



# THE SECOND RAINBOW COALITION

## What's inside?

The ruling class of the world is in serious trouble. They are exposed. Their wealth is beyond measure but they offer the world only the specter of war and poverty. Working class people are experiencing a major economic crisis of rising prices and jobs that don't pay enough. We have to develop programs; strategies and tactics that represent us and help us survive and overcome a powerful enemy.

The Second Rainbow Coalition is gathering experience in how to do this. Each group within the coalition is diligently working at the local level, thinking globally and acting locally. These survival efforts are answering immediate needs through mutual aid programs, but unlike most charities the Second Rainbow members provide vital information and education about why things are the way they are and how we can change society.

Only 46% of low-income people turned out for the recent elections. Many do not believe that either party is going to help them. Seeing the Second Rainbow Coalition uniting people across national and ethnic lines we can begin to imagine some kind of new world may be possible. Ours is a message of revolutionary hope. This hope comes from building a movement powerful enough to take the necessary steps to save the people and the planet.

Inside you will find many outstanding examples of coalition member groups taking action and developing the organization that can unite millions in a common effort to defend and build our communities that model the kind of society we want and need. Whether in the streets of Philadelphia or in Texas or Puerto Rico or all points in between, chances are good you'll find Second Rainbow Coalition members standing with and assisting our devastated communities. Even though the Second Rainbow Coalition is young, the rulers of the world are trying to disrupt it. In spite of this we are growing in numbers and wisdom. We know our problems come from a capitalist system that is dying. By uniting our class we can build an invincible force.

The holiday season puts growing homelessness and desperation in sharp contrast to revolutionary technology that can 3D print a home in less than a day. We need a system compatible with these technologies. We need to publicly own and control these technologies in a sustainable way for life on the planet. We have to change the system and the laws. We know that the laws of private property are the cause of massive suffering not just here but throughout the world. We know every dollar given to the military industrial complex goes to death not life. The Second Rainbow is taking steps to change all that. You can be a part of this historic effort. An abundant life is possible. Joy to the World! We are going forward! Palante!

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## Brown Berets Provide Security at Uvalde Texas Memorial



On July 10, 2022, Brown Beret chapters from throughout the state of Texas, met in San Antonio, Texas to discuss the security details they would provide for a march and rally with the families of 19 children who were massacred at Robb Elementary by a young man with an AR-15. Present at this gathering were chapters representing Brown Berets de Southeast Tejas, Carnalismo Brown Berets, Austin, San Antonio, & Dallas Brown Berets. In addition, Rafael Avitia from La Mesa Nacional de Brown Berets and member of the 2nd Rainbow Coalition, joined the group.

Brown Berets drove as much as eight hours to Uvalde and gathered for a somber and silent vigil at Robb Elementary School. Within a few hours the crowd quickly grew and sadness turned to demands for justice, especially from a grandfather of one of the children killed. Some family members began calling for resignation of local police chief and city council member, Pete Arellando, who allegedly oversaw the events on the day of the killings. The Brown

Berets were familiar with the large presence of law enforcement who would be present, including some of the 300 officers who stood by and did nothing as brown children as young as 10 were frantically calling 911 for help. The march started at 3pm and by that time the crowd was approaching 1,000 people. The Berets would provide security for a march where no permit was asked for and where several family members of the murdered children would participate. In one tense moment, a cop smirked and people publicly called him out. Other law enforcement was called "cowards" as the crowd marched passed them.

Once the crowd reached the park, Jazmine Cazares, sister of Jacqueline Cazares, who was sadly taken away from us, served as an MC. Rafael Avitia also served as co-mc and immediately called for a moment of silence. It was an emotional day and every family had a say. One important thing to note was the common factor that united all people was the lack of respect by the Uvalde P.D. It was also obvious to everyone that most people, regardless of color, were poor. Finally, despite the celebrities who were present, including Beto O'Rourke who is running for Governor against Gregg Abbot, it was the people who controlled the agenda. That day, people began calling for change to the entire system in their small community that has been rocked by a horrible act. As of today, the Brown Berets have remained active assisting the families and helping them organize.



