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Original Report Date <b>1-19-74</b>	Time <b>4:40am</b>	3. This Report Date <b>1-19-74</b>	4. Time <b>4:40am</b>	5. Location of Occurrence <b>9420 NW St Helens Rd</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKING <input type="checkbox"/>		
Victim or Complainant <b>MOBIL OIL CO.</b>		8. Residence Address <b>9420 NW St Helens Rd</b>		9. Res. Phone	10. Sex	11. Race	12. D.O.B.
Subject of This Report <b>Threat to blow up oil depots/possible suspect auto</b>					14. Total Value of Recovered Prop. (Itemize Below)		<b>(1)</b>

Details:  
Lt Daggett:

Susp auto: Calif. SKB 422, Falcon s/w, late 60's, white with luggage rack on top

Suspects: 3 long-hair hippy types, race unk.

Sir:

Received a phone call from Lt. Wiebe, Northwest Portland Special Patrol (ph 289-5536 or 289-5537) regarding a possible suspect auto in the recent threat against the oil depots by the Black Liberation Army. Lt Wiebe states he was behind the suspect auto on St Helens Rd when he observed it turn into the Mobil Oil Co depot and proceed slowly. Because of the threats, the depot is being heavily guarded. Upon observing the guards, the suspect auto turned away from the company and left the area.

Received the following registration information from Records: 64 Ford, sold 8-15-73, contact DMV Sacramento for new owner information. A teletype was sent to Sacramento to obtain this info.

Resp.

*Not in our file*

Officer(s) <b>Anda L Bohn</b>	Off. I.D. Number <b>4906</b>	Prec/Div <b>North</b>	Relief/Shift <b>Nights A</b>	Assn/Dist <b>Dosk OTHER</b>
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SUSP AUTO IN THREAT

# SPECIAL REPORT

City of Portland, Bureau of Police

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1-19-74 4:40am 1-20-74 1:10am 9420 NW St Helens Rd

MOBIL OIL CO 9420 NW St Helens Rd

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Suspect auto registration info

Suspect Auto: Calif SKB 422

1964 Ford wag, E Vin 4H26F134319

r/o: CLARENCE L SANDER

140 NE 14th

Hillsboro, Oregon

Sir:

Received the above registration information from Sacramento regarding the possible suspect auto in threat to blow up oil depots.

Resp

Officer (Print) Linda L Bohn OH. I.D. Number 4906 Precinct North Report Shift night Assn/Desk Desk

Radio Call Times Approved By

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DETECTIVE DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUREAU OF POLICE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.

BUL.#73-24B  
8-3-73

TO: ALL L.E.I.U. MEMBERS

ON 5-19-73 TWO POLICE OFFICERS WERE SHOT IN THIS CITY DURING AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP A SUPERMARKET BY FOUR SUSPECTS. AS OF JULY 24, 1973, THREE OF THE SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED.

THE FOURTH SUSPECT, ONE ARTHUR CAULEY, BLACK MALE, DATE OF BIRTH: 2-20-1947, 5'11", 185 LBS., FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION 31/31 W/W 10/11 /19; F.B.I. #143 820 F, ESCAPED DURING THE GUN BATTLE WHICH FOLLOWED WITH OTHER POLICE OFFICERS BY KIDNAPPING HOSTAGES AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE FLED THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

ARTHUR CAULEY IS A MEMBER OF THE BLACK LIBERATION ARMY AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY. HE IS KNOWN TO BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES AND IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. SUBJECT IS PRESENTLY UNDER A 30 COUNT INDICTMENT BY THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY GRAND JURY, INCLUDING FOUR COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER. ATTACHED ARE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARTHUR CAULEY AND HIS COMMON LAW WIFE KATHLEEN TANNER, BLACK FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH; 12-13-1946, 5'5", 130 LBS., WHO HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE THE ABOVE INCIDENT. IT IS BELIEVED SHE MAY BE IN THE COMPANY OF CAULEY.

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IF THIS SUBJECT IS LOCATED, THIS DEPARTMENT WILL COMPLY WITH ALL NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS TO EXTRADITE HIM. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

DET. SGT. JOSEPH CAMPBELL

OR

DET. BERNARD CHRISTOPHER

DETECTIVE DIVISION - TELEPHONE:  
(914) 668-6523, 668-6013 OR 664-2632

MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK BUREAU OF POLICE

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ARTHUR CAULEY - DOB: 2-20-47  
F.B.I.#143820-F



KATHLEEN TANNER  
DOB: 12-13-46

Black Liberation Army

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPT.  
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES OFFICE TEL # 212 374 5430  
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**\*\* PRIORITY MESSAGE \*\***

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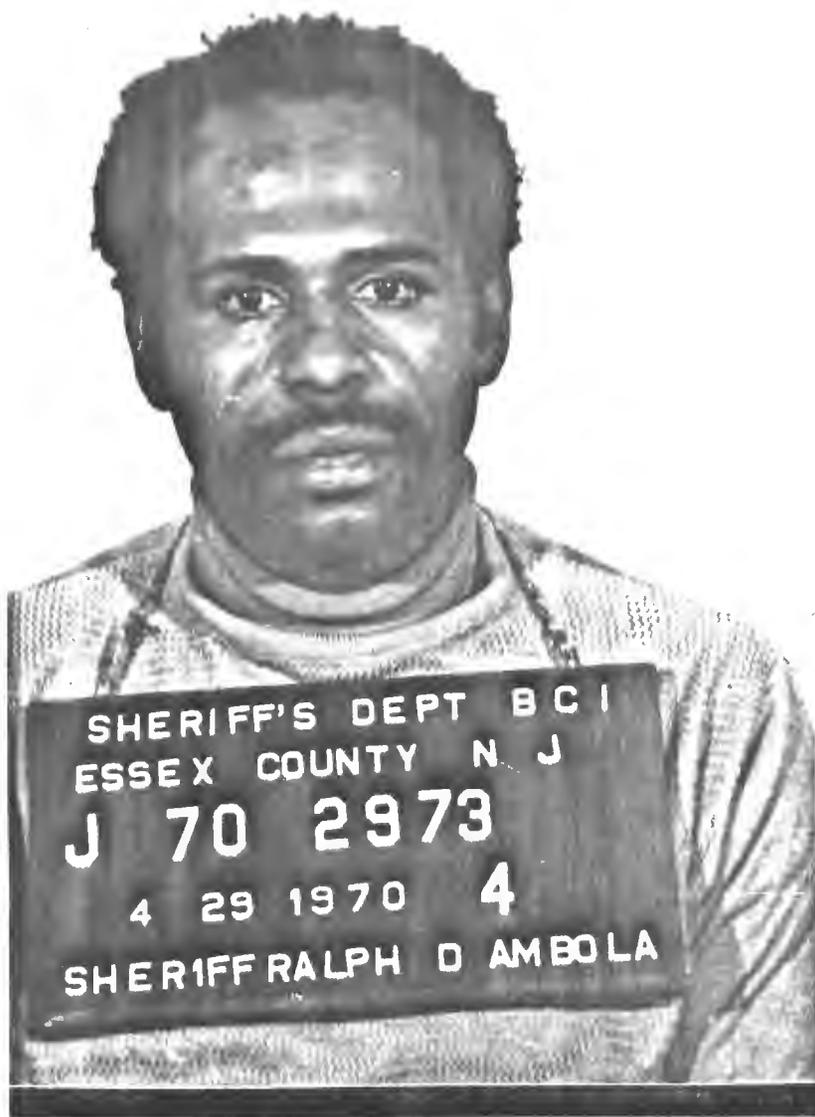
SUBJECT: ARREST FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF POLICE OFFICERS  
JOHN SCARANGELLA AND RICHARD RAINEY OF THE 113 PCT

THE FOLLOWING IS THE NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERPS WANTED  
IN THE ABOVE SHOOTING OF POLICE OFFICERS.

1. ) JAMES DIXON YORK MB 40 DOB 12/1/40 HEIGHT 6' 190LBS  
DARK COMPLEXION SHORT AFRO FBI # 30694E. LAST KNOWN  
ADDRESS 1019 JOHN STREET, LINDEN NEW JERSEY.
2. ) ANTHONY LA BORDE A/K/A/ NICKY LA BORDE, ANTHONY NICHOLAS,  
NICHOLAS LA BORDE, TONY HART, NICK, AND CINQUE. MB 31 DOB  
6/25/49 HEIGHT 6'2" 200LBS DARK COMPLEXION SHORT AFRO  
NCIC#1196542J. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 116-53 143 STREET  
QUEENS NEW YORK.

BOTH ARE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND BOTH ARE  
ARMED WITH 9MM AUTOMATICS. CONTACT QUEENS DETECTIVE  
AREA AT 520-0444 WITH ANY INFORMATION. AN ARREST  
WARRANT WILL BE ISSUED 4/21/81.

OPERATOR: P. O. BISCHOFF  
AUTHORITY COMMANDING OFFICER, PATROL BORO QUEENS.





POLICE DEPT.  
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**MESSAGE TO THE BLACK MOVEMENT**

**A POLITICAL STATEMENT FROM THE BLACK - UNDERGROUND**

**SEASON OF STRUGGLE . . . . .**

**BLACK LIBERATION ARMY**



DEDICATED TO ALL THE COMRADES  
KILLED, CAPTURED AND EXILED IN  
THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD THE ARMED  
URBAN GUERRILLA FRONT, AND TO  
THOSE WHO SUPPORTED US WHEN ALL  
OTHERS REFUSED TO FACE UP TO  
REALITY .....

THE SEASON OF STRUGGLE IS OUR SEASON.

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## INTRODUCTION

The following is a political overview and statement of general political positions. We have written these political positions from the perspective of the Armed Front because we feel that such a perspective is needed in the total revolutionary process for black liberation. We are general in our public statement because we are essentially a military and political front, therefore it would not do to speak in any other terms, for the actions of the armed front will address themselves to the specifics of our peoples national oppression. We do not wish the ENEMY to gain tactical insight in carrying out his repressive campaigns, while on the other hand we do desire that the Black Liberation Movement understand the correct role armed struggle plays in a peoples struggle and how this role is in motion for us here in North America.

The tool of analysis is for us a further development of the Historical Materialist method, the dialectical method. We will not even waste our time debating the values of Marxism with those who are emotionally hung up on white people, hung up to the point of ideological blindness. We understand the process of revolution, and fundamental to this understanding is this fact: Marxism is developed to a higher level when it is scientifically adapted to a peoples unique national condition, becoming a new ideology altogether. Thus was the case in China, Guinea Bissau, Vietnam, North Korea, the Peoples Republic of the Congo and many other Socialist nations. For Black people here in North America our struggle is not only unique, but it is the most sophisticated and advanced oppression of a racial national minority in the whole world. We are the true 20th century slaves, and the use of the dialectical method, class struggle and national liberation, will find its highest development as a result of us. This dialectic holds true not only for Marxism, but for revolutionary nationalism as well, it holds true for concepts of revolutionary Pan-Africanism, it is true of the theoretical basis in developing revolutionary Black culture. All of these ideological trends will find their highest expression as a result of our advanced oppression. Yet, we must be ever mindful that the same objective process is true for reactionary refinement as a result of our struggle. This is the unity of opposites in struggle with each other. To defeat our enemy and render his reactionary allies impotent we must have a truly revolutionary perspective informed by concepts of revolutionary class struggle, a movement without such a perspective will fail to defeat our common oppressor. We are not afraid of white people controlling our movement, for our formations, guns, and ideas are built with our own hands, efforts and blood. With this in mind we address ourselves to the Black Liberation struggle, its activist elements and organizations. Our call is for UNITY, for a NATIONAL BLACK LIBERATION FRONT. We must build to win!

