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Letters to to the Editor

Sir:
I was formally introduced to the Black Panther Party and the tenets of their organization thru an address delivered by Mrs. K, Cleaver. Her speech reiterated the racism, brutality, degradation and oppression that non-white peoples have had to endure at the hands of white people. She clearly stated that the struggle she is engaged in extends far beyond the borders of North America to Vietnam, Africa, etc. One can find no argument with her statements and accusations of injustices, and her indictment of past history and present conditions is sadly correct. The complete reconstruction of our societies by the destruction of capitalism, imperialism, systems of government and inherited conditions which she states allow and encourage this infamous oppression to thrive. Mrs. Cleaver cites Mao Tse Tung's China and Fidel Castro's Cuba as the prototype for the kind of society she envisions. In all honesty no one can discredit the achievements of these men in feeding and housing their peoples. I am not a Communist or Socialist, but I am also aware that what is called "democracy" is an obscene travesty of what a democracy is and the a true democracy has never existed. Mrs. Cleaver's position

is that it never can exist because of capitalism, which is the platform from which oppression arises. Perhaps I am naive or perhaps, because I have never been cold, hungry or brutalized, I still hope that our government, complete with free enterprise, can be transformed into a just and proper democracy. Kathleen Cleaver's words clearly indicated she believes this is not possible. Unfortunately our history and present events would seem to indicate she is right.

June 8, 1969 Flo Young
Toronto.

Univ. students Charged

Sir Geo. Williams University Administration invited a number of Black Organization to participate in discussion with them regarding the Feb. 11th occurrence. Meanwhile all students charged have been committed to trial at the Sept. Session of the Court of Queen's Bench. Some on 12 charges and others on 8.

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ism as we are, but they suffer exploitation which the black man suffers too.

It starts with the immigration laws, employment, housing, education, etc. The stirring up of black against white starts with the power structure, for it is the power structure which controls the immigration, housing, and educational systems, and the problems one encounters here are based primarily on the colour of your skin, not your background. If you are white, as the old song says, you're all right. Thus, who is really stirring black against white? It was obvious to the world that the BLFC's stand was right. Black people everywhere in Canada stated their support of the BLFC. But what did the establishment do? - denounced the BLFC and made outlandish claims that racism doesn't exist in Canada!

From the various types of responses the BLFC received from the black community via its activities, the BLFC concentrated its efforts on the strengthening of the organization internally, and also decided to form the broadest possible base for the support of the community by defining affiliations to the BLFC as the black people in Toronto related to them.

PURPOSE & AIMS:

The Black Liberation Front of Canada is an organization whose aims are the complete elimination of racial prejudice and exploitation in Canada. We will not rock the boat of discrimination - we will sink it through education, agitation, vigilance, honesty and disciplined endeavors. We will impart to the black peoples a genuine sense of racial pride and a knowledge of their intrinsic dignity as human beings.

Our purposes are the following:

- Unity of all black people
- The full enjoyment of all status and rights as citizens of this country by all coloured and oppressed minorities
- Solidarity with the peoples of the Third World - Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean
- We will expose and fight all forms of discrimination on the basis of race,

ON AFFILIATION WITH THE BLFC:

The BLFC is in the vanguard of the black struggle.

- Members are those who choose to stand and take an active part in building a better way of life for black people, who are basically fed up with inhuman conditions and harassment from the racist and exploitative institutions, who choose to stand up and be black men.
- Supporters are those who support the BLFC's program and activities and contribute to them in terms of ideas, concepts, time and energy in order that the BLFC will continue along the correct road, but who - for various reasons - choose not to actually join the BLFC.
- Financial contributors are those who only wish to contribute financially towards the BLFC's efforts.

The enduring strength of the BLFC is that its program addresses itself to concrete realities, and it moves on the basis of the knowledge and the understanding of these realities. This is what got the BLFC over initially, and this is what will keep the BLFC in its vanguard role.

ANALYSIS:

The BLFC is an organization for the elimination of oppression and exploitation. It realizes that black people are the victims of inhuman actions and conditions created and perpetuated by the present system. We, the members of the BLFC, had no other alternative but to form an organization and present a program.

The system has constantly and systematically failed us time and time again. We have attempted to address our grievances to such bodies as the Ontario Human Rights Commission, but to no avail. The OHRC does not and never will be the answer to our problems. The cancer has already spread: you don't use antibiotics - you root out

the cancer, carefully and surgically. The bureaucratic institutions are just as guilty, such as the universities, employment and immigration.

Toronto, Canada is the scene of rumblings on the front of oppressed peoples such as Indians, black people and minority groups. The oppressive conditions existing in Toronto have steadily increased since the racist establishment was obliged to open its doors to black people as a result of labor shortages, thereby being forced to expose and "relax" their discriminatory laws. The achievements of the movement have been of such magnitude that it has forced the RCMP to work overtime.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

The black people have discovered that they and only they must lead their struggle for freedom, and not accommodate the establishment or those who work for them. But black people must take an active part in the struggle against the system that oppresses people.

- 1) The BLFC has achieved certain of its stated objectives: exposing the truth, and closing the communication gap between black people, in that any outrageous act committed against one brother in one part of Toronto is immediately brought to the attention of brothers throughout Canada.
- 2) We have instilled a new measure of pride in black people in that they will not tolerate any bullshit from anyone under any circumstances in Toronto, or elsewhere.
- 3) We have raised the level of consciousness of the black man in Canada by exposing the role of Canada in racist South Africa, the Caribbean (Jamaica), Latin America (Guyana and Brazil).
- 4) We have forced the establishment and its main tools to make all kinds of desperate moves in an attempt to buy off the BLFC.
- 5) We have established our first links in the form of an alliance with the Indians, the rightful owners of the vast territory of Canada.