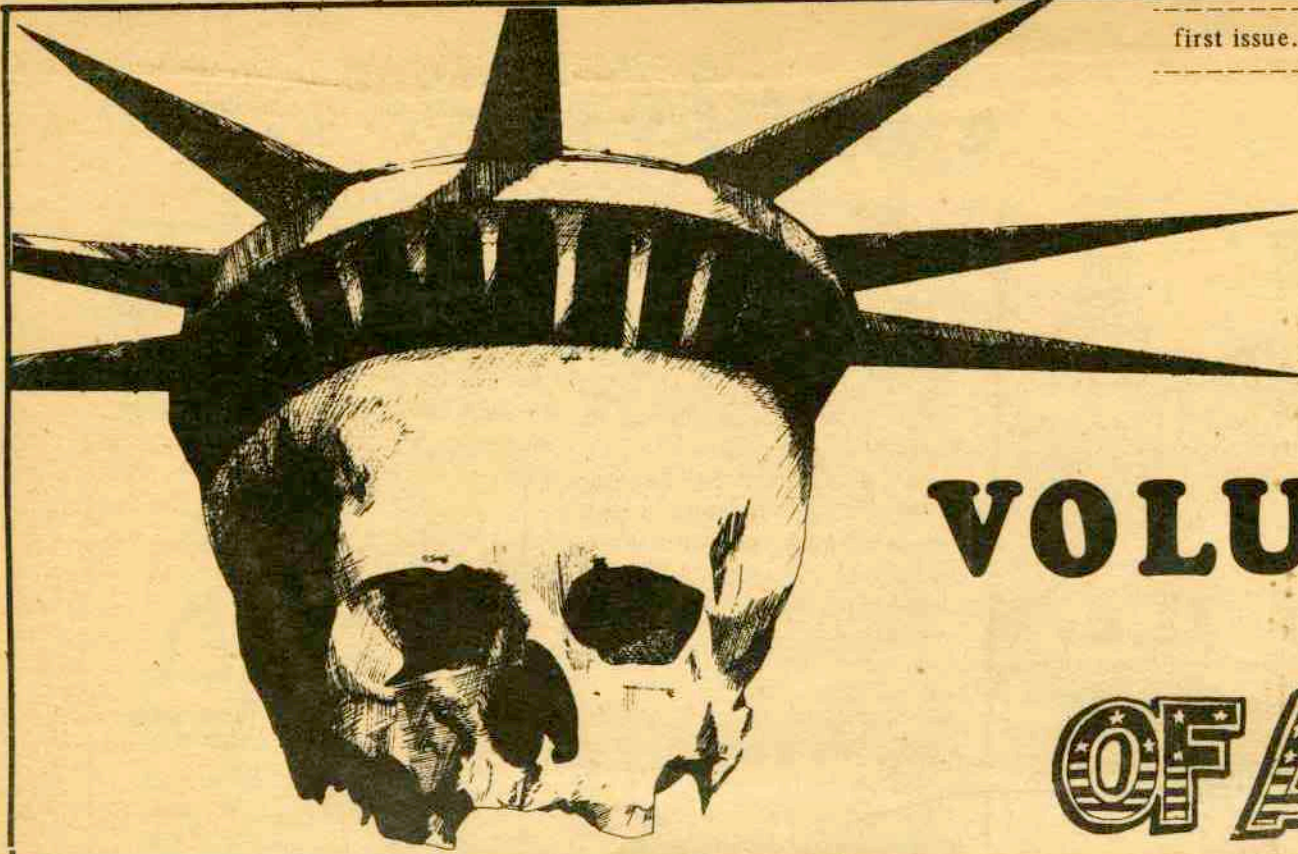


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EDITORIAL STATEMENT

This is the paper of the North Shore Radical Youth Movement. We are from all over: Salem, Lynn, Everett, Marblehead, McDonough Square, Ipswich, Saugus, Salem State, and North Shore Community College. Some of us are students in high schools and colleges, some of us are workers, and some of us are street people. We got together because we have something to say, and some things we want to do..... here on the North Shore, together with people all over America and the World.

