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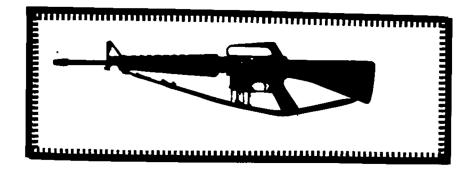


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COUNTER-ATTACK

As Guide to Armed Community Defense as Seen in *The Black Panther* Newspaper in 1970.

Organizing Self-Defense Groups



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Editor's Foreword

In July 1969, the Black Panther Party organized an anti-fascist convergence called the United Front Against Fascism (UFAF) held in Oakland, CA. Over 5,000 people attended from a variety of radical groups, including the Young Lords, the Third World Liberation Front, the Students for a Democratic Society (although they were kicked out after the first day for being disruptive), and the Communist Party USA. Over four days of various speeches and workshops, a general consensus was reached that "defensive violence" was needed in order to fight American fascism and to protect minority communities from police violence. After the conference, a nationwide network of community defense groups were established, known as the National Committees to Combat Fascism (N C C F).

A five-part series titled "Organizing Self-Defense Groups" ran in *The Black Panther*, the Oakland based official newspaper of the Black Panther Party, between April and May 1970. They are accredited to the D.C. chapter of the NCCF, possibly written by Jim Williams, a Black Panther Party member who travelled from Oakland to D.C. in 1970 to help coordinate the local Black Panther Party chapter. These articles were collected and edited into a single publication, likely by the Cambridge chapter of the NCCF.

The original booklet has been edited into this zine with the effort to make as little changes as possible to the original format. The first ever publication of the Black Panther's 10-Point Program from the 2nd issue of *The Black Panther* has been included as an example of the group's general politics. Additionally, a brief article titled "Defend the Ghetto With Guns," that ran in *The Black Panther* in April 1970 has been added to the end, and we believe it is a great example of some of the ideology of the Black Panther Party that motivated the creation of the Organizing Self Defense Groups series.

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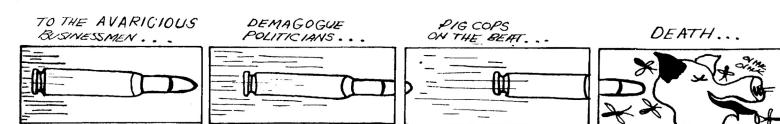
As seen in the original text, this zine includes instructions on creating a self-igniting Molotov cocktail as well as the 'Peoples Handgrenade,' which is actually just a pipe bomb. For legal purposes, we would like to warn the readers about the dangers involved in the construction of either.

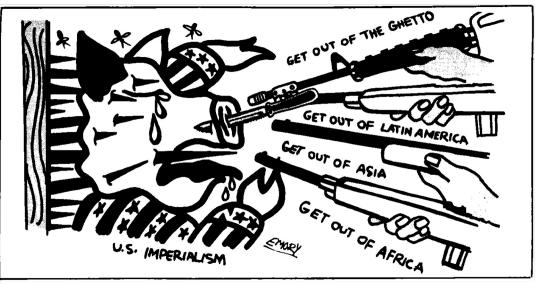
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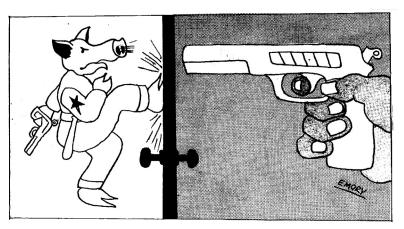
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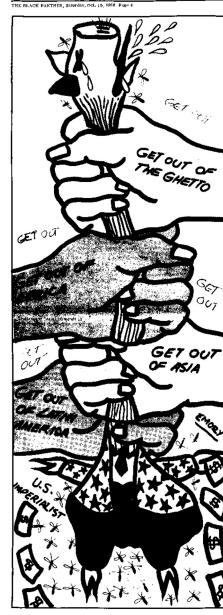
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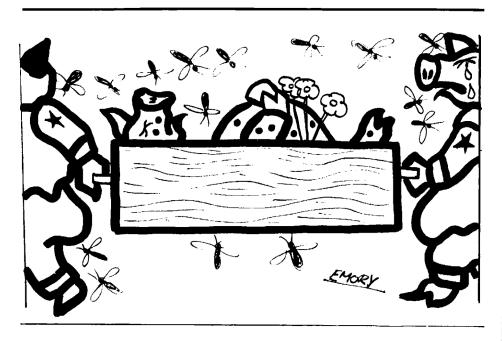


