

FREEDOM VOICE

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"The prospect of a continuing inferior status is essentially unacceptable to any group of people. For this and other reasons, neither colonial exploitation nor oppression of minorities within a nation is in the long run compatible with peace."¹

In the face on information of this nature, President Johnson Governor Romney and Mayor Cavanaugh are still asking who started the "Rebellion" and why did the Rebellion start? The administration and the establishment believe that it is Stokley Carmichael, "Rap" Brown, and other so-called Black Power advocates. Answers like these are coming forth from the mouths of the administrators of the most powerful military and industrial complex in the world.

Let's look at these administrators and see who they are: Lyndon B. Johnson, former small time college teacher; husband of the largest land owner in Autauga County Alabama (share croppers and tenant farmers) and close friend of segregationist Richard Russell. George Romeny - millionaire, former president of American Motors and member of a church which believes in the inferior status of Africans. Ronald Reagan - former B rate movie actor and now Governor of the countries largest populated state. Sergent Shriver - the late President Kennedy's brother-in-law, millionaire who made his money in Chicago land speculation. Former friend, confidant and co-worker of Allen Dulles former head of the CIA, and worked together in the Office of Strategic Services, war-time intelligence agency and in the CIA. Now that we know who the enemy is...excuse me, administrators are maybe, we can understand what they are saying.

These same administrators want to solve the "riot" problem so they (President Johnson) appoint an investigation committee consisting of: Governor of Illinois - the state that voted against open housing. The mayor of New York - itself damaged by Puerto Rican freedom fighters. A senator from Oklahoma. The Commissioner of Commerce of Kentucky. Congressman from (Watts) California. The Police Chief of the racist city Atlanta. Roy (Whiter than snow) Wilkins and Edward (I'm a soul brother too!) Brooke. These two are supposed to represent the African - American community. It is appointments like these that causes "rebellions."

Why? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why? Why?

"I thought that Detroit the model city of excellent race relations." Yes, this is the model city in which 38% of the inner-city inhabitants receive under \$3,000 per year for their labor. This is the model city whose establishment has managed to purchase all so-

¹Tensions That Cause Wars, edited by Hadley Cantril University of Illinois Press, 1950.

called Negro leaders with corporate jobs (Bell Telephone, Ford, Chrysler, etc.) and political offices (Judgeships, city councilmen, etc.) The only African city councilman is Nicholas "Tshombe" Hood, had to leave town during the rebellion (so he says) in order to save his life. In this model city policeman brutalize brothers to the extent that a special hose is used to wash down the blood at the main police station. The high schools in the African neighborhood of this model city graduate higher percentages of functional illiterates every year.

This model city has two African Congressmen. One Funeral Director Diggs is more interested in the dead than in the living and the other John (Mr. militant Democrat) Conyers voted to censure Adam C. Powell and recently ok'd the sending of paratroopers, veterans of the War in Vietnam, into his district while allegedly being against the war, This is part of the hypocrisy that pervades Detroit...the model city.

Yes, brothers, Detroiters have fought back. Many of our gallant freedom fighters have died but not in vain - for we will carry on. The mass communications media has said that we are only hurting ourselves. Approximately 70 million of us died during slave importation who did we hurt then?

It is also said that we burned our own houses but; no mention is made that urban renewal moves us everyday...to build highways for white folks to commute from the suburbs.

Yes, we died but as our freedom fighters died our people learned some pretty good lessons:

We learned that Detroit had to be crushed because for the first time poor blacks and poor whites looted, burned, and sniped together. We know now that this possible coalition between or among the "have-nots" has America up in arms. Poor whites began to see and feel that they too are the benefactors of second-rate education and housing, and are the first to die during wartime. The imperialistic fat cats are frightened to death because now they know that racism may no longer be a sufficient deterrent to the "have-not." Have-not may be black, white, or grey but, never neutral.

We learned that the establishment is again trying to cause decension within the classes. The old divide and conquer rule that it has used previously. Just as the phony attempt to kill Roy Wilkins plot was a scheme thought up by the FBI to divide the black middle class from the lower class. Rumors were spread in Detroit that brothers were out to get middle class Negroes and light skinned Negroes. All of these are more divide and conquer.

We know now that the credibility gap does not only exist overseas but also in Detroit. Czechoslovakian radio says that 57 people had been killed in the rebellion 27 of which were policemen and National Guardsmen. Detroit news media tells us

that only one policeman has been killed. This is an old trick used during slavery. It was supposed to discourage others from joining.

We know that the authorities will commit blatant murder. Two four year olds were killed wantonly. One was shot gunned down by a Detroit City Policeman as he ran down the street screaming "mommy", "mommy" - frightened by the sounds of the police sirens.

