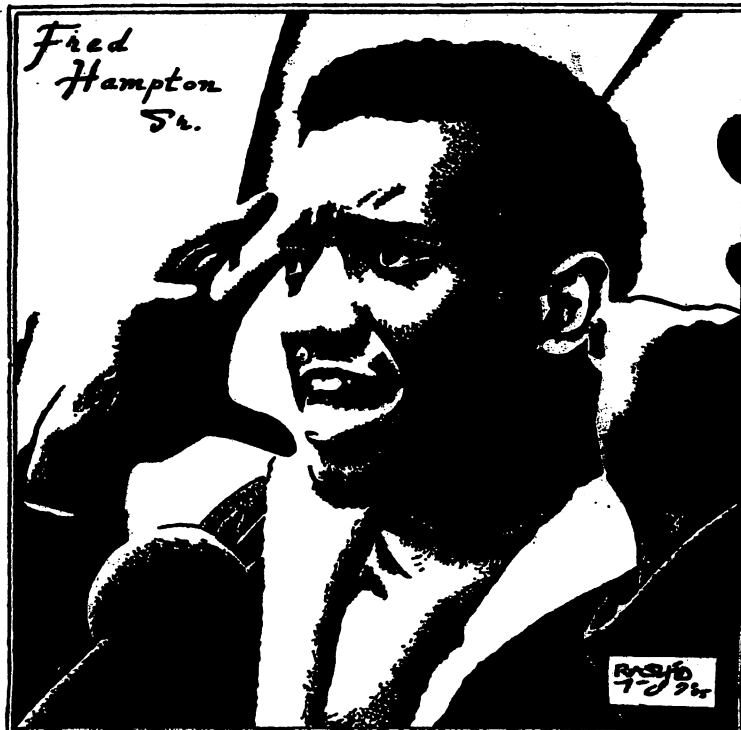


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## Editorial

First off, we have changed our name to the New African Black Panther Party-Prison Chapter (NABPP-PC) so that there won't be any confusion with the New Black Panther Party (NBPP). As we explained in *Right On! #1*, this was where we started from politically, but deeper study and struggle showed us that there are serious flaws in the ideological and political line of the NBPP and we have moved on. We don't hold any animosity towards the comrades of this Party, and we think that the struggle itself will teach them that our national oppression as Black people is rooted in class oppression, and the nature of our struggle for national liberation must be revolutionary class struggle.

We want to thank everyone out there for the encouraging responses and positive feedback we have received to our first issue, and we will keep distributing it, as it contains basic principles on which we will be building our Party. We will revise the name in the 2nd printing, but otherwise it will stay the same.

This second number focuses on the issue of 'Fascism in America.' We uphold the analysis of our martyred brother, Conrad George Jackson of the BPP, that the U.S. is, (and has been for some time), a fascist country, and that fascism reached its higher form in America. This is a sign of weakness in the monopoly capitalist system, which is overall in decline and moribund. It has long since stopped serving to play any progressive role in history and is a hindrance to the further development of (indeed it threatens the continuation of) human society.

The trend today is towards a more open and blatant form of fascism, which is an indication of monopoly capitalism's growing weakness and decline, and the answer is not to attempt to appease it but to build a revolutionary movement to get rid of it. To this end we dedicate our lives. As representatives of the New African people and nation, we have our own strategy and style for contributing to this we call "Pantherism." It was initiated back in the late 60s and early 70s by the original Black Panther Party (BPP) created by Chairman Bobby Seale and Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton.

Times have changed since then. The number of people imprisoned in America has quadrupled. Social welfare programs and other concessions won by the people's struggle have been rolled back. The gap between the "haves" and the "have nots" is no wider than it has been in 100 years. The U.S. emerged from the Cold War as the sole imperialist superpower and is now aggressively attempting to consolidate its hegemony over the peoples and nations of the whole world. Yet despite this apparent strength, we in the "Belly of the Beast" recognize that strategically it is a "Paper Tiger," and the united struggle of the people of this world can defeat it, if we; DARE TO STRUGGLE AND DARE TO WIN!

## ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

*RIGHT ON!* is the official newsletter of the New African Black Panther Party-Prison Chapter (NABPP-PC), a legal, above-ground political organization dedicated to political education and service to the people. Nothing in this publication is intended to promote or provoke the violation of any law or security regulation of any correctional facility. We are opposed to racism of any sort and encourage prisoners to educate themselves to, and use only, legal means to redress their grievances in accordance with the rules and regulations of their respective correctional institution.

The NABPP-PC is not a "gang" nor is it a "Security Threat Group," and we refuse to be labeled as such by those who would, violation of the First Amendment, trespass upon our right to speak freely. We expect our members and supporters to be disciplined men and women and conduct themselves in such a way as to be a credit to our New African people and our Party. We urge prisoners to use their prison time productively, to reject criminal ways and ideology, to study and seek truth, and to prepare themselves mentally, morally and physically to be true servants of the people.

TRANSFORM THE IRON HOUSES OF OPPRESSION INTO SCHOOLS OF LIBERATION! *RIGHT ON!*



**"IF YOU ARE ABOUT PEACE THEN YOU ARE ABOUT REVOLUTION.  
YOU CAN'T BE ABOUT PEACE AND NOT BE FOR REVOLUTION!"**  
- Fred Hampton

#### Message from Chairman Shaka Sankofa Zulu

In August of 1967, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover labeled the Black Panther Party "the greatest internal security threat to the country." With this single statement, he set in motion an illegal campaign of infiltration, disruption, frame-ups and assassinations of BPP leaders and members culminating in the assassination of more than 40 Black Panthers in a two-year time span (1969 to 1971), and the arrests of hundreds more on bogus and fictitious charges totaling many hundreds of years of false incarceration in prisons across the country. The Party was the target of 233 of 295 actions of the FBI's secret Counter-Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) conducted under Hoover's personal direction.

Fred Hampton joined the Party the following year after a stint with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Maywood, Illinois. Because he was a people person, charismatic and dedicated, he rapidly rose to the position of Chairman of the Chicago-based BPP Illinois chapter and caught the attention of J. Edgar Hoover, who singled him out for special persecution, (along with other Panther leaders, including Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, Bunchy Carter and Carl Hampton.) Utilizing counter-insurgency tactics, perfected over years of domestic and international repression, targeting those with leadership qualities on the assumption that if you cut off the head, the body will soon die, the FBI began the set-up of Chairman Fred Hampton.

## SERVE THE PEOPLE\*

September 8, 1944

\* This speech was delivered by Comrade Mao Tse-tung at a memorial meeting for Comrade Chang Szu-teh, held by departments directly under the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

Our Communist Party and the Eighth Route and New Fourth Armies led by our Party are battalions of the revolution. These battalions of ours are wholly dedicated to the liberation of the people and work entirely in the people's interests. Comrade Chang Szu-teh[1] was in the ranks of these battalions.

All men must die, but death can vary in its significance. The ancient Chinese writer Szuma Chien said, "Though death befalls all men alike, it may be weightier than Mount Tai or lighter than a feather." [2] To die for the people is weightier than Mount Tai, but to work for the fascists and die for the exploiters and oppressors is lighter than a feather. Comrade Chang Szu-teh died for the people, and his death is indeed weightier than Mount Tai.

If we have shortcomings, we are not afraid to have them pointed out and criticized, because we serve the people. Anyone, no matter who, may point out our shortcomings. If he is right, we will correct them. If what he proposes will benefit the people, we will act upon it. The idea of "better troops and simpler administration" was put forward by Mr. Li Ting-ming, [3] who is not a Communist. He made a good suggestion which is of benefit to the people, and we have adopted it. If, in the interests of the people, we persist in doing what is right and correct what is wrong, our ranks will surely thrive.

We hail from all corners of the country and have joined together for a common revolutionary objective. And we need the vast majority of the people with us on the road to this objective. Today, we already lead base areas with a population of 91 million, [4] but this is not enough; to liberate the whole nation more are needed. In times of difficulty we must not lose sight of our achievements, must see the bright future and must pluck up our courage. The Chinese people are suffering; it is our duty to save them and we must exert ourselves in struggle. Wherever there is struggle there is sacrifice, and death is a common occurrence. But we have the interests of the people and the sufferings of the great majority at heart, and when we die for the people it is a worthy death. Nevertheless, we should do our best to avoid unnecessary sacrifices. Our cadres must show concern for every soldier, and all people in the revolutionary ranks must care for each other, must love and help each other.

From now on, when anyone in our ranks who has done some useful work dies, be he soldier or cook, we should have a funeral ceremony and a memorial meeting in his honour. This should become the rule. And it should be introduced among the people as well. When someone dies in a village, let a memorial meeting be held. In this way we express our mourning for the dead and unite all the people.

Mao Tse-tung

#### NOTES

[1] Comrade Chang Szu-teh was a soldier in the Guards Regiment of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party. A member of Communist Party who loyally served the interests of the people, he joined the revolution in 1933, took part in the Long March and was wounded in service. On September 5, 1944, when making charcoal in the mountains of Ansai County, northern Shensi, he was killed by the sudden collapse of a kiln. [p. 177]

[2] Szuma Chien, the famous Chinese historian of the 2nd century B.C., was the author of the *Historical Records*. The quotation comes from his "Reply to Jen Shao-ching's Letter". [p. 177]

[3] Li Ting-ming, an enlightened landlord of northern Shensi Province, was at one time elected Vice-Chairman of the Shensi-Kansu-Ningsia Border Region Government. [p. 177]

[4] This was the total population of the Shensi-Kansu-Ningsia Border Region and all other Liberated Areas in northern, central and southern China. [p. 177]



Unfortunately, the complicated and harmful process of being stripped of one's history and culture has never been well understood by most Africans in the Diaspora. So, they've attempted to move forward by educating themselves in every other way possible. Paradoxically, they are the most technically informed and proficient segment amongst all of those who identify with an African heritage. Yet, by and large, they're also the most confused and easily led astray.

As the brilliant African educator, Carter G. Woodson, termed them, they are "Miseducated Negroes" – sort of like the circus and zoo lions and elephants who cannot hunt or forage, or live in the wild, and are easily controlled by puny handlers. Therefore, this column will be dedicated to serving up some of our true history, which lies buried in our "collective unconscious," awaiting the stimulus to be awakened to serve as one of the building blocks of our struggle for a fuller "sense of self" leading to a struggle for a fuller humanity.

Hopefully, it will be like when Marcus Garvey would thrill his audiences with Griot-style versions of African history and culture, or like during our "Black Is Beautiful" cultural revolution of the 1960s. For, as the esteemed scholar, C. Anta Diop, wrote, "To avoid a deformed African personality, one must be conversant with the full range of one's ancestral past....not just to establish pride, but to use it [thousands of years of know-how, from the great pyramids to Great Zimbabwe and Timbuktu] as the basis for constructing a modern [just and balanced] civilization in the post-colonial and neo-colonial era." And remember, Malcolm X told us that of all our studies, "history" is the one best suited to reward our efforts!

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Upon the assumption of his responsibilities as Chairman of the Chicago Panther organization, Comrade Hampton set about the political work of organizing Panther cadre to serve the needs of the people through the BPP programs of free breakfasts for children, the free clothing give-away, free medical clinics and the legal defense fund that not only assisted the Panther Party cadre but also members of the community who fell into the cold and calloused hands of the Chicago police. The Illinois chapter also set out to form an alliance with the Black P. Stone Nation, an apolitical street gang putting itself unwittingly at the service of CONTELPRO by engaging in lumpen criminal activities. Bringing this thousands-strong street gang under the political tutelage of the BPP was viewed with alarm by the FBI who stepped up their disruption tactics.

To prevent the Black P. Stone Nation from putting their manpower and energy at the service of the people, The FBI's CONTELPRO operatives employed the "Brown Mail" tactic of sending fake private correspondence to leaders of both groups with the intention of sowing distrust, jealousy and animosity with the intent of driving a wedge between them and if possible promoting violence. When the BPP national office in Oakland, California announced that it was considering making Chairman Hampton its national spokesman, the plot to assassinate him was hatched by the FBI and the Chicago police.

On December 3, 1968, William O'Neil, a paid CONTELPRO informer that rose to become head of Panther security in the Chicago area and Chairman Fred's personal bodyguard, met with his FBI contact and gave him a detailed map of Fred Hampton's apartment, and that agent passed the floor map on to the officers in charge of the assassination. The map pointed out in careful detail how to find the Chairman's bed, when Chairman Fred, his eight-month pregnant fiancé, Deborah Johnson (Akua Njeri), 17-year-old Verline Brewer, "Doc" Satchel, Blair Anderson, and Mark Clark, a Panther leader from Peoria, returned home from a long day of political work in service to the people, they were met at the door by William O'Neil, who had made some Kool-Aid mixed with Seconal (sleeping pills) that in trust and love they accepted without question. When the Panther brothers and sisters succumbed to the drug, William O'Neil slipped out the door and informed his FBI contact that he had done his dirty work.

At 4:30 AM on December 4th, 14 armed police and FBI agents kicked in the door pumping a volley of bullets into Comrade Mark Clark killing him instantly and wounding Comrades Verline, Blair and "Doc." Two officers then made their way to Chairman Fred's room, still pumping bullets, shooting Sister Deborah, (who was pregnant with Fred, Jr.). Fred Hampton never awoke from his drug-induced slumber. They riddled his body with bullets.

