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# Panther Pair Wins Reporters' Rights

Two black women employees of the Black Panther Party newspaper have been qualified as reporters by a U.S. district judge and granted the journalist's right not to be compelled to divulge confidential sources.

The two women are Sherrie Bursey, 18, and Brenda Joyce Presley, 22.

Judge Alfonso J. Zirpoli yesterday said the two young women must appear before

the Federal Grand Jury investigating the party, however, and that they must answer questions not touching on confidential sources.

But, the judge ruled, they do not have to divulge sources.

"They have the same right to protection as the New York Times," Zirpoli said in his conclusion.

The women have refused to

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answer questions before the Grand Jury on the grounds of the First and Fifth amendments to the Constitution.

## IndiaHeat Wave

NEW DELHI — (UPI) — A heat wave that has killed more than 100 persons in Bihar State this month has hit western and southern India. Temperatures were reported between 114 and 119 degrees.

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## NEWS RELEASE

May 8, 1970

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Washington, D.C. -- In a program to "Gear the Guild to the '70s," the American Newspaper Guild's International Executive Board has endorsed greater employee "voice in the product" and recommended a wide-ranging series of actions including contractual defense against subpoenas, national conferences on minority hiring and women's rights and protection of employees' activities as citizens as well as newspapermen.

The recommendations, contained in the ANG board's report to the Guild's 1970 Convention June 22 through 26 in Seattle, Wash., are announced in the edition of ANG's bi-monthly newspaper, the Guild Reporter, distributed Saturday (May 9).

In other areas, the board:

- \* Reported record ANG membership of 32,516, as of March, the last month of ANG's fiscal year.
- \* Recommended a new goal of \$400-a-week minimum salaries for experienced reporters, photographers, copy editors, ad salesmen and circulation district managers, and at least \$200 a week for other experienced adult employees. (The April 1 average reporter top minimum was \$191.49 a week.)
- \* Urged inclusion of prescription drugs, dental, psychiatric and optical care and treatment for alcoholism and drug addiction in health insurance plans.

The board said it believes employees should have a "more direct voice" in the product they produce and recommended that contractual grievance procedures be used for this purpose as the "best way of starting on, exploring and reaching agreements in this uncharted area."



The board cited "clear indications that Guildsmen are developing a growing awareness of the desirability of implementing at the bargaining table the ANG's constitutional aims for better press performance that goes beyond our traditional approach for upgrading salaries and conditions."

The board proposed that:

- \* ANG's Collective Bargaining Program be enlarged to protect employes from being forced to surrender notes and information and to require publishers to come to the legal defense of employes subjected to subpoenas.

- \* Contractual provision be made that no employe shall be required "to write anything for publication in such a way as to distort any facts or to create an impression which the employe knows to be false."

- \* ANG's constitutional statement of purpose be revised to add editorials and advertising to its aim of guaranteeing "as far as it is able, constant honesty in the news."

- \* ANG conduct a Guild conference in the fall on discrimination against women and a conference in the spring on minority-group recruitment and training which would "seek to bring together representatives of labor, management, government and foundations active in minority-group recruitment and training in our industry." Current efforts in this area, the board said, must be unified, or at least co-ordinated, as well as "expanded tremendously" and "directed toward skills-sharpening for underemployed, mature workers as well as toward high-school and college-level youth."

- \* ANG seek to have the American Civil Liberties Union or some similar organization convene a meeting of media management and employe organizations with a view toward establishment of a legal aid fund to defend employes against subpoenas and other interference with their work.

- \* The board also recommended establishment of regular local Guild committees on social and professional issues.



\* And, noting that the ANG Model Contract's outside activities clause "gives full protection to newspaper workers in the exercise of their rights as citizens to act and speak out," the board urged locals which have "restrictive" clauses to "eliminate the restrictions" and all locals to "be on guard against the tendency of some publishers to think that a tight rein on their employees' personal and outside activities is enough to restore the public's 'faith' in newspapers."

"The publisher who's really concerned about his product knows that it is not what his employees do on their own time that hurts the newspaper," the board noted.

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Here's the statement.

— Bob



Robert L. Terrell  
Graduate School of Journalism  
Berkeley, California  
May 22, 1970

I have not been actively supporting any of the frenzied anti-war ventures which have sprung up here at the University as a result of the Kent State assassinations and the Cambodian invasion. I have withheld my active support despite the fact that I share the absolute outrage which motivates many of the protesters.

I have withheld my active support for three reasons: (1) most of the people leading the protests are white liberals (2); I don't see the Cambodian invasion and the Kent assassinations as being significant breaks with this country's "standard operating procedure," and (3); the protesters possess a set of white-oriented priorities which do not coincide with my black-oriented ones.

