

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Sign a petition
- Circulate a petition
- Contribute money
- Report all incidents of police misconduct, harassment, brutality
- Write letters to newspapers and call Talk shows

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CONTROL YOUR LOCAL POLICE

Throughout the U.S. a massive campaign is being mounted in the name of preserving "law and order", which will hasten the already alarming growth of a police state. This campaign has the support of "liberals" and "conservatives" alike. Whatever its rhetoric, this campaign ignores the real social and economic ills of America. The police serve as the advance guard of this campaign of repression in the name of "law and order". The police must be made to serve their proper role as servants of the people - and only the people can determine how they shall be served.

The Black Community in particular has borne the brunt of a reign of terror by the police. The police, acting as an occupying army - the guardians of those who own, control and run white America, harass and brutalize ghetto residents so that they will accept "their place" at the bottom of American society. Militant Black people who organize to defend themselves and their community from this racist domination are systematically singled out for elimination.

WHY CONTROL THE POLICE ?

In West Berkeley recently, the police, without justification, let alone a warrant, broke into the home of Harriet Smith, beat and maced the occupants and arrested them. Mrs. Smith, a 65 year old Black woman, was also hit with a telephone receiver by a Berkeley policeman. Another well-reported incident concerned the illegal entry into the apartment of Black Panther leader, Bobby Seale, by Berkeley police who arrested him and his wife - again without a warrant.

Another example of police brutality occurred during the recent disturbances on Telegraph Avenue when police indiscriminately beat innocent bystanders without the least bit of provocation. A 19 year old student was clubbed on his front porch. He sustained wounds in his head and legs which required 18 stitches to close. His wife, while looking for their daughter, was clubbed on her back, legs, and arms. An architect was beaten "for no apparent reason" by an Oakland Policeman. His injuries included a fractured and dislocated shoulder. For the period of June 28 through July 1 alone, some 177 complaints have been filed with the American Civil Liberties Union. Other complaints have been made to the Police Department and the City Council.

Ironically, the rights and liberties of the citizens of Berkeley and Oakland have been violated by those whose job it

should be to protect them. It is clear that the majority of citizens have an interest and a right to determine the standards of conduct, the policies and the qualifications of the police. A democratically controlled police department would enable citizens acting at the community and neighborhood level to create the type of police department that will serve their interests.

The proposed charter amendments would establish separate and autonomous police departments in Berkeley: one Department for the Black Community, one for the campus community, and one for the remainder of the city. Funds for the Departments will be appropriated for the entire city by the City Council and divided between the Departments on the basis of population. The Departments can by mutual agreement use common facilities and cooperate with each other when appropriate. Each department will be administered by full-time police Commissioners. The Commissioners will be selected (and may be recalled) by a community Police Control Council composed of members elected from precincts. The Councils will establish departmental policy, hear and investigate all complaints and proposed policy revisions, and will also have the power to discipline officers for breaches of policy. All policemen would have to live within the departments in which they work.

STATEWIDE PEACE & FREEDOM MOVEMENT
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THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE

call upon you to

ATTEND

the FUNERAL of

BOBBY HUTTON

We will be paying tribute to a young and developing leader who dedicated his life to striving for the liberation of his people. He was killed by the Oakland police after disarming and surrendering to them.

Following the funeral there will be a

CAR CARAVAN to Vacaville where

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

Black Panther Minister of Information, author and member of the Peace and Freedom Movement State Steering Committee is being held. He faces the possible of life imprisonment which can be imposed without trial since he is on parole.

He was a target of the Oakland police in their campaign to destroy the Black Panther Party and to eliminate its leadership.

The rally is dedicated to building support for Cleaver's defense and for demanding his immediate release. We will also initiate an intensive national organizing effort at that time and establish international communications for action against the rising tide of genocide of black people in America.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION AND OTHER DETAILS OF THIS CRITICAL MOBILIZATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. Information can also be obtained by calling 549-0690 or 841-8480.

Campus Peace & Freedom Movement