Three brothers were called niggers and murdered as they ate dinner in their motel room by Detroit City Policeman. These Policeman then took their bodies out and dumped them behind the Algiers Motel and later claimed that they had shot three snipers in an alley.

The police department looted and burned businesses with Soul Brother on them after curfew, just as they had done in Newark. A voice over the telephone at the 10th precinct, claiming to be Sgt. Slaughter said that he had ordered the burning of Vaughns Afro-American History Bookstore after the curfew.

We know now that the African Private police can be bought off by the power structure and used as black mercenaries to shoot our own.

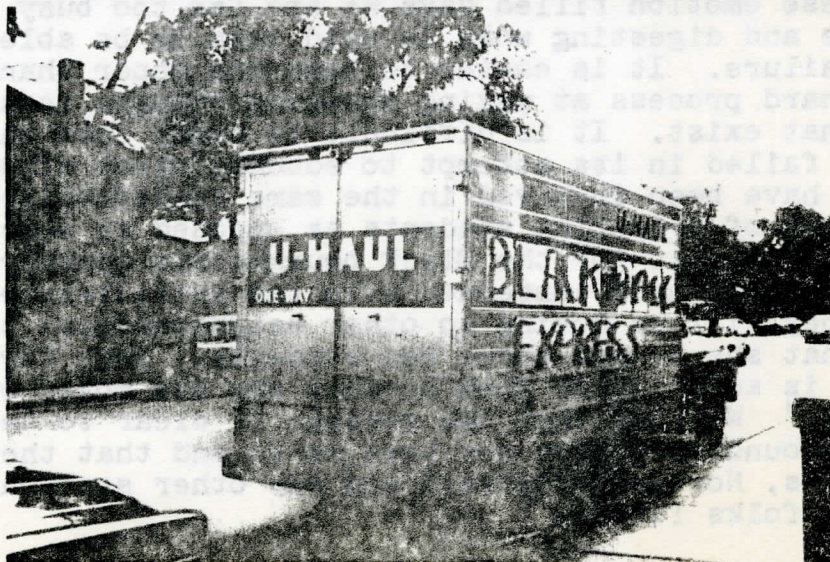
We know that the Michigan Chronicle (Black Operated) is the mans newspaper and can be used against the community as the man so chooses.

We know that some of the so-called Negro radio stations who claim to play music 24 hours a day is really counter revolutionary whose purpose is to keep the black community's head filled with junk.

We know that when the deal goes down that old leopard Martin (many spots) King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, A. Phillip Randolph, Whitney Young, and Bayard Rustin are just as reactionary as we thought.

The dam has broken in Detroit - white power, white judges, white armies, white tanks, white bombs and Negro functionaries ...there's a flood heading your way!

"Are heads are bloody but Unbowed!"



BLACK BALL EXPRESS

Roxbury citizens, feeling a closeness to their Detroit brothers got together and formed a group called the Detroit Survival Supplies. The purpose of the group was to collect food and money from Roxbury and deliver it by truck to Detroit. The feeling of the group was that when Black people anywhere in this country are in need, we as Black citizens of our black nation must come to their aid. War was declared on the Detroit Black community; this war-torn community is part of the Black Nation, therefore, war has been declared on the entire nation including Watts, Harlem, Milwaukee and Cairo, etc.

The citizens of Roxbury responded and SNCC and CORE workers drove The Black Ball Express to the Central United Church of Christ bringing with them food, legal advice, an offer of any other assistance we needed, a check for \$300 and most importantly the true spirit of brotherhood and community within our black nation.

In the next months there will be numerous discussions and studies conducted about the attempt of one part of the community to voice its feelings about its position in this country. That community came and spoke "in their own way." There is still a tremendous vacuum in terms of the ability of people (from all segments) to communicate. Those who believe in strong "police power" will want stronger police power. The militants will become more vocal...and probably those who were out on the streets a few weeks ago will, in the near future, have to return to the streets because nobody really listened to them and consequently did not hear anything. And because nobody listened there can be no meaningful change in the way attempts are made to solve the problems that exist for the black community. It will be "business as usual."

In these emotion filled days we are far too busy reading the daily press and digesting what is said than to be able to admit your own failure. It is easier to read the paper than to begin the long, hard process at making sweeping changes in solving the problems that exist. It is difficult to admit that the school system has failed in its attempt to educate black students. For years they have been involved in the same conservative, stayed, stale methods of crippling students as opposed to educating them. It will be difficult for the Black bourgeoisie teacher, (at this point we are no longer concerned with the white teachers for we are sure they will be moving to other neighborhoods) to deal with the fact that she is not above her students. That for some strange reason she is superior to them because she has moved out of the "inner city." We hope that the message is clear to her that the inner city boundaries have now been moved and that they include Russell Woods, Northwest Detroit and any other section of town where black folks live.