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If hard work is supposed to pay how come from generation to generation the hardest workers have still gotten nowhere? How come every new generation of Black children rises up to find the same LANDLESS-NESS and the same POWERLESS-NESS and they are still saddled with RENT TO PAY?

In the natural order of things every generation builds on the accomplishments of past generations. If each new generation is still landless and still powerless it has to be because the accomplishments of fathers and forefathers continue to benefit someone else.

Ask yourself how come the vast majority of you live on a string from rent to rent in uncertainty and total vulnerability so that if the white man catches a cold you are the first to die? Did Katrina not uncover the truth of your powerless hand to mouth reality?

But you have been DOMESTICATED like a cat or a dog and that is why you question not your present-day slave reality. You have been domesticated and indoctrinated to come to terms with and accept the official rationale for continued slavery.

And that is why in the midst of your bondage you will not accept that it is slavery unless the slave-master tells you that it is slavery, or unless the Church tells you that it is slavery, or unless the University tells you that it is slavery. And that is because you cannot see that every institution on a slave plantation is part of the apparatus of slavery and slave-master dominion.

Just for one moment, look away from the small minority that fill the parade of "successful Blacks" and look at the vast majority. Look at the totality of their condition, and if your eyes are truly open, you will be forced to conclude that they are indeed EITHER CURSED OR ENSLAVED.

—Ras Jahaziel

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Black Riders Liberation Party Number One Rule

Out of frustration and hopelessness, the Black Riders Liberation Party was formed by young Black people who have reached the point of no return.

We refuse to be manipulated by the racist U.S. government and its ruling elite any longer into set tripping over blue or red.

We no longer endorse patience and turning the other cheek.

We assert the right of self-defense by whatever means necessary, and reserve the right of maximum retaliation against our racist oppressors, no matter what the odds against us are.

From here on in, if we must die anyway, we will die fighting back and will not die alone! We intend to see that our racist oppressors also get a taste of death!

We will protect the Black Community with our minds, body, and soul.

All Power to the People!!

Misguided Rage

By Comrade James (From Inside The Walls)

If we take a real good look at the history of Amerika we will find that the very foundation of this society was founded on exploitation and oppression. This same exploitation and oppression is alive and well today. Capitalist Amerika is a class-based society. One's particular social and economic status determines the class they fall into. As long as class differences exist in a society, there will always be conflicts between classes.

The Amerikan economy works on one class exploiting, ruling, and oppressing the classes below it. The small ruling class of Amerika runs the economic system and the government for the sole purpose of gaining profit. They gain this profit by any means; but always at the horrible expense of the masses of people. So in this pursuit of profit, exploiting the masses is inevitable. The ruling class maximize their profits by minimizing worker's wages.

As long as there is oppression there will always be a rage and a revolutionary spirit in the oppressed peoples. The ruling class recognizes this fact; they also know that the people's rage leads to a constant striving to overthrow their oppressors. To guard themselves against a people's rage the oppressor doesn't stop exploiting the people, they just simply find ways to misguide the people's revolutionary rage and spirit.

