

The primary purpose of this program is to educate and train cadre over a period of time. In order that the Black nation can free itself. To carry this out we must set short and long range goals as a means of achieving our objectives. Having established the goal we must now identify those targeted for education. The target age is between five and twelve. In South Africa after the leadership of the ANC was captured the focus of the movement changed. Classes to educate the youth in culture and history were established. The results were the Soweto uprising, the Black conscious movement and a highly sustained level of resistance, which we see today.

The secondary target is all the other people from the ages of thirteen and upwards, with priority given to the parents. The children must not only be educated but also must be reinforced with positive images and examples. Winning over the parent(s) insures that this attitude is present. Don't under estimate the value of this type of thinking. A positive parent is a loving and caring parent. A loving and caring parent is an involved parent, be it in school or the community at large.

How do we reach these people?

The initial contact will be through surveys by political cadre which will conduct the survey by asking questions. Those surveys will be carried out in the name of BCNS. There will be between three and five surveys. Each one will elicit as well as give information. It will also make it easier to educate as people get to know you. We are thus utilizing some very basic revolutionary principles, by asking questions,

the people will tell us the problems and we can go from the masses to the masses." One person can canvas many apartments with a personal touch that would be lacking in telephone surveys or merely standing on a corner querying passersby. A few comrades can cover plenty ground. There is an inherent danger of using the telephone to amass data. Also there is a minimal amount of insurance that we are talking to community people when we address them at home. Community people in this instance is referring to their class (interests, aspirations & goals, etc.), which will add to the validity and purpose of the surveys.

To function we must first organize ourselves around democratic centralism (go over the Red Book) and adhere to the four main rules of discipline (again see Red Book). If our numbers don't warrant a central committee then a central staff will be utilized. There must be organization and discipline as well as accountability. We must utilize criticism and self criticism, not to brow beat but, to uplift and enhance our work and face the responsibility of co-ordinating race relationships.

The survey is an introductory tool which asks and simultaneously informs. We need also to generate finance.

The manufacture and distribution of cards and various publications can give us operating capital and be another source of education. With this money we can move towards our first organizational objective in relationship to our primary objective. Check out the zoning laws on the requirements to run a day care center. This will free mothers to work or finish school. It likewise gives us time with

children to teach them love of self, feed them a nutritious meal and give them an introduction to discipline, respect moderation and self-defense around the concept of Afro-American unity. We will charge a small fee so as to buy wholesale food, with quality, pay expenses, etc. Therefore you must devise a scale that is equitable to both the day care function as well as the task of providing a Dojo. Our people must be taught that to work and pay for things strengthens our power to control and influence our destiny. The right to self-determination or anything else does not exist without the power to enforce said right. Responsibility is to be conscious of obligations.

Our second organizational objective is to expand our communications network from printing to the manufacturing of video cassette tapes with Black awareness themes, etc. Classes on teaching and encouraging the youth to write their own themes will be the subject of some of the tapes. We must generate ideas for not only raising more money but finding the means to do this and employ a few people from the community.

If we adhere to the organizational discipline we will be a positive example. Things we should avoid is frightening the people with militant rhetoric that they have not been prepared to understand or accept. We must educate them and help them to organize themselves. Thus their political consciousness will be elevated. Community control of the police is not a priority. The school system must be responsive to the community. Therefore control of the educational system should be a priority.

We need time to develop therefore we need space. The history of the BPP shows us what can happen when we've not ready or have not prepared the people.

"We must find what is good and teach it to the people"

Mao

"Educate a man and you educate an individual,  
"educate a woman and you educate a Nation" Kwame Nkrumah

We must prepare ourselves psychologically for a protracted struggle which means we must be patient and persevering. Understand while we're not addressing certain issues, does not mean that they are being forgotten. We must remember that all things are interconnected, interdependent and determined by each other. Paying dues is an investment in our educational program. The sacrifice of time and money is our act of faith in the outcome. The teaching of homemaking skills and concern to a young mother is to give her a positive image of herself that will be reflected in her children. Care for the children means to want an end to drug dealers, etc. All of these things can be if we "Build to Win", in this way we can insure realistic "Power to the People."