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## "FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN HEAR THE PEOPLE CRY"

### THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY ENDORSES SISTER SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR U.S. PRESIDENT



SEE CENTERFOLD



# THE SERVANT ARRESTED AGAIN!

## HUEY P. NEWTON ARRESTED ON THE DAY CHISHOLM SUPPORT ANNOUNCED.

On Thursday, April 27, 1972, a press conference was held to announce that the Black Panther Party is supporting Sister Shirley Chisholm in her campaign for election to the presidency of the United States. In a statement by Huey P. Newton, Servant of the People, Founder, Chief Theoretician and Leader of the Black Panther Party, which was read by Chairman Bobby Seale, Co-Founder and Chief Organizer of the Party, a call was made to all Black, poor and progressive people across the land to support Sister Chisholm in her campaign.

The nature of the press conference was no secret, since press releases had previously been mailed to all the media. All the pressmen who were present realized that this announcement signaled the beginning of a progressive alliance between the People's Advocates and the People's Candidate. The Black Panther Party had just recently launched a successful voter registration campaign: the rallying point was/is not around personalities or particular political parties, but Survival, survival of all Black, poor and oppressed people. In fact, the people are beginning to stand in unity around the survival programs, around the things that will serve our basic needs and interests. Shirley Chisholm is one of those people. She has shown in word and in action her support of the people's survival programs. Standing up in the face of racism, Shirley Chisholm has come forward as the best social critic of America's injustices. Therefore, the announcement of such an alliance, between the Black Panther Party and Shirley Chisholm, is certainly not welcomed by the ruling circle, its demagogic politicians and its varieties of undercover followers and lackeys.

Threatened by the forecast of greater community strength and unity from this alliance, the ruling circle moved quickly in its attempt to embarrass the Black Panther Party and sabotage Sister Shirley's campaign. Local Oakland (California) gestapo police even parked out in front of St. Augustine's Church (where the press conference was being held) for the duration of the press conference.



HUEY P. NEWTON, SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE, FOUNDER, CHIEF THEORETICIAN AND LEADER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

However, their intent became clearer, when later that afternoon, as the Servant of the People, Huey P. Newton, was returning home. Eight or nine carloads of police swarmed around the entrance to the building in which he lives. The fascists had expected to stage their "raid" earlier, at the morning press conference, but the Servant of the People had not been there.

Laying veritable siege to the building, approximately 15 of the fascists, who had been somehow required to make the arrest, had weapons drawn on the Servant of the People and another member of the Black Panther Party, Comrade Robert Bay. Certainly that many guns were not required

for such an arrest. One can only conclude that the pigs were trying to whip up and provoke a major incident, and to provide an excuse to carry out their ever-constant plan to kill Huey P. Newton. In fact, not even that number of pigs is usually brought into such a misdemeanor case. A citation to appear in court is the usual situation.

The pretext for this latest harassment was an alleged incident involving a local radio disc jockey. The fascists allege that eleven days prior to the press conference, the Servant of the People and Comrade Robert Bay had "assaulted" this disc jockey in a local restaurant. Local police claimed that they even had a warrant for the Servant's arrest. The fact that the alleged incident was supposed to have occurred eleven days earlier was quickly glossed over by police. The local fascists wanted it to appear that they were just doing their "duty". The Servant and Comrade Robert were both arrested and taken to the Oakland City Jail where they were charged with various absurd charges. Bail was set at \$750 for the Servant and \$1250 for Robert. The bail amount was soon raised and they were released within an hour.

However, all of this was overshadowed by the lackey activity on the part of radio station KDIA, which employs this "victimized" disc jockey. Saying or doing nothing until the day of the press conference, KDIA, an alleged "Black" station, allowed all the usual lies of the white pig press to filter over its Black air waves. Portraying the Servant of the People as a "villain", KDIA showed its true colors. KDIA has long been a sore spot in the Black community's eye. For although it is supposed to be a "Black" station, everyone knows it is owned by the same old white racists who control the rest of the American economy. For example, KDIA charged the Black Panther Party \$800 to tell the people about the free food at the Black Community Survival Conference last March, when, in fact, such an announcement should have been a free, community service. None of this, however, is unusual for KDIA. KDIA,

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# VIETNAM MUST WIN!

## BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE JOINS THOUSANDS IN ANTI-VIETNAM WAR RALLY.

For more than 10 years now, concerned people of the world have protested the U.S. government's involvement in Southeast Asia. Despite the empty promises of the Nixon Administration over the past 3 1/2 years, the people have not become pacified and are continuing to lodge their grievances about the war in Vietnam.

On April 22, 1972, all over the world, hundreds of thousands of demonstrators rallied to protest the U.S.'s most recent escalation of the bombing in North Vietnam. Also, the demonstrations were held to demand Nixon's immediate acceptance of the 7 Point Peace Plan proposed by the North Vietnamese Government.

The mass media has projected, over the past few months, that the anti-Vietnam War Peace Movement is losing support; but, this past April 22nd has proven that the issue of Peace in Vietnam is still important in the minds of the American people.

At one such rally, at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, 25,000 to 30,000 people, all opposed to the war and representing all ethnic groups, came together in unity. Different speakers emphasized the need for a greater majority of people to participate more in productive activities to promote the rights of all human beings, the world over, to survive.

Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, was overwhelmingly received when he spoke about how we, the people, can actually rid the world of war, of all wars of aggression:

*All Power to the People! All Power to All the Oppressed People in the World! All Power in Vietnam to the Vietnamese People!*

*It is very significant to see all the people here, today, to demonstrate around the fact that the 7 Point Peace Plan, in itself, is what the racist U.S. government and Tricky Dick Nixon and all his lackeys are going to have to follow. What we are going to try to prove, in making a people's revolutionary movement in this world, a movement that ultimately, in the future, can unify the people around the world against the imperialism of the American government; a movement which goes forth unifying and*



PHOTO BY WILLIAM PORTER

CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE

*"... We are going to have to understand what it means to free the earth, the whole earth, from pollution. . ."*



PHOTO BY WILLIAM PORTER

*"Now I want to make one last note, to all the people here who may not see it, the only solution to pollution is a people's humane revolution. . ."*

*organizing the people; what we are going to try to prove is that that movement, at the same time, will and must defend all the Black peoples in Africa, Black and poor oppressed Chicano, Latino-American, Puerto Rican, and all oppressed people of America. We are going to have to feel and understand what it means*

*to free the earth, the whole earth, from pollution. We are going to have to understand what it means to free humanity. And, when we free humanity, we are beginning to end the pollution, not only the pollution of the lakes of our environment. The same monop-*

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# SAM NAPIER STILL SERVES THE PEOPLE

600 BLACK NEW YORKERS RECEIVE FREE FOOD,  
CLOTHING AND SHOES AT MEMORIAL  
FOR FALLEN COMRADE.

On April 17, 1972, hundreds of Black people of all ages attended Memorial Services for Comrade Samuel L. Napier, Circulation Manager of the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service. Comrade Sam was slain in New York, a year ago that day, by reactionary agents of the fascist American government.

