

B. Kwaku Duren, The Black Panther Party, and the New Panther Vanguard Movement:

Civil Rights in California, 1970s-2000s

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REVIEW OF DISCHARGE
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TO: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVY DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

BUCKET NO. 16190
CHARACTER OF SERVICE RECORD
UNDES (MISC) (008)

EXISTS

Robert Donaldson, 588 11, 71 Ex-AR USNR

DATE OF REVIEW 15 Feb 1966

REVIEW OF THE DISCHARGE OF: DUREN, Robert Donaldson, 588 11, 71 Ex-AR USNR

STATUS OF PETITIONER'S CLAIM:

DESIRES CHANGE IN DISCHARGE	YES	NO
WAS PETITIONER PRESENT	YES	NO
REASON OF PROCEEDING IN REVIEW BOARD	YES	NO

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WAS PETITIONER PRESENT: YES

REASON OF PROCEEDING IN REVIEW BOARD: YES

Desires change in discharge so that he can enlist. Having matured in the last 4 years I know I will be able to prove myself to be a reliable individual. In April 1961 I enlisted in the USNR. I was stationed at Los Alamitos MSB. I requested and had received a date for active duty but when the time came, I was being held by civil authorities for a misdemeanor offense. The judge sentenced me to five months, subject to two years probation. In August 1961 I received an undesirable discharge. USNR officer told me I could either sign a paper to go before a Naval Court with probably the same result so I signed.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE, COMMODATIONS, AND OFFENSES:

ENL USNAS LOS ALAMITOS to serve for six years in the naval
USNAS LOS ALAMITOS
11/2/61 CO recommended to CNP that petitioner be discharged with undesirable discharge by reason of misconduct (C) petitioner pleaded guilty in Los Angeles Superior Court of second degree burglary (See 59 Penal Code C was sentenced to 5 mo in jail with the sentence a TV. DUREN suggested breaking into a TV. DUREN broke the window and his accomplice and signed statement of awareness.)
11/17/61 CNP directed separation with Unfavorable Discharge.
MEDICAL RECORD: Contains nothing pertinent to the discharge.
11/24/61 Discharged with UNDESIRABLE (MISCONDUCT) (C) Auth: HRM Act C-10312 and civil conviction

- June 8, 1961 Investigation of Burglary (Long Beach) July 19, 1961 Disp: 5 months County Jail and 2 years probation
- June 14, 1961 Received South Los Angeles for Burglary sentence
- December 24, 1961 (Long Beach) Investigation of Robbery December 26, 1961 released and exonerated
- May 31, 1962 (Signal Hill) Suspicion of Murder May 31, 1962 released and deemed not arrested
- July 21, 1962 (Long Beach) Intoxicated and traffic warrant July 23, 1962 One (1) year of summary probation
- May 18, 1963 (Long Beach) Minor Consuming May 3, 1963 Bail Forfeit
- August 1, 1963 South Los Angeles Purchasing Alcohol by minor No disposition
- January 2, 1964 (Long Beach) Traffic warrant Released to Los Angeles Police Department
- January 23, 1964 (Long Beach) Bench Warrant released to South Los Angeles
- January 24, 1964 South Los Angeles Violation of Probation
- November 13, 1964 (Long Beach) Gambling disposition: \$29 or 2 days
- July 2, 1965 (Long Beach) Traffic Warrant release to South Orange County
- July 4, 1965 South Santa Anna - Failure to appear No Drivers license and speed violation
- July 29, 1965 (Long Beach) Traffic Warrant Disp: August 20, 1965 - \$50 or 5 days - \$277 or 25 days
- July 31, 1965 South Los Angeles - No valid operators license - speeding-traffic warrant No disposition
- August 2, 1965 South Santa Anna
- August 20, 1965 South Los Angeles - Failure to appear - No drivers license and possession of alcohol (Long Beach)
- June 28, 1966 (Long Beach) and Compton 1 year probation
- June 28, 1966 South Los Angeles Driving with suspended license (arrested by Long Beach \$250 or 25 days)
- August 5, 1966 Investigation of ADM and Sprengarm Robbery August 6, 1966 Disp: Release no charge
- September 5, 1966 (Culver City) Traffic violation
- September 29, 1966 (\$250 or 5 days)
- September 6, 1966 Los (South) Angeles - misdemeanor by Culver City

