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SAVE THE CHILDREN

THE FIGHT TO FUND BLACK CHILD CARE CENTERS



Anti-child care legislation affects countless Black families, especially welfare recipients trying to continue in school or in training for jobs.

Recently, many bills concerning welfare and other 'social services' have been passed (on the national level) that directly affect the survival of Black children. On the state level, California and its racist Governor Ronald Reagan, has led the campaign to take thousands of poor mothers and their children off the welfare rolls and have reduced the already meager sums of those who will still receive aid. These bills are all supposed to be 'reform measures', but under the disguise of trying to make the welfare and anti-poverty program systems better, these legislative acts are destructive, particularly to poor families with children. However, the fact that children are suffering from such actions doesn't matter to those that control the government and make the laws.

Many times parents need someone to care for their children of pre-school age during the day, because either the parents work or attend school. They want to provide an environment conducive to their children's development. Therefore, in poor and oppressed communities, there is a need for quality day care facilities that will take care of our children during the day; help them to develop educationally, physically and culturally.

Due to the poor economic situations of Black families, it is difficult and

at times impossible to pay the enormous weekly or monthly fees usually required by day care facilities. Therefore, it is the government's responsibility to provide child care facilities to parents who cannot afford them, especially for welfare recipients who are trying to continue in school or are in training for jobs.

A severe blow was dealt to the child care system in California due to a repressive law passed three months ago. The "Moretti-Lewis-Brown-Rodda Child Development Act" (Assembly Bill 99), which was signed into law in July, is stopping many pre-school centers from being funded, and is delaying the opening of numerous new child care facilities all over the state. By hindering the funding of these centers, Assembly Bill 99 (AB 99) is causing funding delays which are depriving children of necessary day care facilities, and thus forcing many mothers to go back to the vicious welfare rolls.

AB 99 transfers all child care services in the state from the administration of the State Department of Social Welfare to the State Department of Education. This change in departmental administration is supposed to put more stress on education in the child care centers; to reduce the "red tape" in the administration of the programs. But, AB 99 was made an

"urgency statute", which means that the implementation of the law began almost immediately after it was passed, and time was not allowed for the necessary changes in negotiations for funding contracts between centers applying for financial aid and the welfare department. Therefore, after August 10th, the welfare department stopped negotiating any new programs whose contracts had not yet been signed, although it will continue to fund centers previously contracted. This means that many programs which were close to receiving funds were just dropped from consideration completely.

The denial of funds to Ingleside Cultural Arts Association, a Black child care center in San Francisco, is an example of the effects of AB 99. Mrs. Evelyn Cox, Executive Director of the program, had been negotiating with the Welfare Department since last January in an effort to get her already established program funded. Planning was nearing completion when Mrs. Cox was notified that the Department would not enter into any new contracts. At least four new child care facilities in San Francisco cannot open because AB 99 has kept them from being financed. Under the new administration of the Department of Education, these centers will have to wait until November to even be considered for funding. At this time, it is not known whether the \$3 million for the implementation of AB 99 will be used for present programs only, or to fund new programs also.

The \$3 million of state child care funds appropriated by AB 99 were placed, not in the Department of Education's budget, but in the budget of the State Health and Welfare Agency (HWA). The Department of Education is required by the new statute to contract with the Health and Welfare Agency for state funds. The new (Reagan-appointed) Office of Educational Liaison, part of HWA, will oversee the process. Although AB 99 designates the Department of Education as the "single state agency responsible for the promotion, development and provision for care of children in the absence of their parents," the welfare department is at present the only state agency capable of receiving Title IV (federal) child care funds. If the federal government does not grant a transfer of the

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ARE YOU GETTING YOUR 2 HOURS LEAVE WITH PAY?



BLACK PANTHER PARTY EXPOSES CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS' NEGLIGENCE IN GIVING VOTING TIME TO WORKERS.

All California workers have a legislated right to two hours off from their jobs during political elections, without loss of pay, so that they may have ample time to vote.

The following article concerns California Elections Code 14400 (see the Black Panther Intercommunal News Service, Vol. VIII #17). This law states that all California working people have the right to take two hours off, with pay, from their jobs during political elections, so that they may have enough time to vote. The existence of this law has long been kept secret from the working people of California.

In order to keep your name on the voter registration lists, it is necessary to vote on November 7th. Any person registered to vote in Alameda County who does not vote, will receive a card, through the mail, from the Alameda County Elections Committee. This card must be filled out and returned. If you fail to return this card it will mean that your name will be dropped from the voter registration lists. After the last election, thousands of Black people were dropped from the list of registered voters. We cannot afford to let this happen again.

In April, 1973 the people of Oakland will have a chance to vote, for the first time in the history of the city, for a pair of candidates who truly represent the interests of the people. Brother Bobby Seale and Sister Elaine Brown, candidates for Mayor and Oakland City Council respectively, hope to be elected on that day. The voter

registration drive conducted by the Black Panther Party has already registered 25,000 people to vote, many for the first time, in anticipation of voting for Brother Bobby and Sister Elaine. If you do not vote in the November elections and fail to return the card or re-register, this would unwittingly make you ineligible to vote in the April elections.

California Elections Code 14400 has been largely withheld from the voting public. Racist employers and reactionary government officials know the people would demand their two hours off if they were aware of this law. The Black Panther Party is reprinting the following information so that the workers in the state of California will be informed of their legislated rights:

A worker may take off as "much time, without loss of pay, as will, when added to his voting time outside his working hours, enable him to vote." (Cal. Elections C. 14400). The time taken off cannot exceed two hours and must occur either at the beginning or at the end of the employee's general working shift. The code section applies only to general, direct primary, and presidential primary elections. However, to avail himself of this provision, the worker has one obligation: on the third working day before the election he must give his employer

notice that he desires to take off the two hours from work.

Although initially the statute was construed to apply only to those workers who do not "have sufficient time outside of their working hours to vote," the California Court of Appeals, in *Benane v. International Harvester Co.* (142 CA 2d Supp. 874, 299 P. 2d 750, 1956), held that any employee was entitled to avail himself of this provision, irrespective of whether he had sufficient time outside of working hours to vote. Furthermore, the Legislature amended the section in 1953, deleting a paragraph which restricted this right to those workers who did not have four consecutive hours between the opening of the polls and the beginning of work or the end of their shift and the closing of the polls. Echoing this liberalization of the statute, the Attorney General has held that all employees are entitled to two hours off without loss of pay, irrespective of whether the period is necessary to vote. (20 Op. Atty. Genl. 185.)