The New York State Chapter of the Black Panther Party presented a short history of Comrade Sam's tireless dedication in serving the Black community before he was murdered by pigs. The work and spirit of Samuel Napier, who developed many innovations for circulating the Black Panther Party Intercommunal News on a world-wide scale, was recalled. Comrade Sam would often go nights without sleep to assure that the People's Newspaper would be off the press and into every office of the Black Panther Party on time. Comrade Sam had the indefatigable spirit, the dedication and commitment that is not often found in one man, the revolutionary spirit to serve the people, body and soul.

At the services, Reverend De Witt McIntyre, of the Jones United Methodist Church, memorialized the work of Sam Napier, in these words: "There are those around us who stare at us in bewilderment, because we keep struggling over and over again to rise above this legacy of shame. Unlike Comrade Sam, a great number of people do not love enough, do not open their hearts enough to recognize the misery that exists. But this is exactly what Sam Napier did. He opened his eyes to the misery that is ever present with Black and poor people, and he let his love be motivation for something concrete, the Black Panther Party Intercommunal News Service."

After this message, the film, Stag-olee (an interview with Black Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale, when he was unjustly imprisoned in the

San Francisco County Jail), was shown. The people in the audience were moved by the very humane way in which the Chairman was able to express "the necessity to meet the people's basic needs, housing, clothing, and food." It is these basic needs of the people that the Black Panther Party is trying to meet, through our Survival programs. Comrade Sam Napier was a key instrument in conveying this message to the people, in his daily work.

No finer tribute could come than from the mouths of the people themselves. Certainly this was clear when Brother Richard X Clark, a survivor of the Attica State Prison Massacre, brought the feelings of the Brothers who remain and those who fell at Attica, when he spoke: "The main weapon that Black people have for winning liberation today is unity. We have to have a vehicle to serve us, and not the man. We have to learn to get away from talk so much. We have to learn to get away from talk so much. We have to begin to implement what we have set down. We have to do something concrete. Giving-away food is concrete, because this is what the people need." Those who cannot forget Attica, those whose relatives and loved ones fell at Attica, or survived Attica



COMRADE SAM NAPIER conveyed a message of love to the people, through the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service.

knew that Brother Clark's words were not shallow or empty thoughts. They understood, as never before, there at the memorial service for a Supreme Servant of the People, they understood what survival was all about.

Over 600 people had come to participate in the Memorial Services. They had come to say that the spirit of Sam Napier could not die, for it would always live among the people. They also knew that no words could capture that spirit like the concrete and daily programs that serve the people's needs. For after the short service, the Black Panther Party distributed to the people 500 free, full bags of groceries (with a chicken in every bag), 1,500 free pairs of shoes, and several hundred free articles of new clothing. The people were able to see the ideas and the things Sam Napier strived for, made concrete.

Sam Napier gave his life for the people, and the people will not let him die.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE



They had come to say that the spirit of Sam Napier could not die. That spirit survived in the Survival Programs for the People.



# DYING ON THE WAY TO VIETNAM

## ARMY REFUSES TO RELEASE SICKLE CELL VICTIM FROM ACTIVE DUTY.

James Powell is a 28-year old Black private in the United States Army, currently stationed at the Oakland, California Army base.

In 1966 (when he first joined the Service), aboard a U.S. Army airplane en route to Vietnam, Brother James Powell suffered severe headaches and nose bleeds, eventually passing out and requiring oxygen. Upon reaching Vietnam, Brother Powell unwittingly reported his illness to the Army doctors, who were part of the very racist system which had turned him into cannon fodder for the U.S. Imperialists' genocidal military aggression against the innocent Vietnamese people. The doctors joint diagnosis was that Brother James was suffering from fatigue. Having no knowledgeable reason to think otherwise, Brother James accepted what the doctors had said. Almost a year later, in June of 1967, James Powell returned from Vietnam, again on a military aircraft. Once again he became severely ill. At that point, however, having learned a lesson and only wanting to get home to his family, he avoided consulting a doctor.

It wasn't until 1968, when he was transferred to a base in a high altitude area, in Colorado, that James Powell learned that he was a carrier of Sickle Cell Anemia trait. Sickle Cell Anemia, a hereditary blood disease, which affects mostly Black people, usually cripples and disables the victim for most of his life. The Sickle Cell trait, although usually not as harmful as the disease, under certain conditions (such as, low oxygen or high altitude areas), can cause severe illness.

According to a U.S. military regulation, enacted almost 40 years ago, a person carrying a hereditary disease cannot serve in the armed services. So, when military doctors discovered that Brother James Powell was a carrier of the Sickle Cell trait, they should have recommended his discharge for medical reasons. They did not do this. Like many Black people, Brother James Powell did not know anything about Sickle Cell Anemia, so he dismissed it very lightly.



*Although they are aware of his condition, U.S. Army officials are denying BROTHER JAMES POWELL, a private in the Army who has Sickle Cell Trait, a medical discharge.*

Recently, Brother James became very aware of the meaning of Sickle Cell Anemia. The rest of his family, his wife and 2 children have now been tested for Sickle Cell and, fortunately, none of the rest of them have the disease or the trait. Since learning more about Sickle Cell Anemia, James Powell has demanded his right to be released from active military service.

On April 25th, Brother Powell announced in a press conference in San Francisco, that he was filing a federal suit against the U.S. Army for denying him his rights. In the suit, Brother Powell points out that he is being refused release by the Army for medical reasons, even though the Army by-laws themselves support his claim. More than that, Brother Powell is attempting, through his own battle, to get the proper kind of medical attention for all Blacks in the military. He is also demanding a Sickle Cell Anemia screening test be given to every person who enters the U.S. Army. In this way, he is fighting for the rights of all Black men and women now serving in the racist U.S. military.

Of course, rather than admit that they are wrong, and carrying out their part in this government's genocidal plot against Black people, U.S. Army officials are still refusing to release Brother James from the Service. In an attempt to cover up their racism, Army officials are generously "investigating" the matter. They have sent for, from bases where Brother James was previously stationed, his medical records. Also, they have obtained

statements from different military doctors, lying statements that Brother James is "fit for military duty". One doctor went so far as to say that Brother James is fit for military duty "worldwide".

Like Brother James Powell, thousands of other Black men and women, both inside and outside the military, are being discriminated against. The blood disease Sickle Cell Anemia, peculiar to Black people, was discovered in 1910. Yet, today, in 1972, Black people across this country are having to fight for the right to even be tested for Sickle Cell Anemia by city, state and federal medical facilities. The U.S. Army, like all its other related institutions, including most schools, has refused to test its Black entries for Sickle Cell Anemia.

For over 50 years, now, the U.S. government has practiced medical genocide against Black people by ignoring Sickle Cell Anemia (research has been limited and no cure has been discovered). We, Black people, must unite and, in our united front, ward off racist genocide and work actively toward our survival. If we do not, we may have to learn the hard way, like Brother James Powell, "I've been to Vietnam... but I caught hell on the way to Vietnam. I got sick on the way to Vietnam, and I got sick coming back... but I didn't know what was going on."

