



*We see the world through Black eyes*

### No more shotguns!

The incident of the four Black men being accosted with guns, including a shotgun, should point out once again why the Black community fears the use of shotguns in the hands of Portland's finest.

Whether or not these young men brought police suspicion upon themselves by stopping at the scene of a suspected crime -- as we are continuously admonished by TV commercial and billboard -- there was no excuse for gunplay.

What possible reason could there have been for surrounding these men with weapons drawn, when there had been no hint of resistance -- when they had, in fact, pulled over to see why the police car was following?

We question, also, whether it was necessary to have a number of guns, including a shotgun, trained on the original suspect, who also showed no resistance.

This unnecessary show of arms, most frequently against Blacks, is why we do not want shotguns in police cars. Already one man, this time a Caucasian, has been horribly injured by a shotgun in the hands of a police officer -- perhaps by chance the very officer who has been sent to the Portland neighborhoods during the past few months to lobby for the shotgun.

Was this paralyzing injury necessary -- or was the officer trigger happy? Even the police department seems to differ in opinion on whether the suspect actually drew a gun on the officer -- or whether he even had time to draw a gun.

These questions will remain unanswered, as will the rise of police shootings if we see their armaments increase.

For this reason we implore upon our Mayor to use his judgement and better instincts and say "NO" to City Baker's request for a shotgun in every car.

### An open letter to a thief without dreams

On Saturday, December 27, the BECAP (Bethel Effective Community Adjustment Program), program was robbed for the second time. BECAP is a program to help teenagers break the cycle of delinquency and avoid a life of crime.

You who broke in to steal property left behind a treasure more valuable than that which you stole. But a dream, a purpose, a dedication is beyond destruction and cannot be stolen.

The television and stereo components you took were donated by kind citizens who have a dream -- the dream that these young people who so often have been rejected or neglected by family and community will see their own dreams and strive to achieve them. You took the TV and stereo, but you didn't take the "dreams." I invite you back to find "dreams."

The typewriters you stole were part of a program -- a plan to instill pride and self-esteem in the minds and hearts of young people. You took the typewriters, but you left "purpose" behind. I invite you back to find "purpose."

You took the furniture but you did not find the dedication in the hearts of the staff -- young people who donate their time and energy to give a guiding light to those younger than they who are still trying to find their way out of the darkness. You did not find the dedication that makes staff members spend long hours tutoring, counselling, and just being with the young people in their care. I invite you back to find "dedication."

Perhaps if you were to find these three, not only would you not be led to steal from your younger brothers and sisters, but would loose yourselves from your thieving ways and find a better way of life.

### Which way?

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#### Kissinger's Policy

The Secretary of State's policy is simply to protect the debt structure -- the dollar. Angola is already integrally tied to the 77 non-aligned nations and the 'new world economic order'. The People's Republic of Angola will change the political geometry of Africa -- the debt service (interest rates) of Black African countries to New York banks (channeled through the World Bank) for 1976 is about \$8 billion. The 77 non-aligned nations have called for a suspension of debt payment for a period of 10 years, and a raw materials for industry trade agreement -- along the lines outlined by Lyndon LaRouche's International Development Bank proposal. Kissinger simply wants bilateral trade and debt refinancing agreements and the maintenance of the looting process.

#### The Program of the People's Republic of Angola

Angola, under the pro-development pro-Soviet leadership of Agostinho Neto will not be to finance 'guerrilla war' against South Africa -- or Rhodesia -- or Zaire -- or South Africa's illegally held colony, South West Africa, or anybody else. Instead, Angola will commit itself to the rapid industrial development, and the upgrading of its labor power. It will enter into a 'detente' with South Africa, tied to South Africa's pledge to dismantle the apartheid social structure, tied to South Africa's real commitment to the rapid upgrading of the living standards of enslaved South African Blacks and 'colored' -- actually, the whole of the South African working population.

South Africa's (1976) military budget could alone double finance committed to education, health, housing and agriculture. An enormous amount of social wealth is lost in the policing and running of the racist structure.

The People's Republic of Angola has already committed itself to ridding itself of the poverty, disease, and stagnation of 500 years of colonialism -- through the 'ladder process': skilled workers are upgraded into technical jobs, semi-skilled workers replace the previous skilled, while unskilled move into semi-skilled positions -- with this upward process characterizing the program. Key to this process is decent housing, medical care, social services -- (especially education).

### Black Caucus

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1968 assassination of King, the apparent COINTELPRO operation has a second objective, according to the Congressional source. In the case of the Black Caucus, it is first to force the Caucus to capitulate in their opposition to Henry Kissinger, and second, to isolate the U.S. Labor Party. Phone threats to Mitchell's home have been made in the name of the USLP. Labor Party representatives have termed this clearly an FBI COINTELPRO operation.

Typical of the leadership of the Black Caucus, Congressman Charles Diggs at a press conference last week called for 'a new economic reality' to be established, and said "the West can no longer exploit the majority. We're in a whole new ball game." Diggs indicated that aspects of the National Security Council/NATO Hilex 75 World War II scenario was under discussion by the Black caucus, and that efforts toward the removal of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were being seriously discussed.