The heart-breaking memorial in front of the school in Uvalde

## On the Struggle to Restore the Black Panther Party – Part 2



By Chairman Shaka Zulu  
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### REVOLUTIONARY PANTHER MORALITY

What is Revolutionary Panther Morality? This is the expression of the highest level of political consciousness shown in actual practice with the masses. Panthers must conduct themselves as fair and honest people, unselfish and upright at all times. We must be a beacon of light for others to follow and emulate. We all have this inner light inside us, but conditions within this oppressive capitalist system have inhibited most of us from shining brightly. We've been made cynical, burnt-out and self-absorbed, intimidated by

the dark forces around us. The Party is not intimidated, because it knows that the future is coming up for grabs, and we must dare to SEIZE THE TIME!

Love is more powerful than hate. Hate burns you out, corrupts your judgment, blinds you and isolates you. That is why we forbid gender discrimination against wimyn and homophobic rhetoric against gays and lesbians, and also chauvinistic attitudes toward people of different ethnic or national backgrounds. We must unite as sisters and brothers and treat each other with love and respect. Together we are powerful, and we can change the world to make it better for future generations. We must start by cleaning our own house and purging ourselves of all that is negative and morally corrupt.

### ON INDIVIDUALISM

Panther cadre must avoid the many pitfalls of individualism, which is the ideology of the capitalist-imperialist system. Some of the manifestations of individualism are:

1.) Commandist Behavior: Commandism manifests itself when a person thinks he or she has become so advanced in their thinking and has made such great contributions to the struggle that they no longer have anything to learn from their comrades or the masses, or they let their title go to their head and demand unquestioned obedience from those under them without discussion. They will attempt to assert complete control over others by throwing up what they have done in the past, and if that doesn't work, they will attempt to pull rank and say, "I am such and such, and I demand that you do as I say or else," or they will use their position to retaliate if they or their ideas are criticized and attempt to kick people out of the Party without a hearing or good cause. Commandism is anti-democratic and a form of bourgeois (capitalist) thinking. It violates the principle of democratic centralism.

Panthers reject the notion of "Party Bosses" and believe in collective leadership and comradely criticism and self-criticism. We believe in inner-party democracy, discussion and struggle. Correct ideas always develop in contradiction with incorrect (or less correct) ones, and two line struggle is essential for advancing the understanding and political line of the Party and correcting (or improving) its practice. Education is the key to correcting this tendency and rooting out the ideology behind it.

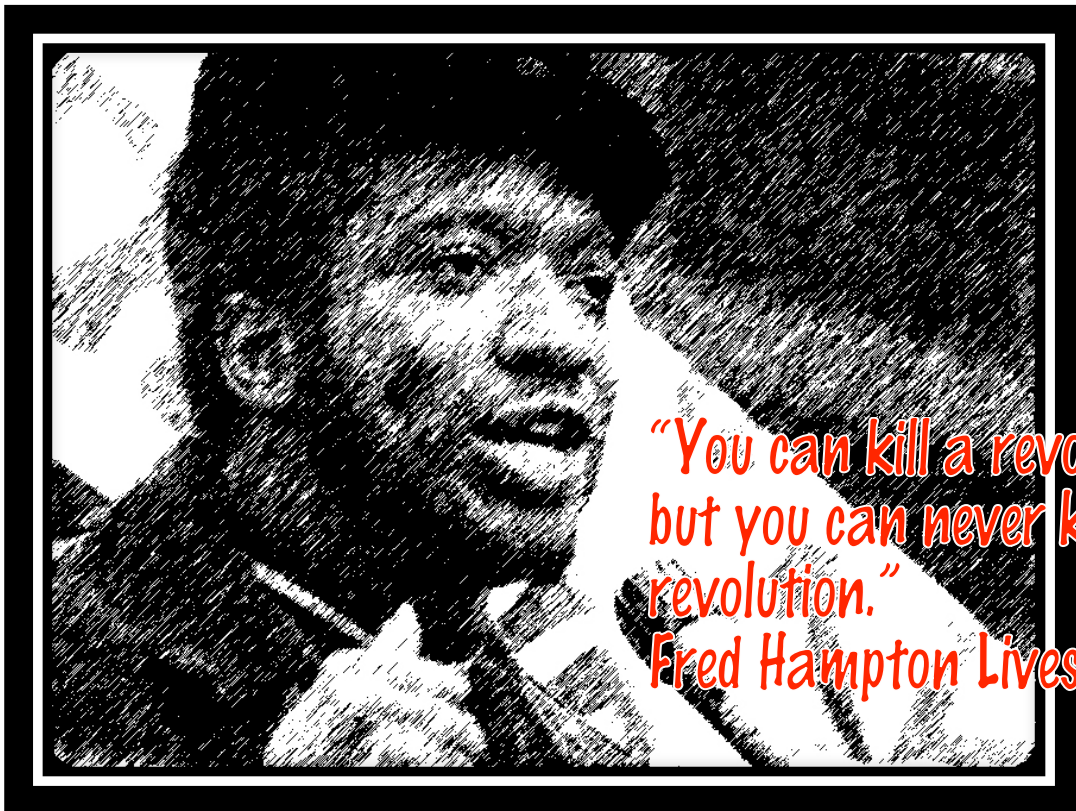
2.) Cliques: Some comrades will inevitably be brought into the Party by their friends and family members, and people will inevitably form close personal friendships within the Party. This is natural, and we have no problem with it. It only becomes a problem when favoritism and nepotism starts to creep in. This is a manifestation of individualism which can divide and weaken the Party. People who hail from the same neighborhood, city, region or country, or who have done time together, may feel a natural affinity for one another, but we have to keep this in check and not allow cliques to form or people to be treated as "outsiders" or "insiders" or be favored or disfavored on these accounts.

