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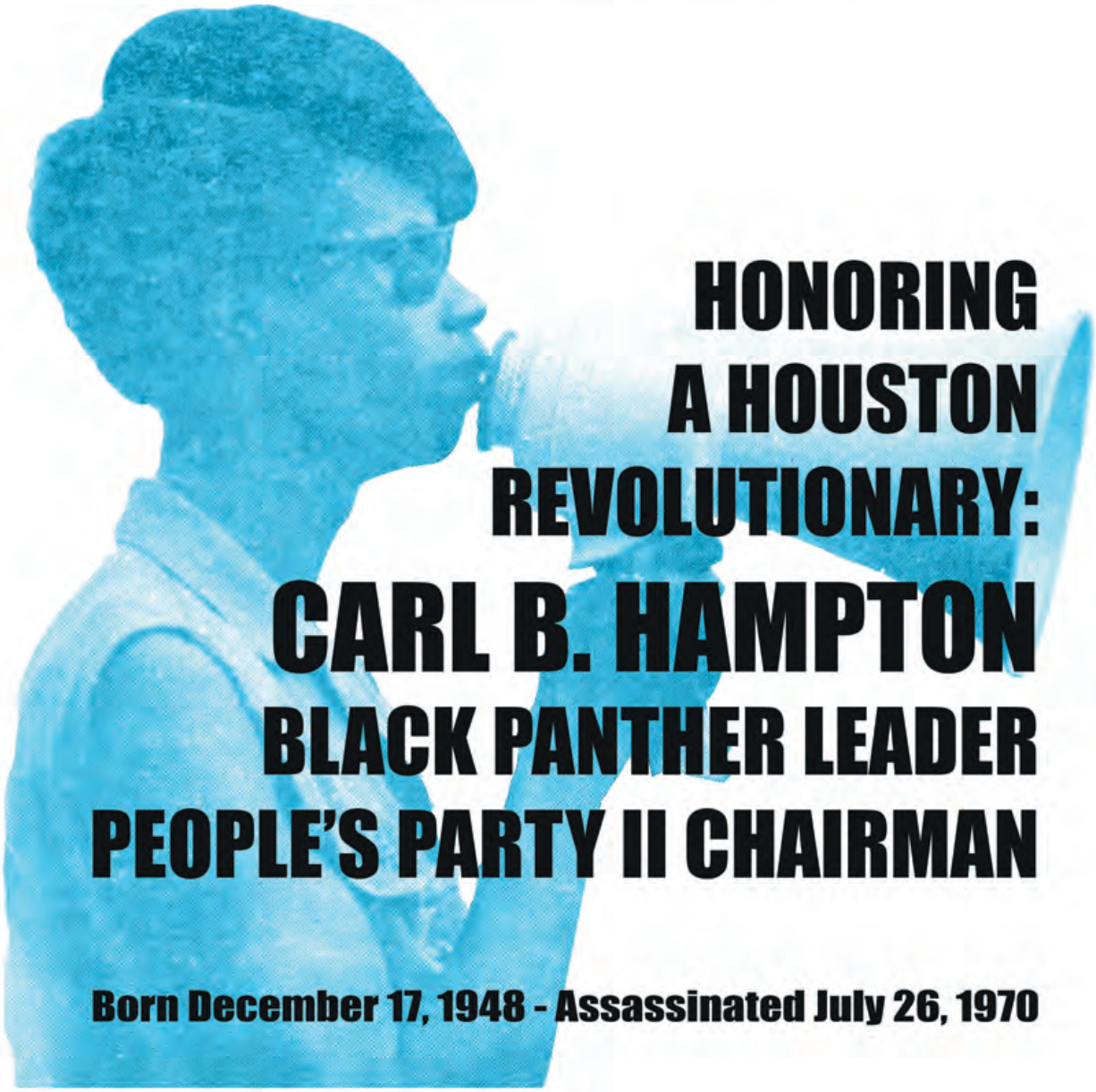

## HONORING A HOUSTON REVOLUTIONARY:

# CARL B. HAMPTON

## BLACK PANTHER LEADER

## PEOPLE'S PARTY II CHAIRMAN

**Born December 17, 1948 - Assassinated July 26, 1970**

# The Black Panther Party (People's Party II) celebrating the life of Carl Bernard Hampton

**December 17, 1948 - July 26, 1970**

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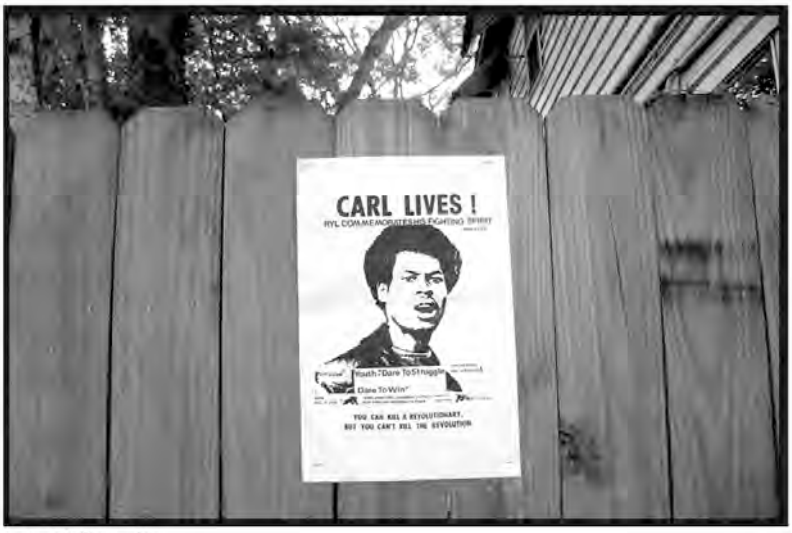


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## Why Carl Hampton Must Be Remembered
## By Elbert "Big Man" Howard

When Carl Hampton was still in his teens, he became aware of the horrific conditions that existed in the Black communities in Texas. We must remember him because he loved his people and devoted himself to changing these conditions and his young life was ended because of these facts.