Due to this liberalization and the *Benane* decision, there appears to be no discrimination between workers with regard to this section. The statute is "unambiguous" -- and is applicable to all employees.

In addition, the employer must, at least ten days before the election, post a notice listing the provisions of Elec. Code 14400 in a conspicuous place at work, if practicable, or where it can be seen by workers coming or departing from work. (Cal. Election C. 14401). WILLFUL FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTION CODE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1000. AND/OR IMPRISONMENT IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING FIVE YEARS. (Cal. Elections Code 29001. See also: *Benane v. International Harvester*, supra.) This provision of the Election Code is considered part of every employment contract, whether or not it is incorporated into the contract. (Ballarini, in *Behalf of Lodge 1327, Internat'l Ass'n of Machinists v. Schlage Lock Co.*, 100 C.A. 2d Supp. 859, 226 P. 2d 771, 1951), and cannot be waived by a collective bargaining agreement.

If an employer has been informed of this duty to post the election notice, and either refuses to post the notice or allow his employee time off to vote, the employees or any citizen may have an implied civil remedy for damages against the employer. (C.f. *Montalvo v. Zamora*, 7 C.A. 3d 69, 79 Cal. Rptr. 77, 1969). In the alternative, of course, the Attorney General may prosecute the offending employer.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

"BOOGIE WITH THE HOOK"

**A CONVERSATION WITH FAMED
BLACK BLUES SINGER,
JOHN LEE HOOKER**



"I would say God gave me this gift; that's the only way I know how to put it. Anyway, I feel like my talent belongs to the people..."

QUESTION: Brother Hooker, would you tell us a little about your life, when you first began singing, and what led you to sing?

BROTHER HOOKER: Well, what led me to singing was really my stepfather, who was a musician, a guitar player with the style I'm playing now...he was playing then. It's the style which I've got now, which you don't hear nobody else playing but me. When I was pretty young, about 13 or 14, I used to follow him around. I used to idolize him. When I was 14 years old I was playing real good. I left home about that time. They had a big farm down in Mississippi, Clarkville, Mississippi. I never did like no farm work. I didn't want to do it, so that's why I tried so hard to do this. Right around then I came to Cincinnati and spent some time, played around in the Pine Tree Pavillion in Atlanta. I left there and went to Memphis, where I ran up on a few cats who are well known today, like B.B. King and Bobby Bland. We used to jam around Memphis-house parties. Then I left there and headed for Detroit and I worked theaters here and there, whatever I could pick up--little light jobs, and a few hard jobs, but still playing my music and night clubs and things like that.

Around 1948, this Black cat discovered me, Elder Barber. He said, "You sound good, I got somebody... I can turn you on to a few things. Do you want to make records?" I said yeah. He said, "Yeah, you really sound good. I'm going to cut some dubs on you and send them to Pan American Record Company." I said okay.

I started cutting dubs and getting different sounds, and about 3 or 4 weeks, a month later on --he took them down to Woodward Avenue...I recorded 'Boogie Children', 'Hobo Blues', 'In the Mood'; I recorded them all at the same time. Everyone that came out was a number one hit. I started from there, and I never did look back ever since then.

Q: There have been many interpretations of the Blues. By that I mean there have been attempts to define what Blues is. Is Blues singing particular to Black people, and how, in your opinion, did it develop?

BROTHER HOOKER: It is Black people's music, and they're the only ones who can do it with the most feeling. There are others who can do it, but no one can do it like the Black man. Blues is the root of all music; spiritual, jazz, any kind of music you name, Blues is the root of all of that. It comes in many forms, in many different ways. It hits you in many different ways... with many different feelings. There's happy Blues, there's sad Blues. When you're disgusted and don't know which way to turn, that's the Blues. When you're real hungry and have problems, that's the Blues.

Getting back to Black people; when we were out on farms, working in cotton fields during slavery, things that we could not come out and say in words, we would hum in song. We would feel so bad and so hurt, we'd just go along humming these things, and the song was saying this for us. So it developed on with the Black man down through the years. He recorded, he'd make songs, and write songs, and the white man would take away his rights because most of us didn't have education...The Black man, 20 or 25 years ago, didn't have a chance to go to school because he had to work, and we had to get on the cotton fields, and we were just handicapped. Now, it's no more of that. Because the Black man won't stand for that. He'll fight, he'll die for that, I don't blame him, because down through the years, he saw his people being treated like horses, and cows, and the white man had his feet on him, kept him down. One white man, just one, and a whole big plantation full of Black people, you've probably read about that, you've probably never experienced that, but I saw that. That was a very, very sad and critical time, all we could do was sing the Blues and hope, and pray that this dreadful tragedy, this nightmare would end somewhere,

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ADD RACISM TO THE THREE "R'S"

OAKLAND SCHOOL BOARD STANDS EXPOSED



Both Black students and the Black community stand opposed to the racist Board of Education proposal for teacher cut-backs.

The issue of quality education holds a special significance to our people. It combines the historic significance of something Black people have long been denied, with the feeling of the immediate need for change. Many methods have been suggested and practiced to correct the problem, and it seems thousands of barriers have

been erected in our path. Our oppressors have used their media, when outright violence failed, to cloud and obscure the issue. Rather than uniting, some of us became confused as to which tactic is best: integration vs. segregation, busing vs. neighborhood schools. All the while, for all of us, the goal remains clear -- without

adequate education, freedom will remain a dream deferred.

The current public school crisis in Oakland, California, raises many issues, common to most American cities. Oakland maintains a public school system attended by over 62,000 students, over 60% of whom are Black or non-white. While the 3,000 teachers presently employed might seem adequate for a student enrollment of this size, somehow it is not enough. Over crowded cramped classrooms in Oakland public schools are the rule of the day. The average size of a typical high school class may be 35 to 40 students per class. Particularly for public schools within the Black community of Oakland, the hiring of more and better qualified teachers has been a consistent and growing demand.