In the beginning we saw other people fighting, and, at first we felt very different from them. We felt far from the Vietnamese fighting to run their own country. We felt strange about black Americans demanding their own freedom--- black power for black people--- and then fighting to get it.

But then things right around us began to bother us. Schools seemed to slow us down, not teach us. Jobs had no meaning. They were for getting money for living at the end of the day. We knew we didn't want to dominate or control other people, but we didn't want to get pushed around ourselves. Rule or be ruled were the only choices the system offered, and that is what we were taught to do at home, in school, or in the streets. We were young men who saw the draft as a force pushing us to fight for someone else's interests. We were young women who met discrimination in jobs, who were always told we couldn't do the important things ourselves, who were taught to support the me who could, and who were headed for lives less than those we were capable of.

We began to look again at the National Liberation Front in Vietnam and the Black Panther Party in the ghettos of our own cities-- and we no longer felt far from them, but saw in them our inspiration and our allies. Through them we recognized our common enemy and learned that struggles against the Amerikan Empire can be won. When we saw young white people in Berkeley and on the college campuses fighting in support of black and brown people and for their own freedom, we realized that together with them we would build a new world based on freedom, love, and community.

We have seen America as a country where resources and human lives are used to swell the profits of huge corporations rather than meet the needs of people at home or abroad. Understanding that, we know that our goal must be to put all power in the hands of the people.

The strategy for victory will be discovered as we go; it will grow out of our attempts, failures and successes. But one thing we already know is that to control our own lives we must unite with the Black and Brown people all over the world. And we know that our job right now is to reach out to our young brothers and sisters in white America and talk about our own liberation as coming with the liberation of the rest of the World.

Here on the North Shore we are starting projects that will build and strengthen a radical youth movement:

- 1) We will write newspapers and leaflets that explain our view of the world, and distribute them on the beaches, in the streets, and in the factories.
- 2) We will open a store front at 57 Silsbee St. in Lynn so people can come and talk and read.
- 3) We will set up study groups to discuss and learn what we can about the ways of dealing with our lives and problems.
- 4) We will build actions that define our directions and show our support for the other struggles around the world.

We do not yet know whether a Revolution will be the answer to the problems we feel every day, and we will try to define our needs and tactics as we go along and our task becomes clearer. But our anger and conviction does not shy away from whatever is necessary. We are you. Come together.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

SALEM STRIKE

After 17 years under Dr. Meier's dictatorship, the administration's oppressive policies reached their breaking point this year at Salem State College. The student's revolution began when Meier censored the college newspaper, *The Log*. He labelled the selection from Eldridge Cleaver's novella, *The Black Moochie*, which had appeared in the October 10th edition, as obscene.

Thinking his powers as supreme ruler were secure, he cut the funds for *The Log*, funds which were collected from students. The student government finally realized it had no real power as the standard procedures set up failed to work when the students utilized the President's committee system. Several leaders inspired the occupation of the Arts and Science Building, an action which pressured Meier into confronting the students and meeting their demands.

In April, four extremely competent professors were fired for political reasons, not their teaching ability. The students considered all four excellent teachers. At this time, French majors made their grievances known. Dr. Edwin Francis, head of the Foreign Language Department, who had recommended the dismissals of three of the teachers, was accused by the students of being prejudiced against French Canadians. Students demanded his removal

as department head and the reinstatement of the four dismissed teachers.

Resorting to the tactics which won back the paper, students occupied the administration building. On the evening of April 16, William Kunsler, who was scheduled to speak in the Student Union, marched to the administration building to offer his encouragement. Julius Meier, however, called in the local police, who finally managed to clear the building. The students had no choice but to strike. The strike was well-planned and managed. Classes which had exams scheduled were broken up by contingents of noisy students. Yippie! Picket lines in front of each building informed "confused" commuting students that there was a strike going on. On the eighth day of the strike, Meier announced that he believed only about 100 students were actually on strike. The following night 1300 students marched across his lawn at midnight. The following morning all demands were met.