On a visit to California, Carl came into contact with the Black Panther Party. He saw that the BPP had developed into a revolutionary, community-based organization. In 1969, he returned to Houston, Texas, determined to establish a Black Panther Party Chapter there. He was particularly impressed with the BPP concept of organizing coalitions across ethnic and color lines and wanted to do so with various groups in the Houston area, i.e. the Mexican American Youth organization (MAYO), the John Brown Revolutionary League, and the Young Patriots. These groups worked together to oppose police brutality in Houston.

Due to widespread media coverage, the Black Panther Party had new chapters which were located in many areas of the country. However, in 1970, no new chapters were being approved by the BPP National Office. It was during this period that Carl Hampton had started to organize, and although he could not get the BPP's approval, he continued his activities. He named his organization the People's Party II, because he recognized the Black Panther Party was the first People's Party.

People's Party II was set up on Dowling Street, located in a working-class neighborhood, which also had a number of commercial businesses as well as an illegal drug market. Carl and the People's Party II members interacted regularly with the local residents, winning their support and especially the support from many of the young people. Needless to say, this soon created ill will from pimps and drug dealers because the People's Party II's programs, ideals, and activities affected their exploitative, predatory, capitalist, and destructive businesses in the community.

In July of 1970, tension reached a high level on Dowling Street because of the People's Party II's organizing. PPII had begun working on establishing community survival programs such as free clothing and free food programs and members were selling the Black Panther Party Newspaper.

One day, a Black youth was stopped and harassed by two white cops while selling the BPP newspapers and Carl Hampton arrived and intervened on behalf of this youngster. Carl was armed with a pistol, which was legal at the time, and the cops became enraged at the sight of this young Black man with a weapon; they attempted to arrest Carl. Much like the scenes that were occurring in Oakland and other cities, guns were drawn by both the cops and People's Party II members. It became a standoff: a large crowd of Third Ward people gathered on Dowling Street. The press later reported that as many as 2000 residents moved between the police and the People's Party II's headquarters. Most of these people who had witnessed the confrontation were outraged at the Houston police response.

Many members of the crowd carried firearms as well as other weapons. As the situation escalated, the Houston police decided to withdraw and this was viewed by the crowd as a victory. As word of this incident spread, activists from across the entire city came to Dowling Street to offer their support and a number of Black youths joined the Party on the spot.

It was because of this incident and the display of community support engendered by it, that Carl Hampton became a target for the Houston Police's Hit Squad. From the moment Carl stood up for his community and showed no fear of the police, he became marked for murder by the Houston city officials. His murder was to be carried out by the city's police assassins – the Red Squad.

In true Texas fashion, on July 26th, 1970, Carl Hampton was ambushed, dry-gulched by hidden cowards who shot and killed this true revolutionary Black man. Police snipers had positioned themselves on the roof of St John's Baptist Church – they laid in wait for Carl to come in response to a message that there were white men on the roof of a Black church in the Black community. Carl and his comrades went to investigate this and as they prepared to cross Dowling Street, Carl gave the order not to fire their weapons unless they were fired upon. As they then crossed the street, a shot rang out and Carl fell to the ground. He died at 2:30 AM on the next morning. Other members were arrested and prosecuted and harassed but other young men took over and the People's Party II continued on.

In the fall of 1971, the National Office of the Black Panther Party recognized the Peoples Party II as an official chapter of the Black Panther Party and the name was changed from People's Party II to the Houston Chapter of the Black Panther Party.

Carl Hampton's young life was taken far too soon…another soldier of the people assassinated by the oppressors of the people. His life was taken away by evil forces that have yet to be punished. Carl left us with his young life's work, dedication, and love for his people as an example and these words: "A revolution is a change. We need a revolution. Revolution is not necessarily a violent confrontation. If Black people would organize, we would become a powerful people."

Long live the revolutionary spirit of Carl B Hampton. Power to the People.

April 12, 2010
Forestville, California

(courtesy of Sepia Magazine, November 1970)



# WHO 'FINGERED' CARL HAMPTON?

**Certain evidence shows killing of Black Panther leader was planned**

Carl Bernard Hampton, Black Panther leader and chairman of Peoples' Party II, was gunned down by Houston policemen who used the roof of a Negro Baptist church as the vantage point.

Carrying Carl Hampton's body to its final resting place are six bereted pallbearers, above. Delivering the speech which is said to have given Chief Herman Short white support needed to invade Panther headquarters is Ovide Duncantell, in photo, right, during a meeting.

Members of Panthers are watching Willie "Iceman" Rudd with a suspicous eye. They believe the young AFL-CIO organizer is the informer who "fingered" Carl Hampton, but Rudd denies charges.

BY THOMAS WRIGHT

When the news of the assassination of Carl Bernard Hampton, Houston's powerful Black Panther chieftain and chairman of Peoples' Part II, reached the ears of Black Houstonians, the vast majority of this sector of the metropolis was saddened.

The Houston police department had once again killed a dynamic young black, one who was not afraid to challenge the racist system with revolution and one who knew well his guaranteed rights under the Constitution.

Everyone in Houston knew it was only a matter of time before the lawmen moved on the outspoken youth, the only black man in Houston who had drawn his gun on a Houston policeman, stared "The Man" down, and came out a winner, although only temporarily.

