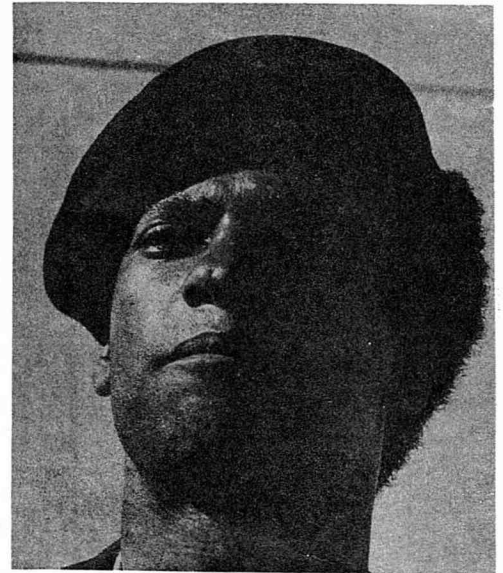


The time to act is NOW --- right here in our area!

DEMONSTRATION TOMORROW

Alameda County Courthouse (12th & Fallon)  
January 16 at 8:45 am

Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense, will plead NOT GUILTY to a trumped up charge of murder. Following the arraignment, there is a demonstration scheduled on the courthouse steps to demand: FREE HUEY NEWTON. Be there.



Two very important events occurred last Thursday, January 11. The first was a demonstration by 300 black and white people in front of the Alameda County Courthouse. They demanded that Huey Newton--the man who stood up and defended himself against the Oakland gestapo--be set free. The second event was a demonstration by more than 700 people at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, where Secretary of State Dean Rusk was speaking.

The San Francisco police, "humane and prudent" according to Mayor Alioto, charged the demonstrators with long clubs and toxic Mace gas. They arrested 52 and injured scores of others, two seriously. They were more vicious, if that is possible, than the Oakland gestapo on "Bloody Tuesday" during the Stop The Draft Week last October.

For hours after the initial assault, the police charged doubletime up and down Nob Hill streets like wild animals, forcing people to run for their lives. They clubbed indiscriminately, attacking even innocent bystanders. Everyone, that is, except the well-dressed "solid citizens" of Nob Hill, who were permitted to move about freely.

Some of these black-suited, mink-coated rich people stopped to argue with some of the demonstrators, and tried to defend their war against the Vietnamese "The more heads they crack the better," said a real estate mogul outside the Fairmont. "You beatniks have got no business out here on the streets."

The class basis of the confrontation was shown in other ways, too. Ben Swig, the owner of the Fairmont Hotel, is also head of a San Francisco draft board--which decides which black and white working class youth to send to Vietnam (Ben Swig, the crowd chanted, is a fascist pig). And the Commonwealth Club, which sponsored Rusk's speech defending the war, is a clique of the richest, most powerful men in the Bay Area... men who are getting fat off the war.

LESSON OF THE RUSK MASSACRE: HUEY WAS RIGHT

It was immediately apparent to many at the Rusk demonstration that their own treatment at the hands of the gestapo was intimately linked to the case of Huey P. Newton. White people, most of whom had never experienced brutality on this scale before, were getting a taste of police "standing operating procedure" in black ghettos.

For the first time, they could understand, in their hearts, what Huey and the Panthers have been saying-- that the police are the armed occupation troops of an illegitimate government; that for today's police, power is exercised for its own sake, and to protect the interests of the ruling elite, and that catching criminals has become a strictly secondary function; that the police are enemies of human freedom, not only in the ghetto but in all poor and working class communities wherever people resolve to take their freedom.

For the first time, these whites can understand Huey when he says, "The police must withdraw from our communities, cease their wanton murder and brutality and torture, or face the wrath of the armed people."

The demonstrators sang, "Police are paper tigers--there's more of us than them" and "Fight, fight, fight the fascist pig." In the tank at City Prison and in apartments all over the Bay area, whites were acknowledging, "Huey is right" and "If we don't stand up to them now, what will they do to us tomorrow"

"There was murder in those cops' eyes," said a Berkeley student in the prison cooler. "They wanted to kill, and would have if they could have gotten away with it. I know now that they were out to put Huey away, except Huey had the good sense to defend himself."

And that is why more and more whites are rallying to the defense of Huey P. Newton.

That is why more and more people of all races are saying to themselves, "Which side are you on?" and are saying out loud, "The police are the enemy---I'm with the People."

That is why people from all over the Bay area are going to turn out in force at the Alameda County Courthouse on Tuesday at 8:45 am. They are going to make their voices heard. They will demand: FREE HUEY NEWTON ! HUEY NEWTON MUST BE SET FREE !

If you value your freedom, then take your stand now, before the growing repression makes mass public dissent impossible.

Be there on Tuesday --tomorrow-- and join your brothers and sisters and allies.