Again, education is the key to preventing this, and making a conscious effort to respect our diversity and each individual as our brother or sister and valued member of our Party and movement. People should not be liberal and let matters slide for the sake of friendship or fall into the "Homey" thing or factionalize with others.

3.) Pride and Egotism: This is another manifestation of bourgeois consciousness that can be dangerous and destructive to Party unity. It is a form of Liberalism and can manifest itself as comrades only wanting to perform easy tasks and not hard ones, or only "important" tasks and not mundane ones, or seeking "glamour" over obscure work. This can particularly affect leading comrades or veterans who get the attitude that they are too important to do physical labor or that they deserve "posh" accommodations at the Party's expense, and so on. Some would rather pose with guns than get up early in the morning to feed breakfast to poor children or want to make speeches and not sell newspapers or hand out leaflets.

These things manifested themselves in the practice of the old Panther Party and contributed to its demise. Division of labor is necessary, but all Party members must be humble servants of the people and true socialists. To remain a tightly knit organization, we must share in the hardships as well as the dangers and put the people's interests ahead of our own.

## **ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**



## On the Road with the Second Rainbow Coalition in California

by Robert Strong  
Minister of Culture for the White Panthers of  
the United Panther Movement

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, I joined the revival crusade of Kwame Shakur, Minister of Culture for the New Afrikan Black Panther Party and Hy Thurman. Hy was part of the Young Patriots, that Fred Hampton of the original Black Panthers in Chicago reached out to form the original coalition, along with the Young Lords, the American Indian Movement, and the Brown Berets, and the Young Patriots to build a broad mass-based coalition for a real peoples' revolution. And Hy has been good to the promise he made Bobby Lee on his deathbed, that he'd reawaken the Rainbow Coalition.



L-R Robert Strong, Hy Thurman, Brown Berets  
Connie Xochitekatl, and Capitana Esie, and  
Kwame Shakur.

The tour kicked off in Los Angeles before moving up the coast and was hosted by the original Minister of Culture of the White Panthers, Wayne Kramer of MC5. Though Kramer was noticeably absent, reportedly racing a deadline for a movie soundtrack he was composing, the right people were there. It was beautiful sharing space there with our San Bernadino Brown Beret comrades and other local activists for one of the most consequential conversations I've had the pleasure of facilitating. Kwame dedicated the first night to political prisoners close to his heart, Leon Benson and Royal Amos, and then discussed the early American precedent of working-class solidarity between indentured white servants and chattel slaves at Bacon's Rebellion. He related this to the long history of aristocracy using white lower class to police the black slave class, and racism being an invention of capitalist imperialism. This led to powerful conversations starting with Kwame's construct of the dialectic between social conditions and quality of consciousness. The conversations flowed out onto the sidewalk and continued by phone and social media late into the night, despite an early roll-out time the next day, folks sharing about epiphanies and jarring revelations, inspired by Hy and Kwame's inspirational stories of revolutionary transformation. We all shared the exhilaration of rekindled hope after a nightmarish past few years.

