

## SELF-HELP, SELF-EDUCATION = POWER



Random Scenes in the Community Development Day Care Center of Brooklyn, Inc.

By Ted Malino

"Your children . . . are the sons and daughters  
of life's longing for itself.  
You may give them your love but not your thoughts  
For they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,  
Which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams,  
You may strive to be like them, but  
Seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday . . .

The Prophet

Kahlil Gibran

At 1310 Atlantic Avenue, two blocks from the Nostrand Avenue stop on the "A" train you will find the Community Development Day Care Center of Brooklyn, Inc. When you enter the first thing that will strike you is the very plain, almost austere atmosphere. Then you will see the quotation above tacked on the wall. If you're aware of the plight of the cities of America; if you are aware of the critically poor conditions of the schools our children are miseducated in; if

you know that throughout the cities, mothers who need to work to break the cycle of poverty in which they have been trapped for generations are forced to stay at home because they have no place to leave their children; if you have witnessed the lack of community involvement in the educational process, and you have been frustrated by a sense of powerlessness; if you are aware of the lack of concern for our children in the public educational system; if you're tired of waiting for an unresponsive government to act in your best interests — go to the Community Day Care

Center of Brooklyn, Inc. You will see 175 children, ranging in age from three (3) months to six (6) years. These children are here from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and are fed three meals a day which are prepared in the manner in which they would be prepared in their homes.

You will see children learning to be proud of themselves as African Americans. You will see children expressing themselves and developing strong personalities within a group where respect for others is emphasized. Missing is the hostility and belligerence you find in the public school setting. You will see discipline here, although the shouting you find in public schools is absent.

There is a warm feeling in the atmosphere. In addition, in a time when public schools are producing high school graduates who read on a ninth grade level, the 4 and 5 year olds at this Center can read and write. To a person who knows what goes on every day in agencies which are supposed to serve the same needs, you cannot fail to be thrilled.

For too many years, poor children, particularly Black children have been exposed to the hos-

tility of their teachers, or the indifference or the condescension of their teachers. For too many years the future of our children and the hope of our people has been left to the untender mercies of the clinical approach of one sociologist after another, as though we were a race of people on a microscopic slide.

Today, we are no longer satisfied with the definitions previously imposed on our lives and the character of our existence by strangers to our communities. Today, we strive for self determination and control over the institutions that affect our lives.

The Day Care Center is a community supported and parent controlled organization. This independent organization was begun in 1967. Initially, there was an attempt at a cooperative venture, including a gas station and a drug store to finance the operation of the Center. This venture did not prove to be a successful and stable means of raising the necessary expenses for the operations of the Center. It was then necessary to find other means of maintaining the Center. Funds

were obtained from a private source and the Center gives Dances and Raffles to raise money for its expenses which include staff's salaries that go no higher than \$6,000 a year and a \$30,000 rental a year for the 20,000 square feet of space that the Center encompasses.

The Center presently has a "tax-free status" which permits contributions to write off their donations as income tax deductions.

The Center was conceived as a practical means of meeting a specific needs of the Black community in which it is based which government had already shown its inability or unwillingness to do. In the writer's opinion, this Center has become a model of the type of institution that all communities could use to their interests; institutions which are controlled by the community itself, which are responsive to the needs of the community and which function through the dedication of individuals who have found a practical significance in their daily lives in working for their communities in their communities.

**BLACK AWAKENING**

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**Nigger Shine**

Did you ever see what happens, when the sun hits a nigger?  
Niggers shine, niggers shine, niggers shine physically,  
Did you ever see a nigger after he's been running and he's sweatin?  
Niggers shine, niggers shine, niggers shine physically,  
Did you ever see a nigger in a purple Cadillac El Dorado,  
a brand new 1970 El Dorado?  
Niggers shine, niggers shine, niggers shine materialistically,  
Did you ever see a nigger in some orange pants, bright, silk,  
orange pants?  
Niggers shine, niggers shine, niggers shine materialistically,  
Did you ever see a brother teach another brother about pride,  
self-determination and self-defense,  
Brothers shine, brothers shine, brothers shine mentally,  
Did you ever see a sister teach her beautiful black children about  
pride, self-determination, and self-defense  
Sisters shine, sisters shine, sisters shine mentally,  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE GOING TO SHINE LIGHT UP  
THEIR COMMUNITIES,  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE GOING TO SHINE LIGHT UP  
THEIR CITIES,  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE GOING TO SHINE LIGHT UP  
THE WORLD,  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE GOING TO SHINE LIGHT UP  
THE UNIVERSE.

