

TERRORISM

Reds Begin A Terror War On Our Police

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■ THE OPENING shots of the Communists' long-planned terror offensive against our local police were fired in Cleveland on the night of July 23, 1968, when the city's Glenville area rattled with the scream of automatic weapons. A guerrilla band led by a Communist terrorist named Ahmed (Fred) Evans, having armed itself with submachine guns and military equipment purchased with a grant of \$10,000 from the coffers of the local War on Poverty, shot and killed three police officers and wounded fourteen more in what was an expertly planned guerrilla ambush.

To make certain that the Negro community knew who was behind the terror, Evans' group had earlier distributed literature proclaiming: "We are followers of Ho chi Minh. He's a soul brother of ours and we believe in his philosophy." And, upon capture, guerrilla leader Evans snarled to police: "My damn carbine jammed or I'd still be shooting at you." He swore that the butchery in Cleveland was only a first

skirmish, and boasted that the Communists' Black Revolutionaries are well organized for a military campaign.

Simultaneous attacks on police had been scheduled for a number of other American cities on July twenty-third, but were aborted when local officials instituted a special anti-guerrilla alert based on warnings from military intelligence and the F.B.I. Cleveland's Mayor Carl Stokes, however, disregarded those warnings. He had, in fact, marched with Evans' armed guerrillas through the streets of Cleveland only two days before they gunned down those Cleveland police officers. You will be interested to note, in passing, that *Newsweek* of October seventh cited Stokes as Hubert Humphrey's choice for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Of course, the ambush of the Cleveland police was only part of what happened. That night \$1.5 million in property was destroyed in Cleveland by ancillary revolutionary action. And, just as in Angola, Kenya, and Algeria, black people who objected to what these Communists were doing, and tried to stop it, were terrorized, mutilated, and burned out by the revolutionaries. The home of a Negro family was burned to the ground because that family had harbored a white man. The hand of an heroic black man, who dared to save an aged Negro couple from another blazing home, was severed by the terrorists with the hack of a machete. (He explained later that he had been ordered to "let them burn." He said the terrorists had called them "Uncle Toms.")

What happened in Cleveland, alas,

was only a beginning. The windshield of a police car was shattered by sniper fire in Gary, Indiana, on July twenty-ninth. The next night ten policemen and a newsman were wounded by gunfire from terrorists in Peoria, Illinois. Police reported that a number of the revolutionaries wore red baseball caps, identifying them as members of a group called King's Followers, funded by the federal War on Poverty.

On the same evening, in Seattle, a sniper trying to kill policemen fired through the roof of a patrol car, wounding two patrolmen. Three other officers were also injured in Seattle that night, and three civilians were wounded by sniper fire. The attacks followed the arrest of two members of the paramilitary Black Panthers on suspicion of larceny, and a subsequent rally at which a Panther leader screamed to a mob of 150 Negroes: "If you have a gun and don't plan to use it, give it to someone who will."

York, Pennsylvania, was the scene of an attempted assassination of police on the night of August fourth, when yet another police vehicle was fired upon in a wave of terrorism which Public Safety Director Jacob Hose called "a planned operation." It took sixty-five officers to put down the attempted insurrection. The following night, black revolutionaries fired twenty to forty rounds at two policemen in Jackson, Michigan, as the officers drove past a "Community Relations Center." That night, also, two police officers were shot and critically wounded, and three Black Panther guerrillas killed, in a gun battle in south-central Los Angeles. The officers had been lured into the lot of a service station, where they were met by a hail of bullets from the back seat of a car. The same day, August fifth, a police sergeant was killed and two patrolmen were wounded on Detroit's predominantly Negro west side when they answered a call to calm a phony domes-

tic quarrel. (A standard Panther tactic.)

Three days later, an officer was slain and two others wounded in Inkster, a Detroit suburb. This incident began with the ambushing of a police patrol car, wounding Patrolmen John Knight, a Negro, and Thomas Freeman, who is white. Less than five hours later, while driving an unmarked police cruiser through the same area, police Detective Robert Gonser was shot and killed from ambush.

On August ninth, eight persons, five of them Black Panthers, were arrested in Los Angeles following a gun fight in a parking lot. Those arrested were charged with assault with intent to commit murder. The Communist Black Panthers had struck again.

In a pre-dawn outburst in the Atlanta suburb of East Point on August tenth, fifty shots were fired at police by black terrorists. As one battle hardened officer reported, "It could have been *real* bad. . . ."

On August eleventh, in the adjoining Illinois suburbs of Chicago Heights and East Chicago Heights, a policeman was shot, a \$300,000 warehouse was destroyed by fire, and six other blazes were set. Police attributed the action to "organized terrorists." On the same evening, in Little Rock, Arkansas, terrorists shot down another police officer and threw a dozen fire bombs.

The next night, five policemen were wounded in an exchange of gunfire which followed the end of the Watts Festival in Los Angeles. When policemen patrolling the area were ambushed by snipers, it was necessary to converge eighteen hundred officers on the area to put down the violence. That night also, in the Chicago suburb of Summit, three Negro revolutionaries fired shotgun blasts at two patrol cars, wounding two policemen.

Over the weekend of September fourteenth, violence led by racist revolutionaries plagued five cities. Six policemen



Dead policemen don't make news as Far Left escalates its phony propaganda about "police brutality."

were injured in Waterloo, Iowa, and two in Decatur, Illinois. Snipers fired at police and firemen in Denver, hitting a police helicopter and a patrol car. The same weekend, three Black Panthers attempted to lure Los Angeles policemen into an ambush with a phony call for help, but were overwhelmed when four police cars rolled up instead of one. The captured Panthers carried loaded rifles and little red books entitled: *Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung*.

So complete is the terror that when two policemen in the District of Columbia were recently mobbed, disarmed, and murdered with their own pistols, "Reverend" Walter Fauntroy, an official in the District Government, announced his agreement with Stokely Carmichael in terming the murder of "honky cops" nothing more than "justifiable homicide." Fauntroy was certainly under pressure from the revolutionaries, and no doubt terrified of them. He well knew that Newark Police Commissioner Dominick Spina, whose testimony had done so much to expose O.E.O.

financing of the insurrectionists, would never have lived to see the World Series if he had not leaned down to pet his dog just in time to miss being struck by a gun blast through his living room window.

