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## REUTHER'S dead BLACK STRUGGLE CONTINUES

### "A FINAL HALTER ON WALTER"

Walter Reuther died a reactionary conservative labor leader. His death will have no effect on the policy of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers or the overall conditions of black workers. In 1946, when Reuther became President of the U.A.W., working conditions were poor and Black workers were the victims of racism.

Today, 1970, plant conditions are worse and Black workers are still victims of overt racism and niggeration at the point of production.

Walter Reuther was not always a defender of capitalism. At the age of 16, he became an apprentice toolmaker at Wheeling Steel. On his first job, his protest against Sunday work led to his being fired as a "trouble-maker". Reuther was fired from Fords, too, for his radical political views. While attending Wayne State University, he organized students and became known as an agitator.

In 1933, Walter Reuther and his brother Victor travelled around the world in order to observe worker's struggles. Reuther was most impressed in his travel to Russia - proclaiming in a letter to a friend - upon his return he would carry on a "fight for a Soviet America".

Once secure in his position as President of the U.A.W., Walter Reuther became uncreasingly conservative. He became a typical bureaucrat - dearest friend of the auto-barons and staunch reporter of the Democratic party.

Under Reuther's presidency, more anti-labor laws were passed than in the history of organized labor. To stifle workers militancy, he, himself was a proponent of the no-strike clause. Furthermore, to rid the union of all his political opponents, he led the so-called "perge of communist". Many Blacks who opposed racism in the U.A.W. and the corporations were thrown out of the U.A.W. in this "anti-communist perge".

At the 1943 U.A.W. Convention, Blacks were strong enough to demand a Black man be put on the U.A.W. International Executive Board to protect their interests. At this time the U.A.W. was split in two factions: The Reuther and the Addes or left wing group. Walter refused to support the creation of a "negro job" as he termed it, Addes supported the Black delegates position and they provided the vote margin that led to Reuther's defeat for the office of president. At the 1946 Convention, Reuther still did not have total control after his election to the office of President. As a compromise to the Black workers, Reuther established the U.A.W.



Fair Practices and anti-discrimination Department. This move was considered by most Blacks as a clear example of the way Reuther and the U.A.W. intended to handle the problem of racism and discrimination. The leverage that Blacks had as a minority was lost when Reuther swept all of his opposition out of office after the war. In times prior to Reuther's ascendancy to the Presidency, Blacks controlled a balance of power at U.A.W. Conventions, and in some key locals. After Reuther's victory, this was no longer true.

Reuther went on to become known as the champion of "Negro-Rights".

**At the height of the civil rights struggle, Reuther was always found at the head of the line, while never really raising any struggle against the racism that existed in his own union or in the plants where Blacks constituted a majority.**



Even while he was at the forefront of the civil rights struggle, Blacks were expressing their particular dissatisfaction with the U.A.W. for not insisting on intergrating southern locals, especially the General Motor's local in Atlanta. The U.A.W. obviously went along with discrimination in Atlanta. As a matter of fact General Motor's led a more vigorous struggle against discrimination at its Atlanta Plant than did Reuther and the U.A.W. Skilled Trades has been historically racist, and Blacks have always expressed their dissatisfaction with this situation. The ideology of the Skilled Trades group has always rejected the ideal of "equality of opportunity" in favor of an elite position maintained in part by excluding "undesirables" and limiting entrance to trades. The U.A.W. and Reuther instead of fighting racism in Skilled Trades, increased their power, by making Constitutional Provision for them to have the right to reject any contracts and make that rejection binding on the majority. Further insuring them the right to discriminate at will.

Since the emergence of D.R.U.M., E.L.R.U.M. and the League, the Reuther machine had become (and still is) a bitter foe of Black workers who rise up to fight the evils of racism, over production, long hours, and being given the worst jobs in industry. Therefore, his death (Reuther's), as his life, will have no effect on our struggle.

# New Bethel trial - What's The Deal?

Detroit Police Officer, Richard Worobec, failed to identify Rafael Viera as the person who shot and killed Patrolman Michael Czapski outside the New Bethel Baptist Church March 29, 1969. Worobec testified in open court that only one man stood facing Czapski that night, a few seconds before Czapski was fatally wounded and himself injured. He said that no other man or group of men stood on or about the corner of Linwood and Philadelphia that night.

## "Lone Negro Male"

Worobec described this person as a "lone Negro Male" about 5ft. 9 or 10 inches tall, weighing from 160 to 180 lbs., and medium-brown in complexion. The Wayne County, Assistant Prosecutor, Robert S. Harrison, charges that Rafael Viera is this "lone Negro Male". However, while Worobec was on the witness stand with Rafael Viera standing only inches from him for identification purposes, he flatly denied that Viera, in any way, fits the description he gave of the "lone negro male". Rafael Viera is of Puerto Rican descent and very fair complexioned, weighs less than 145 lbs, and is only 5 ft. 5 in. tall!!!

## No Gun Flash

Worobec further stated that the "lone negro male" was holding a rifle of some sorts, but he neither saw a "flash" from this weapon nor did he see the weapon "jerk" or recoil - seconds after he heard the shots, saw Czapski clutch his chest and he felt a "sharp pain" in his own leg and fell to the ground. He failed to see the flash and recoil which are usually an indication that a weapon had been fired.

## Inconsistent Statements

Much of Worobec's testimony this week was inconsistent with testimony he had given at the trial of Alfred Hibbit, and the pre-trial examinations of Hibbit, Rafael Viera and Clarence Fuller. Under cross examination by the defense lawyer, Worobec admitted making inconsistent and un-true statements. He insisted that he was in a "great deal of pain" at the pre-trial examinations and was still in pain during Hibbit's trial. When asked by defense lawyer, Chuck Ravitz, if the pain he suffered prevented him from telling the truth, Worobec was reluctant to answer.

David Brown of Compton California is also testifying this week in the Rafael Viera-Clarence Fuller trial. Brown was the prosecutors "good nigger" or "star-witness" during the Alfred Hibbit trial. He testified then that he saw Hibbit shoot Richard Worobec on that same night of March 29, 1969. Hibbit however, was found "not guilty" by a racially mixed Recorders Court jury.

But, here he is again, flown back from California via American Airlines at



Clarence (Chaka) Fuller on left and Rafael Viera on right.

the taxpayers expense to testify against Viera and Fuller. Brown was a spectator at New Bethel Baptist Church when the Republic of New Africa held that eventful meeting, March 29, 1969.

## Brown's Story

He testified in court this week that he watched the entire R.N.A. program, listened to the various speeches and left immediately after the program. He said he was standing on the corner of Linwood and Philadelphia when uniformed members of the R.N.A., some armed with rifles - escorted Brother Gaidi (Milton Henry) to his car.

## Scout Car Appears

He said he saw a few minutes later Rafael Viera shoot Michael Czapski first - then said that 3 or 4 other members of the Republic opened fire on Czapski and Worobec. He did not identify Clarence Fuller as one of those 4 men. After witnessing the shooting, he further stated he ran back into the church and tried to find some place in which to hide.

## Brown Beaten by Police

Brown, however, said that he was not successful in hiding - after the Detroit Police fired many rounds of ammunition into the church (where many innocent men as well as women and children were seeking cover) and then entered the

church still armed and dangerous - Brown said he was mercilessly beaten.

Brown testified in court that he was beaten in the church and heard others being beaten. He said at least a dozen or so policemen took part in the assault on his body. Brown said, he was kicked in the head repeatedly, smashed by police in the face with their feet, and hit with the butt of a rifle in his private - numerous times. During the assault, he said he was called many derogatory names including "Nigger". Police accused him he said of "killing their partner". It is more likely, however, that they were referring to him having tried to kill them.

## Put in Loft

After he was beaten to the floor, Brown said he was then pulled to his feet and handcuffed. Police then asked him if there were any people up in the loft of the church. Brown responded that he did not know, whereupon the police then put one of their police caps on his head, he said, and shoved him up into the loft. The theory being that if there had been any armed person up there - Brown would have been mistaken as a policeman and possibly shot in the head.

Under cross examination, it was pointed out by Defense lawyer, Sheldon Halpern, that the "loft" was only 2 ft. by

2 ft. Brown was then asked by Halpern after looking at pictures of this loft depicting 2 men of medium build on a ladder - if he thought it possible, looking at those pictures, for two men to get into that loft. Brown responded "no".

He was asked by Halpern if he feared being shoved up into the loft and he said that he was not afraid: whereupon Halpern asked if the reason for his lack of fear was the fact that he knew no one was up there, because he himself had been up there. . . . just as the police had originally charged!

## Brown Arrested

Subsequent to the near massacre of 120 Black people that night, Brown himself was charged with assault with intent to kill Chester Harkowitz, another Detroit cop, inside New Bethel. Harkowitz claimed that Brown shot at him with a pistol from a loft in the church. But, David Brown, Jr. never got to court to stand trial for this accusation. Instead, Brown obviously made a 'deal' with the police, prosecutors, and courts to save his own neck.

## The Deal

David Brown was placed on youthful offenders status in exchange for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for Czapski's death and Worobec's injuries. He was given three years probation and released to his parents. He admitted in court that he is not required to report in person to any probation dept. in California, but simply writes a letter to authorities in Detroit, to the effect that he is staying out of trouble, or being a good boy, in general.

It is hard to imagine Brown, a 19 year old Black youth in and out of various California jails and youth homes accused of trying to kill a Detroit policeman, being given status under this "youthful offenders act". Never before since the adoption of this Act, has a black youth accused of a capital offense been provided for under this program.

The seriousness of this bizarre or fantastic situation lies not in the fact that Brown was granted this provision, but in the fact that Brown had no information to accurately and truthfully describe those responsible, and lied to keep from going to jail himself. Though there is no doubt in anyone's mind that Brown has indeed lied, Rafael Viera and Clarence Fuller, nevertheless, must sit in court day after day until all of the other so-called evidence is heard - and ponder their fates: They have managed at any rate to keep their spirits high knowing that victory and justice is inevitable. Their defense lawyers, true revolutionaries, Ken Cockrel, Chuck Ravitz, Sheldon Halpern, Milton Henry, and O. Lee Molette, have done a magnificent job thus far of impeaching or breaking down insidious liars like Worobec and Brown. The trial will not go to the jury for a few more weeks but justice will be done.

## SWEDES DEMAND ASYLUM FOR GLANTON



Hundreds of Swedish citizens are supporting Glanton V. Dowdell (distinguished Detroit artist, creator of the "Black Madonna") in his fight for political asylum.

Recently, May 1, 1970, approximately 200 sign-carrying Swedes demonstrated in downtown Stockholm in Dowdell's behalf. "Politisk Asyl At Dowdell" and "Stod (support) the League of Revolutionary Black Workers", read posters carried by demonstrators.

In addition, Stockholm's largest daily newspaper, Dagens Nyheter (as well as, Swedish television), has afforded Dowdell favorable publicity.

Dowdell supporters in Sweden, as well as the U.S. - feel he is being persecuted because of his political activities among black groups in Detroit.

Attempts against Dowdell's freedom did not begin with the present federal forgery charge pending against him. Attempts against Dowdell's freedom began Dec., 1967, when two whites, armed with automatic shotguns fired point black at Dowdell through the bathroom window of his art studio, the Easel Art Gallery, on Detroit's westside. (This incident was reported in the Inner City Voice, Dec. 15, 1967).

Glanton Dowdell survived two other similar attempts on his life (freedom) before leaving the U.S.