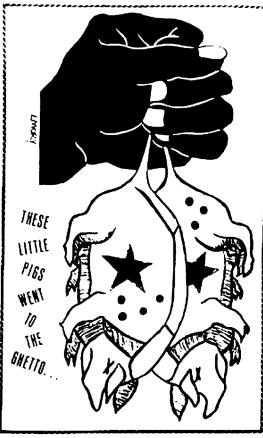
















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TO THOSE POOR SOULS WHO DON'T KNOW BLACK HISTORY, THE BELIEFS AND DESIRES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE MAY SEEM UNREASONABLE. TO BLACK PEOPLE, THE TEN POINTS COVERED ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO SURVIVAL. WE HAVE LISTENED TO THE RIOT PRODUCING WORDS "THESE THINGS TAKE TIME" FOR 400 YEARS. THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY KNOWS WHAT BLACK PEOPLE WANT AND NEED. BLACK UNITY AND SELF DEFENSE WILL MAKE THESE DEMANDS A REALITY.

WHAT WE WANT

- . WE WANT FREEDOM. WE WANT POWER TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF OUR BLACK COMMUNITY.
- 2.WE WANT FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE.
- 3.WE WANT AN END TO THE ROBBERY BY THE WHITE MAN OF OUR BLACK COMMUNITY.
- 4. WE WANT DECENT HOUSING, FIT FOR SHELTER HUMAN BEINGS.
- 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.
- 6. WE WANT ALL BLACK MEN TO BE EXEMPT FROM MILITARY SERVICE.
- 7. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE.
- 8. WE WANT FREEDOM FOR ALL BLACK MEN HELD IN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY PRISONS AND JAILS.
- 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.
- 10. WE WANT LAND, BREAD, HOUSING, EDUCATION, CLOTHING, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- 1. WE BELIEVE THAT BLACK PEOPLE WILL NOT BE FREE UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE OUR DESTINY.
- 2. 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 BUSINESS MEN WILL NOT GIVE FULL EMPLOYMENT, THEN THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM THE BUSINESS MEN 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 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 WAS PROMISED 100 YEARS AGO AS RETRIBUTION 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 6,000,000 JEWS. THE AMERICAN RACIST HAS TAKEN PART IN THE SLAUGHTER OF OVER 50,000,000 BLACK PEOPLE; THEREFORE, WE FEEL THAT THIS IS A MODEST DEMAND THAT WE MAKE.
- 4. WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE WHITE LANDLORDS WILL NOT GIVE DECEME 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.

WHAT WE BELIEVE 5. WE BELIEVE IN AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM THAT WILL GIVE TO OUR PEOPLE A KNOWLEDGE OF SELF. IF A MAN DOES NOT HAVE KNOWLEDGE

HE HAS LITTLE CHANCE TO RELATE TO ANYTHING ELSE.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT BLACK PROPLE 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 VIC-TIMIZED BY THE WHITE RACIST GOVERNMENT OF AMERICA. WE WILL PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE FORCE AND VIOLENCE OF THE BACIST

OF HIMSELF AND HIS POSITION IN SOCIETY AND THE WORLD, THEN

7. WE BELIEVE WE CAN END POLICE BRUTALITY IN OUR BLACK COMMU-NITY BY ORGANIZING BLACK <u>SELF DEFENSE</u> GROUPS THAT ARE DEDICATED TO DEFENDING OUR BLACK COMMUNITY FROM RACIST POLICE OPPRESSION AND BRUTALITY. THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTI-TUTION OF THE UNITED STATES GIVESUS A RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT ALL BLACK PEOPLE SHOULD ARM THEMSELVES

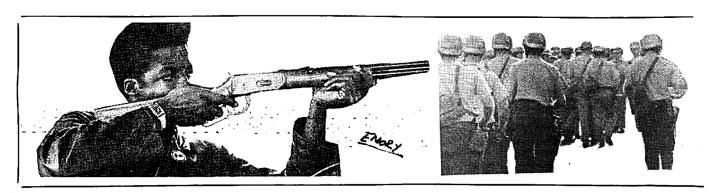
POLICE AND THE RACIST MILITARY. BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY.

- 8. 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 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 PROM A SIMILAR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS, GEOGRAPHICAL, ENVIR-ONMENTAL, HISTORICAL AND RACIAL BACKGROUND, TO DO THIS THE COURT WILL BE FORCED TO SELECT A JURY FROM THE BLACK COMMUNI-TY FROM WHICH THE BLACK DEPENDANT 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. 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 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 FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECOMES DESTRUCTIVE OF THESE WHENEVER ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECOMES DESTRUCTIVE OF THESE ENDS, IT IS THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO ALTER OR TO ABOLISH IT, AND TO INSTITUTE 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 ESTAB-LISHED SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED FOR LIGHT AND TRANSIENT CAUSES: AND ACCORDINGLY ALL EXPERIENCE HATH SHEWN, THAT MANKIND ARE MORE DISPOSE 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 THROW OFF SUCH GOVERNMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NEW GUARDS FOR THEIR FUTURE SECURITY.

