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EDITORIAL

Free the SEATTLE 5

MURDER OF BUTCH ARMSTEAD

I have been asked by the Deputy Minister of Education of the Black Panther Party to prepare a transcript regarding the life and death of the late brother Welton "Butch" Armstead. However, I do not actually believe my account will be totally accurate, for my knowledge of this fallen warrior only goes back a few months before his savage murder at the hands of the racist dog policeman. It would be more appropriate that brother Lewis Jackson would prepare this transcript. He and Armstead were the closest of comrades. However Lewis Jackson has since been railroaded to prison and at present is a federal prisoner in the King County Jail.

It isn't difficult to determine what would inspire a seventeen year old Black man to rise up against a sea of troubles imposed upon him and his people since his entry on this decadent American soil. Freedom, decent housing, education, an end to the robbery by the capitalist and the genocide and total exploitation of a race of people are surely some of the motivating factors.

Butch Armstead came to the Black Panther Party full of zeal and hope and life. He was a beautiful young brother, tall, thin, with a slender build. He walked with a slight bob and weave typifying many brothers in the ghetto. This brother was eager to learn also, and I found him to be highly intelligent for his age. In fact, it shocked me when I found out he was only seventeen. He performed and reasoned with the experience of a thirty year old man. The ecstatic disclosure of this man was bewitching. Such in fact that he was elevated to a position underground in the organizational structure of the party.

So, Welton Armstead was only seventeen years of age. He was the father of one and was recognized by his revolutionary counterparts as a "young warrior" and a man. Perhaps my evaluation bears prejudices, however, I find it to be the overbearing consensus of opinion.

On a dreary, rainy afternoon in October, nineteen-sixtyeight, word reached my ears that Butch Armstead was dead. Shot in the back in the tradition of other freedom fighters who chose to oppose the established order in this decadent land. Butch's life could have easily been spared. I'm quite sure that most people, Black and White are hip to the details surrounding the unwarranted taking of his life. Butch was shot down right before the eyes of his mother and sister. They stood and pleaded helplessly as the racist dog pig Erling Buttedahl took the life of their brother and son. Butch was taken to the infirmary(and robbed of sixty dollars by pig vultures on the way) while Mrs. Mapps and his sister were taken to jail for interfering with murder. The cop was tried and after four hours of deliberatiing was (in the usual tradition)....aquitted.

All Power To The People
Free Bobby Seale
Free The Seattle Four

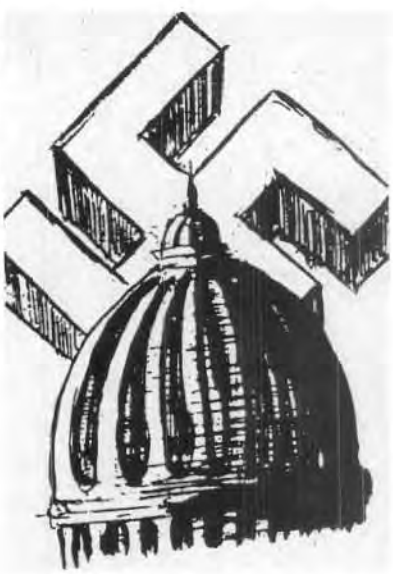
Willy Brazier, Lewis Jackson, were both found guilty in racist Judge Goodman's federal court Wednesday, Oct.22, of alledgedly robbing a bank. Lewis was a hard working dedicated brother in the party who worked behind the scenes to keep the party going. Willy, formerly Lt. of Education, kept the party well abreast of what was happening in the country and around the world. Both Lewis and Willy face a possible 20 year sentance a piece. Willy was already sentenced to ten years on a trumped up arson case.

Earl Brooks a dedicated, hope-to-die brother in the party has been the major target of the pigs, and has been arrested, harrassed, and threatened. He is right now in jail on a $5,000 bail on a trumped up robbery charge. Elmer Dixon, one of the original Panther members, has been under the eye and harrassment of the pigs before the party started. He is facing a possible 20 years for a jive-time armed robbery charge in Eugene, Oregon.

Buddy Yates is presently serving a 20 year sentence in Walla Walla on a trumped up robbery charge. One of the baddest brothers ever to come out of Seattle, Buddy was a section leader in the party and worked in and out of the party to help it grow.

Thus the Seattle 5, just as the NY 21, the Connecticut 14, the Chicago 16, and others, are victims of the facist regime of Nixon and the U.S. government in their all out effort to smash the Black Panther Party and Black oppressed people in particular, and all other people or organizations who stand in the way of facism.It is a known fact that pigs have framed Panthers on various trumped up charges, from the trumped up robbery charge of Buddy Yates to the jive and out rageous trumped up murder charge against our Min. of Defence , Huey P. Newton.

When they put the Jews in the gas chambers, I said nothing. When they railroaded the Panthers to jail, I said nothing. When they put all Black People in concentration camps, I said nothing. When they came and got the students, I said nothing. When they came for me, I screamed, but there was no one to hear.