Although the bloodiest battle of the summer was in Cleveland, perhaps the most telling occurred in Brooklyn. As is often the case, the initial incident appeared to be minor. On the afternoon of August first, a Black Panther was haranguing a crowd with a portable bullhorn in front of a storefront headquarters which had been commandeered by the Panthers. When two police officers asked the orator to produce a required permit, the action began. Police reinforcements had to be called in, and a Panther who had viciously kicked an officer in the groin was hustled off to be booked at the headquarters of the 80th Precinct.

Soon carloads of Black Panthers converged on the Precinct House and a guerrilla leader shouted at arresting officer Joseph Scarmardella: "We know

how to get you. You have a family and kids. The same thing that happened in Cleveland can happen here."

To avoid even more serious trouble, the prisoner was moved to the 78th Precinct. The trouble followed. Two more arrests were made following a further disturbance, and a routine search produced an astounding find. One of the Panthers had on his person a list of the six policemen on roll call in the area where the altercation with the Panthers had begun. *The Amsterdam News*, a local Negro newspaper, reports that as soon as the police had made their arrests, Robert Carson of C.O.R.E. went to the 80th Precinct and demanded the names of the officers involved. When the lieutenant in charge refused, Carson called Assistant Chief Inspector Lloyd Sealy, a Leftist who is the highest ranking Negro in the department. Sealy went to the Precinct and supervised the delivery of the vendetta list to the Panthers.

At 2:34 a.m. the following morning, Officers Thomas Dockery and Leonard Fleck answered an emergency call at 1054 Eastern Parkway. The call was a phony. The officers were met by repeated blasts from 12-gauge shotguns fired by terrorists hiding in the bushes thirty feet away. Although critically wounded, both officers are still alive as I write, with over 125 shell fragments lodged in their bodies. The terrorists left behind a calling card, too — a Black Panther button. Having escaped the area, the assassins are thought to be hiding in the Panther underground somewhere in the San Francisco Bay area.

Two days later, a homemade bomb exploded in a police telephone call box in the Jackson Heights section of Queens. On September fifth, a revolutionary named William Figueroa was arrested for attacking a policeman with a machete near Byrne Park. On September twelfth, Sergeant Peter Kunik

and Patrolman James Rigney were injured by flying glass when two shots from a .30.06 rifle were fired at them in yet another ambush. The spot was only two hundred feet from where Officers Dockery and Fleck were gunned down. One bullet went through the center of the windshield between the two policemen, ripped through the rear seat and lodged in the trunk. The other passed through the right door and ricocheted out of the left rear window. The officers, lucky to be alive, noted that this made five policemen who have been ambushed by terrorists in that Crown Heights section of Brooklyn within five weeks.

When a fire bomb exploded near a police communications truck parked in Brooklyn's Ocean Hill-Brownsville School District on September eighteenth, an area where the Panthers have been especially active, two more New York patrolmen were injured. And, police casualty figures are going up and up and up.

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OBVIOUSLY all of this is not "just happening." Something very serious is behind it. When terrorists organize into guerrilla bands to ambush and kill police officers, Americans had better get mighty interested, mighty quick.

The organization promoting these attacks on our police takes its name from a movement begun by Stokely Carmichael in Lowndes County, Alabama. Officially, it is the Black Panther Party for Self Defense. Formed in Oakland during October of 1966, its membership has multiplied like an amoeba with St. Vitus' dance, establishing disciplined cadres in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Kansas City, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, Newark, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan, and scores of other cities.

It is impossible to calculate the current size of the Panther organization,

but you can get some idea from the fact that three thousand Negro students at Oakland's Merritt Junior College have officially joined the Panthers, and that the Underground Press Syndicate has boasted that the Panthers in Brooklyn recently recruited eight hundred members in a single month.

This organization's commitment to the Communist revolution is unequivocal and stated openly in its political education kit, which emphatically declares: "We must teach party members to apply the Marxist-Leninist method. . . ." The *Inner City Voice*, a Panther newspaper in Detroit, provides this further interesting background:

Politics began with a hungry stomach or a club over the head. That is where the Panthers began. Adhering to the truth laid down by Mao Tse-tung: Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun, the Panthers taught that politics ultimately rests on the gun.

While Mao is the godfather of the Black Panther Party, its founder is Huey P. Newton, who recently escaped the gas chamber when an intimidated jury classified his brutal murder of an Oakland, California, policeman as "manslaughter." Born in Louisiana twenty-six years ago, and named for Kingfish Huey Long, Newton is now running for Congress on the ticket of the wildly Leftist Peace and Freedom Party. Like all Communists, he describes himself as a socialist who believes that armed revolution is inevitable. Newton says his heroes are Communists Che Guevara, Patrice Lumumba, Jomo Kenyatta, Mao Tse-tung, and Ho chi Minh. The Panther founder boasts of having been suspended from school thirty times, having spent six months in jail in 1964, and having subsequently been employed by the federally funded Oakland Office of Equal Opportunity as a neighborhood

organizer for their "War on Poverty."

The cornerstone of Newton's strategy for the first phase of the revolution was his organization of the current war on our police. Explaining why his group is called the Black Panther Party *for Self Defense*, he says: "Every time you execute a white-racist, Gestapo cop, you are defending yourself."

The co-founder of the Black Panthers is Bobby Seale, age thirty-one. Now serving as the Panthers' Minister of Defense, he was dishonorably discharged from the Air Force in 1958, and spent



Police help officer shot down by Red terrorists. five months in jail for leading the Panthers in an armed invasion of the California State Legislature on May 2, 1967. Prior to that time, Seale was also employed by the War on Poverty—as a "family counselor."

In February of 1968, Panther Bobby Seale and five others were arrested for conspiracy to commit murder and illegal possession of firearms. The conspiracy charge was later dropped for insufficient evidence. On the gun complaint, incredibly, Bobby was given a suspended

sentence—subject to the condition that he “not own or carry dangerous weapons or knowingly associate with those who do. . . . That he obey all laws and not associate with persons with known criminal records or tendencies.” Nonetheless, Bobby Seale has been permitted to resume his post as Minister of Defense of the Panthers, where he continues to advocate armed revolution under the Panther motto, “Guns, Baby, Guns.” It was Seale who told Radio Havana on July eleventh:

Negroes in America should oust racist pigs from their communities and work for establishment of a socialist state. . . . We must use incendiary cocktails and operate in small groups of three or four men with any kind of explosive to oust the racist pigs from our communities. . . . We advocate revolution to destroy the imperialist and racist structures in this country.