"THE SPRIRIT OF THE PEOPLE IS GREATER THAN THE MAN'S TECHNOLOGY HUEY P. NEWTON, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, B.P.P.S.D.

FREE HUEY NOW GUNS BABY GUNS







DEFEND THE GHETTO WITH GUNS

Malcolm X said once that revolutions are fought over land. Revolutionary forces the world over are moving in a strong positive manner against the reactionary forces that occupy and are destroying most of this world.. These revolutionaries and these progressive people are fighting to drive murderous mercenary soldiers, lackey political figures and all evil influences from their land.

Here, in Babylon, revolutionaries and progressive people are also moving in a desired manner. We, as all oppressed, over-exploited and colonized people, must and are, waging an uncompromising struggle against those people who wish to keep us in this situation.

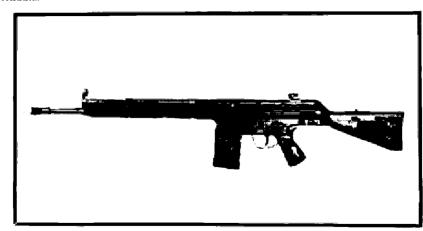
Black people in the United States do not own any land, even though it was the back and lives of Black people that brought prosperity to the land. We do not own but we do occupy. We do not own any of the ghettos in amerikkka, but we have been forced by this government to live in these undesired areas; and so this is where we must begin to wage revolution here in amerikkka.

must liberate these areas of land! We must fight! The youth in this country, in the colonized areas, in particular, must take a serious stand against the oppressor and his lackeys.

There must be throughout the ghetto organized bands of brothers and sisters. Small bands organized and highly disciplined for the purpose of liberating these areas out of the hands of the pig. The morale among the Black freedom fighter will grow as victories are won. We cannot afford incorrect example at this time, for in an armed struggle one either wins or dies. To insure the livelihood of our people, we must rally new force through our examples of resistance.

The spirit of revolution is here; the direction is here, the on thing left to do now is to fight. Follow the ideology of the Black Panther Party, the vanguard of the American Revolution #2, so that the correct examples will be set for the people to follow.

Self Defense groups of 4-6 should make it priority #1 to obtain everything they can find, written by Huey P. Newton,

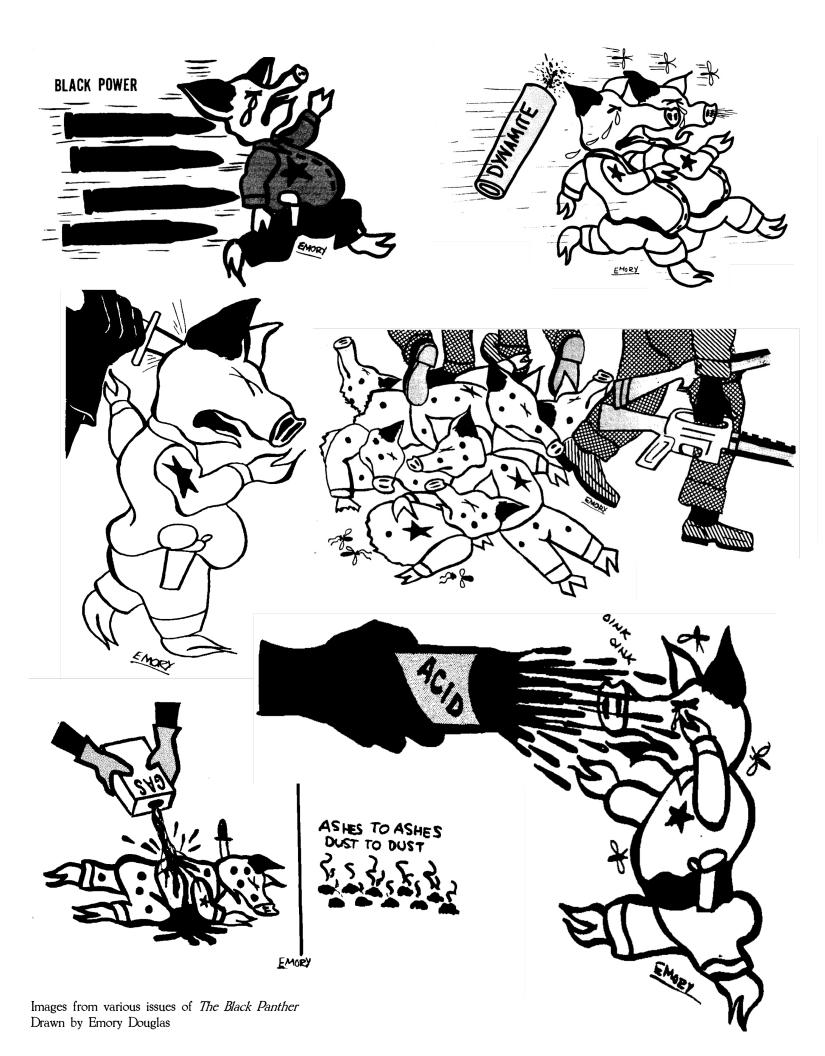


Today, we are sharing the ghetto with a most undesirable element, the murderous racist pig cop. Revolutions are fought over land, and so that we, as Black people, obtain the power to determine our own destiny, we will first have to remove the most obvious level of oppression, the most deadly element, that pig cop that occupies our communities like a foreign troop occupies territory. We

