

## Black Panther Newspaper Sabotaged

(Oakland, Calif.) - Delivery of subscribers' copies of the April 21-May 4, 1980 issue of THE BLACK PANTHER Intercommunal News Service was delayed two weeks due to negligence by the Oakland Post Office.

The April 21 issue was delivered to the main branch of the post office on Monday, April 21. Normally, the newspaper, which is sent out as second class mail, is mailed within 24 hours after delivery to the post office.

However, on May 5, a postal official called the editorial offices of THE BLACK PANTHER and said that the April 21 issue had been "found" on the postal docks. He said there was no reason why the newspaper should not have been mailed out two weeks earlier.

Upon further investigation by THE BLACK PANTHER, it was learned from Howard White, head of the Oakland Post Office's distribution department, that postal employees had allegedly failed to check the mail dolbies and, as a result, THE BLACK PANTHER sat at the post office for two weeks.

Subscribers to THE BLACK PANTHER frequently call the newspaper's editorial offices complaining about the delay in receiving the paper.

The U.S. Postal Service, along with the FBI, CIA, IRS and other federal and police agencies, is currently being sued by the BPP.

## New Vandalism at Community Learning Center

(Oakland, Calif.) - Oakland Community Learning Center (OCLC) was vandalized in late April. It was the second such incident at the East Oakland building in a month and the seventh in the last seven months.

The latest incident involved a break-in of the office of Educational Opportunities Corporation (EOC), the nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation which administers Oakland Community School. The key to the EOC office was stolen, the door opened and office files ransacked. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.



## Rosa Parks Visits Oakland Community School

(Oakland, Calif.) - Mrs. ROSA PARKS was warmly greeted by the children of Oakland Community School on May 2 following a play performed by the children depicting Mrs. Parks' arrest on December 1, 1955, when she refused to give up her seat to a White man on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. The incident helped touch off the Southern civil rights movement.

Mrs. Parks, 67, was in the Bay Area, along with well known civil rights activist Septima Clark, for a fundraising program for Highlander Research and Educational Center near Knoxville, Tennessee, one of the few places where Blacks and Whites could meet to discuss the major problems of the 1940's and '50's.

## NEW RANKING FOR BLACK CHESS CHAMPION

(San Francisco, Calif.) - Baraka Shabazz, a Black 14-year-old chess prodigy, now ranks among the top 50 women chess players in the U.S. A recent issue of *Chess Life* magazine ranked Baraka 39th among American women chess players. The young chess champion is badly in need of funds so that she may compete in the July 2-6 annual World Open chess tournament, which will be held in Philadelphia. The World Open is America's largest chess tournament. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible contribution or wishes to help in ongoing fundraising for Baraka may call (415)469-9866, or contact the Black Panther Party at 638-0195.

## DELLUMS BLASTS DRAFT

(Washington, D.C.) - Black Bay Area Congressman Ronald Dellums has forcefully argued against the approval of a measure to finance the return of registration for the draft. Dellums noted that, "Our most precious national measure is the youth of our country. We in the Congress should be about the business of providing

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them with quality education and effective job training for a constructive career in a peacetime society. We should not be playing conscription roulette with their very lives on the false premise that the 'national security' is at stake."

## COPS IMPLICATED IN BLACK'S DEATH

(Tampa, Fla.) - Arthur McDuffie shouted to police, "I give up," but police yanked him from his motorcycle, tore off his helmet and fatally bludgeoned him, a former policeman says. Mark Meier, a prosecution witness granted immunity, testified recently in the trial of five White former Dade County police officers charged in connection with the Black man's death and accused of trying to make it look like an accident. Meier told the jury he had witnessed the beating. He said he was the first to reach McDuffie, a businessman, during a high speed chase through Miami streets on December 17. He testified he aimed his gun at McDuffie and yelled, "freeze." The 33-year-old insurance executive sat on his cycle, he said. Another

officer pulled up and yanked McDuffie from the motorcycle. Meier said, then other officers arrived and began clubbing McDuffie with nightsticks and flashlights. On trial are Alex Marrero, charged with second-degree murder; Ira Diggs and Michael Watts, charged with manslaughter; Herbert Evans and Ubaldo Del Toro, charged with trying to cover up the incident.

## NO C.I.A. REFORM

(Washington, D.C.) - The Senate Intelligence Committee has given up efforts to pass a comprehensive charter for the CIA, favoring instead a much shorter bill that would remove initial restrictions put on CIA activities in recent years. "To abandon the charter," Jerry Berman of the American Civil Liberties Union said, "is to abandon the (attempt) to put into law clear, strict standards on CIA and FBI investigations, clear oversight (by Congress) over those investigations and civil remedies for those whose rights are violated." The shortened bill reduces to two from eight the number of congressional committees to whom

the CIA must report covert actions in advance. The new bill would make disclosure of agents' names a criminal offense punishable by a \$50,000 fine and at least five years in jail. The short bill also would reduce significantly the requirement that the CIA must open its files under the Freedom of Information Act. One provision of the defeated charter would have required a special court of federal judges to approve CIA burglary and wiretapping of American citizens abroad.

## DENNIS BANKS CHARGED

(Portland, Ore.) - American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks and three other persons again face false charges of illegal possession of dynamite and firearms for an incident five years ago. The U.S. attorney's office decided recently to prosecute following the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstatement of the dynamite charges last August. Charged are Banks, 43, his wife, Kamook, 25, Russel Redner, 33, and Kenneth Loud Hawk, 25. All are free on their own recognizance. Banks and his wife live in Davis, California, where he teaches at a Native American and Chicano college.