(See Reverse side)

- September 14, 1966 (Long Beach) Investigation of Robbery, Rape Disp: State Prison, other charges dismissed.
- September 22, 1966 Investigation of Robbery (Incarcerated at November 11, 1966 Chino California (Receiving Center)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
FOR THE COUNTY OF Los Angeles

In the Matter of the Application of
Robert Donaldson
(Bob) (D) Duren

for Change of Name: ...
The application of ...
AKA. (C. Bob) ...
for an Order of Court changing his name ...
present name ...
Court, this 27 day of Sept. 1985, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of hearing was given in the manner and form required by law and order of this Court, and no objections having been filed by any person, and evidence having been produced on behalf of petitioner ...
no reasonable objection to the petitioner ...
and that the order prayed for should be granted.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that petitioner ...
are hereby changed to ...
The Clerk is ordered to enter this decree.
Dated: SEP 27 1985 ...

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BETRAND O. SIMON
Judge Pro Tempore

Duren's naval discharge review documentation, 1966, and chronology of Duren's arrests and court appearances, circa 1966, Box 37, Folder 33; Duren's name change petition, 1985, Box 24, Folder 2, B. Kwaku Duren papers

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL

Soledad, California
January, 1968

Robert Duren
North Facility

Greetings To You Mr. Duren:

On behalf of the inmate body: Muslims, followers of the Honorable and Humble Elijah Muhammad, we wish to extend to you our heartfelt thanks for the patience, tolerance, and deep understanding you showed to us in helping us to have a successful "Festival of Ramadan".

We know that this was a milestone reached and is now a part of history. We pray to Our God Allah, that we continue in our efforts to be respected, and respectable, and accomplish much here in Soledad behind the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Again, we want you to know that we are a people of peace, and not of war; we thank you, and Allah will reward all those who do good to others, as Messenger Muhammad teaches us, for He (Allah) is the God of Goodness, Justice and Mercy.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ *Sterling McDowell*
Sterling McDowell, A-83187
Inmate follower of the
Honorable Elijah Muhammad
Soledad, California North

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SOCIOLOGY XB I

February 27, 1970

I. In general, the basic issues in American Education are historical and approximate per se the perennial dilemmas of all formal education; and, in particular, they reflect the necessity of re-evaluating the entire educational system and the part it plays in "American socialization." The first issue to be discussed is that of education for a select few in contradistinction to mass education. In many respects, education in American is mass education whose end result is "functional illiteracy." This is so because it trains today's students for yesterday's jobs and fails pitifully in developing personalities equal to the task of understanding and successfully manipulating their environment, the quintessence of freedom - I believe. Pertinent to this issue, too, is the apparent contribution of American education to the invidious comparison of Poverty amidst Affluence. Some argue that mass education is inherently ill-suited to the maintenance of high standards and educational efficiency, but in view of this contention is the Educational system itself which systematically weeds out students at all levels, limiting educational aspirations on the basis of culturally biased criteria. In summary, mass education in America is still subordinate to elite education.

The second basic American educational dilemma is that of Education (here, referring to the development of personalities and dissemination of scientifically proven truths) as opposed to Training (here, referring to all practical arts instruction ranging from basic technology to the use and application of modern technological devices). There is no question of the necessity of obtaining technological instruction in this technological age. But relevant to the issue is the question of emphasis, degree, and kind of technological training and whether or not it is conducive to resolving purely American problems. This issue/also the basis of the contention that formal education should be the development of personality coupled with the dissemination of truth. In view of the widespread and in-

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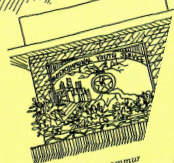
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THE WORLD IS CLASSROOM

INTERCOMMUNAL YOUTH INSTITUTE LONG BEACH CALIF.

DETAILED PEOPLE ORGANIZATION

SLIDES
 students walking to school-coming in etc. (5)

NARRATION

Greg
 Zakliya

The Intercommunal Youth Institute is an energy filled place where young people from 5 to 17 come to be free to learn, free to think critical and free to share. The Institute was opened in when a few concerned parents, teachers, and community people decided that children where being repressed in public school, and that a model for what education could be like was needed.

Karrie
 Bea and kids

Greg: It's better than any school I've ever been to. We're free to learn when we want to and that makes you want to learn more.

