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SURVIVAL TICKET
VOTE FOR SURVIVAL

BOBBY SEALE FOR MAYOR OF OAKLAND
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LYNCHING IS LAW IN PHILADELPHIA
RACIST MAYOR FRANK RIZZO'S POLICE HANG BLACKS AND LABEL IT SUICIDE.

Liberty Bell has become a chasm, and from that darkness rides our nightmares, come to life. Philadelphia has become the city where white, racist vigilantes are sanctioned and deputized by Mayor Rizzo who acts as judge, jury and executioner in terrorizing, brutalizing and even lynching the people of the Black community.

The first of the continuing incidents which outraged Philadelphia’s Black community occurred on Friday, July 21st, Brother Larry Cross, 24 years old, was arrested for disorderly conduct after he tried to discuss a traffic ticket he received for driving too close to a police car. From the scene of this “crime” he was taken to the 61st and Thompson police station. Within two hours after his arrest, Larry Cross was found hanging by his belt from a water pipe which crossed over the top of his cell. He was taken to Lackenau Hospital, where he died the next day. The white ‘official’ autopsy indicated that he had died of complications due to strangulation, his family could not accept this, particularly in view of an unknown telephone call they had received telling them to investigate their son’s death. A second autopsy was done and while the actual cause of death was verified as due to strangulation, this time the autopsy also uncovered a head wound, deep enough to cause unconsciousness. Even in the face of this new bit of evidence the police at 61st and Thompson maintain their story, that Larry Cross hung himself.

Less than a month later, on August 9, as if to prove that Black people are chronic suicides, Christopher Mosley, a service veteran, was found in a cell in the 14th District precinct, dangling from the end of his belt, cause of death—strangulation.

These two so-called suicide incidents prompted a Black woman, Mary Evers, to demand the re-opening of the facts in the case of her son, who in February was found dead in a cell at the same police station where Larry Cross was found “hanging.”

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Not content to merely copy their Southern counterparts, whose part in the lynching of Black men forms part of our history, under Rizzo's direction Philadelphia police have also taken to the harassment and brutalization of Black ministers. In the words of Rev. Joseph T. Kirkland, Pastor of the Church of the Redeemer and one of Philadelphia's most prominent Black ministers, "I had to run out of my own home to escape being beaten to death by white racist police." The incident began when police made so much noise brutalizing 27 year old Christian Harris, for supposedly breaking into a store, they awakened the Kirkland family. When Rev. Kirkland called out of his window to tell the police to stop kicking and beating the brother since he was already subdued, the police kicked down his door, broke into his house, and brutalized him and have any "unfortunate events" happen to him too."

Something heinous, something monstrous is brought to mind about times in which we live, when a man like Frank Rizzo can become Mayor of the city of Philadelphia. Even before his election, in fact, as part of his campaign platform, Rizzo's position on both Black people and the death penalty were broadcast throughout the city. His 1967 comment, "Get their Black asses", just prior to a police headquarters session on Black students protesting in front of the city's Board of Education building became the Rizzo campaign slogan in the predominantly white sections of Philadelphia. His down-home racism and his favorable views on the use of the death penalty as a "deterrent" for "crime" more than warmed the hearts of his fans.

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Police later claimed Anthony died of an overdose of heroin, but Mrs. Evans claims "he was either shot or beaten to death because he never dealt with drugs." Although the district attorney's office refuses to release the record, Mrs. Evans says she will not give up until the truth is known and those responsible are prosecuted.

REVEREND JAMES KIRKLAND told the police to stop beating a Brother. Because of this, he was arrested and beaten, his home ransacked, and his family brutalized.

his family, Rev. Kirkland, stated that "to escape death, I had to run through the scene of death." Rev. Kirkland, his wife, daughter and house guest were all arrested; the charges against Rev. Kirkland make it appear as if he were a gangster. The charges include inciting a riot, disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a policeman, resisting arrest and general assault and battery. Reverend Kirkland was the only person actually arrested. As his lawyer later remarked, he (the lawyer) rushed to the police station to make sure Reverend Kirkland "didn't have a belt on him so he wouldn't tranquilize, decendent followers. As the city's top administrator, Rizzo's views now become the word, become law, and as such, they more boldly than ever, stand in their utter contempt for humanity, "Death to Blacks" cries Rizzo, from his 'white house' at City Hall. That he would be allowed to assume such an office, generate and condone such overt racism and call for such murderous action is dangerous, but perhaps even more dangerous than that, there are those who will obey.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE,

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Racist police in Chicago and Detroit have gained their “manhood” by brutalizing and murdering Black people. At recent Black Panther Party Survival Conferences in both these cities, Black people came together for free food and shoes, sickle cell tests, and community control of police.

