



[Top, left] The children from the Intercommunal Youth Institute Choir belting out a song; [Top, right] BOBBY SEALE, delivering the opening dedication. [Bottom, left to right] ELAINE BROWN and the Son of Man Temple Choir; Intercommunal Youth Institute Director, BRENDA BAY; a section of the overflow crowd.

## BOBBY SEALE DEDICATES NEW YOUTH INSTITUTE AND SON OF MAN TEMPLE TO COMMUNITY

OVERFLOW CROWD AT JOYOUS CELEBRATION

(Oakland, Calif.) - "It was like a look into the future", said one mother at last Sunday's grand dedication of the new location of the Intercommunal Youth Institute and Son of Man Temple in the heart of this city's ghetto. Close to 500 souls from the community, the Bay Area and beyond joined the children, the staff and the proud members of the Educational Opportunities Corporation to celebrate the occasion.

But it was the children's day. The overflow crowd rose to its feet repeatedly to cheer the Institute children: the chorus of two and three-year-olds confidently belting out "This Little Light of Mine"; the first, second and third graders in a swinging vocal and dramatic presentation of "Save The Children" and the sensational Institute band of 30 highly talented six to 15 year-olders that rocked the auditorium with professional renditions of the themes from "Shaft", "Love Story", "Watermelon Man" and other numbers, behind the driving

rhythms of a miracle 6-year-old on drums.

The celebrations opened with a brief address by Bobby Seale who solemnly dedicated the Intercommunal Youth Institute and Son of Man Temple to the community. He emphasized the Institute's role in providing meaningful, relevant and prideful education for its students. "We're not here to teach our children WHAT to think", he said. "We're here to teach our children HOW to think!"

Bobby listed the many free community survival programs that are being conducted by the Son of Man Temple: health clinic, Seniors Against A Fearful Environment (S.A.F.E.), legal aid, food, clothing, shoes, busing to prisons. He invited all present to regularly join in the Temple's activities.

Bobby was followed by the Son of Man Temple Choir. From the back of the auditorium rose the powerful refrain of "Oh Freedom, Oh Freedom", as the choir, resplendent in black

robes with brilliant red and green sashes, the colors of liberation, slowly marched down the aisles. After two rousing numbers, "Ooh Child" and "We Are Soldiers", Elaine Brown joined the choir, leading it in a moving rendition of her own "And We Shall Meet Again."

### INTERCOMMUNAL YOUTH INSTITUTE

Brenda Bay, Director of the Institute and its guiding light for the more than two years of its existence, explained the basic aims of the Institute. She said the school provided the children with basic skills, an analytical way of thinking and an atmosphere in which to practice inter-relationships of love. She said the Institute presently enrolled about 50 students and hoped to raise that number to 100 by the first of next year.

Among prominent community leaders who participated in the dedication/celebration, enjoyed the fellowship and partook of the roast turkey dinner provided for all, was Rev. Cecil

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1st BLACK MAYOR

# BLACK COMMUNITY TRIUMPHS IN ATLANTA ELECTIONS

(Atlanta, Ga.) - Black vice-mayor Maynard Jackson easily won a hotly contested battle with conservative incumbent Sam Massell last week to become the first Black mayor of a major Southern city in recent years. Black candidates also won a controlling 13 of the 18 city council seats and also captured five seats on the nine-member school board. The new city officials take office on January 7, 1974, and a new city charter, which re-structured the city government similar to the structure of the U.S. Congress, will go into effect.

Brother Jackson's 60% vote margin gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence from the people of this predominantly Black city. Jackson, 35, received a large percentage of votes in the White communities of this southern city, clearly showing their rejection of Massell's racist "scare" campaign against the Black vice-ma-

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The day after the threatened Oakland school strike was averted, WILLIAM ROBERTS [wearing cap] disclosed the weekend long efforts by the Black Panther Party to obtain the best results possible for the city's school children. Also seen in picture is Ms. ELAINE BROWN.

## OAKLAND SCHOOL STRIKE AVERTED - BLACK PANTHER PARTY NEGOTIATES "MODEL" PACT

(Oakland, Calif.) - The possibility of this city undergoing its first teacher's strike in history was narrowly averted last week, when through last-minute negotiations conducted by members of the Black Panther Party, an agreement was reached between the Oakland Unified School District and its certified teachers.

The new pact, including the crucial cost-of-living pay raise, was hailed by teacher spokespeople as a "model" for future teacher/administration negotiations throughout the state.

Significant features of the agreement include:

- An across-the-board 9% salary increase.
- The establishment of a maximum classroom size in Oakland schools beginning next school year, to ease classroom overcrowding.
- An increase from \$6 to \$8 in the amount of district-supplied school materials per child, and the establishment of a \$20,000 fund to reimburse teachers who purchase supplies for their classes.
- A guarantee of up to four months medical benefits for maternity leaves.
- Strengthening the employee council's involvement in school district budget-making.