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We can make up our own minds. It's not like public schools where they tell you everything is all all right and you know it's not.

Bea: Never have all my kids wanted to come to school before.

Tommy: Hey, hurry up. I sure am hungry for breakfast.

meeting

Every day at the Institute starts out with a free hot breakfast for all the young people. Good nutrition plays a very important part in being able to learn. Besides the nutrition aspect, breakfast together offers us a chance to start the morning in the warmth of a family atmosphere. Everyone joins in clean-up and the day begins.

Bob: Morning meeting-everybody in. Every mornign we have a meeting to talk about what's happening in the world, in our community, and in our school.

Student: Southeast Asia in the news...
 Student: Shooting down the street...
 Student: Too much teasing going on at the Institute...
 Ok, let's break down into our groups for this morning..

Each mornign the students break down into learning groups based on interest and ability. At the Institute we do not have grades, and often times 7 and 8 year olds will work in groups with 13 and 14 year olds. We feel that this kind of structure helps the young people to share and grow with each other, thus breaking down some of the competition that is so destructive.

Long Beach Black Woman Murdered By Highway Patrol

(Pleasanton, Calif.) - The family of a 30-year-old Black woman shot to death by a California Highway Patrol officer September 20 says it is filing suit against the highway patrol for an independent investigation of the murder and will file suit against the highway patrol.

Ms. Betty Ann Scott, 30, of Long Beach, California, was killed by her boyfriend, George Smith, 23, also of Long Beach, while driving on Interstate 5 around 4:00 a.m. on September 20 when two highway patrol officers stopped her, alleging speeding.

Murder victim BETTY SCOTT and daughter

PEOPLE INVOLVED

Betty Scott: 30 year-old black woman; resident of Long Beach, Calif., USA; intimate companion of George Smith; mother of 4 girls, ages 10 to 13 years; licensed Beautician, Businesswoman; attended the community school her children attend, Long Beach, California.

George Smith: black man; resident of Long Beach, Calif., comrade of Betty Scott and father of one child; active in various community organizations; member of the Long Beach chapter of the Black Panther Party; short and slender; youthful looking; has obviously worked for the CHP.

Officer Robins: tall; with mustache; normal weight; has worked for the CHP for 10 years.

BETTY SCOTT

Born: 10-10-44



Killed by **CHP**
9-20-75

"You've been speeding," asserts Officer Engberson, "give me your registration."

"It's in the glove compartment," comments Betty.

"Get it!" Officer Engberson demands roughly.

As Betty is reaching over George for the glove compartment,

Robins slumps onto Georges' lap from the driver's side.

Still standing by the passenger side of the car, Betty says,

"Man, what have you done?"

"Get him out of the car," Officer Engberson says.

Officer Robins then yells to George, "Get out of the car."

Officer Engberson, with his gun smoking, says to Betty,

"... put your hands up!"

Feeling that his life is now in danger, Betty says,

"I'm not going to get into this."

Emotionally, Officer Engberson reaches for the keys out of the ignition. He then turns to Betty and says,

"Get out of the car, now!"

Officer Robins, he then unlocks the door of the car.

The next day the headlines in the Long Beach Press-Telegram read,

"WOMAN SPEEDER SLAIN—PULLED OFF HIGHWAY."

That George had been "taken in" by Betty, the article further alleged.

It is reported that Betty had the car registered in the name of Betty Scott.

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OAK. TRIB CHP Shooting
11-15-75

Slaying Finding Called Whitewash

LIVERMORE—The justice system's handling of the homicide finding by the Contra Costa County grand jury in the slaying of Betty Scott in Long Beach

would be used against her, but Smith's attorney, Jeffrey Brand, said the offer was that all but one misdemeanor charge against him would be dropped in return for his guilty plea and grand jury testimony.

Bob Duren, Scott's brother and spokesman for the Scott-Smith Committee, said the plea-bargaining offer was an "obvious bribe," and that Smith is innocent of all the charges. For him to plead guilty to any of them, Duren said, "can only serve to further conceal the truth of Scott's murder."

Duren and Brand said the committee has filed a \$3 million wrongful-death claim against the state, which the state Board of Control is expected to deny early next month, clearing the way for a formal lawsuit in the matter.

Smith's case was continued to next Monday when both sides will argue Brand's request for documents, including CHP and coroner reports.