But the most distressing factor in the chain of events leading to this revolutionary's death was that everyone in black Houston knew Hampton was set up for the legal assassination.

The evidence of the "set up" remained intact, even after that tragic, hot July 26 night in the 2800 block of Dowling Street, one of the most infamous stretches of real estate in the city.

Just who is responsible for setting Hampton up is the big question in the minds of more than 350,000 Houston blacks.

At one Young Panther said when the shooting was over, "Everyone on Dowling Street knew the assassination was coming that dark Sunday except us.

"All the beer joints were closed, 'Bootleg and Pill Alley' were not operating, the prostitutes were off the streets, hustlers were inside, and to top it all, church services at St. John's Baptist Church turned out much earlier than usual."

St. John's Baptist Church played a major role in the assassination of Hampton, for it was from the roof of this huge building that the first police bullet was fired, striking Hampton down.

The killing was precipitated by five Houston police officers – all members of the "Red Squad," the criminal intelligence division (CID).

The Harris County grand jury took up the slaying of Carl Hampton, and during the week beginning Sept. 20 failed to return an indictment against the officers accused in the slaying. This means there will be no charges filed against the officers, at least at this time.

As the unpleasant odor of conspiracy, betrayal and black larceny permeated the air in this area of town, black Houstonians, in the wake of the funeral of the slain leader, began looking closer at the actions not only of the white lawmen, but also some black "militant" leaders.

It is believed a speech made before City Council four days before Hampton's death, a speech that dared lawmen to come into the Peoples' Party II area because of the "heavily armed revolutionaries," gave Police Chief Herman Short the overwhelming majority of white support he needed to "invade" Dowling Street. That controversial speech was delivered by Ovide Duncantell.

As further evidence that the death of Hampton was a planned affair, radio tapes of the CID officers' voices reveal "someone" else was on the rooftop of the church and that "someone" pointed out Hampton as the leader.

The death of Hampton, the most persuasive 21-year-old in Houston, began just 10 days before the bullet struck his stomach.

Friday, July 17, was an ordinary day on Dowling Street, but shortly after 10 p.m., the day had become one of supreme importance, a day that will be marked in the history books of black Houston.

Early Saturday morning, when the news of the armed resistance to Houston policemen by a group of black citizens reached the airwaves, black Houstonians who had never heard of Peoples' Party II listened as Chief Short branded these citizens "militants" and their actions of "self-defense" as being "clear anarchy." This was previously unheard of in black Houston.

Reports said Peoples' Party II personnel held

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Houston policemen came by night and invaded the 2800 block of Dowling St. July 26. There were 300 riot-equipped officers guarding this black section. Brandishing shotguns, submachine guns and carbines, the policemen allegedly killed 21-year-old Carl B. Hampton, then arrested more than 60 bystanders.

It was from the roof of St. John's Baptist Church that five CID officers killed Carl Hampton. Rev. M. M. Malone is the church's minister. His nephew was allegedly gunned by lawmen just eight months ago.

## Lawmen were willing to invade Dowling Street and wipe out "den of trouble-making niggers

Houston policemen at bay more than 45 minutes, and not a shot was fired as a major disorder threatened this "too calm" city.

Lawmen gave their version of the affair:

"While officers riding unit 613 were on routine patrol in the 2800 block of Dowling, they observed a Negro male suspect having newspapers while standing on the line between the first and second lanes of traffic.

"The officers stopped (to tell the subject not to sell the Black Panther paper in the streets) and when they did, the subject turned and walked north on Dowling in an obvious attempt to avoid officers.

"Officer Cantwell turned around in an attempt to intercept subject. Officer Cantwell brought the vehicle to a halt in front of what later turned out to be a Black Panther party headquarters.

"Officer Davis exited from the patrol car and attempted to reach the subject to talk to him when three suspects (including Carl Hampton) approached him in the doorway of the building.

"Officer Davis observed one of these suspects carrying a pistol under his left armpit in a shoulder holster. Officer Davis asked this suspect (Hampton) to come toward the patrol car. At approximately this time, two or three other suspects were standing in front of the doorway loading their guns and pointing them in the direction of the officers.

### The confrontation

"The officers' No. one suspect (Hampton) was immediately in front of the officer and he placed his hand on the butt of the pistol. Officer Davis withdrew his own sidearm and held it at his leg.

"Hampton drew his weapon and pointed it at the officer. Then he jacked a round into the chamber. The two suspects to his rear also put rounds into their weapons, one by pumping his shotgun and the other by cocking his rifle. At approximately this time, Hampton told Davis 'Come on you (obscenity) pig! I'm going to blow your (obscenity) head off!'

"Officers stood trying to determine what the situation was while the suspects were shouting obscenities at them, threatening to kill them and daring officers to shoot.

"It appears the entire incident was a 'set up' to start racial problems," the officers concluded.

More than 20 police units strened into Dowling Street that Friday night, but seeing that more than 2,000 people were congregated on the streets, the lawmen retreated.

All this happened because a black man was selling newspapers in the street, something white salesmen get away with, even on the freeways.

Of the standoff, Hampton later said he was merely exercising his constitutional right to bear arms on private property and to protect that property because he remembered what had happened at Black Panther headquarters in Oakland, Chicago, Denver, and Cleveland.

After the policemen backed down, two capiasct, one for serious threat to take life and one for carrying a pistol, were issued and Hampton was then a fugitive.

Saturday night, officers came on duty with special weaponry – M-15s, Thompson submachine guns and other elaborate riot equipment. Some lawmen were nervous, yet the majority was willing to go down on Dowling Street and wipe out that "den of trouble-making niggers."