The people lost a towering revolutionary giant, and the Party lost a tremendous organizer and leader. But the struggle against the national oppression of Black people and U.S. capitalist imperialism continues. In Fred's own words: "You can kill a revolutionary, but you can never kill the revolution." The government is still trying to criminalize and oppress the original Black Panthers. In San Francisco, a California judge recently threw former BPP members Ray Boudreaux, Richard Brown, Hank Jones and Harold Taylor into jail for refusing to cooperate in a grand jury investigation of the killing of a police officer that they were cleared of 30 years ago.

In another case out of Chicago, the state is seeking extradition of Brother Joseph Pannell (aka Gary Freeman), who has been living as a librarian in Canada for the past 30 years, in connection with the wounding of a Chicago police officer in the arm, which Pannell claimed was in self defense. Brother Pannell says he fled jurisdiction after Chairman Fred Hampton's murder, because he knew he could not get a fair hearing. It is well known that the BPP advocated and practiced armed self-defense and that they and others who stood up to the system were being targeted for unprovoked attacks by the police. Brother Pannell was doing political work outside a Chicago high school when the incident occurred. The wounded officer gave two completely contradictory stories as to how the shooting occurred. In one version he claimed he was approaching the brother on foot to check his ID, in the other he claimed he was sitting innocently in his patrol car.

Twenty-one year old Fred Hampton's murders were never brought to justice. But, the Chicago City Council unanimously approved a resolution introduced by former Alderwoman Marlene C. Carter commemorating Dec. 4, 2004, as "Fred Hampton Day in Chicago." Fred Hampton's son, who survived the murderous attack that killed his father, was himself made a political prisoner and could not attend the ceremony. The struggle continues!

## ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



### NEOCOLONIALISM AND THE MURDER OF COMRADE FILIBERTO OJEDA RIOS

We of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party - Prison Chapter are at a loss for words that will express our utter condemnation of the blatant murder of Comrade Filiberto Ojeda Rios on Friday September 23rd, 2005. Comrade Filiberto led the Puerto Rican Independentista Movement, a broad based coalition for the liberation of Puerto Rico and its colonized people from U.S. imperialism. On this day, while masses of the people of Puerto Rico were gathered at rallies to celebrate the 137th anniversary of their independence from Spanish imperialism, (many listening to a tape-recorded message from Comrade Rios), FBI agents and local police surrounded his safe-house and pumped 100s of bullets into it, almost bringing it down from bullets alone. They killed Comrade Rios and nearly killed his wife, Elma Beatriz Rosado, as well.

The murder of 72-year-old Comrade Filiberto, so reminiscent of the murder of Chairman Fred Hampton, should be cause for all genuine Latino and New Afrikan revolutionaries to stand in solidarity, along with all the oppressed peoples of the world faced with the ruthless beast of U.S. imperialism. We join our voices with those of an outraged world in demanding an international investigation into the cold-blooded murder of this freedom fighter.

In the words of Chairman Fred:

*"You can kill a revolutionary, but you  
can't kill the revolution!"*



or abandoned prior to getting to know their parents, or whole peoples who have been forcibly disconnected from their past, like most Afrikans in the Diaspora, - as well as many Amerindians - they all suffer from "Historical Amnesia."

Thus, in the case of the individual, we are always leaning of the lifelong battles they wage in order to reconnect with their missing relatives and past, as well as to learn just what it was that caused them to become separated and endure all those years of agony and yearning. On the other hand, when whole peoples undergo such separations from their historical past, they invariably become easy prey to those who want to use them, because not having anything historical record to fall back on, they have nothing to compare things with.

Ironically, they are like the circus and zoo lions and elephants raised in captivity. Never having been taught by other lions and elephants in the wild, they don't know how to hunt or forage and survive in their natural habitat. They are pretty easy to control and are pretty harmless to their controllers.

Indeed, in early colonial Amerika, some of the more astute European slavers and expansionists were well aware of this phenomenon, and they argued and fought with their peers to have strict laws adopted that were designed to eradicate as much past knowledge from their enslaved Afrikans and their Amerindian foes as possible; including their traditional spirituality, languages, folklore, hair styles, diets, family patterns, their values and sense of right and wrong, their former group solidarity, and overall, their customs and self-identity.

Hence, your "Wille Lynch" codes, designed to sow perpetual division and terror among the Afrikans who were enslaved, and the mantra of: "The only way to civilize the 'Red People' is to kill the 'Indian' inside of them," became the foundation of race relations in Amerika.

Tellingly, one of the most powerful scenes in the "Roots" saga is when the white overseer is having Kunta Kinte whipped until he agrees to accept his slave name, "Toby." Even a child can understand that the underlying goal was to separate Kunta and those other Afrikans watching from their past or cultural history.

To reinforce this policy, a system of rewards was institutionalized for those who showed the most servile compliance; extra food, Massa's old clothing, mates, and generally better treatment. This is pretty much still in operation today, although the rewards have been upgraded!

Today, a modern-day slave can hope to become a billionaire, a movie star, a general, or even the Secretary of State. Albeit the modern slave master he or she must serve is more often than not a large corporation.

Consequently, over the years, the Afrikans in Amerika have lost just about all of their original culture, which was replaced with practices that did not threaten their enslavers and oppressors. The Amerindians, were able to hold onto more of their culture, but by and large, they were prevented from developing it further, and in many cases saw it distorted and corrupted to a great extent.

So, among the Afrikans in the Amerikas, literally thousands of years of accumulated "know-how" (history and culture) was all but stripped from most of them. Note, I say know-how, because when the age-old keepers of West Afrikan history - known as Griots - would gather their people together to speak of their ancestral past (history), what they were doing was telling them: "This is where we have been, this is what we have learned." The same held true for the early Amerindians, and to some extent, it still does.



Black people constitute a nation here in America, and we are revolutionary nationalists, but we are also revolutionary internationalists, and there is a dialectical relationship between these two aspects of who we are and what we believe. We are part of the multinational U.S. proletariat and we are also part of the international proletariat. We are Pan-Africanists, and we stand for the unity of Black people everywhere in the world, and that is the fundamental basis of unity of our Party, but we also stand for building the International United Front Against Imperialism (UFAI), and that is our strategy for making world socialist revolution.

Our comrades are everywhere, from the Peoples Liberation Army fighters waging armed revolutionary struggle in the mountains of Nepal to the child in the school down the block who refuses to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. We extend our Panther Love to ya'all!

### ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

The rise of Christo-Fascism, Zionism and Islamic Fascism, and the emergence of Soviet and Sino-Social Imperialism (the restoration of capitalism in formerly socialist countries), are all important topics we need to study and discuss in relation to fascism in the contemporary world, as are the links between the KKK and the Nazi-Fascist Axis and the contemporary U.S. ruling class. But we can't cover it all in this issue. We must know our enemies as well as ourselves, and there is a lot to learn. The NABPP-PC calls on you to organize study circles where you can, and at minimum, "each one teach one." An educated slave is a free man or woman ready to prove it.

### POWER ANYWHERE THERE'S PEOPLE!

"Power anywhere there's people. Power anywhere there's people! Let me give you an example of teaching people. Basically, the way they learn in observation and participation. You know a lot of us go around and joke ourselves and believe that the masses have PhD's, but that's not true. And even if they did, it wouldn't make any difference. Because with some things you have to learn by seeing it or either participating in it. And you know yourselves that there are people walking around your community today that have all types of degrees that should be at this meeting but are not here. Right? Because you can have as many degrees as a thermometer; if you don't have any practice, then you can't walk across the street and chew gum at the same time."

Fred Hampton, Sr.

## Real Education: Return to the Source

By Russell "Maroon" Shoats

*"We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present day society."*

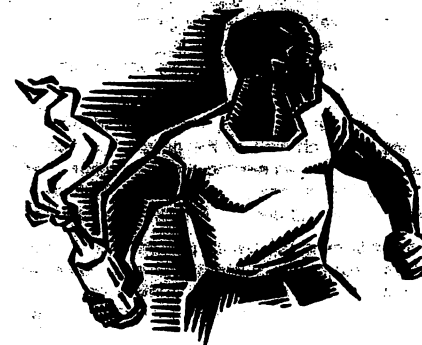
These words were written over 40 years ago by the founders of the Black Panther Party. They are still relevant today, and are what this column will be directed towards achieving. One might ask, "Why should we take the time and effort to search out and learn our true history, especially when we are faced with so many other life and death concerns?"

Well, it's a very "complicated and harmful process that occurs amongst people who become disconnected from their past." Moreover, whether it's an individual who has either been adopted



## From Benton Harbor, Michigan to Clichy-sous-Bois, France: The International Oppression of Youth of Color

By Kevin "Rashid" Johnson, Minister of Defense NABPP-PC



As a policy of atomizing the Nation of Africans in America, the U.S. ruling class has cultivated a sense of isolation from the rest of the African world. The reason behind this policy is to keep us from seeing ourselves as part of Africa's people around the world, a common people suffering common conditions of oppression and exploitation at the hands of a single system of imperialism.

Close scrutiny of the recent revolt of African and Arab youth in Clichy-sous-Bois, and across Europe, demonstrates the reality of a common condition of oppression in Europe and the U.S. for people of color. The conditions that sparked the youth uprising in France mirror those that we face in America, an example being those that sparked the 2002 Black uprising in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Benton Harbor is a small, Black, working class town with a history of racist oppression by the local police and judicial system. Police chases, beatings, shootings and false arrests in Benton Harbor had taken their toll on the Black people of Benton Harbor, where Black children and youth were regularly killed by the police at a rate 14 to 28 percent higher than the national average.

Benton Harbor had gone from a town with a vibrant economy to one of dire poverty in just a few short decades. This was affected by its relationship with the predominantly white town of Saint Joseph's across the river. Most of the property in Benton Harbor is owned by residents of St. Joseph's, and most of the major job and revenue generating opportunities were taken out of Benton Harbor and moved to St. Joseph's, (the hospital, courthouse, water department, etc.), leaving the Black town without jobs or basic infrastructure and its people owning nothing.

The police department, (located in St. Joseph's), is 99% white. The jail is situated so that it is the first building you see upon crossing the river from Benton Harbor into St. Joseph's.

The routine brutality suffered by the Black residents of Benton Harbor psychologically conditioned them to fear police stops. It was the death of a fleeing young Black motorcyclist named Terrence Shum, during a police chase, that ignited the uprising in Benton Harbor. Eyewitnesses reported seeing one police car driving closely behind Shum and bumping into his bike's tire, while another police car drove him off the road and into an abandoned house. The next day, police attempted to break up a vigil being held by the youth's family, which incited anger and the ensuing two days and nights of street battles with the police.

Much like Benton Harbor, and the U.S. inner cities in general, Clichy-sous-Bois, France, (where the youth uprising that spread to over 400 European cities and towns in less than two weeks began), is a small



working class ghetto of single family public housing units isolated from France's metropolitan areas. The ghetto's residents are mostly Africans and Arabs lacking regular jobs and forced to pay high rents, which leaves them in a cycle of poverty. The town doesn't even have a cinema or library.

For Clichy's youth, police brutality, harassment and humiliation are routine. Many abuses occur during the frequent raids of homes as police claim to be looking for "illegal immigrant" squatters to deport. Carloads of police suddenly swarm young men out walking, under the pretext of making "identity checks." As in Benton Harbor, Clichy's youth have a reasonable fear of police stops. The French Interior Minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, publicly described the residents of these ethnic working class ghettos as "scum" and "filth" to be "scoured with industrial cleaner."

The uprising, which began on October 27, 2005, was sparked by the deaths of two teenage boys resulting from their fleeing from and being chased by the police. The two teens, Buena Traore and Zayed Benna, fled from police who chased them into an electric power substation, where they were electrocuted to death. Weary of the repression by the French police, who were in Sarkozy's words, "waging a war without mercy" against the "riffraff" of the public housing ghettos, the African and Arab youth rose up.

The youth revolt took the form of burning thousands of cars, including police cars, and spread to other cities where poor African and Arab people are concentrated and oppressed, including in Germany and Belgium. These disempowered youth, like those in the American cities, have endured the humiliation of poverty, racism, and official oppression all their young lives. But inside there is a burning desire for liberation.

The mainstream imperialist media, as in all cases of such uprisings of the oppressed, have attempted to conceal, misrepresent and minimize the real causes of the uprising and vilify the participants. The same demonizations were used to discredit the urban Black uprisings that swept across the U.S. from 1964 to 1968 in response to poverty, racism and police brutality. In the wake of the 1960s rebellions, multitudes of government-funded studies were conducted which demonized our people and proposed to respond with a war against youth of color under which the prison-industrial complex was born as a mechanism to "restore order" and deplete and contain the Black Nation within America. As H.R. Haldeman, Nixon's top aide, noted in 1969 in his now published diary: "Nixon emphasized that you have to face the fact that the problem is really the blacks. The key is to devise a system that recognizes this while not appearing to."