**Goddamn Nigger Come On Home**

Goddamn nigger what's wrong with you,  
You go to fight in the Nam, to "America" you want to be true,  
You are killing yellow brothers that are being oppressed,  
Goddamn nigger don't you know that you're in the same mess,  
You too are the oppressed,  
Our churches are being bombed, little black girls are  
being killed,  
Black people can't get jobs even though they are skilled,  
The man don't want you skilled, he wants you killed,  
Get your black ass back here, you don't have to roam  
You have enough fighting to do in your so called home,  
Hey blood, your not a Goddamn nigger, your a black brother,  
So come on home.

**Brothers and Sisters Have Fallen**

Brothers and sisters have fallen our blood has flowed,  
Hey Bobby, Hey Fred, Hey Huey,  
But that ain' tgonna stop us the fascist pigs gonna be over throwed,  
Over them fascist pigs, over throw them fascist faggots,  
We've been harassed for too long we ain't taking no more shit,  
All power to the people, Black Power to People  
We gonna deal with the fascist pig bullet, for bullet  
Bang, bang, pigs fallin, bang, bang pigs dead, pigs dead,  
Many more brave warriors may have to fall,  
Hey blood,  
But freedom fighters will bring the fascist pigs to their knees,  
and make them crawl,  
Crawl pig, crawl, and while you crawl I'm gonna piss on you pig,  
And tell them to get up against the wall,  
UP AGAINST THE WALL MOTHERFUCKER, UP AGAINST THE  
WALL MOTHERFUCKER. GET UP AGAINST THE WALL, YOU  
MOTHERFUCKIN' PIG

Aaron Crowder

**Law and Order?**

As civilization, as we know it, spreads across the continent, millions of Indians were slaughtered, and driven from their land to slowly die from poverty. Millions of Black souls were taken from their motherland and redeposited in the "new world." These Black souls were stripped of their language and of their identity. To safeguard and to sanction this manifest destiny, white men resorted to "law and order."

The Red man and the Black man were stripped of their cultures under the guise of "law and order"—White man's "law and order"; Take the Indian's land and take the Black man's body, and make it all legal in the eyes of man and God." Law and order meant to take from the masses, the rightful owners, and to claim their land and their bodies.

Law and order has always been a means by which the few control the many—by force, by power, by money, and by God, but never has it been by what is right. Law and order has always been the means by which the ruling class has controlled the working class, the means by which the property owner withholds "his" property from the masses; the means by which the oppressor classes have oppressed the masses. Law and order is the slaughter of millions of men, women, and children; and law and order is the power to wage a genocidal war in the name of peace. A law designed to keep the power out of the hands of the people is designed to keep the order of the society that makes the laws.

Law and order is the Watts riot and the Chicago convention and Berkeley's Peoples Park. Law and order is malnutrition and starvation, police brutality and poor housing, suppression and exploitation, and the right to die for an unjust country which deprives you of the right to make the wrong laws right.

Law and order is the right, the manifest destiny, of the wealthy, the ruling class, the enemy of the people. The people being the workers, the housewives, the students, and the children. The children of today are the workers, the house wives, and the students of tomorrow, the children of today are the oppressed of tomorrow. Laws are made to keep the gun—the power out of the hands of Indians and slaves, and laws are made to keep niggers, spicks, kikes, chinks, wops, and micks from sitting in the wrong "public waiting" room, or drinking from the wrong "public" drinking fountain, or applying for the "right" jobs. Law and order is the Supreme Courts decision to end "separate but equal" educational institutions "with all deliberate speed."

Law and order is billions of dollars spent nationally to arm police departments with anti-riot and tanks—and to spend billions of dollars maiming and killing Vietnamese peasants. But law and order does not eliminate ghettos that house riot conditions, or allow the Vietnamese people the right to choose their own form of government. Law and order does not protect the Black Panther Party and the Young Lords

and the Young Patriots from racist pigs. Law and order does not protect a Black face from pig brutality, or a Brown face from injustice, or a Red face from the reservation, or a White face from wage slavery.

There are jails for those who take what they believe belongs to them, and there are concentration camps for those who stand up and demand that law and order allow them to have what rightfully belongs to them. There is the loneliness and coldness of graves for those who are capable of showing the masses what law and order really represents.