Short went on television the day after the backing down of his "proud" officers, saying he did not want to take any lives, but that he would not have his men "pushed around."

Hampton and his fellow Panthers promised gunfire if lawmen tried to arrest the youthful leader.

All Houston tensed, wondering who would ignite the dynamite that would leave Houston in splinters.

### Diagnosis of events

The week after the Panther-police confrontation were uptight days for countless black and white Houstonians.

Motorists passed the party's headquarters and saw six, seven or eight young men and women bearing old rifles and rusty shotguns, sitting on the concrete steps, protecting their property from "police invasion."

Very few, if any, marked patrol cars dared pass through this stretch of land. This phenomenon had not so much been due to the lawmen's being afraid, but as Short said, he would not be "provoked into a shooting war with Peoples' Party II."

In the meantime, the outstanding warrant for the arrest of Hampton was still tagged to the case in the homicide division, that elite office, while the CID actually handled the case.

Black policemen, serving as infiltrators of the block in which the party headquarters was situated, had been looking for Hampton. They left word that all they wanted to do was "shoot a mug shot and fingerprint" the now hiding leader.

To the organization, this was just a plot to get Hampton behind bars, for if they really wanted mug shots and fingerprints, city police officers could have easily gotten them, since the sheriff's office already had pictures and prints on Hampton.

Hampton believed that if he had walked through the double glass doors at the central police station, he would have never emerged alive. With that in mind, he would take his chances on the streets.

Wednesday, Duncantell, who had no official affiliation with Peoples' Party II, blew the lid off the power keg with his torrid speech in City Council.

He warned Mayor Pro Tem Frank Mancuso that something terrible was going to happen if Hampton could not go about his business unmolested.

The white newsreels caught Duncantell in action – waving his arms, pointing his finger, and hailing the black power sign (clenched fist) – and before nightfall, the electronic media played up the Duncantell challenge. "Pigs had better not come into the area because we've got guns and the area is so secure a roach can't get through without our knowing about it."

Short continued to sit back in his plush third floor office and let the media justify his pending invasion of Dowling Street.

Newsmen went into the area and captured scenes of black and white youths brandishing shotguns, pistols and rifles. The newsmen termed the youths "revolutionaries," "radicals," "militants," "subversive reactionaries" and "communist."

White Houston began to plague Short about when he was going into the area and make the streets "safe for the citizens."

### Heard complaints

Short received calls from "prominent businessmen" of the Dowling Street area and heard their complaints.

Little did the white people know – but it was well known to the police chief – these "prominent businessmen" were the dope pushers, prostitutes, bootleggers, hijackers, gun runners, and Robitussen dealers whose business was slowed to a minimum. Peoples' Party II did not believe in crime and vice, and had vowed to rid Dowling Street of both."

One must understand the crime-infested atmosphere of Dowling Street. It is the street on which more murders are committed than any other; prostitution runs free; dope and whiskey are pushed out of the alley adjacent to St. John's Baptist Church without regard to lackadaisical lawmen.

Young blacks of this ghetto area grow up exposed to this element, and they idolize the pimp, hustler, prostitute and hijacker.

It was one of the planks of Peoples' Party II's platform to get rid of the vice and see that ghetto kids grow up in a healthy, crime-free environment, not one where they were destined to a reform school or the penitentiary before they were 20.

Still the people waited.

Thursday, a group of black leaders met in City Hall and it is said that out of this meeting, after the liberal leaders left, that the conspiracy was formulated to take Hampton permanently from the Houston scene. Lawyers, bondsmen and ministers were at that meeting.

Friday, a conservative black bondsman confronted Hampton and told the youth he was

After invasion of Panther headquarters, policemen read some of the party's literature. Also found in office were several shotguns and photos of leaders.

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**Carl Hampton Continued**

working on a deal whereby he would not have to go to jail.

This bondsman, one of the most prominent in Houston, along with a city government representative, said the bond would be posted and accepted Monday if Hampton would "de-escalate" the war zone situation.

Hampton made a deadly mistake. He believed the bondsman.

The Panther leader allowed his "troops" to go home after their week-long stance. He kept only three guards around the headquarters.

To the 18- and 19-year-old militants, they had won the war without a shot.

### Final message

Feeling jubilant, Hampton delivered what turned out to be his last message to black people July 26, in front of the party headquarters.

James Aaron, 18, is highest ranking Black Panther in Houston, and Field Marshal of Peoples' Party II. He is destined to become party's new leader.

In Hampton's opening remarks, he blasted the white press for its failure to print the truth. He cited the inability of the press to see the issue as the majority of blacks see it from the depths of the ghetto. He scowled at the police department, telling the audience he would never turn himself in.

He affirmed his continued support of the people who had supported the Peoples' Party, the black community and the committees who had placed their safety in jeopardy by their work with the party, a local black news commentator reported.

"We are a powerless people," Hampton said. "For 400 years, we have seen no peace in this country. Like Malcolm X said, we exist in stages from the fox to the wolf. Black people, get you some guns and arm yourselves! Just protect yourselves. This is all we want.

"We don't advocate death. We advocate self-defense. The people who control this country are criminals! The only thing we have to depend on is ourselves!

"The most insecure place in the world is the black community of America. I don't feel like waiting around until the police knock me off. Do you know what? They are building concentration camps all over the country."

Hampton, obsessed with a sense of fate, continued: "It's your constitutional right to defend yourself. Short called us anarchists. All the country has to do is label someone and get rid of them. The people sat around and let Bobby Joe Conner (SEPIA, June, 1970) get stomped to death. Lee Otis (Houston's first "political prisoner") got 30 years (in the penitentiary for possessing one marijuana cigarette which was reportedly 'planted' on him).

