

01/08/2024

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Solidarity Screenings Glasgow



THE MARTYRED ISMAIL HANIYEH





WHY THE BLACK PANTHERS

As people living in the Imperial Core, we wish to support struggles in the periphery. The best way to do this is to build the new power and break imperialism from within.

There have been many organisations that have attempted this, but the Panthers have been the most extensive. We wish to ignite interest in their struggle, we want to learn from their successes and failures.

WHAT WE WANT

THE 10 POINT PROGRAMME

This 10 point programme was the broad goals of the Black Panther Party (BPP). Around this programme, they organised their political work. In order to bring about this new society.

To be clear: they were doing it to empower the people to do it too, they were working hand in hand with the masses, not just for them.



1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.



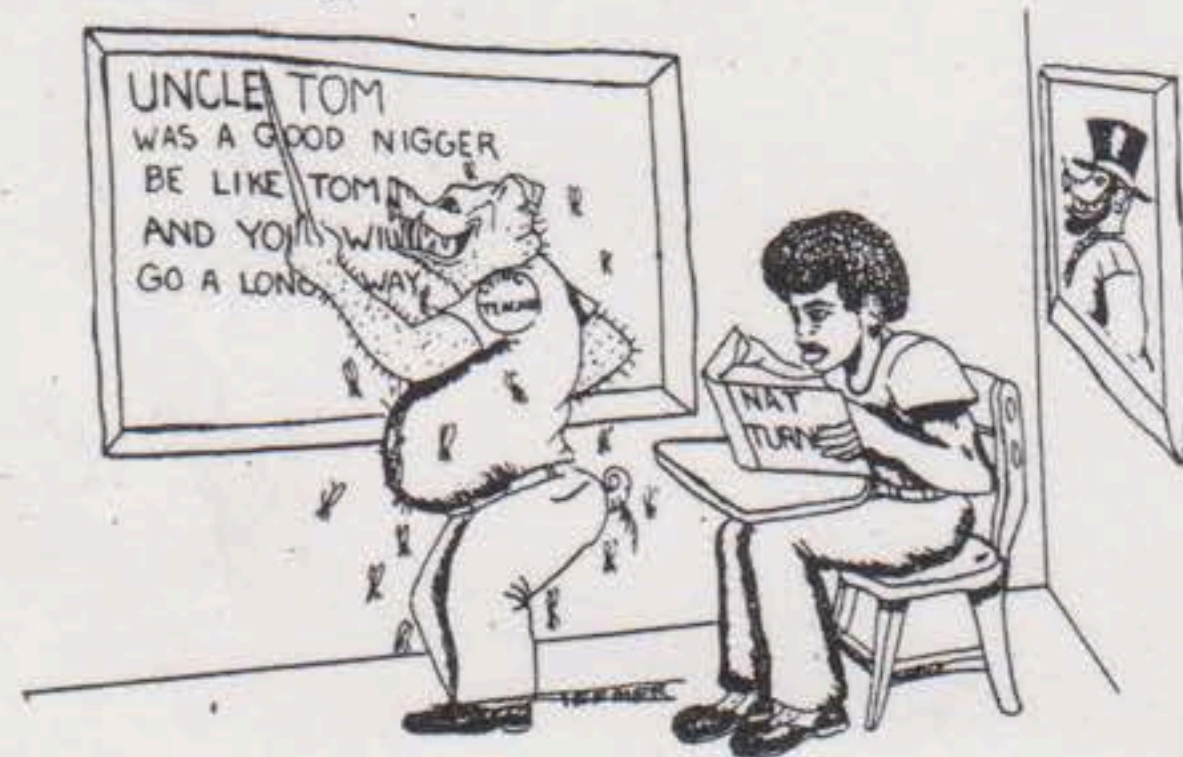
2. We want full employment for our people.



3. We want an end to the robbery by the capitalist of our Black Community.



4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.



5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.



6. We want all black men exempt from military service.



7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.



8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.



9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE

The BPP's political line was shifting greatly throughout the time they were active.

The root of all their thought was dialectical materialism. That is the philosophical approach which sees all things as interrelated and as being in opposition yet in unity with each other.

From this philosophical viewpoint, they started off as Black nationalists. They saw the Black nation within the U.S. as a colonised nation that had the right to self-determination.