Judge Lewis told Brand he could not rule on that request this week because he had not read it, although the discovery motion was filed Oct. 21, Brand said.

- (3) From examining the arm rest on the passenger side of the car where the bullet was finally lodged, it too indicates that Betty was reaching for her registration (as George claims she was) when she was shot;
- (4) If Betty and George were in fact stopped for "speeding," why did the officers approach with guns drawn; wouldn't this type of police behavior increase the likelihood of a shot being fired?
- (5) No one, but no one would grab a gun and point it at one of two armed officers, especially when they are already pointing loaded, cocked guns at them.

IN CONCLUSION

The SCOTT-SMITH COMMITTEE believes that Betty was the victim of a senseless, brutal police slaying, and that George is now the victim of a very hastily constructed police effort to "cover-up" that slaying.

If your sentiments are in agreement with ours, then we hope that you will support our efforts to obtain justice, beginning with a "full-scale, unbiased, and independent investigation."

We are specifically requesting financial donations for the funeral services, attorney fees, and organizing expenses. Make checks or any other monies payable to:

THE SCOTT-SMITH COMMITTEE
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INCIDENTS OF LAPD HARASSMENT: 1-17 to 10-27-77

- * From January 17, 1977 (the date the Black Panther Party's Southern California Chapter was re-opened) to on or about May 28, 1977 LAPD Criminal Conspiracy Section (CCS) undercover cars had Chapter Office and home of Bob Duren (Chapter Coordinator) under constant surveillance. The following license plates were noted: 256-EMT, Gold Dotson; 652-JYH, Metro, Green Plymouth; 2402 or 2802.
- * On March 3, 1977, Bob Duren, "Doc" Satchell (a survivor of the Chicago police raid wherein Fred Hampton was murdered), Dennis Cunningham (a White attorney in the Hampton Civil Suit) and another Black man from Chicago were stopped on the Harbor Freeway at gun point by a LAPD black/white patrol car and two unmarked cars. All were ordered out of the car (driven by Bob Duren), searched, and released a few minutes later. The police explained themselves by saying that they had been told by one of the agents in the unmarked cars that we were suspected kidnapers of Dennis Cunningham, who they said looked as if he were tied up in the back seat of the car.
- * On April 27, 1977, BPP members (Robert "Sharief" Kendrick and Greg Franklin) were invited onto the campus of Benning High School to show the film, Murder of Fred Hampton. While taking a smoke break in the school parking lot, these comrades were accosted by undercover security agents, choked, beaten and then arrested for Assault and Battery on a Peace Officer. Bail initially set at \$1,000 a piece, but later dropped to \$500. Case presently being defended by Hank DiSuevero and Bobby Black of Greater Watts Justice Center.
- * On May 12, 1977, BPP members (Robert "Sharief" Kendrick and Greg Franklin) had just finished selling papers in the vicinity of 105rd and Avalon; they were standing near a bus stop waiting for a bus to come, when stopped by officers from the 77th Precinct and arrested for "obstructing traffic." The following day, the charges were dropped by the Arraignment Judge.
- * On June 9, 1977, BPP member David Bryant was downtown selling newspapers. Officer Shamp (#7655), LAPD, approached Dave and requested a "permit" to sell papers. David informed him that he didn't need a permit. Officer Shamp detained Dave for about 5 minutes to fill out a "Field Interview" form.
- * On or about June 15, 1977, BPP members Robert "Sharief" Kendrick and Steve Harris were on their way home. They pulled up to the front of the house and got out. As they were walking up the stairs, a black/white patrol car from Ramparts Division pulled up and ordered them to stop. They are asked for identification. Sharief has no I. D. with his photo on it. The officers arrest him and take him to the Ramparts Station. Steve comes into the house and informs everyone present what had just taken place. We all drive over to the Ramparts station and demand that Sharief be released. We talk to the Watch Commander and he orders Sharief's release.

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LAPD HARASSMENT

, 1977 several BPP members are walking onto porch going into 9 Loma Drive. A black/white patrol car pulls up and begins spot-light into the front door of house as members walk in. When what is the problem; they reply that they have had re-burglar in the "area." They continue to shine lights into about five minutes. Bob calls to Ramparts station and in-desk Officer that the house is being harassed by two Ramparts patrol cars (another car had pulled up while Bob was on the desk officer replies that there is nothing that can be done.