"What do you think they are gonna try to give me – us? You've got madmen riding around this country waiting for you to step out of line so they can shoot you.

"If black people did not live in substandard housing, poor conditions or suffer all the other unequal indignities, there would be no need for Peoples' Party II.

"A revolution is a change. We need a revolution. Revolution is not necessarily a violent confrontation. If black people would organize, we would become a powerful people."

### Hampton knew he must die

Hampton once again asserted that he would not turn himself in.

"A whole lot of people have placed their lives on the line for purposes and ideals I believe in. I can't turn myself in. I'm not going down there (to the police station). If they want to deal through my lawyers, okay. If not, well, I'll just be a fugitive from justice.

"I gave up the idea of being an old man a long time ago. I know they (Houston lawmen) are gonna attack this building."

Hampton was not wrong, for minutes after he delivered his speech, Dunscuttell told him there were some "white men perched on top of St. John's Baptist Church."

Hearing this information, Hampton, along with a white former SDS member and now a John Brown Revolutionary, Ray Bartee Haile, and several black followers went to check out the situation.

Hampton carried his 12-gauge shotgun. Preparing to cross Dowling Street to get a good look at the white men, Hampton gave the expressed order there would be no shooting unless the police fired at them.

At the time, Hampton did not know the white men were lawmen – he merely suspected it.

The five CID officers, along with a radio newsman, were dressed in combat gear and were not identifiable as lawmen.

As Hampton led his group crossed the street, they crouched.

One shot rang out, Hampton fell to the ground.

Haile tried to reach the injured leader, but he was shot in the process. Three others tried to rescue Hampton, whose life was flowing from his body, but their attempts were in vain as lawmen sent a hail of high-powered bullets their way.

No one had fired a shot back at the lawmen.

A brave black youth, who to this date remains unidentified, braved the high-velocity bullets, gathered up Hampton's body and carted him to an old Volkswagen.

A black coalition was formed in Houston to protest police brutality. Judson Robinson, Jr. was elected the leader. Here, he stands and addresses a news conference. Ex-football great, Ernie Ladd, (l), and two other members of the new organization listen as Robinson asks firing of police chief.

Police questioned every person passing through the 2800 block of Dowling St. the night Carl Hampton met his death. They had little sympathy for blacks who walked this way, and turned deaf ears to their pleas. They hauled them off in paddy wagons and threw a security network around the police station.

## A bondsman told Hampton he'd be free of police harassment by Monday. He was! He was killed by a policeman's bullet

When Hampton arrived at Ben Taub General Hospital, he registered under an assumed name, "John Sims," but while he was in the operating room, his wife, Maggie, arrived and identified her husband.

Shortly after 3:30 a.m. Monday, Hampton died.

It was on Monday that the prominent bondsman had promised Hampton he would be free of police harassment. The promise was kept, but not the way Hampton or his followers thought it would be.

News of Hampton's assassination spread like wildfire throughout Houston.

The big question on the minds of awakening blacks Monday morning was "What's going to happen now?"

The Panthers were licking their wounds – three were hospitalized after being hit by bullets. Arrested citizens – 64 in all – were slowly getting out of jail. Bewildered youths flocked to the defense of the "true" goals of the party. Black leaders formed a black coalition.

Headed by Operation Breadbasket's Phnia Marshall and Hope Development's Earl Allen, the coalition was formed to combat police brutality in black Houston.

black Houston to combat the pressing problems of police brutality.

Out of the tragic assassination of Hampton came a powerful rebirth of this community.

### Riot remembered

It would have been extremely easy for these black leaders – some of whom had differences with Hampton – to let the murder of this outspoken youth pass unnoticed and to say the police were right in what they did. However, bravely, these men and women were trying to develop something relevant out of the tragedy and they recognized the hard struggle for black solidarity ahead of them.

They sat there and remembered the police riot at Texas Southern University in 1967; they remembered the stomping to death in a jailhouse of Bobby Joe Conner; now they recalled the actions leading up to Hampton's killing. It seemed clear the racist Houston lawmen were out to "do away with black people."

The leaders called for an indefinite boycott of downtown merchants – those people who really control Houston. The goal of the 350,000 blacks is to force Mayor Louie Welch to come to grips with the growing problem of brutal treatment toward blacks by the firing of Short.

Hampton was laid to rest three days after he was assassinated.

Armed with rusty guns and rifles, black and white youths guard the Peoples' Party headquarters. Photographs of nationally known militant leaders line outside walls of their Houston headquarters.

For the first time in Houston history, these leaders, some avowed public enemies – militants, liberals, conservatives, moderates – sat down and tried to work toward the goal of firmly unifying this community.

Unity became the key word. Black people in Houston have been so divided there was no strength. Therefore, the question was posed, "Why should "The Man" deal with an element that has no strength, no unity?"

From this takeoff, the meeting proceeded, and from the meeting came a formally-structured organization that will have the strength of all

Massive crowds overflowed the large Duncan Funeral Home and prominent Panthers from all over Texas attended the services. There was no crying from party members. They stared straight ahead.

Noted was the absence of policemen who normally lead funeral processions to the graveyard. Some motorcycle officers had been at the funeral home, but Panther chiefs ordered them to leave. They did.

Out of the death of Hampton emerged a new party leader, 18-year-old James Aaron.

At first glance, Aaron, the highest ranking Panther in Houston with the rank of field marshal, one thinks "Oh, he's just a kid!" However, once he opens his mouth and begins to talk about the plight of black people and the ultimate goal of "self-controlled destiny," he becomes a responsible leader.