Comrades Huey Newton and Bobby Seale first met sometime in 1961, when Newton recruited Seale into the Afro-American Association, one of the Communists' Black Liberation groups associated with Robert Williams' Communist Revolutionary Action Movement (R.A.M.). Huey and Bobby went from the Afro-American Association into R.A.M. itself.

The Revolutionary Action Movement is a highly secret underground terror and sabotage organization whose leader in exile is Communist Robert Williams, who in 1961 fled to Cuba to avoid arrest by the F.B.I. on a kidnapping charge. While in Red Cuba, Williams wrote a handbook for urban guerrilla warfare called *Negroes With Guns* and regularly broadcast Communist propaganda to the United States over “Radio Free Dixie,” urging Negroes to kill police officers. Comrade Williams has since moved on to Red China, and subse-

quently to Communist Tanzania, where he continues to prepare propaganda calling for the destruction of America by race war and the killing of police.

Huey Newton's role differs from that of Williams in only one respect: Williams' group is secret and underground, while Newton's operation is largely a surface organization designed to attract, teach, and discipline the necessary numbers of recruits needed for widespread terrorism. While Newton admires Williams and reprints his hate-crazed diatribes from the Peking-published *Crusader*, Newton says Williams approached the revolution backwards. In his treatise *In Defense of Self Defense*, Huey explains:

The vanguard party [the classic terminology used by Communists] is never underground in the beginning of its existence, because this would limit its effectiveness and educational process. How can you teach a people if the people do not know and respect you? The party must exist above the ground as long as the dog power structure will allow, and hopefully when the party is forced to go underground the message of the party will have already been put across to the people.

Of course, revolution requires discipline and dedication, and the Panthers make no bones about it. They drill, study karate and judo, fire their weapons regularly, and prepare endlessly for their Communist revolution. As Party Commissar Newton has written: “We need a national organization to organize the seizure of factories, to run the factories for the workers' profit, to assault the power of the state, to fight the army, to take over key industries and to organize a governmental transition.”

The Panthers are closely patterned after the bloody nihilist movement

which helped to prepare Russia for Lenin. They have even reprinted Mikhail Alexandrovich Bakunin's *The Catechism of the Revolutionist*, with a special introduction for Black Panthers. That introduction bridges the gap between Bakunin's pre-revolutionary Russia and modern America, declaring:

Afro-American revolutionaries are fighting for national liberation — against a common enemy: White Racist Capitalism and its bastard offspring, Colonialism, Imperialism, and Neo-Colonialism.

Notice that the Panthers consider themselves involved in a "war of national liberation." The term is generic to the Communists, having been coined by Josef Stalin in his *Marxism and the National and Colonial Question*. Whenever the Communists attempt to foment revolution they refer to it as a war of "national liberation." The Vietcong have thus styled themselves a *National Liberation Front*, and the Communists in Algeria called themselves the *Front of National Liberation*. The same was true of the Communists' wars of national liberation in China, Yugoslavia, Cuba, etc.

Stalin's idea was that any minority within a country, be it ethnic, racial, religious, or economic, could be called a "colony" within a colony and used as a paramilitary front to achieve "self-determination" through a "war of national liberation." The Communist Party in the United States adopted this strategy in 1928, with the distribution of a pamphlet entitled *American Negro Problems* by Joseph Pogany, alias John Pepper. Pogany, who was a Communist leader under butcher Bela Kun in the Communists' aborted terror revolution in Hungary following World War I, was sent to the United States to organize Communist activities. Stalin believed that there was tremendous revolution-

ary potential in the American Negro, and Pogany was his representative.

In attempting to radicalize American Negroes, Pogany declared that "The Communist party recognized the tremendous revolutionary possibilities in the Negro people. . . . The Negro communist should emphasize the establishment . . . of a Negro Soviet Republic." The Reds promised the blacks their own Communist nation, to encompass roughly the states of the old Confederacy. This ploy was in the beginning about as successful as a forger with the jitters, and the Party temporarily dropped it in the 1950's when the Communist line turned to the advocacy of forced integration and the promotion of a "non-violent Civil Rights Movement."

In the early 1960's the Black Muslims and the other embryonic Black Nationalist groups under Communist influence began the restoration of the line about the American Negro being a colonial subject, and they began military training as they preached separatism. For several years the Communist Party, which forms only a small and comparatively unimportant segment of the domestic Communist movement, worked the forced-integration side of the racial street with the late Martin Luther King and his crew, while the Black Muslims, the followers of the psychotic Robert Williams, and the other Black Nationalists conned the more gullible on the shady side of the avenue with the old guff about a Negro Soviet Republic.

As the Communists phased out "non-violence," culminating in the assassination of Martin Luther King, the revolution was escalated increasingly towards overt paramilitary effort. Last fall, the Communist Party reverted to its original stand in support of a Negro Soviet Republic. The Black Revolution had now gone full circle, and ended up just where knowledgeable anti-Communists

had for a decade said the Communists were taking it.

The Communist "vanguard party" pushing for the Negro Soviet Republic is now the Black Panther Party, which has succeeded S.N.C.C. and the Black Muslims as the premier organization of Black Separatism. The former lost influence, and many of its most militant members, because it was "student-oriented" and not "ghetto-oriented," while the growth of the Muslims has been inhibited by an emphasis on pseudo-Muhammedanism which frowns upon the use of tobacco and alcohol.

The Panthers are pushing the hoary Communist fabrication that Negroes are colonial subjects within the United States—lock, stock, and sickle. According to the Panthers, Black America is a colonial nation existing within the "White Mother Country." The only change in the aged Communist tactic is really an innovation. During the past twenty-five years, millions of Negroes have moved North and West into black communities within large metropolitan centers. To attract these people, the black Reds have come up with a new version of the Soviet enclave strategy. The line now calls for solidifying the enclave with "Black Control of Black Communities." The idea is to acquire revolutionary "community control" over the schools in Negro neighborhoods as a prelude to their key objective, which is "community control" over law enforcement. The Reds' project calling for "Black Control of Black Communities" is now in full swing. As *The Black Panther*, official organ of the Black Panther Party, declared recently:

In our struggle for national liberation, we are now in the phase of community liberation, to free our black communities from the imperialistic control exercised over them by the racist exploiting cliques within white communities, to free our peo-

ple, locked up as they are in Urban Dungeons, from the imperialism of the white Suburbs. Ours is a struggle against Community Imperialism. Our black communities are colonized and controlled from outside, and it is their control that has to be smashed, broken, shattered, by whatever means necessary.