On March 3, 1977, BPP members (Robert "Sharief" Kendrick, David Bob Duren) were downtown selling papers. Bob observed an LAPD questioning Dave, and comes across the street to what is happening. Bob concludes that the officer is merely Dave and begins to ask for witnesses from among the crowd of Bob is then asked to show his identification. Officers are from completing "field interviews" by a man who came up to us claiming that two young Black men had just pulled a gun on younger brothers come running across the street and immediately by the officers, handcuffed, searched and arrested. After these two brothers, the officers return to where the comrades are; they inform Dave, then Bob and then Sharief that they are it. The comrades are handcuffed, searched and put in the car. are alleged when arrested. Later at the station informed that are "solicitation" and "inciting a riot." Comrades are de-holding cell for approximately 2 1/2 hours and then released. We are told that if we want to sell papers downtown again then be "obstructing traffic." Officers involved: Beard, #957; J. Witness: Gary Brooks, Jeffery Larry, Ernest Miller, Matt, Malcolm Lindsey, Thomas Johnson, Bal Johnson.

On June 22, 1977, Bob Duren (Chapter Coordinator) was arrested by West (Harsden and Neri) and charged with "residing" (P.C. 148). Bob driven home following a demonstration at the Century Plaza car in which Bob was a passenger was being driven by Alice supposedly the officers stopped the car because they did not want to issue a license plate. The driver, the other passenger (Gross) and Bob were asked out of the car. Bob was asked to stand over his head, to turn around to be searched. Bob refused to be searched, under the circumstances, was not necessary and unreasonable. Without warning Officer Neri grabbed for Bob's neck to place a choke-hold on him. Bob scuffles momentarily with Officer Neri, preventing him from getting his choke-hold. Bob is then searched and arrested. After 15 or 20 minutes, he is taken to jail on \$500 bail. When Bob shows up in court with his attorney are informed that the DA has rejected the case.

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LAPD HARASSMENT

On November 27, 1977, Bob Duren and a friend, Midu Day, are coming from selling papers. Bob is driving west on Temple and makes a left turn onto Belmont (5 blocks from his home). A LAPD patrol car pulls up. Officers allege that the brake light is not working. Bob is ordered out of the car and searched. The car is also searched. Bob attempts to protest the search and the hostile attitude of the officers. Officers inform Bob that he is going to try to get out of the car. Bob and Midu are arrested and taken to Ramparts station and placed in a holding cell for about 2 hours. Shortly after Bob and Midu are informed that they are being charged with possession of Marijuana for Sale; bail is set at \$5,000 each. While in the car the officers had taken Midu's brief case out of the car when the officers got to the station they must have went to the brief and found about a 1/2 "lid" of marijuana and \$150 in cash was Midu's rent money. The following day Bob and Midu were released on O. R. The charges are reduced to misdemeanors and court for November 14, 1977.

**BOB D.
DUREN
FOR THE
LBUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION**



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**B. KWAKU DUREN; A PEOPLE
BEFORE PROFITS CANDIDATE**

B. KWAKU DUREN is 43 years old, married with one daughter, and resides in the City of Compton. For the past 7 years he has been employed as a Paralegal/Community Development Organizer.

B. KWAKU DUREN is well-known in quite a few circles in the southern California area throughout the country. He has been an activist and grassroots leader for the past 17 years in various community struggles and movements - ranging from the Black Panther Party to educational reform and alternative schools; from rent control to community economic development; from homelessness to social and legal services to poor and working peoples; from opposing governmental and police abuse of power to supporting people's liberation movements in Southern Africa, the Middle East, Central and Latin America and in the Caribbean.

**B. KWAKU DUREN IS AN
ACTIVIST AND ORGANIZER**

Organizational Affiliations:

New Alliance Party, National Executive Member
National Rainbow Alliance, West Coast Representative
Los Angeles Union of Legal Services Workers (NOLSW/UAW-District 63), President
Police Misconduct Lawyers Referral Service, Executive Board Member and Secretary
Community Services Unlimited, Inc., Volunteer Executive Director
National Conference of Black Lawyers, Member, Los Angeles Chapter
Hawthorne Rent Control Coalition, Organizing Consultant
Statewide Community Economic Development Association, Member

"Throughout the 31st Congressional District (which includes the cities of Carson, Compton, Gardena, Hawthorne, Lynwood, parts of Bellflower and Paramount, and unincorporated areas like the Community of Rosewood located south of Imperial Highway from Alameda to Aviation Boulevards) we can observe the detrimental effects of governmental policies which prefer unemployment and war to jobs with peace and freedom."