### "He was beautiful"

"We, the members of the organization, cannot afford to mourn Carl's death," Aaron said. "He wouldn't have wanted it that way. We've got to continue to try to make revolution in this country. That was Carl's dream and we follow his teaching.

"I loved Carl. He was beautiful. He was continuously struggling to better the position of the black man, to teach the black man self-defense and to teach him to be proud and hold his head high."

A member of the Panther organization only five months, Aaron classified himself a militant revolutionary.

Aaron knew of the conspiracy – the set up – that took the life of his young leader.

"We have an idea who set up Carl, but we're not going to act on them until we are sure, absolutely sure. Then there'll probably be banishment or maybe an execution."

### Willing to die

Nurtured in an atmosphere of revolution, Aaron was born to go against an oppressive system – like so many other black youth today.

"I'm willing to die for my people," the young leader commented. "I'm not saying I'm ready to die – who is? But if it comes to this, I'll just have to go."

"Yes, we are revolutionaries, but all we want is a constructive change in this system which will be beneficial to all black people and we will come from under the bands of oppression.

"All we want is the right to determine our own destinies."

Hampton, the dynamic young revolutionary leader, is dead. All black Houstonians fear he was assassinated and that he was set up to be killed by a black traitor.

Hampton was a winner and a loser; but he has been immortalized and martyred in his death.

Growing numbers of black youth have rallied behind the Panther movement, and upon canvassing the streets of Houston youth, it is doubtful one can be found who will not say Hampton is now a hero.

**The End (Sepia Magazine)**



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*"to the Family and Friends of Brother Carl Hampton, know that the Young Lords stand with you in honoring a courageous young man who fought for the defense of the people, for Rainbow Unity and became a martyr for all of us. Let us never forget his sacrifice"*

- Jose (Cha-Cha) Jimenez
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**How do we define a She-Roe? How do we define a Heroe?**
**Perhaps We cannot...**

**Here is a Tale of Woe**

***I score and two times ten ago years*** **a Community Heroe felt the bullet's sting, the bullet's sting**

***I score and two times ten years ago,*** **Attica Locke was born**

***I score and two times ten years ago*** **a Community She-roe's heroism created a song we all must sing**

***I score and two times ten years*** **ago the Black Community was war torn**

***Our Elder,*** **Our Kinsman, Our Comrade Brother, Carl B. Hampton felt the bullet's sting**

***Where one life ends,*** **another begins-Mama & Attica's hearts beating as one**

***We will protect it.*** **We will improve it. Of Sophia Powell Vann, we all must sing**

***Behold*** **my Beautiful People, "We" have not arrived, it is not done**

***Oh yes, this is the fortieth year***
***But, Remember and never forget:***
***As they did Forty Years ago, Like thieves in the night***
**They Still Assault the Community**
**They Still Insult the Community**
**They Still Intimidate the Community**
**They Still terrorize the Community**
**They Still Commit murder in the Community**

***Only a Beast*** **serves a death warrant from the roof of a Sanctuary...**

***They came*** **for Carl B. Hampton that night;**
**They are still killing us with weapons of mass destruction, even in the daylight...**

***The Ultimate Question remains*****: What are "We" going to do about it?**

~Veron "Sensei" Benton (Houston Black Panther Party)

**The Brown Berets-Carnalismo, stand in solidarity with all of our brothers and sisters that sacrificed their lives these past 40 years in order to create a better world for all of our marginalized people. Chairman Carl B. Hampton gave his life gallantly to bring about social consciousness and justice for all. We identify with him and the legacy he and many others left behind. We are only able to achieve the goals set by Chairman Hampton by living by the message of inspiration for unification across people of all races seeking the expansion of human dignity and human rights. We must not let the dream of equality, justice, and peace for our people fade away as more brothers and sisters of all races fall under the boot of poverty. Even today, after all that has been accomplished as far as civil rights is concerned, we must see that the struggle is still not over. Poverty and marginalization continue to plague our communities. Thus, our struggle should be based on the ideals of unconditional service and love towards our people and community. We have the obligation and power to rebuild our wounded youth and instill in them self-worth and pride, so that generations after us will no longer have the need to fight for justice. Our only weapon must be knowledge and peaceful resistance to what is morally wrong, in order to secure true change. We should be proud of our roots and continue to instill the value of service, tolerance, and the pursuit of justice within our communities. We must not forget about the poor, the needy, and the marginalized as poverty is colorblind and is a hardship that crosses racial lines. We will only live with peace, by demanding and living with dignity, to demand what we deserve. Chairman Hampton taught us that unification and harmony across races is possible in the pursuit of justice and empowerment for the poor. Thus, we should be like five fingers in a hand coming together to create a fist. Que Viva El Pueblo Unido! Que Viva Los Black Panthers y Los Brown Berets Unidos! y Que Viva All Those Seeking Justice!**

**In Solidarity,**

**Carlos de Leon**
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BPP/PP II member Charles "Boko" Freeman and wife Akilah

**Bobby Caldwell**
*"the people's lawyer"*

(left) Boko, Ovide Duncantel (center), Mario Salas (right)

# "People's Lawyer" honored for longtime life of service to the civil rights movement

**Mario Salas**
African-American NewsUnion

**Houston**- Recently, former members of the Black Panther Party, People's Party II, SNCC, and a host of civil rights leaders and community people joined together in celebrating and paying tribute to African American lawyer Bobby Caldwell. Bobby Caldwell, known as the "people's lawyer," who began his legal practice in 1962, was praised by Black Panther Party alumni in Houston, Texas to an overflow crowd at the Riverside Restaurant.