However, white riots against Blacks in America have never been depicted as depraved in the same way that Black riots against racist oppression and systematic — indeed government sanctioned — discrimination, repression and abuse have been. In fact, government and police officials often incited and participated in these riots in which Black communities were overrun by rampaging mobs of armed whites who indiscriminately beat up, maimed and killed innocent Black men, women and children, such as the 1863 NYC Draft Riot, the New York Riot of 1900, the 26 white riots that occurred during the "Red Summer" of 1919, and the innumerable lynchings that took place throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and most of the 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries in America.

Because the oppression and super exploitation of people of color is the norm in the imperialist countries, and the youth are particularly targeted for police repression, we must recognize the need for intercommunal (multi-ethnic) and Pan-African unity to resist this oppression and to struggle to put an end to the imperialist (monopoly capitalist) system and replace it with People's Power.

The New African Black Panther Party-Prison Chapter (NABPP-PC) supports the righteous rebellion of the African and Arab youth in Europe against their oppression, and we call upon them to do more than vent their anger. We call upon them to form mass organizations to serve their people and defend their communities and to take up the principles of "Pantherism" to form a vanguard party to lead their struggle and link it to that of the New African and oppressed people of color around the world.

We understand that monopoly capitalism, which thrives upon the super exploitation of Third World people, both inside the imperialist countries and the neo-colonial countries of the Third World, cannot meet the needs or provide for the security of our people. We must do this ourselves by creating community-based People's Power. We must organize ourselves and link our struggles with those of the advanced detachments of the international proletariat IN ALL COUNTRIES to form a revolutionary United Front Against Imperialism.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**



and in nations of the highest proficiency in the arts." — Jefferson Davis, ("Inaugural Address as Provisional President of the Confederacy," Montgomery, AL, Feb 18, 1861)

This is the "golden heritage" that jackanape Black preacher was alluding to. Only today, the new "massah" is the multinational corporate oligarchy, the monopoly capitalist ruling class, that is struggling to consolidate its New World Order, to whom reason is even more of an obstacle than it was to the old slaveocracy. Reason exposes that the interests of the monopoly capitalists are diametrically opposed to the basic interests of the broad masses of humanity, indeed, to the very survival of humanity. Only such "ravings" as are contained in the *Book of Revelations* can serve to numb the brains of people to support their cause. Reason exposes the necessity to carry forward the American Revolution to sweep away their class dictatorship, and their ownership and control of the basic means of production, and initiate real government "of the people, by the people and for the people."

Now, there is an opposite pole to the Christo-Fascist movement, and that is revolutionary spirituality, the spiritual orientation of serving the people and standing tall against all oppression. People of all religious traditions and people who reject all religious traditions can unite around this revolutionary spiritual orientation. People don't generally think of atheists as having a spiritual orientation, but that's just bushwah brainwash! Everybody has a spiritual orientation, though it may not be what they profess it to be. It is revealed by what they do, the stands they take, and how they live their lives.

Those who neither believe in a heavenly reward nor in eternal hellish punishment, who are willing to struggle and sacrifice in the interest of humanity, and particularly the interests of unborn generations to create a brighter future for all, demonstrate the highest degree of positive spiritual orientation. As Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the Chinese Communist Party stated in his essay *Serve The People*:

*"Wherever there is struggle there is sacrifice, and death is a common occurrence. But we have the interests of the people and the sufferings of the great majority at heart, and when we die for the people it is a worthy death. Nevertheless, we should do our best to avoid unnecessary sacrifices. Our cadres must show concern for every soldier, and all people in the revolutionary ranks must care for each other, must love and help each other."*

This is what we refer to as "Panther Love." It is the highest form of spirituality. Sure, we get angry when we see harm being done to the people, and we hate poverty and injustice. We hate racism and sexism and the things people do out of blind prejudice and greed. But the real motivation of a true revolutionary is love — love for the people, love for our comrades, love for justice and peace, and love for the struggle that will liberate mankind.

We love our New African people, because you've got to love yourself to liberate yourself. But, we love all our sisters and brothers of all nationalities and ethnic backgrounds, and to us, "an injury to one is an injury to all!"

As we set up our study circles in the prisons, we are not going to exclude prisoners who seriously desire to study revolution because of the color of their skin. When we set up our free breakfasts for children programs in the oppressed communities, we are not going to turn away a hungry child because he or she is not Black, and when it comes to forming peoples' security patrols in the neighborhoods, we're not going to deny the right of warrior youth of non-Black ethnic backgrounds the right to protect and defend their communities. That's not what we're about!



So much for the religious views of the Founding Fathers, (and I could go on), but how then did America get to be so steeped in Christian Fundamentalism? The answer is the defense of the institution of slavery.

From the start, there was a conservative element of slaveholders who reluctantly joined the ranks of the Revolution, though the South and the slaveocracy was overwhelmingly the stronghold of loyalty to the British Empire. They exerted their influence in blocking the inclusion of the kidnapping of Africans and the institution of slavery in America in the listing of crimes of the British Empire in the *Declaration of Independence*, in what is remembered as the "Great Compromise," limiting the scope of the Revolution of 1776. And they also blocked ratification of the *Pittsburgh Treaty of 1778*, which recognized the sovereignty of the Indian nations to the territory west of the Ohio River and invited them to form a 14<sup>th</sup> state to be represented in the Continental Congress by the chiefs of the Delaware (Lenape) Nation.

Thus the liberal democratic ideal of "Liberty and Justice for All" was compromised to the extent that it applied only to white people, and really only white men of property, as suffrage was so restricted. The American Revolution has since then progressed only in installments, and at each stage the dictatorship of an oligarchy of the rich has been preserved behind the window dressing of "government of the people, by the people and for the people."

While a few radical clergy, like General Muhlenberg, the Lutheran pastor, actively supported the Revolution, the overwhelming majority of the clergy did not. As today, they sided with those with property and power, and "rendered unto Caesar." This was particularly true in the South. The war in the South was primarily a guerrilla war fought by poor white people, who were marginal to the slaveocracy, led by commanders like Francis "The Swamp Fox" Marion, who also had some Black fighters in his command.

Reason could not uphold the contradiction between liberal democracy and slavery, so religion and racism were relied upon to justify its continuance and also the continued dispossession and genocide of the American Indian nations. Religious indoctrination was also employed to pacify the captive Africans and surviving Indians, strip them of their traditional spiritual orientation and cultures, and offer them "pie in the sky when you die" if they meekly submitted to their oppression. Missionaries, supported by the slaveowners and rising capitalist class, went among the masses spreading the "good news," promoting the image of a white Jesus and indoctrinating the poor whites with a belief in their racial superiority and the people of color with a belief in their racial inferiority.

The Christian church's main justification of the concept of slavery was based on the "curse of Ham" which appears in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) in Genesis 9:25-27. "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers. He also said, 'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem.'" Early on, the Puritans came up with the rationalization that the Indians were "Canaanites" and that this justified their extermination. Later Christians believed that Canaan had settled in Africa and that his descendants had become black.

*"The right of holding slaves is clearly established in the Holy Scriptures, both by precept and example." — Rev. R. Furman, D.D., ("Exposition of the views of the Baptists relative to the coloured population in the United States in communication to the Governor of South-Carolina," 1838)*

*"[Slavery] was established by decree of Almighty God...it is sanctioned in the Bible, in both Testaments, from Genesis to Revelation...it has existed in all ages, has been found among the people of the highest civilization,*



## **EXECUTIVE MANDATE NO. #4:**

### **STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND THE CHAIRMAN**

December 25, 2005

So Let This Be Heard...

Brother Hasan Shakur (aka Derrick Frazier):

Because you have held the oppressor's feet to the fire by raising the issue of HUMAN RIGHTS for New Afrikan and all other oppressed people in the state that murders more prisoners than all of the other states combined;

Because you have dared to do so while you yourself stand on the precipice of death defying the body snatchers;

Because you have become an all-the-way revolutionary, displaying Panther Love for our New Afrikan and all oppressed people;

Because we believe that you will be a strong Servant of the People and a credit to our Party, adhering to Revolutionary Panther Morality and setting an outstanding example for others;

You are hereby accepted into the New Afrikan Black Panther Party - Prison Chapter (NABPP-PC) and invested with the rank of Minister of Human Rights and a seat on our Central Committee, with the following area of authority and responsibility:

*To heighten the consciousness and build the struggle of the masses of New Afrikan people, and people generally, around the issue of human rights, which is a priority of the NABPP-PC. This includes, but is not limited to, the struggle for observance of the human rights of prisoners in the U.S.*

....So let It Be Done!

Kevin "Rashid" Johnson  
Minister of Defense

Shaka Sankofa Zulu  
Chairman

## **A Liberated Soul**

### **by Hasan Shakur,**

Minister of Human Rights, New Afrikan Black Panther Party - Prison Chapter

As I sometimes sit and reflect — I always find myself in conflict with the surroundings around me. I find myself at odds with different personalities. I find myself at odds with passivity; hence, — I stand and make a difference. I know I will die or live a life in an eternal prison of the physical sense. Yet; I resist! I resist to the words of my comrade that echo in my head — "That's yo' life soldier; FIGHT!" I resist just as my mentor has done for practically his entire life. I resist with such



intensity that I place fear into myself, not knowing at times my own boundaries. But I pose a question to you, the public, what are the boundaries of a dead man?

For you who know not who I am — I am Hasan Shakur, a product of an imperialist government, Human Rights Coalition (HRC) Advisory Council member, HRC-TX founder, Revolutionary Socialist to the 10th power and soon to be a soul liberator. You see — I was condemned to die by the American judicial system in the great Kountry of TeKKKs by the neo-nazicrats, who could give a damn less if my Black ass breathe or bleed. But, being a pupil of the great Comrade Maroon, I have learned to eschew the demented tricks of these parasites and continue to fight a system that many have come to think of as — INVINCIBLE.

At the very moment that I write this for your mind, brothas here have taken to heart their situation and came together to protest a system that is completely unjust on every single level; Brotha Gabriel, Brotha Egbuna, Brotha Reginald, and one of my closet comrades, Brotha Haramia. It makes me proud to the point of tears to mention these brothas' names, because I NEVER thought I would ever see anything like this in the TeKKKs criminal injustice system. More so as a couple of these brothas I have known almost ten years, and it makes me PROUD to say they are my people!

These brothas are on a DRIVE, and they have been protesting since NOVEMBER. They have been made subject to the same treatment that I have been going through for the last five or six years. BUT — as I always say — struggle has its own inner rewards, and it does no good to even get involved if you are unwilling to take the abuse, because it will happen. These men have been repeatedly gassed, placed on food loaf [a brick of compressed food], endured months of cell restriction, (this is where you only come out of your cell for one hour a week); had their personal property taken, their mail stopped — you name it — and it has been done to them on a constant basis, yet, they have remained vigilant, and for that — I commend these Maroons!

As for myself, if it be the plan of the Creator — I will not be around much longer. My legal appeals have taken turns for the worse, and yet, the path of liberation continues to be my vocation, carving out a path for future revs to follow and carry the torch. I despise the class oppression that is the basis of this capitalist system and the racist national oppression that goes with it. Don't misunderstand me — there are STILL options left. I've still got another shot to overturn my DEATH SENTENCE, and I will SHOOT! So — if you want to get involved in helping me — you can, BUT I want you all to realize that this system of injustice is not just about me. I represent the fathers, sons, nephews, grandsons and brothers that constantly lose their lives to a complete farce of a system. A system that has been all about murderous oppression since 1492. The tricks are all the same, they just changed it from European to corporate American colonialism.

So I fight! I fight like there is no tomorrow. Because, for me,... I may not even see tomorrow. I fight like the system is trying to take my son from me, 'cause in truth,... they are! They built this system on IOUs, and the payment is your sons and daughters. I fight like they just disrespected my mother, because the crack cocaine that flowed through her system — that she died of an overdose of — they done that! They took a 40 year old Black woman off the face of the earth. I fight so that TOMMORROW won't have to! "That's yo' life in there soldier!" Fight... Fight... Fight... Now that I think about it, Haramia was talking to me that day! I remain...

A Liberated Soul,

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declared: *The government of the United States is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion.*"

Thomas Paine, who was the leading propagandist of the Revolution, whose work *Common Sense* swung the majority of the colonists to support the declaring of independence and whose pamphlet, *The Crisis*, rallied the morale of the troops at Valley Forge, also wrote *The Age of Reason*, in which he tears *The Bible* to shreds as an authoritative text for moral guidance using no other source but *The Bible* itself. In its preface he wrote: "I do not believe in the creed professed by the Jewish church, by the Roman church, by the Greek church, by the Turkist church, by the Protestant church, nor by any church that I know of... Each of those churches accuse the other of unbelief; and for my own part, I disbelieve them all."

George Washington was no pillar of the Church, in fact according to Paul F. Boier Jr., author of *George Washington and Religion* (1963, Southern Methodist University Press, Dallas, TX), he never declared himself to be a Christian in any of his correspondence nor did he call for a clergyman on his deathbed. John Adams, the second President, wrote: "Twenty times in the course of my late reading, have I been upon the point of breaking out, 'This would be the best of all possible worlds, if there were no religion in it!' And Thomas Jefferson, the third President, took a pair of scissors to his Bible and cut out the passages attributed to Jesus and threw the rest away. The original copy of the "Jefferson Bible" was buried under the Jefferson Memorial by Woodrow Wilson. Jefferson's commentary on the Christian Church was:

*"The Christian priesthood, finding the doctrines of Christ levelled to every understanding and too plain to need explanation, saw, in the mysticisms of Plato, materials with which they might build up an artificial system which might, from its indistinctness, admit everlasting controversy, give employment for their order, and introduce it to profit, power, and pre-eminence. The doctrines which flowed from the lips of Jesus himself are within the comprehension of a child; but thousands of volumes have not yet explained the Platonisms engrafted on them: and for this obvious reason that nonsense can never be explained."* — Thomas Jefferson (letter to John Adams, July 5, 1814)

Jefferson described the *Book of Revelations*, which is so central to the doctrine of the Christo-Fascists as "The ravings of a maniac." He also completely discounted the claim of Jesus' divinity.