"America is a wealthy nation, and its working peoples have the highest standard of living in the world. This reality, however, though true for the most part, is just not true for tens of millions of Americans. For those, whose only income is social security benefits, welfare grants, the unemployed and those employed at or near the minimum wage - to be an American is to barely survive."

"The problem is not America's wealth and technology, but how it is spent (or not spent, taxed or not taxed) and how the technology that has been produced by its workers, is to be utilized."

"Presently, multi-national corporations and banks donate and donate, not just to America's poor and working peoples, but also to underdeveloped and developing nations throughout the world."

B. KWAKU DUREN cares about people, their communities, their struggles, and seeks through this campaign for Congress to further expand the national organization necessary to empower powerless peoples and communities.

"The size of the U.S. Military Budget is obscene, immoral and an insult to the consciences of America's poor and working peoples. It is not to be proud of - and it must be drastically reduced so that this nation and this world can survive, be at peace, and prosper."

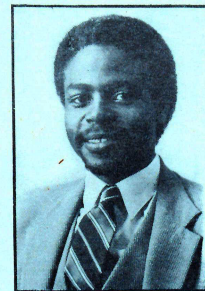
"The Democratic Party's failure to defeat Reagan's Rightwing organizing, its refusal to share electoral power with Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition, with Jesse Jackson, means one thing to me: And that is that the time has come for independent electoral politics..."

"Whether elected to the U.S. Congress or not, I plan to continue organizing on behalf of community struggles for decent and affordable housing, stopping 'over-development' and the provision of urgently-needed social programs; I will continue advocating for positive community development under a Jobs with Peace Program."

the inner-cities are further deteriorating from lack of funds for basic infra-structure; access to health care and decent affordable housing is being denied to millions of this nation's poor. JOIN THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT-BACK MOVEMENT! ELECT A PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE! GIVE PEACE AND FREEDOM A CHANCE!



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FREEDOM
A
CHANCE**



ELECT

**B. KWAKU DUREN
TO THE
U.S. CONGRESS**

VOTE ON NOV. 4, 1986

The 31st District

includes: the cities of Carson, Compton, Gardena, Hawthorne, Lynwood, parts of Bellflower and Paramount, and unincorporated areas like the Community of Rosewood located south of Imperial Highway from Alameda to Aviation Boulevards



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 **Black Panther Party** 
Southern California Chapter

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June 1, 1977

Greetings Friend,

With the re-opening of the Los Angeles-based Chapter on Jan. 17, 1977, the Black Panther Party (BPP) returned to southern California. Contrary to government inspired opinion and rumour, the BPP did survive government efforts to "destroy," "discredit," and "neutralize" its organizing effectiveness in the oppressed communities. But the BPP was temporarily prevented from building community-based programs in some areas of the country - through out-right murder of our comrades and the use of fascist terror tactics against community people. The re-establishment of the Chapter here in Los Angeles and in other areas across this country offers a clear challenge to the multi-national corporations and their bureaucratic administrators who ordered the development and implementation of COINTEL-PRO and other repressive programs.

As a long-time community activist and outspoken supporter of the Party's philosophy, Ten-point Platform and Programs in the Los Angeles area, I have taken up the task of coordinating the development of the Southern California Chapter. In order to achieve our goals of organizing and serving Black and other oppressed communities, the Chapter has recently implemented a number of "survival programs." These programs, admittedly, can never be expected to completely fill the neglected needs of the people. However, we offer these programs as positive examples of how the unfulfilled needs of the oppressed communities can be realistically and immediately addressed. All of our Survival Programs are free of charge; the Black Panther Party has never charged the community a dime to receive the things they need, and we don't ever intend to do so.

Financial contributions, however, are definitely needed to operate our programs. One of the ways by which we are attempting to secure basic operating expenses for these programs is by requesting sympathetic and concerned individuals to contribute regularly to our Chapter's Sustainer Program. Essentially, we ask concerned people to commit themselves to a monthly financial contribution (if possible) of any amount they can realistically afford. In return, the Chapter will send them monthly copies of our Chapter newsletter (enclosed), The Interoommunal Spark, which describes our community involvement, program activities and other relevant information concerning the Chapter's overall development in the southern California area. Copies of our Party's newspaper, The Black Panther, will also be sent weekly.