One of the most important gains was that all future hassles were to be negotiated publicly, on campus, giving each student a voice in any decision made.

One of the greatest weapons of a conservative administration is its labelling of any demonstration as an attempt of dissidents to mob rule. As it was necessary for all students to strike to aid the oppressed French majors, it is necessary for all people to aid their oppressed brothers and sisters.

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Tenants of the America Park housing project in West Lynn may soon be homeless now that the government has denied the necessary funds for the project's continued operation. Mayor Cassidy of Lynn says that unless the state puts up money for necessary repairs and adequate maintenance, the tenants will be kicked out and the project torn down. Local, state, and federal institutions have rejected all financial responsibility for the project.

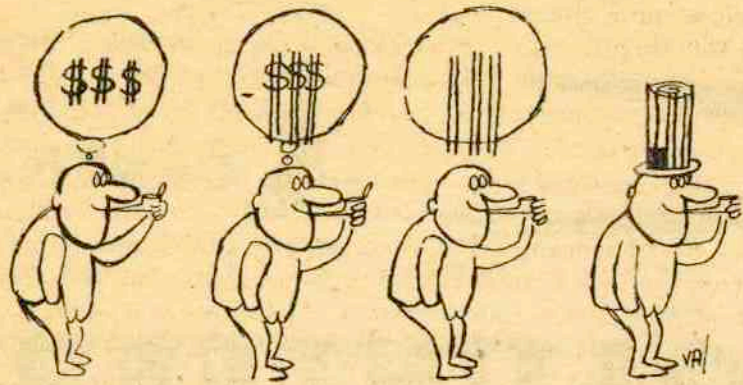
The 2,150 people who live in America Park exist amidst cockroaches, crumbling plaster, leaking roofs and water damage, according to reports from the America Park Association. Garbage and damage from vandalism are everywhere. The plumbing is often broken. In order to make America Park livable, huge amounts of hard work and repairs are needed. This takes money. The agencies which would normally provide funds refuse to do so.

The local agency, the Lynn Housing Authority (LHA), is nearly bankrupt. It has a \$438,000 deficit, \$200,000 worth of unpaid water bills, and \$158,000 of unpaid heating bills. Since it has no money, it is passing the buck to the state. In defense, the state's Department of Community Affairs accuses the LHA of wasting money and not working with the tenants. These charges are correct, but the state is no better. Lynn's Cassidy, who would like to avoid the blame, says the state promised to give one million dollars for repairs on the project three years ago. The money never came. The State Housing Authority (SHA) says it has no money, that every city has the same problems that Lynn has.

The State Legislature could raise more money by raising taxes, but what would that do? Personal taxes are already huge, especially with inflation. Banks, real estate owners, churches and corporations don't want to pay good money for public housing, so they don't get taxed for that purpose. Big business has great influence at every level of the government, so it constantly puts the financial burden on those who can't afford it. Rather than taxing industry the state government ends up without any funds to help people. To 'solve'

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LYNN AND G.E.

What's good for GE is good for GE

Companies need several things in order to operate: capital (money and machines), cheap skilled labor (workers), markets (buyers) and raw materials. The bigger a company is the more of these things it has the power to get. Once a company reaches a certain size, the power of its wealth opens endless new possibilities: It can move to wherever workers are cheap, it can create markets by pressuring the Government to buy and use advertising to pressure us to buy, and it can control whole countries around the world, taking raw materials without any restrictions. One of our problems is that huge businesses work so well and develop so much power that they are able to dominate one industrial field after another and reach right into our lives. America is seeing the growth of monopoly capital.

Wherever you go in Lynn, GE shows up.....on light bulbs, buildings, work-shirts, bombers, toasters, everywhere. By looking at GE here on the North Shore, we can see exactly how monopolists form the controlling sector of society and channel our resources and lives to suit them... (there will be a lot of statistics. They are a pain to read but people with fact fetishes never believe things until they see numbers.)