The entire city of Oakland, particularly the Black community, was startled, when last week the Oakland Board of Education announced a proposed cut-back in public school teachers. This move, justified by a supposed lack of funds, will remove 80-90 teachers from the classrooms, and place them on substitute teacher rolls. It is a proposed move which insults the Black community and glaringly exposes contradictions in both logic and priorities.

The logic of Marcus Foster, superintendent of the Oakland School District along with the rest of the reactionary board members, delves into madness. They would claim that there are no funds available for these 80-90 teachers, this is why they should be dropped from the classrooms. How then, do they explain the fact that those teachers affected will lose no pay? Instead, they will receive their weekly paychecks from the \$500,000 substitute teachers fund the city maintains, rather than from the general teachers payroll. Even if it were not possible to re-allocate and transfer funds to keep these teachers in the classroom; even if our tax money was not enough to cover the expenses of maintaining and employing enough teachers for our children's education (of the \$98 million Oakland school budget over \$74 million is raised in local taxes), the entire priorities of the Oakland School Board stand exposed in relationship to the use of administrators over and above teachers.

Consider these facts: (1) Since 1967, the size of administrative staffs has

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ON INDIVIDUAL TERRORISM

During these times of great social contradiction, with gross oppression at every turn, many individuals and groups (usually small) have emerged, referring to themselves (or being referred to) as 'underground urban guerrillas', 'underground liberation armies' and the like. We believe these people and groups to be revolutionary cultists. A revolutionary cultist believes that the person who has not reached his/her level of awareness about our oppression is inferior, stupid. They feel that they are the true 'leaders' of the people; Through spontaneous, isolated actions they attempt to remove individuals who may be presently holding some position of state power, only to find that person replaced by another candidate from the ruling class.

The Black Panther Party views such incorrect instances of lashing out blindly, acts which do not uplift the consciousness of the people, as terrorism.

We are reprinting excerpts from a testimony by Leon Trotsky in 1937. His position comes very close to our views on individual terrorism.

Our country (Russia) has the greatest experience in the matter of terror. I believe only the Irish people would have a certain competition with us. We had two great parties, the "Narodnaya Volya," "Will of the People" Party, and the Social Revolutionaries, which based their tactics upon individual terror. All Marxists in Russia began in the historic fight against individual terror. It was not a mystical or religious principle with the Marxists. It was a question of organizing the soul against the monster, of organizing the masses and educating them. Because the terrorist fight was a very glorious page in our revolutionary history, with great sacrifices of the best youth of our people, the Marxists made a terrible fight, ideological fight, against the ideology of terrorism, in order to turn the best elements of the youth to the workers. In this fight between Marxism and terrorism it is the action of the masses versus individual terror, the school which differentiated the strategy of individual terror and the organized movement. It penetrated our action, our psychology and our literature for decades. When I came in 1902 to London to the home of Lenin and met Lenin, there was a movement in Russia beginning, a mass movement of the students and workers, with the first sacrifices resulting from conflict in the streets. Now, the first reaction of the youth was revenge, the assassination of Ministers, and we told them: "Not that is our revenge, not the assassination of Ministers, but the

assassination of Tsarism, the order of tyranny "...

Beginning with the 'eighties of the past century, two generations of Russian Marxists in their personal experience lived through the era of terror, learned from its tragic lessons, and organically instilled in themselves a negative attitude toward the heroic adventurism of lone individuals. Plekhanov, the founder of Russian Marxism; Lenin, the leader of Bolshevism; Martov, the most eminent representative of Menshevism; all dedicated thousands of pages and hundreds of speeches to the struggle against the tactic of terror...

Isolated terroristic explosions are inevitable whenever political oppression transgresses certain boundaries. Such acts almost always have a symptomatic character. But politics that sanctifies terror, raising it into a system - that is a different thing. "Terrorist work," I wrote in 1909,



"If a pinch of powder and a slug of lead are ample to shoot the enemy through the neck, where is the need for a class organization."

"in its very essence demands such a concentration of energy upon 'the supreme moment,' such an over-estimation of personal heroism and, lastly, such a hermetically concealed conspiracy as...excludes completely any agitational and organizational activity among the masses...Struggling against terrorism, the Marxian intelligentsia defended their right or their duty not to withdraw from the working-class districts for the sake of tunneling mines underneath the Gran Ducal and Tsarist palaces." It is impossible to fool or outwit history. In the long run, history puts everybody in his place. The basic property of terror as a system is to destroy that organization which by means of chemical compounds seeks to compensate for its own lack of political strength...

In 1911 terrorist moods arose among certain groups of Austrian workers. Upon the request of Friedrich Adler, editor of *Der Kampf*, the theoretical monthly of the Austrian Social Democracy, I wrote in November, 1911, an article on terrorism for this publication.

"Whether or not a terrorist attempt, even if 'successful,' introduces confusion in the ruling circles depends upon the concrete political circumstances. In any case this confusion can be only of short duration. The capitalist state does not rest upon ministers and cannot be destroyed together with them. The classes whom the state serves will always find new men - the mechanism remains intact and continues to function. But much deeper is that confusion which the terrorist attempts introduce into the ranks of the working masses. If it is enough to arm oneself with a revolver to reach the goal, then to what end are the endeavors of the class struggle? If a pinch of pow-

der and a slug of lead are ample to shoot the enemy through the neck, where is the need of a class organization? If there is any rhyme or reason in scaring titled personages with the noise of an explosion, what need is there for a party? What is the need of meetings, mass agitation, elections, when it is so easy to take aim at the Ministerial bench from the Parliamentary gallery? Individual terrorism in our eyes is inadmissible precisely for the reason that it *lowers the masses in their own consciousness*, reconciles them to impotence, and directs their glances and hopes towards the great avenger and emancipator who will some day come and accomplish his mission."

(Emphasis in original.)

OAKLAND - A BASE OF OPERATION!

PART XIV

NO SHELTER IN PUBLIC HOUSING



In a free and just society, public housing would be attractive, comfortable and designed to satisfy your human needs.

