

WE WANT FREEDOM

They say the Black Panthers are they say that they are gangsters, hoodlums, thieves, liars and fools because they are standing up and throwing off the shackles that have held us for so long in bondage, held us for so long in the dark, like an animal in a dark cave looking out afraid to move because of fear instilled with him. But what they are really saying inside those closed doors - where all the big time capitalist, the big politicians, and the other leading fools get together to decide just what kind of a plot would be effective enough to get rid of those niggers with the guns is, that we are men and women who have stood up and gotten off our knees and have taken this foot off our neck. We have gotten off our knees to grab any available weapon near to deal with the man who comes around the with the man who comes around the house every month, with the nerve to ask Mama, "where's his rent money." (WE WANT AN END TO THE ROBBERY BY THE CAPITALIST OF OUR BLACK COMMUNITY.)

You feel mad and sick and tired of seeing her cry every night because she loves you, but can't give you the proper food and clothing that you need so badly, you see your father out there, old, tired and sick, working on two or more jobs trying to make enough money to keep his family living from day to day. (WE WANT FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.) There are the children, you love them all, and want them to have the best, but you know that the dream is an impossibility. (WE WANT EDUCATION FOR OUR PEOPLE THAT EXPOSES THE TRUE NATURE OF THIS DECADENT AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE WANT EDUCATION THAT TEACHES US OUR TRUE HISTORY AND OUR ROLE IN THE PRESENT. DAY SOCIETY.)

Things are bad, the children are fed up and they go through all kinds of changes trying to escape the big hand of oppression that seems to constantly swing out at you to pull you back into the hole you are so desperately trying to get out of.

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The pig phones your mama and tells her that they arrested her son for robbery, (WE WANT FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK MEN HELD IN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND CITY PRISONS AND JAILS) or that they have your daughter in juvenile hall because she took a coat to wear

from freezing to home when it rains, and water is everywhere from all the holes the landlord has been promising to fix ever since you moved in. (WE WANT DECENT HOUSING, FIT FOR SHELTER OF HUMAN BEINGS) and they send your child to jail to serve time only for taking what was rightfully theirs. (WE WANT ALL BLACK PEOPLE WHEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL TO BE TRIED IN COURT TO TRIAL TO BE TRIED IN COURT BY A JURY OF THEIR PEER GROUP OR PEOPLE FROM THEIR BLACK COMMUNITIES. DEFINED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.) Your older son has run away to join the service not knowing what he is doing, but thinking that this is a way out.
(WE WANT ALL BLACK MEN TO
BE EXEMPT FROM MILITARY SERVICE.) You sit down and you begin to cry, you wonder where you failed in raising your children, you wonder just what you did to push them to this. But it's not a question of fail on your part, just stop for a second and think, think of all the times, all the years they've seen you suffer, all the times they saw you go without to make sure that they had

The brothers and sisters now are changing all of this, the members of the Black Panther Party know what they must do and they are going forth in a beautiful fashion known as love for their people, revolutionary love for each other and what is known as unity.

It seemed strange to a lot of people, they were confused and didn't know what those Black Panthers were up to, or what they wanted. (WE WANT FREEDOM. WE WANT POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR BLACK COMMUNITY.) They were lied to by pigs and the news media. They built the Panthers up as being wrong-doers, but they never printed in their paper our ten point platform and program, or what the real cause behind Lil' Bobby and so many endless others was for being MURDERED; or why Bobby Seale our Chairman, was gagged and chained to a chair in a courtroom of so-called justice. For this we have been labled every insult known, our brothers and sisters have been jailed on instant or charges put together with time and precision so

keep them away from the people by making them seem insane killers.

Is it so wrong for us to speak for our lives, to do something to make it better, is this so wrong? People stop being narrow minded, seeing only what the pigs want you to see, What we want is what the people want. If you choose to go their way, then death is the only thing that you deserve because the people want a human world not a world run by heartless money and power hungry-robots. We want a socialistic society, so that hunger will no longer be tolerated, so that we can put our children in homes where disease carrying rats and roaches will not live off the flesh of our children.

This is all that we ask, and for this as I mentioned before, we receive the penalty of death, for this we are shot down, beaten and jailed. Will you continue to let this go on? The situation has to be dealt with immediately. Don't sit back idly while people suffer when something can be done, old man pick up that gun that hangs on that rack and catches dust, suffering mothers use your skillets and butcher knives and rolling pins, brothers and sisters use some of those street tactics that you learned to survive on, on these racist pigs who come in the early hours of the morning kicking in doors, murdering and dragging away and beating members of your families. (WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE.)

We are not afraid to die, we will fight, fight to the last with anything necessary to free our people, to place the power back in thehands of the people so that justice will be meted out to everyone, so that we will finally get what is rightfully ours: this is all that we ask. (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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