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question on registration form:

Should there be a new national federation or unit dedicated to resource identification and the implementation of unity and empowerment efforts?

If yes, how should it be structured?

Should a national anti-defamation committee be set up?
"to deal with unfair images of negroes presented in text books, newspapers, magazines and other media?"

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Nathan Wright 7/20/67 Nite

"Non-soul would like for us to gather here and talk loud and be foolish and work off our frustration so we can go back into the world and be more effectively oppressed".

Doesn't want a consensus but to create the unity of a family.

Doesn't want to create a program designed to be funded by "non-soul" but to ~~create~~ ^{unify the} power for the black community.

"Basically a study conf where we can think about issues" in terms of ~~how they affect us~~ ^{engagement}

"We must set a new agenda" by beginning a new kind of thoughtful dialogue

(Chuck Stone, Powell's ex. pres.)

not let the oppressor set
the agenda

cautioned against letting conf. become
a "rally".

Discuss how conf. can "relate
to network."

I do not want to water down black
power on part of white folks.

Supreme Resolution presented "to set
the tone of conf." — Hooks offer
whether to hear & vote on resolution tonight
called for conf. to "strongly reduce
black rev. in all its glaring
manifestations" and endorsing right
of all black people to engage in
struggle, inc. ghetto revolt, for
freedom.

objection for floor res. pertaining
procedure - said res. was out of order.

Audrey Moore objected to
reference to Leland in res.
called for credentials comm. and
resolutions comm.

Chuck Stone moved around to
placate ruffled feelings

Dick Grogan:

also pres.
Roy Brown,
McKissick, Featherstone,
Donaldson

"Then Arabs was kind disappointing
huh? I did think they could fight
Hell, we held out longer in Watts
than they did."

99% of Senators should be overruled
under anti-riot bill "because all of
them have crossed state lines and
created conditions which made riots possible."

Begay rehabilitated King's and Roosevelt's position on racial.

"~~He~~ I don't want his money,
his school, his neighborhood or whatever
I'm just fighting this cracker for
the right to live as long as
he does so I can buy him
until he dies."

(James Meredith present)

John Jochen arrested in
Demopolis, Ala for harassing the
police \$2000 raised to pay bail
said Ray Brown

Chicks with black coffins
and militants with African robes.

Ossie Davis read Exhortation
to struggle ^{for progress} from Frederick Douglass
"If there is no struggle there is no progress."

"Power conceals nothing without a demand. If never did, it never will".

~~Read~~ Ruby Dee read Margaret Walker's poem "For my People".

Ruby's polished sophisticated interactions seem a bit strange and out of place because she sounded white-trained.

Bessie read Langston Hughes poem about an old man

Non Karenga, ~~chairman~~^{head} of US
7 basic values in Watts.
for blocks proposed by US

1. Unity

a) Total unity

b) Operational unity (blackness

as unified in oppression but not all members of our group)

1. Self interest blocks
block interest. "Keep
your group but come
to your senses"

Laughs like
Mol X, ~~some~~
similar sense
of humor
uses phrases from
Mol X

No guy wants to give up its
power to unify with others, he said

2. Self-determination - means to
define and speak for yourself.

"Riots should never be confused
with revolts." Revolts are national
uprising of a people fighting for
nationalhood. "all revolts are
legitimate" - justified in terms of
struggle for nationalhood.

Locking is "reclamation" - "you
can't lie to a lion or steal
from a thief".

3) Ujamaa - collective work and responsibility.

4) Cooperative economics - "We can't talk what the white man is talking - that is, capitalism"

"We all belong to one class - the class of the dispossessed"

5) Purpose - "the collective vocation of nation - building, or survival."

6) "Soul means a combination of creativity, sensitivity and impulse"

7) Faith - in yourself - "not only speaks in the sky"

→ 6) Creativity

Another going into dispute
over whether to patronize hotel
for which had hired black
waitress only under pressure and
only for duration of Conf.

approx $\frac{1}{4}$ of what was
easily 1,000 delegates were not
registered last night.

mt. Adonis Alba

July 22

Queen Mother Moore called
for World Federation of African
People (~~organized~~ ^{chartered} in 1943) in
workshop on World Perspective.

also ~~2~~ ^{Queen M.} proposed a
flag - red, yellow, green bars
in U.S. "For self-determination
with reparations."