Initially, the BPP followed the Marxist-Leninist thesis on what a nation is:

“A nation is a historically constituted, stable community of people, formed on the basis of a common language, territory, economic life, and psychological make-up manifested in a common culture.”

INTERCOMMUNALISM

A theoretical idea developed by Huey Newton. Rather than see nations as split between colonised-coloniser, every country was rather an inter-connected community. Everywhere was under U.S. economic control.

The U.S. was not seen as a nation, but rather as (literally) an empire.

Nations cannot exist under empire, therefore everything is defined by communities. *"A community is a small unit with a comprehensive collection of institutions that exist to serve a small group of people."* This situation is called intercommunalism, there are two types:

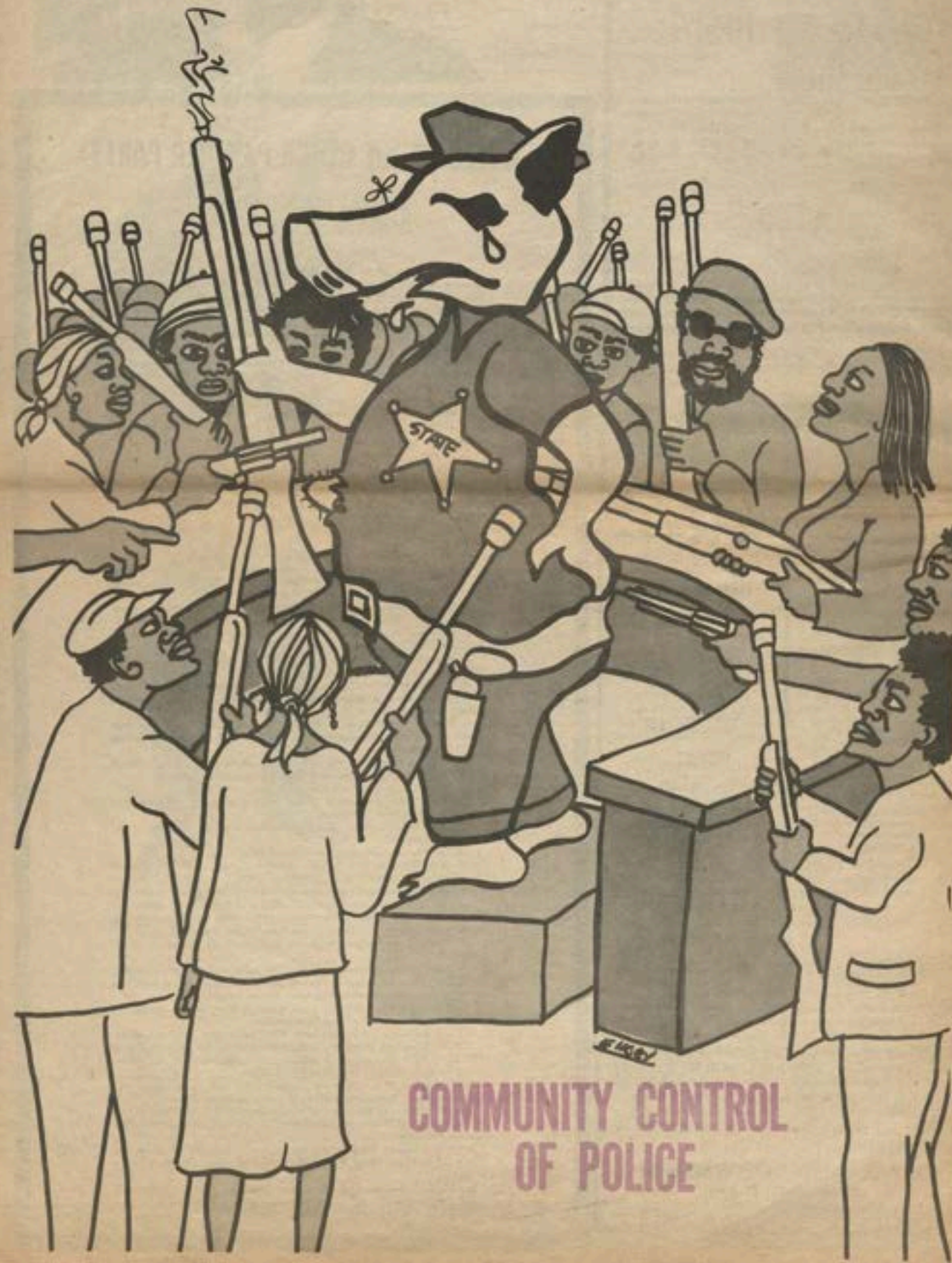
1. Reactionary intercommunalism: Our current situation as everything is linked together for the benefit of Amerikan capitalists
2. Revolutionary intercommunalism: Where every community is linked together for the common good