Seize the Time
Black Panther Party
Washington State Chapter

PIG JUSTICE

FREE HUEY FREE BOBBY

On Tuesday, October 21st, Rennie Davis and Dave Dellinger held a press conference in regards to the exchange of Americans who are prisoners of war in Vietnam, for the freedom of Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party, and Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, who are political prisoners in the United States.

They announced their willingness to return to Hanoi to discuss the above proposal.

The following day, the Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, David Hilliard, held a press conference in San Francisco, California, to verify that Eldridge Cleaver, Ministrer of Information of the Black Panther Party, had indeed been involved in discussions with the Vietnamese on the proposal.

All people interested in freedom for Americans who are now prisoners of war in Vietnam, the right of political dissent and freedom for political prisoners, should make their support obvious and meaningful to an apathetic and callous government.

The government can no more ignore the well-being of American prisoners than they can ignore the people in the streets clamouring for peace.

The indifference of the United States Government is the monster that gives validity to the need for the Black Panther Party's existence and the freedom of Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale.

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I think that the purposed exchange of prisoners between the government of the United States and the Vietnamese people is a valid proposal, and it's justified on several grounds. Primarily, it's justified on the grounds of international proletarian solidarity. Because on the one hand the United States government is waging a genocidal war of aggression against the Vietnamese people, and on the other hand, waging a war, a similar type war with different means, against Black people in the United States. So that both the Vietnamese people and Black people inside of the United States are oppressed by the same enemy. And they have this in common, and they're totally justified in cooperating on all levels. Not only to bring the war to an end in Vietnam, but also to relieve the oppression in both areas. And to go even beyond that to the total elimination of the entities that is practicing and perpetuating this aggression. I don't think that anyone can look upon this proposed exchange of prisoners as a gimmick or as a sham. Because we've always known that we are at war with the system that exists in the United States, that has been oppressing us for 400 years. And Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale are both political prisoners Huey Newton is the leader of the Black Panther Party, and he was leading the struggle of Black people in Oakland, California, against the oppression of the government in Oakland, California. And he was framed and sent to prison specifically because of his political activities. So that no one can question whether or not he is a political prisoner, and certainly no one can question whether or not Bobby Seale is a political prisoner. He was very active in organizing demonstrations and protest against the war in Vietnam, and very active in organizing resistance to the oppression of Black people in the United States. And certainly the American soldiers who are held captive in Vietnam, are victims of the vicious political system in the United States. Which drafts them against their will, and forces them with the alternative of going to prison if they don't go to Vietnam to fight and kill for the fascist, and imperialistic U.S. governemtn. So, I think that it's a very healthy sign that we are able to get the cooperation of the Vietnamese people in this effort. and it's very good that we are in a position to work with them on this level. I've found the Vietnamese people and I've talked to them in many countries - their representatives - I've found them to be very warm and humane people. Whose primary concern is in communicating with the American people, over the head, or beyond the head of the American governemtn. They want to make it known that they're interested in stopping the slaughter of their people, and they have no interest in perpetuating these hostilities, and it's only the United States government that has an interest in perpetuating the slaughter that's going on in Vietnam. So, I think that this proposed prisoner exchange serves to expose the United States governemnt. Because the government response to this proposal is predictable, that they will probably try to ignore it. But I don't think that they will be able to ignore it because it's a valid proposal, and certainly we could push it all the way, until they are forced to respond to it. Because Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale are political prisoners, and they come under the valid procedures that have been practiced traditionally in terms of exchange of prisoners. So I would like to see it done.

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

DRUGS AND THE REVOLUTION

The problem of drugs and hard dope is a very real and mounting problem, in not only the mother country (the white community), but is also on an enormous increase in the black colony. Organized crime is playing on the ignorance and inquisitveness of our youth—the very lifeblood of the black community. The people who sell these drugs to the young brothers and sisters know very well the meaning of the words,'The Youth makes the Revolution'. They know very well that if that if a blood is hung up on speeds, barbituates and heroin his mind, much less his body can't function in a revolutionary manner.

'Dig! All hard drugs are used to divide and suppress the revolutionary spirit in our community, and in particular our youth'. Many robbings, killings and plain bad attitudes stem from addiction to hard drugs and the need to get the money to buy them. A person who is really strung out on hard drugs is coming fro from a very individual thing. The need to get the drugs is very personal and focused on self. This brother or sister is thinking and acting against the revolutionary spirt. which is based on serving the needs of the masses of the people.

If you check out the school and playgrounds where our children gather you will find that the pig power structure peddles the mind twisting speeds anddope right before our noses. First they give you a free turn-on, then the lunch money goes, then many brothers and sisters drop out so they can keep the money to stay high.

The Black Panther Party realizes the danger and the future outcome of our community and especially our youth if these pig pushers are allowed to run rampant. You ask why don't the police do something? For the same reason they don't get those sisters off 14th and 6th and Pike. They know who the local pimps and pushers are. but it is in their interest to divide and weaken our community. It serves to slow the process of revolution.