NYURBA  
BLACK LIBERATION ARMY

## AN OVERVIEW

We will start with the basic fact that Capitalism and Imperialism as an economical system is in a deep crisis at home and abroad. The basis of this crisis is, of course, the exploitive relationships that capital must maintain in order to function. It is these economic, social and political relationships that signal the eventual doom of our oppressors and this system of oppression under which we all live.

This crisis of Capitalism is of a protracted nature, by this we mean it is a long process of deterioration that is spread over a considerable length of time. The seeming material wealth which we see all around us in no way contradict this fact of decay, deterioration or the fact of crisis. In fact, overproduction and uneven distribution have led time and time again to a bloated market, cutbacks in employment, and all the attendant ills of an economy based on private ownership of socially produced commodities. Inflation, soaring prices, and inadequate wages are all symptoms of an economy that is based primarily on class exploitation at home and national domination of the Third World's resources abroad.

The heightening of oppressed peoples struggles abroad have added to the crisis of the entire western world, and threaten to cut drastically its essential resources. We realize that the chief economical and military power in the western world and its ruling class, namely the United States of North America and its corporate-financial ruling circles, will never allow the demise of its empire without a desperate fight. We, as blacks in North America must realize, that to seek inclusion into the prevailing socio-economic system is suicide in the long run, for the prevailing system cannot withstand the irresistible world trend of history which is opposed to continued U.S. exploitation, racist domination and subjugation. To fool ourselves into believing that "equal opportunity", "justice", and social equality is the same as the capitalist system is a grave mistake with genocidal implications for every person of color. Our first obligation is to ourselves, this means our first obligation is to secure our total liberation from those forces that maintain our oppressive condition. Related to this self-obligation (not distinct from it) is our obligation to all oppressed peoples throughout the world, for in striving to liberate ourselves we must abolish a system that enslaves others throughout the world. This, in essence, is our historical duty, we can either carry it out or betray it, but we most certainly will be judged accordingly by the world's peoples.

The B.L.A. as a result of realizing the economical nature of the system under which we are forced to live maintains the following principles:

1. That we are anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist, anti-racist and anti-sexist.
2. That we must of necessity strive for the abolishment of these systems and for the institution of Socialistic relationships in which Black people have total and absolute control over their own destiny as a people.
3. That in order to abolish our system of oppression we must utilize the science of class struggle, develop this science as it relates to our unique national condition.

## VIEW FROM THE ARMED FRONT:

### The Dialectic of Revolutionary Violence, Law and Reformism

Our recognition of the economical contradictions of capital in no way obscures the social and political realities that now confront us and our struggle for Black Liberation. To the contrary, it enhances and deepens our perspective and clarifies the dialectical role of armed struggle in our liberation process.

We have begun to recognize and analyze those forces in a modern technologically advanced society that set our particular struggle apart from other Third World peoples struggles, as well as the common factors all oppressed peoples share as a result of U.S. and western imperialism. One such factor that sets our struggle apart from other struggles is the profound influence of organized technology on our consciousness, social relationships and behavior. People who live in the technologically advanced societies of the west have been programmed to perceive their needs as being one in the same as the technology that created these artificial needs. Because the masses of working people do not control this technology it has been consistently used to manipulate their whole lives. We are told what to buy, what to eat, whom to hate, and what to love by rulers and controllers of an exploitive system. Technology in the context of Capitalism is the ultimate means by which the masses are programmed out of the need for real freedom. A whole social value system has evolved to support the dependence on corporate-state technological control. We no longer know what freedom is—what self determination is. We perceive the value of competition as being in the natural order of human relationships, instead of contrary to the fact that man is a social animal more attuned to co-operation than competition. We must create in the course of destroying our system of oppression, whole new value concepts, concepts that exist in dialectical opposition to the values that buttress our oppression—even more than this, we must create a new need within ourselves for freedom, so that we can harness technology in our behalf. As it stands now, Black people cannot even conceive of real freedom, we are afraid of real liberation because we have been programmed to be afraid by racist class oppression. Technology has immensely aided in reinforcing our fear of the dominant ruling circles. We must break this social psychosis.

The B.L.A. has undertaken armed struggle as a means by which the social psychosis of fear, awe, and love of everything white people define as being of value, is purged from our peoples minds. Our historical experience in North America has shown us that we as a people have always suffered while the racist ruling circles have never suffered. We have seen throughout our history, pain, blood, rape, exploitation, poverty, our families torn asunder by a cruel and brutal culture, our youth murdered and socially crippled, our women degraded, our lives ever at the mercy of the cold American dream machine. We realize that the results of this historical experience has caused black people to fear Americas capacity for racist violence, and on the other hand, has reinforced the racist ruling circles in their attitudes of arrogance and confidence. The fact that the majority of whites who are equally oppressed and exploited do not really understand who their real enemy is, does not deter us from doing what must be done to break not only our peoples mental chains, but theirs as well. We therefore, will illustrate in the only terms that the ruling classes understand, the terms of blood—their blood. America must learn that black people are not the eternal sufferers, the universal prisoners, the only ones who can feel pain. Revolutionary violence is, therefore, not a tactic of struggle, but a strategy. A Strategy designed to drive the capitalist system further into crisis, while at the same time forcing all those responsible for oppression to realize that they too can bleed, they too can feel our pain. Only when this is realized, will any just and equal decisions be made, will we be conceded our right to self determination. As it stands now, the powerful do not believe they can hurt and therefore, find concession to our demands for liberation ridiculous. Our social/psychotic fear of the racists ruling circles must be purged also, and only by developing our capacity to fight our enemy will this unreasonable and reactionary fear be irradiated from our social psyche. Revolutionary violence is not so much a self cleansing process as it is a necessary ingredient in creating a psychological frame of mind amongst the ruling classes that our liberation must be granted.

We must clarify revolutionary violence in relationship to our actual condition, because many of our people believe in the “law”, or at least the existing code of law of our oppressor. Most people do not see the real relationship between the development of western law and the development of western capitalism, therefore, these people cannot deal with the reality of injustice as being an integral part of the prevailing system. Not a few people misunderstand the objective class function of the courts, the police, and various

related institutions in maintaining the illusion of North American democracy.

In a society such as exists here today, law is never impartial, never divorced from the economical relationships that brought it about. History clearly shows that in the course of the development of modern western society, the code of law is the code of the dominant and most powerful class, made into laws for everyone. It is implemented by establishing "special" armed organs, that are obliged to enforce the prevailing class laws. In this historical period of human social development such is the objective function of "law". Under such conditions of the most powerful economic and political classes. But, what about the law in a democracy, especially one that claims that all its citizens can elect their representatives who in turn can create new laws? First of all such a democracy does not exist in North America, bourgeoisie democracy is essentially the dictatorship of what used to be termed the "national bourgeoisie". There are a combination of reasons as to why this form of democracy as such is merely a means of political control that evinces a design to subjugate its people, all of these reasons flow from the necessity to maintain exploitive capitalist relationships. Thus, the influence of corporate wealth on the politics of bourgeois democracy is merely an extension of private property's traditional influence and control of the so-called democratic process. The constant co-optation by ruling classes of the masses of working peoples, coupled with their complete control of technology and information, renders the so-called democratic process null and void. To a greater degree all social and political institutions in a class society are reflections of the class organization of that society of the reflection of a given technological-economical arrangement and its supporting value system. The political organization of the most powerful classes or economic groups in a class society has to be, and is, the control by these classes over the entire society and its political system. We have found the democratic process under capitalism to be merely a means by which capital controls the masses. It is a means of mass diversion, designed to keep the powerless classes politically impotent while at the same time fostering the illusion that real power can be gained through the electoral process. Black People should know better. In a nation based on the false principle of majority rule we are a marginal minority and therefore our right to self-determination cannot be won in the arena of our oppressor.

The rejection of reformism however, is much deeper than the above reasons. For if reformism is a rejection of any meaningful change, it is also a rejection of revolutionary violence, and therefore reformism is a functional ignorance of the dynamics of Black liberation. This is because the character of reformism is based on unprincipled class collaboration with our enemy. The ideals of class collaboration do not stand in opposition to our peoples oppression, but instead consistently seeks to reform the oppressive system. Reform of the oppressive system can never benefit its victims, in the final analysis the system of oppression was created to insure the rule of particular racist classes and sanctify their capital. To seek reform therefore inevitably leads to, or begins with, the recognition of the laws of our oppressor as being valid.

Those within the movement who condemn the revolutionary violence of anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist, and revolutionary Black nationalist groups are in essence weakening themselves. These fools do not understand the inter-active need for revolutionary violence with other forms of struggle, and because they do not understand the real dynamics involved they seriously inhibit the development of the liberation movement as a whole. . . These reformists in liberationist garb should understand that unless the movement cultivates its capacity to fight the enemy on all fronts, no front will secure any real victories. It is abysmal ignorance that imagines our oppression in any other terms than undeclared war.

How will the movement as a whole be able to fight the oppressor in the future when all other "legal" methods are completely exhausted? How will we implement political struggle without the machinery and capacity for revolutionary violence—when it is abundantly clear that our oppressor maintains armed organs of violence for the enforcement of his rule? We as a movement will be unable to fight in the future if we do not develop the capacity for revolutionary violence in the present. But revolutionary violence is not an alternative to mass movement and organization, it is complementary to mass struggle, it is another front in the total liberation process. Those who put the question of revolutionary violence in "alternative" terms are guilty of crippled politics at best or reactionary politics at worst. Those involved in the total revolutionary process, yet claim not to "endorse" revolutionary violence when it occurs, are attempting to "legitimize" their existence at the expense of the entire struggle. The only "legitimacy" these people can possibly be seeking in such cases is bourgeoisie legitimacy. These type people further confuse the masses, for revolutionary

violence is not clarified and extended in order to undermine the psychological dependence black people still have on racist reactionary "legality". This is the vilest of sins, one for which everyone will pay during heightened repression.

We therefore do not view the "law" of our class enemies as valid, nor do we feel restricted in struggle to his laws. On the other hand, we understand the "tactical" value of using the law and consequently we understand the tactical value of reform in the liberation process. For example, school takeovers by community parents, rent strikes by tenants, labor union takeovers by dissident members, etc.; utilizing their systems and built-in safeguards to obtain certain goals that place the enemy at a temporary disadvantage. But we maintain there is only tactical value to reform when there exists other forms of revolutionary struggle against the whole of the capitalist structure. Reform as such is inherently reactionary and perpetuates psychological dependence on the enemy, while confusing the true class contradictions between ourselves and the enemy. Considering these factors, we maintain that reform can never be anything more than a tactic, never a complete strategy, never offering in itself any revolutionary change. While it may offer the Black bourgeoisie rewards, it can never be the road to self-determination for the entire black populace.

We also strongly condemn those who claim to be progressive, yet depreciate revolutionary violence of an oppressed peoples in their struggle for liberation. There can be no conditions on our fight for freedom except those set by the oppressed themselves. Those who claim that revolutionary violence gives the enemy the opportunity to repress the movement in general are profoundly mistaken if they think the reactionary government needs such excuses for repression, or that the government does not recognize the real danger in allowing a movement to develop the full blown capacity to wage armed struggle. The B.L.A. has undertaken the task of building just such a capacity, along with other comrades on the clandestine level. . .