The public housing situation in Oakland is shameful. Not only is housing in short supply, but the quality of construction and design of public housing -- which the Oakland Housing Authority owns and administrates -- does not even meet the city of Oakland's disgracefully low housing and building standards. The drab, bleak, public housing complexes, more like prisons than homes, are overcrowded beyond belief; the apartments have faulty plumbing, cracked walls, no ventilation -- a vast assortment of criminal housing conditions.

Of course, this type of housing is especially reserved for the Black and poor, the super-exploited; and perhaps the cruelest fact in all this is that we, the victimized poor,

also must pay for such miserable housing, with rents sometimes as high as \$125 a month.

In a free and just society, all housing would be public. It would be attractive, comfortable, and designed to satisfy our need for warmth, durability, social contact and beauty. In the following article, part XIV of Oakland -- A Base of Operation!, we examine how big business, government agencies and the Oakland Housing Authority work together to oppress us with wretched housing. To achieve quality public housing, we must first understand why it is in its present state, and why those of us who are forced to depend on it, and pay for it, receive such a lack of concern and respect from those who control public housing.

PART XIV

OAKLAND - A BASI

NO SHELTER IN PUBLIC HOUSING

Oakland's public housing complex dates back to World War II, when the city had 7,500 temporary housing units built. Since then, many of those original units have been demolished. Between the years 1965 - 1966, in the city of Oakland, no new housing developments (public) were erected, despite the pressing need of the city's Black and poor population for public housing. According to an official survey taken in 1966, Oakland found 20,000 families and individuals (mostly Black) with incomes low enough to qualify for public housing; only 1,422 housing units were available. This situation provided a ripe climate for the wealthy and racist Oakland real estate, banking and construction industries, which dominate the city government and controls, both directly and indirectly, the Oakland Housing Authority. Wielding their power, these industries determine the city's racist housing policies and practices.

In the 1960's, the increasing economic stagnation of the city and the racist and criminal practices of the huge real estate industry caused the public housing situation to worsen. In addition, "urban redevelopment", the costly Bay Area Rapid Transit development and new freeway construction destroyed the homes of hundreds of Black and poor people in Oakland. In order for these and other projects to continue, in which big business had invested millions of dollars, the city decided to pacify us, the displaced families, with some sort of public housing.

In November of 1966, the people of Oakland voted through a bond issue to give the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) power, "to acquire, develop and if necessary, construct," 2,500 more units of "scattered" public housing (low income housing that would be constructed all over the city, not just in one area). This would have almost tripled the supply of public housing, and if scattered throughout the city in well planned locations, would have represented a significant improvement in the living standards of many poor people.

However, the Oakland Housing Authority acts not in the interests of oppressed people but for the benefit of the Oakland Real Estate Board, the Associated Homebuilders of the Greater East Bay, and the banks and mortgage companies. In order to have public housing serve the interests of the racist industries, it had to be made profitable for them. It was soon decreed that the proposed 2,500 housing units

would be built by the "turnkey method". Naturally, there was no mention of the possibility of this method when the people voted for the bond issue in 1966.

Traditionally, city governments themselves build public housing. They select and acquire the sites, use their own architects and planners, award the construction contracts by competitive bidding and oversee the whole development process. Under the "turnkey method" however, the city Housing Authority simply makes an agreement, sometimes only on the basis of a handshake, with a private developer to purchase a completed project. The developer buys the land, hires the architects, awards the construction contracts, and then sells the completed building to the Housing Authority. There is no competitive bidding; any developer who is interested simply approaches the Housing Authority. In many cases, the Housing Authority officials will give out building contracts to their racist cohorts in the real estate business. After the project is completed, the developer may also lease it from the city and operate it himself.

Clearly, the profits in public housing are fat, the corruption deeply ingrained, and, under such practices, the quality of public housing decrepit. In terms of human life, these profits are reflected in the misery and wretched living conditions of the Black and poor residents: cracked walls; loose balcony railings; mildewed bathroom ceilings; toilets that fall apart after three months usage; poor lighting; sagging floors and backyards cluttered with debris. The racist, wealth-conscious developers of Oakland even refuse to provide the poor residents with the necessary appliances, such as a stove and refrigerator; most other cities put these appliances in public housing apartments routinely.

Under the profit incentive, little of the "turnkey" housing in Oakland has been scattered. Much of it is presently concentrated in the East Oakland Black community. The OHA claimed that it was impossible to scatter public housing because of "certain zoning difficulties" and exorbitant land costs. This is an outright lie. The developers themselves were encouraged by OHA to select the cheapest public housing sites available in order to make tremendous profits. The sites selected were the worst possible -- sometimes located under freeways or near garbage dumps. Although the City Planning Department and the OHA were to manage the scattered housing program together, the OHA, in many instances, approved construction even after the Planning Department had vetoed their construction plans.

For Black people, the results of this has been severe. There has been massive Black and poor dislocation; "turnkey" projects have been built in areas without recreational facilities for our children. Many schools near these projects have had to handle a large influx of new students without the benefit of additional funds, classrooms or teaching staff. For the racist developers, the results have been millions of dollars in profits. About 80% of all "turnkey" housing has been built by a few developers. The biggest of these developers is a racist named William Sparling, who, since 1969, is reputed to have made more than 3 million dollars from the developer's fee alone, not including the hidden profits he has made from the people's suffering.

The U.S. government also has its hands deep into the public housing rip-off. One federal agency, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), was allegedly created by the government to "oversee" funds given by Congress to Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under orders from the government, OMB is refusing to release \$325 million

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Although the quality of public housing is decrepit, the profits for banks and private developers is fat and the corruption is deeply ingrained.

dollars to local housing authorities, who say that they cannot continue to function unless they receive the \$325 million to pay for maintenance and operational expenses. We, the poor residents of the public housing complexes, are currently paying up to 75% of these expenses.

If this money is not released, then the Oakland Housing Authority would be "justified" in moving us, Black and poor people, out of the public housing complexes to turn them into middle-class housing and thereby increase their profits, which is what big business, the government and the Oakland Housing Authority have been planning all along.

When Black and poor people can no longer take up residence in the public housing complexes there will virtually be no government, state or city program to meet our urgent shelter needs. We will have no place to go. If we are not to continue being homeless, houseless and landless, we must

assert authority over the public housing situation and have good, low-cost housing constructed that will adhere to the needs of the poor community, and not the profits of big industries. Racist businessmen like William Sparling, and the bureaucrats in the Oakland Housing Authority will not make this a reality; we must do it ourselves: "I live in Orinda," Sparling stated, "and don't give a damn about what happens in Oakland."