Dowdell is seeking political asylum on the grounds that the federal charges against him were manufactured for political reasons. If his request is rejected, he will ask for asylum on humanitarian grounds.

Dowdell states, as reported in Stockholm's Dagens Nyheter, continued on Page 4

## American Treachery In Cambodia

While campus demonstrations, racial turmoil, unchecked inflation, and rising unemployment plague this nation at home; the war in Indochina is being expanded. Large numbers of American armed units have been sent across the territorial border of the Republic of Cambodia without the consent of the "government" of that country in a move which President Nixon has described as "not an invasion of Cambodia". American Presidents before Nixon have attempted to end that war by becoming more involved in it (an obvious contradiction in terms). During the Kennedy administration, more "advisors" were sent in. Then, Johnson escalated by beginning and sustaining an intense bombardment of the Peoples' Republic of North Vietnam in an effort to "cut North Vietnamese and Viet Cong supply lines to bring about a just and honorable peace" said President Johnson on several different occasions. Now Nixon has sent American military advisors into Laos and troops into Cambodia. Just why Mr. Nixon has continued to follow already discredited escalation policy of his predecessors is a question which may find its answer in the nature of America's economic system.

Many Black observers of America's handling of the war in Indochina (Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia), believe that the many catastrophic blunders committed by the U.S. in Southeast Asia

are motivated by what has been termed the "Anglo-centric syndrome" (the belief that whites are supermen and have the divine right to go anywhere in the world to decide what is good or bad for the people of a certain region). It is precisely this "Anglo-centric syndrome" that would lead white soldiers and state department officials to say "we must go into Cambodia and clean it up.... cut enemy supply lines.... destroy communist sanctuaries and enemy staging areas..." One American G.I. in the 25 Infantry Division has reportedly said "May 5, march on Laos; May 6, invade Thailand; May 7 annex Burma; May 8, Indochina becomes the 51st state". The "Anglo-centric Syndrome" which is in the final analysis a sick wish to be God has prompted Nixon to say "If, when the chips are down, the U.S. acts like a pitiful, helpless giant (god).... then America will lose its status as a protector of the world from the forces of Communism (evil spirits).

After engineering last month's coup which resulted in the ouster of neutralist Prince Sihanouk as head of the government of Cambodia and the installation of Arch-conservative, U.S. puppet General Lon Nol as "Official" head of state, the ground work was laid for the invasion. When American troops were ordered into Cambodia last week it came as no surprise to most observers. General Lon Nol, after asking for U.S.

military aid, pretended to be ignorant of and surprised by the U.S. invasion of his country.

There is a new dimension to U.S. strategy which this latest invasion of Cambodia by U.S. and ARVN (Army of the Republic of Viet Nam) forces reveal. The American strategist seeks to capitalize upon anti-Vietnamese sentiment existing within Cambodia where the overall population numbers 7,000,000 and of that 500,000 are Vietnamese. The Lon Nol has used this prejudice and scapegoatism to divide the people of Cambodia, thereby insuring the longevity of his government. In fact that government has gone so far as to provide "detention centers" (concentration camps) for Vietnamese citizens living in Cambodia. (It seems strange that the failures of capitalism are always blamed on some minority within a given population.) In order to increase the antagonism between the Vietnamese and Cambodians the U.S. has imposed a 20 mile limit on its penetration into Cambodia while the ARVN is free to go all the way to Pnompenh (the Cambodian capital) shooting their way up the Mekong river with about 40 U.S. supplied gun boats. This attempt to create further ill will between the peoples of Vietnam and Cambodia is doomed to failure. The forces of the Peoples Republic of North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (NLF) have been cooperating with the people of Cambodia for many years, especially in the border

areas. This is why the U.S. and the ARVN found it necessary to completely destroy so many Cambodian towns "suspected of harboring enemy sympathizers".

A peoples' war draws people closer to each other and therefore to their own humanity. The American Failure in Indochina is directly attributable to the administration's inability to understand that the will of the masses of people is the mightiest force on the planet. This concept is simply beyond the comprehension of people like Nixon who believe that technological superiority is sufficient to win the war. The people of Indochina and especially Viet Nam have been engaged in a struggle for their land and for self-determination against the forces of imperialism for the better part of this century. This fact alone is testimony to the strength of their will. They will win without a doubt.

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



# Asylum For Glanton

Nyheter, April 11, 1970, he is not guilty in this conspiracy case. He goes on to say, "But I am guilty in trying to wake up the people to defend themselves against the police terror. I am guilty in trying to stop those who are selling dope to school kids. I am also guilty in trying to organize the black workers to fight corruption and racism."

Glanton Dowdell, father of five, was very active in the Detroit community. According to Dowdell (Chronicle, Sept. 9, 1967), "The black man's first allegiance should be to 'the black nation' not to a society to which we have been brought." He was an active organizer of black workers. And, as co-chairman of the City-Wide Citizen's Action Committee (an organization formed after the 1967 rebellion), Dowdell worked toward his belief that blacks must strive for unity and independence.

(According to assistant U.S. attorney John Hausner, in a Detroit News article, "U.S. seeks return of city artist", written by J. Hansen, Thursday, May 7, 1970, "Dowdell, a black power advocate, was to receive about \$1 million, which was supposed to go to an unnamed black power organization.")

At the federal indictment, however, there was no discussion of division of money. Furthermore, Dowdell and the others were charged with forging \$80,000. It would be impossible for Dowdell "to receive about \$1 million, which was suppose to go to an unnamed black power organization" - the total federal charge amounting to only \$80,000).



## Dubois Widow Denied Entry

Shirley G. Dubois, widow of the late African-American scholar Dr. William E.B. Dubois has been barred from returning to the country by the United States government. Her application for a non-immigrant visa to the U.S. in order to lecture at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, and to attend to some personal affairs was turned down by the State Department.

Mrs. Dubois, who is 63 years old and Dr. Dubois were both natural born citizens. They had taken Ghanaian citizenship during their residence in Ghana during the administration of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. Dr. Dubois died in Accra in 1963.

In February 1967, Dr. Nkrumah was deposed by a

counter-revolutionary military coup d'etat. Soon after, Mrs. Dubois took residence in Cairo.

According to the State Department, Mrs. Dubois was refused entry because of section 212 (A) (28) of the Immigration and Nationality Act which relates to aliens, who because of their activities, membership in, or affiliation with certain organizations are excludable from the United States.

Such action on the part of the State Department is a perfect example of the growing repression within the country. In light of the fact that the U.S. has harbored the forces that launched the Bay of Pigs attack against Cuba. The position of the government definitely seems racist in nature.

UNITE!  
UNITE!  
OR  
PERISH!

Welfare Mothers have, in the past, been content to receive whatever crumbs the welfare agencies have given them, but this is no longer the case. Eleven dollars is not enough to clothe a child for a semester of school, and the mothers demanded more.

Those mothers that protested against the clothing allotments were part of the Detroit Metropolitan Welfare Rights Organization. There are 20 different branch organizations in the Detroit area formed to obtain full rights and benefits for all welfare recipients.

There are many projects and activities underway, including a year old law suit-

filed by Detroit Metropolitan Welfare Rights (DMWRO) against the Board of Education. This suit was filed because of the Board's lack of providing free or minimally priced lunches for children on welfare. This plan to provide lunches would allow 70,000 Detroit area children to eat a hot lunch. Other projects include: (1) A day-care center which will provide child-care for welfare mothers, enabling them to get job training and/or daytime jobs.

(2) Training in house buying so that mothers can move out of inferior dwelling places such as tenements and housing projects. (3) Receiving credit at large chain stores throughout the area. Thus far, credit has been established at Montgomery Wards department stores.

The 20 branch organizations of the Detroit Metropolitan Welfare Rights Organization are a small part of the still larger National Welfare Rights Organization, headed by George Wiley. There are over 200 Welfare Rights Organizations throughout the nation, each designed to deal with the specific welfare problems in each area.

LONG LIVE THE LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS

## Revolt In Trinidad

Prime Minister, Eric Williams of Trinidad is having problems with growing discontent among the people of that island-nation. Just as African Americans in this country are beginning to feel the impact of rising prices and job lay-offs which accompany a faltering economy; so the Trinidadian people as well as the people of other poor nations around the world are experiencing the effects of a tremendous upsurge in unemployment and a phenomenal rise in the cost of living. Unemployment in Trinidad has increased from 15 to 30 percent of the work force within the last year.

Full responsibility for these conditions are generally attributed to foreign ownership and control of all major economic enterprises in that nation and in the rest of the Caribbean. The U.S. controls 75 percent of the Canadian economy and the Canadians in turn control the economy of most of the English speaking West Indies. Most observers view Canada as the U.S.'s entre into the British Commonwealth (a group of former British colonies which are maintained for continued neo-colonial exploitation under the guise of economic cooperation and mutual economic prerogatives).

It would appear that the people have completely lost faith in the government of the island. They regard members of the government as "Black officials with white power," as "Afro-Saxon puppets". "We no longer want to be flunkies for American tourists," young Trinidadians are saying. Fundamental to all of this is that Trinidad is not a Black Nation. Black Power does not reside on that island.

It is precisely the issue of power coupled with the economic frustration of the people born of foreign domination, as well as the fact that ten Trinidadian students were convicted by an all white Canadian jury, and fined a total of \$33,500.00 for their part in events that lead to the damaging of the computer center at Montreal's Sir George Williams University in protest of the overt racism that exists in that institution, that culminated in a mutiny of approximately half of that nation's 800 man standing army. The dissident soldiers took the national army headquarters and armory at Teteron Bay. Upon hearing of this the people of Port-of-Spain took to the streets burning foreign white owned businesses. The road linking Teteron Bay to Port-of-Spain was destroyed by loyalist forces in a effort to block the joining of the revolutionary forces of those two localities in one body which may have taken the whole island. Characteristically, while this was happening, the U.S. sent a thousand marines to waters of Trinidad

and they were prepared to go ashore from the navy vessels which had brought them. The state department released an official statement saying that the marines were "standing by to evacuate American tourist in case of trouble". If the large shipments of small arms made by the U.S. to the counter-revolutionary elements during the state of emergency there had not done the trick, perhaps a Dominican Republic style U.S. marine landing would have taken place in Trinidad, using large numbers of Black marines.

The Caribbean is becoming increasingly turbulent as the masses of the 30,000,000 Blacks of those islands began to awaken to the deception of neo-colonialism.

At this writing Trinidad is extremely tense. As of May 13 three Cabinet Ministers of the Eric Williams government have resigned. There have been six political prisoners released and re-arrested. Port-of-Spain is under strict curfew and U.S. and British forces in that region remain on alert.

## Welfare Rights

Last September, 1969, welfare mothers violently protested against the meager clothing allotments that they are twice annually given. They protested against the \$11.00 that they are given each school semester to provide enough clothing to last for the entire semester.

# BLACKS ARE THE FIRST TO LOSE

**EDITORS NOTE:** This column will be devoted to the Black Masses understanding and particularly the Black Worker understanding of how the economic situation in this country will effect not only his job and family livelihood, but also the political and social conditions in which we as Black people and Workers will find ourselves.

The Black Worker has always been and will always be the first to go when the Racist Company Owners find that their profits are going down. Since we do not own any of the factories, industries or plants, we will always find our job security at the mercy of this capitalist economic system.