## WHY BUILD THE ARMED FRONT

We have chosen to build the armed front, the urban guerilla front, not as an alternative to organizing masses of Black people, but because the liberation movement as a whole must prepare armed formations at each stage in its struggle. A failure to build these armed formations can be fatal to both the struggle and Black people.

Our ultimate or strategic goal at this point in creating the apparatus of revolutionary violence is to weaken the enemy capitalist state, creating at the same time objective-subjective conditions that are ripe for the formation of a National Black Liberation Front composed of many progressive, revolutionary, and nationalist groupings, and in this same process create the nucleus of the armed clandestine organs which such a front would need in order to carry out its political tasks. These are the broad reasons for our devotion to armed struggle. The fact that no such national united front exists now, in no way precludes the fact that the creation of one will become necessary in the future (as the contradictions of capitalist society increase repression, racism and social deterioration). We are of the opinion that subjective conditions are not ripe for such unity.

Because of objective conditions, namely, enemy activity and the relative low degree of unity within the black struggle, we have decided to build the apparatus separate and distinct (organizationally) from all other mass type groups. This is a tactical necessity, but this tactical necessity does not contradict our strategic call for all groups in the Black Liberation movement to form a national united front, with the principle of armed action as one of many "legitimate" forms of political policy.

At present the contradictions that any B.L.A. activities may cause are not to be avoided. Every progressive should welcome the exposure and development of contradictions, for it is through the development of contradictions that we will all move forward. Every brother, every sister on the side of liberation should and must support the struggle on all fronts, and clarify to our people the acts of revolutionary violence committed against our common oppressors and class enemies of all colors. This means that revolutionary violence must be supported by those in the movement on all levels. While such support will be difficult at first, objective conditions and time will remove much of this difficulty which is primarily ideological myopia to begin with. We know from experience that because of the class nature of our struggle and its racist aspect, many of our actions may very well be tactical actions or a purely military-psychological nature, and because of this clear political support may seem quite difficult. Nonetheless we intend to clarify all acts of revolutionary violence and accept responsibility for these acts. The important factor, however, is that the progressive movement, the liberation movement, and comrades on all levels of struggle understand that failure to support the armed urban guerilla front (materially, politically) is a failure to support the mass front, is a failure to support the "legal" thrusts of our struggle in "civil rights", and in the final analysis, an abdication of responsibility. Cowardice can be understood, but not opportunism and an abdication of commitment to our total liberation.

## RACISM AND CLASS

Our recognition of the class nature of our struggle has led us to certain objective conclusions which have been borne out by actual conditions. We have for some time now observed how the influence of certain class values determine how one acts or reacts in society. We have observed the class differences among the majority white population in the United States, and the reflection of these differences among black people. As we have said years before this, the class differences among black people are differences in consciousness, attitudes, and behavior, but unlike these same class differences among whites, economic status or economic position is not the major determinant. The overwhelming majority of blacks (with the exception of very few) are essentially in the same economic class, and suffer essentially the same relationship to the productive forces of capital.

Despite this fact however, the differences in consciousness and in attitudes are real, and therefore must be dealt with as if these attitudes were economic class distinctions. The reality of our people tells us that not only are there black enemies of black people, but that these black enemies are first and foremost class enemies of our struggle for liberation. It is their class values, ideas, and class ideals that make them what they are, coupled with the fact that they are black, or of a so called "sub-culture". When this factor of culture is considered in proper perspective, we find that these enemies in black fact can hide among us, spreading their various reactionary liberal philosophies of gradualism, black capitalism, "integration", cultural nationalism, reformism, etc.

The reason why these black class enemies find acceptance are many. The first and foremost reason is our unique social psychology, or our emotional response to racism. This racist reflex has primed us to think in terms of color first (just as it has programmed whites to view color as a determinant factor) and when such thinking becomes culturally typical of us, we are vulnerable to class infiltration by black enemies of our struggle. We tend to blame the color and not the class values of our oppressor when we are betrayed or exploited by one of our own people. Thus when a black person betrays or hurts us we say, "niggahs ain't shit", (this also indicates self-hatred and/or self-pity), instead, what we should say is that "certain classes of niggahs ain't shit".

Why should we have such a class perspective, and maintain class vigilance for ruling class lackeys? The first reason is that in a class society such as the one that we suffer under, every brand of thought, every form of behavior, are stamped with the mark of a particular class. This has deep meaning for us, for the dominant classes in this country are white and their culture racist. We as blacks reflect in our thinking the values, and ideas of these dominant classes, as well as the defensive response to their social-cultural racism manifested in their system of rule. For these reasons we are vulnerable, we can easily be misled, abused and misused. We become easy targets for the racist ploys of our collective enemy. The enemy can use skin color to confuse us into thinking that if we attack another black we are necessarily attacking ourselves, when it may very well be the other way around—we are attacking him! It is to our advantage to have a clear principled class view. It is to the oppressors disadvantage if we are principled class conscious individuals, opposed to unprincipled class collaboration.

If we look at most of the organizations on the scene today, and their philosophies, leadership, and methods of struggle, we will see the reflection of certain class ideals, ideas and values. Overwhelmingly these groups each reflect the goals of a particular class of black folks. Without a revolutionary class perspective we who are striving to acquire total emancipation from the forces which enslave the whole of our people, will be unable to distinguish true friends from true enemies, those who are confused from those who are conscious tools of the oppressor, and we will not be able to win potential allies.

This brings us to the dialectical role of culture, for if we understand that as members of a class society (or victims) we all are influenced by the class perspectives of that society, and for black people this means the values, standards, etc., of the dominant racist classes, then we must understand the tool by which we are programmed into these perspectives of class. Culture is the tool. We view culture as the means by which a dominant class programs the whole of society into that classes ideals, values, and standards, thereby perpetuating its dominance.

This objective class function of "culture" should not lead us to the incorrect conclusion that if we adopt a "cultural" orientation in our fight for liberation that such would be sufficient. This is the essential view of the cultural nationalists who orient all around culture, such a view is incorrect. For it does not deal with the economic, class, and psychological basis of the struggle between two opposing cultural entities. The dominant reactionary culture must be destroyed before any revolutionary culture can truly manifest itself. In other words, it is in the active struggle of the two that the seeds of a revolutionary culture are laid. Not in the passive creation of an alternative "culture". Such could only be an alternative life style, allowed to exist at the will of the dominant capitalist culture. In this sense cultural nationalism is bourgeois nationalism because it does not propose the abolishment of the capitalist system and culture.

In dealing with the objective function of culture then, we understand its social role in maintaining certain class relationships. A racist culture does this and more. A racist culture programs not only the members of the dominant racial group into class ideals, standards, and values, but it also psychologically creates the necessary racist attitudes needed to maintain these class perspectives as a whole, against the targets of that racism. Thus the feelings of superiority, fear of blacks, and hostility toward the strivings of black people (and all third-world peoples in general) is deeply ingrained into the white psyche along with the class phobias and standards. Even more than this, the victims of the racist culture are programmed into feelings of self-hatred, inferiority, and impotency. Very often this creates a mental social state that views the prevailing system as eternal and everlasting. Coupled with the class values of the dominant culture, black folks are constantly torn between wanting what the oppressor defines as desirable, and the inability to get it. Or to get it and then realize that it was only a hoax, he is still as black as ever. All of this is crippling for the oppressed black man, for it ties his brain irrevocably to his oppressor for salvation, often leading to the clownish pursuit of all that is defined as "good" by his standards.

In order to break these psychological-class chains of 20th century enslavement, we must build a revolutionary culture. A culture that not only programs our minds out of oppression, but at the same time impels us against the enemy classes and culture. The B.L.A. contribution in building such a culture will be to strive to create an armed tradition of resistance to our oppression, and to create a socio-psychological frame of mind on both oppressed and oppressor alike that will lead to our eventual self-determination as a people.

We therefore make few distinctions based on the color of our enemies. The same treatment will be meted out to white ruling class enemies and their lackeys as will be meted out to black bootlickers and black class enemies of our struggle. Our only consideration is that our armed formations and leadership are of our own people.

## DESTRUCTIVE SUB-CULTURE, CRIME AND PRISON

The Black communities of the United States are the tragic results of class/race subjugation, an oppressive situation created and exploited by the rich white capitalist class of this corrupt country, and systematically perpetuated and reinforced through their various institutions. The wretched conditions that are inherent within these ghettos continue to exist not because there are no means of erasing them, but rather because they have proven profitable to the class that created them.

The ruling class of the racist descendants of the chattel slave holders. They have amassed a vast portion of the world's wealth through their rapacious practice of profiting off the misery and discomfort of humanity in general, and Third World people in particular. They use this enormous concentration of wealth to buy, bribe, steal, influence, murder, enslave, blackmail, control, and repress any nation, organization, group, or individual that would speak out against, or offer any serious opposition to their self-imposed right to power.

In order to maintain the present mis-arrangement, the social imbalances, the bourgeois class continues to use repressive tactics in various forms. The effects of this repression becomes clearly evident upon examination of the destructive sub-culture (the black community) born out of American politics.

This sub-culture materialized out of the need of Black folks for security and a sense of belonging that had been denied them since their arrival in this country; an attempt by the rejected and dispossessed—a totally de-culturalized people—to integrate bourgeois society by imitating the life-style, and adopting the value system of their oppressors.

The destructive nature of this sub-culture manifests itself in the living reality of Black folks attitudinal and philosophical outlook on life. The self-preserving quality of unity is almost totally absent in the black community. In its place there is an unhealthy atmosphere of individuality which is detrimental, and inconsistent with the needs of our people; for it is precisely this thinking that has kept us divided and un-organized for so long.

It would seem that brothers and sisters would recognize the fact that by accepting and perpetuating the values of the class that oppresses us, that they are only aiding in their own genocide. They have all the physical evidence necessary to prove that the values that they now cherish so dearly are not complimentary to their best interests.

In our community we continuously come face-to-face with the reality of our situation: The delapidated, fire-hazard tenements; the black mother with her un-fed child; the brother overdoses from the C.I.A.'s right to free enterprise; the sister that sells herself to an abominable pleasure-seeking fool; the un-employed/unskilled/mis-educated remains of a once beautiful people.

It's sickening to listen to "negrows" talk about how much profit they've made from selling dope and pimping sisters; about the brand-name automobile they're driving, while their children are starving because they have ceased to be men; or to hear some bad-talking, chicken-hearted punk describe how he has ripped off some poor Black's life savings because he does not have the courage to take it from the criminals who oppress us.

We can't afford to continue as we have for the past one hundred years if we expect to ever be in the position to determine the quality of our own lives, and more important, the lives of our children. Already the influence of the negative images projected by some Black folks have filtered down to our offspring. In their attempts to emulate their elders, Black kids are beginning to take on the psychological posture of the street wise. They are being taught (through words and action) that the only way to get ahead in this world is to "get the money" and "go for self". Such values are mere reflections of a potentially destructive sub-culture organized within the social order of a modern technological society. What we must understand is

the institutional process that is constantly at work in our daily lives. Only with such an understanding can we begin to make the struggle for liberation a part of our peoples everyday life, uniting the large objective struggle for liberation with our peoples subjective struggle, and make them one continuous movement.

Every institution in this racist class society serves the intended or unintended purpose of maintaining the attitudes, mores, and relationships of our destructive sub-culture. Welfare, housing agencies, systems programs, courts, prisons and countless other ruling class institutions reinforce negative relationships among blacks. Our relationship and dependence on these enemy institutions is total, and only with their collapse can true alternative institutions prosper, but the process must begin now. We must not only build alternative social, economic, and political institutions, but we must intentionally sabotage, overload, and destroy existing ruling class institutions in the process.