The first step in taking control of a Negro community, as we have noted, is to capture its schools, one of its most sensitive and vulnerable institutions. To do this the Communist Panthers are demanding: (1) so-called "community control" of the schools, and (2) formation within student bodies of radical Black Student Unions.

The militantly racist student organizations are already springing up among young Negroes in those cities where the Panthers are active. To promote this movement, the Panthers have published a guide called *Organization of the Black High School Student*, in which they maintain that "the high school is one of the most important components in the early stages of the Black Liberation Struggle." The guide recommends that student organizations be built around a "hard core steering committee" to be made up of "trained disciplined bloods [Negroes] who attend the high school. . . . Their first loyalty must be to the B.P.P.N.C. [assumed to mean Black Panther Party Nominating Committee], from which they will receive direct orders."

The object, says the handbook, is "to mobilize and politicize the masses of Black students at the school." Once a sufficient number of students is organized, the agitation can begin. "Section XI-Action" of the Panthers' high school manual recommends:

Initially, action should be taken in places where it has been determined by the OCG [Off Campus Group

(Panthers) which runs the steering committee] that Black students at the school are interested and have shown that they are willing to be committed. This commitment, of course, will have to be pushed up-tempo by the OCG organizers, as stated before. The OCG must constantly come up with new areas to protest and mobilize with, so that they aren't continually calling for the same old thing such as a school boycott. Boycotts can be effective, but only if the groundwork for them is laid. . . .

Mass rallies are another area that

the OCG. Such action as burning the school down or jumping on white students should only be taken at later stages of the struggle, and only if the OCG is not directly involved in the rebellions (publicly). The thing the OCG must always remember is that its function is to mobilize the Black students to take over their school, only to destroy that school if the administration forces give it no alternative.

This Panther organizational manual establishes beyond a doubt that the se-

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Revolutionary Art

MINISTER

COLLEGE
STUDENTS:
'COME HOME'

All Black Students Enroll and Organize in the Black Panther Party

This is typical of Black Panther propaganda promoting terrorists killing police — depicted as pigs.

can be used to good effect. One tactic could be to have 200 or 300 bloods break up the School Board meeting to protest a certain action. It should be remembered that no plan of action should be taken if it can be used to alienate the OCG from the masses of students. For this reason, in the initial stages of organizing anything of a mass nature should be kept to a minimum, until a sufficient amount of sympathetic forces are built around

rious rioting and furor by young blacks in many of our high schools (Ocean Hill-Brownsville in New York, and English High in Boston for example) are anything but spontaneous combustion. Clearly the revolutionaries behind the trouble are interested solely in recruiting for revolution, not in improving the caliber of education available to young Negroes.

The complementary tactic for seizure of the schools calls for trying to cap-

ture control from the top, through "community action groups." The hassle which is ensuing as I write in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville District in Brooklyn is a textbook case. The District was set up in July under a \$57,000 Ford Foundation grant, as an "experiment in community control of neighborhood schools." The local body, calling itself the "Community Council" has since attempted to force out white teachers, actually firing nineteen, so that the schools can more easily be turned into indoctrination centers for the racist Panthers and other Black Nationalists. Racial violence has escalated.

Although control of the schools in Negro neighborhoods by the Panthers or their allies is in itself an important objective, it is not the primary target. The Panthers say "community control" of schools is merely a preliminary objective, designed to set a precedent for the ultimate goal—which is "community control" over the police. While the idea of surrendering police authority to a band of revolutionaries and terrorists may seem incredible, it is no more so than most of what the Black Panthers have already accomplished. And, it is exactly the method employed by the Communists in Algeria, Cuba, Yugoslavia, and elsewhere.

The Panthers have now instituted formal proceedings to seize control of the police department in those areas of Brooklyn where their revolutionaries have been ambushing police officers. As the *New York Daily News* announced on September 11, 1968: "The militant Black Panthers sued Police Commissioner Howard Leary in Federal Court yesterday, demanding that he decentralize his department and hand over control of local precincts to community groups." A Panther spokesman is quoted by the *News* as declaring: "We are thinking in terms of school decentralization and a more responsive police force—a Bedford-Stuyvesant pre-

cinct is different from one that services Park Avenue." One can well imagine how the Warren Court would rule on such a suit.

And, confirming the point of just who is behind all of this, the *New York Daily News* has noted that the Panthers' suit "is sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild, the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the Law Center for Constitutional Rights." It did not mention that the first two organizations are cited respectively in the federal government's *Guide to Subversive Organizations* as the "foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party," and "a front for the Communist Party." The third group is financed by the Ford Foundation. (See Page forty-nine.)

Public opinion will probably not now allow our "Liberal" politicians to surrender large sections of our major cities to Black Nationalist control, unless of course they can arrange to have themselves placed under court order to do so. Failing the acquisition of such an order, how does one change such public opinion? The Panthers apparently believe that by extending their guerrilla warfare against the white community and the police they can eventually force the public to conclude that it is better to turn law enforcement in black neighborhoods over to "community control" (i.e. control by the Communist Panthers) than to endure further hit-and-run terrorism.

That is clearly *The Plan*.

Large-scale insurrection can be controlled. All the reigning politicians have to do is to remove the handcuffs from our local police and rioting and looting can be put down in short order. But guerrilla warfare is another matter, and it is guerrilla warfare for which the Panthers are training. The day following a sniper attack on a patrol car in his precinct, one Brooklyn policeman explained the problem to me this way:

There is almost no way we can protect ourselves from snipers on the roofs of these tall buildings. By the time you stop the patrol car, and run up seven or eight flights of stairs, the sniper is long gone and there is no way to tell which way he went. These buildings are all built one up against another—so a sniper can get from building to building without any trouble, and duck into a friend's apartment or be out on the street before we can even get on the roof. These terrorists sure know what they are doing.

So serious is the matter that some sixty-five Los Angeles policemen were sent last spring for anti-guerrilla training at the Marine Corps' Camp Pendleton. The training was similar to that given Vietnam-bound Marines.

Yes, the situation is *very* serious.

The only positive way of avoiding the guerrilla warfare that is brewing is to expose the Panthers through the mass media and to stringently enforce our sedition laws. Since state anti-sedition laws have been outlawed by a Leftist Supreme Court, and since Attorney General Clark refuses to enforce federal sedition laws, the mass media is a last resort.

You wouldn't think that getting the national Press to speak out about the killing of police officers would be too hard, would you? What with Panthers now attacking a policeman somewhere in America *every day*, and declaring that they are doing it because they are Maoists and Marxist-Leninists who want to destroy our country? Yet, the *New York Times* News Service for September 17, 1968, for example, carried a feature depicting the Panthers as church-going idealists dedicated to improving their image within the Negro community. This even as their national leader was being tried in Oakland for murdering a police officer!

