

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The problems of this country are staring us in the face --

-- grieving relatives mourn a son lost in Vietnam; worried workers wonder how the bills are going to get paid; anxious youth try to get good jobs; frustrated students are unable to get loans to pay for next semester's tuition. Blacks, in particular, just can't make it no matter how hard they try. Excluded from employment, barred from higher education, hassled by the police, compressed into ghettos not fit for rats -- the Blacks have no choice but to fight politically with every weapon they can use.

The Black Panther Party came along in 1967, came right out and said what every one of us knew then and knows now: the people must have the power to get a democratic legal system, good housing, good jobs, good education and good food. The people must have the power to determine their destiny! The panterhs believe that only a socialist revolution will make it possible to fully accomplish this. But immediate problems require immediate action.

The Black Panther Party believes that cops, schools, factories, politicians, welfare officials, tax collectors, judges, armies, attorneys general, Federal agents -- the whole lot of them must be made responsible to the people. The Black Panther Party believes that the government and the big businessmen have been irresponsible about the needs of all working people; but particularly irresponsible about the needs of Black people.

The Panthers have been fighting this irresponsibility by exposing it and by assuming responsibility for their people. That's why the Black Panthers are feeding hot breakfasts to 15,000 school children across the country, establishing peoples' health clinics in seven cities, and initiating liberation schools to replace the mis-education of Black children. That's why the Black Panthers let the cops know that they are being watched and that the cops cannot be responsible only to themselves. The Panthers confront the cops where it counts -- on the street through the practice of self-defense.

The Black Panther Party started out by trailing cops. When a Black was stopped by the cops, a Panther would often be standing nearby. If the cop hit his victim, the Panther would take his picture or get his badge number or intervene. When the victim went to the precinct station, so did the Panther. The Panther would make sure that his Black brother or sister would get a lawyer (not one of those phony "court-appointed" crooks) and would help arrange bail.

The Black Panther Party is fighting for an end to an unjust system and they are fighting to protect us, all of us, from its injustices. For this they are being systematically jailed, forced into exile, terrorized, indicted and threatened!

Who is going to defend them?

ONLY A UNITED PEOPLE CAN. Express solidarity with the work of the Panthers. Join the fight for a better and free country.

DEFEND THE PANTHERS DEMONSTRATE!

Wed. 24 September The J.E.K. Federal Building 4:00 pm