If the times are "good" we may have jobs. If they are bad we definitely will be fired so that white workers can keep their jobs. But whether times are good or bad, as Blacks, we are the first to be fired and the last to be hired. Therefore, we find that in order to survive, it is necessary for us to know about the economic situation, probably more than anyone else.

However, the true problem of our survival has never been our lack of understanding whether this year will be good or that year will be bad. Our true problem as Black Workers has been in our not understanding why these trends effect our very lives and what it will take to produce a more progressive system and a system that will make us unexploited Workers.

We must understand so we may create a system in which we will be able to cloth and feed ourselves without "breaking our backs" just to live.

In future columns we will talk about why, how and what we need to build in order to protect our interest and to move toward better living conditions.

## SOME FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

1. In every year since 1957 our work-load per hour has increased (except 1967 and 1969 which were strike years).
2. Between 1946-49, the annual rate of productivity increase was 3.6% per hour while the average annual rate of increase in over-all take home pay was only 1.5% (Exploitation?).
3. For every dollar received by production workers, another \$1.55 was divided between stockholders, executives, officials bankers, lawyers, the government, etc.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment reached 4.2% in February and will probably reach 6% this year which means about five million people will be unemployed.

About 45% of them will be Black.

In a recent meeting of 500 businessmen, the Vice Chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank said it would be necessary to scrap "unproductive workers" for the better ones.

Since the economy does not look good the firing or laying off policy should increase regardless of the needs of the Workers.

## INFLATION

While Nixon continues to lie about inflation conditions (Inflation means that the value and buying



power of the dollar goes down) it continues to rise. Nixon said that inflation is being handled and that no recession is either here or ahead. He made that statement on the day the Labor Department reported another 0.5% rise in the price of goods!

## AS CONSUMERS

Sen. Phillip A. Hart (D-Mich.) has estimated that at least 30% of all buying is wasted.

Auto Repairs: "The figure is \$8 to \$10 billion wasted yearly for work improperly done, unneeded or not even done." (Note: Auto Repairs is a treacherous, profittering racket which feeds on our ignorance and lack of skills.)

Auto Liability Insurance: "Consumers who collected for physical injury in 1968 paid almost \$1 billion for the coverage which duplicated protection they already had -- such as hospital insurance."

Credit Insurance: We are overpaying \$216 million yearly.

## A FEW FACTS ON HUNGER

Over 20 million people are going hungry in America. Of these, 13 million are black. Five million persons have less total income than is required to maintain a bare minimum diet. Another nine million spend from 50 to 100% of their funds on food alone.

Countless numbers of Blacks are maimed for life by what they eat in the first four years of life or even by what their mothers ate during pregnancy.

## PLANNED STARVATION FOR BLACKS

In the deep south huge cutbacks in cotton and the use of automated farm machinery led to thousand of no-longer-needed unemployed Blacks. This drove hordes of destitute Blacks into the northern ghettos where, unskilled and uneducated, they continue to go hungry.

Whether it is Blacks, Indians or Mexicans, those who seek to do something about the conditions find that "new poverty" aid only goes to those who accept blindly corrupt local leadership.

The above facts did not occur by accident nor are they isolated. These facts and others are the result of the most treacherous economic and political system known to men.

As white workers find their pay getting smaller and as black workers press for more demands, what scapegoat will the government use to contain the anger of the white masses?

History shows that Blacks have always been the scapegoat in America. Witness what a thousand white workers in Chicago did when black construction workers pressed their demands. In order to insure that we as Black people protect our interest both economically and politically we need to build the machinery to deal effectively with the past and present counter-moves being made in this country to keep us in suppression.

Because of the type of economic system in this country based on exploitation of labor and especially black labor, it must surely be the Black worker who organizes such machinery.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES EVICTED

The Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, which primarily services poor people in the Wayne County area has been evicted from its offices in the River Rouge Civic Center.

Twice in the last six months the city commissioners have voted to evict the N.L.S. Both times the eviction notices followed court action against the city by N.L.S. the last eviction notice came right after N.L.S. filed a suit challenging Mayor John Mc Ewan's power to set curfew hours when the April disorders erupted. The city commission passed an emergency ordinance giving the Mayor such powers the next day, and he again declared the city in a state of emergency.

When the case was heard several days later, Wayne County Circuit Judge Nathan Kaufman declared that the new ordinance had established without doubt that the Mayor had such powers. But the judge also indicated that the original declaration of emergency was improper, and that charges made under it should be dismissed.

The two previous N.L.S. suits against the city involved relocation of persons displaced by urban renewal and creation of a board of tenant affairs. The first suit is still pending, but N.L.S. won the second. It is being appealed.

## "SELFISH UNIONS TURN DOWN PLAN TO RECRUIT BLACKS"

Eleven craft unions refused to accept the "Detroit Plan", for more employment of Blacks in the building trades, thus making it possible for the plan to be killed.

By refusing to vote in favor of the "Detroit Plan" the racist unions are obviously ignoring the U.S. Department of Labor's plan which requires that blacks must hold at least 20 percent of the jobs in certain trades on federally-assisted Philadelphia projects by 1973. Since the white redneck unions are aware of the U.S.D.L. plan and that failure of the building trades to meet those requirements would mean federal intervention, they are evidently saying that they will have to be forced into accepting Black workers into the building trades.

They have no doubt adopted this stupid ass attitude, because their piggest minds see the recruitment of more Black workers as mere job competition and fear that this would cause them to make less then they could if the building trades were minus Black workers. They are also ignoring the fact that since Black workers are tax payers they have a right to get a crack at the tax dollars being spent on U.S. building projects.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

### STEADILY INCREASING

More and more workers especially black workers are finding themselves out of work. Unemployment rose from 4.4 to 4.8 percent last month. The rise of some 300,000 jobless workers pushed the nation's total to around 4 million, the highest level in five years. The Nixon administration's attempt to deceive the masses of people by instituting such inadequate programs as "Jobs" is failing. The bureaucratic methods, tight money, high interest, and federal spending cuts designed to curb the nation's worst inflation in 20 years but have only barely slowed the annual rise of more than 6 percent. The administration has slightly eased some of the policies, contending the price rise will soon slow to a more "moderate" rise.

### N.A.B. UNDER INVESTIGATION

Senate Investigators have charged Jobs, the government's manpower collusion with private industry with building the hopes of the working class only to produce despair.

The staff of the Senate Labor Sub-Committee on employment, manpower and poverty has released a 175 page background report. The program is run by the National Alliance of Businessmen (N.A.B.) with labor department financial support.

The sub-committee staff and the General Accounting Office (G.A.O.) found that claims of retention in excess of 50 percent for the two-year-old Jobs effort. The Senate sub-committee staff also raised questions about the claimed job retention rate in excess of 50 percent. The staff pointed out that the auditors placed it at 32-41 percent in their still incomplete examination.

Garvey notes discovered - It has been reported in New York that over 10,000 documents of Marcus Garvey, founder of Universal Negro Improvement Association were found. The discovery was made last week by an anti-narcotics group called the Community Thing, which stresses black heritage as a part of its program to fight drug addiction.

NATIONAL POSTAL UNION - contemplates affiliation with the Alliance for Labor Action, the teamsters - auto workers combine. Recently the independent union was excluded from negotiations between government with major AFL-CIO postal groups. The interest in joining the A.L.A. is an attempt to develop a stronger base.

NON WHITES EXCLUDED - The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's latest figures show that non-white recruitment by construction unions is lagging. The E.E.O.C. finds blacks made up only 7.4% of 1.1 million members of union locals filing reports in 1968. The percentage of Black workers in individual trades ranged from 29.2% in the laborers union to zero in the asbestos workers.

Construction union members with spanish surnames accounted for 4.4% of those surveyed. Their share varied from plasterers 12.1% to the asbestos workers 1.1%.



## STUDENTS AND DOCK WORKERS CLASH OVER VIETNAM WAR

Recently, in New York white dock workers and white students clashed violently over the imperialist war in Vietnam. The students had rallied to hear anti-war speeches by various local businessmen and professors while the workers were brought out by the "National Silent Majority Committee".

Police stood by smiling as the reactionary dockers had a "field day" beating up on students and undermining the rally by shouting various nazi, pro-war and racist slogans.

This is a blatant case of misted dock workers and a student movement that has neglected to reach the white working people. Of course, this vacuum between the two groups has been gleefully occupied by their common capitalist oppressor who has reminded the "silent" dock workers of their "patriotism" and past war "glories".

This should serve as a good lesson for the white student mobilizers to politically educate the white working class - not just students.

E.E.O.C. officials stress that almost 75% of the black workers in building trades belong to the laborers union, whose pay scales rank among the lowest.

AUGUSTA GEORGIA - Rev. Ralph David Abernathy announced today that a 100 mile mass march would be conducted through Georgia's black belt to combat the "browning repression" of black people and students in the state and in the nation.

Rev. Abernathy, chairman of the Southern Christiann Leadership Conference, said, "Our entire S.C.L.C. staff has been mobilized for the march in order to address ourselves to the "shoot and kill mentality" of the Lester Maddoxes of this country.

### WE NEED FUNDS:

The League of Revolutionary Black Workers is in the process of producing an organizational film. The film will deal with the various League units DRUM, FRUM, ELRUM, etc. There is an urgent need for \$1,500.00 to complete it. We call on all interested people in the community to help finance this project. All people willing to contribute please send all checks to:

League of Revolutionary Black Workers Film

5705 Woodward

Detroit, Michigan 48202

# A CALL TO BE

STATEMENT PREPARED BY

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All individual reparations may be sent to:

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Brooklyn, New York 11221

"A CALL TO BE"

On April 26, 1969 a group of Black people committed to freedom and liberation, led by James Forman issued the Black Manifesto, calling on this nation through its church institutions to repent of its sins characterized in its racism, its political and economic systems that has systematically deprived, de-humanized and negated its black citizens and to begin to restore to that citizenry in the form of reparations--those things that have been stolen from us for more than three hundred years.