Eldridge Cleaver, and other proven revolutionaries, so as to embody within the group an ideology that will give you a fighting spirit of steel, that no lackey, pig, or anybody else can destroy! That will be your first taste of freedom.

DARE TO STRUGGLE!
DARE TO WIN!!

Michael Hill Colorado Chapter



ORGANIZING SELF DEFENSE GROUPS

PART #1

In organizing self-defense groups at this stage of the struggle the most important consideration is whether or not the person to be incorporated into the group understands fully that what he or she is doing is the right thing to do. At this stage of the struggle if any members of a selfdefense group are weak minded or do not understand that the only way to put an end to brutality & murder by this racist power structure is to organize self-defense groups & counter-attack, practice has shown that if this weak minded person is ever captured he or she will certainly not be able to withstand the methods of persuasion used by the fascist pigs and they will talk, give up information. So the first priority for any self-defense group is to be armed ideologically.

Because of the consequences if anything goes wrong during an operation, members within the group must maintain a face to face relationship, get to know each others strengths and weaknesses thoroughly, and participate fully in the planning of operations. Liberalism at this level can cost the lives of comrades and/or jeopardize the success of an operation.

At this time self-defense groups should have no more than four to six members. The struggle at this time requires no operation that can't be handled by four to six people. Also security is sacrificed the larger the group. At this time self-defense groups should be formed all across Babylon, North, South, East and West. However, at this time groups must work autonomously. Under no circumstances should any group seek out and try to make

contact with another group. Due to the fact that this level of struggle is in its embryonic stages and fools, agents and provocateurs are scattered all across Babylon if autonomy is maintained when a member of a group is captured he or she will only be able to give up information on one group, their own.

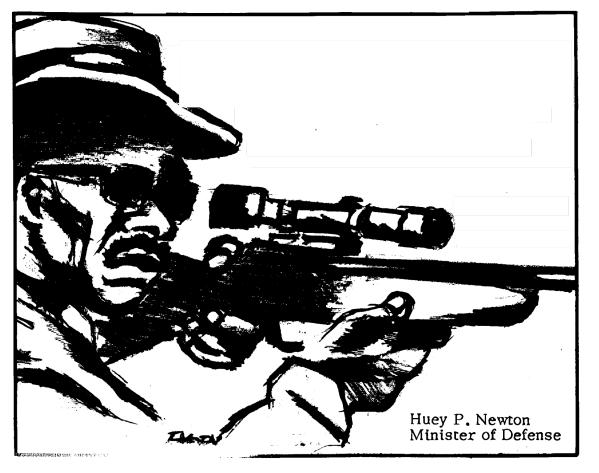
Know the enemy. At this time the pigs have three things going for them:

- Communication
- 2. Mobility
- 3. Information

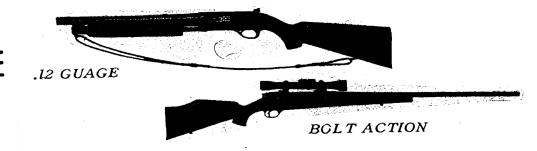
C.M.I.

When planning any operation the pigs' C.M.I., must be taken into consideration when planning tactics.

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ORGANIZING SELF DEFENSE **GROUPS**



Part II

Know the enemy. At this time the pigs have three things going for them:

- Communication C
- Mobility M
- 3. Information I

When planning any operation, the pigs' CMI must be taken into consideration in planning tactics.