As a black man who has been betrayed and abandoned ~~by~~ ~~by~~ by white liberals time and time again, I realize the danger and the folly of getting actively involved in white liberal political ventures. I am not charging that the desire to see the war concluded is a white liberal desire. I am saying instead that outraged white liberals have taken over the leadership of the anti-war movement.

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This is not the first time that white liberals have rushed ~~out~~ forward and taken over a radical venture. They did it on numerous occasions during the course of the civil rights movement. They must share a considerable amount of responsibility for the move which turned the 1963 March on Washington into a picnic.

This is not the first time that white liberals have moved in and appropriated the reigns of leadership in the peace movement. They took over the movement during the latter stages of President Johnson's term when they launched Senator Eugene McCarthy's campaign; an ill-fated venture which wasn't even intended to be successful (I don't even believe that McCarthy wanted to be President).

I should make it clear that I consider white radicals and white liberals to be different kinds of people. The radical is a person who possesses a vision of what the world should (or might) be and is committed to seeing that vision becoming reality. The radical is prepared to alter and eliminate those systems which negate the possibility of his vision becoming reality. Radicals, when the time is right, become revolutionaries.

White liberals possess visions also. The major difference between white liberals and white radicals is the fact that the liberals are not willing to attempt to alter or eliminate those systems which negate the possibility of their visions becoming reality. The white liberal vision is perched on the ever-shifting sands of temporary expediency and makeshift compromise.

The white liberals who have rushed to the fore of the anti-war movement are not to be trusted. In the final analysis, they are going to do one of two things: they are going to get tired of being morally outraged and allow the movement to die; or they are going to get frightened by the reactionary forces aligned against them and run for cover. Either way, the faithful who are being strung out behind them are going to get screwed. I have seen it happen time and time again.

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Two questions to show where the liberals are:

How many white liberal instructors now actively involved in the anti-war protests were willing to give full academic credit for anti-war work before the administration said it was okay to "reconstitute?"

How many of the white liberal students now active in the anti-war movement are committed to continuing their "no business as usual" postures until all U.S. military forces are withdrawn from Southeast Asia?

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A majority of the anti-war protesters seem to be convinced that the Kent State assassinations and the Cambodian invasion grew out of some kind of new Nixonian evil. This new evil, they are saying, is so terrible that all other political issues must be abandoned until it is eradicated. These people are stupid and, because they're stupid, they're dangerous!

The foreign military ventures that United States presidents have led this nation into without prior Congressional consent are too numerous to individually recount. Paul Jacobs, who has done some research on this, says that he has identified more than 150 such ventures.

The Kent State assassinations are also a part of an ongoing tradition. During the last three years alone, almost fifteen students (two this month) have been assassinated on black college campuses for political reasons.

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I was in Newark, New Jersey during the 1967 Rebellion. Working together, the Newark city police, the state highway patrol, and the New Jersey National Guard assassinated almost thirty black people. As was the case in Augusta recently where six black men were assassinated, most of the Newark victims were not even participating in the rebellion. The only crime they committed was being black.

One of the blacks assassinated during the Newark rebellion was the mother of eleven children. Her head was nearly severed from her neck when she walked in front of a window which was being "sprayed" with bullets from a National Guardsman's automatic rifle.

To the best of my knowledge, the Newark assassinations did not result in thousands of people filling the streets yelling "stop the world, let's reconstitute the universe!"

Political assassinations constitute an integral part of this country's past and present. Nonbelievers can go to the widows of Medger Evers, Micheal Schwerner, Martin Luther King, Jr., Charles Mack Parker, Herbert Lee, James Reeb, Malcolm X, and John F. Kennedy. These women, along with countless anonymous others, know what many of today's outraged campus protesters seem not to have known before Kent State and Cambodia; that political violence and assassinations are in fact "as American as cherry pie!"

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I grew up in a black ghetto. I know the bitter taste of white racism and I have some understanding of the poisonous roots which sustain its existence. Many of the same roots which have maintained the existence of white racism in this society from its inception to the present are securely planted in the minds of those students, instructors, and administrators who are leading the anti-war movement here.

Many of the same protesters who are filling the air with loud, angry slogans because of the atrocities being perpetrated in South Vietnam and Cambodia don't give a good goddamn about the racist atrocities being perpetrated in this country against nonwhites. To them, Kent State was a horrible tragedy while Jackson was just another nigger riot. To them, the Cambodian invasion constitutes a threat to the cherished principles of American democracy while the six summary assassinations in Augusta were unfortunate occurrences which better trained police will prevent in the future.

"Time Magazine," which reflects the sentiments of a large segment of this campuses' white liberals, dismissed the assassinations in Jackson and Augusta with the following comment: "it must be admitted that somehow violence against blacks, especially in the South, has a familiar ring." I have seen much too much of this kind of racist rationalizing among this campuses' anti-war protesters.

