

To Feed Our Children

The Free Breakfast for School Children is about to cover the country and be initiated in every chapter and branch of the Black Panther Party. This program was created because the Black Panther Party understands that our children need a nourishing breakfast every morning so that they can learn.

These Breakfasts include every nutrient that they need for the day. For too long have our people gone hungry and without the proper health aids they need. But the Black Panther Party says that this type of thing must be halted, because we must survive this evil government and build a new one fit for the service of all the people. This program is run through donations of concerned people and the avaricious businessmen that pinch selfishly a little to the program. We say that this is not enough, especially from those that thrive off the Black Community like leeches. All of the avaricious businessmen have their factories etc. centered in our communities and even most of the people that work in these sweat shops are members of the oppressed masses.

It is a beautiful sight to see our children eat in the mornings after remembering the times when our stomachs were not full, and even the teachers in the schools say that there is a great improvement in the academic skills of the children that do get the breakfast! At one time there were children that passed out in class from hunger, or had to be sent home for something to eat. But our children shall be fed, and the Black Panther Party will not let the malady of hunger keep our children down any longer.

The Breakfast has already been initiated in several chapters, and our love for the masses makes us realize that it must continue permanently and be a national program. But we need your help, and that means money, food, and time. We want to turn the program over to the community but without your efforts and support we cannot. We have had a few mothers to come down to the breakfast in the mornings to cook and serve, but not hardly enough. This is the people's program, for the people, and we want the people to assist in it. We are holding a community meeting May 3, 7:30 pm at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church on 27th and West in Oakland, concerning the Breakfast Program. We will have a movie of the children participating in the Breakfast, your children, to show to all of the members of our community. Speakers from the Black Panther Party

shall inform you on the achievements of the Breakfasts, and the ways that you can assist. Hunger is one of the means of oppression and it must be halted.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

—*The Black Panther*, March 26, 1969

Why the Free Breakfast?

The Free Breakfast for Children is just one of the programs being carried out by the Black Panther Party that can be attributed to Huey P. Newton. Huey P. Newton, organizer and Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party says that the Party must go forth to meet the basic desires and needs of the people. Huey says the members of the Party are oxen to be ridden by the people.

How is the Party ridden by the people? Panthers working the breakfast program get out of bed at approximately 6:00 a.m. every school day. They set tables, clean facilities, cook and prepare the food, they direct traffic to see that the children cross the streets safely. After a day's breakfast has been completed, the Panthers attend to the constant task of procuring food from the merchants who do business in the community, to see that the program is constantly supplied with the necessary food. Why a Breakfast for Children Program? The answers to this question need be answered for only those who belong to the upper or so-called middle class. The majority of Black, Mexican-American, Orientals and poor Whites know from their American experience that it is impossible to obtain and sustain any education when one has to attend school hungry.

Huey P. Newton knew that these conditions existed and that the American school system has not seen fit to alleviate them. Validity has been added to Huey's knowledge by the fact that the Free Breakfast program has spread like wild fire across the United States wherever Black Panther Chapters and Branches exist.

The Free Breakfast for Children program is a socialistic program, designed to serve the people. All institutions in a society should be designed to serve the masses, not just a "chosen few". In America this program is revolutionary. In capitalist America any program that is absolutely free is considered bad business. The Black Panther Party is a vanguard organization and a vanguard organization educates by

example. The Black Panther Party is educating the people to the fact they have a right to the best that modern technology and human knowledge can produce.

“The world belongs to all the people.”

FOR TOO LONG OUR CHILDREN HAVE GONE HUNGRY

—*The Black Panther*, October 4, 1969

Liberation Schools

What are revolutionaries? “Revolutionaries are changers.” This response comes from the eager lips of the youngsters participating in the first liberation school sponsored by the Black Panther Party. The liberation school is the realization of point five of the ten point platform and program, that is, “We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches our true history and our role in the present-day society.” We recognize that education is only relevant when it teaches the art of survival. Our role in this society is to prepare ourselves and the masses for change. The change we want is within this decadent society. It’s the implementation of the 10 point platform of the Vanguard Party. It’s the destruction of the ruling class that oppresses and exploits the poor. It’s the destruction of the avaricious businessman (the youth in the liberation school call him the “big, fat, businessman”). It’s the destruction of the lying, deceiving politicians, and most important of all, the destruction of the racist pigs that are running rampant in our communities.

Liberation schools will replace for the summer the Free Breakfast for School Children that was initiated in the beginning of this year and has since spread in chapters and branches of the party throughout the country. Liberation School is the second of the many socialistic and educational programs that will be implemented by the Black Panther Party to meet the needs of the people. The first program began Wednesday, June 25 at 9th and Hearst Streets in Berkeley, California. The program is a success with the maximum participation coming from the youth and volunteers throughout the community. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of the youth, to guide them in their search for revolutionary truths and principles. Brunch and a well-balanced lunch is served daily. Three days of the week are spent in class. Thursday is Film day and Friday is set aside for field trips throughout the community. The 30th