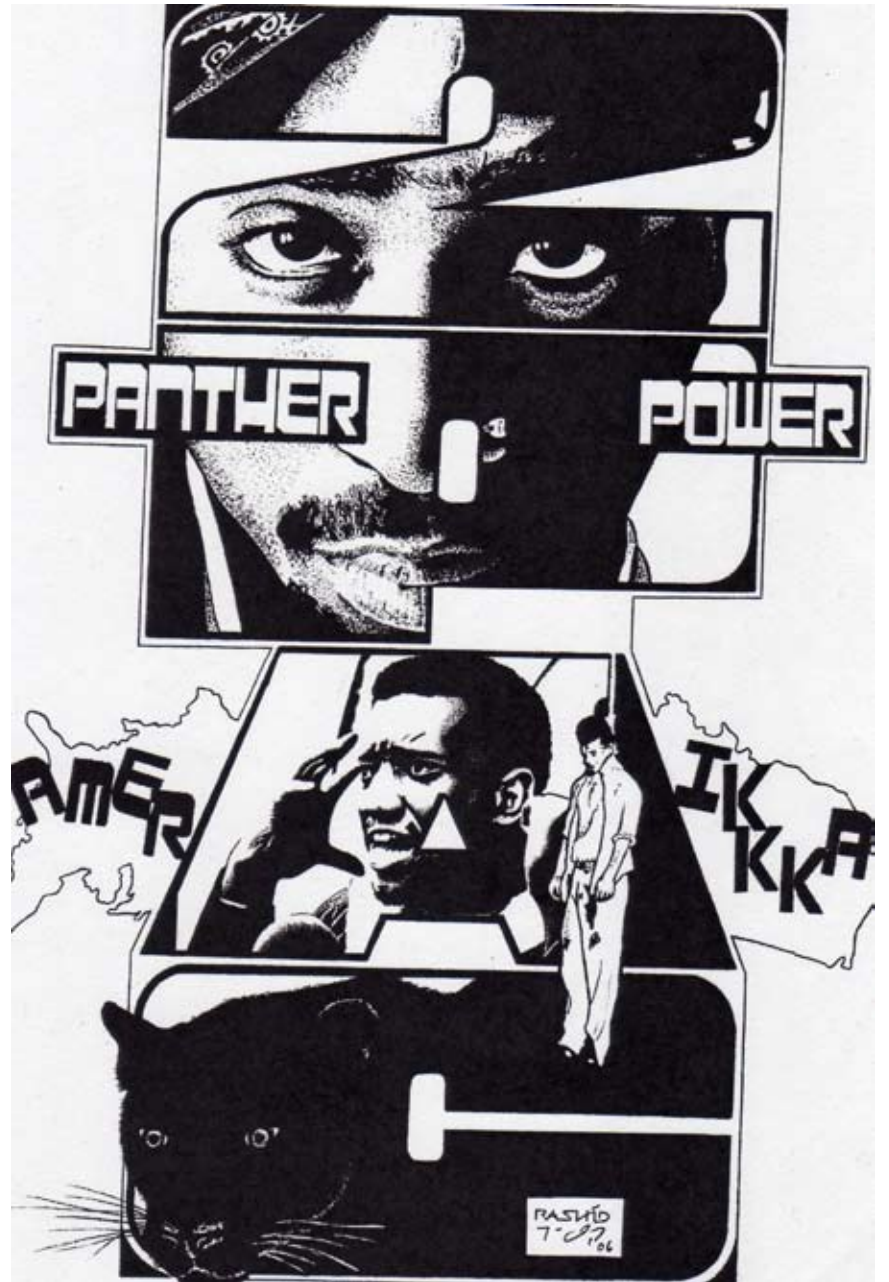
Another effective way the oppressor misguides the people's rage is by creating a false consciousness in the people. This false consciousness is the belief that the oppressed are to blame for poor living conditions. The oppressor wants to keep the people looking at themselves as the problem instead of holding the oppressor's corrupt system and government accountable.

The people look at themselves as the problem instead of as people with problems. Small ruling circle is to blame for poverty: this poverty leads to crime, drug abuse and addiction, and all the many other social ills the people face on a day to day basis in our communities.

The mass media also contribute to this false consciousness by promoting the false notion that the masses of people can actually get ahead in this society. They call Amerika the Land Of The Free, when in fact the people are only free to starve to death. There is the constant widening of a social gap that keeps the people from getting ahead by making the poor poorer and the rich richer. To be well off, you have to have highly trained job skills, and in order to get these skills you have to have wealth.

The social gap between the rich and the poor is always present, and passed down from generation to generation. The wealthy have the resources to get their kids the education to become doctors, technicians, and all the other highly paid positions. While the masses of our people are kept under- and unemployed- without resources it takes to pay for the education that can lead to these highly paid positions.

Sometimes the masses of poor people can be fooled into thinking that social conditions can be improved by increasing the minimum wage. If the minimum wage rises 20%, but the cost of living doubles, there's no improvement; and in fact the condition has only gotten worse than it was before.



The mass media also misguides the people's rage by promoting false notions of "Getting Ahead." The mass of people are uselessly struggling to get ahead in capitalist Amerika instead of struggling to overthrow capitalist Amerika.