Black brothers and sisters, the Party realizes that life in this country, in this day is of very poor quality. But the correct way of dealing with thatis not to lose yourself in some sugar coated fantasy of the mind. but by moving against the pig power structure who perpetuates that decadent life style in a righteous revolutionary manner

I ran down why the local pig department won't do anything, so if people have information about these beast pushing their ware to our young children around schools or playgrounds, contact the Black Panther Party at 173-20th Avenue or 1127½ 34th Avenue,Ea 3-6280. Later for allpork chop enemies of the people...black or white. Right on!

All Power to the People!!!!
Free Bobby and all Political Prisoners!!!!
K. Nafasi

QUIET FASCISM

Make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again...till their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause, and they will never go against this logic. No amount of repression will stop the Black Panther Party or the people in their struggle against the evils of fascism and capitalism in Babylon. Revolutionaries and Party members are being murdered and incarcerated at an ever increasing rate. The charges made by the ruling class against the Black Panther Party shows the people what happens when you expose America for what it is ...a decadent society. In Seattle the B.P.P. has been attacked and victimizedby the fascist, racist pigs since the chapter has been on the set. When the pigs are not brutalizing or murdering in the oppressed, black colony, they are devising schemes and tricks that propagate madness.

On September 30 of this year that madness came to a head. Two dumb, racist pigs had the nerve to walk into the Black Panther Party office to sell an electric typewriter that supposedly was hot. At the time all the Panthers with the exception of the officer of the day were in the community doing political work. The Black Pig with the 'hot' typewriter was poor enough to be hustling and rich enough to be driving a 1969 Chevrolet Impala with a rent-a-car sticker in the window. The pigs in uniform expected to bust into the office and find a stolen typewriter that black Pigs had left there. The Panther Party is aware of all types of pig trickery and madness. The fascist pigs will do anything to keep the Black Panther Party from exposing them to the Masses of the people.

The Black Panther Party will continue to meet and serve the needs of the people as long as we have the support of the masses. We will intensify the struggle on all levels: ore children fed through the Free Breakfast for Children Program; more free medical clinics opening and functioning; and getting more people to exercise their democratic rights by signing a petition to control the police in their respective communities. The Black Panther Party will combat all forms of intimidation, trickery and madness by intensifying the struggle; not become totally defensive and ineffective. Social practice is the criterion for truth. The Black Panther Party puts theory into practice for the sake of humanity. To the pigs we say withdraw immediately from the community or face the wrath of the armed people. To the people we say seize the time and all power to the people. To the Panther brothers and sisters around this decadent nation we say: Organize, Fight, fail, fight again, fail again fight again...until their victory; that is the logic of the people.

Garry Owens B.P.P. Washington Chapter

SEIZE THE TIME

BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Serving the basic needs of the people is primary to the Black Panther Party and implementing socialism within the community is one way of serving the people. The free breakfast program is very fundamental and much needed in the oppressed communities of babylon where oppressed hungry kids have to go to school and learn programmed bullshit to supposedly make it in this sophisticated class society . In Seattle, the problem is the type where the petty bourgouise doesn't see the need for such a program. Having started one breakfast we are desperately grasping out to feed more hungry kids, but the petty bourgouise doesn't see the ever growing need and they influence the churches to refuse to let us use their facilities. What it breaks down to is that the petty bourgouise are influencing the church to rape the people and the ministers to be pimped by god's holy scripture. The very popular, social church committees are squawking about remodeling their church or about some other insane bullshit while kids ask us when are they going to be able to eat. The pimping and the raping of the people by the ministers through god must end. We call on the the petty bourgouise to miss a cadillac payment and delay the remodeling of their church so that the hungry may eat.

Our first breakfast is being served at the Atlantic Street Center 2103 So. Atlantic St. Here the hungry kids of Colman elementary, Black and white, are being fed good, hot, nutritous food every morning before they attend classes.

Having looked around the general community and through some investigation and study we have found the need to open other breakfast programs. The Madison school area, for example, where kids come by the office and ask when we are going to start serving breakfast. Here lies the Madrona Presbytarian Church loaded down with a bourgoise congregation; they have refused the youth. In the T.T. Minor area. the Mt. Zion Baptist and Lutheran churches with even more bourgouise congregations have also refused the youth. Other churches such as the Grace Methodist and Cherry Hill Baptist have refused the youth so who can they turn to. People, wake up, be people, sieze the time . For the sake of life, do something nigger, if you only spit.

All power to the people
By Elmer James Dixon

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND ALLIES IN THE REVOLUTION...WE NEED ALL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT: FOR DEFENSE, FOR FINANCING, FOR OFFICE WORK, FOR TRANSPORTATION, FOR HEALTH AND FIRST AID,. FOR FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM, FOR LIBERATION SCHOOLS. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO: BLACK PANTHER PARTY 1127½-34th AVENUE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98122 a ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

TEN POINT PROGRAM

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

2. We want full employment for our people.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

4. We want decent housing fit for the shelter of human beings.

5. We want an education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want an education that teaches us our true history and our role in present day society.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

7. We want an immediate end to the POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of Black people.

8. We want freedom for all Black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

9. We want all Black people when brought to trial to be tried in a court by a jury of their peer group or people from their Black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice, and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the Black colony in which only Black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of Black people as to their national destiny.

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BLOOD BROTHER