; if we could insure that relevant programs which are meaningful to the Black community are aired then we could begin to control the media as an educational tool of our own, for our people. Even though Gwendolyn Tucker was reinstated this does not mean that the stations will immediately stop their discriminatory policies. Racism is ingrained into the very

fiber of American life. Whether we appear on the screen or work behind the desks of the money making media businesses we are still commodities. We are used for our labor power; we are used and discarded like machines.

The Community Committee for Media Change made up of Black, Brown, Asian, welfare, women's and church groups, has already taken positive steps to change many of the radio and television stations in the San Francisco and Oakland area by filing various petitions and suits with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to keep the stations from renewing their licenses. By law, if it is shown that a radio or television station is not serving the needs of the community, then they may not have their licenses renewed by the FCC. Petitions of this kind have been filed against KRON - TV.

At present, the mass media is controlled by the government. They add or censor what they please. They can not expect us to sit idly by while they brainwash us with their unreal picture of life in America for poor and oppressed people and then exploit us with underpaid and degrading jobs. In real life Black people fight back.

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# RACISM AND RED BLOOD CELLS



*The success of the Spurgeon 'Jake' Winters Health Clinic embarrassed the city of Chicago.*

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The successful program expanded. The Panthers acquired a mobile lab and increased its staff of testing/counseling teams. Two electrophoresis devices--simple, relatively inexpensive apparatus used in protein analysis--were acquired. In the next year, over 20,000 Blacks in the Chicago area were tested at rallies, in schools, in the homes. Counseling followed for the thirteen anemics and hundreds of carriers the program discovered.

In a July 27th, interview, we asked Dr. Murray Brown, the Chicago Com-

missioner of Health, to comment on charges that the city was embarrassed by the Panther testing program and had copied it under public pressure. He replied, "The Black Panthers... can't embarrass our program. I'd be in favor of them if they were benefiting the people...But they aren't a damn without the counseling. They're not doing anything but prostituting medicine for political purposes."

On August 2, the Board of Health's assistant commissioner, Dr. Jack Zackler, was asked if he were aware that 45,000 sickle cell carriers identified by the Board of Health had not been counseled or even notified. "Well now, I don't know," he replied. "I guess they weren't notified. But that's only to the best of my knowledge." Dr. Zackler said he could not answer any more questions because he was tied up in an important meeting. Five minutes later Dr. Zackler called back:

"That information I gave you about the notifying of the sickle cell carriers... was a mistake. I now understand that a good percentage of the carriers were indeed notified. I just checked." How many were notified? "I don't know that. It was done on an informal basis and we'd have to revert back to the records for the individual patients. All I do know for certain is that a good number of them were certainly at least informed."

If counseling isn't such a terribly difficult or monumental task, why the seven-year lag? A Board of Health executive stated: "The reason we didn't notify any of those 45,000 Blacks was first, stupidity; and second, lack of concern because it was Black folks that were involved. They made the excuse that counseling was too complicated and too costly. That's not true. There's nothing to the counseling. The letter the Board is going to send out to positive trait carriers now could have just as easily been written two, three, four years ago...if anyone cared."

"Anyway, the only reason Brown is doing it now," he continued, "is because the Black Panther program has forced the city into it. I don't know how complete the Panther pro-

gram was, but they were sincere and apparently doing a job well enough to make an impact upon the people. Well, just look at the facts: The Panthers started their program of testing, notification, education, and guidance in May of 1971. Brown announced his program in May of '72. And then he had the nerve to claim he didn't copy their program and their program had nothing to do with it. The community knows better. This whole thing could have gotten off the ground a lot sooner if the Mayor's pals weren't always pushing their weight around."

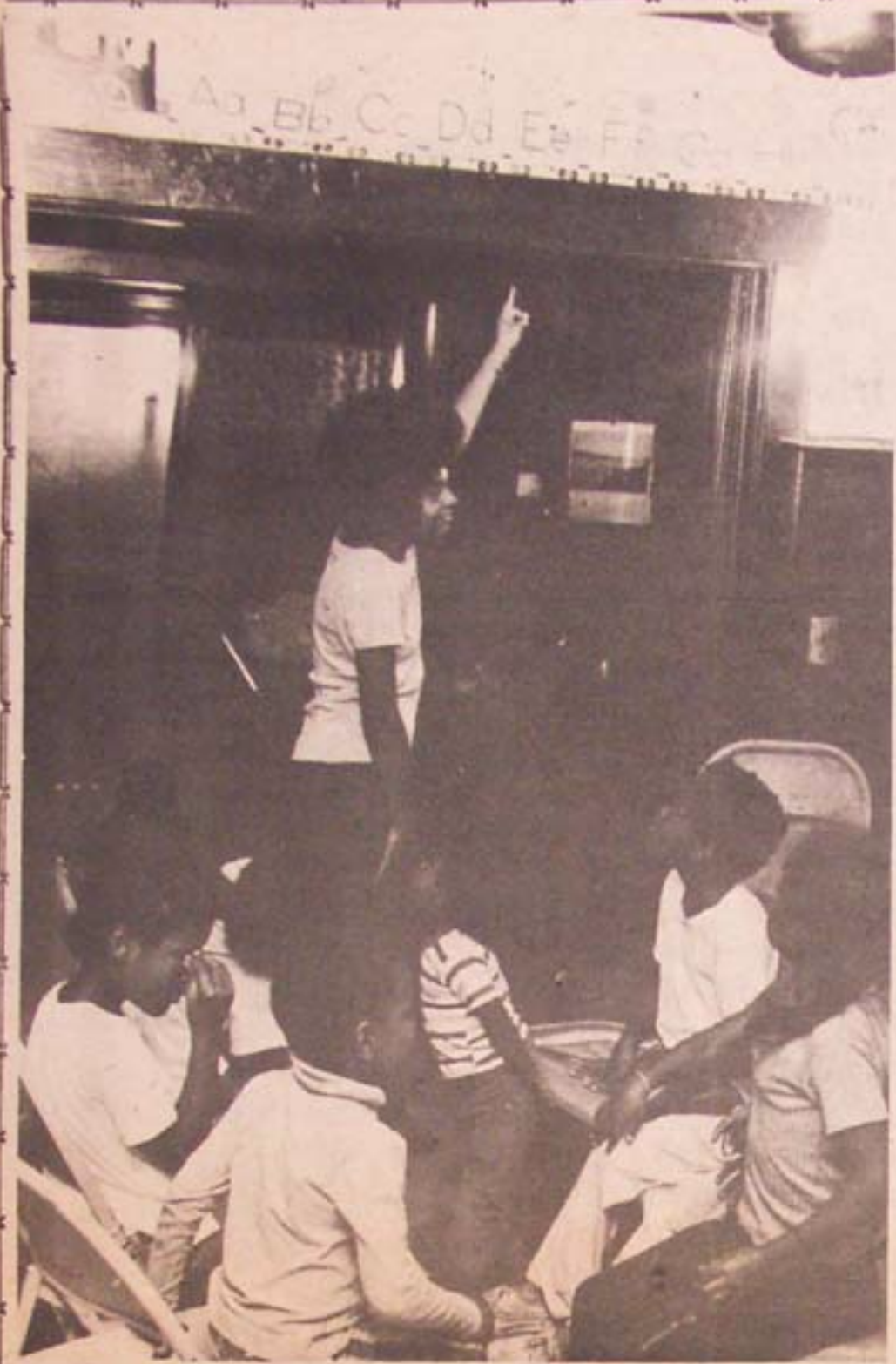
So today, seven years after testing began, the potentially dangerous medical status of 45,000 people remains undisclosed to them. How many diseased children were born to parents that might have otherwise adopted children or remained childless is not known.