The ruling class also misguides the people's revolutionary spirit by using the people against each other. Today there are government paid people who proclaim themselves "Black Leaders." These leaders tell us not to resist, to give peace a chance, to keep hope alive, and whatever else the oppressor pays them to say, but never anything that will lead the people to liberation. These fools preach non-violence against a murderous enemy. They forget revolution and violence are eternally linked together.

Another kind of so-called Black leader our enemy likes are those who mislead the people by giving fired up speeches that promote useless cultural nationalist doctrines. These leaders have been around for many years preaching the same worthless ideology, without ever getting and repression from the enemy. The reason they have not gotten any repression is because the pose no threat, And the oppressor knows that the doctrine these so called Black leaders are promoting is not going to lead our people to liberation, nor teach the people the reality of the class struggle.

If we look closely at real revolutionary Black leaders, the ones who were made political prisoners or assassinated by the oppressor (Malcolm X, George Jackson, Angela Davis and Huey P. Newton), we will see that they were the ones who are leading the masses to understand class struggle, the real revolutionary strategy that will lead the people to liberation.

These beautiful Black revolutionaries were imprisoned or murdered because they posed a real threat to the sadistic, blood-thirsty ruling class. The oppressor also uses racism to help misguide the masses of poor people from the class struggle. The oppressed masses are made up of predominantly Blacks, Latinos, and not a small part of the oppressed masses or poor whites. We all fall into the same class because we share the same poverty, and are all being exploited in the same fashion. A true revolutionary force comes about through the unification of the oppressed masses. This is the beginning of class struggle. The class struggle strives and fights for people's power. Black, Brown, White and Yellow Power. It's what makes "people's power".

A problem occurs when there is imbalance in the power. When only one group has power. Only when there is "people's power", can there be true equality. To prevent this unification the ruling class promotes racism into the communities which in turn keeps the people divided and confused, thus effectively keeping the people from recognizing and destroying the common enemy.

These are just a few of the many ways the enemy diverts the people from the freedom struggle. In an overall aspect, these are all part of the oldest and most effective war strategy ever practiced, "divide and rule." Let the oppressed people unify and rage undamned til victory!

All Power To The People!

Fallen Star

For Huey P. Newton

By Tupac Shakur

They Could Never Understand What U Set Out 2 Do

Instead They Chose To Ridicule U

When You got weak they loved the sight of you dimming and flickering starlight

How could they understand what was so intricate

2 be loved by so many so intimate

They wanted 2 see your lifeless corpse

This way you could not alter the course of ignorance that they have set.

2 make my people forget

what they have done for much too long

2 just forget and carry on

I had loved you forever

Because of who you are

And now I mourn our fallen star



Another Definition Of a Soldier

We, the generation born in the 60's and 70's, find ourselves at a crucial crossroads of defining our own reality. But we are the immediate results of wars waged between the black liberation movement and the Fascist snake apparatus; we have yet to adapt the ideological community of the black power movement as a whole.

As we are often referred to as a Hip-Hop generation, we continue to abandon the revolutionary role that music and culture can facilitate as an institution for nation building beyond business. Primarily, the youth are being influenced by surrogates masquerading as "soldiers." One of the most general descriptions in the video entertainment business and popular media is to eliminate males' so-called thug image, projecting commercial roles inconsistent with our realities as a people.

We as a people seeking independent nationhood require real soldiers for the self-determination of the people. What we have thus far are sabotaging elements in our struggle. That is, individuals utilizing the thug title without the slightest idea of its origins in warfare, preferably the art of strangulation. The English word thug came into usage in modern times, stemming back to India in a cult known as Thugee. The Thugee flourished under the British Empire rule and the colonization of India. The Thugee can be designated as an outlaw band of professional assassins in rebellion against the state.

By this definition, we can see that the direction of rap's so-called thugs, and personalities such as Soldier Boy, have nothing to do with war, which is the real business of a real soldier. Those of us now in our 30's and 40's need to revitalize the Black Power movement among the youth. We must no longer allow the infiltration of noncombatants into our homes and lives.