These are the kinds of racist attitudes and practices the Black and poor community of Oakland must deal with; it is not impossible, if we fight for change.

Bobby Seale for Mayor of Oakland, Elaine Brown for City Council.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

A PROGRAM FOR SURVIVAL



Free Breakfast Program

Provides children a free, hot breakfast every school morning.

People's Free Food Program

Provides free food to Black and other oppressed people.

Liberation Schools

Provides free educational facilities and materials to Black and other oppressed children to promote a correct view of their role in the society.

Intercommunal Youth Institute

Provides Black and other oppressed children with a scientific method of thinking and analyzing things, basic skills for living in the society and a concrete alternative to established learning institutions.

Legal Aid Educational Program

Provides full legal assistance to those involved in legal problems, as well as legal aid classes.

Free Bussing to Prisons Program

Provides free transportation to prisons for families and friends of incarcerated men and women.

Free Commissary for Prisoners Program

Provides imprisoned men and women with the funds to purchase necessary commissary items inside the prison.

David Hilliard People's Free Shoe Program

Provides free shoes to the people made at the David Hilliard Free Shoe factory and elsewhere.

People's Free Clothing Program

Provides new, stylish and quality clothing free to the people.

People's Free Medical Research Health Clinics

Provides free medical treatment and preventative medical care for the people.

People's Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation

Instituted to test and establish a cure for Sickle Cell Anemia, to create better educational programs around Sickle Cell Anemia and maintain an advisory committee of doctors already researching Sickle Cell Anemia.

Intercommunal News Service

Provides news and information about the Black and other oppressed communities throughout the U.S. and the world.

Free Pest Control Program

Free household extermination of rats, roaches, ants and other disease carrying pests and rodents.

People's Free Ambulance Service

(Being Implemented)

Provides free, 24-hour speedy transportation to people in need of emergency medical care.

People's Free Dental Program

(Being Implemented)

Provides free dental check-ups and treatment for the people, as well as an educational program for dental hygiene and preventative dental care.

People's Free Optometry Program

(Being Implemented)

Provides free eye examinations, treatment and eye correctional equipment (glasses, etc.) for the people.

People's Free Plumbing and Maintenance Program

(Being Implemented)

Provides free plumbing and repair services to improve people's housing conditions.

Community Cooperative Housing Program

(Being Implemented)

Provides decent housing, cooperatively owned and managed by the resident families.

People's Free Furniture

(Being Implemented)

Provides free, decent furniture to improve our living standards.

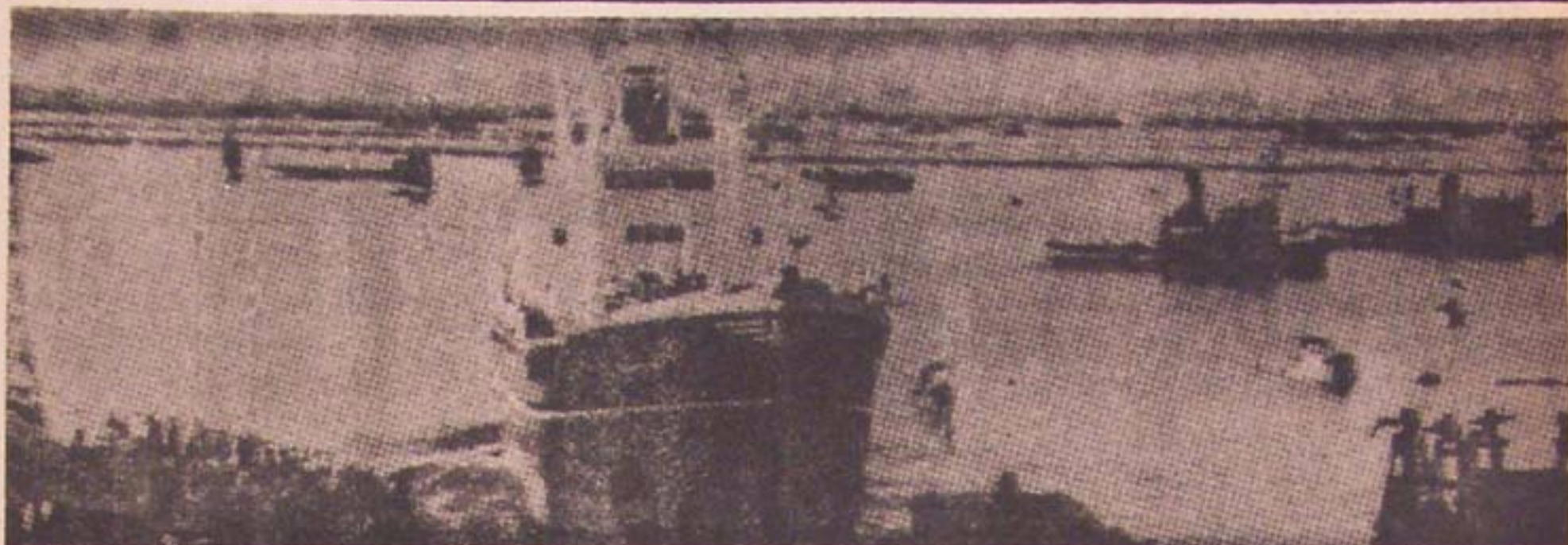
People's Free Community Employment Program

(Being Implemented)

Provides free job-finding services to poor and oppressed people, who cannot find work.



INTERCOMMUNAL NEWS



Having experienced the mining of many rivers and waterways in 1967, the Vietnamese are removing the mines from Haiphong Harbor as rapidly as the U.S. Navy introduces them.

WHY THE VIETNAMESE ARE WINNING

THE VIETNAMESE ARE ADEPT IN COMBATING U.S. WAR TECHNOLOGY PART X

Some of the Vietnamese to whom we talked believed that further escalation was likely. They reminded us constantly that President Ho Chi Minh said that, before the war would end, Hanoi and Haiphong might well be destroyed. One of them put the situation this way: "The closer we come to final victory, the greater will be our suffering." There was particular concern expressed by not only the Vietnamese, but European correspondents, about the possible destruction of the dike system of North Vietnam between July and August - the rainy season of this year. This could result in the flooding of an area in which millions of peasants live - the delta of the Red River of North Vietnam.