A black and white photograph showing a man in a dark trench coat standing in the foreground, looking down. He is surrounded by a large pile of rubble and debris. In the background, a group of people is gathered near a small, light-colored building. The scene appears to be one of aftermath or reconstruction.

SERVING THE PEOPLE

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE



POLICE PATROLS & COMMUNITY PROTECTION

Huey and Bobby studied CAP's police patrols and developed them to a higher level.

Panthers understood the police as an invading army. Police, marines, national guard are all expressions of the same thing.

They did this to reach out to the most oppressed masses that civil rights and other orgs failed to reach.

Community protection extended to institutions like schools. In one case, they showed up at the request of a mother of a student at a local school in Richmond because the kids were being beaten. The Panthers supported the parents in stopping this.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

FREE HOUSING COOPERATIVES

LEGAL AID

THE SICKLE CELL ANEMIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION

THE FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME

THE SENIORS ESCORTS PROGRAMME

FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

THE FREE SHOE PROGRAMME

LIBERATION SCHOOLS

FREE HEALTH CLINICS

FREE AMBULANCE PROGRAMME

FREE PLUMBING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

THE FREE CLOTHING PROGRAMME

FREE PEST CONTROL PROGRAMME

THE FREE BUSING TO PRISON PROGRAMME

RENTER'S ASSISTANCE

FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

- While children ate their meal, they were taught liberation lessons consisting of party messages and black history
- Essentially, helping the kids grow both physically and intellectually!
- Sometimes transported children from home, then to the site, then to school
- Also fed other members of the community, not just the children
- Even this program faced repression by the pigs, this is because it is beyond simple charity



To The People of the Community

→ THE HARLEM BRANCH OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IS OPENING A HEALTH CLINIC AT:
12 WEST 127TH STREET

IN ORDER TO OPEN THE PEOPLE'S FREE HEALTH CLINIC, WE NEED PEOPLE FROM THE
COMMUNITY WITH SKILLS IN CARPENTRY, ELECTRICAL WORK, PLUMBING, TO HELP US BUILD
THE PEOPLE'S FREE HEALTH CLINIC.

OUR PEOPLE'S FREE HEALTH CLINIC IS BADLY NEEDED IN HARLEM AND PERSONS WITH
SKILLS IS NEEDED TO BEGIN OUR CLINIC.

WITH MUCH HELP WE CAN OPEN IN AUGUST.



FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
2026 7th AVENUE
HARLEM, NEW YORK
or call 864-8951

FREE HEALTH CLINICS

Part of the survival programs - the free health clinics dealt with urgent health issues of the black community:

- Efforts to combat drug addiction led by former drug addicts
- Sickle cell vaccinations given too
- Offered their services to everyone, black and nonblack

State repression against this too:

- A free health clinic in Cleveland was severely damaged by a dynamite explosion, which was carried out by the FBI and US state
- Police in Boston also fired fourteen shots at a clinic

**FREE SICKLE CELL
ANEMIA TESTS**

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 4, 1971
11AM-7PM**

**SATURDAY
JUNE 5, 1971
12PM-7PM**

**PEOPLE'S FREE MEDICAL CLINIC
3223 SO. CENTRAL AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
233-7044 636-1763**

It's About Time
PO Box 221188
San Francisco, CA 94122

**THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY
ANNOUNCES...**

**THE GRAND OPENING OF
THE BOBBY SEALE
PEOPLE'S
FREE
HEALTH CLINIC**

**SATURDAY
APRIL 24th 1971
2:00 P.M.**

3236 Adeline St. Berkeley

A person's health is their most valuable possession. Improper health care and inadequate facilities can be used to perpetrate genocide on a people. The present racist, racist government used its facilities for that purpose -- the genocide of poor and oppressed people. The people must create institutions within our communities that are controlled and run by the people in order to insure our survival. With this in mind, the Black Panther Party announces the opening of our first Free Health Clinic in the Bay Area.