Due to the brainwashing done by TV, movies, comics etc., there are a lot of incorrect ideas about firearms that must be cleared up. The first thing to understand is, there is no one piece (gun) that covers all situations. Although they show pigs on TV and in the movies killing people a block away with a snub-nose .38 revolver in



reality this is not very practical and shouldn't even be attempted unless you are an expert's expert. From seeing too much Wyatt Earp and Mat Dillon to many people think that if they have a hand gun either pistol or revolver that they are ready for anything. All that is necessary to give you a different perspective is to examine the armament of the pigs that occupy our Black communities anywhere in Babylon. When you do that you will discover that most pig cars have at least one .12 gauge pump or automatic shotgun or automatic assault rifles, one or two bolt-action rifles with a scope mounted for sniping purposes, and of course, the pigs have strapped on at least one hand gun either an automatic pistol or a revolver. In San Francisco, the S.F. Tactical squad members carry two handguns, their standard service revolver plus a second handgun which is their personal preference, in many cases an automatic pistol. So at this time let's examine these three types of weapons - the shotgun, the rifle, and the

.12 Gauge Shotgun: the pigs use the shotgun, either pump or semi-automatic, loaded with 00 buckshot generally in crowd situations such as rebellions. The standard load in nine (0) buckshot pellets per shell, however there is the magnum load of 12 pellets per shell. Those magnum load shells are to be used only in magnum shotguns. If you use magnum loads in a regular shotgun, you might not live to tell



The pigs also use slugs, 1 giant lead ball. In the plans the Berkeley pig dept. had drawn up to attack National Headquarters of the Black Panther Party, they intended to use slugs to knock the armor plate off of our windows and to knock out the doors. This photograph shows what slugs used by Chicago pugs did to the steel plate on the door to our office there.



There is also a tear gas shell now designed to be fired from a .12 gauge.

Every Black home should have at least one .12 gauge shotgun to be used to protect the door. Use 00 buckshot and it will deal with any criminals trying to enter uninvited. Cuban guerrillas used shotguns very successfully in the revolutionary war led by Fidel Castro. They would set up ambushes close to roads usually only a few feet away and shotguns loaded with 00 buck would have a devastating effect upon the occupants of cars and/or trucks.

There is one thing about shotguns that possibly can be viewed in our favor at this time that is that the barrel is smooth inside so it doesn't put any marks on the pullers; therefore, the pigs can't make an investigation based on ballistic marks.

The RIFLE: The bolt-action rifle in .30.06 or .308 (7.26 MM Nato) with a four (4) power scope (or better) mounted is a sniping weapon. A specialist piece. This virulent (deadly) combination is for one purpose, and one purpose only - to fire ONE well placed shot. So each unit needs only one such weapon at this time. There is nothing else to say about that.

The assault rifle is either semiautomatic or preferable one that can be fired semi-automatic or fully automatic. The limit here is that posed by the limit if the enemies arsenal. Here we will discuss the most common seen in our communities carried by the gestapo pig forces. The AR-15 caliber .223 is the semi-automatic civilian model called "sporting" model of the M-16 used in Vietnam. The M-16 fires either semi-auto or fully auto. After the lives of many brothers were lost in Vietnam because the weapons was new and untested, it has now been de-bugged and is fairly reliable. It can be found on all military bases and some gestapo police arsenals. The AR-15 was taken off of the public market and has been replaced by the AR-18 caliber .223. The AR-18 does not appear to be as good as the AR-15. However, many pig departments are stocking up on them.



PEOPLE'S ANTIDOTE FOR TEAR GAS

Recipe is as follows for a quart of tear gas relief: Mix 8-10 eggs with one cup of water add a tablespoon of baking soda. Beat very

This mixture should be spread on the face as well as other exposed areas of the body.

Vinegar in a handkerchief, is an effective agent to breathe through, but vinegar should not be spread on the face.

The vinegar-soaked handkerchief and the egg mixture should, together, make an effective anti-tear gas team.

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Japanese Infantry Weapons

German Infantry Weapons

U.S. .30 Carbines, M1, M1A1, M2 and M3

U.S. Garand Rifles Ms, MIC, MID

U.S. Springfield Rifles M1903, M1903A1, M1903A3, M1903A4

U.S. Rifle 7.62mm M-14

U.S. .45 Pistols and Revolvers

Machineguns and Gunnery for Machineguns (U.S.)

Mortars and Mortar Gunnery (U.S.)

The Lewis Light Machinegun

The Browning Hi-Power Pistols

The Parabellum ("Luger") Pistol

The Thompson Sub-Machineguns Use and Installation of Boobytraps

Guerilla Warfare and Special Forces Operations

Operations Against Irregular Forces

Guerilla Warfare: A Method (Che Guevara) and Special War (Nguyen

Van Hieu)

Leader's Guide for Operations in Southeast Asia Colt .223 AR-15 Semi and Fully Automatic Rifles (M-16)

U.S. Shotguns, All Types

M1917 "Enfield" Rifle

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longer use this as the main weapon any longer, the National Guard troops that come into the Black community have these weapons now. This weapon is also a good defensive and offensive weapon, that can be used very well in certain situations. Because of the weight of the rifle (9 lb.) and the ammunition, and also the length (44.14 inches), the weapon cannot be as effective as the shorter M-16 in close combat conditions. The weapon has good penetration power. It will pierce a GI helmet on both sides at 500 yards.