The Vietnamese response to all of these threats continues to be as calm and determined as when I first journeyed to North Vietnam during the bombing in 1965 and 1966. They have, in their view, taken every precaution to minimize casualties, to reinforce their dikes, to strengthen their anti-aircraft system, to mobilize the support of other countries and world opinion against escalation, and they are ready, in their words, to suffer any new levels of escalation imposed by the United States. However, they have a different evaluation of the bombing than most Americans do. They regard each and every escalation of the bombing, especially in the North, as a desperate American reaction to pro-

gress made by the liberation forces in the South, unlike American anti-war demonstrators who regard each escalation of the bombing as new proof of the Nixon administration's unwillingness to listen to any protest. What reinforces a sense of powerlessness against our own government in America reinforces a sense of victory and initiative on the battlefield for the Vietnamese. They say that no escalation of any kind can alter the fundamental collapse of the Vietnamization program.

Like the rest of the escalation, the mining of Haiphong harbor in the Vietnamese view is merely an irritant which in no way constitutes a threat to their ability to supply the current offensive, nor their ability to continue their struggle in the future. They remind their visitors that Nixon's entire military doctrine has been directed at somehow sealing off South Vietnam and that at every stage that doctrine has failed. Its failure can be no more clearly shown than in the fact of the present offensive. They ask, if the Air Force with all its sophisticated laser bombs could not succeed in closing off the relatively narrow Ho Chi Minh Trail, how can the same Air Force close off the long borders and long coastlines which are the natural characteristics of Vietnam? While stressing that these long borders and coasts will be used for the purpose of maintaining contact and aid from

other countries, the Vietnamese have by no means given up on the clearing up of Haiphong Harbor itself. They say calmly that they are removing the mines as rapidly as the Navy introduces them, and that they will continue to do so. For those so awed by technology as to find this unbelievable, it would be well to first recall that Lyndon Johnson mined many of the major rivers and waterways of North Vietnam in 1967 and then to ask what became of those mines. Visitors to North Vietnam in those years recall those mines being detonated by Vietnamese crews as rapidly as one supposes they are being detonated in Haiphong today. The Vietnamese, after all, have been warned for nearly a decade that Haiphong Harbor is on the target list and have been given first-hand experience by Lyndon Johnson in removing mines, so it should not be hard to believe that they are by now adept at anti-mining technology. They themselves say that they have experience with everything from sophisticated technology to more "primitive" methods, which suggest that light bamboo crafts, for example, can be used to skim the surface of a mined area carrying a small crew of divers without setting off those mines which depend on acoustic vibrations or on the shearing of water by the big hulls of large ocean going vessels.

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CONGRATULATIONS - OAKLAND A'S

The Black Panther Party would like to extend congratulations to the entire Oakland A's baseball team for their dramatic victory in the World Series. This victory tops off a stunning baseball season for the A's; winning the American League pennant, defeating the Detroit Tigers in the play-offs, and culminating in their 3 - 2 win over the Cincinnati Reds in the final game of the World Series. They deserve our well-won praise.

Amidst all the hurrah's, the good feelings of a job well done, we would like to mention, however, the treatment of star pitcher Vida Blue by the notorious racist owner of the Oakland A's, Charles O. Finley. During both the playoffs and World Series, Brother Vida Blue pitched mostly in relief, despite the fact that he is a starting pitcher. In fact, it was only following Brother Vida's criticism of Finley and manager Dick Williams to the press during the American League play-offs (and the immediate, favorable response in the Black community), that he pitched at all. We can all vividly remember Vida warming up, but never entering the game, as the final pitch was thrown in the World Series.

Charles O. Finley is the type of man, who, during one rained out game of the



Despite a victorious baseball season, the mistreatment of BROTHER VIDA BLUE must be mentioned.

World Series, spent nearly \$25,000 in dinner bills for the country's baseball writers; dinners which included lobsters flown in from Maine and all the liquor the baseball writers could consume. In the tradition of 'southern hospitality', Finley has acted like the plantation owner with Brother Vida Blue. Earlier this year, discussing the raise that Vida requested, following his 1971 season (he received both the Cy Young Award and the Most Valuable Players Award; baseball's highest honors), racist Finley commented, "I won't trade him and I won't sell him. Either he accepts what we offer or he's through." Obviously, Finley still considers Brother Vida his 'property', to be used or mistreated at America's whim.

Again, our praise and congratulations go out to the Oakland A's baseball team, we wish them nothing but the best. We condemn the racist and arrogant attitude of the owner of the team, Charles Finley. The people, have made baseball the great game that it is, we must not allow the dignity of Black athletes to be slighted in so callous a manner.

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PEOPLE'S PETITION FOR THE TOTAL ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

ALL LIFE SHOULD BE HELD SACRED, FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE IS THE MOST BASIC OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS. NO GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO ARBITRARILY TAKE THE LIFE OF A HUMAN BEING. DEATH SHOULD ONLY COME WHEN DETERMINED BY THE FORCES OF NATURE, NOT BY THE LEGAL MURDER MACHINERY OF THE STATE. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEGISLATE DEATH TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, OR ACT AS GOD WITH HUMAN LIVES. DEATH IS FINAL, AND LEAVES NO ROOM FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES. WHEN A GOVERNMENT SHOWS NO RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE, CAN IT LAY ANY CLAIM TO LEGITIMACY?

THE PLANS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO RE-INSTITUTE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CONSTITUTES PREMEDITATION TO LEGALLY MURDER COUNTLESS POOR AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE, FOR WHICH IT RESERVES THE DEATH PENALTY. PROPOSITION 17, A DEATH PENALTY INITIATIVE, CALLS FOR THE BAN OF THE USE OF THE GAS CHAMBER IN CALIFORNIA TO BE LIFTED. PROPOSITION 17 IS ON THE NOVEMBER 7th GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

REALIZING THE PLAN TO RE-INSTITUTE THIS BARBARIC ACT OF LEGAL MURDER, WE THE PEOPLE, RESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, IN THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTIONARY INTERCOMMUNALISM, DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RECALL OF PROPOSITION 17 BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND THE TOTAL ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AND ON A WORLD-WIDE LEVEL. ONLY IN DEFENSE OF LIFE SHOULD LIFE BE TAKEN.