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# A NATION ON TRIAL

## CAPTURED MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA BEGIN TRIAL.



*America must stand trial by the people for its assault against the Republic of New Africa.*

The trial of Brother Hekima Ana, first Vice-President of the Republic of New Africa (RNA), began April 10, 1972, in the state court at Jackson, Mississippi. He is the first of eleven members (including RNA President Imari Obadele) of the Republic of New Africa to be tried on various felony charges stemming from a Jackson, Mississippi police and FBI attack on RNA offices.

Based on international law and reparations owed Black people for enslavement and discrimination, the RNA is working to build a sovereign Black nation, claiming the land presently occupied by the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Louisiana.

Through the efforts of the International Committee to Free President Obadele and the "RNA 11", chaired by Georgia State Legislator Julian Bond, support for the "RNA 11" is steadily growing. "There is no doubt that the RNA 11 are political prisoners", Representative Bond noted. "They are being persecuted only because they believe in self-determin-

nation for Black people".

During the recent National Black Political Convention in Gary, Indiana, the case of the RNA was cited as one which deserves the attention of all Black people nationally.

We would like to thank Brother Yusufu, Minister of Economic Planning of the Republic of New Africa, for making it possible for us to reprint the following article which was originally printed by SCEF press for the Republic of New Africa.

Much has been written in the national press about the New South -- how the tradition of racist terror is being abandoned by a new breed of public officials who are ushering in a new era. Discrimination is out; lynching is a distant memory. And Jackson, Mississippi, is supposed to be a model New South city.

But on August 18, 1971, Jackson police and Special Agents of the FBI made an armed, pre-dawn attack on the Republic of New Africa (RNA) Center at 1148 Lewis Street, and a short while later raided another RNA headquarters at 1320 Lynch Street. A shootout at Lewis Street resulted in the death of Lieutenant William Skinner, and the wounding of another policeman and an FBI agent.

City and State public officials indicated their support of the raid. Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan, Mississippi Attorney General A. F. Summer, and prosecutor Jack Travis all made statements to newsmen indicating a program to "rid the state" of the Republic of New Africa. Mayor Russell Davis, one of the so-called "New South" politicians said, "Every legal possibility for forcing the RNA out of Jackson has been explored, but that Wednesday was the first chance law-enforcement officers had to move in on the headquarters."

Already the court record is filled with evidence of a police-FBI conspiracy to deprive the RNA citizens of life, liberty, and property. The transcripts show that the Jackson area head of the FBI, Special Agent Elmer Linberg, and the head of the Jackson city police, Lavell Tullos, met together the evening before the attack, at Linberg's initiative, and planned the operation. They subsequently

briefed a combined force of about 35 FBI agents and policemen to carry out the attack.

No warrant was served on anyone, despite the claim that the purpose of the raid was to serve warrants. The one member of the police department's warrant division assigned to the attack force never saw the warrants, and he didn't know for whom they had been issued.

Chief Tullos and Special Agent Linberg agreed in advance to fire gas into the house after one minute and fifteen seconds, if no one came out following the bullhorn announcement calling for their surrender. At Lynch Street, the RNA citizens came out right away, and there was no shooting. At Lewis Street, the police and FBI opened fire after 75 seconds as planned, even though it was 6:30 a.m., when most people are asleep.

When the attack began, the attackers saw no guns pointed at them, and no sign of trouble coming from the house.

A patrolman who had served a warrant on RNA President Imari Obadele at Lewis Street only eleven days earlier was not consulted about his experience, although he was assigned to the task force.

Four persons were arrested at Lynch St. after surrendering, including one female, despite the fact that no warrant was for a female, and no one named in any warrant was present.

The Jackson Police and the FBI came prepared for attack, despite the fact that there had been no trouble in serving the previous warrant. They brought bullet-proof vests, helmets, riot guns, gas masks, and service revolvers. They even brought an armored tank, which previously had been parked in front of the courthouse as a symbol of Jackson's stand against the civil rights movement -- another relic of the "Old South."

The whole procedure was out of the ordinary for serving warrants. Chief Tullos had never served a warrant before as chief, yet he participated in the raid. Two patrolmen testified that the method was unusual for serving a warrant, and neither had served

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# "HOW COME I'M SO BLACK AND BLUE"

**BROTHER VIDA BLUE STILL WANTS TO CONTROL HIS OWN DESTINY.**

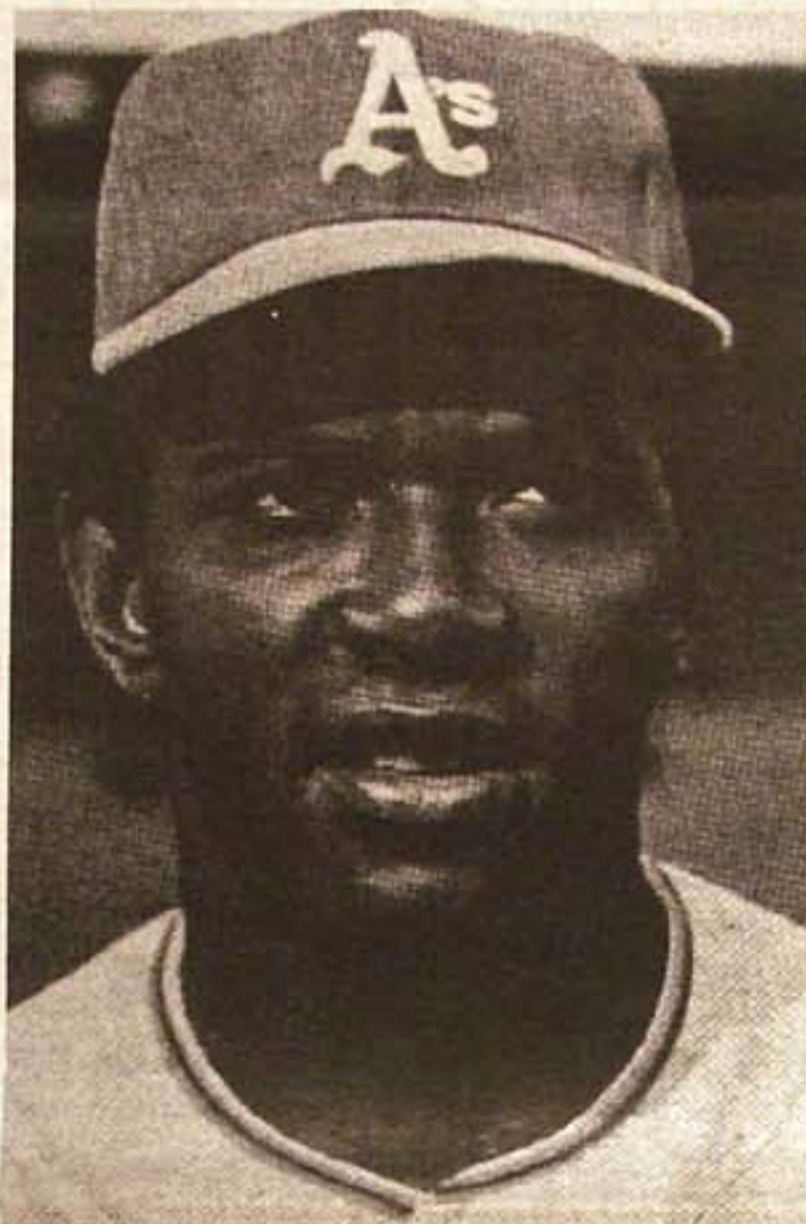
When the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team attempted to arbitrarily trade their star outfielder, a Black athlete, Curt Flood, to the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team, he filed a suit against them. The suit, filed in January, 1970, challenges organized baseball's right to trade players against their will. In baseball contracts, there is a "reserve clause" which binds the player, when he signs, to a particular ball club for life. For the player, the only alternative is to retire. In Brother Curt Flood's suit, a Federal Court ruled in favor of organized baseball. A U.S. Court of Appeals upheld that decision. He is now awaiting a decision by the Supreme Court, which decision is expected in June of this year.