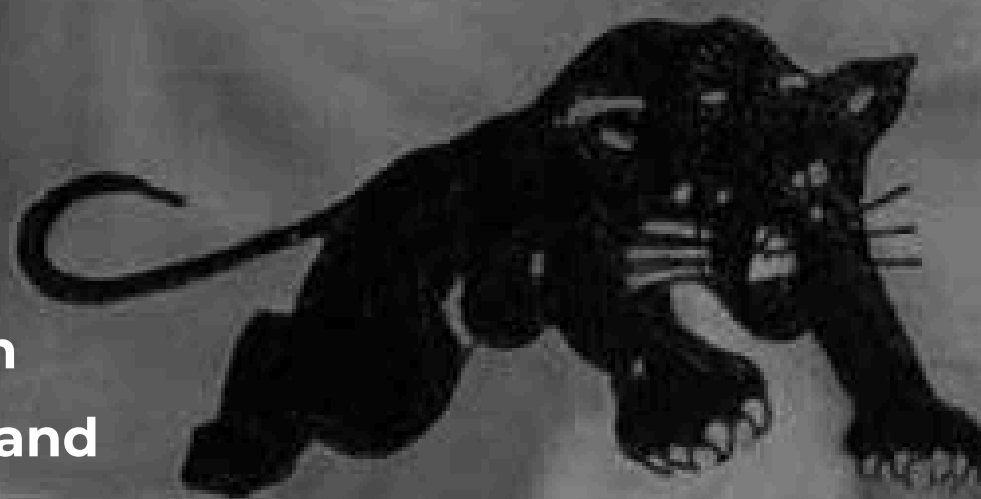
ALSO...FREE FOOD & CLOTHING ON OPENING DAY

For further information contact:
Black Panther Party--Berkeley Branch
2230 10th St. Berkeley--Phone 848-7740

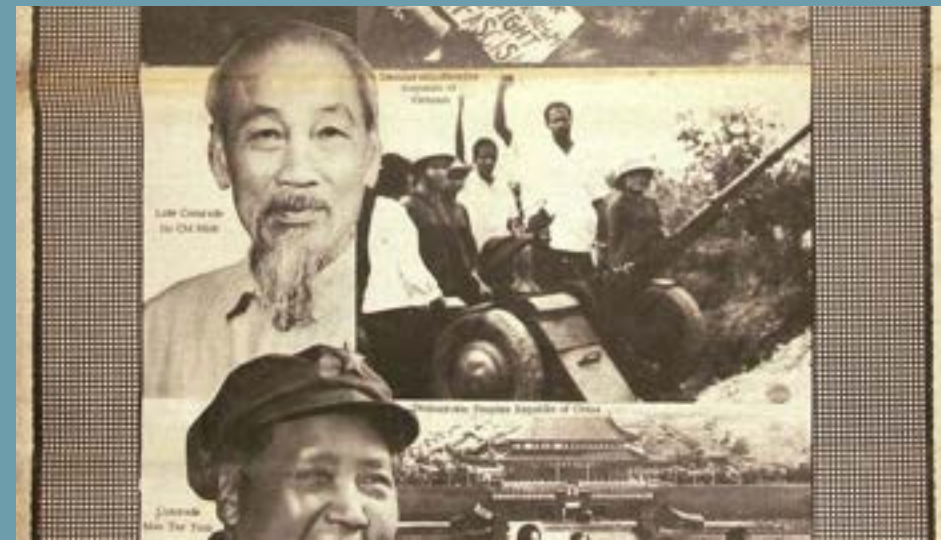
INTERNATIONALISM

The BPP were seen as the international representative of the colonised Black nation within the US, they were working hand in hand with the international proletarian revolution.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY



INTERNATIONAL SECTION



PIG REPRESSION

clearer case of unjustifiable homicide exists. No entry had been made into the building that the killer-cop assumed Denzil did not have his gun. He was available, as he had been before. Denzil did not have a gun, and this could have been detected by a trained protector of society. So how could 6 bullets have ever been justifiable (continued on page 5)

THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Hoover, the head of the FBI called the BBP (and correctly so) *"The greatest internal threat to the US"*.