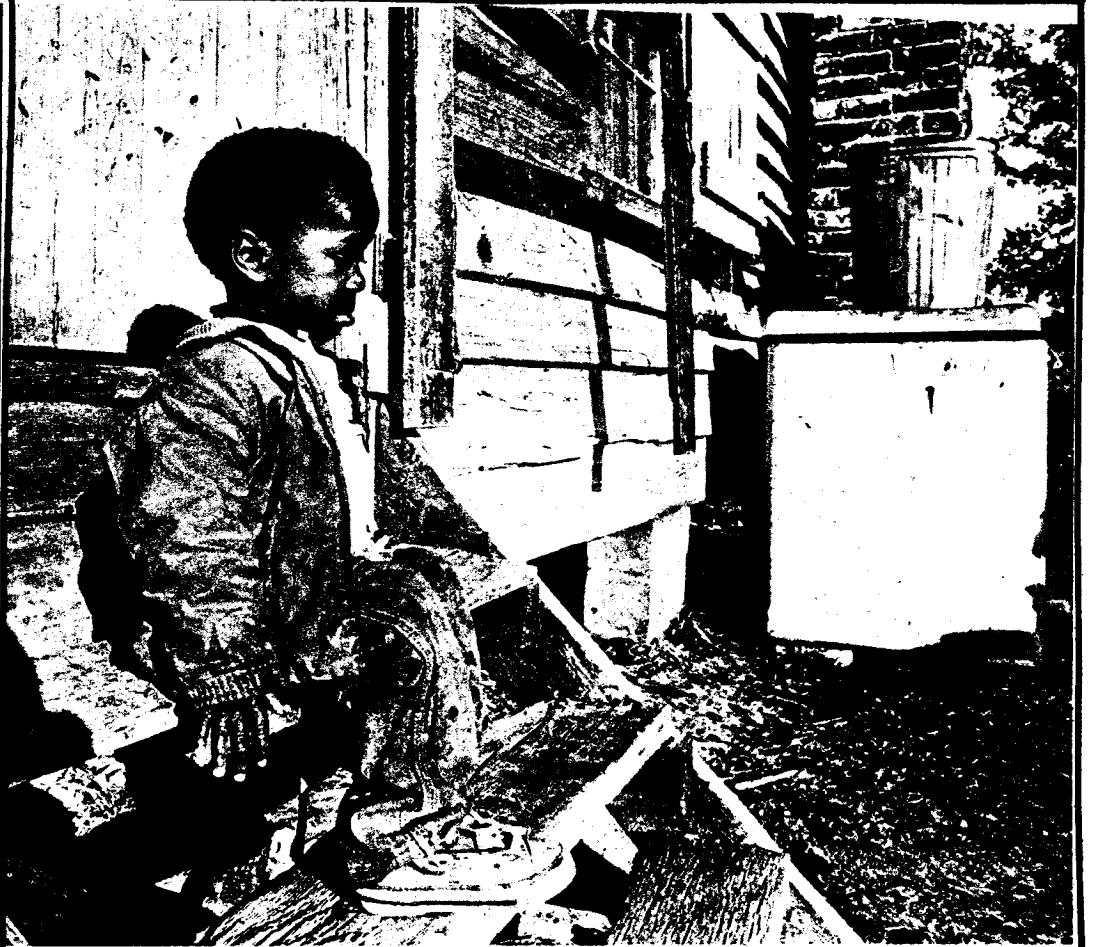
When this call came forth from the city of Detroit, Michigan, many and varied were the reactions of the American people and the christian church. Some white church structures were able to theologize the legitimacy of the call, some immediately found the rhetoric of the Manifesto so "red" and so "violent" that they could not deal with the concept of reparations, others claim that they did not understand the concept of reparations and indeed the mood and the feelings out of which the call stemmed. For they claimed to be convinced that the "Civil Rights Movement" had been a success that the white church institution--Christian and Jewish--has worked and were working to the limits of their capacities to bring about racial parity, social and economic freedom, and justice for all.

Still other white church structures and churchmen after certain pressures had been brought against them entered into so-called negotiations that prove for the most part to be more than stalling tactics to avoid the demands of the Manifesto that were now being pushed by the emerging Black Economic Development Conference.

One major white demonination found a way of getting a comparatively meager sum of money into the hands of the Black Economic Development Conference by using the National Committee of Churchmen as a conduit. I am sure that there were many individuals within that denomination (the Episcopal Church) who recognized the need of their church to pay reparations and who helped in the raising of the money that eventually came to the Black Economic Development Conference because they were committed to the concept of repentance, penance, and restitution.

However, in all candor and honesty, we in the Black Economic Development Conference are clearly cognizant of the fact that the Episcopal Church like all of the other white christian and Jewish institutions in this nation did not ever recognize in any official way the principal call for reparations found in the Black Manifesto and carried out through the Black Economic Development Conference.

A lot has happened in the past year, we have seen the growing tendency in this nation towards repressing those who would raise questions and those who would



Black child in South Carolina.

**"The Southern economy has declared that it no longer needs its black minority. . . . Blacks have been deemed superfluous people for whom fewer and fewer productive jobs will be available each year. . . . So they travel North."**

dissent against the status quo. Hence, we have witnessed the Chicago mock trial, we have seen members of the Black Panther Party shot to death while sleeping in their beds. We have seen Panthers held in bail going into the millions of dollars, we have witnessed the death of Ralph Featherstone who died along with one of our own organizers, Che Robinson, who we memorialize this day, and we have witnessed the unexplained mysterious disappearance of Rap Brown.

During this past year we have also witnessed the attempts of Richard Milhouse Nixon to place two blatant, racist jurists in the persons of Harold Carswell, and Clement Haynsworth, on the Supreme Court bench.

We have witnessed the overturning and stoning of school buses carrying black children to school in Lamarr, South Carolina by crazed, bigoted white men. We have also in the midsts of these events observed that "Negro" "Uncle Roy" Wilkins who in the same week black children were stoned going to school, in the same week Patrick Moynihan called upon Milhouse Nixon to begin to treat the problems of blacks in this country with benign neglect, Uncle Roy instead of addressing himself to these issues chose in a column printed in the New York Post that week to attack the Black Economic Development Conference.

We have seen in the past year the fruits of Americans Technology as she has placed men on the moon at the expenditure of untold billions of dollars and even as we write this document the cold-technocrats in this nation are trying to bring three of their breed safely back to earth because at last they have met with a major crisis in the midsts of their billion dollar game playing. Yes we have also witnessed the manner in which Milhouse juggles figures as he publicized the number of troops being brought home from that senseless diabolical

slaughter in Viet Nam while he sends others everyday to kill and be killed.

We have watched and are still watching the waste of life and the wasting of resources that could be used to build, to change, to reconstruct but instead they are being used to annihilate and to destroy.

Even as we we sit writing this document and looking out of the window of the study at this old historic black church here in Brooklyn, New York, we can see the filth in the streets of Bedford-Stuyvesant. We can see the aimless, jobless men who have given up because the land of the free and the home of the brave, gave up on them, because the Methodists, because the Presbyterians, because the Baptists, because the Unitarians, because the Jews, ect, gave up on them.

We can also see the youth who are hooked on drugs or who will be hooked on drugs eventually, aimlessly drifting through this community. We can see the drug pushers supported by organized crime, we can see the police who turn their backs in the faces of organized crime, but descend with righteous violence upon the heads of dissenting college students; who, hurled to the ground pregnant mothers demonstrating for community control of schools. Who accept pay-offs from the numbers, narcotics and prostitution; mobsters operating in our community and who at the same time cry loudly for law and order.

Yes, a lot has happened in the one year since the Manifesto was issued but the one consistent cord in and through all that seems to be happening in America is that America in its Godlessness is rapidly falling apart

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# LEAGUE of REVOLUTION



## DRUM REPORT

Two years bloodshed, the elections are over and the convention is over, and all that remains are tears and hard times. The results of the elections and convention could be terrifying.

However, we will withstand the troublesome years ahead thanks to the black thinking people at Hamtramck Assembly.

Delegates to the U.A.W. Convention have returned to work after their nine day vacation in Atlantic City. A vacation because all delegates voted positive on all Reuther issues and negative on all worker conditions. Of the 700,000 production workers represented at the convention 70% are young Black, five year seniority workers. The major contract issues were geared toward older employees such as 30 years and out regardless of age.

It was reported that the majority of delegates were drunk and some left before the convention was over.

Moreover, the important issues are yet to come. Above and beyond the contract issues are the constitutional changes:

1. The power of continuous business meetings will be left up to the local president.

2. A special committee will be set up to handle grievances in their final stages (before the grievance reaches umpire decision)

What does this mean?

First, the union business meeting is the only recourse a union member has for any just answer for his grievances. It takes a quorum of 100 persons to hold a meeting. With the local officers plus all elected union officers (plant committeemen, stewards and all standing committees) who are all paid by the

members, the total reaches from 250 to 500.

Yet the reason for the change is there is no quorum.

Second, the appeals committee is geared to stop all grievances before they reach the umpire.

Hamtramck Assembly and all inner city locals have two Hell 'va years ahead. But the brothers in DRUM vow to Fight - Fail - Fight again - Fail again - Fight on to Victory!

Join DRUM

## REACTION IN OUR NAME

Monday morning April 20, the U.A.W. Convention opened. The afternoon preceding the opening day, 90% of the 3172 delegates to the convention attended Walter Reuther's caucus. At that time all the pertinent issues confronting the rank and file membership of the U.A.W. were discussed.

At that time, caucus members did not realize that those issues would not reach the floor in the five days to follow. Among the issues were the closing of Oldsmobile production for full sized Oldsmobiles at two of the five plants where the model is produced. The hard economic conditions facing the auto workers was spoken of. The question of the plight of black workers was spoken to and addressed in the form of denouncing the proposed demonstration by the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement.

Reuther went on to say that he would not be intimidated and that DRUM obviously had underestimated the U.A.W.'s strength. In essence all of the hard questions were dealt with at the caucus level never to reach the floor of

the actual convention. Reuther's address to the convention began as usual, all of the real issues were once again dealt with in polished terms "Wherever workers are struggling for basic justice and human dignity their struggle is our struggle"... Walter Reuther is a veteran at pacifying the desires of the rank and file.

He showed all of his years of polish and trickery at this convention. In all of the speeches the Vietnam war and economic conditions were alluded to. But, all of the resolutions were reactionary. The resolution to double union dues passed without debate.

The resolution is an obvious move on the part of the U.A.W. to keep its pockets fat without meeting the needs of the rank and file membership. It is no accident that at a time when black workers are demanding to be cut off check off in order to force some decent representation, that a resolution would be passed to safeguard the present right to check off and to add insult to injury by doubling the checked off amount of dues. During the 68' contract settlement the sellout union officials were forced to go around and collect union dues from each worker. Many workers refused to pay and were only forced to pay up after the contract was signed two months later. Many locals refused to pay the extra assessment. The Reuther gang moved quickly to establish the right to collect those dues in advance. The entire resolution only represents a furthering of the bureaucracy as the Reuther gang tightens its dictatorship over the rank and file.

Another resolution was passed which can in effect limit membership meetings to once a year once again to nullify the power that black workers have recently been able to muster at local membership meetings. So the resolutions had the effect of taking away more and more of the power of the rank and file

membership of which a greater percentage is becoming black day by day.

Instead of inviting speakers or leaders who truly represent the interest of workers the podium was maned for the most part by ruling class stool pigeons; Secretary of Labor George Shultz and former Chief Justice Earl Warren and the Reuther gang itself.

The most positive aspect of the entire convention was the fact that almost every black delegate at the convention left with the stark realization that if black workers are going to receive any justice it will be done back in the shops where black workers toil for their survival. Walter Reuther rules supreme and he is padding his control by constitutional changes and reducing the once representative U.A.W. Constitution into a straight jacket of paper and ink.

## ON STRIKE

On Friday night, May 1st, the entire afternoon and midnight shifts of Eldon Ave. Gear and Axle Plant walked out. As of today 12 Local 961 union officials have been discharged by the management of Chrysler's Eldon Gear and Axle Plant.

These firings which began at approximately 10:00 p.m. Friday night were management's response to the April 16, walkout in protest of Brother John Scott's firing. As you know, John Scott was fired on April 15, after he had been threatened with a pinion gear by his foreman, Erwin Ashlock. However, Brother Scott was reinstated. Negotiations in regard to management's flagrant disregard of the contract and supplement were still pending. On Friday, May 1st, 1970, Johnny Moffett, Tony C. Moore, George Bauer, Clarence Horton, William L. Sparks, and Robert Thomas all



# NARY BLACK WORKERS



afternoon shift Stewards and J. C. Thomas, Union Trustee, were called into the labor Relations office. They were informed by Carl Paisgrove, Eldon's Labor Relations Supervisor, that they were being discharged for leading the April 16 walkout. These firings triggered a walkout on the Friday afternoon and midnight shifts, and forced the Local leadership to declare a wildcat strike.