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Before I put my black ass on the line with any white protesters anymore, I am going to know damn well that they recognize and respect me and my people. The next group of whites I join on a picket line or charge of the Establishment barricades is going to understand and appreciate the fact that the lives of black-skinned people are just as fucking precious as the lives of pink-skinned people.

My wife wrote a poem last night:

Jackson  
and  
Augusta  
and THEN  
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NEWS from  
Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF)  
3210 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. 40211

May 7, 1970

WASHINGTON, D.C.--- The trial of Alan and Margaret McSurely on charges of contempt of Congress has been reset for June 22 in U.S. District Court here. They were originally scheduled for trial last January.

The couple refused to surrender written and printed material to the Permanent Investigations Subcommittee of the Senate in March, 1969. The papers had been seized when the McSurelys were arrested on sedition charges in Pikeville, Ky., in 1967.

District Judge John L. Smith set the new date for their trial after refusing to let lawyers for the couple question Sen. John McClellan (D. Ark.), chairman of the subcommittee. McClellan had ordered the McSurelys to surrender the papers in connection with an investigation of uprisings in U.S. cities.

Attorneys Morton Stavis and Nancy Stearns, of the Law Center for Constitutional Rights, asked Judge Smith to allow them to question McClellan; a member of the senator's staff, and the prosecuting attorney in Pikeville.

Stavis and Stearns wanted to find out how McClellan knew what might be in the papers, since they were in custody of the Kentucky prosecutor pending outcome of the sedition case. The defense attorneys charged that an investigator for McClellan illegally saw the papers while they were supposed to be in safekeeping.

Davis Bress, special government prosecutor in the contempt case, then told Judge Smith that McClellan and the others would admit that the papers were seen illegally. This seemed to indicate that the government would try to limit the McSurely trial to the simple issue of whether they refused to surrender the material, which had been returned to them by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

Defense attorneys then asked dismissal of the contempt charges on the ground that the admission of illegal action had poisoned the whole procedure. Judge Smith refused to dismiss the charges and set the trial date instead.



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MINUTES OF MAY II, 1969, BLACK JOURNALISTS MEETING

PRESENT: Bill Anderson, Charles Aikens, Rufus Byars, Lena Baker, Tom Fleming, Cket Hancock, Michael Jones, Maudelle Kary, Robert Martin, Chris Knowles, Jay Oliver, David Randolph, Toni Vincent, Morrie Turner, Will Jones, Rush Greenlee, Bob Allen, Walt Thompson.

I. Welcome and introduction by Temporary Chairman, R. Greenlee. Motion by T. Vincent to adopt agenda as prepared unanimously adopted.

II. Objection to point no. one of "Proposed Statement of Purpose" by T. Vincent discussed leading to Vincent motion that point no. one be eliminated on grounds it was implicit in points two, three and four. Discussion leading to alternate motion that discussion be tabled indefinitely. Passed: 16 to 2.

III. Scope of Black Journalist concern discussed, leading to B. Anderson motion to appoint temporary subcommittee to study purposes proposed by temporary steering committee, this subcommittee to report back in a week with amended version of statement of purpose. Discussion and vote: 14 <sup>against, four for.</sup> ~~for xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

IV. Two-part Jay Oliver motion to (1) temporarily suspend discussion of purposes and (2) declare Black Journalists a duly-formed organization and accept Black Journalist as working organizational name, unanimously adopted. Motion by T. Vincent to affiliate with other similar organizations for maximum unity carried.

V. Jay Oliver motion that a temporary by-laws committee be chosen and authorized to report back with trial draft of organization by-laws unanimously adopted. Body authorized temporary steering committee to function as interim executive committee, with two IEC members to effect liason with temporary by-laws committee. C. Aikens motion to tentatively accept all purposes proposed by TS Committee, with option of deleting some and adding others, yielded to T. Vincent substitute motion that proposal no. two be changed to put "and elsewhere" after "Bay Area", 3 and 4 be adopted as they stand and a fifth "making and sustaining contact with other black journalists everywhere", be added. Unanimously adopted. Collection. Adjournment.



## BLACK JOURNALISTS

### Proposed By-Laws

#### Statement of Purpose:

"It is evident we must be our own representatives and advocates, not exclusively, but peculiarly -- not distinct from, but in connection with our white friends. In the grand struggle for liberty and equality now waging, it is meet, right and essential that there should arise in our ranks authors and editors, as well as orators, for it is in these capacities that the most permanent good can be rendered to our cause...."

Frederick Douglass

Martin R. Delany

Excerpted from an editorial in the first issue of North Star, December 3, 1847.