GE is the fourth largest company in all of North America. In Massachusetts it employs 34,000 people, about 17,000 of these are in the North Shore area. The Company employs 41.8% of the total Lynn labor force, 70% of the industrial workers and it pays 57% of the total payrolls. GE is huge, it is the main employer of Lynn, the biggest boss in Mass. and a national heavyweight.

Its share of the power is growing - Since the Massachusetts Shoe Industry started dying in 1935, GE has expanded, especially when there were wars going on. (GE loves wars) Every year General Electric gets a larger chunk of the action. In 1964 it employed about 52% of the industrial workers in Lynn, in 1965 53%, in 1966 58%, in 1968 70% and the figures are still going up. That might not be so bad, except for three things:

(1) GE has the power to say what goes in Lynn. Neither the people who live there nor the people who work for GE have any real control of their lives. The Company decides how many people will have jobs, how much they will work and what they'll be paid. During the Strike, we found

out that it can also decide that NO ONE will work, rather than give up a little bit of its power to workers: the Strike lasted until the union had to settle for much less than the people on the North Shore really need. GE can control law-making by just threatening to leave, like when it said new labor laws would make it move South or to Taiwan. Blackmail like this is so frightening that it forces every one -mayors, newspapers, candidates, union leaders- to listen to what the Company wants.

(2) GE doesn't just have influence in the North Shore area or in Mass. Big Companies have power nation-wide and use it to help themselves, NOT the people of America. Every year \$1,600,000,000 of military money run through the fingers and pockets of the men who own GE. They love it. 20% of General Electric's total work is making the machines that kill around the world.

(3) GE LOVES WARS The Company wants more and more of the steady government war contracts. Company lobbies of GE and Lockheed and Boeing and their friends put pressure on the government for new contracts bigger bombers, new missile systems and on and on. They don't want these things because the military does any good for America, they want it because contracts mean more Company profits.

(4) 50% of GE's total work in Lynn-Everett is on 'Defense'! That means that thousands of working men and women in this area are not making things that they and their families need like housing and appliances; instead they produce the bombers and missiles that GE has decided that GE wants. People are working day in and out, but what they are building is a war machine for GE and the Government, not better lives and living conditions.

What all this means is that GE and other huge Companies make all the decisions that REALLY matter to us. People can vote and bargain and pretend that they have a say, but when it really comes down to it, we don't have any control of our lives. The wars, boring jobs, unemployment and lousy schools we have to live with aren't there because it is impossible to change things.....everything is in a mess because huge Corporations and their Government direct our resources and work to help THEIR profits and growth. That just isn't the way things should be.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

+++++ NIXON-----IN SEARCH OF GREEN CHEESE

After the Nixon Administration spent several billion dollars last year on exploring the moon, it can be concluded that the moon is not made of green cheese. Nevertheless, Nixon will waste four more billion dollars in 1971. Only 270 million dollars will be spent on pollution control projects. Nixon is going to crucify you one way or another.

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ANARCHY?

On June 2, four of us were acquitted in the Lynn district court on charges of "introducing obscene literature into a place of education" and "advocating the overthrow of the United States government by unlawful means."

The trial wasn't much of a trial, although the charges were very heavy---totalling eight years for each defendant. The city did not seem to want to press the case. There was no district attorney and Lieutenant Higgins of the Vice Squad had to prosecute the case himself. They moved the trial to a small back room to discourage the public from attending. They imported a judge from Chelsea to hear the case. And there were no witnesses other than the pigs who arrested us.

