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You bet your BPP;

Fletcher Thompson

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Munching on a chicken-neck sandwich last Thursday, we came upon a press release from the office of Atlanta Congressman Fletcher Thompson that made us gag.

"The Black Panthers should stay in California and not move to Atlanta," Thompson was quoted as saying after Huey Newton's announcement the day before that that Black Panther Party is moving to from Oakland, Calif. to Atlanta.

"I hope," our representative in Congress went on, "that all Atlantans, both black and white, will rise up and let the Black Panthers know that neither they nor their philosophy are welcome in Atlanta."

Now that takes nerve, for Rep. Thompson, who has repeatedly and publicly stated that he will ditch the Fifth Congressional District if becomes majority black, who did some back-stage engineering on the joint Senate-House reapportionment plan issued last week because he was terrified of the majority black City of Atlanta sending one of its own to Congress, who has done his best to gut every decent bill that has come before the U.S. House of Representatives, to say who is and who is not "welcome in Atlanta".

This town is not, not and not being represented in Congress by this Republican Commie-chomper from suburban East Point. A more beneficial influence in Atlanta would be the Black Panther Party, who have never attacked police but who have endured "weapons raids" and murder (i.e. the Chicago Massacre of December, 1970) for the righteous cause of power to the people.

No one can argue about power belonging to the people...except maybe oil. Fletcher, who has voted against the interests of Atlanta's citizenry with such consistency that he has earned a big, fat Zero in the ratings of the Americans for Democratic Action.

We hearken to the words of State Rep. Grace Hamilton who recently told the reapportionment committees of the state legislature the city needs its own congressman because "the great majority of people of the City of Atlanta are not, at the present time, effectively represented in the U.S. House of Representatives by any stretch of the imagination. As a matter of fact, many people of the City of Atlanta believe that their present representation is in fact contrary to their interests."

Right on, Mrs. Hamilton, and to you, Mr. Thompson, we will wish right on—right on out of your office on Capitol Hill when the power of Atlanta's people prevail.

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Georgia State Chapter BLACK PANTHER PARTY Intercommunal Survival Centers



The Georgia State Chapter Black Panther Party Intercommunal Survival Conference, for the past few months has been soliciting for and is presently receiving many daily and weekly donations of food, clothing, monies and furniture as well as assistance for the better than 30 survival programs in the Atlanta area. We of the Intercommunal Survival Conference applaud these merchants, business, and concerned people for their expressed love for the people's welfare. The survival of the people's free Survival Programs is totally dependent on donations- your regular donations. Address or send any donations to the branch nearest you.

And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee, or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, or in prison, and came unto thee? And he shall answer and say unto them, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison, and ye visited me not." ST. MATTHEW 25: 32-43

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Panthers Get Heave-Ho From Apartment Here

Adl. G.A. - Black Panthers

By JIM STEWART

Behind two months on their rent, the top leaders of the local Black Panther Party were evicted from their northeast Atlanta apartment Friday amid reports of a shakeup in the militant organization.

A moving crew accompanied by a deputy from the Fulton County Criminal Court moved the party's furniture and belongings out on the street in front of the 585 Parkway Drive address after the Panthers ignored a Sept. 18 eviction notice.

Deputy D. H. Bowdon said the Panthers did not oppose the eviction but stood silently while the workers dumped their furniture, tape recorders, film projectors and hundreds of boxes of potato chips, dried milk and other foodstuffs in the streets.

The six-room apartment was rented in the name of Kouson Oliver, chief spokesman for the Party and who was recently involved

in Panther demands for \$50,000 worth of money and food from several Atlanta food chains.

A spokesman for the Brewer-Head Real Estate Co., which handled the property for owner J. E. Jordan, said the tenants last paid their \$110 monthly rent Aug. 13, and had since ignored numerous warnings both from the court and the owner.

Investigators for the Fulton County district attorney's office, which has been studying the organization, say they suspect that Oliver, a student at Georgia State, had been trying to establish his own movement in the Atlanta area but failed.

Oliver was leader of the Black Federation Alliance, which had a lot in common with the Panthers. They had about the same ideology and were both interested in the food program the Panthers have been pushing.

said H. G. Bailey, an investigator for District Attorney Lewis Slaton.

"Somewhere along the line, however, Oliver drifted back into the Party and is now, of course, one of their acknowledged spokesmen," he said.

Bailey said there were rumors that two or three top Black Panther Party leaders from the New Orleans area had been in Atlanta for three or four weeks.

He said the reason for the visit wasn't clear but it apparently had something to do with a realignment of the party's leadership which suffered some embarrassing setbacks recently when they asked some Atlanta food chains, including Colonial and Big Apple, to donate food and money to their food program. The companies refused.