TOWARD AN END TO POLICE BRUTALITY

BLACK PANTHER PARTY SURVIVAL CONFERENCES IN CHICAGO AND DETROIT FOCUS ON COMMUNITY CONTROL OF POLICE

“YOU THINK FRED HAMPTON HAS DIED, BUT HE HASN’T DIED BECAUSE YOU’RE FRED HAMPTON, AND YOU ARE AND YOU ARE, AND I AM.”

These words, spoken by a young 12 year old Brother in a Chicago Church, and repeated by Father Clements during his speech, highlighted the August 12th Survival Conference to end Police Brutality and Establish Community Control sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party. The ideas that this young brother expressed, with an eloquence and conviction that would amaze people far older in years than he, pin-pointed the central issue of the Conference - the establishment of community control by a Black community conscious of its goals and united around its survival. This mass gathering was a historic one: over 8,000 free full bags of groceries from the Fred Hampton-Mark Clark Free Food Program were distributed; 3,000 free pairs of brand new, high quality, back-to-school children’s shoes were given away and close to 1,000 free Sickle Cell Anemia screening tests were administered. All of this was done at a Survival Conference which marked the first time in the history of Chicago that over 5,000 Black people had come together.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE BLACK CAMPUS REVOLUTION?

This is an article written by J.K. Obatala, a professor at California State College at Los Angeles. His words may open to some of us a new realm of understanding about the very complex and serious process of revolutionary struggle. His words, however, are not the exact feelings of the Black Panther Party. We wish to make it clear that various student groups have progressed beyond the level of rhetoric and symbolic actions geared to creating fear and guilt in the minds of those people about whom we do not care.

We are always open to response from any segment of the community; our belief is that we must pay constant attention to all sides of a thing.

There has been a sharp decline in black campus politics in Southern California. This is particularly illustrated by the fate of the Black Student Unions, the vehicles through which much of the black political aggressiveness of the late 1960s was channeled.

The withering of the BSUs is evident, not only at Cal State Los Angeles where the chapter has been dissolved through the indifference of its supporters, but throughout Southern California. At Cal State Dominguez Hills, for example, the once-militant BSU is gone, and in its place is the 'Black Caucus,' which is nothing more than a negotiating committee - a student version of the NAACP.

At UCLA, the BSU is still intact but has opted for a relatively moderate program that smacks more of liberal Republicanism than of revolutionary change. Listen to Paul Williams, chairman of UCLA's BSU, in a recent issue of the black student newspaper, "Nomo." It could very well be Robert Finch.

"Our direction for the past quarter and the quarter to come is toward meeting the educational, social, political and service needs of black students in relation to self-help and coordination. Our programs and projects are designed primarily to service the black family at UCLA in the most constructive and productive ways we can. The Black Student Union programs are: Sickle Cell Anemia; Prison Project; Ethnic Film Series; Black Culture Week."

What ever happened to the black campus revolution? What ever happened to the gun-toting nationalist, the uncombed hair, the demonstrations and the Malcolm X "TT" shirts that came to be such pervasive symbols of black militancy in the 60s?

The answer that impresses itself most persistently upon my mind is this: There never was a black revolution. There was militancy, anger, hate and frustration, but--except for radical rhetoric--never much of a genuine revolutionary intent by most black students, ironically, if there indeed had been any deep revolutionary commitment and understanding among black students, much of the chaos and confusion in the later stages of the black campus rebellion might never have occurred.

For the genuine revolutionary understands that revolutions aren't made in a day and that violence is an important but not an all-important part of revolutionary strategy; that there comes a time when thought is more appropriate than action.

Yet the black campus mood today is not one of revolutionary reflection and re-groupment; rather, it is conservative in nature. Indeed, the black revolution has become accommodationist.