As we were leaving town the next day, before we even made it to the freeway, we found a BLM protest group encamped in front of the Councilman DeLeon's house, following the shameful unveiling of latent racism within the so called liberal class. We hooked up our comrades with some resources and drive up the steep rolling golden hills of 'the Grapevine' and down into the Central Valley, stopping here and there at truckstops, web radio pinging between country-western truck driving songs and Maoist gangsta rap. At one such stop, I was pumping gas and looked over to see Kwame in the parking lot having an impromptu discussion with a Black biker gang. That was when I realized that Kwame was a real missionary, and that we're on an evangelical crusade literally spreading the Gospel of Good News to the Poor and Oppressed.

Our next stop was at a Seventh Day Adventist Church (the only vegetarian denomination in Christendom), who hosted a group of central valley farm workers and a stalwart Brown Beret cadre. There I spoke with a small-scale farmer whose well had run dry. The tangible angst about water and where everyone will go when it all runs dry haunted every conversation. One of the most amazing conversations was with an elderly black woman who'd moved decades ago, going from being a sharecropper in Mississippi to being a farm worker in the Central Valley. Her husband's story was that he'd gotten drafted to Vietnam, became a medical tech to avoid having to fight in a war he didn't believe in, and moved to Central Valley to start a mobile medical van for farm workers and natives in the isolated community of Natives and farm workers.

One of the hosts of the Central Valley gathering was Gloria Sandoval, working for the Poor Peoples' Campaign for National Moral Revival, a true answer to Jesus's criteria on how nations will be judged, according to his parable of the Sheep & the Goats. Her husband, Salvador Sandoval a family doctor who's worked in Merced County for decades, had been selected to be Head of Merced County Health Department. He was fired shortly thereafter when the Q-anon entrenched county Board of Supervisors were pushed by the Sheriff's Department to fire him, because his data on Covid transmission and masks somehow went against their Christofascist values. I shared with him about my recent experience having the fascist LA Sheriff's Department pressure county HR to fire me from my health sector job for whistleblowing about rampant systemic racism within county healthcare, DCFS, and the police force.

The next day we drove from the hot, dusty valley to my favorite city in the world. San Francisco was the first city I visited in California as a child, back in the '70's, when my family flew out from Kentucky to bring my wayward uncle 'back to Jesus', after he'd reportedly 'been tempted by the homo's' and moved to SF 'to live a life of sin and degradation.' All I know, is when I saw all them ships on the bay, and smelled those crabs at Fisherman's Wharf, and watched them crazy street performers running around naked, I swore to someday return to this glorious place of libertine celebration.

But the SF of 2022 is definitely not the SF of the 1970's. It's not even the SF of the '90's, when the Cacophony Society roamed the streets creating artistic mayhem back before Burning Man jumped the proverbial shark. Oakland is now the San Francisco of San Francisco. And I hope it doesn't also get taken over by dotcom billionaires like SF did. So far, the undisturbed tent cities keep it real. The still-people-run Peoples' Park in Berkely, keep it real. And the Pantehr legacy keeps it real. The thrill of driving through a city whose major streets are named after Black liberators, MLK, Mandela, Huey Newton makes one feel they are no longer even in America.

Last month's Second Rainbow Coalition Congress was in Chicago, at Cooke County Jail, the home of the first Rainbow Coalition. This month's Left Coast trip took us to the home of the Black Panthers themselves, and on the week of the anniversary of their founding. We walked with incredible reverence through West Oakland, absorbing the quantum shadows still present in the murals, townhouses, and streets where our Panther forefathers planned the revolution still rippling out to this day. As Hy, Kwame, & I drove back to Jack London Inn, it was in silent, moist-eyed gratitude.

Then it was off to the Green Arcade Bookstore off Market St. in San Francisco, across the Bay Bridge. It was so reassuring to be at an old-school San Francisco bookstore, on a block that still felt delightfully dodgy at night, and then hit a loud, gritty pub, blaring with punk rock, with folks that reminded me why I always loved this city and its irrepressible revolutionary weirdos.

The last city on the California tour before I headed south and they continued on north, was Sacramento. I expected the capitol city, which once inspired the Dead Kennedys to write a song called California Uber Allis, to be challenging, lots of khaki, maybe even a Proud Boy attack. But maybe *because* it is an island of radicalism in this highly conservative city, it was the most energetic crowd yet. It

was at the ironically named Café Colonial, where we met the Lavender Angels, basically the Pink Panthers by another name. These badass queers have their ground game so impressively dialed in, I will devote an entirely separate article to their service & defense program.