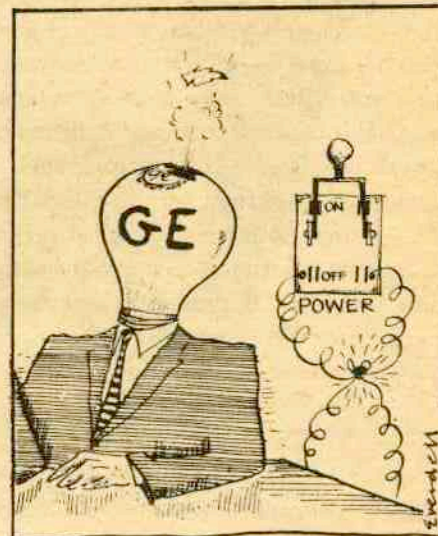
The trial and the heavy charges were so ridiculous that the judge couldn't do anything but find us innocent as quickly as possible. So all we lost was the \$500 to pay the bond on the \$10,000 bail.

But the trial meant something. They weren't kidding around when they set bail at \$10,000 and dreamed up eight years worth of charges. They thought they could quickly stop us from leaf-letting, stop us from opposing the war, and stop us from talking about why this whole screwed-up system has got to go. They were afraid that our leaf-lets were just beginning. That other people would feel the same way, write more leaflets, get themselves together, demonstrate, organize---do all those things necessary to change things---and they were right. High school kids wrote their own leaflets, 30 people passed out the same leaflet we were arrested for one week later, Salem State struck, the Red Fist marched on

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April 18, and ten times as many people as they arrested back in March are organizing this summer.

Because we stood our ground at the very beginning, and did not stop when they threatened us, they couldn't convict us without it being too embarrassing. And not only couldn't they convict us, but they couldn't stop all the other people from starting to say what they believe and... on those beliefs.



PEOPLE'S RIDDLE

A father and his son were riding in a car. They got into an accident and the father was killed. The son was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance and taken to the operating room. The doctor walked in, looked at the patient, and said, "I can't operate--that's my son."

All facts are true--the father and son in the car are real, not spiritual father and son. The doctor is telling the truth. How can this be? (answer below)

(ANSWER: The doctor was a woman.)

EFFICIENT PIGS

On June 6, at approximately 10:00 pm, an urgent call of need sparked through the wires of the Lynn Police Department phone:

...."This is John O..... I believe you have me down as AWOL"....."I want to turn myself in."....."In front of a small store on Howard St."....."Ya, that's the one."....."In a few minutes??"... "Okay, thank you."

The young soldier who placed this call had been AWOL for a week. "Sure, I'm afraid to go back, they're gonna beat the hell outta me.....I haven't got a chance, they've even got the local cops looking for me. Eventually they'll catch up to me.....Every hour makes a big difference, so it's very important I get back as soon as possible!"

APPARENTLY THE PIGS DIDN'T THINK SO---
THEY NEVER S UP!!!!



Little Turtle, Miami In 91
"If our people fight one a time, all will be killed. They can off our fingers one by one, but if we join together we will make a powerful fist!!

Many people have asked what the fist symbolizes. It is a symbol of struggle. A symbol of struggle by the people, for the people. The fist stands for all the people sticking together---together tight like a fist. It means all power to the people. All power to the people. Black power to the black people, brown power to brown people, red power to red people, yellow power to yellow people, and white power to white people. There can't be one of these without all the rest. White people are not free if black people are not free and black people are not free if white people are not free. So it's ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!!!!

We can't have education without revolution. We have tried peace education for 1,900 years, and it has failed. Let us try revolution and see what it will do now.

Helen Keller 1916

'ARM THE PEOPLE'
samuel adams

MECHANISMS OF IMPERIALISM

Since 1963, American troops have been committed 'saving' Vietnam. We are told that this land must be kept 'free' and that we are fighting for democracy abroad. But who are we 'saving' Vietnam for? Certainly not the peasants who are being killed, whose villages and homeland are being destroyed. Not for you or me. In the struggle for Vietnam, the U.S. government has aligned itself with wealthy landowners and the high-ranking military. Why?