We must convey the stories of soldiers such as Kuwasi Balagoon, and others like Assata Shakur, George Jackson, General T.A.C.O. (Taking All Capitalist Out), Nadia Shakur and Aryana Shakur and Safiya A. Bukhari. The brothers and sisters mentioned here, to name a few, are the types of soldiers not aired in the news or in the educational curriculum the enemy.

These are the types of soldiers who are not only liberated themselves, but helped liberate others. Without a revolutionary dialog on the ideological makeup of soldiers, there can be no progress in us liberating ourselves. When it comes to the subjects of independence, autonomy, self-rule, anarchy, class, race, imperialism and more, we need a correct perspective on who and what is a soldier, as well as what is not a soldier. This is the 21st century crisis we must redefine and rebuild on. The black entertainment television, national publications, newspapers, and magazines are threats to our security as an oppressed nation seeking to liberate ourselves. Instead it will inspire revolutionary morale to have youth cadre begin reading the well-recommended book *Kuwasi Balagoon: A Soldier's Story - Writings by a New Afrikan Anarchist*, published by Kersplebedeb or George Jackson's books *Soledad Brother* or *Blood In My Eye*.

Blues For Huey

(And Those that slandered him)

Huey P. picked up an entire people but some how when he slipped,
You sad motherfuckas played silence of the lambs

When jheri curl juice dripped from former Afros that used to be
topped with a tarn.

You maligned him and refused to stand beside him

Then you left him open for the roping by those who despised him

Was it not Huey who stood when No One else would stand?

Epitomizing the pride of an entire people with the ten-point
platform and a list of demands.

-Young Chairman Fred

MUMIA SENDS BULLET PROOF LOVE TO THE BLACK RIDERS

Ona Move, Nadia,

I thank you for recent letter and article- I heard of your and your group's protest many years ago, but I didn't know who y'all were- of course I had no idea of the existence of the B.R.L.P. I know it took a while, but I just want to say "Thank You"-- it ain't really easy to resist this monster even if is the right thing to do.

I'm really impressed that y'all got down by nixing the set tripping between Crips and Bloods. That's a very good thing that should be passed along to young brothas and sistas all across the nation - so expand that, know what I mean? Our people ain't got no time to be rumbling each other on B.S. like where we come from (really, where our momma live!). No matter where we live, we live in hell; cuz all America is a hell for us.

I hope you've heard back from those contracts in Philly -- if not lemme say it's important for young black folks to know our people's history - both ancient and recent. That's one of the reasons I wrote *WE WANT FREEDOM: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY* (Cambridge, Ma: South End Press, 2004)(tel # (800)-533-8478).

It's our history, really it's yours, too. It's both the bitter and the sweet, dig me. Too many times when I hear from younger brothers and sistas, even those who were members of the NEW BPP, they didn't have any idea of what Huey was doing; and if not Huey, then they knew next to nothing about how the BPP rolled. That ain't cool.

So, I did my bit. I hope I hope I can help some younger brother or sista avoid the mistakes we have made. I hope I'm not wrong in assuming you are a sister (with the name 'Assata', I think I'm right), if so I'm proud of your work in organizing for the liberation of our people. No matter your gender, I'm proud of your work!

So many young sistas and brothas think about the struggle meaning nothing but hustling; they see 'rapper' as freedom; not knowing that even rich niggers are still niggers to this system (Ask Michael Jackson!)! How many think of fighting for our people's freedom? If younger brothas and sistas only knew their true power, they would, they'd rock this joint - they would rock the world! Why do I say this? Because youth music (rap, hip-hop) is truly a world music! What of Black youth Revolutionary action? It would race around the world.

Well, that's it for now, Nadia- I wish you and your comrades in BRLP alla best - strength, and revolutionary determination!

Ona Move! --Mumia

The Black Commune Program

We Ride for the Black Commune Program because it is what we want and believe. A Black commune is a Black community built on the belief of sharing and mutual cooperation between all people of that community which brings forth unity. What is mine is yours and what is yours is mine, or “I am because we are; and because we are, therefore, I am.” This is a belief system that Black people have held since the beginning of human existence. It allowed us to ride out any storm in perfect unity. This is the type of Black community that we ride for.