Those who were talking about wiping out the whites yesterday if their demands were not met now seem more inclined to confront militant blacks if the gains from those demands are threatened. Thus a black administrator at one Southern California campus, put there in response to the demands of black students, has cautioned against admitting lower-income students with jail records because they might "cause trouble!" Such conservatism also exists among black officials on other campuses and is largely accepted by black students.

We should not allow the lingering, if somewhat stale, separatist rhetoric of "blackness" and "nation-building" to obscure the basically conservative outlook of the Afro-American student population. For even during the peak years of the black campus "revolt," the middle to late 1960s, such verbalism was nothing more than the fudge coating that concealed an essentially patriotic, pro-American and white-oriented black middle class.

Thus the "black world" to which the Afro-American student "militant" supposedly declared his allegiance in the 1960s was, in reality, the placid white world of the 1950s. The black middle class had been disarmed from that world in the early 60s by the dogs, fire hoses and night sticks of the white establishment. Denied entrance into this

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"The only true reform by way of rehabilitation is the complete abolition of the prison system."

"SURFACE TREATMENT"
LLOYD BARBEE CONDEMNS WISCONSIN'S SUPERFICIAL "REHABILITATION" OF PRISONERS

Outspoken Wisconsin Assemblyman Lloyd Barbee has more than once called for, in word and deed (through the introduction of legislation), the elimination of prisons. Recently his home state, Wisconsin, devised a so-called "reform" plan to stop the barbarity of the prison system by opening "treatment centers" for "criminals" and closing down most major prisons in that state.

Here are Brother Barbee's comments...

The Governor's Task Force on Offender Rehabilitation has made proposals which it claims would reform the prison system in Wisconsin. These proposals include shutting down most of the state's major prisons and replacing them with community treatment centers. On the surface this may look like reform, but it is not.

The only true reform by way of rehabilitation is the complete abolition of the prison system. By calling for the transfer of prisoners to treatment centers, the self-proclaimed reformists are just trying to cover up the basic flaw in the present system. It is a failure.

The Task Force report maintains what is already proven. "Corrections" is just a name. Twenty-nine percent of the prisoners who are released return to prison within 12 months. Even for those "model" prisoners paroled and under supervision, 20 percent still come back. This is hardly the mark of a successful corrections system.

Prisons, rather than stemming the skyrocketing crime rate, do much to perpetuate criminal acts. A cell does not rehabilitate; it does not deter, it only further corrupts. An individual in prison on a minor charge will often pick up the tricks of the trade from the more hardened criminals.

The response to the task force recommendations are interesting and quite revealing. The diehard conservatives took an expected stance: outright opposition with mild claims that murderous criminals would be let out on the streets to kill and rob men, women and children. Their approach is right out of the dark ages: "lock 'em up and throw away the key."

The qualified approach of Governor Lucey and other do-gooders was different, but not unexpected, either. In fact, they are much like the task force members themselves. In a political attempt to pacify both the reformists and hard-liners, they devise a plan of reform which is not reform at all. Their idea of replacing prisons with treatment centers is like putting a cast-on a broken leg without setting the bone. It makes the problem look better, but does nothing to solve it.

Implementing the report's recommendations will only worsen the situation. Why? Because so many people will be fooled into believing that the system has been made good. The basic idea of our penal system is to punish and lock people up, which we've seen does not work. Thus, the only way to reform the system is to drop it altogether.

Under no circumstances should we allow human beings to be caged up like animals—with or without bars. Real change will only come about when the concrete walls and iron bars are torn down and unjust laws are removed from the statute books. Poverty, racism and frustration all breed crime. These ingredients are found largely in ghetto communities. Rehabilitation and an end to crime will be realized only when poverty is removed and when prisoners and offenders are dealt with as humans in or out of their own communities without the hindrance of walls, bars, guards and revengeful people.
The following is an excerpt from an article reprinted from Sundance magazine on the assassination attempt of George Wallace, the Governor of Alabama, the man who has become a household synonym for racism, prejudice and fear. The article is based on information gathered by confidential C.R.I.C. (Citizens Research Investigation Committee) informants.