Before leaving Northern California, I sat in a pub that has run continuously since 1884 with only 3 owners, the pub where Jack London was known to write & carouse. It has the same warped wooden floorboards



L-R Johnny Gee, Hy Thurman. Shamako Nobel, Kwame Shakur in San Francisco.

that shifted into a parallelogram of downhill slants during the 1906 earthquake, causing you to feel drunk before you've even started. They say that's his original ramshackle cabin sitting right there under the pine tree, near the shore. 'Said they brought it all the way from Alaska on a steamer. I made that same trip last year, when I took my month-long sabbatical in the boreal rain forest and muskeg of the Alaskan archipelago, the place I started the book I'm writing, historical fiction about my badass abolitionist ancestor, Uncle Captain Billy and his crew the Red String Raiders. Now here I was writing the last chapter where fellow socialist Jack London himself used to write his novels of hobo adventure in the early years of the American Labor movement.

Later joined at the pub by living legend Hy Thurman, we shared a round of bourbon, Captain Billy's drink of choice. I imagined Billy's ghost shootin' the shit in the corner with the ghost of Jack London. Hy raised his glass in honor of his many comrades that were shot & stabbed to death by the KKK and the Kops back in the '60's and '70's. He lost so many of his original cadre to fascist violence, that he gave us the sober reminder that statistically, one of us could likely die in a similar fashion for carrying on their work. I'm known for pissing off people in high places, from Trump's Secretary of Treasury Steve Mnuchin to Los Angeles Sheriff Villanueva, the Mayor Daly of Los Angeles. Here's hoping I can pace myself enough to walk my sons through the Apocalypse that is to come according to all credible science. And if I do find myself bleeding out on the sidewalk someday at the hand of our fascist oppressors, I'll die with a smile, knowing my sons will be able to say I died for the Revolution. And here's hoping they'll have plenty of stalwart comrades walking at their side in my place. Maybe they'll sit at this same table someday by the Pacific Ocean, in this rickety pub, invoking my spirit along with all the other beloved revolutionary souls that have laid the foundation for our struggle.

**Historic Rally in Chicago:  
9-24-2022  
Brown Berets Call for Unity Rally!**



Saturday, September 24th, 2022 will go down as a very special day in the city of Chicago and the movement for liberation. Thanks to a call to action from Los Brown Berets, many active revolutionary organizations on the front lines of their respective communities gathered in full brother/sisterhood and solidarity for the First National People's Coalition Rally. Many meeting for the first time, while others reunited as old comrades, a true bond was forged as each group stepped forward in peace and unity in the spirit of the original Rainbow Coalition formed by Chairman Fred Hampton of the Black Panther Party in the late 60's.



**Above: The day began with ceremony acknowledging the 4 directions**

The event took place on the 2700 block of S. California Ave near Little Village, in between the various buildings that make up Cook County Jail. Things started with a traditional Azteca/Mexika danza ceremony acknowledging the four directions lead by Pilsen based danza collective Huehucoyotl. This set the tone for the spirit of the day as the drumming echoed off and through the walls of that institution followed by chants of " All power to the people! ", " Boots on the ground? ", and " Viva La Causa " Each group then stepped forward to declare their solidarity with one another, to the struggle and for all of those wrongfully incarcerated, killed, persecuted, deported, and misplaced by law enforcement and immigration customs.

Among the speakers/presenters and Revolutionary organizations present were MC Rafael Avitia of La Mesa Nacional, Frank Chapman from Chicago Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression, Paul Mireles and Que Mala Bruja of the New Era Young Lords, Kuame Shakur and Shake Zulu of the New African Black Panther Party, Jake Hansbury, of the White Panthers, Connie Gonzales of the San Bernardino Brown Berets, Peggy Ramirez of La Raza Unida, Colorado, JP Romero of the Sacramento Brown Berets, Balthazar of Little Village Community Counsel, Swift of the Vice Lord Nation, Arielle Maldonado and Labetta Maxwell for Free Tyrone Clay, Cheri Honkala and Poor Peoples Army, Zombie of Guardian Rebellion, Anna Winston of B.N.E.R.T. Virginia, Hy Thurman of The Young Patriots and the original Rainbow Coalition, Alex Watkins, BB, Johnny Torres of Los Brown Berets, Houston. Indiana, North Dakota, Nevada, Minnesota were all present as well as other groups and individuals amongst the active revolutionary community who's attendance contributed to the aura of change, unity, strength, and comradeship in the air.