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SAVE THE CHILDREN

THE FIGHT TO FUND BLACK CHILD CARE CENTERS

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capacity to receive money to the Department of Education, they will then have to contract with Welfare for federal child care funds. The racists controlling the various agencies now have excuses and loopholes to stop the necessary funds from ever getting to the children. With all these complications, it may be a long time before the financing of these badly needed new programs will begin, if in fact they are ever to be funded.

Many state counties have embraced the opportunity offered by the confusion created by AB 99 as an excuse for virtually halting their day care activities. Alameda County has funded no new programs since June. In San Francisco, funds for child care have been cut from \$1,055,000 to \$900,000, and the program accommodation is being limited to only 462 children. This is absurd when you think of the thousands of families in San Francisco who need child care facilities made available to them.

On Tuesday, October 17, a meeting was held at the Ingleside Cultural Arts Day Care Center by the

Bay Area Black Child Advocacy Coalition to discuss AB 99, and the denial of funds to the Ingleside Center. The Coalition is composed of 25 Black child care facilities in San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley, including the Samuel Napier Intercommunal Youth Institute and the West Berkeley Child Development Center, both of which are part of the Survival Programs sponsored by the Black Panther Party. Present at the meeting were many people from various agencies who are concerned about the effects of AB 99, and specifically Ingleside's present situation. While attending this meeting, Mrs. Cox reported that she had gone to the state capital in Sacramento and confronted the racist administrators there. Thinking that they could silence her and stop her from helping other centers, they said that they would "probably" be able to fund Ingleside soon. Mrs. Cox said, "I know that it's appeasement. I think the Coalition should be concerned about all centers, that we should not accept money for one center...I think my job is to work to see to it that all centers are funded." Officials in the city child care administration claim that centers can get funds if

they go to the state offices for aid. As one mother at the meeting stated, "There's no reason why day care directors have to write proposals and then chase them all the way to Sacramento."

There may be some positive points in AB 99, but those points are completely overshadowed by the negative ones. If there are only a few centers left, what is the purpose of the transfer? The racist California government understood the problems that AB 99 would cause. But, the restriction of funds seems to have been a planned effect of the bill. Little does the health and development of our youth matter to them.

Can those who are concerned more about time and money than the development of our children have enough human compassion to aid the lives of others? Until we gain control of our own destinies we will have to suffer the effects of an oppressive and bureaucratic government. Our children are our link to the future. We must constantly work toward their development and insure their survival.

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EDUCATE TO LIBERATE

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

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

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

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

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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.

VACAVILLE "MEDICAL" FACILITY

The California Medical Facility at Vacaville has long had a reputation for its vicious treatment of those who are imprisoned there. David Hilliard of the Black Panther Party is presently incarcerated there. Recent events at this prison are continuing to show the insane nature of the officials who operate Vacaville.

On October 4, 1972, Vacaville guards told prisoners Michael Squires and John Miller that they were going to be moved to another cell. Minutes later these two prisoners were attacked by nine guards who sprayed tear-gas into their eyes, beat them severely and threw them nude into strip cells (empty cells with no bedding, toilet, light or air). Although both were completely blinded by the tear-gas and the beatings, Squires and Miller were not given medical treatment until two days later when Squires' wife was allowed to visit him.

Michael Squires and John Miller have

filed suit charging the California Department of Corrections and the Vacaville officials with violating their constitutional rights.

Even before this once incident, Vacaville Medical Facility had achieved notoriety within the California prison system. On November 19, 1971 a sadistic plot to destroy the minds of so-called violent inmates was exposed. On that date, the California Department of Corrections held a meeting to plan this new genocide program. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Lawrence Bennet who is Chief of Research for the Department of Correction. Twenty-three medical personnel, mostly state-employed, were in attendance. After Bennet articulated his own racist and reactionary theories, his accomplice and the main designer of the program, Dr. George Bach-y-Rita explained how it is supposed to function.

His argument was that violent prisoners, (those who resist brutality), suffer from Temporal Lobe Epilepsy (alluding to some type of off-and-on seizure caused by the malfunctioning of a part of the brain). The first step in this evil scheme (labeled "rehabilitation") is, of course, drugs.

If drugs fail, the next step is to in-

sert long electrode needles into the prisoners' brain. These needles are maneuvered until the "malfunctioning" part of the brain is located. The needles would then electrically burn out this section of the brain.

This plan in itself is the product of a mind that is sick and perverted. We know only too well who this barbaric plan was developed for. Racist prison officials usually single out the most progressive elements in the prison population, such as David Hilliard of the Black Panther Party, and claim that they are the most violent. Vacaville Warden, L.J. Pope has already said that those who do not submit to the treatment will stay locked up all of their lives. The hard-earned money of the taxpayer is being used to finance these murderous experiments on human life. The people must write to Warden Pope or go to Vacaville and let him know that we will not allow him to turn our incarcerated brothers into mindless men. We must expose their experiments as fascist games played by men who have pretended to be doctors, condoned by a state and federal government that has too long pretended to serve all of the people.

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"BOOGIE WITH THE HOOK"

A CONVERSATION WITH FAMED BLACK BLUES SINGER,
JOHN LEE HOOKER

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somehow.

Q: The cultural co-optation of Black people is very blatant in the musical field; white singers have "borrowed" our lyrics and singing style, and have gone on to become famous making millions of dollars imitating Black music and singers. Would you say that this is one of the main reasons why so many Black Blues singers have never received the exposure necessary to "make it" in the musical world?

BROTHER HOOKER: Yes, it's true.

charge. You created--generated--such excitement that Black people, young and old, were dancing in the aisles and on top of seats; at one point we were dancing on the stage with you. Can you tell us what you were thinking as all this occurred?