On March 16, 1972, another young Black baseball player, Vida Blue, had to announce that he was actually quitting baseball. In 1971, Vida Blue pitched for the Oakland Athletics baseball team, winning 24 games and losing only 8. Also, he received baseball's highest honors for the 1971 season, the Most Valuable Player and Cy Young Awards.

For the 1971 season, during which Vida Blue led the Oakland Athletics, for the first time in its history, to a division victory, he was paid \$14,750. The ten best pitchers in baseball get up to \$140,000 a season. Now that Vida Blue has joined the ranks of the great pitchers in baseball, he is asking for a salary of \$92,500, which is comparable to other pitchers in his class.

However, the owner of the Oakland Athletics, Charles Finley, a white millionaire insurance executive, is refusing to pay Brother Vida Blue the requested salary. Instead, he is offering Vida Blue a flat \$50,000 for the season.

Before Vida Blue began pitching for the Oakland Athletics, their game attendance ranged, on an average, from 3,000 to 15,000 people. However, since Vida Blue has been pitching, the road game attendance record for the Oakland Athletics has been, for instance, 53,565 in Detroit; 43,307 in Baltimore; and 44,631 in Anaheim, California. At home in Oakland, the attendance for the 1971 season ranged from



*BROTHER VIDA BLUE refuses to compromise dignity for dollars.*

20,000 to 33,888 people. On one occasion, when a road game for which Brother Vida Blue was to pitch, had to be cancelled because of rain, Charles Finley estimated that it cost him \$50,000. This gives a picture of what he racks up each game.

Racist Charles Finley wants to pay the star pitcher of baseball, a Black man, Brother Vida Blue, a mere \$50,000 for an entire season, when he makes, at least, that much or more for each game that Brother Vida Blue pitches. During a recent trade, Charles Finley acquired a white pitcher, Denny McLean, from the Texas Rangers baseball team at a cost of \$85,000 for the season. During the same season for which Vida Blue was named Most Valuable Player of the Year, Denny McLean won ten games, while losing 24, for the Texas Rangers.

Vida Blue has offered Charles Finley and the Oakland Athletics many alternative solutions to his request for a \$92,500 salary for the '72 season. For instance, Brother Vida Blue would accept \$50,000 for the season, if the slave-making "reserve clause" was removed from his contract or, if he would be paid a \$20,000 bonus for last year.

As still another alternative, Brother Vida has asked to have his contract sold or traded. The president of the New York Yankees has offered to pay Brother Vida Blue \$75,000 a year. However, because Brother Vida is the "property" of the Oakland Athletics, he has no power to accept the offer.

Finley has said, when asked about Brother Vida, "I won't trade him and I won't sell him. Either he accepts what we have offered or he's through in baseball." As recently as April 16, 1972, Finley further stated that "you can't treat one ball player different than the other 24. I'd rather lose money at the gate than give one ballplayer special favors." Indeed,



*BROTHER CURT FLOOD vanguarded the just protests of Black baseball players.*

Finley will lose money at the gate, but that is his option because he is the owner and oppressor. Vida Blue is the possessed and oppressed like almost all of his 600 Major League baseball colleagues.

In reality, Vida Blue is being treated  
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# BALLOTS AGAINST BULLETS

## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE VOTES TO END THE VIETNAMESE WAR



*Oppressed people have come to know Assemblyman Barbee. We like what we see.*

All across the United States on April 22, 1972, masses of people joined together to denounce U.S. involvement in Vietnam. They made a demand that the 7 Point Peace Plan proposed by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam be adopted. While the people were amassed on the streets of this nation's cities, the Wisconsin State legislature was drafting and

*processing a resolution, demanding peace, prepared by Anti-Vietnam War demonstrators.*

*We are grateful to Wisconsin State Assemblyman Lloyd Barbee, truly a people's representative and a long standing fighter for peace and an end to the oppression of the world's people, for sending to us the text of the resolution passed by the legislature. This resolution was signed by the Governor, 27 Representatives and 4 Senators of the State of Wisconsin.*

WHEREAS, President Nixon was elected in 1968 largely on the strength of his campaign promise to end the United States' involvement in the Vietnam war; and,

WHEREAS, after more than 3 years of office, the President has not only failed to end our country's tragic military involvement in Southeast Asia, but has recently renewed the bombing of North Vietnam to an intensity which amounts to a major escalation of the United States military involvement; and,

WHEREAS, without the continued presence of U.S. naval and air power in Southeast Asia, the Nixon administration's policy of Vietnamization would be a total failure; and,

WHEREAS, public opinion at home and abroad is mounting in opposition to the President's dangerous re-escalation of the U.S. military effort in Vietnam; therefore,

BE IT KNOWN, that the Governor and undersigned members of the Wisconsin State Legislature hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to prevent further American military involvement in Vietnam by refusing to appropriate funds for military operations in Vietnam; and,

BE IT KNOWN, that the Governor and undersigned state legislators urge the Congress to take immediate action to bring about a swift halt to all aerial and naval bombardment and demand an immediate withdrawal of all American troops and material from Indochina.

HERE ARE TRIAL TRANSCRIPTS IN BOOK FORM OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY TRIALS THAT MADE HEADLINES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT PRESS. "... THE VIOLENCE THEY REVEAL IS LEGALIZED VIOLENCE - A RACISM THAT FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUSTICE." THE BOOK...



"To ROMAINE 'CHIP' FITZGERALD, Death Row, San Quentin, charged with murder in Los Angeles, California, defended by a court-appointed attorney, found guilty during a trial which lasted five days (including jury selection), and sentenced to die in the gas chamber.

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# YOU NEED A WHITE TICKET TO RIDE "B.A.R.T."

## CALIFORNIA BLACKS UNITE FOR COMMUNITY CONTROL OF BAY AREA

### RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (B.A.R.T.).

On April 25th, 1972, a meeting was held in the office of Congressman Ron Dellums by the Bay Area (California) Rapid Transit (BART) Black Caucus. In this meeting, as in the press conference they conducted on March 10th, the BART Black Caucus made known the many intolerable conditions existing at the Bay Area Rapid Transit Company, to which conditions Black and other minority groups are constantly subjected.