Boko, a surviving member of People's Party II, and a former Houston Black Panther Party member, told of the attack on the People's Party II office by a murderous Houston Police Department in which Carl Hampton was assassinated on Dowling Street.

Boko told of the unwavering legal support given to the Black Panthers and civil rights workers by attorney Bobby Caldwell, and expressed his heart filled thanks to the man known as the "people's lawyer."

Attorney Bobby Caldwell received praises from people who had been victims of political oppression under the infamous regime of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The FBI operated an illegal spy operation called COINTELPRO which was used as part of a government conspiracy to attack, intimidate, and kill leaders of various organizations, most specifically the Black Panther Party for Self Defense.

Caldwell's wife and family members were also present and were treated to good food and festivities in honor of this giant Texas legal warrior for civil and human rights. Perhaps his sister, who now resides in Dallas, gave one of the most stirring speeches. In her heart-felt remarks she said that she had never thought of her brother in the light of a civil rights warrior, and was warmed by the spirit of those who testified to his dedication to defend political activists. She said she would never look at him the same way and was proud of her brother's contributions. Also in attendance were well-known playwright, Thomas Meloncon, and political activist, Jew Don Boney.

Attending the event were young brothers sharply dressed in the spirit of the Black Panther Party and People's Party II, and were referred to as brothers from People's Party III. Though the FBI and various law enforcement agencies attempted to destroy the Black Panther legacy, it lives on in the hearts and minds of thousands of people who will not let the important contributions made by the Black Panther Party disappear.

The Panthers gave African American men and women pride and hope in their commitment to the struggle to end racism, colonialism, classism, and other forms of oppression against people of all "races."

The program also included an unveiling of a portrait of Caldwell that drew a large round of applause as he came forward to receive the beautifully drawn picture.

It was during this time that Caldwell thanked the crowd for the warm tribute and drew an even bigger applause when he said that he still had some fight left in him if needed. Testimony from the audience at large revealed the legal skill that he had when he questioned a Houston Police officer on the stand in the 1970s who was attempting to falsely charge political activists. This reporter was able to bring greetings from the San Antonio SNCC-Panthers who thanked Caldwell for his spirit and dedication to the cause of human dignity.

Boko perhaps summed up the evening best when he said, "It's about time we honored Bobby Caldwell, but it was the right time for things to come together.

*Attorney Bobby Caldwell and wife are honored by former members of the* (center) Bobby Caldwell and wife Cathy (left) Samsi Benton (above portrait), Ayinna Ade (right)

Attorney Bobby Caldwell and "Boko" Freeman

Bobby Caldwell flanked by Peoples Party III members

Mario Salas (SNCC/BPP) and musician/playright Thomas Meloncon

(photos courtesy of Mario Salas)

# INTER-NATIONAL NEWS

## RADIO BROADCASTER MURDERED FOR SPEAKING OUT!

Commentator, Joselito Agustin, 37, a broadcaster with DZJC Aksyon Radyo in Laoag City in the Northern Philippines, known for highly critical on-air attacks on corruption was killed in a fatal attack in the Philippines, one of the world's most dangerous countries for journalists.

## OBESITY IN AMERICA

With a seemingly endless array of fast food restaurants and high-calorie meal options throughout the nation 190 million Americans are obese or overweight. Childhood obesity has tripled in the last 30 years and obesity-related diseases are a $147 billion dollar medical problem every year.

## RED SHIRTS AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN THAILAND

Since Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was removed from office in a military coup in September 2006, Thailand has been affected by a paralyzing political crisis. In Bangkok pro-Thaksin red-shirts launched protests aimed at bringing the government down, which was caused by the loss of faith among the disadvantaged members of Thai society in the post-war consensus about how the country is run. The impression given by pro-government media is of a Thaksin-fixated rabble, prone to violence, however the red-shirt movement is about much more than one man and his money; the movement is about more profound social change.

## ACITIVIST FINALLY FREE AFTER 15 YEARS IN PERUVIAN PRISON

American activist Lori Berenson was freed on parole after serving 15 years in a Peruvian prison for her affiliations with the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru (MRTA). In 1995, Lori Berenson was arrested after she gained access to the Peruvian Congress on false journalist identification alongside MRTA second-in-command Nancy Gilvonio. Military prosecutors accused Berenson of gathering information for a plot to hold hostage members of Congress and exchange them for political prisoners. Berenson will spend the rest of her 5-year sentence in Peru on a conditional release.

## AFRICAN AMERICAN MISSISSIPPI MAN STARTS RECORD SIXTH MURDER TRIAL

**by Bill Quigley, Audrey Stewart and Davida Finger**

White prosecutors in a rural Mississippi county won't rest until they send Curtis Flowers to prison for life. Flowers faces his sixth trail for the same murder – unprecedented in the history of the United States – after five previous trials ended in hung juries or overturned convictions. The Mississippi Supreme described one of the trials as the worst case of racial discrimination it had ever seen.

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## Stick to the Deadline in Afghanistan

By Eugene Robinson

When he ordered his escalation of the war in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama pledged that U.S. troops "will begin to come home" in the summer of 2011. Discouraging reports from the war zone should make him more determined to keep his promise—and Americans more insistent on holding him to it.

In his Capitol Hill testimony this week, Gen. David Petraeus—the godfather of Obama's 30,000-troop Afghanistan surge—sought mightily to carve out some wiggle room. "We have to be very careful with timelines," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee. The July 2011 deadline for beginning a troop withdrawal depends on the assumption that "conditions" are favorable, Petraeus said.