Arthur Bremer is accused of attempting to kill George Wallace in May, 1972. As it was with the murders of John Kennedy and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., it is speculated that poor, unemployed men like Lee Harvey Oswald, James Earl Ray and Arthur Bremer just do not plan such adventures without help and money.

We believe that the entire attempt was a pre-planned farce; that in fact his trial and speedy conviction on August 4th, 1972 are jokes, funny only in the sense that if, in fact, someone coached and paid him, the American people will never know. Our major concern is not that Wallace was shot or that Bremer was convicted, but that we are led to believe that Bremer is the real enemy of the people.

The questions, parallels to other assassinations, speculations and conclusions triggered by the events of May, 1972 are necessary, at this point, incomplete and await more information.

The public is informed by the establishment media that Arthur H. Bremer, accused would-be assassin of Governor George Wallace of Alabama, a Democratic Presidential candidate, is a disturbed twenty-one year old unemployed ex-busboy and janitors’ assistant. Then the first question must be - 1) where did Arthur Bremer get the money for his mad scheme to kill George Wallace who, with his double set of bodyguards and bullet proof speakers’ podium, was by far the most heavily guarded of all the candidates?

We are here computing Bremer’s expenses - from January, when he last worked in Wisconsin, to May, when he was arrested in Maryland - at the rock-bottom rate consistent with his eighteen week, ten state journey toward murder.

Setting to one side the cash outlay for stopping at expensive hotels (the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, the Lord Elgin in Ottawa); automobile repairs for a machine driven constantly for weeks at speeds up to 75 miles per hour in order to keep pace with presidential candidates.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY PROGRAM
MARCH 29, 1972 PLATFORM

WHAT WE WANT

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

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

2. WE WANT FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

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

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

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules were promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of Black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million Black people. Therefore, we feel this is a modest demand that we make.

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

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

5. WE WANT EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT EXPOSES THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS DECADENT AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE WANT EDUCATION THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE HISTORY AND OUR ROLE IN THE PRESENT SOCIETY.

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

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

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

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

We believe that the racist and fascist government of the United States uses its domestic enforcement agencies to carry out its program of oppression against Black people, other people of color and poor people inside the United States. We believe it is our right, therefore, to defend ourselves against such armed forces, and that all Black and oppressed people should be armed for self-defense of our homes and communities against these fascist police forces.

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

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

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

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

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

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.
OAKLAND — A BASE OF OPERATION
(PART III)
RIDING FROM BAD TO WORSE ON "B.A.R.T."
NEW COMPUTERIZED COMMUTER TRAINS A COSTLY CATASTROPHE TO THE PEOPLE.

As Part III in a continuing series on the City of Oakland, the following article centers on the Bay Area Rapid Transit: B.A.R.T.

Taking over 8 years to build, costing over $1 1/2 billion dollars (covered up in the form of taxes which affect Black and other poor peoples the most), and dislocating thousands from their homes (particularly as was shown in Part I of this series), on the Black community of West Oakland, the entire and as yet unfinished B.A.R.T. experience has been a nightmare for the people of Oakland.

If, contrary to the original idea, the average person in the city won't benefit from B.A.R.T., who will? As the following will prove, with statistical evidence, the real beneficiaries of B.A.R.T. have probably never taken public transportation in their lives; and certainly won't start with B.A.R.T. The people who will benefit from B.A.R.T. will be those corporate capitalists who financed B.A.R.T., and who are sure to reap huge profits from its continued malfunction. As it turns out, transportation, like most other vital services, in America, operates in the interests of those who control and own, and against those who are most in need of them. That is, poor people in general and Black people in particular.

It should be pointed out that it is not the intention of the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service to study the city of Oakland as an isolated, unique instance of the degenerate nature of big city government. Oakland, per se, is not the issue. However, the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service feels that if we use the city of Oakland as a base, with a concrete analysis of concrete conditions, we can begin to move out from this base to achieve the complete liberation we all want and desire.

The only thing that beats B.A.R.T.'s inefficiency is that it isn't cheap!
OAKLAND - A BASE OF OPERATION

RIDING FROM BAD TO WORSE ON “B.A.R.T.”