"In a way," said one prominent Chicago research physician, "the situation in Chicago is akin to the Public Health Service Tuskegee Report (which details how Blacks were used as guinea pigs in a research project which resulted in their syphilitic deaths). The fact remains, he told us, 'That a large body of public opinion--expert public opinion within the health care profession--is persuaded, as I am, that it is no accident that these people were used for the syphilis thing, or that race is unrelated to the lack of Sickle-Cell programs.'"

"The basic information about Sickle Cell Anemia has been available for a long time. It strains credulity to think it was accidental that the Board of Health got into a counseling program a year after the Black Panthers did. This disease is not a rarity when compared with other genetic defects that have had much research and fanfare. It is a disease that has attracted a very small amount of attention. It's only now that it's become a popular thing for the government to get involved in. 'You better believe that if it occurred in whites, there would have been a major program mounted years and years ago.'"







# EDUCATE TO LIBERATE

The Samuel Napier Intercommunal Youth Institute is a school designed to help our children think. It is located in the Oakland Bay Area and it points out through example that other schools have provided only the most basic courses. Courses that have little relevance to the survival of poor people. We are trying to expand the concept that the whole world is the children's classroom.

The youth at Samuel Napier receive instruction in language arts, mathematics, science, health, physical education, political education and People's art. All of these courses are geared to the development of a well-rounded human being.

We need the help of all interested people in making our school run smoothly. Since its inception in 1970, its enrollment has rapidly increased. We need more instructors. Instructors with everchanging ideas to cope with the everchanging ideas of the children.

If you have teaching skills and can donate some of your time, please contact the Black Panther Party at 8501 East 14th Street, Oakland, California; or phone 562-2086. The children, our youth, are our future. Without their growth we, as a people, can not survive.

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# THE LAND BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE

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Even a white alternate was chosen. On several occasions, during Hekima's trial, members of the jury were found to be actually sleeping. On Friday, April 21, 1972, the judge in the trial, Russel D. Moore, kept court in session until 2:45 A.M. Saturday. The longest day of court proceedings in the memory of many Mississippians. Defense attorneys repeatedly objected; they could not properly represent their clients because they were so tired. The racist judge ignored these protests and proceeded with his 'light of the moon' justice.

With the exception of the two already convicted brothers, and Imari A. Obadele, President of the RNA and Addis Ababa (both of whom are still awaiting trial in Hinds County Jail) the other members of the RNA 11 have all been released on bond pending trial. We all know the farce they can expect for a trial.

After thirteen months of imprisonment, on September 18th, Chumaimari Abdul Askad was released. He stated, "I will physically rejoin the independence fight which I have remained spiritually with throughout my incarceration. I physically re-enter with a renewed dedication, aware that freedom of all Black people and in particular the freedom of all New African Prisoners of War depend on it."

In a recent press release, the RNA has said, "The peaceful attempts to bring about political recognition of the RNA has been blocked and denied by forces within this country, bent on continued attempts of genocide. Their weak propagandist attempts to discredit citizens by calling them 'radicals' will not work. We are not what is implied by the U.S. government forces and media. We are about Black people's right to and for self-determination. Political Independence!"

The repression of the RNA is very similar to the terror tactics the U.S. government heaped upon the Black Panther Party in 1968 and 1969, in the form of raids, jailings, and murders. Black people who fight against racism and reaction find themselves chained together, beaten, tortured, imprisoned or murdered. This country is not going to allow us to have what we deserve -- freedom and the power to determine our own destinies. We must understand our past, organize our present, so that we might control our future; the future of our own communities.

The RNA 11 need the continued support of the people, of all progressive and concerned individuals, if they, like all Black people, are to survive America.

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# BLACK PANTHER PARTY PROGRAM

## MARCH 29, 1972 PLATFORM

### 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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