



WE WILL HAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION!

From the beginning, the call of the Black Panther Party for a Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention has been confronted with numerous open and underhanded attempts to destroy the convention and even the ideas of liberty upon which it was founded. Our initial press conference and demonstration was carried through to fruition only after the acts of sabotage by the National Parks Commission failed to deny the people use of the Lincoln Memorial. This pattern continued at our Planning Session at Howard University where a written agreement was rendered on by the administration two days before the meeting was to occur. The agreement was only respected after certain lies were brought in the open and the BPP took the position that we were neither willing nor able to be disloyal to the forces who were coming to Washington to plan for a new Constitution upon which our National Salvation is based.

We understand from jump-street that the Federal Government in conjunction with state and local governments and a host of their toe-kissers and agents within the midst of our suffering people, would do any and everything to see that the blessing of liberty and justice is crushed and eternally denied to poor people and people of color. We understand also that behind the repressive and lawless acts of the government that the capitalist system is an equal or greater enemy to the people's attempts to gain the human dignity and economic benefits denied us for centuries on end. In fact, our total servitude and obedience would be demanded by this genocidal system.

Most recently, the repressive and ruthless forces in Philadelphia went to unprecedented barbarity to ruin the Plenary Session to the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention. Three offices of the BPP were raided, numerous people in the community were harassed, their doors kicked in and destroyed and arrested for resisting these inhuman attacks. Panthers were stripped naked in the streets and the pictures of this despicable act ran on the front pages of newspapers across the country. Our office machines, furniture, clothing, money and information on the convention were stolen. Rizzo, the tyrant of Philadelphia, snatched judges off the benches, ranted and raved and extorted the people along with the judge, the mayor and the spineless bootlickers. All of this, to say the least to say the least was approved by the Head Hog, Richard Nixon.

We were only able to follow through in a peaceful manner after the people gave notice that the city would be completely destroyed if our human rights are violated once more. Thus, the administration at Temple University and Rizzo retreated and we met in peace.

Washington, D. C. has been selected at the location for the Convention itself. The only facility large enough for our needs is the D. C. Armory. So, the Black Panther Party gives notice to Richard Nixon and all of his henchmen that we will sit down and write our Constitution as peaceful men and if necessary we will write our Constitution as madmen in the streets with the blood of our oppressors. Because if all peaceful means of redressing our grievances are made unavailable to us by the capitalist class and the federal government, the only power which remains is the power to destroy, the power to disrupt, the power to overthrow.

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EMERGENCY REQUEST

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

On September 4-7, the Black Panther Party sponsored the REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PLENARY SESSION in Phila., Pa. In Phila. it was decided that the R.P.C.C. would be held in Washington, D.C. on November 6-10th.

At this particular time we are seeking a place to have the Convention. This will be published at a later date.

We are asking you the people to offer whatever housing or space that is available to the people coming to D.C. from all parts of the country.

You can start on your block or in your building asking the people in the Colony to help the Party acquire room for all these Brothers and Sisters (est.: 25,000) that will have to have somewhere to sleep.

Along with housing we will need many other things donated:

- A. Housing: Apartments, homes, buildings, & Churches
- B. Mattresses, sleeping bags, sheets & blankets (all can be temporarily contributed for the Convention and then returned)
- C. Food: canned goods, potatoes, Rice, meats, dairy products, chickens, vegetables.
- D. Paper Plates, Napkins, cooking utensils, paper cups, plastic forks & spoons.
- E. Cafeterias or places to cook and feed the people.
- F. Transportation: Cars, trucks, buses, etc., (all can be used temporarily for the Convention and then returned)
- G. Items for the Day Care Centers: Toys, pampers mattresses, sleeping cots, crayons, books, pencils, paper, etc.
- H. First Aid Equipment and Supplies: Doctors and Nurses will be needed to contribute some time.
- I. Donations: any of the above and those not specified (Special Services, also) Benefits can be given by groups or individuals for the R.P.C.C., Parties, film showings, etc.

For any information regarding the Convention, please contact us here at the Ministry.

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