BROTHER HOOKER: Well, when I first came in there, I was hoping that--I can get them going. But I was a little nervous because it was a lot of beautiful young Black people in there that I thought wouldn't get off on the hard Blues. When I found myself getting to them, I went on and did the boogie,

BROTHER HOOKER: Yeah, I really enjoyed doing it. I enjoyed playing to the fellas there. I dedicated my time free of charge. I did the live album. I just said, produce the album, and put it out, and I'll get paid from the album and from ABC. They said, oh you'll do it for nothing? I said, yeah, I want to make the fellas happy, they're behind bars. Any time I've got free time, any day I'm not working, I'll go out there and do it. We really did it. I ran into a lot of Black people out there--prisoners. I like to do things like that; I feel like I belong to the people, not to myself. I would say God gave me this gift; that's the only way I know how to put it. Anyway, I feel like my talent belongs to the people and to the public.

Q: You do a lot of benefits?

BROTHER HOOKER: Oh yeah, benefits for prisoners, crippled children and for the people messed up in the drug thing; I mean it's destroying our people.

Q: Who do you think is responsible for this?

BROTHER HOOKER: I think the big man is--the white man. It's one weapon that he can beat Black people with. He's got the pusher out on the corner and the pusher's a Black man. The big man upstairs you never see. He gets the stuff over here. They say they can't stop it. Every once in a while you hear them claim that a big raid's been made; and they took off so much heroin, but there's so much heroin they don't take off, because there's millions of dollars involved. They know about every ship that goes out of the country, every plane that goes out and comes in--they're checking everything else. It's profitable to them.

Q: At our last Survival Conference, Bobby Seale announced his candidacy for Mayor of Oakland. What do you think of this?

BROTHER HOOKER: He'll get my vote. I'd love to see Bobby as mayor of the city...

Q: You're so committed to people--using your talents to help people. Is this something you feel all Black entertainers should be doing?

BROTHER HOOKER: Yes, I do. I've talked to quite a few of them and I tell them this. Black entertainers should support Black people, I've been saying that down through the years. A lot of them do, but not as much as they should...

NOTE: Brother Hooker's latest two album releases are: 'Never Get Out of These Blues Alive', and 'John Lee Hooker Live at Soledad Prison'. Both are on the ABC record label.



"Black entertainers should support Black people, I've been saying that down through the years." (Photo taken at Black Community Survival Conference, June 24, 1972).

They take our songs and make triple the amount we would make. We do the same songs and do them better. Whites have made bundles off the Blues, and I didn't start to make it until lately. They stole our lyrics and our songs and there wasn't too much we could do about it. Big Mama Thornton and the song 'Hound Dog'--Elvis Presley did it--and made millions off that song. But Big Mama wrote it; she's very angry about it right now, everytime it comes up--and she sang it five times better than he did--she didn't get a dime.

Q: Black people very definitely relate to the music you present--which brings to mind the Black Panther Party's last Black Community Survival Conference (June 24, 1972) where you were so kind as to volunteer to perform, free of

you know...And I was glad. I was really glad they enjoyed it. For weeks and weeks that really grew in our minds, how proud all the guys felt in just doing this. So, we'll do that anytime. We like doing it. Everything went down so nice...

Q: What did you think about the 10,000 bags of groceries? Free food to the people?

BROTHER HOOKER: Yes, you don't see that too much. Mostly, when you do something free like that, they don't give the people anything. But you all were on the giving end. Ya'll gave away all that food...and showed me all around. As far as I could see was just food...

Q: Didn't you recently do a benefit at Soledad Prison?

ADD RACISM TO THE THREE "R'S"

OAKLAND SCHOOL BOARD STANDS EXPOSED

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increased by 20% while the size of instructional staffs has decreased by 5%. (2) Since 1967, the cost of administration has increased by 75% while the cost of instruction has increased only 50%. (3) Since 1971, over 20% of the entire school budget (almost \$20 million) is spent on administrative costs. Consider too, that presently the Oakland public school system employs and salaries 43 administrators over the state limit. In fact, the city of Oakland has the highest ratio of administrators to teachers (1 to 8) than any other city in the entire state of California.

The effects of this proposed cut-back in teachers would, of course, hit the children from the Black and poor communities hardest. Counseling services, already understaffed and overburdened, would be reduced to a minimum. Classroom size, full to the brim under present conditions, would pass the point of maximum strain. Any plans for individual attention would be out of the question; the correct and proper teaching of a curriculum which already borders on the irrelevant for Black people's lives and survival is an absurd fantasy. As Sister Edna Rivera, Chairman of the Black Caucus of the

Oakland Federation of Teachers expressed it, "if the proposed teacher cut-backs go through, our children don't stand a chance."

To understand these mis-placed priorities, and the insensitivity of those who would play games with the future of our youth, we must realize that the board is on the defensive, running scared. In attempting to cover up the existing deficiencies and inadequacies present in the Oakland public school system, one tactic thought to be successful was to create mock, showcase programs and administrators. They would be 'theoretically' designed to serve the people, but in actuality they could accomplish very little. Particularly during the last decade, when the issue of quality education has increasingly become an area of intense public scrutiny and concern, school systems across the country thought that by developing a number of fake, 'ideal' positions and programs, community pressure would dissolve. Rather than to view the schools as they reflect and magnify the generally oppressive conditions existing within the community, the Oakland Board of Education created a devious scheme to cover up for its own lies. Some, like Marcus Foster,

were ignorant enough to become entrapped in their own rhetoric; others, white racists who have become superintendants of big-city school systems, simply attack the Black family, as 'apathetic, lazy and ignorant.'

Over 700 predominately Black people attended two separate meetings this past week to protest the proposed teacher cut-backs. At these meetings, in which close to 500 people confronted the Oakland Board of Education, the lies and twisted justifications of the racist and reactionary Board were clearly exposed. The Black Panther Party, one with the people, stands with the Black Caucus of the Oakland Federation of Teachers, the Black Student Alliance of Northern California, and countless other community organizations and people in condemning this backwards move proposed by the Oakland Board of Education. Rather than cutting back on the present level of teachers, more teachers, particularly Black counselors and instructors, must be hired, immediately. The education and survival of our youth is the key. We must educate to liberate.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY PROGRAM

MARCH 29, 1972 PLATFORM

WHAT WE WANT

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

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

2. WE WANT FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT WE BELIEVE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAVE THE CHILDREN