Law and order is a government that controls the news media, and convinces the public that the true power of control rests in the hands of the public. Law and order is a government controlled by the rich and the super-rich, but is capable of convincing the masses that the true power of government rests in the hands of the public. Law and order is a government that controls and regulates the actions of all its citizens, and is capable of convincing its citizens that they are free to speak and to move as they please. Law and order is a government that promises its citizens the right to a speedy and a fair trial, and is capable of convincing the public that it is legal to imprison—and even to kill—anyone who is opposed to injustices.

Law and order is not in the interest of justice, but rather it is in the interest of this systems ruling class—the rich and the super-rich. Law and order is the suppression of any and all attempts to create any realistic movement to eliminate hunger and poverty; genocide and war; ghetto's and unemployment; hate and racism. The "law and order" precedent set by the colonist's, and symbolically expressed by the founding fathers, remains today. It was no accident that the Aristocracy, the wealthy colonist's rebelled against British law and order. It was no accident that poor people, the oppressed, were allowed to migrate to the new world. It is no accident today that the oppressed, the working class, is rebelling against American law and order. Just as it is no accident that Black capitalism is today's "oil on troubled water." The one difference is that today's revolutionary's truly represent the oppressed masses. Today's revolutionaries are being assassinated by the same government that, on paper, guaranteed the right to voice dissent. Ironically, and very logically, this government investigates the murders committed by its officials. Of course the murderers are absolved—justifiable homicide is the official verdict in all cases.

The committee investigating possible Federal sanction of the murder of Black Panther members, has concluded that the FBI is innocent. Though various local pig departments, it was decided, are guilty of denying Panthers the guaranteed "due process of law" (and other constitutional rights) and of using excessive force, the committee could find no evidence of Federal involvement. It is interesting to recall that several years ago, J. Edgar Hoover, (referred to as THE Super

Pig) stated that he considered the Black Panther Party the greatest internal threat this country has ever witnessed. Lesser pig agents have infiltrated the party, and have tried to, successfully at times, to buy information from Party members. Local sheriffs in all of the cities housing Panther offices are guilty of harassing and intimidating Panthers and their families and friends. (Sheriffs are guilty of making phony busts of innocent people, using flimsy evidence and great "4r" power such as in the Panther "21" conspiracy).

The absolved super pig agency spends countless dollars tapping phones, and harassing Panther Party cadre members and their loved ones. Panthers in leadership positions are extremely paranoid, exhibiting an overly cautious attitude toward not only strangers, but toward friends and family members, because the FBI has them (Panthers, friends and families) under constant surveillance. It is no accident that Panthers are so often arrested and charged with outrageous crimes, and ransomed for such fantastic bails. A careful investigation of the charges, and of the bails set for incarcerated Panthers is bound to enlighten even the most conservative minded American.

It is absurd to think that a band of militants, aware of local and federal infiltration, is going to plan murder, or is going to plan to blow up the Botanical gardens. The Black Panther Party has been, ever since the inception of the party, a legal target for every "law enforcement" gun in the country. On top of that, the John Birch Society and the Minuteman have listed leadership personnel on their "assassination lists."

The B.P.P. is serving hundreds, indeed thousands, of children all over America a free hot breakfast everyday, they are supplying new and used clothing to needy children also. The Party does all that is possible to assist the needy, with no concern as to race or religion. And the Party does not preach hate, they explain the contradictions in the system that lead to, encourage, and enforce oppression, repression, and racism.

Hate is preached by Birchers, Minutemen, the Klan, and men like Nixon who refuse to put an end to the conditions favorable to the Panthers. SDS, the Lords, the Patriots, and other revolutionary vanguard organizations. The super-rich, the rich, and the opportunist seeking wealth; the war mongers (for PROFIT—not for God, Flag and Moms apple pie) are responsible for slums (ghetto's) and poverty. These individuals exploit the workers, mis-educate the young, and wage all out war against un-armed peasants. (The Vietcong were relatively unarmed technologically when the USA began the massive bombings and the invasion of Nam).

Even superficial historical research into Vietnamese history reveals that the U.S. has always had it's financial finger in the pie, and has made it a political policy to try and control Vietnamese politics. Nixon is carrying on the policy passed on from Johnson by Kennedy via Eisenhower. Thousands of Americans

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**LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**  
(March 19, 1970)

There are elections pending which can affect the education of every child in the public schools.