These weapons are not sold in the store and are illegal to have so if you have one or have the chance to get one, remember you have a priceless piece of equipment that should be given the best of care.

Picture #3

Flash Suppressor -- attachment that is located at the end of barrel. Its function is to hide the flash that comes out of gun when fired.

Magazine -- Where ammunition is stored and fed from, into chamber of

Semi Automatic -- Semi automatic fire is when each time you wish to fire weapon you must pull the trigger. Fully Automatic -- Fully automatic is when you pull the trigger and hold it, the gun will keep on shooting until you release the trigger.

Maximum Effective Range -- This is the farthest distance that the weapon may be shot and kill or wound the

Maximum Rate of Fire -- If you could shoot for one (1) minute without stopping to reload, the amount of shots you fired would be maximum rate of

Muzzle -- End of barrel.

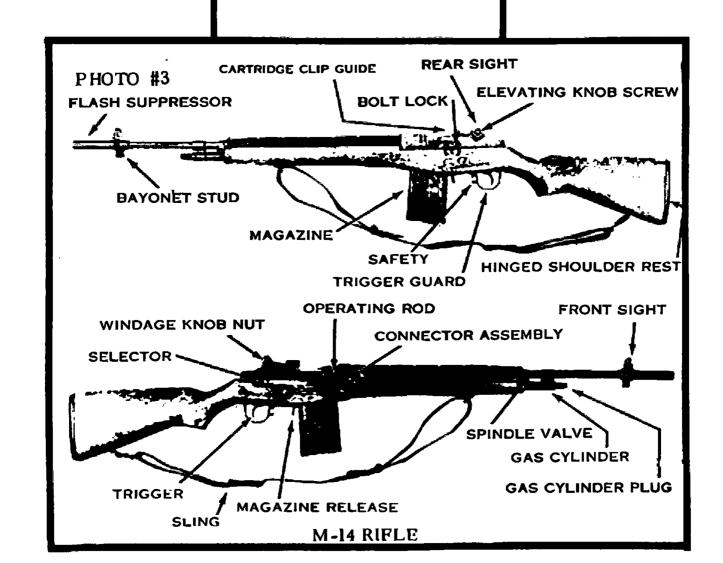
Velocity - Speed.

Rounds -- This is a count of one bullet. So a 20 round magazine would mean the magazine could hold 20 bullets.

Recoil -- When the rifle fires it will kick upward somewhat this is called the recoil.

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Another very good assault rifle is the M-14 caliber 7.62 mm Nato (.308 in English). This is a very good weapon altogether although it has been replaced by the lighter M-16 in the fascist military. Most national guard units, at least here in California, are equipped with the M-14. Check your local National Guard availability.

The Thompson Sub-Machine gun if in good working order is very reliable in .45 ACP caliber. It fires either semi or fully auto. One rewarding feature is it uses the same ammunition as the .45 automatic pistol cutting down on the variety of ammunition necessary for your stash. Check your local police/mafia

Finally the age-old M1-Garand caliber .30-06 Very good, plenty of them around, heavy and accurate wat our, easy to get and plenty of ammo around. Check your pawn shops and gun shops also some national guard units and college ROTC units have them readily available.

The M1.30 caliber carabine? Use it for target practice and training.

Assault rifles are to be used in fire fights, more commonly known as shoot-outs. People waging wars of liberational round the worlds also use assault rifles to annihilate (wipe out) their enemy's in ambushes and in counter attacks against fascist military outpost.

HANDGUNS: There are two types, semi-automatic and revolvers. There



are so many different brands and calibers, I will only deal with what I consider to be the best choices.

.357 Magnum revolver made by either Colt or Smith & Wesson. It holds six shots and with armor piercing ammo is supposed to crack an engine block Many pig departments have switched or are switching from .38-special to .357 magnum. The less powerful .38 special just can't match the .357. There was an incident where a brother was defending himself against a pig and fired at the pig with a .38 special. The bullet hit the pigs badge and was deflected. Had the brother been using a .357 magnum that would have been one bar-b-cued pig.

9MM automatic pistol. Although



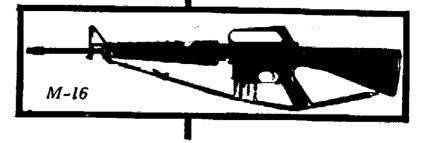
pistols are called "automatic", they really are semi-automatic. The trigger has to be pressed for every shot, I recommend the Browning 9MM automatic. It comes with a 13 shot magazine. If you put one in the chamber that means 14 shots available. If you're up against someone with a 6 shot revolver, they will have to reload 2 times and you've still got two shots left. You can also purchase a 21 shot magazine. That's a lot of fire power for a hand gun.



.45 Automatic pistol. This is still the sidearm issued to the US fascist military troops. They also can be purchased in stores. There also seems to be a lot of these available in the streets. Check with your local street merchants.