Many large corporations in the U.S. have economic interests in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and the world. It is these corporations which influence U.S. foreign policy. In a capitalist economy such as the American, growth and expansion are necessary to maintain the level of economic activity at home. This is accomplished by foreign trade and investments. The profits gained through this are an important part of the national income. There are a number of variations on how to make profits out of Third World countries. U.S. based international corporations obtain rights to extract crucial raw materials from 'sympathetic' governments. The benefits of controlling these valuable resources then accrue to the U.S. companies and not to the people of the countries where the resources come from. Established American firms also control markets in foreign lands. In the last forty years, the price of raw materials obtained from these countries has fallen, while the market prices of U.S. manufactured goods has risen. Finally, American companies establish labor-intensive industries in countries where over-population and low-productive feudalism keep wages low. The U.S. through its government and international corporations seeks to dominate other countries' political economies for the purpose of extending the economic interests of American business.

Following WWII, the rate of profit earned by American development of industry under the Marshall Plan in Western Europe declined. It was this slowdown which prompted the U.S. to turn to the underdeveloped countries of Asia and Latin America. For capitalism in the U.S. to continue, it must have markets and resources, hence, Indochina's importance.

Between 1960 and 1965, \$100 million of private investment was put into Vietnam. A sugar mill, worth \$10 million, was built in Tuy Hao by Herbert Fuller. Johnson and Johnson runs a textile mill; Parson and Whittemore, a paper mill. These businesses invest, for complete returns on investments can be made in two to three years, in comparison to an average of seven years in the U.S. The Agency for International Development extends risk guarantees to U.S. private investors in Vietnam against losses for devaluation of money, expropriation, war, or revolution. Under the Saigon government's Investment Law of 1963, profits of up to 20% of the invested cap-

ital may be transferred annually to the U.S. Dividends may be transferred in full after taxes are paid. Laws such as these point out the treatment which governments controlled by the U.S. guarantee to U.S. investors. Surely these corporations had only to gain in Vietnam.

With the advent of the sixties, the plunder of raw materials and resources was also begun in Thailand. Tenneco and Union Oil were ceded a contract for exploration and future exploitation under the Gulf of Thailand, while Standard Oil of Indiana has constructed a \$35 million-refinery. Union Carbide has invested \$4.8 million to extract tin. Goodyear has built three tire plants to tap Thailand's rubber resources. Large U.S. banks, such as Banker's Trust, moved to Thailand. American companies have located labor-intensive industries, and parts plants in areas where labor is cheap. In this way, manufactured products can be produced cheaply and exported to assembly plants in the U.S. By 1968, U.S. investments were estimated at \$195 million with no end in sight. Between 1961 and 1967, the United States gave \$640 million in military aid to the dictatorship of General Kittakachorn. In return, the Thai government opened the country to U.S. investment, provided tax holidays, guarantees against nationalism and restrictions of foreign capital, repatriation of profits and transfer of capital. It is no coincidence that continued this exploitation of a people.

In Indonesia, the coup of 1966 against Sukarno has arrested the trend of hostility toward foreign capital. A pliable government, more favorable to U.S. capital, now exists in the form of general Suharto who reassures foreign investors that Indonesia will "never ... interfere in the affairs of private business organization in Indonesia" Laws providing virtual tax exemptions for foreign investors have been passed. Soon afterwards, American Freeport Sulfur opened a \$76.5 million copper mine. American oil companies are moving in along with fifteen American banks which have received authorization to open offices. Indonesia abounds in raw materials such as oil, tin, and copper together with the most fertile land in Asia. By 1968, the Suharto government approved foreign investment projects totalling \$332.0 million with a \$2.5 billion five year goal. Almost two thirds of the planned investments will be American owned. Thus the riches of Indonesia will pass out of the hands of her people and into the hands of American businessmen.