Part of our socialization process is the reality of prison and "crime". Crime in a capitalist society has a class basis, and is punished in accordance with this class basis. The whole of capitalist society is predicated upon exploitive relations, and thus lower class crime is a reflection of ruling class criminal values and practices. In the black community the average inmate is exposed to, and preyed upon by these very criminal values. We knock each other in the head, rob each other, burglarize each other's apartments, sell dope as a means of "getting over" because we each want what the system of capital has defined as being of value, but has forbidden us to acquire in "legitimate" fashion. In a society that views a persons material things as determining his worth, we are the most hungry to be of "worth", crime is essentially illegitimate capitalism in such an arrangement. We are socialized into this distorted existence and can hardly see the root causes that make our community havens for dope sellers, mack men, and hustlers.

The reality of the Black experience in America has not only socialized us into living illegitimate lives (in terms of capitalist law) but it has programmed us to expect and look to the very institutions that created this socialization in the first place, for solutions to our plight. We ask for more police in our community, when it is the police that serve a repressive role in maintaining our oppression. We condone and glorify traitors and snitches, when in the future our very survival will depend on ideals contrary to such vile acts. We ask for stiffer jail sentences for those convicted as "criminals" when it is prisons that help maintain destructive social relations in our community. The fact that all of America is a prison escapes us. This reality has enabled black folk to adapt so readily to the transition from "street life" to life behind the walls. There is a dialectical and fundamental relationship between the two that reinforces the destructive aspect of black social relationships.

The weakening of the Black family, the socialization of exploitive male-female relationships, the basic fabric that supports cultural genocide can all be found in the social role that prisons and crime play in a destructive sub-culture. Hardly a black family, hardly a black person is without at least one relative or friend behind prison walls, or know of someone in human cold storage. Our social acceptance of this cold fact is in reality our cultural response to the effect of powerlessness as a people. We must begin to determine our lives by creating community institutions of revolutionary justice outside the structure of capitalist law. This means we must create armed political organs in our community to enforce our community interest, and create new values based on our peoples social interest. It will not do to forego this vital aspect of our struggle, we must build it now.

Why is the construction and maintenance of community based political armed cadres necessary? Because the enforcement of revolutionary justice in our communities is first a political question that cannot be answered by the existing oppressive system, but outside its control. Secondly, the very nature of corruption, crime in our communities, the negative class role of the courts, prisons, and other related institutions, must be combated with enforcement of our own law, laws beneficial to our people and our struggle for liberation. Thirdly, if we construct our own agencies of revolutionary justice, arm them and politicize their ranks, we are creating the necessary machinery of survival, while actively repressing those values and elements in our community that prey on our people. Finally, we should realize that until our powerless, poor, and unconscious people can call someone else other than the oppressors storm troopers for protection, we are ineffective

as a revolutionary movement.

Complementary to creating our own social force of "law" enforcement is the struggle to take over, dismantle, and weaken the oppressors police apparatus in our community. This apparatus must be neutralized at the same time that our own apparatus is being built. The two are dialectically opposed to each other, yet there is a complementary aspect. Community control of police, residence of the police in the community in which they work are all reform issues that tactically are complementary to building our own system of community revolutionary justice. These reform issues should be the continued target of the mass front, while the creation of community-based armed cadres for the enforcement of revolutionary justice is the proper province of clandestine activity.

We maintain that in the social revolution for black liberation, it is a principled necessity that any creation of a national Black front must first and foremost deal with the social effects of a destructive sub-culture by creating and directing a system of revolutionary justice that will protect and defend our people against reactionary behavior. This is the social aspect of Black Liberation for the immediate future.

## LEADERSHIP OF THE STRUGGLE

It is important that the leadership of our struggle come from among our own people, just as it is crucial that we build the necessary machinery that will develop this leadership. The problem of leadership has always been a vexing one for black people. We must break with the old style of leadership forced upon us by the prevailing class standards or we will fail in our struggle. Nonetheless, leadership is important, especially to black people, and without it we will never triumph in our struggle.

It is past time that black intellectuals, professionals, and so called black scholars assumed a more active role in the leadership of the liberation struggle, instead of laying back theorizing and writing essays in a vacuum, or in various black bourgeois publications.

We realize that many of our black scholars have their minds in pawn to the ruling class, we are not primarily addressing ourselves to these particular individuals, but to those brothers and sisters who have a relatively high level of awareness (political) and to those black intellectuals who are anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist, and pro-black liberation. It is these black intellectuals who must assume new positions of leadership in our struggle by helping to build the necessary revolutionary apparatus that will forge our total liberation.

On the armed front it is these intellectuals who must become the political leadership and work in creating a far reaching and effective apparatus. Our struggle for black liberation is a revolutionary struggle, for it implies the transformation of the whole of American society if it is to succeed, and black intellectuals have a clear obligation to this process. We have seen how the capitalist state uses its intellectuals and institutions of "higher education" in order to continue its exploitive policies, and we as a people must utilize our professionals and intellectuals in the total process of liberation and destruction of capitalistic society. Our principled call for a national Black revolutionary front will never become a reality without such leadership of Black intellectuals with concrete and clear revolutionary politics. The B.L.A. will never subordinate itself to such a front unless leadership of this caliber is evident. Our intellectuals must make a firm commitment to improving the quality of our struggle on all fronts, military, mass front, electoral politics, legal front, etc. For us the creation of a revolutionary front and its military arm are worthy tasks for our intellectuals to pursue in the revolutionary process. There can be no struggle without sacrifice, and our black intellectuals must begin to apply this principle to themselves as well as others.

It is clear to us that the so-called lumpen class cannot carry our liberation struggle forward on its own. This is because of their class nature: undisciplined, dogmatic, and easily prone to diversion. This class however will supply some of the most dedicated comrades to the struggle. But we must clarify our view of the lumpen class as a whole. The traditional concept of lumpen as a category of the lowest social strata in an industrialized society, unemployed, etc., is a description that fits not only brothers and sisters that hang out in the street all day long and survive in that fashion, but it also fits a great segment of black people who are marginally employed and who for various socio-economical reasons think essentially the same as the classical "lumpen". Therefore, we must make a clear distinction between the economic definition of lumpen (the relationship of that class to the means of production) and the attitudinal, behavioral definition which can readily apply to a larger proportion of our people. When we use the term lumpen we are using the broad definition.

The unemployment rate among black people is a little over twice that of the white population, placing it roughly at 20%. This to us is still a conservative estimate. But if we consider the population ratio of blacks to whites, such a high rate of unemployment represents a considerable number of the total amount of black people. Therefore, in strictly social terms, the lumpen class represents a very large segment of the black population, a segment who in our estimation will be the first to grasp the realities of capitalist repression. This as it may be, we still realize the limitations of this class in moving our struggle forward, their class tendencies make them ideal targets of the enemy, as agents, infiltrators as well as some of these same tendencies contribute to making the lumpen class staunch comrades in struggle. When we realize the real

limitations of this class, we as a movement will begin to create a more dynamic revolutionary process.

The black bourgeoisie (from which most black intellectuals, professionals come) cannot by themselves lead our struggle, not because they are incapable of leadership but because their class nature is more reactionary than revolutionary. The tendency to vacillate, compromise with the ruling class enemy, opportunism, and lack of commitment to any revolutionary principles are typical traits of this class. It is from this class that the enemy has drawn the majority of so called "endorsed" spokesmen, and it is this class from which the majority of poverty pimps spring forth.

But this class can supply the movement with some dynamic leadership as well as devoted comrades. Those truly progressive elements of the black bourgeoisie that can be won over to the side of the liberation struggle should be focused on by the movement and principly dealt with. The failure of the liberation movement to put the black bourgeoisie principly against the wall is inexcusable. For if people are to understand the impotency of our bourgeoisie, its opportunism, and the role they are made to play in maintaining our collective oppression, the movement as a whole must create conditions that will lead to such an understanding.

We have witnessed the ruling class crisis of watergate, and the division it has caused within the ruling circles. This division was essentially based on repairing the body politic of capitalist rule. The "crisis of confidence in government" was a crisis for the ruling economical circles, for they had to not only restore "faith" in their system of rule, (political system) but they also had to find a political front man upon which they all could agree, and in whom the masses would have some degree of confidence. Yet the revelations of watergate (which were essentially of a political nature dealing with the ruling class parties) had profound implications for our struggle. It hinted at the extent to which our movement has and is repressed by the reactionary government. An ideal opportunity existed for the movement as a whole to put our so-called "elected leaders" of the black bourgeoisie against the wall. But the movement never seized the opportunity presented. No consistent widespread call was put to black politicians to conduct a unilateral investigation into the government repression of the black liberation struggle, and into political espionage against the black movement. Such a demand could have revealed glaring repression (and thereby weaken the mental residual belief in our oppressors "fair" system) or as was more likely, the real impotency of our black elected officials would have been clearly revealed (thereby weakening the confidence in bourgeois electoral politics to effect change). Of course no such widespread call was made, and therefore no such result. It is this lack of practical class struggle that inhibits the growth of the mass front. The black bourgeoisie must be put into objective conditions that can benefit our struggle, or enhance the peoples awareness as to what they are truly about. Only in this was can those progressive elements within their ranks come to the fore.

The majority of black people are workers and as such suffer all the exploitation of the working class in a capitalist society. In addition to this, however, black workers suffer the vicious effect of institutionalized racism. Black workers are the lowest paid, the most marginally employed, and the most economically insecure. The impact of technology will further erode the employability of the black worker, for in the majority of cases the educational background of black workers are lower than their white counterparts. Education for blacks has always been another method of programming black people into the lowest strata of capitalist society, insuring generations of exploitable and marginal labor.

We view the black working class as the basis for the success of our struggle, not because of its political consciousness (which is still very low) and not because of its class nature (more disciplined, industrious) but because of its sheer numbers and because of its economic role in the black community. We do not think that black workers relationship to the productive forces of this society is essentially different from any other class of blacks due to racism. Although there are some differences there seem to be no essential differences. Black folks in total suffer the same relationship to capitalist productive forces, some more so than others, but all essentially the same.

Just as we have made a distinction between the purely economic definition of the lumpen and the

attitudinal definition of the lumpen, we are forced to make a similar distinction between bourgeois attitudes and working class attitudes. All those who must work are workers, but all workers are not of the working class. Such as police and prison guards who serve a reactionary class function, or those that work, yet maintain the upper middle class behavioral patterns and attitudes.

We therefore define the working class (and bourgeoisie) not solely on their economic relationship to the productive forces, but also on how they view themselves and society and behave as a result. Thus the black bourgeoisie is a sham bourgeoisie for it has no real economic base (in comparison to white capital) but its attitudes are real and strongly affect their class character. The black working class has the economical basis of a working class, but many of them have the mentality of the sham bourgeoisie, which effects their social response to certain class ideas. Thus you have a black family that can barely make ends meet with all the ideas of the black bourgeoisie, "putting their daughter through school-society", attending "cocktail sips", etc. Nonetheless we perceive the black working class as the socio-economical basis of black liberation. The black working class, like any other unconscious working class has no revolutionary identity at best, no consciousness of itself as a revolutionary class. To move the enemy is to move the working class, for the enemy is the factor that determines our relationship to each other. This can only be done through active struggle on all fronts, it is the sum total of this process that brings about revolutionary conditions, not the parts in and by themselves.