The general purposes of the organization are fourfold:

1. To actively campaign for more honest and creative reportage of the black communities in the Bay Area and elsewhere; to expose distorted or prejudicial reporting about these communities.
2. To affirm our role as responsible black journalists by facilitating an exchange of views and information with community groups so that we may remain constantly aware of community needs and sentiments; to develop a program for recruiting interested black youth into media professions.
3. To encourage the development of independent black journalism through internal education programs (including films, workshops, special briefings by public figures, etc.), and the creation of special news and research projects of interest to black people.
4. To establish communication with other black journalists around the country and throughout the world.

### By-Laws

#### I General Policy

General policy shall be determined by the general membership at regular meetings. Policy shall be implemented by the executive committee or delegated by it to other committees.

#### II Membership

Black Journalists is an organization of black people professionally employed (or self-employed) in non-managerial positions in the press and the electronic media.

##### a) Types of membership

1. Full, regular membership; has full voting rights
2. Student membership -- open to students and other young people seriously interested in establishing careers in journalism; has no voting rights.



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1. The first -- shall be the chief officer, the spokesman, chairman of all meetings and chairman of the executive committee. The chairman and the treasurer shall endorse disbursements. The chairman must approve outgoing correspondence.

2.3. Honorary membership -- may be bestowed upon any black person who has distinguished himself in service to the black community; has no voting rights.

b) Conditions of full membership

1. Professional employment (or self-employment) in the communications media
2. Consistent support of the purposes and by-laws of Black Journalists
3. Current payment of all fees and dues

c) New Members

Any interested black person can be invited to petition the executive committee for membership. Conditions of membership must be met and a vote at a general meeting must approve the new member.

d) Fees and Dues

1. A \$10.00 annual fee payable at the time of application and thereafter by the 5th of each January shall be paid by all full, regular members.
2. Monthly dues of \$2.50 payable by the 5th day of each month shall be required of all full members and all student members.
3. A \$0.50 penalty shall be required for delinquency. Failure to pay dues, fees or penalties for a period of 90 days is grounds for suspension of membership. General meetings shall make final decisions on suspensions.

e) Termination of membership

Full membership automatically terminates six months after a member leaves the field of journalism. Termination for cause may be recommended by the executive committee and must be approved by the membership.

III Executive Committee

The executive committee shall be composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman-Correspondent, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer and one at-large member.

The duties of the executive committee are:

1. To plan general meetings; setting time, date and place.
2. To implement policy decided at general meetings
3. To appoint ad hoc committees
- \* 4. To supervise all financial operations and records
- \*\* 5. To interpret the by-laws
- \*\*\* 6. to interview prospective members; to make recommendations concerning the membership status of prospective or current members.
7. To supervise committee work by assigning at least one executive committee member to sit on all standing committees.

a) Duties of executive officers

1. Chairman -- shall be the chief officer, the spokesman, chairman of all meetings and chairman of the executive committee. The chairman and the treasurer shall endorse disbursements. The chairman must approve outgoing correspondence.
2. Vice Chairman-Correspondent -- shall act in the absence of the chairman,

\* } indicate that appropriate committees may later  
\*\* } assume these duties  
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2. shall endorse disbursements with the treasurer only in cases of incapacitation or prolonged absence of the chairman and then only after approval of such action by the majority of a quorum. Shall also be responsible for notifying members of all meetings and for correspondence between Black Journalists and others.
3. Recording Secretary -- shall keep and maintain complete records of the organization and the executive committee. These records include minutes and membership lists. No records of the organization shall be divulged to any individuals or organizations without the express consent of a general meeting. At each regular meeting the Recording Secretary shall present the minutes of the previous meeting for approval.
4. Treasurer -- shall collect and under procedures already expressed, disburse funds. He shall be responsible for the collection of dues and other monies due Black Journalists. He shall make a bi-annual financial report to the membership. Upon the request of 2/3 of those at a meeting, ~~quorum~~, he shall make a financial report within two weeks of such notification.

#### IV Meetings

No business can be transacted at a meeting unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of 1/3 of the full regular membership in good standing. Good standing means that all fees and dues must be currently paid up.

1. Regular meetings shall be held monthly. Maximum duration for any meeting is 3 hours, unless voted otherwise by 2/3 of those members present.
2. Special meetings may be petitioned by 1/4 of the membership. The executive committee must call a general meeting within seven days of receiving such petition.
3. The chairman may appoint a parliamentarian to assist in the running of meetings.

#### V Elections

All of the officers and the at-large member of the executive committee shall be elected at the regular June Meeting to serve a term of one year. Nominations for officers and committee members shall be submitted at the regular May meeting. All nominees must be full members in good standing. The treasurer must be eligible for bonding.

Special elections must be held within 60 days after any vacancy occurs on the executive committee.

Recall elections may be petitioned by 1/4 of the membership. Any executive committee member is recalled if so voted by 2/3 of those participating in the election.