"Their coalition with the Peace and Freedom Party," said the *Times*, "has given them considerable exposure and won them significant support among liberal whites. . . . Instead of armed revolution they stress their ten-point program which calls for such things as decent housing, full employment, education and an end to police brutality." Honest, that's what it said! I hope you will forgive me for adding that it's a plain lie. An *intentional* lie.

One need only glance at any issue of *The Black Panther*, the official organ



Police Lt. Leroy Jones — killed by Red terrorists.

of these revolutionaries, to establish beyond the slightest doubt that the Panthers are not merely militants, as they are usually described, but *Communists* following a Marxist-Leninist-Maoist line. Who says so? The *Panthers* say so! It may still be news to the *Times*, but Panther heroes Marx, Lenin, and Mao are not idealistic agrarian reformers!

The Panthers repeat again and again that guerrilla warfare is what they are after, and that it is the key to victory

for Communists all over the world. In the jungle world of the Panther, guerrilla warfare is where it's at, man. As *The Black Panther* proudly proclaims:

The Black Panther Party teaches that in the final analysis the amount of guns and defense weapons, such as handgrenades, bazookas, and other necessary equipment, will be supplied by taking these weapons from the power structure, as exemplified by the Viet Cong.

The whole education and indoctrination program of the Panthers revolves around the preparation for guerrilla warfare — first against the police, then against the decent and hard-working citizens of the neighborhood, and ultimately against the United States of America. Once "neighborhood control" of the police department has been achieved, the Panthers expect to run the police department and ruthlessly subdue all those of their own race who balk at going along with the revolution — just as the Communists did in Algeria, where the worst imaginable atrocities were committed by F.L.N. "Moslems" against those decent Muhammedans who spoke out against what was happening.

Within their secured enclave, the Black Panther Communists plan to organize and train their revolutionary army, and stockpile weapons, until the time comes for all-out revolution. Plans call for this revolution to be coordinated with a worldwide Communist move, with an internal economic crisis, or both. If you don't think they are getting ready, you might ask Governor Terry of Delaware about it. He says that black revolutionaries in his state have now stockpiled more guns than are in the possession of the entire Delaware National Guard!

A hint of what may be in store for the decent citizens who make up the

vast majority in these Negro neighborhoods is provided by the treatment presently afforded the business community in areas where the Panthers are now strong. Already police have received countless reports that the Panthers are operating the old protection racket, seeking "donations" from local merchants, and "selling" them tickets to Panther dances at outrageous prices. If the store owner tries to decline on the ground that he doesn't trip a very light Watusi, the Panthers ask the value of the plate-glass window in his store front. Merchants quickly get the point. Those who don't are burned out!

Legitimate community organizations in Negro neighborhoods are also threatened by the Panthers. And, like the businessmen, their members greatly fear that "community control" of the police department will mean Panther control. They are terrified!

On September seventeenth, Mrs. Catherine Basie (wife of the famed orchestra leader, Count Basie) appeared before the New York Joint Legislative Committee and, in a voice described by the *New York Daily News* as "trembling with emotion," disclosed that she had been forced to resign her position as Chairman of the South Jamaica Community Council, a post she had held for sixteen years, because of threats on her life from Black Panthers.

Mrs. Basie testified: "Our own people are attacking us. These Black Panthers, militants, and extremists threatened our lives. This is a trend." According to the *News*, Mrs. Basie was "near tears" when she reported that neighborhood groups had attempted unsuccessfully to resist the black Communists: "What do you do when 15 or 20 of these Black Panthers disrupt your meetings and threaten your board members, threaten their lives? I cannot go along with this new takeover and this intimidation. Even the *Negro* businessmen are moving out of our neighborhoods."

The tragedy is entering Act Three. Those who scoffed several years ago when conservative leaders began comparing aspects of the American "Civil Rights" movement with the Communist revolution in Algeria are now forced to take another look. As Mrs. Basie described the terror: "One hundred years ago we feared the white man. Now we fear our own people — and it's a worse fear."

III

As I HAVE noted, one of the primary weapons used by the Panthers to build hatred of the police within the Negro community is their bi-weekly newspaper, *The Black Panther*. This sheet contains more raw Communist propaganda than the Communist Party's official broadsides, *People's World* and the *Daily World*. Typical is this classic bit on class warfare from a recent issue:

Our great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out: "In the final analysis, national struggle is a matter of class struggle." U.S. imperialism carries out a vicious reactionary rule at home, brutally exploiting and oppressing the broad masses of the American working people, especially the more than 20 million Afro-Americans. . . .

Quotations from "our great leader Chairman Mao" dot every issue of *The Black Panther*, along with Dear Comrade columns from "Brother Rob" Williams, detailing the finer points of urban guerrilla warfare and how-to-do-it tips on killing police officers. Quotations from such humanitarians as Regis Debray, Kwame Nkrumah, Ho Chi Minh, Che Guevara, and other Communists are regular fare.

Art also plays an important part in the Panther paper, which now has a press run of fifty thousand copies and is air-freighted to major urban centers

all over America. Staff artist Emory Douglas fills each edition of *The Black Panther* with cartoons and illustrations of Black Nationalists killing policemen — who are always depicted as pigs.

Douglas recently described the "Panther philosophy of art" in an article titled "Revolutionary Art and Black Liberation." I'm going to quote this Picasso of the Panthers directly from *The Black Panther*; but, before I do so, let me warn you that the punctuation and sentence structure are his, whatever his native language:

We try to create an atmosphere for the vast majority of black people — who aren't readers but activists — through their observation of our work, they feel they have the right to destroy the enemy. So, here is where we began to create our revolutionary art — we draw pictures of our brothers with Stoner guns with one bullet going through forty pigs taking out their intestines along the way — another brother comes along, rips off their technical equipment; brothers in tanks guarding the black house and the black community also launching rockets on U.S. military bases — Minister of Justice H. Rap Brown burning America down; he knows she plans to never come around; Prime Minister of Colonized Afro-America Stokely Carmichael with hand grenade in hand pointed at the Statue of Liberty; preaching we must have undying love for our people; LeRoi Jones asking, "Who will survive America? Black people will survive America" —taking what they want — Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton defending the black community — two pigs down two less to go.