Jeremiah Ingram, Donald C. Johnson, Jordan Sims, Leo Oddo, and Howard Willis were notified of their discharge the next day. The Local union officials manned the gates and turned away workers attempting to enter the plant. On Sunday, May 3rd, the local leadership held a special meeting during which Elroy Richardson, President of Local 961, informed the membership that they would be on strike until further notice. (The company would not negotiate). On Monday, local officials again manned the gates turning away workers and directing them to the union hall. Around 6:15 a.m., local officials stopped the wildcat. The injunction also stated: "That this work stoppage, if permitted to continue, would have the following effect upon the remaining production activities of Chrysler Corporation. (A) Within 2 days, all production of small cars will terminate. (B) Within a week all production of medium sized cars and large cars will terminate.

That such cessation of all production activities of Chrysler will cause irreparable harm to it and its employees, and potentially will cause the indefinite layoff of approximately 100,000 production employees within two to five production days."

On the night the injunctions were served Attorney Mike Addelman represented Jordan Sims, Robert McKee, and James Edwards at a hearing in Judge Canhan's court to show cause why bench warrants should not be issued to the pickets at Eldon. The corporation, who

was well represented with about 7 Attorneys asked that the order for bench warrants be withheld since the President of the Local had ordered his workers back into the shop. With the people back to work, the company then refused to hire any of the union representatives back in the shop. At the present time there are (14) union representatives still in the street, with our President, Elroy Richardson still begging the man to let him into the conference room.

**DEFEND IKE JERNIGAN**

**HAIL IKE JERNIGAN**

**FREE JERNIGAN**

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

You can probably think of plenty of reasons why a foreman ought to be shot, and also corrupt union leaders who cooperate with the company. Ike Jernigan had special reasons. He worked at Lockheed for 6 years. For 6 years he experienced the kind of crap forced down all workers throats -- unsafe conditions, speed up, low pay, high prices and constantly rising taxes. Because he is black he also had to deal with the racist practices of both the company and the union. Like other unions the I.A.M. had allowed the company to give the lowest paid jobs and worst conditions to black people. Everybody got cheated and blacks got cheated worse.

No one wants to be pushed around. Jernigan tried to do something about it. He helped found the Lockheed Employees Unity Association. With them he fought to better working conditions and bring about just and fair treatment for the black worker. They worked through all the established channels, the bureaucratic grievance procedures, and campaigned in union elections. For this Jernigan and others were constantly harrassed. The unions joined with the company to try and smash the Unity Association.

One day Jernigan was fired for merely wearing an African shirt to work. The union refused to back him

**BLACK  
WORKERS  
MUST  
UNITE!**

up. It took an appeal to the N.L.R.B. to get him reinstated. Reprimand followed reprimand. Then last July Jernigan said enough was enough and let his foreman have it, and the union president and another union official.

The government, Lockheed and the I.A.M. are putting on the pressure to have Jernigan executed. We must defend our working brother who fought for his rights. The justice he demanded can only benefit everyone. For a worker an injury to one is an injury to all.

Send a letter of support to:

**The League of Revolutionary Black Workers  
179 Cortland  
Highland Park, Michigan 48203**

**Give what you can for legal costs to the same address.**

## Receiving Hosp. (RHIC)

The Receiving Hospital Improvement Coalition (RHIC) recently delivered a list of demands to the Common Council, President Keast of W.S.U., and Mayor Roman Gribbs. The group is a coalition of medical workers, students, and several community groups, who seek better patient care at Detroit General Hospital.

The Receiving Hospital Improvement group called on the Common Council to make the following steps:

1. Declare the new Mayor's Committee on DGH illegal until a chairman who represents the true interests of the workers and the community be appointed.
2. Ensure that the new committee be composed of community members and workers of the hospital and that the majority of these members come from R.H.I.C.
3. That all workers and community people serving on the Mayor's committee or any other committee concerning D.G.H. be paid for their services and that the resources of W.S.U., the Health Commission and the city of Detroit be made available to all members of the committee for study.

The major significance in these demands was that the workers had begun to understand the necessity for total control before any kind of change could be had at DGH. In trying to understand total control, the workers began to find out that there were other forces within the hospital structure which had to be dealt with before they could move as a powerful force for change.

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# The Time Is Now

By Rev. Brother Bob Baldwin

Making a spot check in the average inner-city neighborhood we are confronted constantly with The "Black Power" slogan. Is it something to be feared? What does it mean? How should we react to it? Will it be the death or perhaps the life of us all?

In America today a system of social injustice presents itself, which often makes an individual attempt at personal goodness irrelevant. If we attempt only to be nice to some one individual whose whole being is twisted by this system, and all of its controlling agencies, our being so-called nice is not of much influence or value.

Suppose a brother or sister says, "The Good Samaritan came upon the wounded man and took him to the inn and cared for him, and then the next day found another beaten man at exactly the same place along the road, whom he again cared for." Then suppose that each following day wounded travellers were discovered at the same place along the road. If this went on for weeks would we not think that there was something wrong with the Samaritan's faith if he never thought to ask who was patrolling that road against bandits? His own personal goodness would be frustrated by a society which permitted such things to take place, much in the same way ours is when we expect our personal goodness to compete with the society which has and continues to cripple the black man of our land.

Perhaps the greatest distortion facing us today in this land is the gross imbalance of power and conscience between Blacks and Whites. Because of this imbalance we have been led to believe that whites are justified in getting what they want through the use of power, but that Black Americans may make their appeals only through conscience. The system has said, "We will give to the Black man when he appeals to us, but the Black man dare not use a power, even though we have told him to pull himself up by his bootstraps." The results is the corruption of white power and Black conscience. It is fair then to say that in the Black-White confrontation we find conscience-less power of white men meeting the power-less conscience of the Black man. This clash threatens to break out into civil war, which could very well destroy the nation. Integration, therefore has failed as a means of achieving peace, primarily because what it meant to be human and American was to be white, i.e. bleaching creams, hair straighteners, the entire crisis of image and identity for Black brothers prevailed all to devastatingly long and elements of this mentality still afflicts many.

## BLACK POWER: SEARCH FOR MEANING

Without the capacity to participate with power in the life of America Black men cannot take themselves seriously as human beings who are creatures of a great and magnificent civilizations of history, i.e. The glorious past of Mother land Africa.

**Black Power is not so much anti-white as it must be pro black.**

Some people have stated that Black Power will lead to open conflict between White and Black America and that if this were to happen the Black minority would be annihilated. I feel this is a total misunderstanding of the intent and purpose of Black Power. Let me also say that if violence were to break out, this resulting violence would be a natural outgrowth of the mind-set of a white system which has again and again resorted to violence as a solution. I must further add that any resulting violence could never compare to the destruction of the hearts and minds of Black, Brown, Red, and even White children in pain and sorrow which resulted from racist practices in this society.

In the past this country has asked Black folk to fight for opportunity as individuals, when what we needed to do was to move as a group for all black people, as other

ethnic groups have done in this land. Now that we attempt to move through Black Power, white fear rises on every side.

The direction and substance then under the title of Black Power is organizational strength. It is not something out in the streets to be fought over. No longer must we have a victim/inferior image, but strive to develop our respective abilities and expertise for liberation and peace.



## h.p. Strikes!!

During most of the strike at Highland Park College, where was the Board of Education?? This Board was on a trip to California . . . on no less than public funds.

The Highland Park Board of Education has been accused of not being concerned about the needs of Black students. For anyone who had any doubt about the accusations, their absence from the city during a time of crisis confirms it, especially since the Board knew of an oncoming strike. They had been warned of a possibility of a student strike before they left the city. (Maybe that's why they were so eager to leave!!!)

It is not surprising that they behaved in this fashion. The Board's idea of citizen participation (taken from the minutes of the Board meeting of July 3, 1969) is "That a question and answer period be provided at the end of meetings before adjournment", this was unanimous decision of the Board therefore the one black on the Board, William White went along with it.

The Board's Public Record is open to the public at the office on Bartlett; that is if you can get past the secretaries, who act as if the minutes are very sacred.

A look at these minutes shows one how the Board thinks:

On February 10, 1970 the Board unanimously opposed a Malcolm X Day in Highland Park. The Board gave the pre-existing school calendar, the reason for it's refusal to declare Feb. 21st a legal school holiday. However, in as much as our Black children are in need of and want a hero and Malcolm did so much in educating Black people, it would seem that the Board would, if they were in tune with the needs of their students, have given the students that day off . . . in honor of Malcolm. The state requires that the students have a given number of days however, it does not say what days.

This year the Board is spending \$1,432,878 on unlisted "Special Projects". Why were these "Special Projects" not listed? Why should it be necessary for one to have to pursue long telephone calls to find out how one tenth of the school budget is spent, especially when all other things such as salaries, special programs, materials were listed.

One of the listed projects is \$25,301 on a project to try to trick Highland Park sixth graders into thinking that the police are their friends, (money being spent on nonsense!). Surely some police may be friendly but this lesson can only be taught by actions of the police not by spending public funds to kill us wholesale. These are just a few of the many irrelevant actions of the Board. Apparently with this Board, irrelevancy is the "in" thing.



## A CALL TO BE

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and going down to its death--read the pages of history, America, read about the empires that have crumbled. Take note of Babylon, take note of Rome, take note of Alexander, take note of Napoleon, take note of Britania, who once ruled the waves. Take note of Hitler's Third Reich and recognize that any society based upon exploitation, slavery, and de-humanization, has built into its own self-destruction.

By beating and imprisoning dissenters you will not wipe out the unquenchable thirst for freedom that stalks in your midst America. For you might kill us, and we very well know this, but after we are dead our liberated spirits will live on and other men shall be inspired by them. These men black, white, red, brown and yellow will continue to fight the liberation fight. Take note of so-called christian church in America, you who claim to be the bride of Christ, but who in fact is little more than a whorish bitch committing adultery with the racist, unjust political and economic structures of this nation that you too will go down to your death.

Finally we appeal to all those who would be the people of God, to all who would comprise the body of Christ, to enter into the struggle for liberation. We invoke again the Black Manifesto, we call upon you again to recognize the sins that the system has interposed against the poor blacks and other despised people, and we urge you to break with that system.

We call upon all individual white christians to ignore the soulless institutional church structures and to give of your resources in order that we together will bring about the economic freedom and social justice called for in the Black Manifesto. We call upon individual white Jews to remember some of your own struggles and to use your resources to help to bring about liberation for other struggling people.

**We also call upon all Afro-Americans whether you see yourself as Black, Negro, or Colored to divest yourself of the luxury of fighting each other and to join hand in hand with us in the liberation struggle.**

Finally, let me say to all who hear my voice this day and all who shall read this document that it is not a matter simply of black liberation, it is not simply a matter of black empowerment, nor is it a matter of black economic viability, but in its full and most real sense it is a matter of biology, it is the matter of the survival of a biological species, *the human race*.

*It is not freedom or slavery -- it is being or not being. . . . . We call you to be.*

## STUDENTS PROTEST WHILE NAACP LICKS CHOPS

On Sunday, April 26, 1970 approximately 2,000 people filed into Cobo Hall - the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) annual Freedom Fund Dinner. Among the guests were Walter Reuther, former supreme court justice Earl Warren, Mayor Roman Gribbs, and many of the wealthiest "negroes" in the city of Detroit.

They were entertained by Stevie Wonder, slightly high from the scotch and bourbon consumed, and happy because the \$100 or more they donated was going toward a worthy cause - freedom for black people, or at least that is what the banner above the entrance suggested.