Meeting separately, both the Oakland Education Association (OEA) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Local 771, voted to ratify the new agreement. The entire package deal is estimated to cost from \$4.5 to \$6 million. Yet, even as the settlement was being acclaimed as "good and positive", the next day's school board meeting revealed that tensions between the school administration and the joint AFT - community forces

are still smoldering. Still at issue are the demands for job upgrading, significant salary hikes for instructional assistants, "advised consent" regarding the administering of mood-altering drugs to students -- most notably, Ritalin--and the abandonment of the proposed police-in-schools plan.

The biggest bombshell of the stormy afternoon session was the realization, for the first time, of the Black Pan-

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## CARLOS FELICIANO GETS 4 YEARS

(New York, N.Y.) - Puerto Rican nationalist Carlos Feliciano was sentenced in the New York State Supreme Court last week to up to four years in prison for possession of and intent to use bombs, explosives and a weapon.

Brother Feliciano's sentence was the result of his conviction on September 19 of four out of six counts that stemmed from an alleged attempted firebombing of the General Electric Company building here on February 9, 1970. The jury acquitted him of charges of attempted arson and reckless endangerment involving the General Electric incident.

Many years an activist for Puerto Rican liberation, Brother Feliciano has become a symbol of the struggle for Puerto Rican independence. It was Brother Feliciano's second frame-up trial in a U.S. government effort to cripple the Puerto Rican independence movement by falsely linking Puerto Rican activists with terrorist bombings.



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# SCHOOL STRIKE

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ther Party's role in achieving the settlement, as well as the administration's treachery and "backstabbing" which disqualified the AFT from representing their instructional assistants.

"I come to the board today with a knife in my back, placed there by Dr. Foster", Brother William Roberts, a member of the Black Panther Party, remarked to the startled audience. Continuing, William, told of his, and Ms. Elaine Brown's weekend negotiations with community leaders, the AFT and the OEA; achieving a remarkable degree of success, as displayed by the forceful, statement issued by the OEA. He and Elaine had come to a Monday morning meeting with Marcus Foster, the district's superintendant and unchallenged demagogue, with hopes high and "with good intentions". Once there, they found, in William's words "no honest attempt by the board to provide bargaining representation for the instructional assistants". Foster, in fact had lied. He had not placed the AFT request to represent the instructional assistants on the school board meeting's agenda. The instructional assistants would be left out in the cold when the non-teaching employee's negotiations were held. Their representatives would be appointed by the administration.

The other highlight of the Tuesday meeting came when Ms. Vera Means Silverman, community activist and parent, protested the recent distribution and forced use of identification (I.D.) cards at Castlemont Junior High School. (Early this week Ms. Means' children were sent home wearing them.) Despite repeated denials by Supt. Foster that no police-in-schools plan exists, evidence like the I.D. cards, with their required thumb print, prove otherwise.

## LONNIE McLUCAS RELEASED

(Montville, Conn.) - Lonnie McLucas, convicted in 1970 in a political frame-up trial in New Haven, Connecticut, involving the fatal shooting of Black Panther Party member Alex Rackley, was released from Montville Correctional Center last week.

McLucas' release was the result of a court hearing which lowered his bond from \$35,000 to \$15,000. Friends raised the bail money. McLucas' conviction is still in the appeal stages and he still faces the possibility of losing his appeal and returning to a state jail.

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## DEDICATION

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Williams, pastor of San Francisco's swinging and progressive Glide Memorial Church. Rev. Williams enthusiastically welcomed the emergence in the East Bay of the Son of Man Temple and pledged his help and assistance in its work.

Ericka Huggins, herself a mother, read selections of her moving poetry about our children and their future. Bishop Ha'qq of the One Mind Temple Evolutionary Church of Christ in San Francisco, led the congregation in a prayer of physical as well as spiritual liberation and thanksgiving. The Polytechnic Inspirational Choir, also of San Francisco, raised spirits higher with rousing gospel songs of praise. The High Tide Harris blues band and the Bishop Norman Williams Quintet provided spirited and soulful music.

Awe-struck looks were observed and repeated expressions of disbelief heard as groups were conducted on tours of the 25 classrooms, the li-

brary, the child care center, the dining room and kitchen, the enclosed courtyard, and outside playground of this strikingly beautiful facility.

Many signed up to receive services from the community survival programs, each of which was represented by a table stacked with literature and manned by knowledgeable young workers who help administer the programs.

It was late afternoon before the celebrants reluctantly began to leave. It had been a joyous occasion; a time for feeling confident that the children of East Oakland have an alternative to the racist, misadministered and irrelevant public schools of this city; that Black and poor communities across the land have a model and an example to follow; a time for glorying in the emergence of a Center and a Temple that belongs to the community, dedicated to the community's survival.

"A look into the future", of what all humankind desires, deserves and one day shall have.



DEDICATION OF INTERCOMMUNAL YOUTH INSTITUTE AND THE SON OF MAN TEMPLE  
TO THE COMMUNITY.