But wait a minute. Another way to describe a withdrawal deadline that is based not on the calendar but on an amorphous and elusive set of "conditions" would be to call it an open-ended commitment. This is precisely what Obama said he was not giving to Afghanistan's corrupt, feckless and increasingly unreliable government.

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## UN HUMANITARIAN SERVICE RUNS OUT OF CASH

The World Food Program stated that they would have to shut down the U.N. Humanitarian Air Service in the West African countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia because it has run out of cash. The air operation plays a key role in responding to emergency situations by transporting goods and people, particularly in areas of instability and where ground transport is difficult. However, this U.N. program will not be there for thousands of people at risk not being able to find enough food during emergencies resulting from armed conflicts in neighboring countries.

# "People's Party II was formed with one purpose and that is to serve the people"

-James Aaron (People's Party II)

Police questioned every person passing through the 2800 block of Dowling St. the night Carl Hampton met his death. They had little sympathy for blacks who walked this way, and turned deaf ears to their pleas. They hauled them off in paddy wagons and threw a security network around the police station.

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THE HOUSTON POLICE MURDERED CARL HAMPTON

PPII brothers guard center. Photo by Ras Arya/Cougar

(HO 4) HOUSTON, JULY 27-(AP)--A WOUNDED MAN,LYING ON HOOD OF A CAR,IS AIDED AFTER HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE ANKLE BY COWPER DURING SHOOTING INCIDENT BETWEEN POLICE AND MEMBERS OF THE "PEOPLES PARTY II" GROUP AT THE GROUP'S HEADQUARTERS. THE LEADER OF THE GROUP WAS REPORTED KILLED AND AT LEAST SEVEN OTHER PERSONS INJURED.(AP WIREPHOTO)gw/0

"we'll have political power, and we can send representatives into the political area and get our desires met Brothers are advocating Revolution in Houston"

-Carl B. Hampton
(PPII Chairman)

(HO072701-7/27/70-HOUSTON:City of Houston Police officers guard the headquarters of"People's Party #2", a Black-panther type organization, after an outbreak of violence 7/26 that left seven people injured and approx. 60 in jail. A leader of the organization was fatally shot by police in front of the headquarters. UPI TELEPHOTO gw/PM



## EVERYWHERE IT'S RAINING BAGS OF GROCERIES

BLACK PANTHER PARTY SURVIVAL PROGRAMS BUILDING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

*our thousand Black people in Houston, Texas came out on July 26th to participate in the Black Panther Party's Survival Program.*

## HOUSTON BRANCH IMPLEMENTS PEOPLE'S FREE PEST CONTROL PROGRAM

A vicious circle of indecent housing, unhealthy foods, inadequate clothing and medical care, poverty and unemployment, combined with a sick and rapacious administration exists. This vicious circle fostered by capitalist exploitation follows the American Empire's highest disease rate which is, of course, in the Black community.

Rats, roaches and flies can travel from house to house in the community and wounded and otherwise ill-fed children that Black and poor people live in are responsible for diseases or deaths each year. For instance, rats are carriers of at least eleven different species of intestinal parasites that may be transmitted to man. They carry, circulate and spread rabies, typhus, and the bubonic plague. Rats are only a few. The most potent and harmful disease vibs is transmitted by these scoundrel pests is called bubonic plague. Also flies belonging to the genus Musca (house flies) can be responsible for intestinal infections and can be carried on animal and human feces to other animal and human beings. The Black community is the disease ridden living in material rat.

The most common symptoms of this disease are: a burning sensation in the eyes, swelling of the tongue accompanied by a strong pulse, fever as high as 102 degrees, vomiting, nausea, hoarseness, delirium, dizziness or stupor, and a trembling and tiny tongue the principle of disease.

Another and severe pest in the Black Community is the cockroach. Scientific experiments have shown that cockroaches often feed on rotting organic and excreta of contaminated matter. Although the cockroach does not carry disease germs, they are most crucial in spreading food by shifting it and dropping excrements on it.

As is natural in this capitalist economy, which feeds on poor people's misery, unemployment, underemployment and exploitation of the Black and other minorities, the Black community is the most exploited group in the country. Black people are the last hired and the first fired. Black people are the victims of racism and violence a totally and we a human right. Therefore, the Houston Branch of the Black Panther Party has implemented a People's Free Pest Control Program. The labor, provided by Party members, and the pesticides are absolutely free. To defeat capitalism and exploitation humanity in society, we must continue to serve the people, body and soul.

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ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

Houston, Texas Branch
Black Panther Party

"we must now unite with our Black, Brown and other Sisters and Brothers of Color and counter-attack, if we don't, generations of our children and grandchildren will pay for our mistakes"

- John Brown Revolutionary League

## THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY
## Ten Point Platform & Program

October 1966
WHAT WE WANT
WHAT WE BELIEVE

**1. WE WANT freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.**
WE BELIEVE that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

**2. WE WANT full employment for our people.**

WE BELIEVE that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

**3. WE WANT an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.**

**Community.**

WE BELIEVE that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules were promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency, which will be distributed, to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

**4. WE WANT decent housing, fit for the shelter of human beings.**

WE BELIEVE that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

**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.**

WE BELIEVE in an educational system that will give to our people knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

**6. WE WANT all black men to be exempt from military service.**

WE BELIEVE that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

**7. WE WANT an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.**

WE BELIEVE we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self- defense.

**8. WE WANT freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.**

WE BELIEVE that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

**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.**

WE BELIEVE that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

**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.**

WHEN, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. WE HOLD these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. ** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. **

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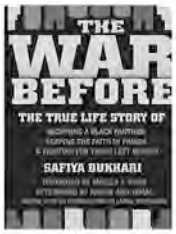


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