In fact, more than \$1,500,000 has been collected by the Detroit branch NAACP over the past decade under the banner of freedom and another \$200,000 was collected Sunday night. Not once, during this time, has the NAACP accounted specifically for the use of these funds in the black man's struggle for freedom.

Sunday night, however, approximately fifty black college students from Detroit area colleges and universities demonstrated in front of Cobo Hall demanding that the NAACP account for the use of funds in the past. It was no surprise to find that they were commended for the peacefulness of the protest.

Tom Turner, the president of the Detroit NAACP, was approached by several of the black students, and asked to account for the use of past and present funds collected under the banner of freedom.

Turner appeared somewhat perturbed, and asked if they were NAACP members. One of the students replied, "No". Turner responded, "Well then, I ain't got to account to you for nothin". The students simply turned around and walked outside to resume the demonstration.

The black students claimed their purpose was to bring about an awareness to the black community that the NAACP is no longer relevant to their needs, and to shake the complacency of the docile guests inside attending the dinner.

The fact of the matter is that 10% of the \$200,000 collected that night went to Roumell Caterers, a Jewish catering firm. Approximately \$20,000 of the freedom money helped to line the pockets of the Jews.

Forty percent of the approximately \$180,000 left, \$72,000 remains with the Detroit NAACP to pay secretaries, administrative expenses, and salaried officials. Tom Turner, the president receives an \$18,000 per year salary. The remaining 60% or \$108,000 is sent to the national headquarters in New York and is used to maintain staff personnel, administrative expenses, and salaries.

Many brothers and sisters are unaware of the fact that the Legal Defense Fund of the NAACP is an autonomous department within the

organization with the specific purpose of raising funds for litigation in the courts. This means that none of the money raised at these banquet dinners go toward legal defense.

The black students demonstrating outside the Freedom Fund Dinner were aware that the \$200,000 never reached the poor downtrodden brothers and sisters in rat infested tenements - in the form of services or anything else. They realized that there were very few real people inside of Cobo Hall, and that those most in need of a nice balanced Sunday dinner were either on 12th Street or Mack starving.

The students are hopeful that the present leadership of the Detroit branch NAACP take heed, and re-evaluate their politics so that they become attuned to the present needs of the Afro-American Community, or young blacks have no other alternative, but to rid themselves of the irresponsible leadership.

## VICTORY AT JEFFRIES

After a year and a half long struggle, a handful of Black tenants at the Jeffries project have forced the Detroit Housing Commission to give all residents of public housing here at least minimum decency in living conditions.

The leaders of the Jeffries rent strike have signed an agreement with the commission which guarantees basic tenant rights—including a fair rent; building and plumbing code enforcement; adequate and immediate repair and maintenance of buildings and units, adequate lighting, and tenant right to select what social services shall operate in each project.

Now only the Neighborhood Service Organizations provides social services in public housing.

The victory was won by few more than 500 of the thousands of tenants of Detroit's public housing.

Their ability to hold out over many months against threats and intimidation by the commission and project managers cost the commission more than \$500,000.

The 500 Black tenants, many of them Sisters, ADC Mothers—brought the housing commission close to bankruptcy and forced it to deal on the Tenants' terms.

The gains won by the 500 Blacks who stubbornly demanded that the Housing Commission provide conditions basic to human dignity before they paid a cent of rent, will be shared by all the tenants of public housing, black and white.

Along with other gains, Jeffries Action Committee and the Jeffries Academy of Culture won a tenant training program leading to project jobs for residents.

It also provided that contractors working in the project should hire residents where that is possible.

The agreement provides that no tenant shall pay more than 25 percent of

his income for rent—the national average. Now, some pay as much as 70 percent of their income as rent.

Resident patrols will be established funded by the commission.

The Commission may no longer spy on residents or keep records of their conduct that is not relevant to his obligations under the lease.

The rent strikers closed a victory statement with a warning.

"If the agreement is not lived up to by the Housing Commission, they will strike again."

## BLACKS FIGHT RACIST CONTROL of MEDIA

A program to end white racist control of radio and television in Detroit got underway this week with monitoring of advertising content of racist programs.

Number one on the list to be monitored will be Channel 50's Lou Gordon program.

Spearheading the drive is Tony Brown, president of the National Association of Black Media Producers which has charged all but four Detroit radio and television stations with being racist controlled.

Brother Brown will contest the racist stations right to use public airwaves if they do not meet the demands of his group.

All local stations must renew their licenses by Oct. 1. If they do not add Blacks to their staffs and programs relevant to the Black community to their program schedules, he says he will challenge their right to licenses under a law that refuses licenses to stations which discriminate.

Besides that, a local group, the Ad Hoc Coalition on the Media, will educate the black community as to what businesses are advertising on such racist programs as the Lou Gordon Show so they will know who their friends and their enemies are.

"Stations cannot continue their racist game if advertisers don't give them the money to run it," Brother Brown said.

"In 1967, Channels 2, 4, and 7 made \$42 million off these advertisers who sell goods of which Black people buy a considerable amount. Everything follows money. If we stop the source of the money we will stop the source of the racism," Brother Brown declared.

## Grape Strike



After nearly five years of struggle against the agricultural business barons of California, the United Farm Workers are beginning to win some victories.

On Wednesday, April 1, three small Coachella Valley table grape growers

signed contracts. Even more recently, the United Farm Workers won the first two elections on the Larsen Ranches (74 to 2; and 78 to 0) and more negotiations are in the works.

It has taken real organizing work around the country to make these victories possible. The determination of literally millions of shoppers to boycott the grapes of wrath has struck a blow against poverty and oppression in California. But THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING! THE BOYCOTT IS NOT OVER! Only a handful of the ranchers have recognized the farmworker's rights. The vast majority of the grapes are still scab (that is, pig food) and we must stop them by educating the brothers and sisters about the issues, and getting the grapes out of the stores.

Besides improving wages and working conditions, the first three table grape contracts made history for CONSUMERS by banning such dangerous pesticides as DDT, aldrin, dieldrin, and parathion. The growers have casually gambled with the lives and health of farmworkers and consumers for years by using these chemicals, but we are determined that the systematic poisoning of our people WILL BE STOPPED! UFWOC has pledged to obtain provisions in every contract they negotiate to protect workers, consumers, and the environment from the irresponsible use of poisons in the fields.

It is very easy to help the farmworkers in this stage of their fight for justice and human dignity. First, DON'T BUY SCAB GRAPES! Explain to your family and friends that they shouldn't buy scab grapes, either. Second, TELL YOUR STORE MANAGER every time you see him that you're boycotting scab grapes. Keep bugging him. If possible, don't shop at stores that continue selling non-Union grapes. (Don't let them make a profit if they're willing to cash in on the exploitation of workers.) Third, INFORM whatever organization you belong to that they should take a stand to support the farmworker's boycott. Contact us (2500 Howard Avenue in Detroit--825-4811) to find out what you and your group can do.

Keep on pushing. We will win.

VIVA LA REVOLUCION!

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

# UNARMED BLACKS MURDERED



When State Troopers converged on the city, the local police realizing that they would have more support, began to use their guns. After having been encouraged by Gov. Lester Maddox, who blamed the rebellion on the "communist conspiracy" to go out and murder "Black Militants".

On Wednesday, night May 13th, Mack Wilson, 45, was shot in the back; Charley Mack Murphy, 39, was shot seven times in the back; John Stokes, 19, nine times in the back, Sam McCullough, twice in the back, and John Bennet, 28, once in the back.

An ambulance driver who picked up four of the six bodies said that none were armed. He said that one was lying in a street littered with loot, so it was impossible to tell whether or not he was carrying anything when he was shot. He claimed that the three bodies had nothing near them that could have been stolen merchandise.

Police claimed that they were taking heavy sniper fire. However, no policemen or firemen were hit.

Preliminary autopsy reports from the offices of Richmond County coroner Nathan Widener showed Wednesday, May 13, that all six brothers murdered by police in the rebellion which took place May 11, were shot in the back.

The rebellion was touched off supposedly after Black citizens in Augusta heard that Charles Oatman, a 16 year old mentally retarded brother had been tortured to death by police. Charles had suffered massive hemorrhage in the brain. There were numerous cuts and bruises, his lungs were full of blood tinged fluid. The manager of the funeral home in which Charles' body was in said, that there was puncture marks on one side of the face that appeared to have been made by a fork, and the back was scarred with marks that could have been made by a heavy leather belt.

The death of Charles Oatman served as a catalyst for Augusta's black community. It touched off a few days of rebellion. During these few days there was much destruction of property.

**Support the League of Revolutionary Black Workers**



# MISSISSIPPI GODDAM



Jackson, Mississippi - May 15 -

State and Local Police opened up without warning with a barrage of gunfire on a five story women's dormitory on the campus of Jackson State University. The wanton attack, which lasted for more than 15 minutes, left two Black youths dead and eleven injured. Three of the injured are reportedly in critical condition in Jackson hospital.

Dead students include: Phillip L. Gibbs, a 21 year old pre-law Junior at Jackson State, and James Earl Green, a 17 year old Senior at Jackson's Jim Hill High School.

The establishment's mass media, television and radio alike, blatantly ignored and purposely played down the massacre of the two Black students, especially the fact that one was only a 17 year old brother.

One student reported that "Alexander Hall (the woman's dormitory) looks like it had been attacked by dire bombers. . . . it's a damn shame."

Dr. Peoples, Jr., Jackson State's Black President has ordered that the school be shut down for the remainder of the semester. In a statement delivered before the student body he remarked: "We have gone through a night of agony unparalleled in the history of Jackson State. We have witnessed two of our Brethren slain wantonly and determinedly. This will not go unavenged."

The two students apparently were accidentally shot, since one was shot in the back as he was entering the girls dorm and the other was apparently killed by a stray shot on his way toward a dining hall.

The police claim they were returning fire from an alleged sniper, who was supposedly firing from the girls dormitory. The girls dormitory's first four floors are air conditioned and thus sealed off, so that no sniper could conceivably fire out of the windows.

The New York Times has reported the Deputy Attorney General, Richard G. Kleindienst told Jackson's Mayor by telephone that Federal investigators are trying to determine whether the civil rights of anyone were violated.

## INTEGRATION NOT REALISTIC

The recent demand for integration by the Detroit Public School Board ignores one basic reality. That reality is, the American educational system has miserably failed to educate black children. For this reason, the failure of the public school system, and the needs of our children, we, Parents and Students for Community Control, advocate community control of the Detroit Public School System.

One reason for the failure of public schools to educate black children is the attitude of the American government and educators toward black children.

Public education, in this society, is designed to provide the personnel necessary to maintain the economy. The educational system is an indirect subsidy to business. Because the economy needs a pool of unskilled labor, it would be wasteful - as well as dangerous - to try to educate everyone. So schools which serve black and poor children, have historically been 'stores' for industry, keeping available the unskilled labor supply the economy needs.

Another reason for the failure of the schools to educate black children is the attitude of educators toward black children. Black children are victims of

"educators" who attempt to relate to them on the premise that their potential for learning is limited because of their "socio-economic" background. They are not expected to learn because they are considered "culturally deprived". For example, one white "educator" at Keating Elementary in Detroit, proclaimed at a parent-teacher meeting, "black children cannot read because their parents curse - causing the children to have a negative self-concept!"

