

WHY PIGS PERPETUATE RACISM

On Sunday, April 13, the Black Panther Party held a rally in Goode Park. The purpose of the rally was to raise money for the breakfast program which the Panthers started to feed children before school each day.

After the rally was over, the cops came to the park and arrested three of the Panthers—Charles Knox, Mary Smith and Steven Greene. They have been charged with disturbing the peace and quiet, using loud and profane language, and resisting arrest. Steven Greene was hit in the back of the head with a billy club, Knox was choked and clubbed continuously. The cops began pushing people around in the park and hitting people. Many people were injured. The cops began to arrest Black people in the neighborhood (away from the park), including one mother, Mrs. DePatten, who was trying to protect her son from a brutal beating in their own front yard along with two other brothers. The Deputy Minister of Defense was arrested in the police station and charged with: Unlawful assembly and resisting an officer. This was all done while he was trying to inquire about those Brothers & Sisters who were unjustly arrested!!

The cops tried to start a riot that night because they want to destroy the Black Panther Party. The cops and their bosses (the men who own the land, banks, and businesses in this city) are afraid of the Panthers because they expose the economic system for what it really is. The Panthers teach and lead people in struggles against a system that values profits more than it values human beings. They are fighting for a decent way of life for all poor and working people—black and white.

The Panthers have been raising money for a breakfast program. The program to feed school children everyday of the week on the West side by the Panthers. They also want to start this program on the Southeast Side.

The men who control this city are safe as long as they can make people believe that the causes of riots are individual people or an organization and not bad housing, unemployment, poor schools, etc. They make money by keeping black white people divided. They can then pay black workers less and keep white workers fighting the blacks rather than uniting to fight bosses.

What happened on Sunday night was a planned attack by the racist cops to discredit the Panther Party, harass the black community and build up racist attitudes of white people.

The Peace and Freedom Club of Des Moines supports the political program of the Black Panther Party and their work in the black community. We are trying to build a movement of all oppressed people to fight the profit-seeking interest of the bosses. We must defeat racism in order to do this. We are strong only by being united.

We must demand that charges be dropped against the Panthers and the Community People arrested Sunday. We want the racist cops withdrawn from the black community.

The following persons are no longer members of the Black Panther Party, and thereby classified as renegades, and/or counter-revolutionary. They are not to be associated with, or let into any Black Panther Office anywhere.

- Fred Richardson
- Simba (Lenny)
- Juan Martinez
- Roy C.
- Carl Walker
- Bobby Rainey
- Sean Dubbonet
- Abdul
- Jarabu (Jerry)
- Enia
- Baahir
- Butch
- Jorge Aponte

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And End To Hunger Now!

Suffer Not, Little Children



It's 6:30 in the morning, and drizzling. On the sidewalk in front of the Black Panther office on Fillmore Street, a small group of Panthers are loading the trunk of a beat-up Cadillac with weapons of all kinds—milk, bacon, eggs, bread. I'm there to photograph their distribution to the new army: the black kids from Hunter's Point, Bayview, and Fillmore battlefronts. This is the Free Breakfast Program of the Black Panther Party.

Three local centers are going now: at Hilltop Street in Hunter's Point, at Sacred Heart Church in the Fillmore, and at Double Rock. From 50 to 100 kids are fed at each site every morning, and they get the very best the Panthers can offer. This amounts to the most solid meal that can be served on this planet, not simply because the chow is good and plentiful, but also because it's served in an atmosphere of brotherliness and communion. The "little brothers" are treated like part of the family, and the service includes both food and soul.

At Hunter's Point, where these photos are from, the dawn breaks on a drear and rainy sky. Groups of Panthers have been up for hours already, buying and delivering food, getting the stoves going and places set. Not much is said—everyone's still sleepy and logey—but there's some concern about how many young brothers will show up in the rain. A few early ones get second helpings—so much food, so many hands eager to give. By 8 am, though, they're coming by the dozen, and the small dining hall of Ridge Point Church comes alive with young people. They are the hope of tomorrow, and this particular hope is being well-nurtured. Names and addresses are recorded at the door, then the kids are ushered inside and warmly greeted. It's a hot meal of eggs and bacon or ham, bread, honey, and chocolate—each place set neatly with a paper napkin, cup, and plastic dinnerware. Panthers are everywhere, men and women—cooking, serving, cleaning table, rapping, and loving.

As some kids wait for the meal, they get an impromptu lecture about where it's at for black people today—watch out for the pigs, dig the injustice of capitalist society, see the strength of the Panthers in combating it... Pictures of brothers Bobby Hutton (murdered by pigs) and Eldridge Cleaver (forced to hide) are passed around and talked about. The kids are noisy with question and scramble for the picture-sheets. And they eat, and feel there is a place for them. The rap they get, by the way, isn't laid on very heavily, and there is no hate in it. What they hear is true, and they get to think about it over breakfast. Can't knock it.

Photographing the breakfast, I get no particular friendliness from anyone. Some curiosity and exasperation from the little brothers, a guarded acceptance from the big brothers. No one wants me there, for after all, I don't belong to that scene. It's a truce; they let me do my thing and I don't disturb theirs. But they're not up-tight and neither am I. In fact, I dig it because I see people being concerned for their own. Too much of politics is a game, but where politics is people, I'd call that "right on". Panthers get too much public notice for hate and violence. But dig... Panthers also mean love, and seek change through good works too. The kids at the breakfasts know it, and so should you.

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Here's something to do in your spare time. Make an appointment with the manager of your nearest Safeway store. Tell him about the free breakfast program. Show him the pictures on this page. He'll agree there's nothing wrong with kids getting free breakfast.

The man is going to contribute eggs, bacon, fruit and so on. Why should he contribute? Because it's right. The only thing to negotiate is how much each week.

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