This is revolutionary art — pigs lying in alley ways of the colony dead with their eyes gouged out — black people taking the hearts of the

enemy and hanging the hearts on the wall (put one more notch on your knife) skin them alive and make rugs out of them —

We must draw pictures of Southern cracker Wallace with cancer of the mouth that he got from his dead witch. . . .

Pictures that show black people kicking down prison gates — sniping bombers shooting down helicopters police mayors governors senators assemblymen congressmen firemen newsmen businessmen Americans.

Besides art, the Panthers are also highly interested in culture. The Panthers' Minister of Education, George Murray, gave the latest word on culture in *The Black Panther* for September 7, 1968. Writing from academic retreat on the subject "Revolutionary Culture," Murray declared:

The only culture worth keeping is the revolutionary culture . . . it must repel the slave master. It must smash, shatter and crack his skull, crack his eyeballs, open and make water and gold run out . . . our culture must be revolutionary, which by definition is anti-white, anti-capitalist, against imperialism, against the racist dogs.

In describing the cultural aspects of his educational program for the Panthers, Murray writes:

. . . when we do the razor stroke, it must be across a pig's throat, so our dances must be about change. . . . Our paintings must show piles of dead businessmen, bankers, lawyers, senators, congressmen burning up inside their stores, being blown up in cafes, restaurants, night clubs. Our music . . . must burst the eardrums of the whites who dare to listen to it. . . . Those are the battle cries of mad, crazy black men, and the

screams are coming from the honkey's throat as he and his wife are strangled to death, and robbed, looted, then set afire, for change.

. . . we need change, we need freedom, we need black power and political power comes through the barrel of guns. . . . Black people, colored prisoners of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pig everywhere.

You probably think that this erudite Minister of Education works for the War on Poverty, but you're dead wrong. He is an instructor in English at San Francisco State College. A few reactionary Trustees of California's State College Board recommended by an eight-to-five vote that "Professor Murray" be given a non-teaching assignment. Of course, one would not expect so obviously cultured a man of letters to be fired. Robert R. Smith, President of San Francisco State College, has indicated that he will brook no such McCarthyism. "Personally," he said, "I have no question as to his ability as a teacher. . . . We have an obligation to try to work in areas of social tension."

The Trustees' recommendation that Comrade Murray be kept at the College in an administrative or research position, but that he not be allowed to teach, immediately came under fire from representatives of the American Association of California State Professors, the California College and University Faculty Association, the San Francisco State Academic Senate, and the State College System Academic Senate.

Commenting on the case, the "Liberal" *Los Angeles Times* actually declared: "There appears to be no legal grounds for firing Murray, who is on probation after pleading no contest to

a misdemeanor battery charge arising from the attack on the campus newspaper staff." The fact that Murray, like so many other Panthers, has made an illegal trip to Cuba and is a Maoist Communist openly inciting armed revolt, the killing of police officers, and butchery of whites is apparently not considered grounds for dismissal.

With the Panthers, of course, killing policemen is more than merely an academic subject. On October 28, 1967, officers John Frey and Herbert Heanes stopped an auto in which Panther founder Huey Newton was riding. It was a routine traffic check. Comrade Huey emerged from the car firing, killing one officer and seriously wounding the other.

Newton's choice of defense counsel was interesting and revealing. Although an avowed black racist, Huey selected a white attorney to defend him. In fact, he chose Charles R. Garry, who was in 1957 identified under oath as a member of the Communist Party during Congressional investigation of Communism in the legal profession. Garry's law partner, Benjamin Dreyfus, was also identified under oath during the same Hearing as a member of the Communist Party. Yet, despite the reams of publicity given the Newton trial in the papers, not one reporter chose to mention the fact that Charles Garry is a Communist. The prosecution was eager for this information to be made public, but apparently the highly sophisticated Press did not consider such a fact significant.

The trial, of course, was turned into a propaganda forum for the Panthers. Garry originally tried to get his client dismissed on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction over Newton since he was not an American but an oppressed colonial. The Communist attorney stressed the political and even the revolutionary nature of the trial: "I hate the system we have and all it stands for. It's got to be overthrown." He claimed



Police Lt. D.W. Williams beaten by revolutionaries. that "what's on trial is the issue of white racism in this jury," and repeatedly referred to the police as murderers.

"We're trying to project into the courtroom what the black liberation movement is saying outside," Charles Garry explained. And, outside, the Black Liberation movement was very busy. Panthers paraded with "Free Huey" signs and chanted:

*Who are we? Black Panthers.
What are we here for? Free Huey.
What are we going to use? The Red
Book (here they held up copies of
Quotations from Chairman Mao,
which most Panthers carry at all
times)! What else? The gun!!!*

Demonstrating with Panther mobs in front of the Alameda County Court House was Mrs. Charlene Mitchell, official Communist Party candidate for President of the United States, accompanied by Roscoe Proctor of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A. Many white radi-

cals joined in the marching, and added their voice to the chants: "Kill the pig, Free Huey! Get your gun, Free Huey!"

At the trial a Negro bus driver, who was an eyewitness, described actually seeing Newton shoot the two officers, and a recording of the dying Officer Frey's call for help over the police radio was also presented in evidence. Prosecutor Lowell Jensen summed up his case to the jury:

Huey Newton came to the back of that police car with a gun in his belt. He decided—for whatever reason—the jury, the hate within him, the ego—he decided that these two policemen would not live.

The Panther leader had methodically pumped five bullets into Officer Frey, killing him; three shells from his gun wounded Officer Heanes, who recovered and testified that Newton was the man he saw struggling with Frey before the shooting started. The prosecution lost part of its case when a key witness, Gene McKinney, had a sudden lapse of memory on the witness stand. Mr. McKinney had told the Grand Jury that he saw Newton drive away from the shooting, but found at the trial he could remember nothing and could not even identify a tape recording of his own voice speaking before the Grand Jury. He was sent to jail on contempt charges, but undoubtedly felt that was better than a Panther bullet in his brain.

Defense Attorney Garry asked the jury to believe that the whole affair was a racist frame-up, quoted Scripture in his summation, and even compared Huey Newton to Jesus the Christ. Then, as the Panthers took to the mass media and threatened to kill, and burn down the town, if Huey was not freed, the jury found Newton guilty — but, incredibly, only of the lesser crime of voluntary manslaughter. He was even acquitted of charges of shooting Patrol-

man Heanes! The jury by-passed first and second degree murder, plus assault on a policeman which in itself would have meant a sentence of five years to life. The finding of voluntary manslaughter means that there is an excellent possibility that Newton will be out of jail in eighteen months or less—depending on the outcome of appeals. A terrified jury had delivered a verdict out of fear and intimidation. As an investigator close to the scene told me:

Although there is no evidence that the jury was specifically intimidated, it is obvious that they feared retribution, which is quite understandable.