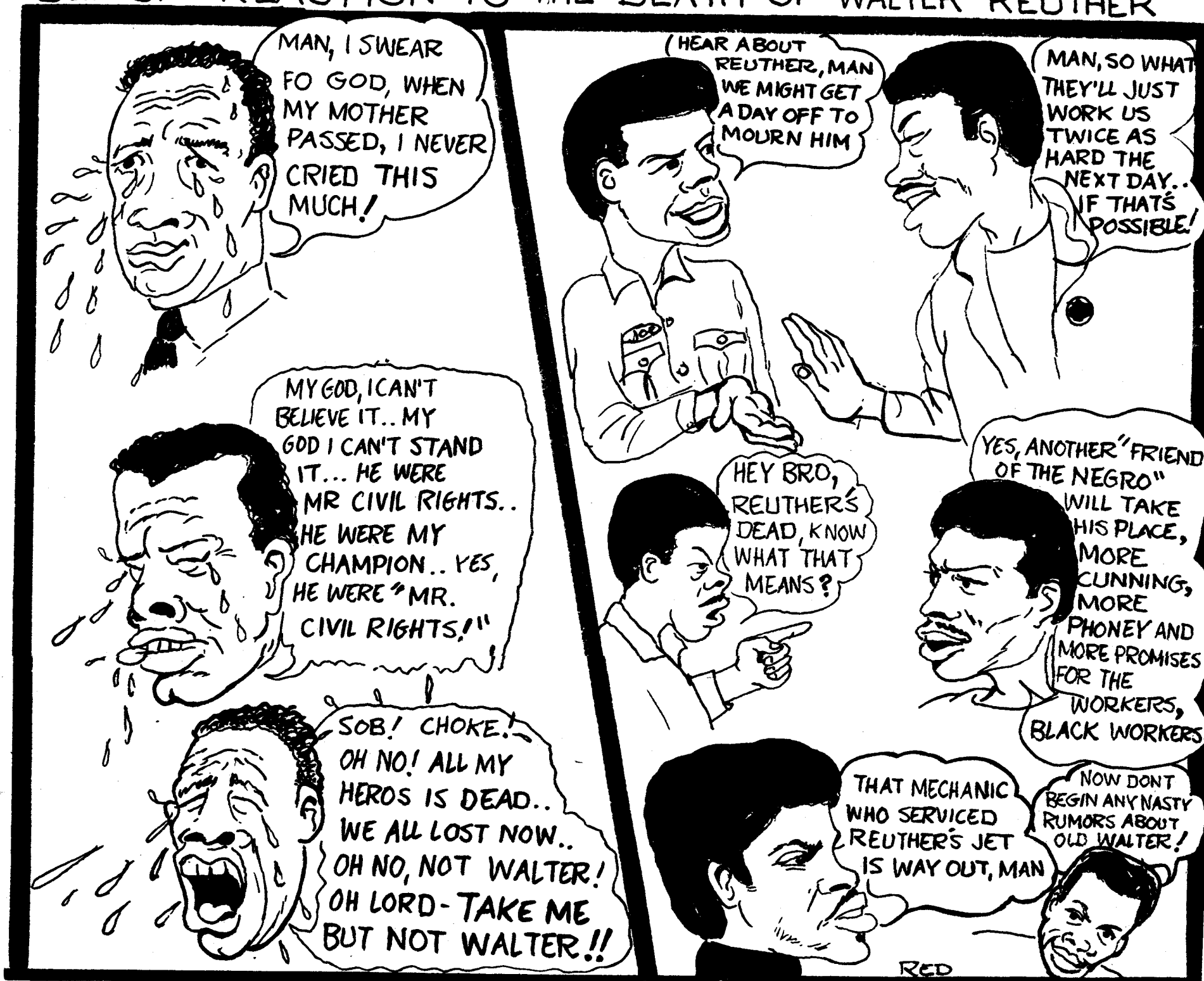
**What a teacher believes a child can, cannot or does not do has a direct relationship to what a student does in that classroom. High expectations of pupils by teachers, and learning by pupils reinforce each other, that is, if teachers believe their students can learn and expect them to learn, the students learn.**

A meaningful, relevant education is necessary in order for black children to exist in this society. Black people must develop their own educational programs to meet their needs. The present educational system is irrelevant to the needs of black children. Children learn when teachers and administrators relate to them as human beings and as worthy contributors to society.

**Children learn when parents feel they have the power to influence forces affecting their lives.**



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Furthermore, children learn when those persons interacting with them respect their culture, their values, without trying to impose other values upon them. Based on these understandings, the needs of children and the failure of the present educational system, we, Parents and Students for Community Control, advocate community control of schools.

Community control is the only way to establish accountability of the school system in black areas to those served. Community control means the right of local governing boards, elected by the community, to control the budget, hire and dismiss teachers and administrators, and to determine curriculum.

Community control would involve changes in the roles of parents, teachers, students, and administrators. It would also involve changes in the school curriculum. Changes in the curriculum, for example, could make the school experience responsive to student and community needs. Changes could bring the different 'worlds' of the student together.

For instance, the community and its problems could come into the classroom, housing, health, discrimination, drug addiction, etc. Furthermore, thinking for oneself could be valued above giving "correct" answers. And, comprehension, interest, and effort could be valued in the curriculum.

Control of education in the black community by reactionary, middle-class whites has no right to exist. Black people are in the process of developing the power to assume control of institutions which effect their destiny. The single institution which carries the heaviest responsibility for 'dispensing values, values which identify a group's consciousness of itself, is the educational system. To leave the education of Black children in the hands of those who have so miserably failed, despite their control over resources, would be suicide. Community control is education for survival!

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## Receiving Hosp. con't

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One of these forces was the entire union structure and the union lackies who were working to confuse the issues.

Another was the professional elitism of these people on the steering committee who could talk about better patient care but wanted to hear nothing regarding equality on the job through rank and file worker control of the institution, itself. Another was the relationship

between the University and the Hospital regarding the use of poor patients on experimental levels for teaching experiences.

Understanding the necessity for total control, is one thing, figuring out how to seize that control is another thing and opened an entire new struggle for the workers at DGH. And they reacted to the implications in varying ways. Some of the workers made a hasty retreat, preferring to relate to the union. Others preferred to relate to the doctors and nurses, the health professionals. A majority of the workers are taking a wait and see attitude.

The most revolutionary of the workers were willing to continue to struggle within the coalition to achieve change. These workers had begun to understand the necessity for Black leadership and Black control of DGH, to win in a struggle not over better patient care so much as a class struggle, involving an oppressor who used the people's illnesses as a means to make profit. They felt that health care is a right and not a privilege and that they should control the administration of that care. But along with that came the realization that a tremendous amount of study, research and propaganda was necessary to rally all the people to the cause for community control of health care.

Two of the issues being dealt with at present by RHIC are Free Speech and assembly and the Upgrading of Black employees in the health field in DGH. Hospital employees at present have no means of dispersing information to other employees. There is no freedom of

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# COPS MURDER CHILD



The Brutal oppression of the ghetto has murdered another of our young children in its senseless quest for black people's blood. Two cops, Thomas Aranyos and a Donald Carlson, were chasing two Black youngsters suspected of car theft. As usual, the cops began firing frantically and the resulting fusilade of bullets ended little nine-year-old Danny Smith's life.

This must stop! We know the same old pattern will be repeated - the cops will be temporarily "suspended" while some racist, like a county prosecutor, "investigates", only to come up once again with another racist trick.

The firing of weapons at suspects in a densely populated area is a very grave matter. It means that, at the discretion of some white cop, an innocent person may have his life taken. And it seems to only happen when cops are chasing *Black* suspects in a *Black* neighborhood. We just don't believe that these same cops would unload their weapons while chasing *White* people in a *White* neighborhoods such as Grosse Pointe, Dearborn and the rest.

It would seem that in order to fire at a person, the cops would have to be chasing someone suspected of a very serious

crime - and we won't argue about whether or not teenage car stealing is a "serious" crime. But why should Danny Smith's *Life* be the price?

We know that these cops could hardly care about Black people's cars - or houses - or our lives. And it is also known that cars, reclaimed by cops and kept in a locked fenced in section of a certain downtown garage, seem to lose most of their seats, tires, radios and other "goodies" before the car is claimed. What happens to all the "law and order" in that locked garage?

On May 5th, over 250 people - concerned over our children's safety marched from the site of Danny Smith's death to the Highland Park City Hall. When they reached the city hall the so-called "Negro" Mayor, Robert Blackwell failed to appear. *He was at a meeting on "Black Capitalism"!*

Many speeches are being heard lately - given by the leaders of the beer slopping so-called "silent majority". What about real *Justice* for our women an innocent children?

## TO YOUNG TO DIE SO COLD

How many years will our people's tears  
Flood and drench this land?  
How many others will deny our mothers  
The right of their children's hand?  
How much relief is a fund for grief?  
Is it a crime to cry while our babies die?

It was not yet dark in Highland Park  
When Danny Smith was slain  
But a killer's spark and a pistol bark  
Made night so very plain

Danny Smith was nine years old  
Much too young to die so cold  
But the Black must Bleed  
Is the Aranyos creed  
So Danny's dead from a bigot's lead

A mother weeps while Blackwell sleeps  
A cop unstraps his gun  
The police chief is the biggest thief  
But a child is through with fun

**THE POLICE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

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speech or free speech area and dissemination of written material is rigidly controlled. Anything labeled political by the administration is forbidden on the grounds that it interferes with patient care.

When the workers move to control the delivery of better patient care the administration suddenly becomes highly concerned about the welfare of the patients. But where is the administration when 17 year old girls are sterilized because they have a couple of children, no husband and low grades in school? Is this good patient care? Or what about the fact that the city hospital provides a seperate and definitely unequal medical service for Police or fireman injured on the job, which is better equipped and staffed than those facilities for the masses of the people entering the hospital. Or why was it

necessary to find a little white child in the suburbs who needed a kidney when DGH did its first kidney transplant rather than extending the life of a black child on the kidney ward right in DGH, especially if you consider that the kidney came from a Black person. One of the answers is that many of the workers have not had the education to put them in a position to relate to these kinds of abuses within the frame of reference of a class struggle.

**THE STAFF OF THE INNER CITY VOICE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DANNY SMITH. ESPECIALLY TO HIS MOTHER, MRS. MARGARET SMITH, WHO DEMONSTRATED STRENGTH AND COURAGE THROUGH THE WHOLE ORDEAL. WE WOULD LIKE FOR MRS. SMITH TO KNOW THAT WE ABHOR THE BRUTAL SLAYING OF HER SON BY A CRAZED POLICEMAN.**



# IN MEMORY OF MALCOLM

.....LET A NEW EARTH RISE. LET ANOTHER WORLD BE BORN. LET A BLOODY PEACE BE WRITTEN IN THE SKY. LET A SECOND GENERATION FULL OF COURAGE ISSUE FORTH; LET A PEOPLE LOVING FREEDOM COME TO AND STRENGTH OF FINAL CLENCHING BE THE PULSING IN OUR SPIRITS AND OUR BLOOD. LET THE DIRGES DISAPPEAR ..... LET A RACE OF MEN NOW RISE AND TAKE CONTROL.

# UF exploits black Workers

People United For Community Services (PUFCS) is a coalition of grassroots organizations formed to combat United Community Services' (UCS) proposed internal reorganization under the Brownley Report and the lack of minority representatives on UCS and United Foundations Boards. Traditionally the power structure has set up funding organizations which have not been representative of the community it was to serve, thus unable to relate to the problems of that community.