Members of the BART Black Caucus, Frank King, Howard Lewis, Connie Brown, Charlene Dagry and Corene Brantley along with Don Hopkins, District Representative for Congressman Ron Dellums, kindly consented to give the Black Panther Party the following interview, in which the goals and objectives of the BART Black Caucus are explained:

Q: Since your recent press conference, what repercussions have you gotten from BART?

FRANK KING: None, directly. I mean, they're in limbo right now. They don't know what to say or what to do. They're actually waiting on our moves.

CONNIE BROWN: They really think we're jiving. They feel that this is just something we started... They have to do something; but, they don't know what we're going to do next. We're asking for a chance to present our program to them.

Q: Have there been any particular cases of minority injustice within BART on which you're focusing?

FRANK KING: We have a lot of cases in regards to grievances... where minority people have been messed over. When I say grievances, I'm saying anything... in regards to evaluations, promotions from within; just general harassment that you find in any company where you have employee-supervisor contact...

DON HOPKINS: Because this form of racism that they got going at the top is perpetuated down through the system... you got guys at the Foreman One and Foreman Two levels that



Members of the BART Black Caucus, who are fighting in the people's interest: (from left to right) Connie Brown, Howard Lewis, Charlene Dagry, Frank King, and Corene Brantley.

possess the same type of racism... Even though they have had what they call the Affirmative Action Program and the MB2 Policy which state that they're going to treat everybody right in regards to race, creed and color, and all that... this is cool on paper... what they say is good... but this is not indeed being implemented.

CORENE BRANTLEY: We see all the white ones being promoted and the Black ones being (held) back, you know. We plan to put a stop to it. People take 5 or 6 years to get promoted and they promote a white person in 2 months.

DON HOPKINS: Yes, I was just saying before you came that we (Ron Dellums' office) work closely with at least one of the guys who is a director of BART; so what we're going to try to do is to get him to agree to meet with us... with this group... one evening, with any other member of the board, who he feels might be favorable to our position.

Q: Is there a worker's union at BART?

FRANK KING: No...

Q: Has there ever been a union at BART?

FRANK KING: No.

Q: How long has BART been in existence?

FRANK KING: For the last 15 years or so.

DON HOPKINS: We've also received letters and phone calls from people who've heard about the press conference, some individual people who have called and sent letters expressing their own experiences with BART. In one of them... a guy said he had gone and applied for a job there and couldn't even get an interview; and he sent his resume along... a substantial guy. This indicates to me that if BART... was really interested in dealing with minorities, at least... they would give him an interview or keep resumes on file, or, at least, show some kind of interest in identifying... Blacks who are capable, so that they can be called upon when openings occur.

FRANK KING: See, another thing that's very significant here is that... it's in BART's policy that when any minority (person) that is currently, in all areas, qualified for a job and they

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# "FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN HEAR THE PEOPLE CRY" THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY ENDORSES SISTER SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR U.S. PRESIDENT



On April 27, 1972, BOBBY SEALE, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, joined the Northern California Campaign Coordinator for Shirley Chisholm, WILSON RILES, JR., to announce the Black Panther Party's endorsement of Sister Shirley Chisholm for President of the United States. This historic alliance has not made the U.S. ruling circle very happy.



CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE AND SISTER SHIRLEY CHISHOLM STAND TOGETHER ON THE ISSUE OF SURVIVAL.

## PRESS STATEMENT READ BY CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE, BLACK PANTHER PARTY

On April 27, 1972, at a press conference held at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Oakland, California, Black Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale announced the Black Panther Party's endorsement of Sister Shirley Chisholm, Representative from New York, for President of the United States. Chairman Bobby Seale read the following statement by the Servant of the People, Huey P. Newton:

There is a social trend today toward power by the people for more control of the economic, political and social institutions within this society. The Black Panther Party believes that a transferral of state power from the hands of the few (the war-mongers, the polluters, the racists of all kinds, the exploiters of the whole world) into the hands of the many is guaranteed by the revolutionary world trend.

This is why we announce, today, that our entire Party membership and all Community Workers shall be active in daily work and that our full Party machinery shall be set into motion to support Sister Shirley Chisholm for President of the United States in the 1972 National Elections.

With this announcement, the Black Panther Party puts forth a call, to every Black, poor and progressive

## PRESS STATEMENT READ BY WILSON RILES, JR

Also, present at the press conference on April 27, 1972, during which Black Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale announced the Black Panther Party's active support for Sister Shirley Chisholm in her campaign for the presidency of the United States, was the Northern California Campaign Coordinator for Shirley Chisholm, Wilson Riles, Jr. Brother Riles gave the following statement, telling why Sister Shirley is "the best social critic of America's injustices", running for the presidential office:

In this presidential year of 1972, many candidates have claimed to be the candidate of the people. Many have portrayed themselves as long standing champions of just causes and as faithful fighters for peace. The reason for this being that anyone who would wish to be president of a country such as ours - a country which feigns concern for justice and truth - must at least wear a cloak of virtue and wisdom.

Virtue and wisdom are difficult things for any person to achieve. Throughout this country, there are probably no more than a handful of people with the virtue and wisdom necessary to be president. Throughout our history, there have been less than a handful of virtuous and wise presidents. With such a dearth of people of the calibre necessary for the presidency, why, in heaven's name, should we limit our choice to middle-aged white males?

In the past this country has overlooked the exceptional talents of many men and women because of their race and/or sex. Let's not make that mistake again. Survey the whole field of presidential candidates and compare their records and their stands. There is one candidate who has fought all her life against injustice. She has fought at every opportunity for an end to this insane war and for peace in this world. She is truly a candidate of the people unbought and unbossed. That presidential candidate is REPRESENTATIVE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM. You owe her support, not because she will win or lose, but because she is the best choice you have for the presidency.

Here are some of Representative Chisholm's stands:

human being across this country, to unite together to join Sister Shirley Chisholm's campaign for election to the presidency of the United States. Every vote must be rallied to support a people's candidate, to make Shirley Chisholm a people's choice.

Shirley Chisholm has shown, in word and in action, her support of the People's Community Survival Programs. Shirley Chisholm has stood up in the face of racism, a lone Black woman, denouncing the sufferings of Black and poor people at every opportunity. In essence, Shirley Chisholm has come forward as the best social critic of America's injustices to run for presidential office, from whatever Party.

Everyone who wishes to work to support the People's Candidate, Shirley Chisholm, should contact any Shirley Chisholm Campaign Headquarters, any Black Panther Party Chapter or Branch office, or ISCCF Center or the main Party office in Oakland, California.

