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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Black Panther Party peccancy was brought to light this week both in the underground press and in testimony before Senator McClellans subcommittee. First, several press references have been made in recent months to the "Breakfast for Poor Kids" program being carried out by the Black Panthers in the San Francisco Bay area as well as elsewhere in the United States. Although allegations have been made that the food has been obtained from local merchants via the "shakedown" route, the donation of time and energy by the militant Panther rank and file has been applauded, even in the "straight" press. The facts are now coming in and the following article from the June 20-26 Berkeley Barb clearly reflects that, at least, the program as administered in Oakland encompasses coercion, "shakedowns" and probably "pocket lining."

"The Safeway store at 29th and West in Oakland was open but it was as empty as a tasteless loaf of white bread. The Black Panther boycott was a 99% success.

"For the past few weeks Panther members, community people, white friends and the breakfast kids have been surrounding Safeway and persuading customers to shop down the block.

"It all started when the Safeway Manager refused to kick in a hundred bucks a month for the Breakfast for Children Program. A lot of the stores in the area came through with contributions, including the Co-op, but Safeway figured the kids could survive on a glass of water every morning.

"The Black Panthers called for a boycott and are now taxing Safeway an additional \$25 each week they want to play Scrooge.

"The Panthers have been relying on revolutionary persuasion to keep the store empty. A car pulls up in front of the door and the people shout, 'Don't give your money to pigs who won't feed our children.'

"Usually the customer drives on but sometimes people hop out of their car for more information. When the Panthers fill them in they almost always take their dollars elsewhere.

"It's fun to walk on the line chanting 'Power to the Children' and 'Free Huey.' The little kids are really turned on to the Panthers. They have no trouble discriminating between businessmen who cheat their parents and revolutionaries who give them double portions of potatoes with their free breakfasts. The kids would rip the store to shreds if the Panthers okayed it but the Party figures that a lot of the grownups aren't ready.

"'This is a program in practical socialism,' Bobby Seale rapped when the Panthers first started serving free breakfast at St. Augustine Church which is across the street from Safeway. 'We will send down our ugliest Panthers to dish out the food and the kids will learn to expect getting what they want for free.' He went on, 'When they get older they will see this is impossible under capitalism and join us.'

"The kids on the picket line did not have to grow up to find out about capitalism. A store that grosses \$50,000 a week cannot find a \$100 bucks a month in its back pocket for the kids.

"The boycott continues every day starting at 10 o'clock. Call the Panther office for further information. Everyone is invited to join the line.

"If Safeway hangs cheap the boycott will spread to all their stores and bankrupted tight-assed Safeway may follow Lyndon Johnson into a forgotten memory."

If the applause is still sounding, probably the Black Panther coloring book will silence it. A San Francisco police inspector testified before the Senate Subcommittee this week and brought with him samples of the BPP coloring book allegedly distributed to the poor Negro children participating in the free food program. The Panthers serve political rhetoric and hate along with breakfast. (See first cartoon page 6.)

In connection with dissemination of the Coloring Book, a San Francisco clergyman (in whose church one of the breakfast

centers is located) has been critical of San Francisco police. In his statement to the press this clergyman accuses the police of reproducing and distributing more copies of the coloring book than the Panthers. "It is obvious," he said, "that the San Francisco police intelligence squad does not understand the black man if they are making such a big thing out of this." What the clergyman overlooks is that although the police may have reproduced and distributed the Coloring Book as a propaganda device to muster public support in its escalating war against a purely criminal element, the diabolical and hateful creation of the Coloring Book is Panther in origin and execution. It is not the quantity that measures the miscreance but the concept.

(In addition to the two examples on the first cartoon page there is a picture in the twenty-three page book captioned "The Only Good Pig is a Dead Pig." The book concluded with a famous quote from Chairman Mao's little red book "Power Comes Through the Barrel of a Gun.")

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) held a national staff meeting at New York on the 16th and 17th of June. It is reported that the entire two days embraced nothing but personality conflicts and arguments and on June 17 became so chaotic that H. Rap Brown, former SNCC National Chairman, walked out saying he was disassociating himself because SNCC was unable to accomplish anything or relate to anybody. Allegedly, SNCC is \$10,000 in debt and reports from various geographical areas indicate that during the past year nothing has been attempted or accomplished. - The national staff meeting will reconvene at Atlanta in July.