B. A.R.T., was held in the interest of American citizens in 1962 as a solution to the region’s transportation problems. The campaign for B.A.R.T. was organized by the Citizens for Rapid Transit Committee, who called it “B.A.R.T. The Group of interested citizens in B.A.R.T. is a movement founded in 1962 by the San Francisco Group of American Friends of the People’s Movement. The group of B.A.R.T. members have been working for the B.A.R.T. system for over 15 years. The B.A.R.T. system is a major public transportation system in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In reality, B.A.R.T. is a major public transportation system. It is primarily designed to serve the people of the San Francisco Bay Area, providing a means of getting around the large metropolitan area. B.A.R.T. is not designed to be a commuter transportation system, but is primarily designed to serve the people of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The primary goal of B.A.R.T. is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient public transportation system for the people of the San Francisco Bay Area. B.A.R.T. is designed to be a commuter transportation system, providing a safe, reliable, and efficient means of getting around the large metropolitan area.
VOTE AUGUST 19, 1972
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5. Student I.D. card.
7. Current credit card.
8. Voter Registration Receipt.

On Saturday, August 19th, 1972, elections will be held for 18 seats on the governing board of the West Oakland (California) Planning Committee, a policy making Board of Directors for Oakland's Model Cities Program.

The Oakland Model Cities Program is, allegedly, an anti-poverty operation that receives 4.9 million dollars yearly from the U.S. government. These funds are "supposed" to give aid to the Black and poor citizens of Oakland, through such things as quality education, housing development, and employment. However, when we look around the blighted, poor and oppressed Black community of Oakland, our immediate reaction is "where's that 4.9 million going?"

It is for this reason that the Black Panther Party is supporting ten candidates for seats on the West Oakland Planning Committee. These 10 candidates, members of the Black Panther Party and progressive community people, have shown through their consistent practice that they have the interests of the victimized and short-changed people of Oakland at heart. We urge the oppressed community of Oakland to come out and support the ten People's Candidates on August 19th. Together, we can force Model Cities to begin serving us, the poor of Oakland.
INTERCOMMUNAL NEWS

WHY THE VIETNAMESE ARE WINNING

PART III

NIXON’S TROOPS KEEP GETTING RUN OUT
OF “PACIFIED” VILLAGES.

Although Richard Nixon would like

to present the illusion that the U.S.

aggressive war in Vietnam is coming
to a close because American

and allied strength are defeating the

“communists”, nothing is farther

from reality. If the war is coming to

an end, it is because the recent Vi-

etnamese Spring Offensive is setting

plenty of fire to American troops and

running them out with full speed. With

computerized bombs, laser beams,

and super-electronic equipment,

Nixon’s people cannot defeat either the

fighting spirit or the fighting ability

of the Vietnamese people.

Black people in the United States
can look with hope to this situation.

There are only, approximately, 40

million Vietnamese people; there are

nearly that many Blacks in this coun-

try. The Vietnamese people, like

Black people here, are a poor peo-

ple; have little access to modern de-

fensive equipment; and are faced with

a giant, over-equipped war organiza-

tion bent on either enslaving the peo-

ple or committing complete genocide

of the entire people. We, too, are

faced with a similar predicament

while able to watch the mighty United

States unable to achieve its military

victory or its “Vietnamization” pro-

gram inside a small and poor com-


The following is Part III in a

series, outlining the concrete ways in

which our Vietnamese Brothers and

Sisters are warding off genocide,

while struggling for self-determi-
nation of their homeland. This very

complete report was gathered by Tom

Hayden, anti-war activist, writer and

one-time co-defendant of Chairman

Bobby Seale of the Black Panther

Party during the “Chicago Trials”.

We would like to thank both Tom

Hayden and Ramparts Magazine

(from which the article was

extracted) for allowing us permission
to print this valuable information.

Theoretically, there is a solution

for the oppressor: pacification, the

creation of “popular” support

through forced submission. In other

words, creating secure villages or

strategic hamlets which could be de-

fended by the local inhabitants af-

after the conventional ARVN or U.S.

armies conducted search and destroy

missions and air strikes in the sur-

rounding areas. Having secured the

village, the conventional army with

its concentrated technological force

could move on to the next objective.

But for all its effectiveness at

“search and destroy,” neither the

U.S. army nor its Saigon clients have

been able to achieve the necessary

corollary of pacification. Without pa-
cification, their initially superior

power is doomed to weakness.