The rally lasted the day and was followed by food, artisans, artists and musical performances into the night at a local Little Village park.

Salute to Yóltzin, Chilti Cayotl and Los Brown Berets de Chicago for hosting such a milestone event. We look forward to what is to come of this historic coming together of all relatives in the struggle.

**Que Viva La Causa.**

**All Power to the People. - Sonryze**



# CAPITALISM KILLS



## KILL CAPITALISM!

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## The Dept. of Children & Family Services (DCFS) Terrorizes Black Families

By Robert Strong, Ph.D. Minister of Culture – White Panthers – UPM

The person I'll refer to as "my client" for confidentiality purposes, is a Black single mother of two children from Las Vegas. In 2020, she was stuck at a quarantine shelter in Los Angeles, her kids having been recently removed from her custody and placed in foster care. During intake at the shelter, she told me through shaking sobs about the recent trip to Los Angeles; she'd promised to take her daughter to see the ocean for her birthday. When she was at a bus stop waiting for a transfer, she realized she'd left her backpack on the bus, that had her wallet and her phone on the previous bus. My client already had untreated PTSD based on previous traumatic experiences. Suddenly feeling trapped, alone, and bewildered in a strange city with her two small children, she began to have a panic attack.

She did exactly what I would normally say she should have done by walking into a nearby medical clinic where they would be safe, and she could use the phone. And instead of helping her, they pumped her full of Thorazine and put her children in foster care while she was knocked out. Now my client was without wallet or phone, and her children were gone, and she did what I would have done, she lost her shit and began yelling at the staff. Just like most American medical professionals with implicit racial bias, they pumped her with more Thorazine and sent her to a psychiatric hospital lock-down. When she was "released," she was now homeless without a phone or a wallet. Still hadn't seen her children, and whereas the county had just gone on full quarantine lock-down, she refused to go back to her apartment and job in Las Vegas without her children. So she chose to stay at the covid shelter. That's where I met her.

Incensed, I called the Department of Childrens & Family Services (DCFS) and demanded resolution to this blatant abuse of power. By the time I heard back from someone, several days later, I encountered the most calloused Karen imaginable, the social worker who'd removed my client's children. When I curtly informed her that a panic attack is no basis to remove one's children causing even further trauma, she justified her decision, 'Oh, yeah? Well, did she tell ya she had marijuana in her purse?' She waited for some type of 'aha, gotcha' type thing to take effect.

I said, "Neither of those are legal basis for child removal. If my client was one of the many white mothers who like to decompress from a hectic day with a little indica, she'd still have her children.'

She said she'd get back to me. And instead of getting back to me, she called my supervisor to complain about my 'unprofessional tone.' My supervisor sat me down and insisted that I owed the social worker an apology and warned that if I didn't, I would be written up. My righteous indignation boiled over, 'Excuse me?! This woman's children were traumatically yanked away from her for no reason whatsoever, certainly no reason that they would detain a white woman's children. And you're worried about my tone?!' She was good to her word and wrote me up, apparently with a very different idea of the duties of a public servant.

I contacted an NPR reporter who was eager to interview my client. But my client was too seized up with anxiety to speak with them. Her social worker had told her, 'If you go to the media, you'll never see your children again.' I went to the ACLU. They refused to take my case for some bullshit reason. I began to put out my own hysterical blasts on social media, calling out my supervisor and my client's social worker for their racist inaction, begging anyone who knew a good lawyer to help. I got a call from HR for disciplinary action because of these social media posts, despite supposed whistle blower protection regulations.

That's when I met Chairman Jake of the United Panther Movement. I was no longer interested in wasting any more of my short time upon this earth with anyone else that wasn't serious about tearing down this horrific system of Christofascist White Nationalism. I began participating in the weekly Marxist lessons & discussions on zoom. I just needed Leftist fellowship if anything else, people to commiserate with. I took comfort in learning about the trials and the courage of my elders from the 60's revolution. And I began to see that the usual hit & run, anonymous black bloc tactics I'd typically been using, were not effective enough to scale up to such a massive and intransigent system. Marxist-Leninism began to make more and more sense.