One possible cause of SNCC inactivity (as well as CORE) in recent years is the rising popularity of Black Student Union-type organizations on major U. S. campuses. Although a typical BSU is not affiliated nationally with other confederations of black collegians, their advantage over national groups like SNCC is in their flexibility to act and react on local issues. As a consequence, SNCC and CORE are losing their appeal for the Negro college student. Additionally, dynamic leadership of the past is leaving SNCC-type movement either toward bigger and better radical militancy (Stokeley Carmichael to the Panthers) or into

the camp of the establishment (James Farmer). It would appear that SNCC has outlived its usefulness and may well pass into history in coming months.

University of Maryland President Wilson H. Elkins has announced to his Board of Regents a new "no negotiations" policy toward protesters. The Board approved a new student discipline code that specifically authorizes officials to suspend disruptive protesters without going through normal student court procedures. The student body president strongly objected but failed to influence the University's Regents.

Elkins said that protesting radicals are part of a "noisy revolution" that could "seriously damage higher education" if its allowed to create "an atmosphere of tension and suspense, requiring administration and faculty to spend a great deal of time on guard. It could result in the impairment of intellectual freedom and in the subordination of the University to outside forces."

Dr. Elkins declared that it was the University of Maryland's policy to deal with disruption, seizure or other illegal action as quickly as possible with whatever legal means necessary. "Experience all over the country indicates the need for this action. It is very important for the maintenance of order that when there is an occupation of a building that you suspend them (the students) and get them out."

As widely predicted (including in a Situation Information Report months ago) SDS has split in Chicago. Two sets of officers and two ideologies now govern two SDS's and in this instance there is much in a name. The PLP finally successful after numerous tries needs the SDS name. It is with the college popularity of the name "SDS" that PLP hopes to build the worker student radical alliance - their basic philosophy of revolt. The PLPers also need the "SDS" press, mailing list and bank account but some question exists that they will get any of the nonstigmatory trappings of a vital heretofore non-doctrinaire movement from the left. The old order (the old new left) of SDS though losing the vote in Chicago has not yet lost the National Office. "If we can keep the Chicago pigs out we can keep the PLP pigs out," said

Mike Klonsky, outgoing national secretary. The N. O. group claims the PLP element is illegal, counter-revolutionary, etc. They do not intend to alter their philosophy that SDS is a student-youth movement solely, and there is no room for the worker but is room for ethnic struggles for identity. The PLPers' view the Panthers and other black power and Mexican-American groups as manifestations of bourgeois nationalism and not in the vanguard of the revolution.

What influence the SDS split will have on the fall campus scene has started the new left watchers speculating. Although there are some optimistic observers, the consensus seems to be that no great and dramatic change for the better will be observed. It would seem, however, logical that factional SDS bickering and the threat of further splintering (SWP, CPUSA, Life Style deviationists are still around), coupled with University posture and public unsympathy are factors mitigating in favor of improved campus harmony next year as far as involvement of the white radicals is concerned.

What the Black Student Unions will do depends largely on the degree of urban unrest this summer and the display of good faith college administrators show in delivering sensible though liberal recruiting standard and meaningful but academically acceptable ethnic studies programs. It is believed that considerable progress can be made next year.