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*Huey P. Newton*

Huey P. Newton  
Servant of the People  
Black Panther Party

Representative Chisholm -

- Supported a guaranteed minimum annual income of \$6,500 for a family of four.
- Co-sponsored legislation to lift the tax burdens of single men and women.
- Sponsored the Equal Rights Amendment, designed to achieve full equality for women.
- Co-sponsored legislation to establish a nationwide system of child Day-Care Centers.
- Vigorously opposed Nixon's brand of law and order - no-knock police raids, political snooping, harassment arrests.
- Supports the legalization of marijuana, while advocating an attack on the real problem - the big-money source of hard drugs.
- Is a leading advocate of Consumer Protection.
- Has voted against all money bills supporting the "monstrous waste and shocking profits in the Defense Budget", and will continue to do so until priorities are reversed.
- Supports withdrawal of all American military influence from Southeast Asia.

These are just a few examples which demonstrate how Congresswoman Chisholm stands for the rights and aspirations of the people. She has never done only what is politically expedient. She has never waited for others to give her the OK to work for the things that she believes are right. She is filled with the virtue, courage, and wisdom necessary for the presidency.

SUPPORT SHIRLEY CHISHOLM  
UNBOUGHT AND UNBOSSSED



# HEY, MISTER

Songs are a part of a people's life, culture, an expression and reflection of our daily lives. They are no more or less than that. A song cannot turn the tide, but it can tell which way

the wind is blowing.

For years, now, in the Black community, the sound of Brother Ray Charles has echoed the feelings, the

thoughts and aspirations of a people who have longed for liberation, and whose songs have told the tale so beautifully. In a recent recording, Brother Ray Charles delivered his latest "message from the people":

## HEY, MISTER\*

Oh!

*Listen everybody! I got an idea!  
I think we oughta write a letter to the Congress of the United States,  
And tell 'em what's on our minds,  
Because we are the richest country in the world  
And I just can't understand why we got so many hungry people.  
You know, I believe we oughta say something like this:*

*Hey, Mister,*

*You better listen.*

*Oh Mister, you better listen.*

*Mama got to wash the rich folk clothes  
Just to keep the rent man from throwing us outdoors.*

*Papa look for work with the morning sun,  
But tell me, how can you find a job when there just ain't none? ... Now ...*

*Hey, Legislation,*

*If you can fix the Nation  
Why don't you open up your heart  
And listen to this part.  
... Wait a minute ...*

*A little child asks for bread  
With tears in his eyes.  
Mama say, "We ain't got none."  
And then, they both cry.  
Don't you hear 'em.  
I say, don't you hear 'em.  
Dammit! don't you hear 'em!  
Well, then, what the hell is wrong with you then.*

*Listen!*

*The world need love,  
I know you admit it.  
What you doing to the poor man,  
Lord knows, you oughta quit it.  
How can he love you?  
Tell me, how can he smile,  
When back at home,  
There's a hungry little child?*

*Hey, Legislation,*

*Why don't you try a new route?  
Listen to the people  
And hear what they talking 'bout.*

*You see...*

*The poor people know that  
They can't impeach you.  
Oh no.  
They just hopin' that their cries will reach you.  
Now, don't you hear 'em.  
I say, don't you hear 'em.*



PHOTO BY HANK LEBBO

*Well then, I feel sorry for you, if you don't 'Cause...*

*Many singers before me  
Have sung this song,  
Tried to remind you  
To right this wrong.  
But what I'm wondering  
If you ever understand  
That rich or poor,  
A man is still a man.... Now...*

*Hey, Legislation,*

*When you start to fix the Nation  
Take a real good look  
At the present administration.  
And then ...*

*Stand up, wave it good-bye.  
Find someone  
Who can hear the people cry.  
Lord knows, you oughta hear 'em.  
I ain't lying, you need to hear 'em, man.  
You better hear 'em,  
Something might go wrong.  
You better hear 'em ... Oh ...*

*Hey, Mister,*

*What you gonna do?  
There's people out here  
Tryin' to talk to you.  
You know we need help  
And we ain't gonna wait.  
Now, don't talk,  
Get to doing, before it's too late.  
You see, I understand  
Foreign aid is well and good  
But, why don't you give some of that money  
To the neighborhood  
Lord, have mercy  
Can't keep living down here in mud.  
And I know you sick and tired  
Of looking at blood.*

*Well, Oh ...*

*Mister, you better listen. Oh, yeah  
Mister, you better listen. Oh ...  
Mister, you better listen.*



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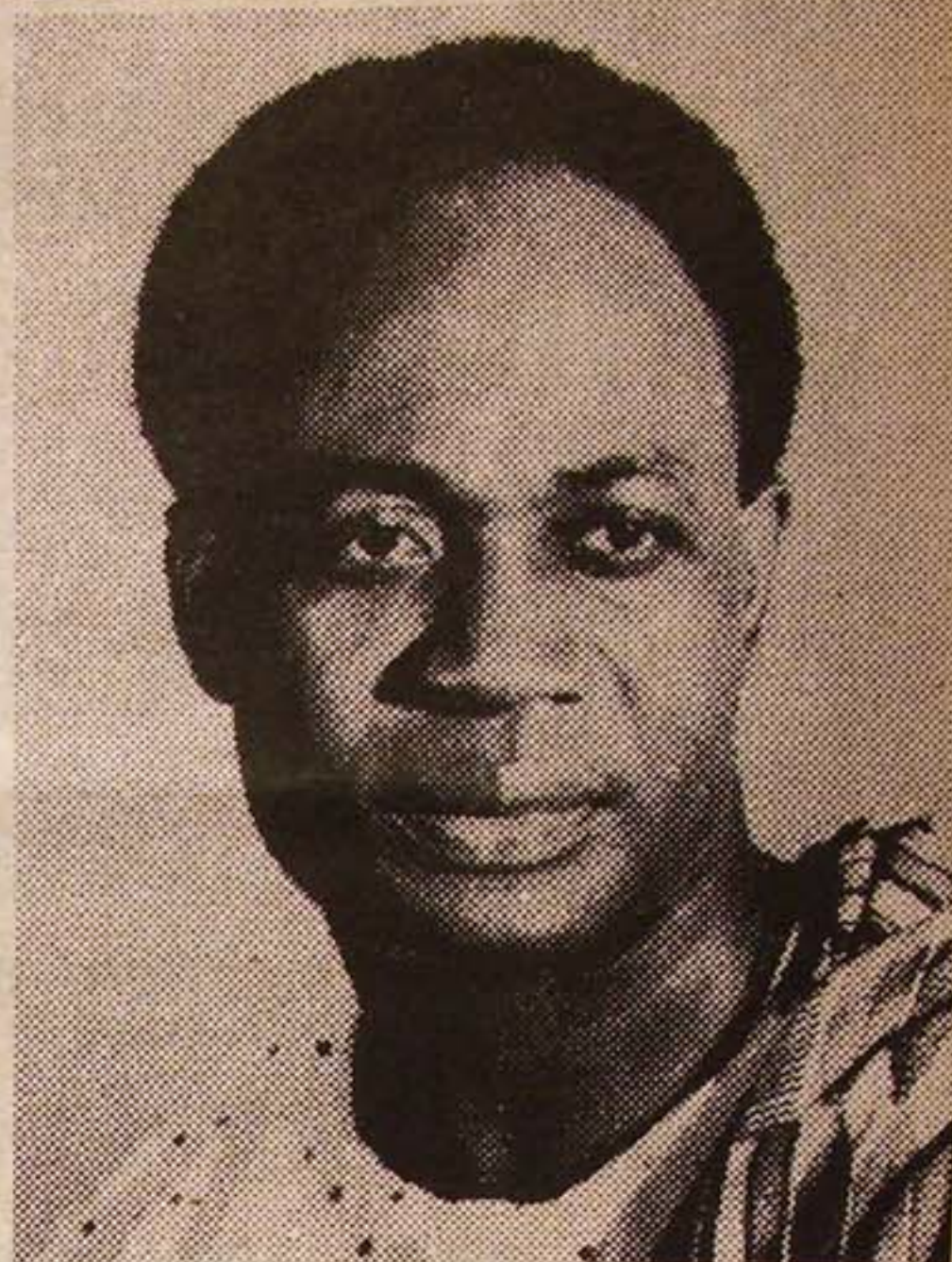
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*"... these dark days will pass. Nothing can stop the progress of the African revolutionary struggle." KWAME NKRUMAH*