*"The day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus, by the supreme being as his father in the womb of a virgin, will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter."* — Thomas Jefferson (letter to J. Adams April 11, 1823)

James Madison, fourth president and father of the Constitution, took an even stronger line writing:

*"Religious bondage shackles and debilitates the mind and unfits it for every noble enterprise."* — James Madison (letter to William Bradford April 1, 1774)

*"During almost fifteen centuries has the legal establishment of Christianity been on trial. What have been its fruits? More or less in all places, pride and indolence in the Clergy, ignorance and servility in the laity, in both superstition, bigotry and persecution."* — James Madison (Memorial and Remonstrance against Religious Assessments, June 1785)



## CHRISTO-FASCISM & REVOLUTIONARY SPIRITUALITY

"Fascism, in short, is not only the giver of laws and the founder of institutions, but the educator and promoter of spiritual life. It wants to remake, not the forms of human life, but its content, man, character, faith. And to this end it requires discipline and authority that can enter into the spirits of men and there govern unopposed." — Benito Mussolini, 1922

I was watching this propaganda on Fox-TV today attacking the separation of Church and State, and they showed this Black preacher, who was calling on Black people to get with the "Mainstream Evangelists" [ie: Christo-Fascists] to "bring back the golden heritage on which our nation was founded." Now this is wrong on so many levels, it's hard to know where to begin. First of all it's a case study example of *historical amnesia*. This country was founded on genocide and slavery, and no sane Black person would want to bring that back, and second of all, it ain't over yet.

But that's not the whole of it, 'cause if you look carefully at history, you'll see that the Revolution of 1776 and the War of Independence were not led by Christian Evangelists. As Stephen Morris pointed out in "The Founding Fathers Were Not Christians," (*Free Inquiry*, Fall, 1995):

*"The Christian right is trying to rewrite the history of the United States as part of its campaign to force its religion on others. They try to depict the founding fathers as pious Christians who wanted the United States to be a Christian nation, with laws that favored Christians and Christianity."*

*"This is patently untrue. The early presidents and patriots were generally Deists or Unitarians, believing in some form of impersonal Providence but rejecting the divinity of Jesus and the absurdities of the Old and New testaments."*

In fact in 1777, the Continental Congress proclaimed the pagan Lenape Indian chief, Tamanend III, who had signed the Great Treaty with William Penn at the founding of Pennsylvania Colony, to be the "Patron Saint of America," and they set aside May 1<sup>st</sup> as a national holiday in his honor. All through the Revolutionary War, and for some years after, it was celebrated by the soldiers and common people by dressing up in Indian regalia and holding "feasts of the common man."

Speaking of the independence of the first 13 States, H.G. Wells in his *Outline of History*, says:

*"It was a Western European civilization that had broken free from the last traces of Empire and Christendom; and it had not a vestige of monarchy left, and no State Religion... The absence of any binding religious tie is especially noteworthy. It had a number of forms of Christianity, its spirit was indubitably Christian; but, as a State document of 1796 explicitly*



*George Jackson Lives!*



## George Jackson

By Bob Dylan

I woke up this mornin',  
There were tears in my bed.  
They killed a man I really loved  
Shot him through the head.

Lord, Lord,

They cut George Jackson down.

Lord, Lord,

They laid him in the ground.

Sent him off to prison

For a seventy-dollar robbery.

Closed the door behind him

And they threw away the key.

Lord, Lord, They cut George Jackson down.

Lord, Lord,

They laid him in the ground.

He wouldn't take shit from no one

He wouldn't bow down or kneel.

Authorities, they hated him

Because he was just too real.

Lord, Lord,  
They cut George Jackson down.

Lord, Lord,

They laid him in the ground.

Prison guards, they cursed him  
As they watched him from above  
But they were frightened of his power  
They were scared of his love.

Lord, Lord,

So they cut George Jackson down.

Lord, Lord,

They laid him in the ground.

Sometimes I think this whole world

Is one big prison yard.

Some of us are prisoners

The rest of us are guards.

Lord, Lord,

They cut George Jackson down.

Lord, Lord,

They laid him in the ground.

## Huey P. Newton on the Murder of George Jackson

28 August 1971

*(Excerpts of the stirring eulogy that was delivered at Comrade George's Revolutionary Memorial Service on August 28, 1971, by Black Panther Party Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton)*

"When I went to prison in 1967, I met George. Not physically, I met him through his ideas, his thoughts and words that I would get from him. He was at Soledad Prison at the time; I was at California Penal Colony.

"George was a legendary figure all through the prison system, where he spent most of his life. You know a legendary figure is known to most people through the idea, or through the concept, or essentially through the spirit. So I met George through the spirit.

"I say that the legendary figure is also a hero. He set a standard for prisoners, political prisoners, for people. He showed the love, the strength, the revolutionary fervor that's characteristic of any soldier for the people. So we know that spiritual things can only manifest themselves in some physical act, through a physical mechanism. I saw prisoners who knew about this legendary figure, act in such a way, putting his ideas to life; so therefore the spirit became a life.



writing or worship, as if these were so many rights given by nature to man. - Pope Leo XIII, "Great Encyclical Letters"

They [Catholics] must penetrate wherever possible in the administration of civil affairs... all Catholics should do all in their power to cause the constitution of states, and legislation to be modeled on the principles of the true Church. - Pope Leo XIII, "Encyclical of Leo XIII"

Hence follows the fatal theory of the need of separation between Church and State. -Pope Leo XIII, "Libertas"

The Catholic Church is the foundation of ties between Church and State in Western Civilization. The Catholic Church has been the world wide leader in movements to restore the role of the Church within the State, which has often been advocated under the banner of fighting communism.

This last change to the pledge is very symbolic of the finalization of the fascist state in America. During the 1950s, as happened in Italy and Germany, the barriers between Church, State, and Corporation had all been broken.

In 1956 Congress changed the national motto from "E Pluribus Unum" to "In God We Trust", and "So help me God" was added to federal oaths (despite the fact that the Christian Bible clearly states not to swear on God or any other person, place, or thing when taking an oath. Matthew 5:33-37, James 5:12).

All of this is exactly the same type of thing that took place in Fascist Europe, and just as in Europe these were changes that were not forced upon people by the State, but they were in fact supported by the people out of the increasingly conservative social climate.

Just as in Germany and Italy the increased religiosity and patriotism also corresponded with increased intolerance and minorities were further ostracized.

It would be wrong to conclude that all elements of fascism in general, and particularly American fascism, are by definition negative though. Aside from the war and horrible racial oppressions among the European fascists, the European fascists did provide a variety of benefits to their nations, such as increased employment, the construction of the national autobahn (highways) in Germany, and a strong focus on scientific research, though most of it was on weapons technology.

Many of these same things took place in America and people benefited from these State programs. After the war President Eisenhower commissioned the building of Federal highways, the G.I. Bill sent thousands of men to college, the government poured money into scientific research and large government contracts with businesses. The government aided millions of American in buying their first homes, and so on and so forth. The biggest beneficiaries of American fascism during the early years was the middle class.

### Summary

The Enlightenment era of the 18th and 19th century created a whole new world of ideas for mankind. The new ideologies that developed out of the Enlightenment, combined with the sweeping changes ushered in by the development of democracy, science, and industrialization, resulted in a highly ideologically polarized world in the 20th century. All of these changes challenged traditional world-views and institutions. Laissez-faire capitalism had expanded rapidly in America during the 19th century, but laissez-faire capitalism reached a world-wide stage of crisis in the early part of the 20th century, both more and practical, resulting in two primary outcomes: the rise of the socialist movement to overthrow capitalism; and the development of fascism to use the State to prop it up.

Fascism, though, embodied more than just that, because the once revolutionary institution of capitalism had now become the potential "victim" of the next revolution. Capitalism, once independent from the State and aligned with liberalism, then became aligned with conservatism. The State and Capital together reached back into the Old World, grasped onto the Church, and called on the name of God Almighty to save them from revolution. This is fascism. The rejoining of Church, State, and Commerce into a unified and mutually supportive relationship for the maintenance of power.

The rise of fascism took a different, non-revolutionary, path in America than it took in Europe. European fascism was certainly more extreme and malignant, but it has to be repeated that the term "fascism" has an unfairly negative connotation today because of its association with the Axis powers. Describing the post Second World War American State as fascist isn't an attempt to stigmatize it, but rather to understand the qualities of the modern American State, for better or for worse, and to understand the many different factors that contributed to the establishment of the greatly more powerful American Federal Government during World War II and to what ends that power would be wielded in the second half of the 20th century.□



addition of the words "under God," so that the pledge then read:

**"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

This last change was requested by the Knights of Columbus, a conservative Catholic organization.

It is meaningful to note here that the Catholic Church was a major factor in the spread of fascism in Europe. The history of the relationship between fascism and the Vatican is controversial one, but it cannot be denied that in both Germany and Italy the rise to power of the fascists was aided by the Catholic Church. Why? Because the Catholic Church was rapidly losing membership with the advancement of liberalism and secularism in Europe. The fascists promised to promote the interests of the Church if they were able to get into power. Mussolini made good on his promise when he signed the Lateran Treaty in 1929, giving increased powers to the Catholic Church, establishing Catholicism as the official state religion of Italy, and ensuring that Catholicism would be taught in public schools...

Encyclical Letters are letters by the Pope which are distributed to every Bishop in the world and filtered down to the individual church level to be read by every Priest. This is part of the globally centralized Catholic system of administration. In fact, this particular Encyclical Letter (*Quadragesimo Anno*) contributed to significant opposition to the American alliance with the Soviet Union during World War II among Catholics.

In 1943 author Joseph McCabe wrote in *The Papacy in Politics Today*:

...I invite him [the reader] to reflect on these facts, which must be within his knowledge:

1. The Roman Church has remained throughout the war in friendly relations with the three aggressive Powers—we shall see that the occasional friction in Germany was a purely ecclesiastical affair—and the Papacy has never condemned the crime of their aggressions and the bestialities of their methods.

2. All Roman Catholic countries—Italy, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Eire, most of the South

American Republics, and now France and Belgium—are Fascist, and they rightly declare that they have adopted Fascism in obedience to the Papal Encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*.

3. All non-Catholic States of Europe and America that are still free are democratic, and the only great Powers fighting for civilization are those in which Catholics are a relatively small minority. Catholics form little more than one-tenth of the population of the United States and less than one-twentieth of the population of Great Britain.

4. In the democratic States that are fighting for civilization the Catholic minorities have been the most obstructive force, and their attitude was mainly based upon Papal declarations, especially about Russia. All papers admitted that the Catholics were "the core of the isolationists" in America until Japan opened its treacherous attack. Quebec, a Fascist State, has greatly embarrassed, and still embarrasses, the Canadian Government, and the Catholics of Australia under their bitter Irish leader, Archbishop Mannix, have given serious trouble in that Dominion.

5. Whenever a country of mixed Catholics and non-Catholics has been conquered by the Nazis it has, with the cordial cooperation of the Vatican, either, like France and Belgium, been put under a despotic Catholic minority or, as in Czechoslovakia, Catholic provinces have been detached and converted into Fascist Catholic States.

6. In short, the three great Powers which to-day sustain at appalling cost the fight for civilization—a fight upon which the Pope has not bestowed one word of human benediction—are non-Catholics to the extent of more than ninety per cent. The Powers (outside Asia) which would destroy civilization or which give sympathy or active support to the criminals—Vichy France, Spain, Portugal, Eire—are or claim to be solidly Catholic. Germany is at least one-third Catholic.

The Catholic Church of course has little concern for the separation of Church and State. The Catholic Church is itself the creation of the Roman State and has for all time been the strongest opponent of separation of Church and State. The history of Mexico is an excellent testament to this, Mexico having struggled for centuries to break free from Catholic government rule.

Pope Leo XIII stated:

"It is quite unlawful to demand, defend, or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, or speech, of



"And I would like to say today George's body has fallen, but his spirit goes on, because his ideas live. And we will see that these ideas stay alive, because they'll be manifested in our bodies and in those young Panther bodies, who are our children. So it's a true saying that there will be revolution from one generation to the next.

"What kind of standard did George Jackson set? First, that he was a strong man, he was determined, full of love, strength, dedication to the people's cause, without fear. He lived the life that we must praise. It was a life, no matter how he was oppressed, no matter how wrongly he was done, he still kept the love for the people. And this is why he felt no pain in giving up his life for the people's cause.

"The state sets the stage for the kind of contradiction or violence that occurs in the world, that occurs in the prisons. The ruling circle of the United States has terrorized the world. The state has the audacity to say they have the right to kill. They say they have a death penalty and it's legal. But I say by the laws of nature that no death penalty can be legal - it's only cold-blooded murder. It gives spur to all sorts of violence, because every man has a contract with himself, that he must keep himself alive at all costs.