#### VI Amendments to By-Laws

By-Laws may be amended at a general or special meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

#### VII Standing Committees

1. Internal education
2. Publication-Research
3. Grievance
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Recall elections may be petitioned by 1/4 of the membership. Any executive committee member is recalled if so voted by 2/3 of those participating in the election.



Bob—  
FYI only  
Valena

July 21, 1970

Dear Will--

Where does the time go? I would never have thought that this much time would have slipped by before I transferred the conference money to you. And I know you need it, I know.

So enclosed are:

5 personal checks accepted  
at registration.....\$50.00  
  
cashier's check in the amount of.\$85.00  
  
Total            \$135.00

Previously disbursed were:

to Claude Lewis 6/26/70 for  
conference supplies.....\$30.00  
  
to Rush Greenlee 6/26/70  
for safekeeping.....\$150.00  
  
Total            \$180.00

I spent in excess of (but will only charge the organization) \$15.00 for postage and xeroxing for two post-conference mailings.

There were 33 registrations during the conference. I accepted \$330.00 in checks and cash. All monies accepted are therefore accounted for.

\$135.00  
\$180.00  
\$ 15.00  
\$330.00

A large number of those in attendance had registered prior to the conference (i.e. they had paid their money ahead of time) so that there is a disparity between the 33 registrations which I took care of and the total of 46 conference participants officially registered.

Also, although you and Bob Allen were officially registered, no registration fees were collected.

Okay? So now you can TCB. Don't forget Lewis Cross and O. Vaughn at Lincoln.

Later,

Valena  
Valena M. Williams (Mrs.)

copies to Rush, Bob, and Mary-Ellen



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The Black Press: a flagitious fabrication!

"We serve the best interests of the black community," proclaims this hard-minded-ready-to-deal-with-racism black publisher. It's the news 'concerning blackpeople' the white communication's media either distorts, or deliberately refuses to analysis adequately. This is the primary purpose of this paper, to make damn sure black news, like any other news, is reconizable from here on out! We will transport the information blacks need to acknowledge in this society," this typically wealthy exploitor of his own people runs on; very sincere in expression.

"We're proud to say, although we carry white advertisement, and that we are locked in black revolutionary age, that we are a black weekly who dares to defy Whitey's abstract methods of reporting black news," however, when I arrived at the Sun Reporter (one of the largest black weekly publications in the nation) all the news consisted of white politicians and thrid world advocations; nothing dealt with the immediate needs of that common befogged ghetto dweller.

All the news concerning the black people, concerned those blacks that were already well to do blacks—you know the ones, those who made it alway from the ghetto and visited it frequently--in their long pretty cars to laugh and high sign at those "ignorant niggers street dwellers who had nothing to do, look forward to doing, that black populace who had signed their lives away to that dealer called frustraition."



"What we want from our reporting staff, is an indepth analysis of all black news in the community, " pausing momentarily to studying the facial expressions about he. After a short time, persumeably satified with his reactions, he throw his chest out 'as if to say, "This is the Good-Radically Militant-Dr. Carlton Goodlett standing here."

He continued to elaborate by stating, "We're not holding anything back. It will all be printed, " he said this as though the only quest the Sun Reporter had was the quest for truth--and nothing but the truth if you can dig it!.

"We need a detailed accounting of all deleterious elements found in the black community. So that we, this black publication, can place these forms of corruption under the eyes of our black readers; as if blacks truly read a lot, especially the Sun Reporter.

Goodlett then turn his back to the frighten little group of Goodlett worshopers while he was presenece, but Goodlett haters the moment he was out of sight and hearing range.

After pacing back and forth, in that business like-contmplative mannner, he turned by to us. His expression expressed that he had come to a very important decison, one he felt might turn this alleged black revolutionary movemonet into an authentic one.

"Above and beyond all else, don't leave any stones untruned, " There's one thing about Goodlett anyone who knows him must admit, the man portrays many and to top it off he throws those in his audiecne who show skepticism that "I mean I just can't wait for the day we move on Whitey, " if this approach happens to fall short of his expectations he has another character in reserve. He'll throw you that hard-grim-expression and run down another quick Goodlett Game about how he was in the movement before there was a movement (it makes one wonder how old the man is?).



With the audaciousness of a blind bemused bull, who refuses to be put out to pasture he throws you that psychological-Hey!, "I mean what I'm saying-- Move On'em!! ♡ ; this fabrication far exceeds thinking the earth to actually be the moon.

This flipped-mouthed-slick-talking 'hope-to-die-in-the-streets- "on the word go" is in essence a belated revolutionary and part of that deleterious element he wanted so desperately destroyed. Nonetheless this type of revolutionary refuses to acknowledge he paratices belated methods when dealing with the racial problems. But this 'so-called black leader' will inform you in a minute that he has paid in full his dues, in this upsurging confrontation against white hypocrisy, oppression, exploitation and racism.

