

Before our time...

Emotion ran high in Dinwoodie Lounge Wednesday evening as over 1,800 U of A students heard two members of the Black Panthers outline their party's policy.

The tension began to mount as people speaking against Fred Hampton, the party's chairman in Illinois, were heckled, hissed and booed.

A young Asian student asked

him to state Panther policy on the Czechoslovakia invasion. He would not accept Mr. Hampton's reply that the Panthers were still researching the invasion, and had not yet established a policy.

The tension in the audience began to show, as members began to boo the author of the question.

A mountainous American tried blitz Mr. Hampton with a brief treatise on law and order. He ended his tirade by inviting the Panther leader to "step outside."

Feelings rose to a peak when he and a member of the gallery closed in battle. The fight was short lived, but it was enough to drive off most of the curiosity seekers, and bring the meeting to a hasty close.

"We don't want any fighting in here," said Mr. Hampton, "It isn't the time or the place."

"So he called Bobby Seal a Black pussy-cat," he continued "We've been called worse than that, brother."

The Panthers arrived on campus late Tuesday night, and began a round of talks in classrooms Wednesday morning.

Their basic plea was, "all power to the people, all the people."

"Now we have government of the pigs, by the pigs and for the pigs," said Mr. Hampton. "What we need is government of the people by the people for the people."

"The pigs are people who have

no regard for the law, justice, or the rights of the people," said Willy Calvin, minister of defense of the Illinois chapter, defining a pig.

"We see hungry people — we feed them. All we insist on to give people free medical treatment is that they be sick. That's all they should need," said Mr. Hampton.

The Panthers feed some 17,000 children in breakfast kitchens every morning. They also serve the community by providing free medical assistance.

He described the party's job as teaching people how to "strategically oppose the power structure."

"People who enter the party have three choices; they can either be jailed, exiled, or murdered," said Mr. Hampton in an interview Wednesday afternoon.

"You can jail a revolutionary, but you can't jail revolution. You can run a freedom fighter out of the country, but you can't run freedom out of the country," he said.

"When white people came over here they landed on Plymouth Rock. When we came over here Plymouth Rock landed on us," said Mr. Hampton.

— *The Black Panthers, speak at the U of A. From The Gateway, November 20, 1969.*

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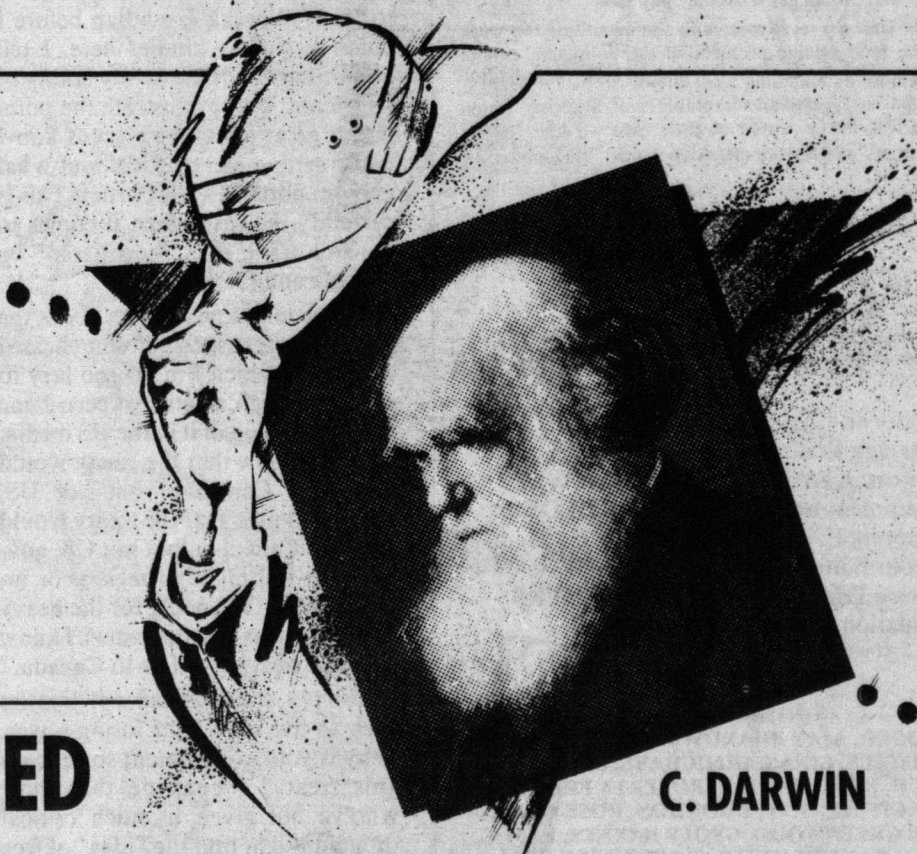
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