The United States has devised many ways of protecting investments like these in Indochina. The chief manner is influencing governments. This is done through bribes such as those given to Caribbean presidents by the United Fruit Co. Or by direct business ties with political leaders. Countries must agree to American demands when the U.S. controls their economies. Chile is completely dependent upon U.S. owned copper companies for the bulk of its export earnings, as is Venezuela on U.S. oil firms. Through campaign financing, the U.S. puts or keeps men in power who will consider U.S. interests above that of their own peoples. To maintain their economies abroad, the U.S. freely makes use of these tactics. Sometimes, however, these practices are not enough, and military intervention must also be used. Instances around the world prove that the U.S. will not balk at deposing governments unfavorable to her and setting up puppets who will be. An excellent example of this is Guatemala in 1954. Mild land reforms were instituted by the government, giving unused United Fruit Company land to starving peasants for the purpose of producing food. The U.S. government intervened with military supplies, allowing Colonel Armas to engineer a take-over. All land reforms were abolished, the peasants were thrown off the land, which was returned to the United Fruit Co. to remain unused. All profits were again allowed to leave the country, leaving the people with nothing.

When all political and economic manipulations fail, military intervention such as that seen in Indochina is the result. This war is not being fought only to protect our actual or potential markets and investments opportunities in Southeast Asia itself. Holding this region is part of the fight of U.S. capitalist-imperialism against a social revolution of a people who seek to liberate their country. For the people of Vietnam fighting for the NLF, to win this struggle is to give courage to all peoples; to the People's Liberation Army of Thailand, the PKI of Indonesia, by proving that liberation must be fought for and that revolutions can be won.



***** GHANDI WOULD'VE DIED HERE

Ghandi doesn't work in a compassionless society. That's why he doesn't work in America. He can't work in a country that has almost developed an emotional immunity to human needs and suffering. After the Vietnam war tallies, the nationwide riots, Jackson and Kent State, starvation comes off as rather dull. It was this hard truth that brought to an end the 38 - day fast of J. Brian McDowell. McDowell, twenty-seven, started his hunger strike in protest to U.S. intervention in Cambodia. On May 10th, Thomas F. Mahoney, a 23 year old Vietnam vet joined McDowell.

America didn't hear too much about them after that. The press left the story on the second day just to guarantee that McDowell and Mahoney couldn't get mass sympathy.

On June 10th, these young men ended their fast. The Press gave them a one paragraph space on page 23 and we were spared one more funeral lecture by Agnew.

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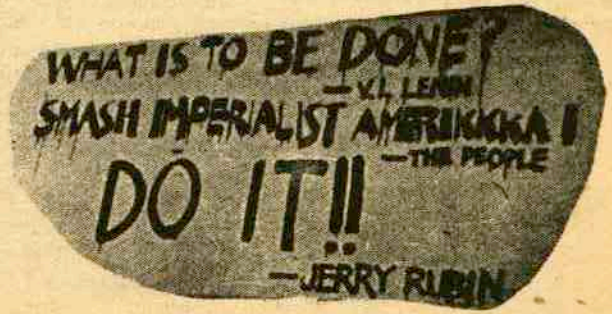
the problem, Governor Sargent (like every other governor) is calling for federal funds which officials say there is almost no chance of getting. Nixon calls this tight money situations "fighting inflation".

We are told that "we have to tighten our belts" to fight the runaway inflation in this country. "We" doesn't include Nixon, the military, or the businessmen who could afford to spend a little less. "we" means the people of Lynn who don't live in luxury in the first place. In practice, what happens is that Nixon cuts the already meager funds for education, housing, hospitals, etc., and at the same time wastes \$30 billion yearly to fight the Vietnamese people, \$5 billion for an Anti-Ballistic Missile systems, and the \$50 million contract GE got last week for a new super bomber. Once again GE will be making engines of death instead of necessities for life. Somehow America always has enough money for the military, but never enough for its people.

The horrible situation in America Park is not unusual of "accidental." As the SHIA admits, every city has problems of the same kind. This mess typifies the American governmental system which does not and cannot serve the needs of the American people.