Due to the fact that funding agencies are unrepresentative of the community and consequently apathetic, very little of the funds are actually used to benefit the community via relevant and constructive programs. A prime example of a funding structure that is representative of the foregoing example is United Foundations (UF) and its affiliate, United Community Services (UCS).

### United Foundations

United Foundations (UF) is composed primarily of corporate industrialists whose primary function in UF is to raise money. Members of UF's board consist of people like: Iacoco (Vice President Ford),

Roche, (Chairman General Motors), Townsend (Chrysler). The money raised by these industrialists (\$30 million last year) is channeled through several subsidiary organizations.

### United Community Services

One of UF's subsidiary organizations is United Community Services (UCS). UCS is responsible for the Tri-County area, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb, and determines what organizations receive funds.

The Board of UCS is also composed of corporate industrialists, such as: John Dean (Exec. Vice Pres. Ford Credit Co.) and Paul Borman owner of Borman Foods.

UCS received \$19.5 million dollars last year and very little of this money was given back to the community in terms of goods and services. Black workers are subjected to robbery and exploitation by UF because they are forced to pay Torch Drive Funds, which are taken out of their paychecks without their prior permission. None of the money that Blacks and other minorities contribute to UF is given back to the Black community in terms of services or programs.

UCS has indicated that it could not sponsor programs that would initiate: *Recreation Centers, Skill Centers, Publishing Houses, Organizing welfare mothers, or housing.* In other words, UCS can not deal with any relevant programs.

### Brownley Report

In light of the current hell that UCS has been catching from community organizations over the irrelevant programs that they have been funding and also the lack of community participation in decision making, UCS decided that it would do a 'Brownley Report' which is a take off from the Greenleigh Report which is a series of recommendations concerning the restructuring of UCS to gain greater citizen participation.

The Brownley Report states what UCS intends to do.

### The Brownley Report States that:

- a) Formation of a "Citizens Assembly" of 150 members of community.
- b) The member of the "Citizens Assembly" are chosen individually by a nominating committee.
- c) The nominating committee of 12

members, are chosen personally by none other than Dean, the present President of the Board. Six (6) of the members of the nominating committee must be from UCS and UF. The other remaining 6 must be representatives of business, labor, Jewish, etc.

Under the Brownley Report the Board of Directors (48 members) of UCS are to be selected from the "Citizens Assembly", who must be composed of: 12 UCS officials, 12 United Foundation officials, 12 supervisory officials of agencies representing Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties and 12 "outstanding layman". When UCS was questioned about who was representative of the term "outstanding layman" they replied, "someone well known and established like J.L. Hudson!!!!"

### People United For Community Services

People United For Community Services are primarily interested in fighting against UCS's trick reorganization, which gives people the impression that they have a greater voice in UCS's policies, when actually they still have no say so.



Child mutilated by tear gas can

On Tuesday, April 28, 1970, at River Rouge High School, black and white students burst into violent confrontations. Unlike the incident that had occurred in February of this year, the violence spread out into the community. Most of the conflict centered on and around the Visger road area. Police Chief Loren Pittman estimated \$250,000 worth of damage had been done to Visger road, which is primarily a business sector.

Mayor John F. McEwan, of River Rouge, immediately called for a curfew which lasted from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. A ban was placed on all liquor sales.

Gasoline could only be sold directly into the tank, and a 5 gallon per car limit was initiated.

Policemen from River Rouge, Ecorse, Wayne County and some Down River communities all wearing full riot gear, and armed with bayonets joined together to prevent further destruction of property.

Serious trouble developed around the Grand Trunk Western railway tracks which bisect Visger just below Eighth Street. The railroad tracks have traditionally been the physical dividing line between blacks and whites in River

Rouge and Ecorse, with most blacks living west of the tracks and most whites to the east.

Policemen fired on the crowd of young black students, who had gathered around the tracks with tear gas. The tear gas drove the black students off the plateau around the tracks back into the streets. The primary concern of the police seemed to be the containment of the black crowds within the black community.

The conflict originally developed out of an incident in February involving two school board members, Ray Moore,

## CONFRONTATION

At

# rouge

and Bobby Tackett. In early February Moore, who is a policeman and Tackett, who is a fireman, ripped off the high school walls pictures of some black leaders.

Immediately after the incident community members demanded that the school board reprimand these board members.

At the time of the February incident, police were placed inside the school building. Black community members requested that the police be removed from the school building. In spite of this request monitors and security guards remained: Approximately 97 percent of the black students boycotted the school for 3½ weeks after the February incidents. The police were finally removed from the school. White students responded with a boycott until the policemen were rehired.

Mrs. Doris Miller, Vice-President of the River Rouge Federation of Teachers, and leader of the black parent group stated that after the February incidents the students had been promised by the school board that their grievances would be dealt with.

After the black students returned they wrote up a seven point list of grievances. The list included amnesty reinstatements of students suspended in February, public apology for removal of the posters and provision at the high school for a hot lunch cafeteria and display of black art. Up to the date of the latest incident the school board had not only refused to rectify any of the problems but had refused even to discuss the problems.

# MASSACRE AT KENT STATE

The murder of four young Kent State students illustrates the growing repression that is sweeping the United States. Formerly, the government limited the massive shooting of individuals to Black people, but now due to the current right wing movement that is sweeping this country coupled with declining wages and inflated prices, we will see more innocent people savagely shot down as we live daily under a repressive military regime.

For Black people, the Kent State Massacre should indicate the need for massive reorganizing in the Black community and in Black organizations. It should also indicate the need for us to avoid adventuristic undertakings that will lead only to certain death for our people.

Another point that must be raised is the fact that these white students were protesting the invasion of Cambodia in particular and the draft (compulsory military service) in general. Ironically, the National Guard is composed of young boys draft age, who are in the National Guard to avoid the draft. The National Guard is composed of privileged, well-to-do, glorified draft dodgers who are permitted to serve their military duty without seeing the battle fields of Viet Nam or Cambodia. Also it is very important that we, as Black people understand what we are asking for when we call for an all volunteer army. The National Guard is representative of an all volunteer army, and Black people must realize that an all volunteer army would be much worse than an army composed of men who were forced to serve, for a volunteer army would be composed of men who want to be military men and thus, like to kill!!

Black people must resist any attempts to serve in a army that constantly oppresses them at home and other peoples of color abroad.

## OFFICIAL POSITION

While many white Americans were expressing their sorrow and shock over the death of the four Kent students, Nixon and his boy Agnew, were voicing the opinion that the Kent State protests against the invasion of Cambodia was in itself an example of 'violent dissent' that necessitates 'justifiable homicide'. So, as far as Black people are concerned it will be 'business as usual'.

## DON'T BE MISLED

Black people must not allow



Another victim of U.S. Imperialism killed in blood-bath at Kent State University

themselves to be led by the mass media into believing that white Americans are indeed waking up, for Kent State indicated what happens when the power structure allows its guardsmen to be under trained and young, it was an accident and it won't happen again accidentally. Eventually, the state will justify the deaths of the four Kent students as they have justified in the past the deaths of three Black college students in Orangesburg, North Carolina, civil rights workers in the South, little girls attending Sunday school, Vietnamese mothers and their babies, Arab school children, unarmed South Africans demonstrating in Sharpesville or the wanton slaying of little nine-year-old Danny Smith while he was standing at a bus stop with his mother.

Community College, and the Black faculty of Highland Park College have voiced their support. The Associations of Black Students of several colleges including U.of D., U. of M. Marygrove, and Michigan Lutheran have held support rallies.

Highland Park High School has done a highly commendable job in their support demonstrations for H.P.C. Along with the increasing support, the strikers have received increasing harassment from the "Protectors of Liberty" and the news media.

16 arrests have been made-primarily on charges of trespassing and obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty. The news media-with WJLB as an exception - has done a remarkable job at distorting the truth. Walt Disney Production should certainly be pleased to hire them. Their gift of humor and fantasy is incomparable.

This oral and physical harassment is to be expected and understood because the struggle at H.P. is one of very significant importance. It is not just an isolated problem concerning only H.P.C. students or H.P. citizens.

Black control of H.P.C. is important not only to those in that community or that school, it is important to Black people throughout the nation - throughout the world. It is the first step - even though a small one - towards the liberation of Black people and people of color all over the globe. It is a significant step in the drive to take control of our destinies and the lives and minds of our children. This is the reason for the step up in harassment and suppression of the truth.

When Blacks control the school, too many Black students will learn about the institutionalized racism in this country. Too many Blacks will discover that we are capable of controlling our own lives. Too many Blacks will discover that we really can succeed when we unite. Too many Blacks will learn how to better their community.

Therefore, the power to control the institution of H.P.C. will never be relinquished easily or quickly. Power must be taken! It must be taken in Highland Park, Detroit, and Washington. It must be taken in schools and factories - everywhere. We must take charge of our lives - but it will take struggle.

All who believe in the right to self-determination support the students and community of H.P. The battle has just begun. The re-call of the Board campaign by the Highland Park Community has just begun. All support is needed and welcome. Call 869-1054 or 867-8218.

# H.P. REBELS!

The City of Highland Park is presently engaged in an unprecedented struggle for power. What began as a demonstration over the dismissal of Mr. E.C. Cooper, a black instructor at Highland Park College, has developed into a community rebellion against subjugation and a struggle for the power of self-determination. In a Board of Education meeting on April 7th, Larry Simmons, president of the Student Council and spokesman for the Black Student Coalition (B.S.C.) presented the position of the B.S.C. which requested the resignation of the Board of Education and certain members of the administration - Dean Jones, Mrs. Evelyn Jones and Mr. Mallory Holmies.

The deplorable conditions at Highland Park High School are enough to prove the incompetence of the H.P. Board of Education. Dead rats in the girls swimming pool and unlimited time in a basement detention room without windows for minor offenses are conditions which are known but not dealt with in the high school. The selection and

protection of racist administrators and teachers through obsolete tenure laws shows the irresponsibility of the Board.

The dismissal of Mr. Ed Cooper despite the tremendous support given him by students, faculty, parents and community leaders shows the lack of concern with any unresponsiveness to the peoples needs, wants and the downright ignorance of the board. At the April 7th Board meeting the head administrator - Dean Paul Jones, was described by Mr. Simmons as "prejudiced, closed-minded, hot-headed, irrational and white - white in every negative connotation the word white has come to have."

The Dean's unwillingness, and at times refusal to talk with either the students or the community gives support to this statement. In one of his rare conversations, the Dean was asked if he could change his decision about Mr. Cooper's dismissal. The Dean replied that maybe he would if Mr. Cooper could change his beliefs.

The Board has allowed this man and the 100% white administration to control the lives of the 85% black student body. There are 10 black instructors out of 127 faculty members.

Although the college budget shows a surplus of \$161,182 (and the Board claims to be continually on the outlook for black instructors) there are 14 teachers being released - 7 of them are black. The Highland Park community is 65% Black. The college population is 85% Black. Yet only 3 credit hours of "Negro" history is offered while there are 16 hours of European and American History taught.

Support of the strike, which began April 10th, has been steadily increasing. Earl Wheeler, chairman of the Neighborhood Action Center in H.P. has organized a group of parents called the Concerned Citizens for Community Control (C.C.C.C.) Ministers from both Highland Park and Detroit have voiced their support. The faculties of Wayne State, Oakland University, Oakland