

NEW HAVEN APRIL 23rd

The Grand Jury which indicted Black Panther Party National Chairman, Bobby Seale, on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to kidnap was predominantly White, middle class, and over 40 years of age, New Haven County Sheriff John Slaven testified today. Slaven, 73 years of age, who has served as New Haven County Sheriff for 23 years, was questioned on Grand Jury composition for more than three hours this morning by defense attorney, Charles R. Garry. In a deep throated voice and with the manner of a Southern slave owner, Sheriff Slaven described the procedures he had used in selecting Grand Jury members. According to Connecticut law, the only requirement for a Grand Jury is that it be made up of electors.

As Slaven was questioned about the 12 of the 18 individuals who made up that Grand Jury, Slaven revealed that not one of the Grand Jury members had been checked to determine whether or not he

was an elector at that time. Of the 12 out of the 18 Grand Jury members, Slaven had testified only one was Black, only two were women, and only one was under fifty years of age, and only two were workers.

"I picked decent people", Slaven told the court in a gruff voice. "Which stands for decency?" Garry demanded. Slaven replied, "I used my own judgement. I picked people who were recommended by people I've known for years." This is a star chamber form of Grand Jury. Garry told the court, "the jury was selected haphazardly. There were no standards for selection. These are his hand-picked cronies. This does not meet the standards of the United States Supreme Court."

Court was dismissed today at 3 p.m. by Judge Mulbey until the report of George Sams' mental condition is known and also legal homework on both sides is done.

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From observing the Black community in New Haven in particular, and being aware of the widespread conditions of other communities in general, it is necessary for us the Vanguard Party to immediately intensify the struggle in eliminating the obstacle that divides the community and to also eliminate this obstacle that is trying desperately to divide the community and the Party.

to believe this-these are true examples of castration.

To have Black women relating to the every-day hum-drum mystical, fantasized problems of soap-opera fairy tales on their t.v.'s and even going so far as to have vicarious relationships with the individual actors, to try and escape the every day and very real, yet oppressive conditions they don't want to face -starting with their man, when he comes home.

This vicious cycle of self-hatred, of misguided frustrations, of confused, pacified minds, of inevitable deaths at a young age, of deaths that were deaths in vain; this is all part and parcel of this constant determination on the part of the oppressor, to keep us continuously divided, until the total annihilation of people of color is won. But the Black Panther Party knows that the peoples of color want liberation from their present everyday conditions; and we will have that freedom through constant intensified education, and through the correct examples set forth by the Vanguard Party; we will rise up as one, as the people's liberation army, under the guidance and much wanted leadership of a Party that's for the people, by the people and of the people.

Point number 4 states: "We want decent housing fit for shelter of human beings."

The terrible conditions of "homes" in the oppressed communities are nothing to be ignored, by turning one's head. Dilapidated housing is just one more of the many means of keeping peoples of color, diseased ridden.

The racist gestapo police tactics on the masses of people are increasing rapidly. The need to arm ourselves with guns is very necessary; in fact, it's a must!

Let the young future revolutionaries spring up with the complete knowledge of this racist decadent society so that they can deal with it.

For White people to witness the pig gestapo tactics implemented so frequently on brothers and sisters of color is to condone fascist theory and to condone fascism practiced.

Soon it will be either/or! Either the people will support the oppressor or they will support the oppressed, because there will be no middle ground to stand on and watch.

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Artie Seale
Black Panther Party

THE NEW HAVEN PANTHERS WILL NOT CONFESS TO A LIE

The trial of the Connecticut Panthers and Chairman Bobby is drawing closer. And as the trial moves closer, the more fascist the pigs become. Why? Because they know that they have no evidence against the Connecticut Panthers and Chairman Bobby. That all their evidence is hear say.

They are becoming frantic because of this and because there is evidence to prove that George "Pig" Sams actually killed brother Alex Rackley. But most of all because the brothers and sisters that they have incarcerated - Lonnie, George Edwards, Chairman Bobby, Ericka, Frances and Peggy, have the spirit of the people.

The fascists are constantly harassing these revolutionary servants of the people in their attempts to break their spirits and receive a false testimony from these brothers and sisters. They don't seem to realize that the spirit of the people can never be broken. They don't seem to realize that it was not enough for these fascist dogs to beat sister Frances along with the rest of the sisters, but now they are attempting to completely destroy Frances' mind and body by forcing her to take a medication when she has no illness. This drug is slowing the sister down and making her forget things. They are using Frances as a guinea pig.

The pigs have been constantly harassing and abusing brother George Edwards who is being held in the Bridgeport House of Detention in their all out attempts to break his revolutionary spirit.

Brother Lonnie McLucas, State Area Captain for the New Haven Chapter, was housed all over Baby-

lon, threatened and thrown in solitary confinement in their fascist attempts to weaken him.