### Police guns

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approached with a shot gun, he was told "I would rather come at you with a shotgun than a hand gun." According to Phillips, Petery told Hollis, "If you tell anyone I pointed a shot-gun at you we will both go to court and I'll make a liar out of you."

The four men were then allowed to leave.

According to the Mayor's Office, since no formal complaint had yet been received, no investigation had been made.

### Meeting explores Senate Bill One

The National Council of Jewish Women, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Political Science Department of Portland State University and the League of Women Voters will present a program dealing with the controversial Senate Bill #1, the "Criminal Justice Reform Act of 1975."

Frank Wilkinson, Executive Director of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL) will speak on the repressive impact of Senate Bill #1 on civil liberties.

The program also features a multimedia production, "In Pursuit of Privacy," narrated by Julie Harris and Richard Kiley. This presentation traces historical developments of the Fourth Amendment and basically describes various events which have fended to subvert the right to privacy in the name of national security.

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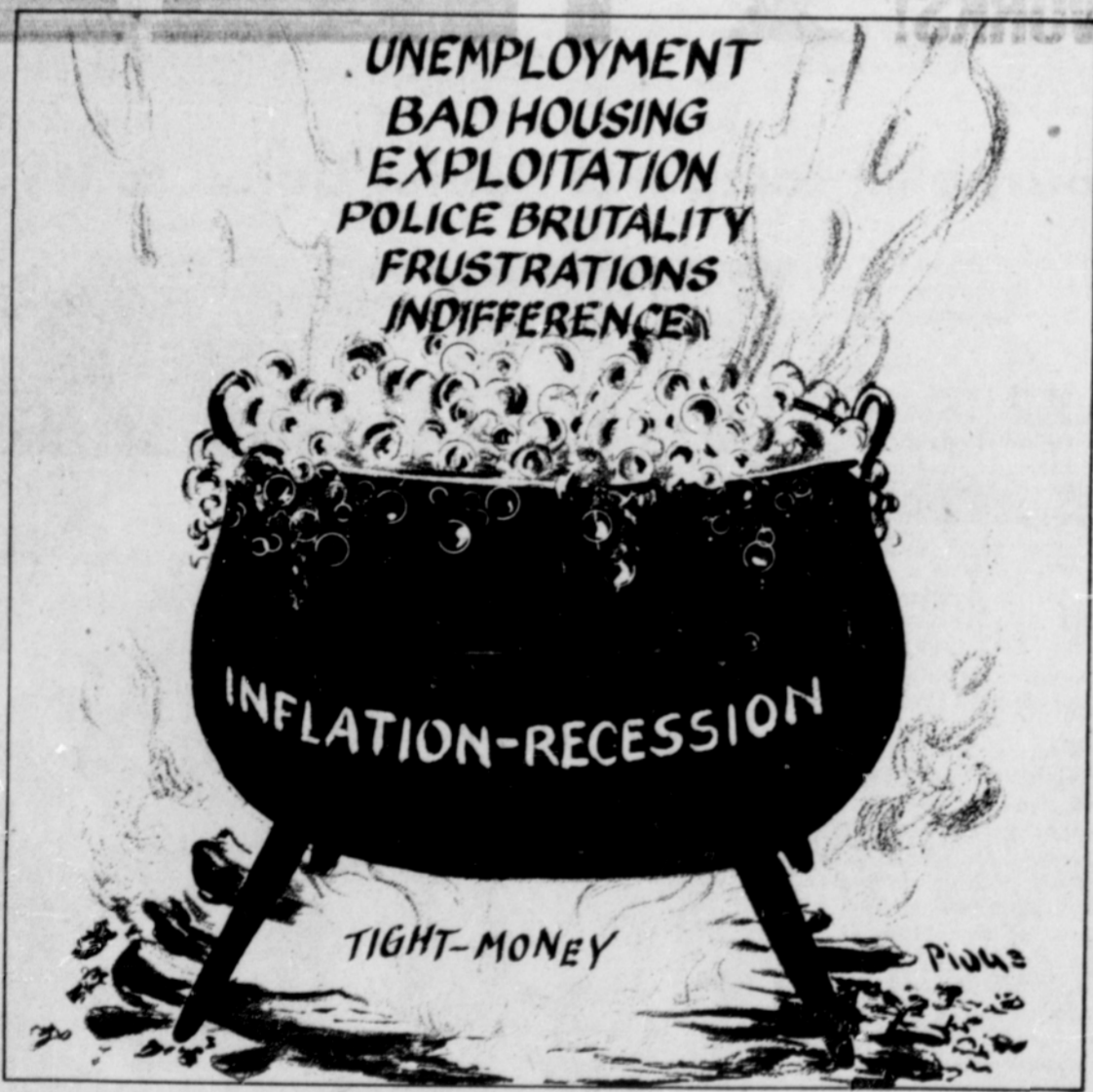
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