Even if you have the finest self-defense weapons they are no better than clubs if you don't know how to use them. By the same token if you practice, it is possible to get good enough to kill elephants with a .22. However with enough practice with the above mentioned weapons and being armed ideologically with the invincible thought of the Black Panther Party, it is possible like the Panthers who were attacked in Los Angeles in December to be a match for one hundred.

COUNTER ATTACK D.C.



ORGANIZING SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS

Know the enemy. At this point the pigs have three things going for them.

Communication - C Mobility - M Information - I

When planning any operation, the pigs' C.M.I must be taken into consideration in planning tactics. Practice - Practice - Practice -Practice - Practice - Practice.

In order to perform well in your work on all levels it is necessary to practice, the more you practice, the better you perform. Don't think just because you read something you can do it. You can memorize a book on how to drive a car but until you get behind a wheel and practice you still can't drive.

The first things to understand before you ever put a round of ammo in a chamber are basic safety rules. 99% of all accidental shootings happen with guns that aren't "loaded" and/or by people that say "I'm sorry, I didn't know it was loaded." Therefore, rule #1 is: the first thing you do when you pick up a weapon is check to see if it is loaded, keep your finger off the trigger and follow the following procedure. Point gun away from area where someone could possibly be shot, If it is a revolver swing out the cylinder; if it is a pistol re-move the magazine and pull back the slide. Even after you have unloaded the gun or see that it is unloaded treat the gun in the manner as if it were still loaded. Never touch the through bore before firing trigger unless you are practicing trigger squeeze (explanation later), firing on training ground or dealing with the enemy. Never point a gun at anyone you don't intend to shoot. I can't stress these points enough, they seem simple enough; however, people that generally haven't had any experience with pieces violate these rules constantly. If I am ever shot accidenttally by some idiot it will be very difficult to suppress the desire to blow his or her head off, providing I'm only wounded. The next step is to learn to disassemble and assemble your pieces, also care and maintenance. Due to the

TRAINING

good commercial solvent

fact that self-defense activity will not be limited to daylight hours you should learn to break your piece down and

assemble it even in the dark. Your life depends on it. So do it.

After you've gotten this down, the next step is to learn how to aim and fire your weapons properly. All of this is to be done before you ever put your first round of ammo in the chamber, the first thing to deal with is proper sight alignment. Sight alignment is lining up your





through clean as possible







will only come about as a result of

correct practice.

Bore should be cleaned through breech end when possible



Store in horizontal position





Front sight with your rear sight correctly. Your front sight lined up with your rear sight and both lined up on the target is called the "sight picture". The correct sight picture basically is having the front not too high or too low, not to the right or to the left, but having the target resting on top of the front sight. The sight picture will not ching. Have someone watch you as you always appear perfect, but if the correct sight picture is understood practice will bring improvement. The next thing to get down with is trigger squeeze. That's right you basic thing in the training of members of squeeze the trigger, you don't pull it or jerk it, contrary to what ever you saw on T.V., trigger squeeze is a process handle fire arms of all types, -hand of putting slow steady pressure on the trigger until a shot goes off. If you try to anticipate the shot, you will jerk and mess up your aim. One other thing to watch for is movement of your piece which comes from breathing. which also messes up your aim. One method of breath

control is to take a deep breath, let out half of it, hold the rest of it then begin your trigger squeeze. It would be ideal if you could incorporate into your group a veteran of the pigs' military service. Veterans are of great value and assistance in helping with the above training also when you are ready to begin practice with live ammunition. When practicing with live ammo make sure your location is where you won't be hassled by pigs. Actual combat conditions can be deadly as a training ground. When practicing with live ammo, remember

it is valuable. Don't just start popping caps for the heck of it: the whole purpose is to prepare yourself to be "a Match for One Hundred" which

One thing to guard against

is flinching. Flinching is caused by being intimidated by the sound and kick of your weapon. With proper trigger squeeze and breath control, you won't have any problems with flinching. If you have problems keeping all your shots in a fairly small group or if you have a problem just getting your shots on the target anywhere you are probably flinfire and they will be able to tell you whether or not you are flinching. The a self defense group is to know how to guns, rifles, shotguns machine guns, etc. The use of different types of ammunition and explosives should be considered also. Part 4 of this series will deal with some

recipes. - ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

ORGANIZING SELF DEFENSE GROUPS

Part

In past articles of our newspaper, assault rifles have been lightly gone over. This article will go into the 2 basic assault rifles that are most common at the present time.