Chairman Bobby has been denied his constitutional rights, beaten, shackled and gagged in the racist courtroom of Pig Hoffman. Placed in solitary confinement and they're now holding him and the New Haven Panthers on trumped up charges with nothing but hear say evidence to hold them. They have stood firmly

on the basis that they have committed no crime and will not confess to a lie.

So if these revolutionary brothers and sisters are murdered in the electric chair, then the whole of Babylon will become one electric chair and this racist fascist country of America will burn to the ground!

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ARTIE SEALE

The constant pumping in of dope, in our communities by the never ceasing scoundrels of capitalism, the constant flow of alcohol, (that is unavoidable in the Black communities in particular, that flow from the lips of those who have given up, because there is no longer any hope) has to cease!

The poor non-White communities across this nation, and internationally, are much to be dealt with. To destroy this constant inflow of liquid and crystallized disease that has our communities temporarily pacified, is to destroy the existence of oppression.

Oppression, Capitalism, plus Racism breeds fascism.

Black men in our communities are being castrated by having to yield to the powerful hand of fascism; that Black men have to turn to their families for the release of their frustrations; that Black men have to ignore the greedy and thirsty cry for knowledge by their children, (because of their shamefulness of not knowing the answer to the present conditions that exist); that Black men beat their women because they aren't sure who to blame for their frustration, also because of their state of uncertainty, and constant state of confusion; that Black men are made to feel less than a man, and for some

WE MUST REACH A CERTAIN LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING (PIG PENS IN NEW HAVEN BLACK COMMUNITY)

The trickery which the pig power structure uses to keep the people confused is evident in the recently formed community pig pens located in the heart of the Congo and Newhall which are two sections of the New Haven Black community. The pigs claim that the purpose of the pig pens are for community service. It is supposed to be a part of a decentralization plan to implement relevant programs in the Black community. However, a careful examination will expose this fraud, and the people will then be able to bear witness to the pigs oinking in the face of the people.

Firstly, decentralization of the pig department means in reality that one pig or hog no longer controls the decision-making process of the pig department. True decentralization means that each community would have the right to elect its own community policemen and police chief with the safe-guarded right of recalling any and all of those policemen who act like pigs by oinking in the face of the community. By this the Black Panther Party means essentially that if those who are elected by the people do not serve the interests of the people, but continue to brutalize and intimidate the people, then they are not acting in good faith with that community and therefore must be removed. True decentralization means that at any given time the people of the community have the right to recall those fools who are acting like pigs. Even though the pigs of New Haven claimed that they have a decentralized police force careful examination will expose that the New Haven pig department is still controlled by City Hall. Understanding this, the people of the Black community can clearly understand that under these circumstances, they

have no power to make policy nor control the pigs in their community. In other words the pig power structure has oinked in the face of the Black community by claiming something which doesn't exist.

Secondly, let us now proceed to further examine the so-called programs which the pigs have claimed serve the Black community. Record Hops, birth control pills, and police recruitment aren't exactly what one would call 'fulfilling the needs of the Black community.' If we compare the pig pen community centers with the community centers implemented by the Black Panther Party all across Babylon, the contradictions are truly unveiled. First of all the pigs stole the concept of community centers from the Black Panther Party; we advocated community centers last year. The program of action for these centers are, free breakfast, clothing and food programs, along with free medical clinics, legal aid, community control of police and any other programs the community defines as a need. With this in mind, we can understand the difference between the two centers. The pigs' program is arbitrary and imposed on the people from without, while the Panther Program is designed by the people in the community to meet the basic needs and desires of our Black community. And so it must be!

What is the actual purpose behind the pig pens in the New Haven Black community? The actual purpose of these pig pens can in reality be defined as out-posts for the pig department in the heart of the Black community. The New Haven Black community must begin to realize that there is an undeclared war being waged against Black people in general and Black

Panthers in particular. Consequently the tactics and strategy used are one; of infiltration into the enemy zone (Black community) so that the pigs are able to secure vital information along with being able to use these centers as staging areas to deploy their troops when they feel the necessity of intimidating and brutalizing 'niggers'.

The Black community of New Haven must realize that, whether you like it or not, you are part and parcel of the struggle being waged all across Babylon. You must realize that these staging areas were very conveniently set-up to prepare and strengthen pig deployment for the up and coming trial of the New Haven Panthers-- those gallant members of the Black Panther Party who have been illegally detained by the fascist pigs in Babylon. You must realize that when a person opposes the repressive and murderous acts of the state and is thrown into jail on phony charges he is not a criminal, but a Political Prisoner.

Perhaps the most important thing to realize now is, as long as the masses of Black people do not support those who are fighting for their freedom, repression wins out. On the other hand, it has also been proven historically that as long as the liberation fighters have the broad based support of their communities, victory is achieved. But in order for this to become a reality, the Black communities must be able to expose and understand the trickery used by the pigs to keep the Black community divided and therefore, in slavery. So let it be done!

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