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We are currently operating four survival programs: a Martial Arts program for young people and adults; Liberation School "tutorial sessions"; a Legal Aid Referral Service; and a weekly Free Film and Community Discussions series. We also have plans to develop a SAFE (seniors against a fearful environment) program and a Busing-to-Prisons program as our resources and people-power increases.

The Chapter is directly involved in local organizing efforts to stop blatant police brutality and illegal government spying. Organizing to overturn the reactionary Bakke decision is also a major Chapter organizing focus.

Recently (May 28th), the Chapter held a very successful Community Survival Rally, at which over 500 bags of "free" groceries and shoes were distributed to needy community residents. A Food Cooperative, a Women's Group, and several other community projects are also in the process of being implemented.

If there is anyway for you to become involved in our Chapter's Sustainer Program, you can rest assured that all monies generated in this way will be used to continue and expand our efforts to organize and serve our oppressed communities, in the spirit of revolutionary love and determined struggle for a better world. If necessary, I am also available for speaking engagements concerning the current organizing efforts of the Black Panther Party. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

All Power To The People,

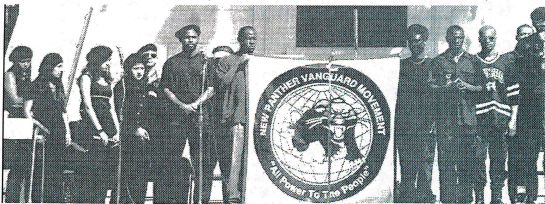
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NEW PANTHER VANGUARD MOVEMENT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



In 1972 Huey P. Newton, co-founder and political theoretician of the Black Panther Party wrote the words: "To die for the...racists...is lighter than a feather. But to die for the people...is heavier than any mountain and deeper than any sea."

Today, in building the NPVM we continue the legacy of the Black Panther Party with the clear understanding that it is our revolutionary duty to learn from it's mistakes. Huey's words expressed the deep love for the people that inspired the many thousands who joined the Black Panther Party and became actively involved in serving the people. These young brothers and sisters showed unquestionably that they could indeed die for the people, tragically many of them did! Many like Chairman Fred Hampton were ruthlessly assassinated by the police and FBI agents, however it's gift of hindsight allows us to see that others died unnecessary deaths, often a result of brave but ill-conceived acts of defiance against the state and its forces.

In the true spirit of the Black Panther Party, the NPVM's essence is our love for the people and like the Panthers of the past we understand that the path we have chosen may well lead us to "die for the people." Death is not an uncommon occurrence within our communities: the saddest development is that for the first time since we were stolen and brought to this land we are responsible for killing each other. The rate at which young Black men today are dying the hands of young Black men is horrifying. An entire generation of our youth have grown up surrounded with death and consequently attach very little value to life.

In this environment we believe that for any one wishing to become a member of the NPVM the real challenge is to display the desire, commitment and dedication to live for the people! The struggle for our liberation is a very serious matter and a great consumer of energy. It is also the most rewarding work any of us could be involved in. The struggle for our freedom can often inspire both talents and abilities which this racist society tries to convince us we don't have. So while we build the movement, our involvement helps us to grow and develop personally.

The Panther Vanguard is committed to continuing our historic struggle for freedom, justice and equality, fighting the daily oppression that our people continue to be subjected to in America and around the world. To this end we welcome the participation of anyone who is serious enough to live for the people!

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1. Introduction - NPVM / Points 1-10

10-PT Platform:

1. Peace, Justice + Reparations

2. Food/Housing/Medical Care +
Quality Education

3. Reform of the Crim. Justice System
- imprisonment rate of states/prisons
- Africa

4. Freedom for all Political Prisoners
BLM/BOA, AIM, NAPO, PR F organ.

- ~~prison~~ political prisoners

- economic victimization/criminalization

5. Police Brutality, Terror + abuse of Power

6. Sentencing Review

- education vs imprisonment
- narcotic offenses

7. Solving Drug Problem

8. Military aggression

- north + file/Africans + Mexicans
- jobs of peace vs "production production"