"They have the audacity to say that people should deliver a life to them without a struggle; but none of us can accept that. George Jackson had every right, every right to do everything possible to preserve his life and the life of his comrades, the life of the People.

"George Jackson, even after his death, you see, is going on living in a very real way; because after all, the greatest thing that we have is the idea and our spirit, because it can be passed on. Not in the superstitious sense, but in the sense that when we say something or we live a certain way, then when this can be passed on to another person, then life goes on. And that person somehow lives, because the standard that he set and the standard that he lived by will go on living ...

"Even with George's last statement - his last statement to me - at San Quentin that day, that terrible day, he left a standard for political prisoners; he left a standard for the prisoner society of racist, reactionary America; surely he left a standard for the liberation armies of the world. He showed us how to act. □





## THE PLAGUE OF THE PANTHER'S TEETH

by Chairman Shaka Sankofa Zulu

New Afrikan Black Panther Party-Prison Chapter

### Introduction

By Kevin "Rashid" Johnson  
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The following essay exposes to the New Afrikan Nation, and to all oppressed people everywhere, the very real threat posed by American fascism as it is evolving. Comrade Shaka recognizes that so long as the principle enemy of the peoples of the world is able to conceal its true nature with liberal democratic window dressing, its victims will remain confused and distracted, believing that some democratic form of redress of grievances is

possible, not that we should not employ all means at our disposal to combat this enemy.

Comrade George Jackson was out in front at recognizing the true nature of American fascism and of the need to make revolution to defeat it. The fascists also recognized the threat he posed as a great revolutionary thinker, and they assassinated him. He did not fear death, and neither should we. Death comes to all. To die for the people is a glorious thing. To die for the imperialists and reactionaries is *lighter than a feather*. It is in the spirit of George Jackson that we continue what he and the other Black Panthers began.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**



Just as in fascist Europe, gender roles became more pronounced with men becoming "sole providers" and women staying at home. This is also exactly what happened in Germany and Italy under fascism. In Germany a woman's place was considered to be to with the, "Kinder, Kueche, and Kirche," or, children, kitchen, and church.

Patriotism soared, of course in part due to the effects of the war, this was only natural, but nevertheless its effects on society were the same and it was taken advantage of by political leaders as well as American corporations who were beginning to take advantage of the new medium, television, to promote their products. Patriotism was used in advertising, especially among companies like Coca-Cola, auto, and cigarette companies....

Perhaps most importantly though, religious participation increased dramatically after the war. This is typical of all wars, but in this case there was more to it than just that.

The American government began strongly promoting religion as part of an overall strategy to distance American culture from Soviet culture, which was the same thing that the Fascists did as well.

In addition to this however, the Communists and Nazis were painted with the same brush by American leadership as both being anti-religious, which was in fact not correct, as has already been discussed. The Nazis were in fact extremely religious. Some members of Nazi leadership opposed the power of the churches in Germany when the church interests and State interests were in conflict, and some members of Nazi leadership were anti-Christian in that they believed that Christianity had its roots in Judaism and thus was "tainted" by "the Jews." However Nazi Germany was, on the whole, a Christian society and it was an extremely religious society where lack of faith was simply not acceptable. Atheists were put into concentration camps in Nazi Germany and in Fascist Italy Catholicism was the official State religion.

However, this was not made clear to the American public, it served a better purpose to simply allow people to have misconceptions

about Nazi Germany and for America leadership to create distance between American culture and Nazi culture, so the misconceptions that were promoted during the war about the Nazis were allowed to stand. Likewise religious leaders were quick to condemn the fascists once the obviousness of their horrors was apparent to all, and to point the finger at every other source of blame rather than the roles of Christianity in those cultures in contributing to anti-Semitism and nationalism.

FDR had created the economic tools of fascism. He organized capitalism under the influence of the State for the purpose of bettering society, and he was successful in doing that, and long after the war that agenda was still being followed, the agenda of using the State to direct the economy in ways that would benefit society. As much as we take that for granted as a "good idea" that was part of the development of Fascism during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, prior to that the idea that the State should "direct" anything was considered a "no no" among western democracies.

So, FDR created the economic tools of fascism, but it was not until the 1950s that America would actually become a truly fascist country in both the economic and social sense.

During the 1950s all aspects of life were brought in line with "the interests of the State." Not nearly so strictly as in fascist Europe, but the focus did shift to the State as a director of American society like never before, and, just as in Europe, a conservative public mentality encouraged this increased control and contributed to growing social fascism as a means to quell dissent, not just as something that was imposed by the State, but, like in Germany and Italy, as something that the public majority itself participated in, and in fact, just as in Italy and Germany, benefited from. The latent social conservative tendencies inherent in American culture during the 1930s found institutional support from leadership in America during the 1950s.

Nowhere is this more strongly evidenced than with the changes made to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954.

The pledge was again changed in 1954, during the McCarthy era. The change in 1954 was the



previous efforts to ease the burden of war throughout the world.

#### Defense or Offense?

It is commonly supposed that our armed forces are entirely defensive in nature, that they have nothing to do with the making of war or the creating of situations that lead to war. The General Staff states publicly, that the military organization "is founded on the principle that we must be unready for aggressive war, yet fully capable of defending ourselves. . . . To be defensive in motive, as we intend to be, a nation must surrender all thought of initiative." If this statement was a fact and effectively translated into reality, there would be little cause for concern. But close examination reveals that it is just another publicity release from that military sap factory known as the War Department. Training Regulations No. 10-5 of the War Department contain the official "Doctrine of War," for the United States. Section II, paragraph 2, says "Decision to go to war having made, operations will be carried into hostile territory... the primary objective will be the destruction of (the enemy's) armed forces, and this demands that the strategic and tactical offensive be taken and maintained until a decision is reached." Section V, paragraph 6, says "the object to be attained by (military) training is to enable the Army to wage offensive warfare. While training must cover certain phases of defensive doctrine and police doctrine the Army must definitely understand that these are only means to the definite end—offensive warfare—and every individual in the military service must be imbued with the spirit of the offensive."

#### Our Ideal Never Defensive

Lest this seem to be the bellicose pipedream of some dyspeptic desk soldier, let us remember that the military ideal of our country has never been defensive warfare. Since the Revolution, only the United Kingdom has beaten our record for square miles of territory acquired by military conquest. Our exploits against the American Indian, against the Filipinos, the Mexicans, and against Spain are on a par with the campaigns of Genghis Khan, the Japanese in Manchuria and the African attack of Mussolini. No country has ever declared war on us before we first obliged them with that gesture. Our whole history shows we have never fought a

defensive war. And at the rate our armed forces are being implemented at present, the odds are against our fighting one in the near future. The War Plans Section spends all its time creating blueprints for the "defense" of this country. This means, of course, vast schemes for foreign invasion and offensive ...

[End Butler]

#### Further commentary:

"I believe that if we had and would keep our dirty, bloody, dollar-soaked fingers out of the business of these nations so full of depressed, exploited people, they will arrive at a solution of their own ... and if unfortunately their revolution must be of the violent type, because the 'haves' refuse to share with the 'have-nots' by any peaceful method, at least what they get will be their own, and not the American style, which they don't want and above all don't want crammed down their throat by Americans."

General David M. Shoup, Commander of U.S. Marines, Congressional Medal of Honor winner WWII. May 14, 1966.

## American Society After the War

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By Geoff Price - May 15, 2004

After World War II American society took on characteristics similar in fashion, though not as dramatic, to the European fascist societies. All of the same issues came up in America that had been critical in Europe during the rise of fascism there. Despite the fact that many Americans were still fond of FDR, the increase in conservative political power after FDR was gone gave the country a strong conservative environment and the growing anti-communist agenda, which was heavily contributed to by HUAC, also contributed to this. The efforts of HUAC also made many people suspicious of political figures associated with the Roosevelt administration.



## THE PLAGUE OF THE PANTHER'S TEETH

Revisiting George Jackson's Analysis of Fascism.

by Comrade Shaka Santofa Zulu

The revolutionary nationalist must face the objective fact of re-examining everything we know today about the nature of fascism and its real role in modern day capitalist economics. Monopoly capitalism and its lieutenant sector, along with the bourgeois corporate media, have the people duped into thinking that fascism is a thing of the past, when a brief examination into the ideology and practice of Amerikkkan neo-liberal capitalistic imperialism shows that fascism is alive and well.

In Amerikkka, fascism has many disguises, but its primary function consists in economic exploitation and the dumbing down of society, so that critical thinking becomes obsolete and, participation benefits state power. As militant revolutionaries, a part of the world-wide socialist movement to break the back and sever the spinal chord of imperialism, we must accept the obvious fact that our enemy is a fascist enemy that's alive and breathing down our necks every second of the day. Fascism is monopoly-corporatism, and the class that wields this power is very small. This

small class controls the major means of production and distribution in the world, but its primary power structure rests here in Amerikkka. This small group, controls what we today call "Globalization," and this class or group has positioned itself firmly against socialist revolution. Therefore, they are our primary enemy.

First and foremost, we subscribe to the idea that Amerikkka is a qualitatively different fascist state than the fascists we read about in books. Amerikkkan fascism stands undetected because no exact example or definition exists as to its characteristics. As stated by comrade George Jackson, "The nature of fascism, its characteristics and properties have been in dispute ever since it was first identified as a distinct phenomenon growing out of Italy's state-supported and developed industries in 1922." But we are able to identify Amerikkka as a fascist state, because of two distinct features of fascism: "its capitalist orientation and anti-labor, anti-class nature." When comrade George states that it has an "anti-class" nature, he is making reference to fascism's "anti-people" nature as well. Fascism has the ability to seduce progressive and non-progressive people into championing its politics. The astute fascist will be skilled in the science of appealing to the real and imagined needs of the people. It will position itself as the savior and protector of the people.

We will show in this pamphlet that all silly arguments to the contrary are a waste of time, and that the revolutionary leftist movement must prepare now - should already be prepared - to accept this fact. Here's Comrade George:

*"Fascism exists in this country, and it exists in disguise, and the disguise takes the form of all those idiotic, ridiculous statements about a welfare state. If anybody with any intelligence at all can look at the United States and come up with a conclusion that this is a welfare state or any resemblance of a welfare state, it's pure chicanery, an evasion of fact, dereliction of duty, and in most cases what they're doing is really cleaning up the fact that they didn't oppose capitalism, they didn't*



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oppose hierarchy when they should have opposed them, in the 30's and 40's. They didn't fight then."

This definition explains the real nature of this system, which leapt into monopoly-corporatism at the close of the Civil War. Capitalism-imperialism has finally completed its last and highest stage of reform. We have to realize that fascism is shattering and crushing any hopes of justice and freedom for the people, unless its a hope or freedom that's tied economically into the system of bourgeois capitalism. We must also realize that fascism cannot defeat a politically determined revolutionary people.

As Black revolutionaries, we recognize the existence of the Black Nation in diapora. That is to say, we hold that the tens of millions of Black people scattered throughout the Amerikkkan industrial centers constitute an oppressed nation, a colony. We seek the liberation of that colony — as a nation, and not as a mere class or racial minority. The predominantly white Left must join us in this struggle, for it will be the center city colonies and the Indian reservation kamps that will serve on the front-lines of militant revolutionary struggle. We all agree that the power to cripple imperialist militarism springs from the bosom of organized labor, however, the failure to define the Amerikkkan ruling class as fascist has lead to different views, which prevent unitary conduct and revolutionary struggle.

Comrade George had this to say on the problem:

*"The second notion that stands in the way of our understanding of fascist-corporatism is a semantic problem. When I am being interviewed by a member of the old guard - and point to the concrete and steel, the tiny electronic listening device concealed in the vent, the phalanx of goons peeping in at us, his barely functional plastic tape-recorder that cost him a week's labor, and point out that these are, all manifestations of fascism, he will invariably attempt to refute me by defining fascism simply as an economic*

*geo-political affair where only one political party is allowed to exist aboveground and no opposition political party is allowed. But examine that definition of totalitarianism comrade.*

*"No opposition parties are allowed in China, Cuba, North Korea or North Vietnam. Such a narrow definition condemns the model revolutionary societies to totalitarianism. Despite the presence of political parties, there is only one legal politics in the U.S. - the politics of monopoly-corporatism."*

There is not one iota of evidence to dispute this position. The politics of Amerikkkan capitalism rest on a two party system, - but the both of them share the same parent: monopoly-capital. Last year alone which was an election year to decide the next President for four years, the Republicans spent over 200 million dollars raised from monopoly-corporatism. The Democrats were not too far behind, but the corporate bashing slowed the influx of huge donations from oil and military companies.

In my first pamphlet called "Dossier of Struggle" I laid down this line: I don't care who owned Mom and Pop stores, corporate power pays their rent by furnishing products to sell on the market. And if they refuse to adhere to the dictates of corporate interest, the ruling class will simply send in a Wal-Mart that will force the stubborn store into bankruptcy.