2 brothers proposed flag
for black americans red, black,
& gold (spear & sword)

have patent on flag - wanted
it adopted by ~~Self~~ Workshop

another flag proposed by WFAP
(~~and~~) need organization to unite all black
people 2) a symbol 3) promoting thing
in the interest of black people.

700 people at conf.

Unscheduled ~~papers~~ discussions

Sat. mite to shoo people
who want to make a pitch.

"around
lump session" saying that

this was splitting conf., placating
those who couldn't make papers

otherwise in '73. Series

Technician ^{skills bank} ~~customer~~ says to
send help to africa discussed
and student ^{teacher} exchange program.
as fans of group

another proposal called for
Working with OAU.

call ourselves african-american
folk of identity with africa

Trade with african countries for
mutual benefit - Negroes as
middle-men if we organized
and had capital.

"an instrument (organization),
that's what we need, an
instrument."

"Don't go to africa as black
capitalists" as exploiters of africa's
resources

Call for black power cages
to ~~lose~~ train prisoners
agreed to think in terms
of prisoner identity.

alliances workshop

Debated whether significant
gain could be made under
capitalist system - Santillo argued
for socialism.

"at this historic moment,
any struggles to take back
some of this bread to the
prisoner - Amer. comm., I'm for."

Delegate argued that struggle
for reforms would educate masses
to rottenness of capitalist system.

Another argued that blacks had
to organize and show whites that it
is in his interest to help blacks.

approved Muriel's paper on
black business. ^{calling for} created new
black business and get more
blacks into business system.

Press conf. trouble

"This was a reaction of some
people to the feeling that the
intellectuals were trying to
take over black power they don't
like it."

emer. meeting 4 pm

Kenyatta: "Don't just move
the man over and take his job
but create a new system." Got
to plan for self-defense "We
must organize groups to protect ourselves."

Lynn: "What they are going to do
is try to get this black under
control but they're gonna
have a hard time!"

900 delegates registered

called for Powell to return
to "onion" to tell people and
if he doesn't they should
do him like they're doing Ismael
now." K.

L. "We're witnessing the final of
Powell" N. Wright.

Made it a plenary session of conf.
Resolution 1) Release immediately
without bail of all persons arrested
in Newark and Hughes to recall
statement abt "criminal incitement".
"Jim Farmer, barista-bee-keeper,"
inter statement re protection -
3) called for blk people to rally
around the Newark's everywhere.

debate often "many of whom were ^{new as when}
invariant of any "every day"
wanted word "all" substituted.
read by rep. of NUR. by orally
described as. to be re-written & wanted
to march thru comm. "peacefully"
(said Wright.)

L ~~the~~ ^{these} people that the meeting
was gonna be controlled by Powell,
a gimmick."

Bill Strickland of WSM
~~Spoke~~ said "We must not be seduced
by slogans." the issue at this meeting is
who is gonna control this conf."

denounced "collaborators" and "agents"

"Revolution is not revolution" ~~and~~

one call for legal action to
free prisoners and not marches.

pro

15-20 men called at said they
were gonna call them Newark.

Neither said let people from
Newark decide what conf. study
do. Women stood and said

"We gotta live here after you
leave." men agreed. Great fight.
Also "We've got to live in this town!"

Caucas ~~at~~ this afternoon about going
down to Newark, said one.

"We gotta cut by some kind of
communication with the bro. we
don't want to move by their
timetable"

C. S. Stone read new version
of resolution. Motion carried by
acclamation.

Wm Richard Moore made plea
for 10 children of woman who
was killed in riot.

Strickland spoke again abt
recall mvmt against oblongia
plea for money ad moneyman for
recall mvmt.

"We want you to help us
we don't want you to tell us
what we can do about
Newark's problem" Called for
conf. to raise \$5,000 to
support recall mvmt. 25,000
signatures needed.

Mayor continued against "agents
pd. to come in here and stir you up"
said conf. couldn't tell people of Newark
what to do altho could support

and encourage them. Max Abu Shneid

"Many of you want to ^{the} get the black people
of Newark by making downtown where
you know there crooked as watery
at these with shotguns to blow
you down".