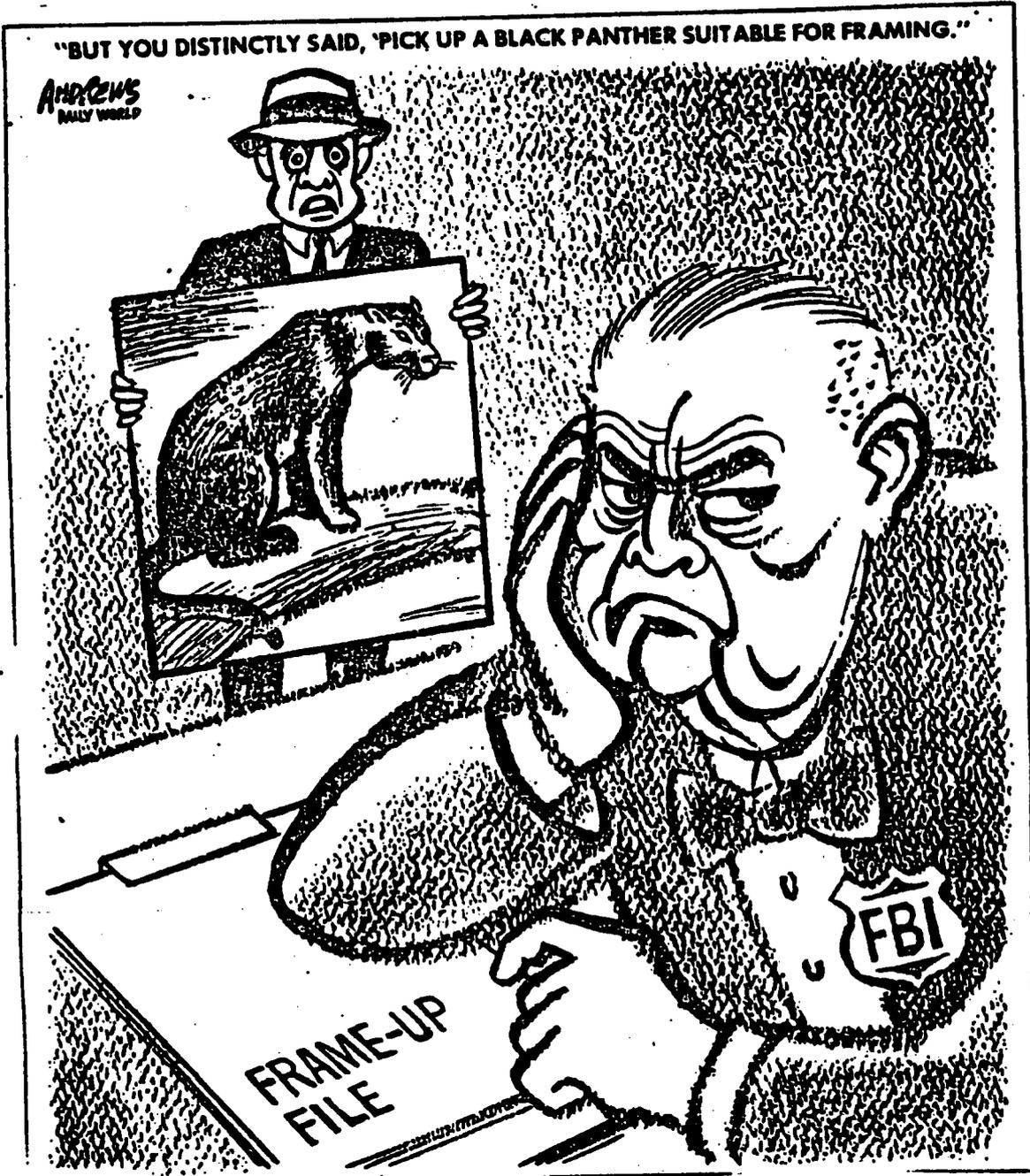
The Panthers have called a meeting on July 18 at Oakland of all significant radical leftist groups (black and white) in order to construct a "United Front Against Fascism." The purpose of the Front is to form a new coalition against "political repression." In originating such a "front" the Panthers will most certainly not give up their popular and now well-known symbol and identity. The SDS-N. O. group headed by the oft-maligned, monosyllabic, monostylous Mark Rudd of Columbia University riot fame will undoubtedly travel to Oakland. It will be interesting to see if PLP faction SDS national secretary John Pennington will. Since such a coalition, for the PLPers would clearly be extraideological, Pennington's presense would be only to confront Rudd, assert leadership and stimulate radical student support for PLP-SDS - not cooperate with Dave Hilliard and Bobby Seale of the Panthers.