I have termed this the economic face of fascism, and it may leave the impression with some that this is "good ole fashion business," but let me rush to drop this line from the BLA study guide: "...We see many of our people go into retail trade business as soon as they are able to scrounge, borrow, or steal the bare minimum to become "black capitalists." Much to their disillusionment they generally find that to own a corner grocery store, liquor store, or whatever is a great hassle that requires total dedication, work, and sacrifice — just to keep their heads above water. Unable to take full advantage of the discount which accrues to wholesale purchase, they cannot compete with the monopoly retail capitalist who either own the wholesale outlet



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*however, that former president Bill Clinton was not worried about fascism when he repealed federal antitrust laws that had been enacted in the 1930s. --*

Paul Biglioni, (Fascism then Fascism now? Toronto Star, November 27, 2005)

The monopoly capitalist class is in trouble. Not because the Left is so strong, but because imperialism is moribund capitalism, and it is in decay from within.□

## WAR IS A RACKET!

Marine Corps Major General Smedly Butler was a two-time Congressional Medal of Honor winner. After he retired, he was asked by a group of powerful right-wing, essentially fascist, businessmen to lead a military coup against the Roosevelt Administration. He refused. The following is a partial reproduction of his article in the progressive magazine *Common Sense*, November 1935, Volume IV, Number 11, p. 8. 25 cents.

### America's Armed Forces In Time of Peace: The Army

BY MAJOR GENERAL SMEDLY D. BUTLER

The New Deal has dealt us a military and naval hand that makes us big time contenders in the war racket. Events in Ethiopia indicate that all too soon it will be our turn to play the cards. We ought to make a good showing. We're getting plenty of practice. Our army and navy have only recently completed their largest and most ambitious peacetime maneuvers. Our National Guardsmen have done even better. In the past two years, large National Guard forces have seen active service in 20 strikes in as many different states, from the Pacific Coast to New England, from Minnesota to Georgia. They have used gas, bullets, and tanks—the most lethal weapons of modern war—against striking workers. Casualty lists have been impressive. In one instance they erected barbed wire concentration camps in Georgia to "coordinate" striking workers with all the efficiency of the fascist repressive technique. There isn't a trick in the racketeering bag that the

military gang is blind to. It has its "finger men" (to point out enemies), its "muscle men" (to destroy enemies), its "brain guys," (to plan war preparations) and a "Big Boss," (super nationalistic capitalism).

I Was a "Racketeer"

It may seem odd for me, a military man, to adopt such a comparison. Truthfulness compels me to. spent 33 years and 4 months in active service as a member of our country's most agile military force—the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from a second lieutenant to Major-General. And during that period I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle man for Big Business for Wall Street and for the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer for capitalism.

I suspected I was just part of a racket at the time. Now I am sure of it. Like all members of the military profession I never had an original thought until I left the service. My mental faculties remained in suspended animation while I obeyed the orders of the higher-ups. This is typical of everyone in the military service. Thus I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-12. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras "right" for American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested.

During those years, I had, as the boys in the back room would say, a swell racket. I was rewarded with honors, medals, promotions. Looking back on it, I feel I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three city districts. We Marines operated on three continents. The war racket operates at full swing in our own country today. Make no mistake. We no longer fulfill by our example as a nation the role of Leader in Disarmament and Peace-Maker to Mankind. Our present war preparations and military expenditures forever nullify the Kellogg Peace Pact to which we subscribed, and all our



dictatorship with a crude sham of parliamentarism..."

— Georgi Dimitrov, (The Fascist Offensive and the Tasks of the Communist International in the Struggle of the Working Class against Fascism, Main Report delivered at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International)

It is a big mistake to view overt fascism as stronger and more dangerous than covert fascism. Rather it is an expression of weakness and desperation. So long as they can, the monopoly capitalists will mask their dictatorship and maintain the illusion of liberal democracy.

Dimitrov had this backwards. The Axis Powers were from the start weaker than the more established western imperialists, and they were doomed from the start to lose their bid for world domination, but few in the communist movement, other than Mao Tse-tung, could see this. When ordered to subordinate the Chinese Red Army to the nationalist KMT, he only changed the army's name. He never surrendered control of it nor the liberated base areas it controlled to the KMT, whom he recognized as being fascist to the core. He never gave up the initiative of the Chinese Communist Party and its revolutionary orientation to the United Front Against Fascism.

Unfortunately, this was not the case elsewhere. Even the Communist International was disbanded in the interest of building closer ties with the Western "democracies." In America, the CPUSA completely let down its guard and abandoned the class struggle, and it deluded itself with the illusion of post-war cooperation between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. and was completely taken by surprise when the U.S. initiated the Cold War. So were the CPs of Western Europe and the leadership of the Soviet Union.

Instead of rallying the workers and masses to resist McCarthyism, the Party ordered its cadre who were hauled before the House of Un-American Activities Committee to plead the Fifth like criminals and meekly accept being blacklisted. It liquidated the Party in the South without discussion, and it ordered half its cadre to go underground and await the onset of

"fascism" and left them there. When the revolutionary upsurge came in the 60s, there was no communist vanguard party to give it leadership. It had thrown itself on its sword in the 50s. It was up to the revolutionary masses to create their own vanguard party.

America is moving towards overt fascism, because of weakness:

"As in Italy and Germany in the '20s and '30s, business associations clamour for more deregulation and deeper tax cuts. The gradual erosion of antitrust legislation, especially in the United States, has encouraged consolidation in many sectors of the economy by way of mergers and acquisitions. The North American economy has become more monopolistic than at any time in the post-WWII period.

"U.S. census data from 1997 shows that the largest four companies in the food, motor vehicle and aerospace industries control 53.4, 57.3 and 55.6 per cent of their respective markets. Over 20 per cent of commercial banking in the U.S. is controlled by the four largest financial institutions, with the largest 50 controlling over 60 per cent. Even these numbers underestimate the scope of concentration, since they do not account for the myriad interconnections between firms by means of debt instruments and multiple directorships, which further reduce the extent of competition.

"Actual levels of U.S. commercial concentration have been difficult to measure since the 1970s, when strong corporate opposition put an end to the Federal Trade Commission's efforts to collect the necessary information.

"Fewer, larger competitors dominate all economic activity, and their political will is expressed with the millions of dollars they spend lobbying politicians and funding policy formulation in the many right-wing institutes that now limit public discourse to the question of how best to serve the interests of business.

"The consolidation of the economy and the resulting perversion of public policy are themselves fascist. I am certain,



out-right, or make their purchase in such huge wholesale lots that their discount is enormous."

Attorney Lynn Stewart, who defended accused "terrorists," was hauled before the courts to neutralize her and to send a message to others; people have been detained in military barracks for suspicion of having sympathies for, or a picture of, Osama Bin Laden; 2.3 million people are incarcerated in prisons across the country. This is the disguised form of fascism that's hidden from public scrutiny.

People that are more concerned with the trappings of this pseudo mass society and its spectacular leisure sports; parades where strangers meet, shout each other down and often trample each other on the way home will never see the ugly reality of fascism. Amerikkkan fascism is so effective in emotionally appealing to people's desires and fears that when we point out to them that Amerikkkan capitalism has had 200 years to disguise and refine its face, and 50 years to consolidate fascist control of the country, they would simply dismiss us. Comrade George referred to fascism's early roots when he made this statement: "a great many of the early trends of american history prepared the way for the ultimate success of fascism in its highest form."

#### 50 YEARS OF FASCIST CONSOLIDATION

Fascism consolidated its power here in Amerikkka during the close of World War Two. This was the second world war for colonial markets and imperialistic economic-military dominion. The point here is that Amerikkka sat out this war for three years thinking perhaps that Great Britain and France would defeat Hitler, but when France fell under German military might and Britain faced imminent defeat as well, and it looked like the contest would be decided between Germany and socialist Russia, Amerikkka had to find a way to militarily get into the game, so it threatened and bullied Japan behind closed doors. In short, Japan was given the impression that it faced imminent attack from the military might of the Amerikkkan ruling class, so it hit first and gave the excuse Amerikkka needed to join the fight. Capital

migrated to the U.S., because strategically it was physically removed from actual fighting on its land. Plus Amerikkka represented at that time the champion of finance and industrial capitalism.

If one was to go back and review the history of that time, it will be obvious that the U.S. ruling class's problem was not with Hitler, but the real source of its worries was Japan extending colonial dominance over the Pacific Islands and the Philippines, which were Amerikkkan colonies. This was the economic motive for their participation in the fight.

Much of the Amerikkkan monopoly capitalist ruling class supported Hitler, including President Bush's grandfather, Prescott Bush, who was Hitler's banker in the U.S. and was later convicted during the war under the Trading With the Enemy Act. Henry Ford was awarded the Iron Cross by Hitler. The Rockefellers, Morgan Trust and GM (to name a few) had major commitments to the Third Reich. They did not care about the Jews being interned in concentration camps. That only became a part of the agenda when France, Russia, Great Britain, and Amerikkka formed the allied force (the Jews were being interned and murdered in camps since 1939. Almost three years before Amerikkka got involved). Ponder on this:

"Hitler understood that German capitalism could not pull itself out of the depression without expanding across its boundaries to steal the minerals, seaports, factories, and workers of surrounding countries. By contrast, Roosevelt's strategy was to use the threat of U.S. military power to keep Germany and Japan out of important U.S. markets. But while Germany and Japan were definitely the aggressors, it must be understood that the United States had previously committed genocide against the Indians in the white man's invasion of the continent; kidnapped millions of people from Africa and brought them to the U.S. as slaves; stolen the land of Chicano people in the Southwest; annexed Hawaii and Puerto Rico; and spread its tentacles into much of Latin America by



the 1930s. If the United States was more defensive than Germany during this period, it was primarily because it had so much stolen wealth to defend."

Roosevelt himself admitted that the U.S. government had become an appendage of the great financial interests going back as far as Andrew Jackson's administration. Even though there were powerful financial interests in this country backing Germany, the "smart money" saw the opportunity to come out of WWII as the top imperialist power and scoop up the colonial markets and resources of France and England by coming to their aid: Which is exactly what happened.

Because the Soviet Union was at this time a socialist country and the headquarters of the world communist movement, many socialist and revolutionary people saw the U.S. joining the Allied cause as a progressive step, and they tended to turn a blind eye to the actual class nature of the capitalist democracies and to forget that they are fundamentally class dictatorships with their own imperialist designs.

This ideologically and politically disarmed the workers and other progressive people and the oppressed generally by promoting the illusion of post-war partnership and democratic transition to world socialism, as well as the illusion that fascism was something other than monopoly capitalism stripped of the pretence of liberal democracy or human rights. People were not prepared when the U.S. imperialists immediately launched the Cold War at the end of WWII, turning on their wartime allies and the Left and progressive people at home, driving them from the trade unions, universities, Hollywood and the mass media in an anti-communist "witch hunt." Those who had been openly fascist before the war, such as the Dulles brothers, Joe McCarthy, J. Edgar Hoover and the Bush clan, were now super-patriots, rehabilitated and leading the crusade.

Having failed to challenge the term "totalitarianism," a term devoid of class content, when applied to the Nazis regime, the Left was now tarred with the same brush, while the real history of America, the genocide, slavery and cruel exploitation of the workers was white-washed away. Hand in

hand with repression came concessions under the banner of Cold War liberalism, higher wages, improved working conditions, civil rights legislation, unemployment compensation and social security as well as graduated income taxes.

Of course, we are seeing all this disappear in the post-Cold War period. But still, many so-called "leftists" call on us to hitch our hopes to the Democratic Party and abandon thoughts of making revolution or building socialism. They seek to sidetrack the true Left and keep the oppressed masses "in their place."

The New Afrikan Black Panther Party Prison Chapter NABPP-PC) must come to terms with this fact that we must organize ourselves for the eventuality of socialist revolution aimed at putting workers in power — a revolution to crush and smash monopoly capitalism — and overthrow fascism.

#### A TOOL OF REACTIONARY BRIBERY

The New Afrikan partisan connected to the revolutionary New Afrikan Black Panther Party understands that these loud debates with so-called "leftist elements" are only distracting us from the task of revolution. This ploy by so-called "leftists" to trick us into holding our revolution in abeyance has been exposed. We will fight this revolution without them, but if possible, the joint operation by both the New Afrikan and white leftist revolutionaries will make the task simpler. But we can't afford to wait while our oppressor is bribing and co-opting us to do its imperialistic work against world revolution. Comrade George said this:

*"The shock troops of fascism on the mass political level are drawn from members of the lower-middle class who feel the upward thrust of the lower classes more acutely. These classes feel that any dislocation of the present economy resulting from the upward thrust of the masses would affect their status first. They are joined by that sector of the working class which is backward enough to be affected by nationalistic trappings and loyalty syndrome that sociologist have termed the 'Authoritarian Personality.' One*



The Left had a hard time coming to grips with the rise of fascism and flip flopped on how to respond to it. At first it was seen as no big threat. Many former socialists and anarchists were recruited into its ranks during fascism's "left" phase, when it was out of power. Mussolini had himself been kicked out of the Socialist Party, and Hitler had been a police spy within the socialist movement. So they were familiar with how to conduct propaganda to appeal to sections of the working masses. After gaining power, the fascists moved against the Left with a vengeance. This too was hard for the Left to gauge and the tendency was to only recognize fascism in its overt form and see it as wholly outside the framework of bourgeois democracy.