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The poor have no laws. The laws are made by the rich and of course for the rich.
Working People of Newcastle County, Delaware, 1825



BLACK PANTHER PARTY PLATFORM AND PROGRAM
OCTOBER 1966
WHAT WE WANT WHAT WE BELIEVE

We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community. We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people. We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the White American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community. We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings. We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. 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. We believe the educational system that will give our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service. We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people. We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails. We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States. We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U'S' Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. 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. When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

PANTHERS



"The Black Panther Party is the people's party. We are fundamentally interested in one thing, that is freeing all people from all forms of slavery in order that every man will be his own master..."

Huey P. Newton

Huey Newton and Bobby Seale founded the BPP in Oakland in 1966. Their primary objective was to establish an organization capable of dealing effectively with the oppression and exploitation of the Black Community. The basic plan of action is put forward in the ten point program, a thorough understanding of which is necessary to comprehend the BPP. (see elsewhere for 10 pt. program.)

The most accessible level of the power structure is the police force. Police brutality poses a constant threat and reality in the ghetto. A first step in dealing with the oppressive system was dealing with the police. Panthers, armed with radios, weapons, and knowledge of law, followed Oakland police to the sites of arrests and disturbances in their community. They advised arrested citizens of their rights, a task often neglected by the arresting officer. They also questioned the pigs about the details of arrests. Crowds of people frequently gathered at these confrontations, often causing police to release falsely arrested people.

In the Black Colony, Black people dealing with the police are dealing with occupying forces. The police represent a system of laws and interests helpful only to a small elite of capitalists and landlords. These laws directly hurt most of the people of the community while profiting the few who perpetuate the exploitation. The police are the enforcers. Who throws out tenants when the landlord evicts them? What force spends more money and manpower protecting the property of the merchants and owners than it

does protecting the lives and happiness of those who live in the community?

The people have no power in their own lives. It is obvious that an alternative to the present policing structure must be created. The Panthers have attempted to do this from the beginning of their existence.

The poor quality of medical help and education in the ghetto, the continual hunger and constant police harassment created the need for better alternative institutions. The Panthers are developing free breakfast programs for children, free medical clinics for the Black community, liberation schools and self-defense programs. They are wresting control from the existing, oppressive structure by creating programs which the people control to satisfy their own needs.

A plea for civil rights and political reform in America has been going on for a long time by both black and white groups. The Panthers and increasing numbers of other organizations reject the idea of reforming the system. Something basically different must replace the system which now controls the United States and much of the rest of the world. We are beginning to realize that atrocities such as the war in Vietnam, exploitation of the Third World and of the American Black Colony are not isolated accidents. They are deliberately done for the benefit of the few in power at the expense of the rest of the peoples of the world. These few powerful men will not relinquish their power without an arduous struggle. This means that all the oppressed peoples must gather together to fight their oppressor. When Black and Brown people, the young, women, and workers take control of their own lives, the revolution will come.

this article is taken from Panther literature and from an interview with three Black revolutionaries from Boston who are familiar with the BPP.

HAPPENINGS

- SUNDAY JUNE 21 13 miners hung as Molly Maguires.
- MONDAY JUNE 22 1969: SDS splits into Revolutionary Youth and Progressive Labor factions.
- THURSDAY JUNE 25 1970: First day of national high school convention called by Berkeley High School Student Union. Held in Chicago. North Shore represented.
- FRIDAY JUNE 26 1876: Little Big Horn: the Indians smash Custer.
- 1893: Gov. Altgeld issues absolute pardon to the remaining Haymarket Anarchists.
- SATURDAY JUNE 27 1905: Founding of the Industrial Workers of the World. (I.W.W. = Wobblies)
- 1869: Emma Goldman born.

CONTINUING EVENTS

Liberation School: National Committee to Combat Fascism. Margaret Fuller House, 71 Cherry St., Cambridge. 2:30-4pm Monday thru Friday. For all school age people. For more info call NCCF, 491-2430.
 Women's History Course: at Beacon Hill Free School, Mondays, 7:30pm, St. John's Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St. Bos. 254-6498.
 Radical Study Groups on the North Shore. Come to the storefront at 57 Silsbee St.