A. We Ride for total liberation. We Ride for power to take full control of the destiny of our Black community. We will *not* be liberated and free from oppression until we take full control of our destiny.

B. We Ride to put a stop to the thievery by capitalists of our Black community. We Ride because the racist government has stole from us, and now we demand the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised over 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of Black people. We will accept the payment in currency, which will be distributed, to our communities. The Amerikkkan racist has taken part in the slaughter of over 50 million Black people, therefore, We Ride to make sure we receive complete payment.

C. We Ride for maximum and complete employment for our people. We Ride because the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every person employment or a guaranteed income. We Ride because we believe that if the Amerikkkan businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen, placed in the community, and communized. That way, the people of the community can organize and employ its entire people and give a high standard of living.

D. We Ride for freedom of speech. We Ride because we believe that all attacks on social redeeming hip hop rap songs should stop. The 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives a right to freedom of speech. During chattel slavery, the Black spirituals provided us songs with social redeeming qualities. Today's hip hop raps provide us songs with social redeeming qualities because conscious rappers help to guide us to liberation by outlining the horrible plight that Black people suffer in this new era of crisis.

E. We Ride because we demand the cases of all black people held captive in the jails and prisons of Amerikkka re-opened, re-investigated, and re-tried by members of the Black community. We Ride because we feel that Black people living in incarceration have been tried unfairly by the U.S. Justice Department. We have been denied the right of trial by one's peers resulting in guilty verdicts for an enormous amount of innocent Black people. We have been and are being tried by juries that have *no* understanding of the “average reasoning man” of the Black community. It is time that these cases be re-opened and re-tried by Black people so that the innocence of Black inmates can be determined by a jury of their peers, as stated in the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. We as Black people shall then deal with our own people by granting freedom from incarceration to those whose re-trial has validated it, and deferring charges and sentences for those proven to be guilty by their peers. We want amnesty for all *Political Prisoners*.

F. We Ride for decent housing fit for shelter of human beings. We Ride because we believe that if the capitalists landlords will not give decent housing to our Black community then the housing and land should be made into a communal so that our community, with government aid, can build and make housing for its people.

G. We Ride for education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent Amerikkkan society. We Ride for education that teaches us our true history and our role in present day society. We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

H. We Ride for an end to the drug problem. We Ride because we demand all the files of the Iran/Contra hearings, and information regarding aid to the Contras in Nicaragua, be released to the Black community. This should be done to determine the connection between the government and the influx of drugs into the Black community during the 1970's and 1980's. Black people neither own airplanes or manufacturing plants needed to produce and distribute drugs. We believe that the best way to solve the drug problem is to find out how it is entering our community so we can put a stop to it.

I. We Ride for all Black people to be exempt from military service. We Ride because we believe that Black people should not be put in financial deprivation, causing them to be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like Black people, are being victimized by the racist government of Amerikkka. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist military by whatever means necessary.

J. We Ride for an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of Black people. We Ride because we believe we can end police brutality in our Black community by organizing Black self-defense groups dedicated to defending our Black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all Black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

K. We Ride for full medical attention that should be given to all Black people. We Ride because we believe that Amerikkkan capitalist economics is to blame for the high rates of disease in the Black community. Black people suffering from life threatening ailments like AIDS should no longer be left to the mercy of low budget county hospitals. For whatever illness any member of the Black community suffers, the federal government is obligated to send them to medical institutions that provide the best treatment.

L. We Ride for an end to environmental racism and to stop the disruption of the earth's ecological balance. We Ride because we believe that Amerikkkan industrial production has and is currently creating terrible environmental side effects locally, nationally, and internationally -- especially in areas where Black people live. Industrial production causes pollution of air, land, and water, which in turn lowers the life expectancy of people. If the racist Amerikkkan industrialists sought out technology to further industry then he must seek out technology to protect the environment. If the racist U.S. industrialists refuse to do so then his industry should be taken and placed in the Black community so that we can protect the environment and our own communities.

M. We Ride for land, technology, bread, housing, education, clothing, medical care, justice, peace, and an end to environmental racism. When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the government. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government; laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpation, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security.