#### THE CLASS CHARACTER OF FASCISM

*"Comrades, fascism in power was correctly described by the Thirteenth Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International as the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinistic and most imperialist elements of finance capital.*

*The most reactionary variety of fascism is the German type of fascism. It has the effrontery to call itself National Socialism, though it has nothing in common with socialism. German fascism is not only bourgeois nationalism, it is fiendish chauvinism. It is a government system of political gangsterism, a system of provocation and torture practised upon the working class and the revolutionary elements of the peasantry, the petty bourgeoisie and the intelligentsia. It is medieval barbarity and bestiality, it is unbridled aggression in relation to other nations.*

*German fascism is acting as the spearhead of international counter-revolution, as the chief instigator of imperialist war, as the initiator of a crusade against the Soviet Union, the great fatherland of the working people of the whole world.*

*Fascism is not a form of state power "standing above both classes — the proletariat and the bourgeoisie," as Otto Bauer, for instance, has asserted. It is not*

*"the revolt of the petty bourgeoisie which has captured the machinery of the state, as the British Socialist Brailsford declares. No, fascism is not a power standing above class, nor government of the petty bourgeoisie or the lumpen-proletariat over finance capital itself. It is the organization of terrorist vengeance against the working class and the revolutionary section of the peasantry and intelligentsia. In foreign policy, fascism is jingoism in its most brutal form, fomenting bestial hatred of other nations.*

*This, the true character of fascism, must be particularly stressed because in a number of countries, under cover of social demagoguery, fascism has managed to gain the following of the mass of the petty bourgeoisie that has been dislocated by the crisis, and even of certain sections of the most backward strata of the proletariat. These would never have supported fascism if they had understood its real character and its true nature.*

The development of fascism, and the fascist dictatorship itself, assume different forms in different countries, according to historical, social and economic conditions and to the national peculiarities, and the international position of the given country. In certain countries, principally those in which fascism has no broad mass basis and in which the struggle of the various groups within the camp of the fascist bourgeoisie itself is rather acute, fascism does not immediately venture to abolish parliament, but allows the other bourgeois parties, as well as the Social-Democratic Parties, to retain a modicum of legality. In other countries, where the ruling bourgeoisie fears an early outbreak of revolution, fascism establishes its unrestricted political monopoly, either immediately or by intensifying its reign of terror against and persecution of all rival parties and groups. This does not prevent fascism, when its position becomes particularly acute, from trying to extend its basis and, without altering its class nature, trying to combine open terrorist



resent-day bourgeois society without exception — such is the most striking manifestation of this monopoly.

Fourthly, monopoly has grown out of colonial policy. To the numerous "old" motives of colonial policy, finance capital has added the struggle for the sources of raw materials, for the export of capital, for "spheres of influence," i.e., for spheres for profitable deals, concessions, monopolist profits and so on, and finally, for economic territory in general. When the colonies of the European powers in Africa, for instance, comprised only one-tenth of that territory (as was the case in 1876), colonial policy was able to develop by methods other than those of monopoly — by the "free grabbing" of territories, so to speak. But when nine-tenths of Africa had been seized (by 1900), when the whole world had been divided up, there was inevitably ushered in the era of monopoly ownership of colonies and, consequently, of particularly intense struggle for the division and the redivision of the world.

"The extent to which monopolist capital has intensified all the contradictions of capitalism is generally known. It is sufficient to mention the high cost of living and the tyranny of the cartels. This intensification of contradictions constitutes the most powerful driving force of the transitional period of history, which began from the time of the final victory of world finance capital.

"Monopolies, oligarchy, the striving for domination instead of striving for liberty, the exploitation of an increasing number of small or weak nations by a handful of the richest or most powerful nations — all these have given birth to those distinctive characteristics of imperialism which compel us to define it as parasitic or decaying capitalism. More and more prominently there emerges, as one of the tendencies of imperialism, the creation of the "rentier state," the usurer state, in which the bourgeoisie to an ever increasing degree lives on the proceeds of capital exports and by "clipping coupons." It would be a mistake to believe that this tendency to decay precludes the rapid growth of capitalism. It does not. In the epoch of imperialism, certain

branches of industry, certain strata of the bourgeoisie and certain countries betray, to a greater or lesser degree, now one and now another of these tendencies. On the whole, capitalism is growing far more rapidly than before; but this growth is not only becoming more and more uneven in general, its unevenness also manifests itself, in particular, in the decay of the countries which are richest in capital (England)."

In the space between WWI and WWII, monopoly capitalism plunged the world into the Great Depression, with the exception of the then socialist Soviet Union. The overtly fascist Axis Powers (led by Germany, Italy and Japan) formed a bloc to challenge the Western European Imperialists and the U.S. for a redivision of the world's spheres of influence and domination. (After the Spanish Civil War, fascist Spain and Portugal remained "neutral.") There were strong movements towards overt fascism in the west, most notably in France, but also in England with the National Front, and in the U.S., where the KKK reached its peak strength in the 1920s and the American Nazis Party (and others of their ilk) held mass rallies. A significant section of the bankers, (including Prescott Bush, George W. Bush's grandfather, who was Hitler's banker in New York), and industrialists, like Henry Ford, (who was awarded the Iron Cross by Hitler), openly called for overt fascism in America. Time Magazine even made Mussolini its "Man of the Year."

While FDR and his "New Deal" did not pull the U.S. economy out of the Great Depression, it did stave off overt fascism and succeeded in pulling a significant section of the rising Left into the opportunist belief that socialism could be achieved through liberal democratic reform rather than revolution. Few identified the "New Deal" as a covert form of fascism.

When the Axis Powers made their bid to conquer Europe and grab up their rivals colonial possessions, and at the same time to invade and attempt to conquer the Soviet Union, the Left jumped to unite with their own bourgeoisie, forgetting the class struggle in the name of a United Front Against Fascism.



primary aim of the fascist arrangement is to extend and develop this new pig class; to degenerate and diffuse working-class consciousness with a psycho-social appeal to man's herd instincts. Development and exploitation of the authoritarian syndrome is at the center of 'totalitarian' capitalism (fascism). It feeds on a small but false sense of class consciousness and the need for community."

While we accept the notion that the "gravediggers of capitalism" most certainly are the workers, however, our struggle is not simply one of proletariat verses the bourgeoisie; our struggle is a national liberation struggle, in which the whole of the Black Nation is oppressed and exploited by the ruling power structure. We must confront our oppression as an oppressed nation. We will not wait until the White Left becomes upset at the prospect of losing their S.U.V. trucks before we move the central city against exploitation and fascist arrangement. The White Left must realize that in any fight against imperialism, New Afrikans will be on the frontline dying and sacrificing as revolutionaries and "it is our objective to move ourselves and the people into actions that will culminate in the seizure of state power. Our real purpose is to redeem not merely ourselves but the whole nation and the whole community of nations from colonial-community economic repression."

#### NEW AFRIKAN WORKERS ARE THE MOST DYNAMIC FORCE IN AMERIKKKA

The workers will awaken when they are approached with "clipboard in hand" and on it laid down a set of ideas and ideals as to how a particular set of socio-political problems should best be addressed. But these ideas and ideals should come from understanding the actual needs of the people. And we must not expect everyone to respond positively to the idea of revolution. The degree and depth of "psycho-social conditioning instilled from birth" will work against us from time to time.

Another area that needs to be disputed pertains to this misconception that North American White workers by themselves are

the only revolutionary force in this country. We reject that. The argument could be made that these particular White workers are the most greedy and individualistic class in all of labor's history. And if one desired to extend this argument and say that Amerikkkan workers seem to adore and admire its bosses and bankers, he/she will have a valid position to stand on. Example: How did all of those millionaires get power?

The argument that the rich simply paid their way into office is so silly that it barely merits response. The thing is this, trying to analyze what is happening with this system and the workers that propel it forward must be viewed from a historical position. And the historical record indicates that the rich never paid their way into power. They actually created this system that favors them. "On May 14, 1787, the constitutional convention with George Washington presiding officer, the work of framing the nation's constitution proceeded with fifty-five persons and only two were not employers!!!" So the rich merchants and putrid slave masters created this system to serve their own class interests. And don't forget the fact that New Afrikans were classified as three fifths of a human being, with no rights at all, while the Indians faced genocidal extirpation.

#### STAY FOCUSED

The New Afrikan revolutionist must refrain from the petty, squabbles that seem to immobilize others from acting to build the necessary structures for national liberation. The stupid argument by "leftist elements" to unite around John Kerry and the Democratic Party in order to defeat George Bush overturns Karl Marx's golden rule that the bourgeoisie "creates a world after its own image." They know they are betraying the people, but in their mind they aspire to be like the class that oppresses the world community, and now we are seeing it under the threat of George Bush wanting to completely totalitarianize the whole world, not just Amerikkka. We implore New Afrikan people to join the New Afrikan Black Panther Party, and to hell with Ralph Nader, to hell with John Kerry, and to hell with George Bush. Join the revolution!



## THE ENEMY IN RADICAL CLOTHES

Fascism has proven over time to have three faces that sometimes fool people into thinking they are progressive or revolutionary. Comrade George put it this way:

*"Historically it has proved to have three different faces. One 'out of power' that tends almost to be revolutionary and subversive, anti-capitalist and anti-socialist. One 'in power but not secure' - this is the sensational aspect of fascism that we see on screen and read of in pulp novels, when the ruling class, through its instrumental regime, is able to suppress the vanguard party of the people's and workers' movement. The third face of fascism exists when it is 'in power and securely so.' - During this phase some dissent may be allowed."*

During the "out of power" phase, we see all kinds of language that convinces some people that this is a revolutionary group that's really for the people. This group participates in programs that awaken social awareness. You see them at anti-war demos chanting "No Blood for Oil!" They talk about putting pressure on George Bush, but "realistically admit" that "we" can't just pull out "our" troops just yet.

The second phase of "in power but not secure" is when all the people that supported this same sounding revolutionary group have moved to put them in the seats of power. During this period, the group spends very little time on building the country, but rather it has other pressing needs, which require the imprisonment of its former allies and comrades. The new group chases down all imaginary and credible threats to its existence.

The third phase of "in power and securely so" is that period when Neo-Liberalism has pacified the masses and suppressed the real Left. All the productive points of state and ruling class interest are now securely manned by the new shock troops. The state feels secure enough to allow us the luxury of faint protest. Take protest too far, however, and they will show their other face. Doors will be kicked down in the night and machine-gun fire and buckshot will be the medium of exchange.

If the state is secure and strong, it will permit elections that cost the average person \$100 million or so dollars to get elected. And if a few Blacks are elected to the Congress or Senate, they will be confined and alienated by committees that restrict passage of anything. Congressman John Conyers every year keeps putting on the record his bill called H.R. 40 that calls for the study of reparations. This is only calling for the study of reparations, but each year the bill faces certain death by powerful committees. The amount of money being expended in these foolish elections could be used to build infrastructures that serve the needs of the people.

*"Elections and political parties have no significance when all serious contenders for public office are fascist and the electorate is thoroughly misled about the true nature of the candidates. One cannot say all the people who vote are unaware, just as one cannot say the twelve hundred professors who backed Mussolini were all frightened. Those who are aware and still do nothing constructive are among the most pathetic victims of the totalitarian process."*

We have to take to the streets and the communities where our vote in the people will do some good. The people will respond positively when they see constructive programs to better their condition and the building of people's power. Many times in the past we have approached people with programs that originate in our heads and they no where conform to the actual reality of the people.

Let's not delude ourselves any longer. We are dealing with a cold vicious class of cutthroats and compromise with them means putting bullets in our heads.

## THE NEW AFRIKAN BLACK PANTHER PARTY - PRISON CHAPTER

The New Afrikan Black Panther is the individual that understands and perpetuates the ideology of New Afrikan revolutionary nationalism and strongly supports independence for the people based on "from the masses to the masses." The revolutionary Party will essentially comprise elements from



allowing the monopoly capitalists to consolidate their control over the U.S. economy.

WWII had pulled the U.S. economy out of the "Great Depression." As Richard B. DuBoff pointed out in *Accumulation and Power: An Economic History of the United States*:

*"Only the second world war ended the Great Depression. 'Rearmament' commenced in 1940, and over the next year, before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, military spending jumped more than six-fold, to 11 percent of the GNP. It rose to 42 percent of the GNP in 1943-44. Under this mighty stimulus, real national product increased 65 percent from 1940 through 1944, industrial production by 90 percent... What had really happened between 1929 and 1933 is that the institutions of the nineteenth-century free market growth broke down, beyond repair... The tumultuous passage from the depression of the 1930s to the total economic mobilization of the 1940s was the watershed in twentieth century capitalism. After that nothing in the macroeconomy would ever be the same; there was no going back to the days of a pure, practically unregulated capitalist economic order."*

The merger of corporate and state interests was a reality. As Fred J. Borch, the president of G.E., put it in a speech before the Economic Club of New York on November 9, 1964: "Overriding both the common and cross-purposes of business and government, there is a broader pattern - a consensus if you will, where public and private interest come together, cooperate, interact, and become the national interest." Mussolini would have applauded loudly.

