GANG MEMBERS TOLD TO STOP KILLINGS

Black Panther Philadelphia leaders, in a marthon session this past weekend, called upon gang members here to stop killing each other and "get together to form a 'People's Army,'

Some 200 young men were told to "clean and oil your pieces (weapons) and keep them stored in a safe place. And then when you need to use them in your own defense and in the defense of the people, they'll be ready,"

The Panthers hosted the threeday conference in the Central Branch of the YMCA, 18th and Brandywine Sts. So-called gang youth came from all parts of the city to participate in workshop discussions designed to bring about an end to the "senseless murders."

SHOWN FILMS

During the four-hour sessions,

tapes of Eldridge Cleaver's speeches were played and films shown depicting Oakland, California Panthers marching in review, much to the chargrin of the Oakland to this terror and murder of police.

The youth were searched before entering the meetings to guarantee the safety of all who attended.

gang youth were told. "You don't live in a ghetto, you in a concentration camp. The only difference is, they (the White power structure) haven't put up the barbed wire yet."

The young men were also told, that if they didn't believe it, just try to oppose the power structure and see how fast they can cut you off from the rest of the city. Not only can you be cut off, but your gas, water, electricity and have to draw the line of demarfood can be cut off also.

Dig on what happened in Newark, Watts and in Detroit Stuggles must be organized. We must organize among ourselves, and put an end

You are the People's Army, without you the people have no what the Party was all about. defense. Today, right now that pig Rizzo could come in here in force and gun everybody in this room, and not one Black person would care, because of the increasing murder and terror inflicted on the people of the Black community by the brothers on the corners.

The brothers and sisters were then informed of the Party's ten point platform and program and were later told that the Black Panther Party opposes all enemies of the people. And that they would cation as to where they stand in

terms of either opposing the people or joining in their struggle for liberation. It was also made clear that the Black Panther Party will oppose all enemies of the peo-Black people by Black people. ple regardless of who they were.

They really seemed to dig on

At the end of the conference there was an agreement to end the war between two rival gangs, both of which expressed a desire to have someone from the Party work with them. In fact, one corner is trying to start a Free Breakfast Program in their community.

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