The U.S.-organized, C.I.A.-planned overthrow of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah is finally complete. The death of Dr. Nkrumah on April 27th, in exile in Guinea, signals the end to a mission on the part of U.S. Imperialists and their world-wide lackeys. That they would finally capture the body of Dr. Nkrumah was inevitable. The world-wide reactionary machinery had been long set into motion for that very end.

However, his death does not close

the curtain on his ideas, his revolutionary commitment to oppressed people, his dream of a united Africa, united by and for the people. The ideas live, as they have, since the time of the bogus coup in 1966, which separated him from his beloved people.

We, the Black Panther Party, have contempt for his enemies and know that they shall be overcome. We know that the dream shall live to fruition,

for the Dark Continent, rich and beautiful Africa, shall surely be united, a mighty force against those enemies, the perpetrators of racism, fascism, imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism. We shall miss the body, but we shall live with the love for the people, the wisdom, the revolutionary ideas of one of the greatest leaders of our people, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.**

## A NATION ON TRIAL

### CAPTURED MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA BEGIN TRIAL.

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a warrant this way before. One had been on the force for seven years, the other for five years.

The eleven RNA citizens arrested on August 18 face charges ranging from murder and levy of war against the state of Mississippi to possession of stolen property. Six are being held without bond. President Imari is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond. The other four have been released on personal recognizance.



has received much attention. But the truth is finally beginning to come out. More and more Mississippians, white and black, are protesting the police-FBI conspiracy, and joining in the efforts to free President Imari Obadele and the RNA Eleven.

Donations for the defense of the "RNA 11" may be sent to:  
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So far, only the "official" story

**FREE THE RNA ELEVEN!**



# THE SERVANT ARRESTED AGAIN!

HUEY P. NEWTON ARRESTED  
ON THE DAY CHISHOLM  
SUPPORT ANNOUNCED

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like so many other "Soul" stations, is Black on the outside and white on the inside. Blue-eyed soul is not what the Black community wants. We need a Black community-owned cooperative radio station, which will truly serve our interests.

The point is that KDIA, in cahoots with the pigs, had actually waited to "make a move" until the day of the previously-announced press conference. They wanted to sabotage the press conference with banner headlines and sensational stories about Huey P. Newton, and the Black Panther Party being "In Trouble Again", or some other such piece of phony

fascist propaganda. These headlines, they had hoped, would have diverted the people's attention from the progressive alliance that had just been announced. Such a tactic is common to the oppressor and familiar to the oppressed. It is an old trick, designed to sabotage the forward thrust of the Black community to unify every element, every progressive person, to unify all oppressed people. The people are not diverted. The real issue is our survival; and the Black Panther Party and Sister Shirley Chisholm have come together to really work for the survival of all the people.

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The people know he's got soul; but "soul" radio station KDIA allied with the pigs against him.

## Let this be his epitaph.

# Blood in My Eye

## George Jackson

(author of *Soledad Brother*)



This angry, passionate, eloquent book—which takes up where *Soledad Brother* left off—was completed only days before George Jackson was shot to death at San Quentin prison during an alleged escape attempt last August.

George Jackson spent the last eleven years of his life behind prison walls, seven of them in solitary confinement. During that time he developed a radical world view, a deep understanding of politics and history in relation to social change, as well as a remarkable voice as a writer. *Blood in My Eye* speaks out to the poor, the black, the jailed, the disenfranchised throughout the world. Born of a spirit that refused to be crushed, yet filled with a prophetic sense of his own impending doom, this powerful book from prison presents George Jackson's burning vision of the world that could be—a world reshaped by "total revolutionary war."

George Jackson lived and died for the revolution. *Blood in My Eye* explains why.

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# VIETNAM MUST WIN!

## BLACK PANTHER PARTY CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE JOINS THOUSANDS IN ANTI-VIETNAM WAR RALLY.



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Black Panther Party CHAIRMAN BOBBY SEALE and MASAI HEWITT, Minister of Education of the Black Panther Party, stand in solidarity with Vietnamese Comrade VAN LUY NGUYEN, at anti-Vietnam War Rally (April 22, 1972).

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oly, racist capitalists, who pollute the water and greenery and the lakes and the ocean, are the same ones who have been polluting human life with bullets and bombs and murder and killing and robbery. The only solution to pollution is a people's humane revolution.

In the process of a people's humane revolutionary struggle to end the pollution of war and murder, to end the pollution that fascist, racist, capitalistic exploiters perpetuate, in this process, we have to educate the people and ourselves to the essence of what's going on with a war against the Vietnamese people, which has continued, as it has, for over ten years.

They've bombed the people. They're dropping bombs; they're using the old World War II bombs. However, you've got a lot of capitalists and a lot of racists in this country who, in fact, do nothing but lobby in the Senate, lobby in the administrative aspect of this government. The very administrators themselves, from Tricky Dick Nixon on down, the very administrators, themselves, want the war to go on and on and on, so that some capitalists can make a big profit off the tax payer's money, in this

country, making bombs, that are basically expendable, as soon as they're blown up on the people's heads in Vietnam.

This is the situation; what they're doing. They do not intend, they don't want to drop an atomic bomb on Vietnam, because that would end the war tomorrow, because they would not be able to make a big killing or a big money making operation to build numerous war materials. They must continue the war; they must shuck and jive and lie to the people; they must talk, talk. Some cat gets up on T.V. during a campaign, saying to you, the masses of the people, "Now, I just want to make this one point clear". We don't have time for it anymore. What we have to do is get down to the nitty-gritty. I mean, even if you're on the level, if you want to vote, make sure you pull your votes back over here in the corner somewhere, in the people's corner, in the middle of the people's revolutionary camp, in the middle of the movement. Even if you only want to do that, we have to put our energy out; we have to donate funds, and we have to organize rallies, even bigger than this one. In the Black community, they were talking about Black people, as to whether or not Black people

should be against the war in Vietnam. Well, yes, they are against the war in Vietnam.

