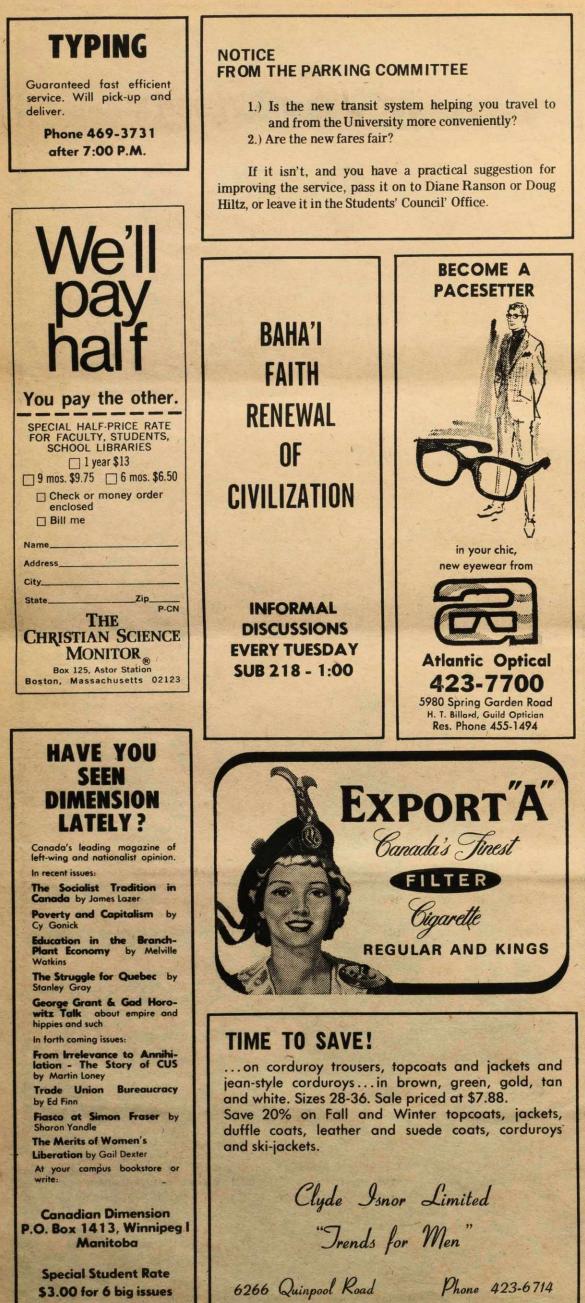
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## War on Panthers

(CUP-LNS) – In an apparent attempt at extinction of the Black Panther Party, the American government is waging a nation wide offensive backed up with an arsenal of frameups, no bail, kangaroo courts whose judges conduct half the prosecution, and just plain bullets. Within the past six months alone, more than 40 Panther leaders and

Within the past six months alone, more than 40 Panther leaders and about 125 members have been jailed. In the past eighteen months 28 Black Panthers have been shot. Party offices in a number of cities have been attacked by police, who sometimes rain automatic rifle fire at the walls and windows as they storm the door.

Chicago is turning in some of the ugliest news. In the week ending with the pre-dawn slaying of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark; police shot two panthers on the street and severely beat three others in a Chicago apartment. Other cities also report new developments in the government's attempts to wipe out the Panther organization.

In another pre-dawn raid, police in Los Angeles shot three more Panthers at their party headquarters. The four hour gun battle with 250 cops was marked by an attempt by police to dynamite the roof off the building. Party Chairman, Bobby Seale, in

Party Charman, Bobby Seale, in prison serving a four year contempt conviction described his ordeal in an interview with his lawyer, Charles Garry.

"One of them grabbed my testicles while the other was choking me; and the others were holding my arms trying to put cuffs on me. He grabbed and yanked my testicles and penis. And the choking was so vicious that the only thing I remember after that I was thrown on the floor inside the solitary confinement cell."

The incident arose when a guard found the Black Panther newspaper in Seale's possession – Seale was put in solitary as punishment for holding such "contraband".

Seale described conditions his first day in the hole...

"Every hour and a half" he said "the toilet would flush up, flooding the floor with defecation and piss. It's not really a toilet, just a hole in the floor." "I had to lie in it all day. You lie on the floor, it's kind of like a rubber padded cell but it's cold, there's no cot, no blanket, just floor and piss and defecation."

Seale told Garry his throat was tremendously swollen from the choking. "I can hardly hear or talk," he said "I'm slightly ruptured and the infection I had in Chicago is coming back."

While Bobby Seale was lying on the slimy floor of his maximum-security isolation cell, agents of the Presidential police force – the Secret Service – arrested Davis Hilliard, the Panther Party's national Chief of Staff, on December 3 in downtown San Francisco for remarks he made during a November 15 rally against the war at Golden Gate Park. At the rally, Hilliard denounced fas-

At the rally, Hilliard denounced fascism in American society and the viciousness of its attacks on the Black Panther Party. By the end of the speech Hilliard made no attempt to conceal his anger:

"We say down with the American fascist society. Later for Richard Milhouse Nixon, the Mo\*\*\*\*-fucker. Later for all the pigs of the power structure." The crowd reacted nervously to Hilliard's strong language, and he answered them, "Later for all the people out here that don't want to hear me curse because that's all that I know how to do. That's all that I'm going to do. I'm not ever going to stop cursing."

"Not only are we going to curse, we're going to put into practice some of the shit that we talk about. Because Richard Nixon is an evil man. This is the motherfucker that unleashed the counter-insurgent teams upon the Black Panther Party. This is the man that's responsible for all the attacks on the Black Panther Party nationally.

"We will kill Richard Nixon. We ain't here for no goddamned peace, because we know that we can't have peace because this country was built on war. And if you want peace you got to fight for it."

So happens there's a law which prohibits anyone from saying what Hil-

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