Eventually, after a year, my client was reunified with her children and returned to their condo in Las Vegas, bewildered at the surreal and torturous ordeal they'd experienced for months, an ordeal that will likely haunt them for the rest of their lives. My client finally got enough space between her and the experience to work with a lawyer. And she's going after the racist Karens who traumatized her children. And I'm gonna do everything in my power to help her. I just got selected to be the new site rep for our union, SEIU 721. So, bring it, HR. We ain't going nowhere. Justice is coming.

## Heartland Alliance Exposed as Arm of the Prison Industrial Complex and ICE Agents.

Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> was the anniversary of the murder of Fred Hampton and Marc Clark in 1969 at the hands of the Chicago Police in league with the FBI.

The day was mark by a recommitment by members of the Second Rainbow Coalition and others in the determined to stop the detention and imprisonment of immigrant children by the bogus Heartland Alliance.

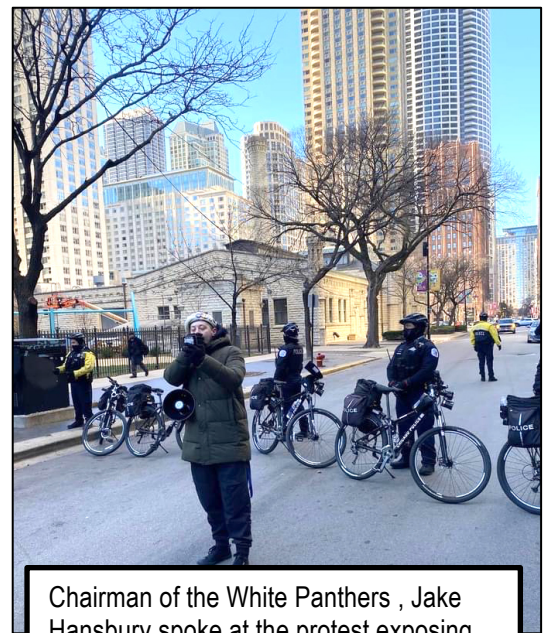
The Heartland Alliance decided to move their disgusting annual brunch to the Ritz Carlton in downtown Chicago. We confronted them there. Members of the Second Rainbow Coalition understand that the right way to celebrate the revolutionary life of Fred Hampton is in revolutionary action. All Power to the People!



SRC members and organizers Yöltzin Makes Cold Weather and Kwame Shakur represent.



Above: The message was clear - attacks and imprisonment of our immigrant families are not going to be tolerated.



Chairman of the White Panthers , Jake Hansbury spoke at the protest exposing the crimes of the state and its agents like Heartland Alliance.

# Second Rainbow Coalition: Statement of Unity

## Preface to the Statement of Unity

The U.S. was founded as a colonial-settler state based upon white supremacy and slavery, stealing the lands of the indigenous nations, breaking every treaty made with them, and confining them to “reservations” (concentration camps). As the country became more powerful, the eagle sunk its claws into other nations, making war on Mexico and grabbing its northern territory, invading Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines and either annexing them outright or making them colonies or neo-colonies; and in the 20th Century it became the major imperialist power in the world, exploiting both the people within its boundaries and those in every other country, bullying them with military interventions and robbing them of their right to self-determination. As Huey P. Newton stated, “We have two enemies to fight, racism and capitalism.” Between the two, capitalism is primary— racism is a by-product of capitalism. The working people of the world of every ethnicity or nationality face a common enemy that is destroying life on earth. Our enemy is a small ruling class of property owners controlling most of the world’s wealth and resources. We must have our basic needs met to live a good and meaningful life: food, shelter, health care, education, freedom from oppression by the state, and peace with other nations. To obtain these essential things for life we must have the power to see to it that the abundance that is available is shared equitably.

## Statement of Unity

The legacy of the first Rainbow Coalition dates back to its founding on April 4th, 1969, by the original Black Panther Party, original Young Lords, and Young Patriots Organization. A number of other organizations joined this coalition not too long afterwards, such as the American Indian Movement, Brown Berets, Rising Up Angry, the Red Guards, and others. Since the founding of the United States, the masses had developed a number of popular movements that came together to fight back against this capitalist-imperialist system in various ways, around particular demands. Nevertheless, none had established a movement quite like the first Rainbow Coalition. This historic movement was the first of its kind that established a model of class struggle like no other. *(continued on next page)*

Its charismatic leader, Chairman Fred Hampton of the Illinois chapter of the original Black Panther Party, stated that at the end of the day, we weren't engaged in a “race” struggle; he said that “It's a class struggle goddammit!” By uniting with the various oppressed ethnicities and masses, they were able to bridge the gap between the various ethnic communities that white supremacy had long sought to keep divided.