The Local School Boards will have a significant control over the finances expended on education and a determining voice in where the money will be spent. In short, the determining of priorities will largely be a function of the Local School Boards.

**We need Black Representation on every Board that spends money on Staten Island.** We cannot rely on the right wing mentality of John Marchi's home-base to have a sense of justice which includes Black and Puerto Rican people.

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
REGISTER  
VOTE FOR YOUR CANDIDATES!**

**Ernest Dow**

Mr. Ernest Dow has been active on Staten Island in a variety of ways related to education, economic and social needs of the community as a whole, but specifically with the Island's Black and Spanish segments and with the poor.

Mr. Dow states, "I believe than an educational system should be relevant, innovative and reflect the importance of the widest spectrum of the community. This can only be accomplished if a board reflects a valid cross-section of the community's desires and goals through dedicated representatives. I am running as a candidate, hopefully, to bring the board the needs, complaints and recommendations from the Black and minority people, but at the same time to be mindful of the total needs of all Staten Island children in the area of education."

Mr. Dow is presently employed as Educational Director, Regional Manpower Opportunity Center #XI, 45 Wall Street, Staten Island, N.Y. His work deals with basic adult education, geared towards vocational education, general education development diploma and the college bound program.

**Luther Route**

Mr. Luther Route's active involvement with youths dates back 10 years, when he was a street club worker for the New York City Youth Board. This enabled him to have direct contact with children of all calibers. By utilizing buddy-buddy type encounters, he was able to communicate with some extremely disturbed youngsters and view their opposition to schools, parents and society. He also consulted with parents on various community problems, thereby becoming knowledgeable of community needs in education and social turmoils from the grass root level.

As a candidate, Mr. Route feels that his experiences will prove to be an asset, enabling him to relate the educational needs of the community to the local school board.

Mr. Route is presently serving as the director of the West Brighton Senior Citizens Center, which is located at 230 Broadway, Staten Island. He was president of the West Brighton Community Council, which sponsored the first anti-poverty program on Staten Island.

**Edna Prince**

Mrs. Edna Prince has been actively and diligently fighting for the needs of Staten Island for many years. Her involvement extends into almost every problem area, highlighting on education, housing, mental health, social services and legal aid.

Mrs. Prince is the organizer and presently vice president of the New Brighton Civic Association. Some of the accomplishments of this association are street light and sewage repairs, plus numerous improvements in poor housing conditions.

Mrs. Prince also serves on the advisory boards of many resourceful agencies such as the Mental Health Head-Start Program, New York Legal Aid Society, New Brighton Civic Association and the Board of Education's title I program. She holds membership in the Civic Congress of Staten Island and the Mayor's Task Force.

Mrs. Prince states, "I would like to be the voice of the community's needs, but also cooperate and recognize the needs of children in all communities as far as education is concerned. The future of our community and our children depends on the decisions we make today."

"All of my endeavors have been undertaken as a result of some existing condition affecting our children either directly or indirectly."

**Law and Order?**

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and Vietnamese have been wounded and killed because of this policy.

In America, the most technologically advanced civilization ever to exist, the people are kept ignorant to world and local events. The news is distorted and redistorted prior to being passed to the public via the media. Common gossip and rumors are often far more reliable than the misrepresentations that we read and hear via the media. The information is there for those who seek it, but the odds are with the establishment, because people are all too willing to accept what they are told as the truth. So is the case against the B.P.P. received by Americans. If it is in the media, it must be gospel.

The American public has refused to become curious as to why Black's are being gunned down, arrested, and harassed. The same Americans that condemn Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, David Hilliard, and hundreds of other Panthers; the very same Americans say that a public official, such as Alioto, Adonizio, (Adonizio, the mayor of Newark, is under Federal indictment, along with several individuals from his administration, for tax evasion and mafia connections. Alioto, San Francisco's Mayor, is under investigation for fee splitting, and is involved in suing a well known publication that publically accused Alioto of having mafia ties) are innocent until proven guilty. Justice? or the planned elimination of the Panther Party? The democratic government as practiced in this country seems to play favorites. The Panther Party realizes that Newark is not the only city controlled by the mafia, and the party realizes that any fight against poverty and wage slavery is a fight against the mafia. The man on the street has the same realizations, it then stands to reason that the "very surprised" investigators were and are aware of exactly what is happening.

