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FROM THE EDITORBLACK POWER

Black Power is no different than any other form of power except it's in the hands of Black People. The false assumption that white people are justified in getting what they want through the use of power, but that Black People must appeal to white people conscience is no longer accepted by Black People and is for whites to try and hold on to the past.

For Black people to have power we must want power; and in order to want power we must know what power is:

BLACK POWER is an attempt to instill pride in Black People and develop the attitudes necessary to gain and retain power.

BLACK POWER is developing programs such as independent political, consumer and producer groups.

BLACK POWER is concerned with obtaining the most advanced social interests of the time, decent housing, decent jobs, quality education and a voice in decision making.

As Negroes, we need power in order to participate more effectively at all levels of life in America. As Black People who were forced out of participation in the function of this country, we fail to understand the emotional outcry of some people both white and black against the term today. We do not agree with those who say that we must stop expressing concern for acquisition of power lest we endanger the gains already made or that we'll offend financial contributors, or that we'll set flame to the white backlash. The fact of the matter is, there have been few gains for Negro rights and much of the money given was and is conscience money. Of course, the white backlash is a complete lie

anywhere else in this country. In other words, America is witnessing the ritual of its white population tearing off the veil of hypocrisy and admitting that it hates, fears and rejects its twenty-one million Black Citizens because we are black. We'll not play this game. We'll turn back to our roots, making our way through fields that you will soon come to know, singing songs that you will soon sing, shouting our Hallelujahs that you will soon shout - BLACK POWER.

B I T S A N D P I E C E S

Everyone in the 6th Congressional District is invited to a meeting to be held at Jackson's Night Club 1500 Allen St. Dupont Annex, Plaquemine, La. (tel. no. 687-9120) on November 12, 1966 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be a state wide political meeting from November 25th to 27th. Everyone will be informed by letter as to the place of the meeting.

High school students from across the state met in Homer last Saturday. The students are trying to raise \$5000 for a trip for forty of their members to the CORE convention next summer.

CORE staff and volunteers will go to Lowndes-county Alabama to help SNCC on election day in their efforts to elect Negroes.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORTS NOT YET 'INTEGRATED'

Integration in New Orleans public schools apparently do not include sports, if recent printed schedules are an indication.

Early this month, the Health, Safety and Physical Education Section, Jack Pizzano supervisor, announced volleyball scheduled for elementary schools and junior high schools

It was noted that in the posted

While city officials continue to brand members of the Committee of Concerned Citizens on Police Matters as trouble makers members of the police continue to attack citizens. Two weeks ago two officers shot a man in city park, while he was playing golf. At the time of the shooting, the officers were out of their patrol area. They further stated to investigators that they had gone into the park to retrieve a nightstick (if such a stick existed, nobody has said how the nightstick got in the park) and saw a pack of wild dogs, at which they fired their guns. We are not aware of wild dogs being in city park and to our knowledge park officials have not reported any.

Just this past weekend, Melville Allen, a school teacher, at Woodson School was beaten by two police officers in the ninth ward. From the indication report given the officer who attacked Mr. Allen have been involved in attacks on other persons in the ninth ward.

The Committee of Concerned Citizen on Police Matters will meet with Mayor Schiro Friday morning.

SCHOOLS

The New Orleans School board has announced plans to upgrade 17 predominately Negro schools. This is nothing but a smoke screen. Every predominately Negro school in New Orleans is inferior and will remain inferior until the school board stops putting more money into white schools even though there are almost twice as many Negro students as there are white students.

Every part of the country people are complaining about school boards bussing Negro students to gain some form of integration. Here in New Orleans, the school board is bussing white students to maintain segregation.

It's not necessary for the school board to single out a few predominately Negro school to upgrade. A system free of all forms of segregation will upgrade the whole system and not put Negroes in another special class.

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school and the supt. of the school dismissed the remaining students at noon.

Three Negroes asked \$195,000 in damages in suits filed at U.S. District Courts, accusing Bogalusa and Washington Parish law officers of brutality.

Robert Williams of Bogalusa, Henry Austin of New Orleans and Robert Lee Brown of Varnado charged the officers with assulting them last year during civil rights demonstrations. Williams claimed he was beaten, kicked and jailed by Bogalusa Police Chief, Claxton Knight, Washington Parish Sheriff Dorman Crowe and deputies Sidney Lyons and Walter Vertres Adams on Oct. 20, 1965. He asked the court to award him \$60,000 damages. Austin accused Adams, Crowe, Knight and Bogalusa policeman John Hall of beating him during the same demonstration. He requested \$75,000 damages.

Brown said Lyons, Knight, Crowe and Deputy James Reiley beat him with billy clubs in another incident on the same day. He said four shots were fired at him when he tried to flee his attackers. He asked \$60,000.

KENNER

Someone tried to blow up a bridge leading to a Negro subdivision. Apparently an amateur, stuck one stick of dynamite between the frame and deck of the wooden bridge and set off the charge. Damage was minor and no one was hurt.

FERRIDAY

David whatley was taken out of the jail and put into the army. white folks in Ferriday were in such a hurry to get David out of town that they drop all pending charges against him and disgarded the fact that he was still in high school. Eddie Scott has replace David and we are sure that he will give the white folks in Concordia Parish just as much hell as David did.

Carrie Washington, sister of David whatley, was wounded by buckshot Thursday night. Carrie was hit by pellets in the leg, hip and back. Carrie heard a shot outside the house and walk-