SUPPORT THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY!



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For the first time in one hundred years the Negro of the South is starting to regain the political power that was once his during Reconstruction. A movement is starting in Lowndes County, Alabama, where the black man makes up more than 80 percent of the population, does more than 90 percent of the work, but owns less than five percent of the wealth and has virtually zero percent of the political power in the county government. But all this is going to change in Lowndes County come November 8th, Election Day. Over 2500 Negroes are now registered there to the 2240 whites. In the past, Negroes voted in the Democratic Party primaries, but even though they often had the majority, they never seemed to be able to elect black candidates. In Mississippi, the Freedom Democratic Party delegation to the National Convention supported Johnson and Humphrey, supported the Democratic Party Platform, and agreed to sign the Party loyalty oath. The Negro is tired of being stepped on, pushed down, and ignored. He wants to be heard and felt! He has decided to start his own party -- a party that he alone can own and control; a party that is honest, responsible, and loyal to the interests of the working man, the poor, and the majority!

This party has been formed in Lowndes County, Alabama, by the Negro farmers and workers who live there. Its name is the Lowndes County Freedom Organization (LCFO). Its symbol is the Black Panther, which stands for freedom, courage, and strength. On May 3, 1966 LCFO held a Nominating Convention which nominated sic people to run for all six offices to be available on November 8, 1966. These offices are: Sheriff, (the most powerful political post in the county), tax assessor, tax collector, coroner, and three school board members. The six candidates are running under a program of tax reform, school reform, and general socialcivic reform.

With 80 percent of the vote they should take those offices! But will the white oligarchy permit free elections? Will they permit the people to take the government into their own hands? They haven't in the past, and there is no reason why they should on November 8, 1966.

Northerners can help insure free elections in Lowndes County in November. By organizing in support of the "Black Panther Party" in order to:

- 1) Publicize the crisis in Lowndes County;
- 2) Educate the black and white people in the North about what the "Black Panther Party" means to them;
- 3) Expose the brutal repressions that will come against the only viable political force in the South today;
- 4) <u>Raise</u> funds for the LCFO so that it can remain strong, continue to grow and to spread througout the South.

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