Let us return again to Lenin, for it is impossible to really grasp what fascism is without firmly grasping what imperialism as the highest stage of capitalism is all about, for it is the economic essence that drives fascism and determines the form it will take:

*"We have seen that in its economic essence imperialism is monopoly capitalism. This in itself determines its place in history, for*

*monopoly that grows out of the soil of free competition, and precisely out of free competition, is the transition from the capitalist system to a higher social economic order. We must take special note of the four principal types of monopoly, a principal manifestations of monopoly capitalism, which are characteristic of the epoch we are examining.*

*"Firstly, monopoly arose out of a very high stage of development of the concentration of production. This refers to the monopolistic capitalist combines, cartels, syndicates and trusts. We have seen the important part these play in present-day economic life. At the beginning of the twentieth century monopolies had acquired complete supremacy in the advanced countries, and although the first steps towards the formation of the cartels were first taken by countries enjoying the protection of high tariffs (Germany, America), Great Britain with her system of free trade, revealed the same basic phenomenon, only a little later, namely, the birth of monopoly out of the concentration of production.*

*"Secondly, monopolies have stimulated the seizure of the most important sources of raw materials, especially for the basic and most highly cartelized industries in capitalist society: the coal and iron industries. The monopoly of the most important sources of raw materials has enormously increased the power of big capital, and has sharpened the antagonism between cartelized and non-cartelized industry.*

*"Thirdly, monopoly has sprung from the banks. The banks have developed from humble middlemen enterprises into the monopolists of finance capital. Some three to five of the biggest banks in each of the foremost capitalist countries have achieved the 'personal union' of industrial and bank capital, and have concentrated in their hands the control of thousands upon thousands of millions which form the greater part of the capital and income of entire countries. A financial oligarchy, which throws a close network of dependence relationships over all the economic and political institutions of*



agenda is neglected. Soldiers and military service are glamorized.

5. **Rampant Sexism** - The governments of fascist nations tend to be almost exclusively male-dominated. Under fascist regimes, traditional gender roles are made more rigid. Divorce, abortion and homosexuality are suppressed and the state is represented as the ultimate guardian of the family institution.

6. **Controlled Mass Media** - Sometimes the media is directly controlled by the government, but in other cases, the media is indirectly controlled by government regulation, or sympathetic media spokespeople and executives. Censorship, especially in war time, is very common.

7. **Obsession with National Security** - Fear is used as a motivational tool by the government over the masses.

8. **Religion and Government are Intertwined** - Governments in fascist nations tend to use the most common religion in the nation as a tool to manipulate public opinion. Religious rhetoric and terminology is common from government leaders, even when the major tenets of the religion are diametrically opposed to the government's policies or actions.

9. **Corporate Power is Protected** - The industrial and business aristocracy of a fascist nation often are the ones who put the government leaders into power, creating a mutually beneficial business/government relationship and power elite.

10. **Labor Power is Suppressed** - Because the organizing power of labor is the only real threat to a fascist government, labor unions are either eliminated entirely, or are severely suppressed.

11. **Disdain for Intellectuals and the Arts** - Fascist nations tend to promote and tolerate open hostility to higher education, and academia. It is not uncommon for professors and other academics to be censored or even arrested. Free expression in the arts and letters is openly attacked.

12. **Obsession with Crime and Punishment** - Under fascist regimes, the police are given almost limitless power to enforce laws. The people are often willing to overlook police

abuses and even forego civil liberties in the name of patriotism. There is often a national police force with virtually unlimited power in fascist nations.

13. **Rampant Cronyism and Corruption** - Fascist regimes almost always are governed by groups of friends and associates who appoint each other to government positions and use governmental power and authority to protect their friends from accountability. It is not uncommon in fascist regimes for national resources and even treasures to be appropriated or even outright stolen by government leaders.

14. **Fraudulent Elections** - Sometimes elections in fascist nations are a complete sham. Other times elections are manipulated by smear campaigns against or even assassination of opposition candidates, use of legislation to control voting numbers or political district boundaries, and manipulation of the media. Fascist nations also typically use their judiciaries to manipulate or control elections.

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George Jackson pointed out in his essay "Classes at War: Mobilization and Counter-Mobilization," that at home America's liberal fascist mode took on the form of liberal democracy in the "New Deal," and after WWII as Cold War liberalism - which applied neo-colonialism in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World (namely replacing European colonial administrations with overtly fascist native ones under the pretense of promoting "democracy.") While at home, Cold War liberalism combined intense anti-Communist propaganda and McCarthyism with liberal concessions promoting opportunism in the trade unions and the Civil Rights movement.

The super profits generated from super exploitation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World financed the bribery of a section of the industrial working class to the point where some unionized workers were actually being paid more than the value of their labor. This served the dual purpose of both winning the unions away from the "reds" and "radicals" who had built them and enabling the large multinational-based corporations to squeeze out and absorb the smaller national-based companies, who could not pay the higher wages and compete,



the Black workers, the lumpen and lower-middle classes that have surrendered their non-proletarian ideology to combat the aggressive neo-colonial factions in leadership positions in the central cities of Amerikkka.

The neo-colonial agents must be exposed for their outright collaboration and betrayal of the people. The Black Panther has no needs that outweigh the importance of the struggle of the people. To win the people over to the importance of independence, the Black Panther must live with the people; struggle with them; study with them; fight beside them, and if need be, die for them.

### THE MASSES OF PEOPLE

The meaning of "The People" comes through clearly when one thinks of their mother, father, sister and brother, but the broader concept is what's being referred to here. When we say "The People," we mean those people that support and actively mobilize and organize for revolutionary socialist government, those who no longer consent to be ruled as slaves and who realize that they have nothing to lose but their chains.

### CLASS STRUGGLE

The New Afrikan Black Panther Party - Prison Chapter embraces class struggle as a means to organize, agitate, and educate the people. However our class struggle incorporates resisting our national oppression and the racist domination of the Black Nation, (i.e., neo-colonialism). Let me make it clear that the Panther has many enemies, including collaborationist Negroes and their slave masters; so to prevent these collaborators and class enemies from subverting the cause of revolution, we have to engage in class analysis and struggle. Example: The underclass does not benefit from the wealth accrued by monopoly-capitalism, but elements of the black upper-middle class have a stake in the maintenance of monopoly-capital because their big houses and lifestyle comes from it. These Blacks serve as managers and executives in these companies. They are what we today would call agents of fascism.

We are not talking about all upper-middle class Blacks; just the ones that hobnob with the likes of Condoleezza Rice and Clarence Thomas (or wish they could). These turncoats work harder than the man to maintain economic disparity and the oppression of us. In short, the class struggle will be between two forces: New Afrikan people under the leadership of a progressive/aggressive, revolutionary vanguard party and its allies verses the monopoly capitalists (not all white people) and their functionaries.

### ON SEXISM

The ugly head of sexism and gender disparaging has its roots, fundamentally, within the capitalist patriarchal system. We implore all revolutionaries to fight against the relegation of woman to second-class status within the revolutionary movement and in the broader society. Always remember that socialism is not just an economic system, but more than that, it is a new way of human relations. Comrade "Rashid" Johnson sent me a piece on wimyn and their role in struggle that will be quoted here:

"We can't generate People's war if we continue to act & to think as if all people are men, and as if all children are boys. We can't build a mass movement if we fail to allow wimyn a proportional share of power."

### A LAST WORD

We implore all serious people to get connected with a progressive group in their community. The hour of procrastination won't save those people that sleep on park benches around the corner from your house. They need you now!

**SEIZE THE TIME! DARE TO STRUGGLE AND DARE TO WIN!**

*All my quotes/sources come from Blood In My Eye: The Political Thought of Comrade George Jackson, and the BLA Study Guide.*



## More Thoughts on Amerikan Fascism and Our Contemporary Situation

By Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

"If the tactics of the bourgeoisie were always uniform or at least homogeneous, the working class would have quickly learned to reply by equally uniform or homogeneous tactics. The bourgeoisie in all countries in practice inevitably elaborates two systems of governing, two methods of struggle for its interests and for the defense of its domination, and these two methods now replace one another and now interlace in different combinations. These are first the method of violence, the method of refusing all concessions to the labor movement, the method of supporting all ancient and dying institutions, the method of uncompromising rejection of all reforms. Such is the substance of conservative policy, which is more or less ceasing to be in Western Europe the policy of the landlord classes, and is ever more becoming one of the varieties of general bourgeois policy. The second method is the method of 'liberalism,' of steps towards the development of political rights, of reforms, of concessions, etc.

"The bourgeoisie passes from one method to another not through the malicious design of individuals and not by accident, but by force of the basic contradictoriness of its own position. A normal capitalist society cannot successfully develop without a stabilized representative system, without certain political rights being granted to the population, which is necessarily distinguished by the comparatively high claims it presents with regard to 'culture'..."

V.I. Lenin, "Introduction to Marx, Engels, Marxism"

## What is Fascism?

By Comrade Rashid

"The Fascist State organizes the nation, but it leaves sufficient scope to individuals; it has *limited* useless or harmful liberties and has preserved those that are essential. It cannot be the individual who decides in this matter, but only the State." – Benito Mussolini, 1922

"Fascism is capitalism in decline."  
– V.I. Lenin

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, banking and industrial capital merged to form finance capital and ushered in the Age of Proletarian Revolution. V.I. Lenin pointed this out in *Imperialism the Highest Stage of Capitalism*. However, Lenin by no means meant that imperialism (monopoly capitalism) would not itself continue to evolve until it was overthrown. In fact, he emphasized that we must define imperialism "as capitalism in transition, or, more precisely as moribund capitalism," or capitalism in decay, capitalism rotten ripe for revolution.

He emphasized that this decay was by no means negated by the rapidity of its growth, that the accelerated growth rate was symptomatic of its rottenness and parasitism. And that this decay manifested itself most profoundly in the countries richest in capital. Since Lenin's time, we have seen the evolution of Fascism as an even more virulent form of imperialism.

Lenin also recognized that in whatever stage of its evolution, capitalism balances two approaches to maintaining its power and control over the working masses 1.) The Carrot – bribery and liberal concessions, and 2.) The Stick – violence and repression. In Lenin's words:

"The receipt of high monopoly profits by the capitalists in one of the numerous branches of industry, in one of the



numerous countries, etc., makes it economically possible for them to bribe certain sections of the workers, and for a time a fairly considerable minority of them, and win them to the side of the bourgeoisie of a given industry or given nation against all the others. The intensification of antagonisms between imperialist nations for the division of the world increases this striving. And so there is created that bond between imperialism and opportunism, which revealed itself first and most clearly in England, owing to the fact that certain features of imperialist development were observable there much earlier than in other countries."

Fascism emerged in Italy and spread to Germany and other countries which did not have the colonial base to extract super-profits from to compete with the Western Democracies in the employment of bribery for the workers. Thus they employed 'the stick.' Ironically, Fascism, founded in 1919 by Benito Mussolini, should come from the name of a bundle of sticks. The Italian name of the movement, *fascismo*, is derived from *fascio*, "bundle, (political) group," but also refers to the movement's emblem, the *fascis*, a bundle of rods (sticks) bound around a projecting axe-head that was carried before an ancient Roman magistrate by an attendant as a symbol of authority and power. In Mussolini's words:

"...For Fascism, the growth of empire, that is to say the expansion of the nation, is an essential manifestation of vitality, and its opposite a sign of decadence. Peoples which are rising, or rising again after a period of decadence, are always imperialist; and renunciation is a sign of decay and of death. Fascism is the doctrine best adapted to represent the tendencies and the aspirations of a people, like the people of Italy, who are rising again after many centuries of abasement and foreign servitude. But empire demands discipline, the coordination of all forces and a deeply felt sense of duty and sacrifice: this fact explains many aspects of the practical working of the regime, the character of many forces in the State, and the necessarily severe measures which

must be taken against those who would oppose this spontaneous and inevitable movement of Italy in the twentieth century, and would oppose it by recalling the outworn ideology of the nineteenth century – repudiated whosoever there has been the courage to undertake great experiments of social and political transformation; for never before has the nation stood more in need of authority, of direction and order. If every age has its own characteristic doctrine, there are a thousand signs which point to Fascism as the characteristic doctrine of our time. For if a doctrine must be a living thing, this is proved by the fact that Fascism has created a living faith; and that this faith is very powerful in the minds of men is demonstrated by those who have suffered and died for it."

Dr. Lawrence Britt has examined the fascist regimes of Hitler (Germany), Mussolini (Italy), Franco (Spain), Suharto (Indonesia) and several Latin American regimes. Britt found 14 defining characteristics common to each:

1. **Powerful and Continuing Nationalism** - Fascist regimes tend to make constant use of patriotic mottoes, slogans, symbols, songs, and other paraphernalia. Flags are seen everywhere, as are flag symbols on clothing and in public displays.
2. **Disdain for the Recognition of Human Rights** - Because of fear of enemies and the need for security, the people in fascist regimes are persuaded that human rights can be ignored in certain cases because of "need." The people tend to look the other way or even approve of torture, summary executions, assassinations, long incarcerations of prisoners, etc.
3. **Identification of Enemies/Scapegoats as a Unifying Cause** - The people are rallied into a unifying patriotic frenzy over the need to eliminate a perceived common threat or foe: racial, ethnic or religious minorities; liberals; communists; socialists, terrorists, etc.
4. **Supremacy of the Military** - Even when there are widespread domestic problems, the military is given a disproportionate amount of government funding, and the domestic