Black Brothers Protect Black Children

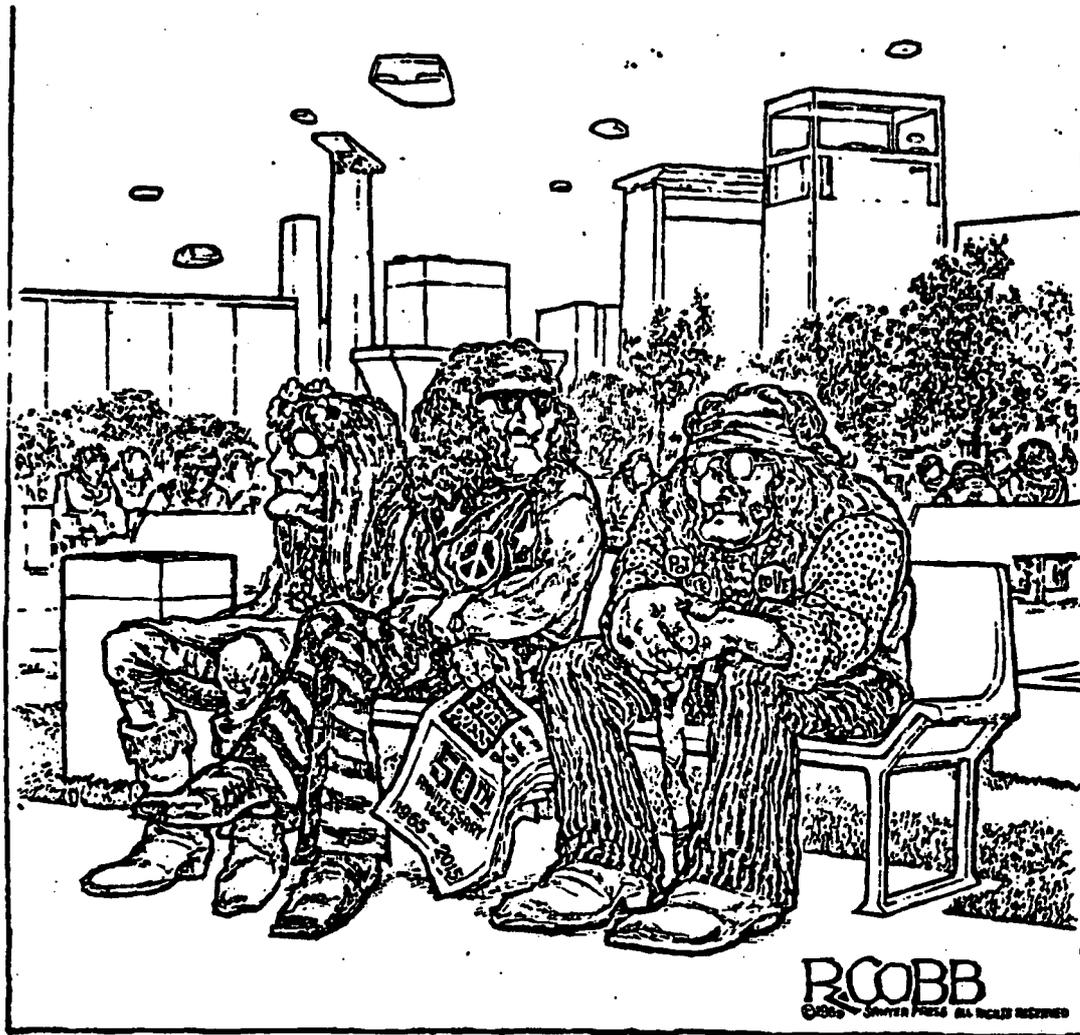


Brothers and Sisters Deal with White Store Owner that
Robs Black People.



'YOU SURE MAYOR DALEY ISN'T RUNNING THIS?'





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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

* Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

- June 30-July 3** U. S. A. - Dr. George A. Wiley, Director of the National Welfare Rights Organization, announced that on June 30, 1969, this organization will conduct demonstrations in each state capital; on 1 July it will demonstrate at Welfare Centers across the nation; on 2 July it will demonstrate at grocery stores; and on 3 July will "Sock it to" Sears Roebuck and Company stores throughout the country. The National Welfare Rights Organization is a private nationwide organization with national headquarters in Washington, D. C. It is reported to have chapters in ghetto areas in over one hundred cities in forty-five states and claims a membership of thirty thousand people. It has sponsored and participated in numerous protest rallies and demonstrations demanding changes in Welfare Benefits and Legislation. Some of these activities have resulted in mass arrests brought on by civil disobedience on the part of members of this group.
- July 1969** *Atlanta, Georgia - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee will reconvene their annual meeting at Atlanta.
- July 4-6** *Madison, Wisconsin - A conference has been called in an attempt to form an organization of radical scientists. No further information.
- July 4-20** *The Stockholm Conference on Vietnam, an international anti-Vietnam war group, sponsored an Emergency Action Conference in Stockholm on May 16-18, 1969. This latter Conference drafted a report which called for the following actions: (1) Collection of signatures of prominent figures, both nationally and internationally, with publication of the names in U. S. newspapers; (2) National and international demonstrations with the special demands of the Vietnam movement in each country. Suggested actions for these