"They fed defamatory stories to the press. They wiretapped Panther offices around the country. They hired dozens of informants to infiltrate Panther chapters [...] simply raided Panther establishments, guns blazing." (P5 BaE)



CALE OF B.P.P.S.D.

F DEFENSE
K WORLD

P. Newton, Minister
hairman, of the
, 1967, at the state
s statement is read
is here is TRUTH.

THE FILMS

ALL POWER
TO THE
PEOPLE

FREE ERICKA

ALL POWER
TO THE
PEOPLE





OFF THE PIG

NEWSREEL #19

1969, 15 MIN, SAN FRANCISCO NEWSREEL

Interviews with Party leaders Huey Newton and Eldridge Cleaver

Revolves around the Free Huey Campaign

Features drawings by art worker Emory Douglas (BPP Minister of Culture)

First film to be produced by San Francisco Newsreel

A black and white photograph of a raised fist in front of a wall with bullet holes. The fist is on the left side of the frame, and the wall is on the right. The text is overlaid on the image.

THE MURDER OF FRED HAMPTON

1971, 88 MIN, THE FILM GROUP

Filmmakers intended to cover the rise of the Black Panther Party's Illinois chapter, with a focus on Fred Hampton

December 4, 1969: Pigs raided Hampton's apartment and murdered him

The Film Group worked to counter the media blackout on the assassination of Fred Hampton

Fred Hampton was a contender for the 'Black Messiah', a term used by the FBI designated at Black leaders with widespread support (Malcom X, Huey Newton, MLK etc.)

•

GUIDING QUESTIONS

What lessons from the Black Panthers community work can we apply to our own political work?

What does it mean to be an 'internationalist' now?

Learning from the Panthers, how do we defend ourselves against pig brutality?

SOLIDARITY BOOK EXCHANGE

Solidarity Book Exchange will be a monthly book exchange hosted at the Solidarity Screenings events to encourage and facilitate the sharing of all manner of politically progressive & revolutionary texts.

Our main aims are to:

- Increase peoples access to revolutionary texts
- Reduce the impact of cost as a limiting factor people to access revolutionary texts
- To work to build more community around the practice of reading

Starting at our next screening (5th of September) we will be bringing the collection of available books to the screenings and anyone that wishes to will be encouraged to bring along a book to exchange for any of the books in the collection. We would kindly ask that you try to bring books that fit with the theme of the book exchange.

Due to the number of books already in our collection we will be unable to bring all of them each month but you will be able to fill out a google form prior to each screening to request we bring any specific books you are interested in.



THANK YOU!

SUGGESTED WATCHING

Huey! (1968, Sally Pugh)

Staggerlee: A Conversation with Black Panther Bobby Seale (1970, Allen Willis, Francisco Newman)

Black Panthers (1968, Agnès Varda)

Judas and the Black Messiah (2021, Shaka King)

The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 (2011, Göran Olsson)

Now! (1965, Santiago Álvarez)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Arnold, Eric. "A Brief History of the Lumpen, the Black Panthers' Revolutionary Funk Band." KQED, 2019. <https://www.kqed.org/arts/13851531/a-brief-history-of-the-lumpen-the-black-panthers-revolutionary-funk-band>.

Bloom, Joshua, and Waldo E Martin. Black against Empire: The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2013.

Fanon, Frantz . The Wretched of the Earth. 1961. Reprint, London: Penguin, 1967.

Ibrahim Kaypakkaya. The National Question. Paris: Foreign Languages Press, 2021.

Kelley, Robin, and Betsy Esch. Black like Mao: Red China and Black Revolution, 1999. <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ccbh/souls/vol1no4/vol1num4art1.pdf>.

Mao, Tse-Tung. On Contradiction. Peking: Foreign Language Press, 1965.
———. "Statement Supporting the American Negroes in Their Just Struggle ..."
[www.marxists.org](http://www.marxists.org/subject/china/peking-review/1966/PR1966-33h.htm), 1963. <https://www.marxists.org/subject/china/peking-review/1966/PR1966-33h.htm>.

Newton, Huey P., and Elaine Brown. The New Huey P. Newton Reader. Edited by David Hilliard and Donald Weise. New York: Seven Stories Press, 2019.