The Panthers have been attempting to set up a community breakfast and snack

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program among poor black children nationwide. Many grocery stores have refused to cooperate because they claimed the Panthers intimidated them would sponsor a black boycott of stores that didn't donate.

Oliver told newsmen Friday's eviction was "merely a conspiracy between the slum landlord and the real estate agent."

He said the party had received numerous threatening phone calls during the past month from Jordan, the owner, and the real estate company.

Asked why he didn't pay the rent, Oliver replied the apartment was infested with rats and roaches and conducted reporters on a tour of the dilapidated brownstone house to prove his point. Virtually every wall was painted over with black revolutionary slogans and decaying food was scattered over the floors.

"When they came to move us they just tore up everything," Oliver said. "They did not give us any time to arrange the food for moving and now we've lost a lot of it."

of the day loading the food and furniture into a rental truck for transfer to their Danwoody Street headquarters in DeKalb County.

When Jordan, the owner, was told of the charges, he replied he didn't even know the tenants were Black Panthers and wouldn't have rented to them if he had known their true identity.

Jordan, who is black, said Oliver "fool-ed" him when he asked to rent the apartment.

"He told me he and his wife were Georgia State students and they really needed the place bad. I had almost rented it to somebody else but he talked so pitiful, I decided to be kind and do them a favor," Jordan said.

"I was always getting complaints about so many people sleeping over there and all the noise and singing early in the morning. They ran up a \$68 water bill one month and always had high gas bills."

Jordan estimated he lost about \$300 in rent and improvements and said he was thinking about taking the Panthers to court to recover his losses.

"They turned that place into a real

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Black Panther Hearing Postponed to Tuesday

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By BILL MacNABB P.2-A

Eight Black Panther party members were arrested Thursday for "political persecution . . . and for no other reason," an attorney charged in court Friday.

Seven of the eight were scheduled for committal, but Judge Robert M. Sparks postponed the hearing until Tuesday over the angry objections of attorney Al Horn.

The eight are charged with possessing explosive devices and possessing stolen goods. One defendant, an expectant mother, did not appear in court Friday.

Horn charged that the Atlanta police were delaying the case in order to search for charges that would stick.

"He's grabbed a panther by the tail, and he doesn't know how to let it loose," Horn said of an officer asking for the postponement.

"Look at the search warrant," Horn told Judge Sparks, "it has zero probable cause, although signed by a Superior Court judge. All it refers to is Black Panther, Black Panther, Black Panther."

Detective J. C. Holloway asked that the hearing be postponed to allow time for completing a crime lab report and because other witnessing officers couldn't be present Friday.

Federal agents and Atlanta police entered the party headquarters at 578 English Ave. NW Thursday searching for a .45 caliber pistol used by a sniper to wound Atlanta patrolman Daniel Smith during a traffic accident investigation Oct. 26.

Police said they gained the search warrant on grounds that the markings on a spent cartridge found in the area of the shooting matched markings found on spent cartridges at a former Panther headquarter.

The automatic pistol named in the search warrant was not found, but police said they discovered blasting caps, suspected gunpowder, a deactivated hand grenade, a 40 mm high explosive round and chemicals which could be used to make bombs.

Officers also confiscated a double-barrel 16-gauge shotgun and several pistols.

The eight were charged with possessing explosive devices and, after police identified the shotgun as stolen from a post office in May 1971, with possessing stolen goods.

When Judge Sparks denied Horn's plea to let hearing proceed Friday, the attorney asked for the hearing to be set for Saturday.

"Your Honor, I'm off tomorrow (Saturday)," Detective J. C. Holloway, who asked for the postponement, said.

"These people (defendants) are in jail tomorrow," Horn quipped.

Horn said he was "perfectly willing" to let the hearing be rescheduled if the \$2,000 bonds were reduced to \$200. He said the defendants would have to remain in jail because they were "working people" and couldn't afford the \$2,000 bonds.

Horn said the defendants should be granted either an immediate hearing or reduced bond because police arrested them under "political prosecution because these people are Black Panthers and for no other reason."

"You have among them a husband of a young lady about to give birth," Horn said. The man's wife is "imminently pregnant, past eight months," Horn told Judge Sparks.

"Well, he's not," the judge answered.

Mrs. Patricia Scruggs, 22, wife of Frank Scruggs, 23, was arrested in the raid along with her husband. Mrs. Scruggs, who told police she might deliver any time, was released after being allowed to sign her own bond.

The remaining seven had not posted bond before Friday's hearing.

Judge Sparks decided to reduce the bonds on the seven defendants to \$500 on each count, or \$1,000 each.

The hearing was postponed to 3 p.m. Tuesday.

When the defendants entered the courtroom Friday, one of them raised a clenched fist in a signal to sympathizers among the spectators.

One of the spectators wore an Army fatigue jacket with a drawing of a black panther on the back. Over the panther were the words, "All Power to the People."