We can then say that the leadership of the black liberation struggle will come from the most advanced elements within each class of the black population, and because of the objective conditions certain classes will gravitate toward particular fronts of struggle more so than others, and it is on these particular fronts of struggle that leadership will be developed, culminating in some form of collective leadership for the entire movement (as conditions dictate such unity for mutual survival). We already see this trend in the movement today. However, the basis of the movement will increasingly depend on the black working classes ability to perceive the nature of capitalism, racism, and the politics of these twin evils as they relate to our survival as a people. The primary factor in developing such a consciousness is the enemy, his increasing crisis, and social reaction to his dilemma. Therefore we must increase his problems a thousandfold, while building our capacity to struggle. Yet we do not see the black bourgeoisie as the primary class leading the masses of black people into a higher degree of revolutionary consciousness. Experience has taught us that the black bourgeoisie as a class has certain ideological tendencies. It is these tendencies if not curbed, that limit the revolutionary potential of this class of blacks. The era of civil rights, has shown us that any thrust of our liberation struggle primarily led by this class will never exceed the bourgeois goals of the class itself. Such being the case, the racist ruling circles have always found it more "acceptable" to concede to black bourgeois demands and thereby diffuse any revolutionary movement among the masses of blacks who are not yet conscious of their revolutionary potential. The racist oppressor has a natural ally in the black bourgeoisie, because this class above all is the most opportunist.

We still hold fast to the premise that the black bourgeoisie in the U.S. is essentially a colonial type bourgeoisie, that at one moment supports the legitimate aspirations of the "colony" (for its our bourgeois ends) and at other moments opposes these aspirations when their bourgeois leadership position is threatened. The history of the reformist civil rights phase of the black liberation struggle proves this beyond a doubt. Recognition of these tendencies in this class of blacks should not deter the revolutionary segment of the movement from requiring of the black bourgeoisie certain responsibilities, namely, that it is still their duty to build a movement that will lead in the ultimate destruction of the capitalist state and self-determination for black people for only under these conditions will our survival as a people (a free people) manifest itself.

Considering our just given overview of the classes, and class nature of the black liberation struggle, we contend that if the black working class is the basis for our struggle succeeding, and that each of the primary categories of the black population will assume some leadership responsibilities in leading the struggle, the primary category of blacks that will constitute the dynamic revolutionary leadership of the movement will be the black students, and youth as well as those young black adults who have acquired the basics of professional training but have refused to continue in the same narrow vein as their parents. The crucial element in developing this dynamic potential is the training of this segment of the black population. Our youth, students and

young fledgling professionals must be politicized more, involved in struggle, and trained in the art of protracted war. Over half of the black population is under the age of 30 and we as a movement must realize their true potential. For if we don't, the enemy surely will, and intensify their programs aimed at debilitating our young.

## WHAT IS PROTRACTED WAR IN THE BLACK LIBERATION STRUGGLE?

If the nature of the crisis of the system of oppression is protracted, that is, drawn out over a considerable period of time, then our struggle to defeat this exploitive system and acquire self-determination is also of a protracted nature. Buy why a protracted war?

The very reality of black people's experience in North America proves that we are, and have been, in a state of undeclared war. This is a difficult realization for many to make, especially those who still have their minds in pawn to the great American delusion, but often the truth is harsh in its naked form. The nature of this war assumes many different guises, sometimes overtly violent, sometimes economically restrictive, and still other times socially repressive. If we bear in mind that the modern wars of U.S. imperialism waged against third world people have not all been completely military campaigns, but have also included social pacification programs, economic aid to reactionary regimes, political-police extermination of legitimate opposition and the like, then it should not be too hard for us to realize that in its policies against blacks, poor people, and other national minorities the U.S. government is waging an undeclared war. The primary aspects of this undeclared war are class repression, and casualties can be counted on both the welfare-unemployment rolls, and the statistics of murdered black youth and prison-crime reports.

This undeclared war has masked itself as "domestic reform", "law and order", and "a return to traditional American values" a la Nixonian dictrine. The ending of overt U.S. military involvement in Vietnam has led to an increasingly reactionary stance on the part of the majority of white Americans. The vile and deceitful nature of America's institutions were revealed glaringly by the Vietnam imperialist venture, and has cast many into the pit of uncertainty.

Of course the post Vietnam revelations of government deception told black people nothing "new" about the ruling class institutions of American society. But it revealed these institutions for what they are, for the first time America could see what was perpetrated in their name. This was/is most uncomfortable, for white America cherishes its self-deceptions of righteousness and democracy. With the eroding of these self-delusions, our position as a national minority has become increasingly endangered. There is the foul odor of reactionary "Americanism" in the air, fanned and blown into the confused faces of white America by a ruling class beset with all manner of economic, political, and social ills--which demand attention. (The landslide victory of Nixon in '72 was an endorsement, conscious or unconscious, of white America's deep-seated reactionary nature and confusion as manifested in the Nixonian doctrine.)

The onslaught of domestic repression, social programs of class repression, and "law and order" are upon us all now. We must build the means to combat these programs of the enemy, or our very survival will be severely in question. So when we say a state of undeclared war exists, we mean a domestic war, an economic, a military, and a political war. We therefore must fight this war on all fronts.

The strategy of protracted war is suited to our objective circumstances. The oppressor is strong while we are weak. But his strength is not absolute, is not without its limitations. These limitations are to be found within his seeming strength. For purely military reasons we will not go into them all, but the immense size and urban centralization of the economic strengths of our oppressor make him vulnerable, his intensified difficulties on the economic and social levels make him tactically vulnerable, the erosion of his reactionary political face make him politically vulnerable, and subject to social dysfunction. In addition, the exploitive relationships of capital are approaching their limitations, while we are progressive and as of yet have not reached our full potential. For these reasons and many, protracted struggle is a correct strategic line. We must refuse to fight decisive battles on the military level, while striving to increase our potential to harm ruling class interests. We must organize on the mass level along these same principles: refusing to fight battles that cannot be won, while constantly engaging in those that will build the confidence of our people. This does not mean an abdication of responsibility to raise the level of consciousness of our people by engaging in struggles that will only "enlighten" them, it merely means that each tactical struggle around particular issues must have a specific and concrete goal that can be won.

Protracted struggle is the method of struggle that shuns bringing conflict to one decisive showdown. Instead it seeks to wear down the enemy, force him to utilize all of his manpower without securing a decisive victory, while the revolutionary forces increase their strength and raise peoples awareness in the process. Protracted struggle aims at increasing the social burdens upon the oppressor, while these same burdens are the catalyst for the masses organizing themselves. In short, protracted struggle is the process by which the enemy is weakened, demoralized, and made politically bankrupt, until our relationship to his strength is tipped in our objective favor.

We maintain that on the military level, urban guerilla war, based on the strategic principles of protracted struggle can succeed in its aim of increasing the crisis of the capitalist system of oppression. And that urban guerilla struggle serves as a dialectical and necessary element in the fight for national black self-determination, without which we will be defeated.

## REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALISM AND PAN-AFRICANISM

As we have stated earlier, the black liberation struggle is a revolutionary struggle because it cannot succeed without the total re-alteration of the whole of American capitalist society. In the final analysis, black national self-determination means destruction of the whole of capitalist relationships. This is the revolutionary aspect of our struggle. But if revolutionary nationalism implies the destruction of capitalism on the national level—it must also be applied internationally. Revolutionary nationalism on the international level is anti-imperialist internationalism. This means, that it is impossible to be a real revolutionary nationalist without being at the same time anti-U.S. imperialist.

Imperialism is the final stage of over-developed capitalism. It is the international control of monopoly-corporate capital over the economic, social, and political lives of over half the world's people. Imperialism is also the extension of the capitalist ruling classes political control on the international level, which has called into existence the organization of neo-colonial relationships with the national bourgeoisie of former colonies. Neo-colonialism then is the highest stage of imperialism, for it substitutes the faces of the oppressor while maintaining the exploitive relationship of imperialism. Because imperialism is international in scope, the fight against it must be international also. For until all people affected by it are free, no one will be free. Capitalism must be destroyed wherever it exists and we must mutually support each others struggles against it.

To relate Pan-Africanism to the realities of the world today, we must never lose sight of the true nature of imperialism and its number one exponent, U.S. imperialism. Pan-Africanism that does not deal with neo-colonialist lackeys, but instead obscures the exploitive policies of these lackeys for the sake of blackness, is nothing more than bourgeoisie nationalism taken to the international level. A Pan-Africanism that does not support the struggles of other third world peoples against reactionary imperialist control, is not true revolutionary internationalism, and hence narrow cultural nationalism on the international level. In order for Pan-Africanism to be truly progressive, it must not only advocate the necessity for black international unity against racism, it must put racism in its true perspective. It must also advocate black and third world unity against imperialism and neo-colonialism everywhere. Which means internal solidarity among national minorities within the confines of the U.S. A Pan-Africanism that does not clarify to black people the economic basis for all national oppression cannot possibly explain the very fact that there are black governments that exploit and assist in the oppression of black people, and therefore will be unable to deal with the dialectics of racism correctly. It is the duty, therefore, of Pan-Africanism to clarify and explain to black people exactly who the enemy is. The enemy is international capitalism, imperialism, and neo-colonialism and all those in league with these reactionary forces on the world scene.

The question of which road against racism and imperialism for the black liberation movement here in the U.S. is a question that has been kicked around by everyone from doctrinaire narrow black nationalist to the most reformist minded "black intellectuals." Although it is not our intention to answer this question in its entirety, it is our intention to make the following points:

1. Whatever the ideological differences within the liberation movement here in the U.S., our movement must persuade those countries that are black and truly anti-imperialist to take a principled stand on the issue of political fugitives from the shores of the U.S.A.
2. That the nature of imperialism and racism requires of all those that oppose these twin evils the utmost in mutual support short of actual interference within the national struggle of a particular people.

In respect to point number one, it should be obvious to all elements of the black liberation movement that things will get worse before they can possibly get better. The crisis of the capitalist system, increased domestic reaction, and other factors indicate that black people will feel the ramifications of contradictions more so than any other class or group in this country. We can no longer sit by and rationalise the fact of the repressive apparatus of the ruling classes arrayed against our struggle. It would be incorrect for any respon-

sible movement activist to not prepare for eventualities that the struggle for liberation may be confronted with.

We all must consider that any intensification of our struggle will lead to an increase of repression. This should not be feared as the pseudo-revolutionaries would have us do. Instead we should see any intensification of repression as a necessary result of our increased efforts toward full freedom and prepare for it. Essential to such preparation is the establishment of principles of political sanctuary beyond the shores of the imperialist U.S.

We cannot but note that a real friend does not turn you away from his door in times of danger, and just as those independent and progressive nations of Africa principally support and give sanctuary to the freedom fighters of Africa, it is equally as principled that the movement for black liberation within the U.S. be supported in a like fashion. Every group, every organization in the struggle for self-determination, should put this request high on the agenda of tasks to be dealt with. Our movement as a whole should make the principled stand that our right to struggle, and the mutual obligation to support all anti-imperialist movements is more than mere rhetoric, and as such we as a movement should be supported on the international level.

The second point deals with the basis for our contention that support is necessary, for without a unity in effort world wide imperialism will not be defeated, nor racism eradicated.

It is the international web of U.S. imperialism, its profound effect on the lives of the worlds people that puts our struggle in such a crucial strategic position. International support should be based on this strategic premise, for if self-determination is a legitimate goal of our struggle it will ultimately become an international question. As a movement we will be unable to create the principled international support necessary if we do not speak as one voice. Thus the principle of a National Front has clear international implications and is conducive in creating a unity in effort on the international level. To create the type of solidarity needed we should emphasize practical approaches. Sanctuary for our movement's activists is a practical approach that can develop into the establishment of a permanent strategic headquarters abroad, out of the immediate reach of the enemy, and able to give strategic guidance to the movement during heightened repression. There are other such practical approaches already in motion.