"NCOBP should endorse
armed struggle for liberation".

Called for telegram to Gov.
and Pres. calling for release of
Newark prisoners. Said the mood
of young negroes is revolutionary.

"We're not giving, we're in a
civil war" First stage of
thermonuclear race war.

Kop Brown: "You don't tell bro
to march nowhere unless they've
got some guns"

this is "self-genocide," he said.

Lynn said cops had pulled
Voss behind hotel waiting for
a breakfast so they could arrest
everyone.

"I don't mind seeing a box with
a processed head if he got a
natural mind. ~~Don't~~ Don't come around
with a processed mind and a
natural head."

Said res. should come out
but they should be "improved."

"Want human rights not
civil rights"

Evening Session July 22

Look of "chaismatic leader" to
build unity - (Horsing) - but also
need carefully thought out
program.

Isaiah Robinson

All res. must be submitted
to non-elected Resolutions
Committee (steering committee)

Queen Mother Moore: denounced
"make the babies!" denounced
her for looking
for jobs

Ella Collins, head of OAAU,
Sts. of Malcolm X

"Want human rights not
civil rights"

Workshop #2

politics

July 23

Res. supporting Powell and
censuring national civil rights
conf. in Jan for not supporting
Powell. (Led by C. Stone), and
called for "independent political
efforts" at local level and
voting blocs at state + national
levels and regional conf on
blk power. also condemned
congressmen who voted against Powell
(Powell)

(Economics)

Workshop #4: 1) "Black Sunday" each
month to raise money for
cooperatives. 2) Secretariat of blk power
conf to handle requests for use
of funds - returned to steering comm

3) local gyms investigate
cooperatives

4) business training program

5) "B block"

6) selective buying program for jobs

7) - school movement to create

8) consumer education

9) ^{U.S. govt to initiate} Guaranteed Annual Income

or "massive efforts will be
launched to disintegrate the economy"

2nd Res: "to partition the U.S. into
two separate and independent nations
one black, one white."

→ 10) appeal to fed govt for special
fund for "business development"
(Passed)

Manifesto referred to U.S. as
"Imperialist" and "neo-colonialist"

~~#9~~ 1 Conf. Manifesto called
for International Black Congress
workshop #9: ^(professionals) called for
unity between professionals and
workers there.

- 1) Black University to create
"professional blk revolutionaries"
- 2) colleges of blk community life.
- 3) Redefine idea of prof.
- 4) Blk prof to "infiltrate or
create own" professional organization

Workshop #7 (Youth)

- 1) Blk athletics demand not the
participation in 1968 Olympics under
Muhammad Ali is reinstated to
title, and that blk boxers to
contest to take Ali's title.

^{Robinson}
Chambers insisted That
"implementation" not be discussed
while considering resolutions.

also

Convene commissions which
removed Ali's title.

Declared KAM 77 "are innocent
period."

- 2) Support KAM 17 as "our
bross and sisters" and support them.
- 3) Blk history taught on natl basis,
and reconstitute blk power student
advocates and sch. presidents orgs.
- 4) Blk publishing Co.
- 5) "Black Draft Resistance League"
inc. legal aid and counseling,
alternatives to draft than work
in blk liberation struggle.
- 6) International Youth Congress.
- 7) "Preferential purchasing campaign"
and boycott against white stores.
- 8) Student exchange program
- 9) on draft "Hell no, we won't go"
- 10) "Black youth Convention"
nationally to have meeting in
December

Workshop # 6 (Religion)

Religious establishment in Blk community is "god-cursed and god-damned."

1) boycott ^{+ rejecting} of religion, ^{authorized + published} institutions that do not join ^{+ support of} Blk revolution."

Workshop # 8 (Artists, craftsmen)

- 1) put down term "Negro" substitute "afro-american" ~~Blk American~~
- 2) Role of artist to create Blk consciousness & culture.
- 3) Blk theatre circuit and similar proposals.
- 4) Called for "paramilitary training," inc. use of arms.
- 5) Cooperation in entertainment.
- 6) Blk travel club

Del. said

"I've heard a lot of people
say this is beautiful but
what is going to continue?"