This class solidarity equipped them with the material basis and class-consciousness to see their common class condition; therefore, the necessity to form a united front against their common class oppressor—the capitalist imperialist ruling class. The ruling class viewed this as the greatest threat to their class rule, and subsequently, used the entire repressive forces of the state (police, courts, jails, prisons, and intelligence agencies, etc.) in order to crush this emerging revolutionary socialist movement.

We re-founded the Rainbow Coalition on May 14th, 2021, with the intent of upholding the legacy of the original Rainbow Coalition. We believe that this historic example is the model for the united front that will best serve our class liberation. By upholding the 10-point program of the original Black Panther Party, which was subsequently adopted and later expanded by the original Young Lords, Young Patriots Organization, and all other original Rainbow Coalition members, we establish our programmatic unity. The six disciplinary rules that we uphold tie all organizations in our coalition.

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story has bestowed upon our generation a common class mission to fulfill. The representatives of the capitalist-imperialist ruling class, represented by the Democratic Party and Republican Party, cannot liberate us. It is their class intention and interest to uphold our common class oppression; therefore, it is only we, the oppressed masses of all ethnicities and nationalities, who MUST build the necessary class solidarity, class-consciousness, organizational structures, and a united front that will ULTIMATELY liberate ourselves. This is what this Second Rainbow Coalition is committed to. This is the historic mission we intend to fulfill. DARE TO STRUGGLE!! DARE TO WIN! #AllPowerToThePeople #BootsOnTheGround!

## SECOND RAINBOW COALITION IN ACTION

### *Boots on the Ground*



**Left and above:** Family and supporters of Tyrone Clay. Panther Love going out to the family of Tyrone Clay. Imprisoned over 10 years for a crime he did not commit.



Left: Survival programs include the Hy Thurman Community Garden being farmed by SRC member organization The White Panther Party Indiana Chapter.



Above: Dancers from Pilsen based danza collective Huehuecoyotl.

# SECOND RAINBOW COALITION IN ACTION

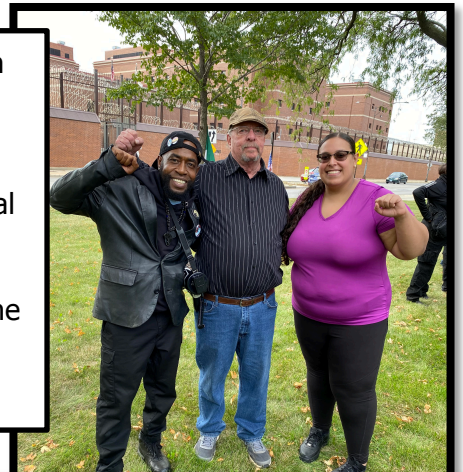
*MORE Boots on the Ground!*



Left: Chicago Young Lord Chairman Paul Mireles addresses the gathering. He spoke to the unity being built. Right National Brown Beret Chairman Juan Rafael Avita came from California for this historic gathering.



Right: Chairman of New Afrikan Black Panthers Shaka Zulu, Hy Thurman original Young Patriot and Arielle Maldonado of the Healing Corner met.



Above: Leading Members of the Almighty Vice Lord Nation stand for unity at the Saturday Rally in front of Cook County Prison.



The Brown Berets from around the country sponsored the Chicago event. They embody "Boots on the Ground" having just been to Uvalde Texas standing and marching with the community that suffered a horrific school shooting.



Above: Veteran Revolutionary Frank Chapman addresses the gathering. He has led the efforts of Chicagoans to have community control of the police.

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Above Left Cheri Honkala and the Poor Peoples Army were at the rally in Chicago. They made important points about the nature of the system.

Above Right: Balthazar of Little Village Community Counsel address the rally in Chicago. Prisoners inside the infamous Cook County jail were able to see and hear the support the rally demonstrated. Many attendees had family inside at one time or another.



Left and below left: The Cleveland Branch of the Young Lords led a work delegation to Puerto Rico to aid in the survival of the people devastated by hurricane Fiona. This mobilization was an outstanding example of the kind of revolutionary work the Second Rainbow Coalition is engaged in.



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