Then there's that cat on the ground. He's desperate for change and is ready to believe in anyone who promises them these changes. Just the same he's desperate, and not desperate because he existed in a maze of confusion for so long the term desperation means very little to him; it's those physical actions which accompany the term the man on the ground acknowledges.

Consequently, this five-talking-jar-jerking -half-stepping-hypocrite continues in the spot-lights, under the t.v. camaras blowing Double'O Soul to the people. Elaborating on how blacks are fed up and how blacks are about to do this and that to attain their freedom. Yet, this t.v. articulate--the one who's never on the sence, but can be readily found on the screen--tells white America that Watts, Newark and places like that are half of what will take place in this country if the black man doesn't receive his equal rights; receive if you can dig it? It's a hard pill to take but all that was done last time was detrimental to the black community. Sure, we burned baby burned and after the fires were put out we stood with our facing hanging down as whitey feed us and gave us places to stay.



One of the ironic things about a black publishers is the fact he feels himself a leader of the black masses; this stands especially for Dr. Carlton Goodlett. There wasn't any cantankerous meeting between the militants and the local establishment where the Good Doctor wasn't present--spitting out belated reiterations on how the black man moved on racism and oppression in the thirties; like who gave a damn.

Nonetheless, there he would stand, the publisher of that alleged black paper, with one fist balled and him shaking it in enraged anger 'some people just don't need acting course!' but in that precise display of rage against whitey he was surreptitiously hugging him with a while "Money-Minded-Embrace"; strange cat this Goodlett? I found him to be a man in many camps, and each the perspicuous adversary of the other, yet Goodlett had a passport to enter all camps with a welcome mat layed out for him?;--strange cat this Goodlett--an acute fellow indeed/?

The morbid-superfluous-sadness about the entire thing is this-- in reality O'Hot-Mouthed-RhetoricSSpitting-Out-That-hope to die militantly-radical slogans and freshly made black cliché's 'who whitey provided definitions for--in- so far as our typical militant advocate never stops TO defend his own complaint; How Navie is Naviety? --therefore in reality this publishing-radically militant grim-faced-hard-to-deal-with new black leader "allegedly" exist in a maze of en- snares illusions; that age old slave-master to all mankind--dollarism. Therefore, Goodletts illusions have coated the whole of his being with that unique paint-- Colorlessness!

Nonetheless there two many Goodletts speaking for the common black masses, however, they look upon themselves as hyper-intellectuals (like 19 steps a- head of blacky and 20 to the right of whitey) yet in truth these types of black spokesmen are belated clowns who refuse to believe the circus left town; yester-



-day's turncoat, filled with subconscious trepidations because of the injustices he has subjected black people, and all under that Holy item--dollarism!

Every young black entering into the communication's media, or even feels he has some sort of message, or some deep rooted insight that might enlighten many of the fool-minded mess-ups , yet they avoid the black press?

This could well be the reason I hold a tremendous abhorrence towards the black press. I simply found it to be worse then the white communication's media.

This wasn't the first impression I had about the black press. I had previously completed a 13-week training course at the San Francisco Examiner. It was referred to by them as a program to reach into the ghetto and train the hard-core black. I considered the program as an indoctrination ; something which endeavored to change the of me.

I had previous departed from a three and a half year semi-hibernation period where I had been working on a autobiographicalpsychological-philosophical work en-titled 'Lifeline' and it came from this semi-hibernation that I had to talk with my people.

Therefore, I couldn't survive under the pressures of watered down black news coverage. Oh, I could be black, but black with white sophisitication. You see I was a difficult minority, I possessed my own dignity and philosophical bent, and refused to particpate in the game of de-emotionalization Therefore when I heard I was being hired at the Sun Reporter I knew the time had finally come; I could talk with my people. However, after accepting the job naturally, I had to risk being fired because of the truths I printed into the paper. I wanted to inform not merely blacks, but everyone that the worse fungus to hit mankind is that renown infection I shall call, "The Cancer Of Human Hypocrisy. "



The killing thing I found at the Sun Reporter was the fear everyone possessed for Goodlett. It was respect, nor admiration, just plain old simple fear. Yet it was the Goodletts who proclaimed, audaciously, to be speakers and leaders of the masses, when they--themselves--are more detrimental to the black community then the on-slaught of a trillion whites because they were using their well-to-do-black positions and that damn pigmentation to exploit more blacks then Whitey himself.

After acknowledgement that one can't do what two can I endeavored to organize the working staff to unionize the Sun Reporter. I even went as far as the San Francisco/Oakland newspaper guild; know one was really gamed to move on good doctor Carlton Goodlett. Everybody was game to move at the Sun Reporter therefore I called a meeting at my home where we and other affiliations holding top rating positions in the news-media could figure out a good sound methd to stop this black exploitor of black people.