Let me show you something. We cannot get 20 and 30 and 40 thousand Black people, in any one community, to come out for a demonstration anymore, unless you do what the Black Panther Party does in the Black community, when we educate the people. We recently gave away, absolutely free, from the People's Free Food Program, over 10,000 full bags of groceries with a big, fat, healthy grade A chicken in every bag. Then, the people, the Black community, can be educated. They can understand how and why they are kept in the oppression that they're in, when they see that, the billions upon billions of dollars in tax money that are spent to maintain a war in Vietnam is the reason that the continuous oppression goes on against Black people, Chicano people, poor oppressed white people, polka dot people, any kind of people. In other words, from now on we're going to have to organize and unify the people around their basic desires and needs, around their oppressed class interests. And, at the same time, we can educate them in this country, by the millions, as to what to do about ending the war in Vietnam...

Now, I want to make this one last note, to all of the people here who may not see it, that the only solution to pollution is a people's humane revolution. By that, we mean people's revolution. It's going to be manifested in our own basic humanism; it's going to be manifested in unifying ourselves, unifying the people of the world around the concrete problems. We're unifying to solve the problems. What I'm saying is this, we can move forward, and we must move forward, and we will move forward for a peace in this world, for a peace in this world that is controlled and maintained by the masses of the people in their communities throughout the world. To do that we have to demand, and everybody here, I know, demands that this government set a date to withdraw every troop, every piece of military equipment, all their allies' equipment, etc., completely out of Vietnam. That should be done before the November elections, even before they get here.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



# "HOW COME I'M SO BLACK AND BLUE"

**BROTHER VIDA BLUE STILL WANTS TO CONTROL HIS OWN DESTINY.**

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differently. He is one of the greatest pitchers the world has ever seen; but to Charlie Finley (Mr. Charley), the Oakland Athletics, and their cohorts, Vida Blue is a great BLACK baseball pitcher. For several decades, now, sports has been hailed as the freedom road to countless opportunities for talented Black people. However, sports, baseball, in particular, like all other monopoly capitalist enterprises in the United States, is an exploiter of humanity.

According to one Supreme Court Justice, the "reserve clause" "vio-

lates the U.S. antitrust laws. It violates antitrust and common law of the states. It violates the 13th Amendment (prohibiting slavery)."

Baseball, sports, in general, like all areas of the U.S. economy which feign service to the people, in reality, oppresses them, particularly those who work to sustain it. With the unified support of the Black community, Vida Blue, Curt Flood and the hundreds like them can challenge these injustices, survive and maintain their humanism.

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*Last season, Vida Blue played ball and was cheated. Now Charles Finley must play ball with him.*

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## CALIFORNIA BLACKS UNITE FOR COMMUNITY CONTROL OF BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (B.A.R.T.).

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don't get hired, they're (BART) supposed to submit in writing... (and put his record in personnel) why they didn't hire him; and they don't do this.

DON HOPKINS: They obviously didn't do it with this guy because they turned him away. They argue that the reason they have to get some of these guys, some of the white guys, out here is because they couldn't find any Blacks locally that they could hire... (If they really have something like an Affirmative Action Program, they would be continuously identifying Black talent or minority group talent, and when openings occur, they would inform these people to come in and re-apply.

Q: Does anyone know the percentage of Blacks, Asians and Chicano workers at BART?

FRANK KING: It's about 31% or something like this; but they're concentrated at the bottom... In our press conference, we never said that they weren't hiring minorities... So, we aren't primarily dealing with percentages, because they are hiring; but, they're hiring janitors and general car repairmen.

CHARLENE DAGRY: It's quite obvious that they don't intend to get minorities or Blacks into... the hierarchy here, because, just very recently they had a prime opportunity of doing it. One of the men, who's been with the passenger service department for over five years, was in a position to be promoted to a decision-making area. They by-passed him, and brought in somebody who is from Texas, who's been with the district exactly four months, and put him in the spot over this Black man. So, that's an indication of the type of attitudes that are prevailing at BART...

DON HOPKINS: ... BART is very much like a Board of Supervisors. They have fantastic economic clout in the community. They provide a hell of a lot of jobs. Yet, they're almost invisible... to people. And I think that the BART board, being a



*Congressman Ron Dellums has been one of the strongest voices, along with the BART Black Caucus, for an end to minority injustice.*

non-elected board, can just sort of sit back and allow these policies to continue, in their assuredness that nobody will ever say anything about it, because they're not seen. Just like people never look at what the Board of Supervisors is doing. So, you know, that's just a part of this... We've just got to make their operations public... to expose them. We know that they don't hire Black people at those restaurants in Jack London Square, but we don't know that they don't hire them at places like BART; and BART's much more important.

Q: You've sent letters to the management of BART?

CHARLENE DAGRY: Our last letter was dated April 22nd; our first letter went out April 13th; the second, April 17th; and the last, April 22nd.

Q: Have they replied to these letters?

CHARLENE DAGRY: They gave us... two replies... The first one was April 18th in reply to Mr. Lewis; the second, April 19th.

FRANK KING: This was directly in regards to grievances as far as employees in the district... We have a

whole list of people that have been messed over by the man, and this was primarily what those two letters were in relation to, setting up a meeting with us and BART's Labor Relations to try to do away with some of these grievances. It had nothing to do with our total program, getting to talk to the Board about the changes within BART.

DON HOPKINS: They're trying to treat it as though it's an individual employee grievance situation; when, in fact, we're proposing a major re-organization of the institution itself and obviously that has to go outside of management and become a matter of policy to be determined by the Board.

FRANK KING: You see our proposal, that we plan to present to the Board, not only affects them, but it affects the outlying community that supports BART. We stated that we wanted these types of things so that we can start to, we can indeed have BART give something back to the minority community, like we stated in our press conference that we had with Ron Dellums (in this office here). We said that BART cannot support the minority community in service on the train, because the biggest thing that BART's going to do is bring the white people from their suburban homes into a central location of work and take them back home in the evening so they won't have to deal with us... We're all down here, lumped together, in the middle of the city in what, you know, we call the ghettos. If BART never existed, we could still ride the A.C. transit like we've been doing all our lives. So, if BART can't give us anything in the way of services, we're asking for jobs. We put our tax money in, they put their (Suburban white businessmen's) tax money in. They're (BART) giving them some return on their tax money in terms of service, making it convenient for a cat to come from Concord to San Francisco and not get his suit wrinkled or anything like that; they don't have to fight any traffic. They're not giving us that type of thing because we don't live in Concord.



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# PEOPLE'S PETITION

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



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

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

IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTS, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREFORE PETITION THAT DAVID HILLIARD BE GRANTED HIS HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, THAT IS, PAROLE FROM PRISON OR AN APPEAL BAIL BOND BY THE AMERICAN COURTS PENDING APPEAL OF HIS CASE BEFORE HIGHER COURTS, AND THAT HIS RETRIAL JURY BE OF HIS PEERS, A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF A CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

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