demonstrations were vigils outside U. S. embassies during which the names of American servicemen killed in Vietnam would be read. (3) The boycott and harassment of U. S. products and firms providing goods and services for the War in Vietnam; (4) The increased international support of resistance in America and by Americans abroad in refusing the draft, in defecting from the U. S. Armed Forces and for carrying on propaganda within the Armed Services; (5) Increased support for the ten-point program of the National Liberation Front and exposure of the "weaknesses" of President Nixon's eight-point program. These actions would be planned in such a way as to build up to an anniversary celebration of the Geneva Accords to be held July 20.

July 16

In this day of "unnegotiable demands," "blackmail," and outrageous pressuring, another example surfaced recently. How seriously the leaflet's distributor expects to be taken is difficult to assess, but it is doubtful that Nevada gambling interests will panic. The leaflet, captioned "Ultimatum to the County Commissioners and Resort Industry," set forth a demand that forty million dollars be spent in West Las Vegas to develop clubs and gambling casinos to be staffed and operated by Negroes. The leaflet concluded by stating that if the demands are not met, 4 July 1969, will be the last big revenue holiday for the years 1969 and 1970. The leaflet bore the closing statement: "The Black Prophet has spoken; The Black Prophet will act after July 16, 1969."

July 18-21

"The Black Panther," newspaper of the Black Panther Party, contained a one-page announcement in its June 7, 1969, edition which reported that a National Revolutionary Conference for a United Front Against Fascism is being sponsored by the Black Panther Party. It is scheduled to be held at Oakland, California, from 18-21 July 1969. Don Cox, Field Marshal of the Black Panthers has spoken of the need for revolutionary groups in white communities. According to "The Black Panther," some 5,000 representatives of all organizations representing the people - students, workers, farmers, and unemployed - will be called together to form the united front. The call to the conference stresses the need for "a front which has a common revolutionary ideology

and political program which answers the basic desires and needs of all people in fascist, capitalistic, racist America. Primary objective will be community control of police to end fascism." Reportedly, David Hilliard, National Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, was to visit New York City on 16 June and hoped to meet with two members of the CPUSA, to discuss the forthcoming conference. Also, it has been reported that Hilliard has already spoken to the Northern California CP functionaries.

August 1969

University of Texas at El Paso - 22nd Annual National Student Congress (tentative).

August 29-31

Los Angeles, California - On 13 June, Leroy Jones, the poet and playwright, and other black leaders announced in Newark, New Jersey, that the Fourth National Black Power Conference will be held in Los Angeles. The theme of the Conference will be "1969 Reconstruction."

September 16

Southwest, United States - Mexican-American and other Spanish-speaking youths intend to shut down the schools of the Southwest on 16 September in a demonstration of solidarity and protest on the anniversary date of the Mexican revolution. According to Rudolpho Corky Gonzales, leader of the Crusade for Justice, it will be a demonstration "to change the whole educational system to relate to our needs."

September 2-4

Chicago, Illinois - Trial has been set for 24 September for the eight protest leaders indicted on charges of conspiracy to incite a riot in connection with the disorders at the Democratic National Convention last fall. All eight pleaded "not guilty" in Federal District Court on 9 April. Each defendant also faces charges of crossing state lines to foment disorder or to otherwise violate the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Rennie Davis, Bobby Seale, John R. Froines, and Lee Weiner had their travel restrictions eased but are required to keep the Court fully informed of their movements.

September 26-28

*The SDS (Mark Rudd faction) plans massive demonstrations at Chicago on the above dates. The demonstrations are apparently to coincide with the trial of eight persons who allegedly conspired to bring violence to Chicago during last

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year's Democratic Convention. More details will be reported as they become known.

October 6

Bel Air, Maryland - The trial of H. Rap Brown, militant black former head of SNCC, charged with inciting a riot and arson in a Cambridge racial disturbance two years ago, has been set for October 6 in Harford County Circuit Court. This is the second time it has been scheduled since the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, rejected Brown's request that he be tried in Cambridge, Maryland, which was the scene of a riotous disturbance in July 1967 after Brown spoke at a street rally of Negroes.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.