It is incorrect for those involved in the struggle to attend international conferences without putting the question of practical and principled support of our movement on the agenda, this every organization should at least agree with in principle. In terms of international solidarity, the same principle holds true for other progressive nations that also holds true for us. We rely primarily on our own resources but we do not refuse revolutionary aid offered in the spirit of solidarity. Our principle of self-reliance is not compromised as a result of seeking concrete international support, it is enhanced by its revolutionary nature.

We find it absurd that many brothers and sisters can support the armed struggles in Africa and not support the armed front at home. This is adopting the posture of solidarity with the essential spirit and revolutionary substance. It comes as no surprise then that progressive struggles do not support our movement as they should, how can they when we ourselves do not support our own? In the final analysis true revolutionary internationalism begins at home. It begins with basic principles of revolutionary struggle.

In summation, then the Black Liberation Movement must move forward into the international arena with clear revolutionary politics instead of "community-oriented perspectives" devoid of broad and far-reaching understanding. Revolutionary nationalism is and must be revolutionary internationalism, Pan-Africanism if it is to be revolutionary must express not only international black solidarity, but revolutionary solidarity with all oppressed peoples struggles against U.S. imperialism.

## ALLIANCES WITH WHITES

We are opposed to unprincipled class collaboration in our struggle for liberation, for unprincipled class collaboration can only weaken and dilute our struggle. On the other hand we uphold the principle of unity based on struggle around issues that relate to our peoples revolutionary development. The principle of unity on struggle does not remove our right to principled criticism of reactionary ideas and struggle with incorrect views.

The question of Black-White alliances is both a tactical and strategic question of policy, that can only be answered by given objective conditions and not by emotional reflex. Many brothers and sisters think that under no circumstances should we as black people enter into alliances with whites. These comrades consistently confuse alliance with bourgeois integration, or they maintain that all whites are our enemy, and therefore to have any alliance with whites can only lead to co-optation of our forces. Still other arguments maintain that in Black-White alliances we will be "fronted off" and used for whites own benefit. Some argue these views ideologically, in that they believe that a method, ideological system, if invented by whites cannot be adapted to, modified and developed to serve black folks. It is a good thing Mao, Ho Chi Minh, Amilcar Cabral, Kim Il Sung and a host of other revolutionaries who led successful struggles did not think with such blinders.

The root cause of such incorrect views of alliances with whites is "fear" and lack of confidence in the forces that we ourselves build. We as a people are not at all used to dealing with white folks from a position of power and we fear that we will be manipulated against our will. Another contributing factor in creating our narrow perspectives is the fact that because we lack a clear understanding of class struggle we are unable to see the real differences that exist among whites themselves, and are unable to exploit these differences for our own struggle. Nothing is absolute, including white folks and their alleged unity. To persist in the incorrect view that whites are all embracing in their unity among other whites is a stupid and childish myth that we have as a people. It is a confusion an oppressed people make when confronted with a seemingly all powerful system of oppression. We have confused the appearance of the system with its substance. In capitalist society class struggle, inter-group antagonism, ethnocentric divisions, are all at the basis of such a system. Competition is the order of the day, and class unity, group unity, are all transitory, subject to change at any given moment. The historical fact that out of such conflict racism has evolved as a culturally typical of all of white society, should not obscure the real differences among whites based on economic, social, and political position. We combat racism with revolutionary nationalism and a Black revolutionary united front, not with reactionary nationalism and racism. We combat economic exploitation with revolutionary class struggle waged against the capitalist class and their flunkies. These are the methods the movement should employ, revolutionary nationalism secures in our own hands our movement for self-determination, and thus combats the historical dynamic of white racism, while revolutionary class struggle allows us to defeat our class oppressor and enter into alliances beneficial to us.

Revolutionary struggle is a process, and like all things go through stages of development, setbacks, and periods of dormancy, at one point uniting seemingly contradictory elements, and at another eliminating these elements. The principles of united fronts, principled alliances, are basic recognition of this dialectical process of social change. Alliances based on revolutionary class consciousness and around our national interest as a people can never be "integration". Integration is a class collaboration of an unprincipled and reactionary nature, for it is based primarily on racial considerations, whereas alliances based on the revolutionary considerations of our struggle must be principled ones, its principle characteristic being our own working class interest as a people.

Does this mean Black-White worker solidarity at any cost? Black-White worker solidarity cannot be attained at any cost, but at a particular cost. We do not agree with white leftist revisionists that Black and White workers share the same interest because they are both workers. While this may be true on a tactical level (specific struggles around certain issues) it is not true on a strategic level. Strategically speaking (long range) the Black workers ultimate goal is the same as the masses of blacks, which is toward national self-

determination as a people, the creation of a socialist state, or Black nation places different requirements on the Black worker – our move is for autonomy – our working must not exist for any other state but our own. Whereas, the white worker has an historical obligation to create his own socialist relationships. The cultural, and social dynamics of racism mandates this distinction if we are not to fall victim to powerlessness in the future when capitalist relations are abolished. National self-determination is therefore a necessary stage for both blacks and whites in creating new human beings able to relate to each other. Thus Black worker-White worker solidarity can only be a tactical policy not a complete strategy having as its end one Socialist entity as the revisionists would have us believe. Recognition of our right to national self-determination is not compromised when we clearly understand our tasks as a movement. Both the establishment of a Black revolutionary Nation based on socialist relations, and overthrowing the present capitalist system and establishment of a predominantly white workers state are complementary struggles, and as such there will be tactical unity around issues that effect both black and white workers. This is not integration.

On the armed front solidarity is based upon revolutionary action. We recognize the legitimacy of all revolutionary violence against the capitalist corporate state, its ruling classes, and its institutions. Militarily speaking, clandestine alliances between different revolutionary armed formations is a matter of coordinating command first. Until such time as the armed front develops its logistical machinery in depth such coordination of command is unlikely. But for the Black liberation movement, its armed front, and its entire clandestine network, there is no hang up concerning ideological, or military control of our struggle by whites. Organized armed struggle has freed us of this fear so typical on the mass front. Our formations are Black led, controlled, and organized to win our fight for liberation.

The Black liberation movement must be a principled and revolutionary movement, or it will be unable to lead our struggle for freedom forward to final victory. The question of Black-White alliance is not a question of should we form such alliances, but a question of when and with whom. To consider any tactical alliances that are in our own best interests, and that strengthen our struggles position as “integrationist” is therefore an incorrect view. To ally oneself with something is not to necessarily bring that thing into your ranks and give it control over your political policy. We refute all ideas that confuse principled revolutionary unity with unprincipled class collaboration.

In closing it is clear that there is still much to be learned, and our movement will surely encounter difficulties and setbacks in the coming years. We must prepare ourselves, our people, and our ideas for the long and difficult road ahead. Our preparation must be thorough and complete, for our very existence will depend on how well we prepare on all fronts of the struggle. We are in the turbulent years, the hard years. Black people and oppressed peoples throughout the world are entering the season of struggle.

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### NEW BLA URBAN GUERRILLA MANUAL FOUND

A recently discovered Black Liberation Army (BLA) document suggests asking for "tons of grade A fresh foods" to be distributed to the "people" as ransom in political kidnappings. The Black Panther Party-spawned BLA terms this technique the "Robin Hood act." Written well before the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) February 4 Patricia Hearst kidnaping, the BLA pamphlet *Organizing Urban guerrilla Units* devotes four of its 40 pages to political kidnaping.

The extent of circulation of this new manual (not to be confused with Panther Field Marshal D. C. Cox's earlier 54-page manual, *On Organizing Urban Guerilla Units*) is not yet known and no information has been developed indicating any contact between the BLA and the SLA. Pointing out that the purposes of "revolutionary terrorism" are to "demoralize the enemy," "interrupt their communications," and "damage their property," the manual covers the organization of guerrilla units, equipment needed, training, weapons, expropriations (targets and detailed techniques for bank robberies), kidnappings, and miscellaneous tactical suggestions.

### EXPROPRIATION TACTICS

*Expropriations are armed operations intended to finance the various stages of the revolution* notes the manual, and the best targets, in order, are banks, check-cashing establishments, supermarkets, large "slumlord" offices, rent collectors, armored cars, and loan offices. The first three targets have been mentioned in other BLA documents. The last four are new. Six pages are then used to cover the details of a bank robbery.

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Of primary importance to the BLA is executing the robbery in 45 seconds to one minute, to lessen the chance of police response. The driver of the getaway car is to sound the horn when the allotted time lapses. The technique is for the first member (No. 1) to enter the bank and bring out employees from the credit department. The second member (No. 2) follows No. 1 and disarms the guard, whilst No. 3 enters, jumps over the tellers' counter and cleans out the cash drawer. After disarming the guard, No. 2 forces the manager to open the vault. No. 3 exits first with the cashiers' money, then No. 2 leaves with the vault contents. No. 1 guards bank employees and customers, making them lie on the floor, and thus is the last to leave. All enter the getaway car.

There is to be a second, backup car with two guerrillas in the back seat armed with automatic weapons. This unit's purpose is to engage any police who appear before No.'s 1, 2, and 3, have exited. The getaway car should alert No.'s 1, 2, and 3, to arrival of police by blowing the horn. This is also the signal to the backup car to engage. Patrol officers should thus be alert to unexplained horn sounding near a bank. The BLA manual instructs guerrillas to "make the first move."

The second purpose of the backup car is to ambush any pursuers: the second car stops at (prearranged) ambush point immediately after turning the corner. As soon as brakes are applied the two members in back seat jump out, get behind doors, and when cop car comes around corner they automatically begin shooting at tires and windshield.

#### POLICE: PRIME TARGET



Our most immediate enemy is the police instructs the BLA manual, as police have the "firepower" to protect other enemies of the revolution. Other targets are "the dope pusher, the slumlord, the poverty program." The BLA calls the poverty program a "pimp," a "scheme to keep us passive," and suggests poverty offices as expropriation targets to get typewriters and other office machines.

#### WEAPONRY

The purpose (flesh gun, sniper weapon) and approximate price of weapons, ranging from the .38 caliber pistol through the AK-47 assault rifle, are listed in this manual. Also listed are a number of "silent" weapons, such as bow and arrows, blow guns, machetes, and harpoon guns. Directions for fabricating a silencer are set out; the best pistol

for this, according to the BLA, is the .32 caliber Puma Beretta. The serial numbers of all guns used by guerrilla units should be filed off. This handbook also recommends using a female to purchase guns openly, then, after a week, she turns them over to the guerrilla unit and at the same time reports them stolen.

### KIDNAPING TACTICS

In addition to demanding ransom in the form of free food programs, two methods of hiding a victim are suggested by the BLA. For a week-long negotiating period, put the victim in a hole in the ground with food and water for a week and a well-secured cover. When the ransom demand is met, authorities can be told the location of the victim, thus avoiding direct contact. If demands are not met, *after a month you can tell the pigs where to find the victim.*

If the ransom demands can be met in a day, the victim can be hidden (drugged) in the trunk of a car. If the demand is not met, *the car can be sprayed with armor piercing bullets* before informing police as to the victim's location. The BLA also suggests recording the victim's voice on a cassette recorder to prove the victim is alive.

### OTHER TACTICS

The BLA suggests that urban guerrilla units can be started by one person who recruits up to five more, then expansion is by each member of the cell recruiting his own cell--then coordinated action can be undertaken by the members of the original unit each acting as a cell leader. This is the classic guerrilla pyramid cell system. In the area of training, this handbook suggests dressing as a school team or joining karate or sports clubs. One item of equipment suggested for each member of a guerrilla unit is a G. I. can opener, carried on a cord around the neck or on a key chain.