Several magazines (All American, thereafter reliable, in their readers opinions) have exposed the extent of mafia control in industry, the military, and most important, the political structure of city, state, and federal agencies. The mafia controls gambling, prostitution, dope; and the movie industry, the recording industry, the construction industry, and food and marketing industries are utilized as fronts for mafia operations.

It makes one wonder why the American public has not demanded an intensification of investigations involving suspected mafia figures and mafia front organizations. It makes one wonder why the American public has not demanded an immediate, all out, investigation, an all out war on crime in America. Why have Americans not demanded that dope traffic be stopped, instead of demanding that dope users, and small fry dope pushers receive stiffer jail sentences? Why did Nixon refuse to monetarily arm his army to fight his war against crime? A request for approximately \$60 million was met with a drop in the bucket—\$2

million. Nixon declared war, yet he has shown a reluctance to financially enable the job to be done properly. There is something wrong there that needs an immediate investigation.

It is not my desire to convince anyone of anything. The facts are a matter of record, available for anyone who cares to do the research. Information without factual documentation is food for curiosity. The established political structure of America is starving all of us.

The established political structure of America is not serving the needs of the people. It is not even meeting the minimum standards, set by itself, to guarantee an end to hunger and malnutrition. The educational arenas are mismanaged, and the politicians are corrupt. (The local sheriffs, at least on Jersey Street, can be seen collecting their graft almost any day of the week).

America—love it or leave it? Why not find out why and how to make it "loveable" for everyone? leaving it won't change it. You see, love of country is not lacking among the dissenters; love of country, love of justice, and love of humanity is exactly what dissent is all about. The bigots and the racists that cheat the poor, exploit the workers, and who make deliberate mistakes on their income tax (in their own favor over that of the government that they love so well) are the people that should leave. Their concept of "America—love it or leave it" is what they can get for themselves at the expense of others. They are the people who scream like raped apes when welfare recipients are given a raise in the budget, and say very calmly, when the U.S. Navy over-pays 96 million dollars for a 151 million dollar destroyer, "We goofed."

The average American doe's not know that the U.S. government pays 60% of every dollar spent by private industry for research, and that the other 40% is tacked on to the final contract should the government decide to purchase from the company in question, this 40%, strangely enough, is worked into the price to cover for the rising cost of material and labor. This means that the government is financing the research 100%, and then buying it's own improvement. The military/industrial complex in America should be investigated along with the mafia. Especially when one considers that mafia front organizations bid for government contracts.

The time is long past due for Americans to demand the truth; an immediate end to brutality and murder by law enforcement agents; an immediate withdrawal from Vietnam; an immediate investigation of federal, state, county, and city governments; an immediate investigation of the mafia with it's prostitution, gambling, and dope traffic, along with it's ties in industry and in politics.

America—love it or leave it? I'm staying and doing all in my power to make America resemble the image it claims, a land of freedom and equality and justice for all regardless of race, creed, or religion.

Sonny Collins

**On Staten Island**

By Jamette Spencer and Ramona Deffendorf

To those who think you have to be a member of the Black Panther Party or any other "Black Activist" or "Revolutionary" group to be the target of racist attacks:

Miss Doreen Dow, the daughter of Mr. Ernest A. Dow, was the victim of a physical beating while attending Curtis High School here on Staten Island on February 18, 1970.

As Miss Dow related, she was climbing the stairs to the fourth floor of Curtis High School when she was conscious of a voice from her rear. "Did you write an article in the 'Cats?' (referring to an article that Miss Dow had written in her school newspaper). "Yes." "Are you Doreen Dow?" "Yes." Immediately following her affirmative response to this query Miss Dow was struck in the abdomen. Miss Dow then fell to the floor. Her assailant, a dark complected caucasian dressed in a black imitation leather jacket and dark pants, then fled the scene.

Miss Dow continued on her way to class, where she reported the incident to her instructor and asked to be excused to see the dean. Denying her request the instructor told her to be seated and begin taking an examination along with the rest of her class. After threatening to leave without permission, Miss Dow was finally allowed to go to the Dean's Office.

The Dean's immediate reaction to her story was to attempt to locate her assailant and to notify Mr. and Mrs. Dow of the incident.

Upon returning to the Principal's office, after an unsuccessful "search", for the assailant, the Dean and Miss Dow found that Doreen's mother had arrived and was awaiting them in the Principal's office. Mrs Dow insisted that she accompany her daughter on an independent search of the school—his request was initially denied, but after rigorous demands on the part of Mrs. Dow, the school authorities consented to her request.