There wasn't any doubts in anyone's mind to whether Goodlett under-paid his employers. But just an example of the man's nefarious trickerations: The time had come from that raise he promised every five seconds, however, he gave the raise to a fairly nice look white girl and that started the whole staff to fighting among each other. I informed them that it was the white girl who was to fault, it was the Good Doctor. And when the meeting had been set it was this precise white girl who showed up. I didn't see one black-I'm tired -of-Goodletts-mess person at The meeting; the man has his staff in a trip bag that wet and they still don't dare to fight their way out of it.

I found the black press nefariously ingenuous-maladjusted and bizarre feeding  
faberication. A A paper feed politically-weak-minded people\*~~in~~fa' derogatory to their survival, but obivious news not fit for a thrid grader to read. For example: "WIFE



CAME HOME, FOUND HUBBY WITH LADY FREIEND AND KILLED BOTH<sup>2</sup> , " FIVE BLACK YOUTHS  
RAPE GIRL NEAR PARK!

This paper offered depressed-emotionally bemused mentalities death,  
and psychological infection and the disease belated attitudes and actions of many  
present day blacks.

After, I started my weekly colum, 'Right On with Rufus Byars' all  
hell boiied. Tom Flemmings, that allege City Editor, informed Goodlett about  
my colum, and how I couldn't come straight from the shoulder in any newspaper  
white or black.

I felt it my duty to inform the people who the immediate enemy happen  
to be--exploitative-I'm out to help you brother-black slave masters. The one  
who's all the time screaming at whitey about what we blacks are tired of and  
we're just about ready to tear the place down. Therefore, I took it upon myself,  
while at the Sun Reporter, to inform the people about those people they thought  
were for the people because they belonged to that race of people.

Therefore, after two colums, concerning the B.S.U and other black  
educational matters I throw the real problem in their face US! In a commentary  
en-titled, "An Hypocrisy In Focus: Black Vs Negro, " in the fifth paragraph I  
stated:

"Between egotistical black militants, so-called leaders of the  
revolutionary struggle to combat oppression, repression and racism, along with the  
fascist pgress and other forms of news media's turned the black liberation movement  
into the commercial hypocrisy of the 20th Century. "

In another colum, one in repudiation of to a white reporter at the  
San Francisco Examiner, who had the hypocritical audacity to be absture enough  
to pronoune that all--every last one of us mind you-- were "Composite Murderers!"



The ironic thing about the reporters remarks is the fact that he overtly stated; as though he had majored in Black Mentalities.

Robert Patterson, who the expert on blacks and them being murderers, further defend his conviction by saying, "Showing that the Negro, whoever the hell that is, is more than likely to be this composite murder, "as though this weren't enough the man went on to say (among many other derogatory statements pertaining to blacks, " And that he's usually a homosexual. "

I knew Goodlett wasn't going to stand for something of this nature being printed in a daily paper where thousand, millions of people will read it. But the attitude towards it was taken lightly, damn near as though they couldn't care less. All one of the staff members would do when I mentioned it to them, is say 'you know the man's lying' like that solved the entire problem. What about those white reading the Examiner, this type of accusation could forced them to fear every black person they see, man woman or child. Then.., what kind of a fix would that put us in.; know one heard me.

Patterson wrote this derogatory fabrication because of a senseless killing which had taken place in the black community; however, where a savage is reared in savagery he then reacts like the savage and becomes the beast.

In repudiation of his statements I wrote: "When Black People kill in their own slum filled rat-infested communities, whitemen proclaim the morbid audacity to cheer this sort of inhuman action further, by claiming black killings of blacks normal," wow! I couldn't even grab that..."

Goodlett reaction to what I had wrote was absurd. He informed me this was news, that there wasn't any need to place such an article on the second page of the paper; esp., in the news section at that! ; I knew then and there, there was something terrible and frightening about the black press. Tom Flemmings told me that I would mess up the papers advertisement by stepping on the wrong feet,



and how we needd allies like the Examiner for news information a paper small as the Sun Reporter couldn't get, "Anyway, Hell! Don't know body pay any attention to Patterson. He's a crimial himself, he hasn't that long out of jail for him to attain an audience, " he scream at me as usual. There's one thing you don't find at a black paper, and that mild tones of voice, every body trying to buff every body and continuously scaring themselves subconsciously to death—psychological wise.

I arrived at work one morning to find that there was to be a meeting of all the staff members, Tom and Goodlett were going to lay down some new laws. At this meeting, where everything said by both Tom and Goodlett, was mainly directed at myself. Goodlett said he was tire of interpretive reporting, that was why he had hired another white girl to work the black areas.