A final suggested tactic is to keep a gallon of gasoline near the door of any apartment used by terrorists. If police break in, they should be "sprayed" with the gasoline so that if the police used firearms they would ignite the gasoline and set themselves on fire. A lack of specifics, such as the method of "spraying," makes it difficult to determine the effectiveness of this tactic. If the proper level of vaporization were achieved, a fire or explosion might result in this way.

## FATE DEALS ITSELF IN

# 'Unlikely Army' Waging Effective Battle Against Drugs

By JOE MACK JR.  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — About four years and some 15,000 drug addicts ago, fate brought together a wig salesman, a minister and a college professor. Today, they have their own highly disciplined but unarmed army, and they operate one of the nation's largest and most successful drug rehabilitation programs.

The wig salesman is Albert (Tony) Osborn, known around Washington as Colonel Hassan Jeru-Ahmed. Osborn, 46, is a high school dropout, former street mugger and one-time heroin user. He got his "formal" education at the capital's National Training School for Boys and at federal prison at Petersburg, Va.

Hassan is a tall, slim, handsome black man with ramrod stiff carriage. He is the head of both the Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation and the Blackman's Development Center (BDC), two Washington-based organizations that have experienced a startling growth rate since the three men met in 1967.

THE MINISTER is 38-year old Daniel Buckner, known in the liberation as Major Danyil Sulieman. Buckner, a former heroin addict, says, "I've been in and out of drug cure hospitals from one end of this country to the other." Buckner was born and raised on Chicago's tough South Side. The environment introduced him to drugs and eventually to forging checks to sustain his habit.

While serving five years at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Fort Worth, Tex., Buckner had lots of time to think. Upon returning to Chicago, he devoted much of his time to religion, eventually becoming a minister.

He also traveled and lectured until, as he puts it, "I became disillusioned with telling people 'May God bless you.'"

He now is assistant director for the BDC and intelligence officer for the Volunteer Army of Liberation.

THE COLLEGE professor is 27-year old Darryl Dawson, also known as Colonel Rafik Bilal-El. Dawson is handsome, rather dashing and has an aristocratic bearing. He was born in Washington, D.C., attended prep school at Putney, Vt., and received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He returned to Washington, where he began organizing the Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation.

HE TOLD BLACKS, "Whitey hasn't lost a riot yet . . . and in the event a race war started . . . we (the army) would be there." He said he organized the army because many civil rights leaders "Don't do anything . . . and when they are dead and gone there's no one left. In an army there's always someone to take your place."

Hassan lived in a high-crime neighborhood and things were so bad his small group of volunteers began patrolling the streets at night providing protection. They street criminals were using noticed a large percentage of drugs and committing crimes to support their habits. Hassan also met several of his former high school classmates. Somewhere now prostitutes who had become adductees and others thieves.

When the volunteers caught a drug user about to commit a crime, they asked him if he would like to "clean himself up" (kick the habit). Those who agreed were taken to the volunteers'

headquarters where they were given medical treatment, food and shelter. Those who disagreed were sometimes 'roughed up' a little bit or turned over to the police. Word of the organization quickly spread by way of the ghetto grapevine.

HASSAN ALREADY had started a self-help community service organization, where the volunteers learned to paint, do carpentry and other work around the city for pay. Profits were used for food and shelter. Soon inner city addicts and even affluent suburban youths began showing up to receive free treatment. They also usually were given small amounts of a synthetic drug called methadone with no questions asked. So many were coming that, on May 15, 1969, the three men decided to incorporate as a non-profit public drug treatment program.

Heroin users who go to the BDC get methadone, which is also an addictive drug but does not create illusions or euphoric "highs" as does heroin. Methadone costs only 10 cents a dose, heroin \$1.25 or so. Dr. Claude G. Walter, who has since become the chief medical officer for BDC, supplied the methadone prescriptions.

IT WAS SOON after that the BDC ran into trouble. Washington's city government, which also was operating a drug treatment program, looked upon Hassan's drug program with suspicion. It questioned particularly whether the large number of addicts the BDC claimed to have registered was correct.

Political pressure mounted on the city program because, as a spokesman for the BDC said, "The addicts came to us because they trusted us. We didn't represent the po-

lice and we didn't ask a lot of questions."

City officials told House and Senate crime committees there were only a few thousand hard-core addicts in the District at worst. Then the BDC ran out of funds. By this time, it claimed to have registered more than 12,000 addicts. After informing Congress and the city that it would be forced to close down unless money was forthcoming, local officials finally granted the BDC \$44,000.

MEANWHILE, BDC sent representatives to the criminal courts to interview prisoners and urge that the courts let BDC assume responsibility for drug users who wanted to kick their habits. The turning point came when Chief Judge Harold Greene of the D.C. General Sessions Court told city council he and his colleagues were referring addicts to the BDC for treatment, rather than to the city's program.

Shortly thereafter, Mayor Walter Washington announced the BDC had been awarded a contract totaling \$140,000 for the treatment of 300 court referred addicts. The feud was over.

Hassan, whose 700 volunteers wear uniforms and black berets, vowed to smash illegal drug traffic in Washington. His men, a majority of whom are ex-addicts, are highly disciplined and loyal to Hassan's goal. This may reflect the leadership of Major Danyil, who demands and receives strict discipline.

HASSAN BLUNTLY warned both small-time drug pushers and big-time heroin suppliers to stay out of Washington's inner city neighborhoods or be prepared to deal with the Black



ABOUT four years and some 15,000 drug addicts ago fate brought together small number of men of diverse backgrounds who have organized into highly disciplined but unarmed army to build one of nation's largest drug rehabilitation programs.

Leaders of organization, called Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation and Blackman's Development Center, are, left to right, Major Jamal Mubdi Bey, Major Mahdi Nur-El-Haqq, Colonel Rafik Bilal-El and Colonel Hassan Jeru-Ahmed. (UPI)

## Liberation Army.

Every day members of the army's intelligence unit filter into areas where drugs are sold to turn up pushers and dealers. Before long, they are visited by a commando group who warn them to stop selling drugs. If they don't the army has instructions to take whatever action it deems necessary. The names of more than 100 pushers and dealers have been turned over to police during the past

year.

The army uses two other methods to discourage drug sales. One is personally to close up "shooting galleries" (where addicts go and take injections). Another is to identify publicly drug profiteers (who sell drugs but do not use them personally). Such a method as marking a profiteer's Cadillac with paint is not unknown.

IT HAS NOT all been painless for Hassan's army. One

He said, "There are no real black importers of heroin into the United States . . . except for individuals coming from Asia, from the war in Vietnam."

He also sees the drug problem as one aspect of racism because big suppliers are usually white, and black people are "a living black gold mine" for such profiteers.

THE BDC does not practice separatism. It treats a large number of white addicts (20 per cent), some of whom live in fashionable Georgetown and the nearby Maryland suburbs. Many of the white addicts are also members of the army corps.

Hassan lists trust as the basic reason for the success of the BDC.

"When they come in the door we tell every person . . . we don't care what your name is, use any one you want, just use one we can put on the record form."

Many addicts also fear governmentally run programs because they are associated at least indirectly with the police. Hassan says, however, "If they do not go to a governmentally run organization or one like ours, they're going to die, because heroin, cocaine and other addictive narcotics kill people."

Hassan also is a political activist. Frustrated by a felony conviction in an attempt to run as non-voting delegate to Congress in Washington, he organized a voter registration drive. He attracted 1,000 volunteers who registered more than 3,360 new voters for the primary. Hassan also petitioned Congress and the courts to let "many people like myself, who made mistakes," vote and participate in the political process.

officer was shot by a sniper and crippled for life. Another was shot and killed. The army's headquarters was set afire, but damage was minor. The lives of Hassan and his immediate staff have been threatened many times. High ranking officers are often accompanied by bodyguards.

Hassan believes "the Mafia and the Cosa Nostra" are the principal importers of drugs into Washington.

## Attack on police linked to black terrorist group

NEW YORK (UPI) — Two members of the terrorist Black Liberation Army have been identified as the prime suspects in an "execution-style" attack on two Queens police officers in their patrol car last week, police say.

A newspaper reported Monday that the gunmen may have been accompanied by escaped police killer, Joanne Chesimard.

A Police Department spokesman said Monday that the two gunmen were identified from fingerprints lifted from a van that was left behind when they switched to a get-away car. The fingerprints match those of two members of the BLA, the spokesman said.

One of the officers, 42-year-old John Scarangella, remained in critical condition as doctors at Queens Hospital made hourly checks of his vital signs. He was shot three times, twice in the head.

Scarangella's partner, 33-year-old Richard Rainey, was in stable condition Sunday at Long Island Jewish Hospital. Rainey was hit by 10 bullets in his left thigh, and three more in his back.

The BLA is a radical terrorist group that has killed or wounded dozens of police officers since it was founded in Brooklyn in the 1960s.

Although police have said the group has disbanded, recent criminal activities have been attributed to them.

The Daily News reported Monday that the getaway car may have been driven by Miss Chesimard, known as the "soul" of the BLA, the News reports. Police sources told the News that the gunmen possibly were Miss Chesimard's personal armed escorts.

A police spokesman, however, would not confirm the report.

Thirty detectives have been assigned to the investigation to find the gunmen who jumped out of a white van and sprayed 30 bullets at the officers.



Chesimard



JOANNE CHESIMARD

## Escaped slayer sought

CLINTON, N.J. (AP) — A nationwide hunt was underway for convicted murderer Joanne Chesimard, who fled a state women's prison as four armed persons held guards hostage.

Ms. Chesimard, convicted of killing a state trooper on the New Jersey Turnpike in 1973, may be traveling with a man in a blue car, police said.

A 48-state alarm was issued for the 31-year-old woman, once called a militant leader of the Black Liberation Army, said state Corrections Department spokesman James Stabile.

Three men and a woman posing as visitors Friday afternoon commandeered a prison shuttle van, seized two hostages and fled with Ms. Chesimard, who was serving a life sentence plus 65 years for murder and assault, state police said. The hostages, both guards, were released unharmed and the van was recovered by police at a shopping center near the Corrections Institution for Women, said state trooper Wayne Zelenak.

The names of those who whisked Ms. Chesimard out were not released.

## Man suspected in NY shootout

By RICHARD T. PIENCIAK

NEW YORK (AP) — A reputed Black Liberation Army member wanted in the April shooting of two policemen in Queens has been identified as a participant in the shootout that followed the ambush of a Brink's armored car, sources said Wednesday.

A witness has picked out the photograph of BLA member Anthony Laborde on two occasions, the sources said.

One source close to the investigation said the witness identified Laborde as being involved in the shootout at suburban Nyack after a gang shot up a Brink's armored car and made off with \$1.6 million in nearby Nanuet Oct. 20.

Two police officers were killed in the Nyack gun-battle following the armored car robbery that left a Brink's guard dead. The money was recovered.

Laborde, 31, of Queens is wanted on a federal fugitive warrant in connection with the April ambush of two Queens policemen. Officer John Scarangella died in that shootout, and his partner, Richard Rainey, was injured.

Laborde also has been named as a suspect in the 1979 New Jersey prison escape of Joanne Chesimard, a leader of the Black Liberation Army.

Sources close to the investigation said, however, that no warrant had been issued for Laborde in connection with the Brink's job.

FBI spokesman Joseph Valiquette declined comment on any linking of Laborde to the armored car holdup.