When concentrated, they are forced back into

encraves, and the countryside is

opened to the people and the guerril-

lans. When dispersed, their tech-
nically superior force loses its striking

power through over-extension in-
to too many forays and is in grave

danger of letting its units become

bogged down, pinned and sur-

rounded, bled by guerrilla attacks and

helpless to use its technological super-

iority and air mobility in other

places. The problems of concentra-
tion and dispersal can be solved by

the PRG and DRV by drawing upon

the “reserve force” of an entire

nation. But the ARVN can only rely

on thin and unstable fraction of the

people. Their few “elite” units were

destroyed in the February 1971 “in-
cursions” into Laos and Cambodia.

Their remaining reserve was im-

mediately over-extended in the first

days of the offensive.

When the offensive began in Quang

Tri instead of the Central Highlands

as had been expected, nine Ranger

battalions of the ARVN were flown

north immediately to Quang Tri (New

York Times, May 3, 1972), leaving

behind in the highlands only the 22nd

ARVN division. The 22nd division is the

“weakest and worst led” division

of the ARVN according to the

Times, April 25, 1972. Its first

commander, widely believed to be in

the narcotics trade, had a “heart

attack” shortly after the offensive

began and was replaced by General

Nguyen Van Toan, who is known

as the “cinnamon general” because

of his traffic in that commodity

and who, according to the Los Ange-

les Times, has a “pronounced re-

putation for high living,” and was re-

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with the intent of establishing community control of police.

Certainly no other city in America needs community control of police more than Chicago. This is a city where historically, even before the days of the infamous Hay Market Square murders of striking workers and the race riots of the early 1900's, racist dogs from the South, from the mountains of Appalachia and homegrown, from the city of Chicago itself, have gained their “manhood” by brutalizing and murdering Black people. Just mention the word ‘Chicago’ and images come to mind of fascists shooting through the apartment door of Black Panther Party President Fred Hampton, killing Panther Mark Clark and then murdering Fred in his sleep. Or take the recent exposé of the dope ring/protection racket formed by members of Mayor Daley’s “finest” and their murder of 6 Black businessmen who refused to go along with their money-making exploits. Truly, then, this was history in the making.

Just one day prior to this, on August 11, in Detroit, over 500 Black people participated in a Survival Day Rally held by the Detroit Branch of the Black Panther Party. There, 500 free bags of groceries were distributed to the community, with a chicken in every bag. The theme of the Survival Day Rally was in commemoration of David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party and to demand his immediate release from Vacaville Prison, where he is being held in solitary confinement. But, there too, in Detroit, while the ceremonies centered around Comrade David, the issue of community control was equally stressed. Both members of the Black Panther Party and community people expressed their outrage over the recently innovated Stress (Stop the Robberies Enjoy Safe Streets) unit of the Detroit police force which occupies the Detroit Black community. It is Stress which was responsible for the murders of three young community Brothers: Craig Mitchell, Ricardo Buck and Curtis McConnell. Particularly, in view of the recent total of 14 murders by the STRESS unit in this, their first year in operation and the recent acquittal of three STRESS pigs following the ‘accidental’ shootout they had with off duty members of the Wayne County Deputy Sheriffs where one Sheriff was killed and 3 were wounded, it is with an eye on their very survival that the Detroit Black community begin to lay plans for community control.

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white world, the educated Afro-Americans, led by a radicalized student sector, turned against their liberal mentors and stormed into the growing nationalist movement.

Here they attacked the crude sketches of an alternative “black world”—a fantasy world, devoid of hypocritical white liberals, decidedly more humane and, most important, controlled by blacks. This new world was supposed to be a manifestation of “blackness.” It was nothing more than an attempt to cover up the fact that the black elite had little of a concrete nature in the rhetoric of black nationalism, they were not qualitatively different from the demands of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had made in Montgomery, Ala., a decade earlier when he demanded black bus drivers for the black community. Thus the “separatism” of the black campus elite was, for the most part, integration by the back door.