- 7) Blk radio network
- 8) Statues of blk heroes
- 9) Deplore "totally unnecessary
brutality to Lewis goes"
- 10) Future BPC's to be held in
blk communities
- 11) BPC newsletter.
- 12) Blk TV station.

Workshop #5 (Blk Home)

- 1) Called for continuing commitment
a blk family.
- 2) ~~the~~ end of "man is home"
rule in welfare
- 3) Comm. care for blk orphans
- 4) "blk militia" to train families
in self-defense

- 5) adult education program.
- 6) blk hospitals, clinics and welfare centers.
- 7) assure gainful employment for all males to assure the dominance of males in blk home and society.

women from Miss Brown
"birth control trick" "We are quietly eliminating ourselves for these white people."

~~White~~ XXXX
Son of Powell went to deliver message = many objections.
"Let Powell come and speak!"
Refused to let his son speak

~~Robert was asked if he Powell, he could speak but not allowed verification~~

Dick Gregory
called for boycott
all of boxing fight &
sponsors until Ali
gets his teeth back.

190 different
super
190 at
conf.
36 states
42 cities

~~Workshop #11~~ Big dispute
over whether to hear Powell's
son. many still opposed ^{some walked out.} broad
fight many developed.

Powell, Jr. is

→ why not come
~~legal~~ "lie of wh" that
P. had not filed campaign
expense report ^{but} ~~and~~ might face
fel charges, also income tax
said he would have been
"arrested or he stopped off
the plane in Miami"

Sebastian expressed with boo,
altho also clapping and talking.
"He'll be back here but on
his own terms - that he'll
be speaking for the blk man
and not the white man"

Workshop 13 (^{cooperating} allbionists) Bontelle

1) temporary ad a permanent allbionists
only with those "forces in various
stages of conflict" with forces of
states gov allbionists with
Liberians and UK, and all
others who stand to gain
by struggle. called for
messages of support to NLF and
North Vietnam, Hoanna meeting,
and other liberation struggles.

another delegate expressed
concerned abt ~~implications~~
implementation. Called for
a commission to "enforce all
edicts of this convention by
any means necessary"

one rep said that Bontelle's
"brief summary" inaccurate
#13 is report suspended until
final report received

Workshop #10. (developmental implications)

- 1) Natl bd of education
- 2) Called for organization to
financially support CORE & SNCC,
and also on "underground"
"exploit existing system on
behalf of black people."

Workshop #3

- 1) World Federation of African People
- 2) Condemn "vicious aggression
by Zionists" and demanded withdrawal
- 3) Called for draft refusal (oppressed)
- 4) Reparation

Women called for
"action orientation by everyone
here" said Jones would
be that conf. would only
be "water-talk"

Josh from being out by the
implement workshop resolutions -
volunteers asked.

Fight developed between Keyatta
and guy screaming at Newark.
Newark people said in effort
"leave us alone to settle our
own problems because all of you
people are leaving Newark town."

Workshop #15 (Woman)

"blk women given a position
of dominance by white men"
denounced "maternalist dominance"
who desired to disrupt blk
family.

Res: to support people of
new ork but not "blow their
gig" by actively intervening except
bail or legal aid

Asked for money for ~~go~~
storing people of mass.

Support for Robert Williams and
called for him to return.

Robinson refused to accept
resolutions naming specific groups like
NAA CP.

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people apptd to pres's
Commission don't rep. sentiment
of ghetto people.

Integrationist like received
more publicity than others

"Integration and blk power
are not inconsistent terms."

Blk people simply realize that
they cannot be integrated into
pres. Amer. society, many do
not want to.

has 52 other proposals
in program.

We don't want to be looking
paper is "definitive statement" of blk
philosophy in U.S.

Said man of attempt to
make ~~one~~ man the leader
of all the people. Said
"the people differ just like
white people differ"

integrationists or "people who
want to be white"

"We wouldn't have the
violence if someone hadn't
made some mistakes."

Said mistakes must be rectified.

~~Said~~ indicated there are
many defs of black power
concept. "black power means
self-determination for black
people - the right to determine
their own destiny"

With power to McKissick
means proposals adopted by
National convention of CORE
asked if would push his
program thru Johnson and Congress

"We would hope to. We
have all your mind and on
"Ken don"

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