Meanwhile, the New York State Police issued a new alarm for Miss Chesimard based on information gathered in June, Valiquette said. The alarm said Miss Chesimard, a convicted killer of a police officer and the "soul" of the BLA, was last seen in a green two-door 1968 or 1969 Vega with Connecticut license plates.

Valiquette said the FBI was performing ballistic tests on guns or slugs gathered at the sites of the Brink's job, the Scarangella slaying, raids of terrorist safe houses and last Friday's police shootout in Queens involving a former Black Panther and another man with a long criminal record.

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\*\*SPECIAL REPORT: "BLACK LIBERATION ARMY" REVIVES WITH ESCAPE OF KILLER\*\*

The daring November escape of JOANNE CHESIMARD (ASSATA SHAKUR) from the Clinton Correctional Institution in New Jersey (see Issue #221) was only the latest effort of the terrorist Black Liberation Army to free their imprisoned comrades. As THE PINK SHEET previously revealed, the BLA, or Afro-American Liberation Army, was the ELDRIDGE CLEAVER arm of the Black Panther Party. It was responsible for the deaths and woundings of many policemen, including the "Foster and Laurie" team who were ambushed and gunned down on the streets of New York.

CHESIMARD was aided in her escape by at least 3 armed men and a woman. She escaped from the prison where she was serving a life-plus 65 years sentence for the first degree murder of policeman WERNER FOERSTER and the attempted murder of his partner, JAMES HARPER, of the New Jersey State Police. CHESIMARD's accomplice, JAMES F. COSTON (alias ZAYD MALIK SHAKUR), was the Information Minister for the Black Panthers under CLEAVER.

Authorities should have been on the look-out for such an escape attempt. Surviving BLA members had made at least 5 previous attempts to free imprisoned BLAers from the Tombs Prison in New York, the Criminal Courts Building in New York City, the Brooklyn House of Detention in 1973 and 1974 and from Rikers Island Prison in 1975.

On June 19, 1976 another BLA escape--this time from the Trenton State Prison--failed, but only after one prisoner was killed, another wounded and 3 guards injured. The goal was to free CLARK E. SQUIRE, convicted with CHESIMARD of killing State Trooper FOERSTER in 1973.

Smuggled arms, explosives and commando-like raids all figured into those BLA efforts. Either radical visitors or attorneys are suspected of delivering contraband inside the prisons.

One lawyer for the BLA and for CHESIMARD is WILLIAM KUNSTLER, a far-left attorney connected with the National Lawyer's Guild offshoot, the Center for Constitutional Rights (see Issue #219). Another defense lawyer for the BLA was ROBERT BLOOM, connected with the Congressionally-cited Communist Party, USA front, the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

The escape of CHESIMARD, described as the "soul of the movement" for radical black terrorism, portends new trouble for the authorities and a probable rise in terrorist activities by a revived BLA.

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## GUERRILLA PLAN FOR ATTACK ON PRISON FOUND

Philadelphia police recently reported finding a detailed plan for a sniper attack on a New York City prison facility. The plan calls for a three-man team of "tested guerrillas," including a sniper with an automatic or semi-automatic rifle and a handgun, a driver for "car #1" with a handgun and binoculars, and a driver for "car #2."

The second driver would have a "legal" car and license, and no "T.E." (technical equipment--Panther term for firearms). Car #2 is to reconnoiter the area before the other members of the team go into position and to serve as an alternate means of escape for the sniper if car #1 cannot be used for any reason.

The search which led to the discovery of the sniper plan came after a Black Panther Party member reportedly shot a neighbor with a 9 mm. weapon and fled. The Panther involved was already a fugitive, being sought in connection with an earlier shooting of a police officer in another city, and was an associate of several Panthers who aligned themselves with the Eldridge Cleaver faction of the Black Panther Party when the Panthers split into two camps in 1971.

Urban guerrilla followers of Cleaver, who are known as the Black Liberation Army (BLA), have often used 9 mm. weapons in recent shoot-outs with authorities. Three Browning 9 mm. pistols were among the weapons seized in New York City this September when BLA members opened fire on police, for example.

If this fugitive is connected with the BLA, this would not be the first instance of this group planning an attack on law enforcement. "Communique No. 11" from this "army" claimed two attacks on New York City police this January were revenge for the slaying of two BLA members, killed resisting arrest. But the message claimed that *due to the unfortunate outcome of the ambushes* (the officers were wounded, not killed) *they haven't been avenged yet.*

Documents recovered from the BLA last month included a list of names and precinct locations of officers in New York that the BLA believes were involved in the arrest of various BLA members. So far this year, BLA urban guerrillas have killed two officers and wounded 14 others in 11 shoot-outs with police.

BLACK LIBERATION ARMY - B.L.A.

A group of followers of Eldridge Cleaver who split off from the Black Panther leadership of Huey Newton and Bobby Seale. This split came about over the use of violence and terrorism. Cleaver and his followers electing to go the terrorist route, Newton and Seale the "Ballots instead of Bullets" route. (Getting involved in electoral campaign in Oakland.)

B. L. A. members have been involved and have been convicted of numerous assassinations of police officers. They are normally well-trained in the use of explosives and automatic weapons. They are usually organized into small squads or cadres, which operate independently of their leadership, as well as from the other squads. They are also heavily involved in bank robberies.

They initially operated mainly on the East Coast, but in early 1974, started moving into the West Coast area. This is probably due to the fact that Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt is presently incarcerated at San Quentin. Pratt is probably the most influential leader of the B.L.A. at this time, with Cleaver in self-imposed exile. The B. L. A. has made no secret of the fact that they intend to rescue Pratt from prison by any means necessary.

The Black Guerrilla Family in the prison is closely related to the B.L.A. Pratt also holds the rank of General in the Black Guerrilla Family. Also closely tied into the B.L.A. and B.G.F. is the "Crips" gang out of Los Angeles.

Publications put out by the B.L.A. are "Babylon", "Right On", and the Revolutionary Peoples Communication Network (R.P.C.N.) All B. L. A. members should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

## URBAN GUERRILLA MEDICAL SUPPLIES REVEALED

The death of publicly identified Black Liberation Army (BLA) member Twymon Myers, fatally wounded November 14 in a shoot-out with New York City detectives and FBI Agents, revealed a sophisticated medical kit in his apartment. Myers had bandages, a stethoscope, a sphygmomanometer for measuring blood pressure, syringes, penicillin, sutures, and a suture removal kit.

Sought in connection with ambush attacks on police, including the murders of two New York City officers in January, 1972, Myers opened fire on officers who sought to arrest him, wounding two detectives, an Agent, and a bystander with his 9 mm. pistol. In addition to the medical supplies, Myers' apartment contained two .45 caliber submachine guns, a .357 magnum pistol, two hand grenades, ammunition, and a quantity of revolutionary literature.

A number of urban guerrilla manuals, including Carlos Marighella's *Minimanual of the Urban Guerrilla*, suggest the necessity of medical knowledge and supplies for the urban guerrilla. The newspaper of the Eldridge Cleaver faction of the Black Panther Party, *Right On!*, carried a long article on "First Aid Under Urban Guerrilla Conditions" in its February 29, 1972, issue. This article identified the BLA as the "underground" military counterpart of the "aboveground politico-apparatus, the Black Panther Party," and noted that in carrying out the BLA's function, it is "inevitable that someone will be injured and will need medical assistance."

## GUERRILLAS USE IMPROVISED ANTITANK GRENADE LAUNCHER

Authorities in South America, where many of the techniques used by guerrillas in this country have been developed, recently reported instances of urban guerrillas using improvised antitank grenade launchers for attacks on U.S. targets in South America. Six or twelve 33-inch-long tubes were joined by pieces of metal to form an x-shaped launcher. The devices were placed on flat-bed pickup trucks or jeeps, aimed at the targets, and concealed with light coverings of canvas and scraps of wood. The vehicles were parked and abandoned (they were stolen), and the grenades were fired by automatic timing mechanisms.

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## 7 linked to Brink's heist charged in prison escape

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven people linked to the Brink's robbery-murder case were named Thursday in a federal indictment charging them with conspiring in the 1979 prison escape of terrorist Joanne Chesimard.

The indictment said four of them actually assisted in the escape of Chesimard, whom police have described as the "soul" of the terrorist Black Liberation Army.

According to the indictment, the

four were Sylvia Baraldini, a legal aide; Mutulu Shakur, a fugitive and reputed mastermind of the Brink's heist; Nathaniel Burns, in custody on state and federal charges in the Brink's case; and Susan Rosenberg, a fugitive.

Two prison guards were taken hostage during the escape but were released unharmed.

The indictment said three other people — Cheri Dalton, Cecil Ferguson and Edward Joseph — helped in the plan-

ning of Chesimard's escape. They had previously been indicted on conspiracy charges in the aborted \$1.6 million Brink's heist.

Chesimard, 34, was serving a life prison term for the 1973 murder of a New Jersey state trooper.

She has not been charged or named as a suspect in the Oct. 20, 1981, armored car holdup and shootout in suburban Rockland County in which a

Brink's guard and two Nyack police officers were killed.

But several of those accused in the Brink's case are reputed members of the BLA, which federal authorities have said engineered Chesimard's escape from the New Jersey Correction Institution for Women at Clinton in November 1979.

All seven of those linked to the Chesimard escape have been named as conspiracy suspects in the Brink's case.

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## JUDGE TO RULE OCT. 20 IN BLA CASE

A state Supreme Court judge in Queens, N.Y., has denied requests by attorneys for Black activists Abdul Majid (Anthony LaBorde) and Basheer Hameed (James York) to reverse their conviction for second degree attempted murder and to bar the state from retrying them on first degree murder charges.

At the same time, Queens District Attorney John J. Santucci asked Judge Kenneth Browne to sentence Majid and Hameed as "persistent felons," which could result in a sentence of life imprisonment for each. Judge Browne set Oct. 20 as the date he will rule on their sentencing and retrial.

Majid, 32, and Hameed, 41, were convicted Aug. 9 of the second degree attempted murder in the shooting of officer Richard Rainey on a Queens street in April 1981. The same jury acquitted the defendants of first degree attempted murder in Rainey's shooting and was unable to reach a verdict on the more serious charge of first degree murder in the shooting death of Rainey's partner, John Scarangella, in the same incident. The police say the two cops were shot by the occupants of a van they had stopped moments before the shooting.

Defense attorneys Randolph Scott-McLaughlin, C. Vernon Mason and William Kunstler asked Browne to grant two motions asking him to throw out the convictions and block a retrial, both of which he denied. The

first motion was based on the "illogical and inconsistent" nature of the verdict. Because second degree attempted murder convictions apply only to attempts on civilian lives, while officer Rainey was clearly in uniform, a conviction on that charge was contradictory, attorneys say. The second motion was based on the contention that to retry a person in a case in which there was a verdict on one charge but none on the other was double jeopardy.

District Attorney Santucci said he based his request that the two men be sentenced as persistent felons on two previous assault and battery convictions against each. Both Majid and Hameed's two prior felony convictions stemmed from altercations with the police while doing community/political work as members of the Black Panther Party during the 1970s. If sentenced as persistent felons, each could receive a sentence of 25 years to life, but only 25 years maximum for the second degree attempted murder conviction.

Attorney Kunstler has said he will attempt to upset the district attorney's request by demonstrating, among other things, that the prior convictions were the result of a well-documented and illegal campaign by the FBI to harass Black activists, commonly known as Cointelpro. Kunstler said he may subpoena experts on the Cointelpro campaign, such as former Sen. Frank Church, to testify at the upcoming hearings.

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