At 12:50 Mr. Dow arrived at the school and informed the Principal for the first time of the incident. Up to this time, the Principal was completely unaware of what had taken place. Mr. Dow's personal appraisal of the case was that there as an "indifference" on the part of the administration, and an ignorance as to the possible consequences of an attack upon a Black girl by a white student after that girl has written an article in support of what is known as "Black Militancy". The total sum of administrative actions at Curtis High School to locate Doreen's assailant and to insure that incidents such as this do not recur were two conferences. One of these conferences was attended by concerned students of Staten Island Community College and certain community members. This conference was not scheduled by the administration. The entire incident was known to the Staten Island Advance but was not published in their subsequent issues and hasn't been to this writer's knowledge mentioned in any way.

# The 60's and Black America

By Bob Young

The sixties, in America, was the scene of many changes for the Black man. It was the age of the "Long Hot Summer" or better known as the time when the Black Community took their dividends from the people who had been robbing them for years in their communities throughout the nation. This burst of Black energy into a strong external force of violence brought forth a counteraction throughout the nation. New Federal, State and City Programs sprang up in most of the major cities, to remove Black youth from the streets; drawing them into the system and dulling the pangs of frustration and powerlessness that had driven them into the streets in the first place. These programs were accompanied by an increase in the Police Arsenal, Special Tactical Forces, Anti-riot training and Pig pressure served as America's answer to the race riot.

A big challenge came along, following this period, that must have done wonders for locksmiths and gun manufacturers. Black Power became a part of the nation's vocabulary. The mere combination of Black with the word Power brought fear to the racist, guilt-ridden soul of America. What would power mean to a people who had been oppressed for so long? What would this mean to a people who had killed, and raped and humiliated these people for so long? White America turned to the long established Civil Rights organizations and leaders to define the term Black Power. These leaders perceived Black Power as "Green Power," "Vote Power," "Brain Power," but were very careful to stay away from "Gun Power." White America breathed a deep sigh of relief. Black Power was defined as economical and political in thrust and therefore under the control of the established economic and political powers in the nation. Political power was kicked around and debated, while economic power became Black Capitalism—adding black to the world capitalism makes about as much difference as adding water to water, all you get is more. America began to welcome and encourage Black Capitalism and why not? What easier way to eliminate the problems than to make the Black man identify with and ascribe to the very system that has suppressed him so long. How can you speak of Brothers and Sisters and believe in an economic system which is dependent on the success of the individual by defeating and depriving others to achieve your goals. There is no unity, no common goals for the benefit of the whole, only the goal of the individuals, succeeding through deft competition and the defeat of others. Of course American capitalism as very moralistic and beneficial goals, economic growth, full employment, price stability, econom-

ic freedom, equitable distribution of income, economic security—but how many of these can a Black man or any man believe in as true goals.

The endorsement of Black Capitalism quickly found roots in the Black Bourgeoisie; who found it as a new status vehicle and gained more recognition from White and Black America, but it actually offers little or no advantage to them or anyone else. A few token Blacks were placed in some new position and seen more often, but the power remained as stable and exclusive as ever.

The American cry of Black Capitalism came too late to halt the Black movement that had begun however. It may have served to soothe the people for the present, like many Federal Aid Programs do, but the true struggle for "human dignity" goes further than the osmosis of the American way of life. It is no longer only a matter of becoming an American, of wanting to belong, to fit in; not just a battle for Black rights but a struggle against an oppressive system which is strangling the white American in the Appalachian mountains just as certainly as it is destroying the American Indian children on barren reservations and black tenant farmers in Mississippi, and Vietnamese and Laotian peasants in Asia.

As people become more aware of the hideous trick that has been played upon their minds and souls by a rather small group of individuals in power and as people begin to flex their muscles and attempt to deal with their conditions of life the struggle will become more bitter and will encompass many more people. If we are ever to stem the tide of inhumanity in our nation and the world the struggle must go on. The struggle will go on.

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## NEVER AGAIN!!

By Ted Malino

At the present time, the nation is witnessing a struggle on all levels between the forces of the people and the forces of governmental repression. At stake is the right of all people to live like human beings in a society at peace with the rest of the world.