But what really turned me around was when Goodlett, turning to look directly at me, said that the Sun Reporter tried writting to black people, and inform them of the illls and frustraigtions they had to bare, but, he said, they don't listen. Now Tom's Police Boltter is what sales the paper.

I sat there in silence, observing them with an abhorrence which far exceeded the mere term. There were many things I would have liked to have said, but one cannot talk with Tom or Goodlett. They treat all their empolayee like little kids, a the time scream and talking down to you as though you were merely an implementation administrated by this colorless dictators.

I knew what I had come to the Sun Reporter to do and a meeting where two grown men couldn't deal directly with a younger man wasn't about to stop me. Therefore, I told over the educational department (I imagine they felt this would keep me quite) but I when into the situation of the black and white students in profundity. I held group meeting where I would let them first tell me what education didn't mean to them, and then I would let them deal between themselves on



the racial issue. Naturally at many stages of the game they became enigmatical, I was present to express the hypocrisy of the situation. I informed them that they were fighting a war their mothers and fathers were to frighten, or busy to fight themselves. That the only hope to mash out reiterations of belated racial discrimination, would be for them to tell their parents to do it. If they wanted one another out of the way so damn bad, let them fight it out while you, the youth of tomorrow can look back upon these hypocritical years with laughter, because these are indeed nefariously perplexed times; Goodlett begin to find fault in this to, he didn't like the idea of me being the Education Writer.

A hypocritical conception practiced by too many black publishers that distorted the black community yesterday are still flourishing today; and its worse then the common-cold. It appears as though they feel they possess some godly right over the information that gets into the black community. Just because they foot the bill to keep the paper in operation--they're forever complaining--yet this mean the paper is an instrument to fed faslified information into the community.

There's only one purpose for the black press, and this is to get correct data into the black community, to deal with the problems of the common black man as well as with that black running for public office.

The black press belongs to the black masses; to those oppressed multi-exploited-common black folks, the ones psychologically beferted of that typicsal human characteristic: Motivationalism.

It's time to informed the community that blacks also have cliches and worthless slogan's, just like whitey. Like, "Right On Soul Brother!" Now, just what in the hell does that mean? Does it mean, "If I see your child doing wrong I will personally handled the situation and I want you to do like wise, " or does it mean, "I-m behind you through thick and thin--your blood is my blood not because nature and her marveling trickerations provided us with an identical pigmentation,



but because us is far greater than you, or I, " just what is the definition behind the term? However, the black press thorough out this country could provide a definition for the term that would bring brother into righteous brotherhood.

It's time for blacks to stop kidding themselves ;-we need a hell of a lot more then mere slogans,cliche's and mean hard expression--we're in a world of technology, preparing to step over into an age of para-psychology (once mankind defines psychology and it's true meanings), but where does the black man stand in this rapidly changing world?

This should be what the black press is all about. Informing the masses of ghetto blacks that we are in fact classified in this country as preposterous-underminded-invalidated-pestliferous fragments that can be dealt with asaa man slaps a mosquito from his presence; inother words brothers, to make it neat, we are the American Irritation...now! Can you dig that?

It's not the position for any black publisher to be running for black leadership, hell he holds the damn key in his hand; insomuch as there's not to many things that can move people as fast as words.

That's Goodlett's problem, he's flood his mind with slogans,cliches and pass me down militant rhetoric. Telling the black community that we've done a lot (we've meaning himself and others like him), and all thats going to be accomplished "Just You Wait And See!" Yet they continue to shout this bizarre rhetoric as they exploit black people themselves--Goodlett is one of the wealthiest blacks in this country--and everyone who works for him receive salaries that wouldn't feed them, let along a family.

Although Goodlett is characterised as one of the black radical leaders in this country today, in reality he's a revolutionary figment of abelated imagination.



Being that I have worked for both the black press and the white press I have acknowledged on many different occasions where whites have done a more thorough job on a black story of importance whereby the Sun Reporter didn't; they're so busy with that Third World Liberation Front and all that stuff.

Although they pulled my column, ripped my educational page right out from under me and removed me from writing period to the position of delivering papers (which I refused to do at a time of my own choosing) I was never fired nor re-hired; pretty ironic, isn't it?

There's a morbid, almost callousness, which surrounds the modern day black intellectual. This is precisely the problem between Goodlett, Adam Clayton Powell and the rest of them. They feel threatened at a young aggressive black who possesses a high intellectual capacity, therefore they always trying to break his spirit. The Examiner wanted to remake me, and Goodlett wanted to break me. In his office one morning, just before I decided I couldn't survive under his loud mouthed dictatorship, he said to me and I quote: "You have a lot of good ideas Byars, but you know everyone has ideas. You're just a young colt that needs to be broken"; yet an old stallion needs to be put out to pasture.

"The Student is continuously told he cannot do;  
Yet seldom told what doing has truly done?" --REB.

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