With the "Free Huey" issue settled, temporarily anyway, the Panthers looked for another cause with which to keep themselves in the headlines. They had one within two weeks when it was announced that Panther Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver, would be a special lecturer on racism at the University of California at Berkeley, for which he would receive two hundred dollars a lecture, for ten lectures, from student body funds. Students will get five academic credits for the course.

The Board of Regents challenged Cleaver's appointment on the grounds that he had no academic credentials, but wildly Leftist students and faculty have made it clear that they will brook no interference. Now, the Regents have said that Cleaver can lecture once, but not ten times, and the issue is still up in the air as this is written. If past performance is any indication of the outcome, Eldridge Cleaver will within a year receive an honorary Ph.D. and be made Chairman of the Department of Racism. In the meantime, Cleaver has overnight become a hero and celebrity among the state's student population and is in demand as a guest speaker at nearly every college in California.

What type of individual is Berkeley so eager to have on its faculty? Cleaver has been convicted of rape, possession of narcotics, and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. He is currently charged with attempted murder of an Oakland policeman and trial is pending. Other than that, and being a surly, vicious, racist leader of a Communist terrorist group, I'm told he is a pretty nice fellow.

Comrade Cleaver's latest run-in with the gendarmes goes back to April 6, 1968, when he attempted to ambush a patrol car. A ninety-minute gun battle with more than thirty police ensued—after Eldridge and his nine brave comrades tried to shoot two policemen in the back. Killed in the battle was a seventeen-year-old Panther named Bobby Hutton.*

Cleaver, whose book *Soul on Ice* has recently been published by McGraw-Hill, had his parole revoked after the gun fight, but a kindly judge was soon found who accepted the Communist charge that he was being held as a "political prisoner," and Eldridge was free to lecture at California's institutions of higher learning while he and five other Panthers await trial on charges of attempted murder.

Besides his career as a savant of Academe, this convicted rapist and would-be killer is also running for the Presidency of the United States on the ticket of the Peace and Freedom Party. Cleaver, who is described by *Newsweek* as "a favorite of both young radicals and older intellectuals," recently spoke

*Pantherphile Marlon Brando, actor and intellectual, is currently among those being sued for \$78 million by the Oakland police for allegedly creating the impression to viewers of the Joey Bishop TV show that the police "murdered" Hutton. Brando attended Hutton's Panther funeral and subsequently made an impassioned speech to a Panther demonstration near Newton's jail. The speech was telecast nationally.

†On September 27, 1968, a higher court overruled the lower court and Cleaver's parole was once again revoked. Cleaver, however, is still free pending further appeal.

to 175 young attorneys at the Barristers' Club in San Francisco, telling them that they could best help Black Revolution by donating machine-guns. Selected excerpts from his speech include the following:

America is up against the wall. This whole apparatus, this capitalistic system and institutions and police . . . all need to be assigned to the garbage can of history. . . .

If we can't have it, nobody's gonna have it. We'd rather provoke a situation . . . that will disrupt cities and the economy so that the enemies of America could come in and pick the gold from the teeth of these Babylonian pigs. . . .

The right to revolution can't be taken from the people. . . . We can go nowhere unless we have the right to defend ourselves against the pig cop. . . .

Up against the wall, mother - - - . You may think you're riding in luxury liners, that you can put a fool like Richard Nixon or an unconscionable man like George Wallace in the White House, but none of those pigs can solve the problem.

. . . I could go into the White House poor and become fat - - - rich, but I'm too young. [Cleaver is thirty-three.] So I have to say - - - the White House, - - - the electoral system, and - - - all the pigs and - - - the power structure.

You're all chasing dollars, but there are other people who are chasing dollars to buy guns to kill judges and police and corporation lawyers. We need lawyers today who have a law book in one hand and a gun in the other . . . so that if he goes to court and that - - - doesn't come out right, he can pull out his gun and start shooting.

If I could get two machine-guns out of this crowd I wouldn't care if

you applauded me or threw glasses at me, I'd get my black . . . out of here. . . .

I meant all my insults to those who won't choose my side — the right side. You people can take your wallets, credit cards and cut your mother . . . necks. You people on the other side, I love you. . . . I hope you'll take your guns and shoot judges and police.

Comrade Cleaver, a senior editor of *Ramparts* magazine, drew quite an ovation from the assembled hypocrites (which included a number of female attorneys). In a question-and-answer period he was asked the inevitable question: What can whites do in this noble cause? He replied, "Kill some white people. . . ."

Another Panther leader, of course, is Stokely Carmichael. He has abandoned S.N.C.C. and cast his lot with the Panthers under the title variously described as "Prime Minister" and "Field Marshal." It is likely that he is organizing and coordinating the national expansion of the Panther movement.† As Stokely is America's most noted advocate of guerrilla warfare, he works well in the Panther scheme. He recently told an audience at Defremery Park, Oakland:

Revolution never begins until you seize power. You've got to seize power. The period coming before a revolution is called armed struggle. That's what we are beginning to get engaged in in this country. . . . The Black Panthers are a revolutionary

force. . . . guerrilla warfare is where you have to go. . . . Guerrilla warfare! Guerrilla warfare!

Carmichael now openly threatens Negroes who refuse to go along with the revolution, saying: "If we can't bring our people home" with "patience, love, brotherhood and unity . . ." and they become a threat, "we off them" [vernacular for "kill"].

That, alas, is typical of the line these black Communists are pushing. They mean to have guerrilla warfare. The police are their first target, decent Negroes their second.

IV

AN OFFICIAL Panther watcher told me recently: "The Panthers now fly back and forth to Cuba like they were commuting to the suburbs. . . . Many of them have been trained in Cuba to form 'hit teams' to assassinate police officers."

And, our police *are* on the spot. The Left has already escalated its cries of "police brutality" to try to take the onus off the Panthers and put it on the police — men who are doing the best they can, under daily threat of murder by the Black Nationalists. But, this war on police being conducted by the Communist Panthers and their fellow revolutionaries is rapidly precipitating a crisis. That crisis is nowhere more visible than in New York City, where the police are caught in a crossfire between their Leftist enemies ambushing them in the streets, and their Leftist enemies in City Hall, the Press, and in the "Liberal" courts.