We have all seen the price of dissent. Black Panthers, Young Lords Organization members, Young Patriots, in short every organization that is truly attempting to reach the masses of people to awaken a sense of common interest and concern have been harassed, bullied and finally murdered.

The actions of the government are to be expected. No group or individual ever has resigned power without a struggle. Therefore the people must be careful to constantly be on the alert for instances which split unity and detract from the purposes and goals of our vanguard organizations.

Recently, a female worker for the Black Panther Party was accosted by an individual presently attending Staten Island Community College. This individual has been identified. This individual attempted to take monies from the female worker for the Black Panther Party. The worker ran and was chased by this individual and two companions who have not yet been identified. Fortunately, this worker for the Black Panther Party was not physically harmed and she was able to protect the monies that she had for the Black Panther Party Defense Fund for the New York 21.

In a time when governmental pressure is heavy, it is intolerable that anyone who is part of the people for whom the vanguard organizations have laid down their lives should act in such a reactionary fashion.

This individual has also been tentatively identified as a dealer in hard drugs (heroin, etc.). This action is also deplored not only because of the destruction of brothers and sisters that these drugs portend but because these activities while going on here at Staten Island Community College are bringing this institution more and more to the eyes of that very same government which is bent on destroying all forms of real dissent in this nation.

Personal gain cannot be placed before the welfare of the people at large.

**NEVER  
AGAIN!!**

## Checkmate

By Ted Malino

In the game of Chess, there is an opening move which is titled the "Danish Gambit" in which two pawns are used against a relatively weak opponent to gain control of the center of the Board.

As we all know, pawns do not have feelings; unless the pawns are human. Presently, it appears that the pawns here at S.I.C.C. (students) have been manipulated between two separate factions in a struggle which seems to have at stake certain Faculty and Administration powers and prerogatives.

Regardless of the personalities involved, the student body will apparently end up in the same position it presently is in, that is, powerless to determine curriculum changes and without effective control over the bulk of finances which come into this institution; and relatively no say in Administrative procedures such as Registration.

As matters stand now the students are sharply divided on whether or not to stand with the Faculty in its struggle to curb the Executive powers of the President of Staten Island Community College or whether to support the Executive and Administrative Branch.

This is not a simple matter. In the Administrative Branch there are a greater number of Black people than has ever been at Staten Island at one time since its inception. To a great many Black students these individuals represent hope for a future life which the student will have an opportunity to use the skills developed in the college to the benefit of themselves and hopefully their communities. For many even this "image" of hope was not afforded the Black high school or college student. Every Black student in the past spent many agonizing hours of frustration and worry as to whether or not the skills developed in College will ever be used; as opposed to the general student concern of how well these skills will be used.

For this reason, there is a natural inclination on the part of Black students to think of the Administration with a favorable bias.

On the other hand, we are aware of the dangers inherent in following a path laid out for us by friend or foe.

A realistic and intelligent direction for all students to take is to attempt to gain some real student power, so that our interests can be protected by ourselves.

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## Fit For Niggers

Shannon Jones

The housing situation in Brownsville is the worst in the city of New York. The area looks like the aftermath of World War II. The avaricious landlords can never be found. They don't show up to collect their rentals for fear of being subpoenaed. They persist in refusing the minimal services for the tenants who are forced to live in these conditions because of the current housing shortage in New York City, because of poverty and because of racial discrimination in the real estate industry.

When the people on welfare refuse to pay their rental because of the conditions, these housing pimps make deals with the welfare so that the checks will be sent directly to them. The corrupt housing officials and welfare officials are quickly swayed to report that there are no violations on the landlord's buildings, usually through the use of bribes. The people are lied to constantly by the demagogic politicians in City Hall and Albany. The people have been told that if they put pressure on the landlords and the city, the city will reduce the rentals and take over the building. This is just one of the contradictions that lies within the power structure because what the politicians are doing is trying to rip off the land as cheaply as they can get it. After obtaining the land, middle income housing will go up in place of the tenants and the poor become nomads again at the mercy of landlords and bureaucracies to again be placed in the same conditions they had just left.

The people are slowly becoming hip and the people are tired of this method of soul murder by which their children's and their lives are being destroyed. In the upper east side, the Young Lords Organization is struggling to uplift the health of the people in their community by going house to house with equipment to check for the possibility of lead poisoning in children. Tenants groups have formed throughout the city to fight proposals by the landlords for increased rentals without any guarantee that services will improve or even be instituted. The people are tired of the bull shit and it's about time.

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