Indeed, the program of the BSUs was really the deferred dreams of the integrationist movement, transformed by frustrated minds into the surrealistic terms of those whose influence came to dominate the Unions, Blackness, Honkey! Soul! Red Neck! House Niggers! Negritude! White Racist Devils! Black Moses! Black Jesus!—with these expressions, the black student elite cursed the white man with a thousand tongues and at the same time implicitly worshipped his culture and institutions: Miss Black America! The Black Madonnal! Miss Black Homecoming! The Black Church! Black History!

Again, these were simply the harangues of a frustrated and alienated people, provocative symbolism that tended to obscure the fact that the campuses continued to be training grounds for the traditionally conservative Afro-American middle class.

Finally, the Black Student Unions, as the vehicles of this conservatism, contained the germs of their own destruction. If they moved too far left, if they substituted political radicalism for racial militancy, as was the case with the now-defunct Black Student Alliance, they would lose their conservative black student following—as did the Alliance. On the other hand, if they managed to gain acceptance for economic opportunities (or incoming students) programs, black studies and other integrationist demands, the BSUs would deprive themselves of the very issues that had brought them into being and thus obviate the need for their own existence.

This seems to be what is occurring. It has already resulted in the decline of, in many instances, the disappearance of organized political activity among black students.

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The issue of an end to police brutality and the establishment of community control of police was, perhaps, put into its best perspective by Comrade Bob Rush of Chicago. Speaking before the people who attended that historic Survival Conference there, his message was the following: "We understand that in 1974 we want the people to have the right to vote on whether they want to control the Police department or not. We know its going to take 25% of all the registered voters in Chicago to even put it on the ballot. It's an uphill climb. But for the Black Panther Party, along with the people, life is an uphill climb. Survival for Black people is an uphill climb. But we're not afraid, we're going to do the climbing."

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Let this be his epitaph.

Blood in My Eye

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A final ironic example of the dilemma of concentration versus dispersal for the U.S. - Saigon forces was revealed in the fact that the Ho Chi Minh Trail became more open to supply convoys than it was before the offensive unfolded. According to the L.A. Times, April 28, 1972, "Hanoi is moving supplies southward along the Ho Chi Minh Trail more effectively than it had since the U.S. started concentrating its air attacks on the supply lines." In March the Air Force claimed to be hitting 250 trucks per week on the Trail. By the end of the first month of the offensive the number of trucks hit had fallen to 25 per week, down by 90 percent. The reason: the overextension of air power needed on several fronts simultaneously throughout Indochina.
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who flew to their destinations; any miscellaneous expenses such as the records, ammunition found in his car and the expensive clothes Bremer wore into court when he pled not guilty; setting aside all these and any other contingency costs Bremer could not have spent less than five thousand dollars since he was laid off as a janitors' helper in January of this year. This extremely conservative figure would include the price of the guns he purchased, court fines for speeding and possessing a gun and the $135 a month rent for his occasionally used Milwaukee apartment. Important is the fact that all the while Bremer was ranging far and wide in pursuit of his quarry he was also doubling back to his Milwaukee base of operations. He was seen near his Milwaukee apartment only a week before the Wallace attack. Seen in the company of an "unidentified man."

On April 7 and 8, 1972, Arthur H. Bremer was staying at the luxurious Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Candidate Hubert Humphrey was also scheduled to be there on April 7. This would be a curious enough fact were it not overshadowed by another fact: Hubert Humphrey's Waldorf-Astoria arrangements were not known to the public. The next day, April 9, Bremer met his contact on the Laddington, Michigan Ferry.

A ticket agent for a Wisconsin-Michigan ferry line reported having seen Bremer on several occasions talking with an older, heavy set man as the two of them rode back and forth on the ferry boat. Bremer's 200 pound companion closely resembles a man identified as being in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963 and at the shopping center, changing his license plates, on the day George Wallace was shot.

In summary Bremer has no record at all of income in 1972; in 1971 his income tax return shows $1,611 in wages earned. His automobile, purchase in September of 1971, cost some $800 or half of his total income for the entire previous year. Besides, Bremer's pattern of travel makes it logistically impossible for him to have followed various presidential candidates' campaign trails and still be seen near his Milwaukee home base throughout April and May. Arthur H. Bremer was flying as well as driving.

The first on-the-spot media coverage reported that three men were involved. One was Bremer, One was a man who was rushed to a hospital, One was a man seen changing license plates on his car in an adjacent parking lot.

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