Nothing is more destructive to police morale than to ask our officers to risk their lives making an arrest, and then to permit the courts to make a travesty of justice by freeing criminals on manufactured technicalities, or to hand down absurdly light sentences. Illustrative of the frustration facing the police in dealing with the Leftist courts is the example

*Eldridge was formerly engaged to honky attorney Beverly Axelrod, a slum lord who has been active in the Communist movement on both the East and West Coasts, and who is now entwined with Negro Congressman John Conyers of Detroit.

†It is known in intelligence circles that Stokely's recently purchased \$70,000 mansion was paid for with cash taken in a valise from the Cuban Mission to the U.N. Stokely, whose recent affluence galls some of his black Comrades, has proven once again that Orwell was right when he said that some pigs are more equal than others.

of those Panthers arrested on August first, the day before that first Panther ambush, in Brooklyn.

The four Black Panthers who had been arrested that afternoon were taken before Judge John F. Furey at Brooklyn Criminal Court on charges of harassment, resisting arrest, interfering with an officer, and felonious assault. The courtroom was jammed with Panthers and their sympathizers, shouting obscenities and screaming for "Black Power," and in general making a mockery of the court. Although a number of police were present in the courtroom, the Judge made virtually no attempt to restore order, except to ask a Panther attorney to calm his group. He refused.

Judge Furey then released the Panthers on parole, without bail and on their own recognizance.

On August twentieth, Brooklyn police received a fire call. When the officers arrived at the address, a block from the first attack, there was no fire — and they were met by a savage barrage of bricks, bottles, and other missiles from a mob led by Black Panthers. The first two officers on the scene were jumped and beaten brutally to the ground. The only thing which saved them from being stomped to death was the quick arrival of rescuing firemen. Among the seven Panthers arrested was Darryl Baines, *one of the Panthers released by kindly Judge Furey.*

The Panthers had been released despite the protests of police, who pointed out that one of the defendants charged with felonious assault (kicking an officer in the groin) had no address and that another gave a false address. To release a prisoner without a proper address on his own recognizance is illegal, but the Judge had elected to ignore that fact — *and* the fact that one of the defense attorneys, conveniently supplied by a War on Poverty organization, sported a button honoring cop-killer Huey Newton. After the judge had issued his

postponement, a defense attorney told the arresting officers in front of the courthouse: "We would get you now if so many cops weren't here. If the Tactical Patrol Force [a special unit used in riots] is in Bedford-Stuyvesant, the city will burn and cops will die."

Four hours later, two more police officers were ambushed.

Two nights later, two men were arrested on charges of booby-trapping a police call box, which had exploded earlier that day. The men were charged with criminal tampering, possession of a dangerous weapon, and criminal mischief — all felonies. Judge Furey released them both, one with a summons and the other on \$100 bail.

To put it mildly, the New York police were furious at the judge's actions, which they felt were typical of a dangerous decline in court enforcement of the law. A group of rank-and-file policemen mounted a petition campaign to remove Judge Furey from the bench for "abuse of judicial powers." According to the *New York Daily News*, the action stems "from the cops' belief that there is a continuing policy by police brass and the courts to appease political pressure and black militant groups at the expense of the man on the beat."

Out of the petition campaign grew a new organization, the Law Enforcement Group (L.E.G.), comprised primarily of young, beat-pounding patrolmen who must bear much of the brunt of the breakdown of law and order.

Among the reforms demanded by L.E.G. are: An investigation by the Grand Jury of the coddling of criminals by the courts; abolition of the Civilian Complaint Review Board; the raising of physical and mental entrance requirements for the police forces; and, the support of U.S. Senators trying to prevent another Warren Court.

The police in New York are just plain fed-up with over-"Liberal," over-tolerant, over-permissive treatment of

criminal parasites who prey on the innocent and law abiding. Six thousand New York policemen signed the L.E.G. petition within a few weeks.

Naturally, the City's powerful Leftist elements are not going to take a grassroots surge for law and order lying down. Mayor Lindsay, the *New York Times*, and the *New York Post* have all attacked L.E.G., and tried to give the false picture that it is some kind of Kops Klux Klan with badges. Nothing could be further from the truth. Everyone who supports law and order is welcomed into L.E.G. with open arms. As Patrolman Robert Raggi told the *New York Times*: "We just want vigorous law enforcement. The only color we recognize is the color of our uniform—blue."

It's the old game of dialectics: Accuse the accuser. The strategy is to focus public attention away from the brutal, murdering Black Panthers, while attacking their victims, the police. This time, it won't work. This time, the people are supporting their local police and working to keep them independent.

But, the Left is trying. New York's "Liberal" newspapers, for example, now often print the home address of an officer involved in halting a disturbance, even though it obviously adds nothing to the news value of the story. The officer's home is then flooded with threats, obscene calls, and vicious letters.

Yes, the Panthers, the courts, City Hall, and the Press are combining to make the psychological warfare which the Communists are waging against our law enforcement officers very effective indeed. One New York police officer with whom I spoke put it this way:

One of the—I think the greatest fear in association with this whole Black Panther situation is the fact that the cops in New York here are afraid. But when I say fear I don't mean a fear of personal injury. I mean the fear that even if they lock

one of these guys up, he's going to get out. He's going to walk out of court. And you know, a cop would have to be less than human to figure on locking up a particular criminal and the next day he sees him on the street, knowing full well that this man's whole philosophical outlook leans toward killing that cop. It's certainly not going to bolster my confidence any the next time I am called into a situation where an arrest is necessary. It's psychological warfare and it's effective.

The revolutionaries know that an officer's family is his Achilles heel. Another police officer told me:

Every cop's wife is living in fear. Every cop. The very nature of the hours he works is bad enough, but how can you cope with these threats of assassination? These punks tell you, "You got a wife and kids too, cop." There isn't a person alive that this wouldn't get to — and they know it. Then you see your home address in the damn papers. We're all afraid for our wives and kids. A lot of us are under big pressure to quit!

I asked that young officer why he didn't quit.

"If we go, what happens to the city? What happens to our kids, then? These people mean to loot, and burn, and kill. They're after my country, Gary! Everything in which we believe. Someone's got to have the guts to stop them."

Some Americans are still made of that kind of stuff. Many of them are members of our local police forces. They are all that stand between you and me and the animals. Either we support them, and pull the Lindsays and the Communists and the Panthers off their backs, or our whole civilization will go down. That, alas, is as certain as dawn. ■ ■