9. Religious Tolerance

- spiritual tradition of all indigenous peoples

- role of the church

- not turn
- Newark Verse
- St. Thomas
- Michael
- Dr. King

Political +
spiritual leaders

10. All Power to the People

- Freedom
- Justice
- Equality

> globally



VANGUARD'S WEEKLY COMMUNITY FORUMS: UPCOMING SPEAKERS

August 13, 1997 "MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO CARL HAMPTON"
Boko will speak on the importances of remembering our fallen comrade(s) Carl Hampton. He will also be showing a video regarding the July 26th event held in Houston, Texas.
Chair Kwaku Duren

August 20, 1997 "MOONEY TWINS" Ken Riley of MAD DADS will be speaking about this organization how and why it came about and the work it is now involved in carrying out in the community. Chair Kizzy Bawn

August 27, 1997 Bilal Mafundi-Ali from the Coalition Against Police Abuse and the Community in Support of the Gang Truce. Bilal will talk about the work he is involved in with those organizations. Chair Zakee Qalady Sulleman

September 3, 1997 Open Women will speak to us about the important work of this org. She will be testing for sickle cell. Chair Krystal Simpson

September 10, 1997 Open The Mooney Twins return to deliver their lecture on a "diet for freedom". Chair Nadam Sharma

September 17, 1997 "LIFE Organization" Brenda Pierce of the org will give a brief history of LIFE and how we will talk about the work of this org. Chair Shareef Abdullah.

September 24, 1997 Open JAMAL GOREE returns to the forum to give us an update on his previous lecture. Chair BB. BLACK

October 1, 1997 "Egypt Lecture" CeGe-Holistic Medicine Lecture. Sister CC will give a lecture about some of the myths and realities of ancient Egypt and what we can learn today from this ancient civilization. Chair Zakheer HASSAN



New Panther Vanguard Movement

OVERVIEW OF OUR PHILOSOPHY AND PROGRAM

Justiceville/Homeless, USA, (JHUSA)
in conjunction with
Radio KJLH / L.A. Sentinel / L.A.-Watts Times / 1st. AME Ch.
Announces

VILLAGE CIRCLE GATHERING

A Town Hall Meeting And WORKSHOP "Around the Fire"
{The Homelessness of American Black Folk}
Saturday, May 24, 2003 / 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM
(LOCATION: The Dome Village in Downtown Los Angeles, 847 Golden Avenue, between 8th, 9th, & Garland Streets. West off the 110 San Pedro/Pasadena Fwy)

* 80 -85% of the homeless population in downtown LA are American Black males (15% Mexican – Central American)
* 99% of the homelessness policy makers are upper middle class White, politically democrats.

Attend the "HOUR of POWER" Session 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Meet City Council Members, the Hons. Jan Perry, Dist # 9; Ed Reyes, Dist # 1; Nick Pacheco, Dist # 14; along with reps from law enforcement & advocates of downtown area such as Sheriff Leroy Baca, LACSIS, James P. McDonald, D.C. LAPD, Com. Mark Klugman, L.A.C. Sheriff D. LASHA, Frank Tamborillo, L.A. N.Y. Fire, etc.

Introduction

Our philosophy is premised on the knowledge that our immediate ancestors from the African Continent were either kidnapped or sold into Slavery, and that we, as a people, ended up dispersed throughout North, Central, or South America, and in many other countries in the world. We understand that millions of people of African ancestry populate the Caribbean islands and the South and Central American areas, and that the largest concentration of African people outside of the African continent is in the South American country of Brazil.

Distribution of African Slaves	
North America	427,000
Mexico and Central America	234,000
West Indies	426,000
Spanish South America	522,000
Caribbean	574,000
Brazil	3,647,000
Europe	175,000

See map Philip D. Curtin, *African Slave Trade*

Thus, it is logical to conclude that our common history and strategic presence in the Americas dictate that we, as a people, have a special role to play in both domestic and world affairs.

Even though Africans living in the United States of America have a common history and thus a common destiny, we, as other humans, are not a community of "one mind." There continue to be serious class and ethnic divisions among Black people in the Americas, as well as on the African continent, and we as a "distinct people" continue to be divided by religion, age, social and economic status.

Photographs of a Panther community event, Box 29, Folder 4; New Panther Vanguard Movement community forum planning document, 1997, New Panther Vanguard Movement community event flyer, Box 24, Folder 12, B. Kwaku Duren papers



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