deal with is the AR-15/16, which is

The first weapon that we will

the latest development in combat weaponry. This rifle is used by the fascist pig army in Viet Nam; It was a replacement for the M-14. The M-16 is a 5.56 mm, magazine fed. gas-operated air-cooled, shoulder weapon. By changing the position of a selector lever, the rifle can be made to shoot fully automatic. The rifle also has a flash suppressor mounted on the muzzle. The barrel is surrounded by heat resistant material. made of fiberglass, which has been shaped into a handguard and forearm. There are many accessories that can be added such as: bayonet, grenade launcher, and rocket launcher. The gun holds a 20 or 30 round magazine, but to insure operation it is advisable to never fill any magazine to its stated capacity. Nineteen (19) in the 20 shot magazine, and 27-28 in the 30 shot magazine will work best. The rifle has a muzzle velocity of 3,250 feet per second and a muzzle energy of 1,300 pounds. What this means is that the bullet leaves the RUBBER RECOIL rifle traveling 3,250 feet in one second, hitting someone with 1,300 foot pounds of energy. So as you can see this small bullet travels at a very high rate of speed. The bullet is said to be one of the most deadly caliber of all; when it hits its target it starts to tumble, tearing everything it hits. The picture above shows what damage this rifle can do.

Firing semi-automatic the M-16 will shoot up to 45 to 65 rounds per minute; Fully-automatic it shoots 150 to 200 rounds per minute. The gun has a killing range up to 500 yards. (100 yards is the length of a football field), Comparing the M-16 to the M-14, the M-16 fires faster semi-automatic than the

M-14 does fully automatic. The ammunition that the M-16 uses, 5.56 mm. also called .223 caliber, weighs half as much as the 7.62 NATO, that the M-14 shoots or the 30.06 which the M-I Gar and shoots. Therefore it is possible to carry twice as much 5.56 mm ammunition.

The model that has been explained so far is the government military version. There is a commercial model that is still being sold in gun stores, although not in large quantities; it is called the AR-15. The only difference between the two is the AR-15 does not have a selector switch that enables you to change the fire from semi-automatic to automatic fire. The bolt of the AR-15 is not chrome-plated like the M-16, and the M-16 is made up of a heavy material, thus making it stand up to better combat conditions. The AR-15 is also lighter — it only weighs 5 pounds. It sells in the store from \$250.00 to

FRONT SIGHT ASSEMBLY

This weapon because of its high rate of fire is a perfect weapon for assault operations. Also it serves as an excellent defensive weapon with its large magazine capacity. #2 Picture that shows left and right side of M-16.

M-14 General Description

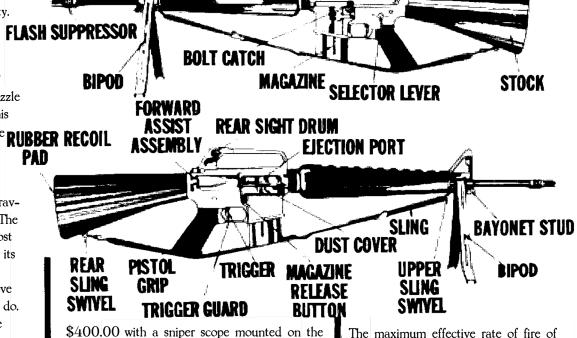
The M-14 is a gas operated magazine fed, air-cooled shoulder weapon. The magazine has a capacity of 20 rounds. When the M-14 was issued to the troops, it was equipped to fire only semi-automatic. I can be converted to fire either semi or fully automatic by removing the selection lock and replacing it with a selector and selector spring. The rifle has a flash suppressor which also reduces recoil of weapon. A bayonet can be attached also. It has a muzzle velocity of 2,800 feet per second.

CHARGING

HANDLE



CARRYING HANDLE



weapon. The weapon has a very light recoil; the stock has a large spring in it called the "action spring," which absorbs a great deal of the recoil of the rifle, bringing the recoil down to as much as 1/4 of the recoil of the M-14.

well-aimed rounds per minute is 20-30 semi-automatic and 40-60 round per minute automatic. It has a maximum effective killing range of approximately 500 yards. It shoots Caliber 7.62 NATO (308). The troops in Vietnam no

For all of the revolvers listed at the beginning of the article you can use a .38 caliber cleaning kit. You will need a cleaning rod, bore brush tip, .38 caliber cleaning patches, cleaning solvent, and gun oil. For patches you can use material like flannel, and some types of cotton, any material that does not ravel or is very linty. Cut into circles about 2" in diameter. All of this cleaning material can be purchased in any gun store.

Your revolver should be cleaned twice a week, and every time after firing. Keep it free of dust and dampness to avoid rusting. If you do not clean your gun immediately after firing it can cause corrosion of the barrel and eat away at it causing your shooting to become inaccurate because of holes that can develop from the powder eating away at the metal or rust from a lack of cleaning and dampness.

1. After firing your barrel and chambers in the cylinder have to be scrubbed with your bore brush and solvent every time. Attach brush to rod, dip brush in solvent, and use a brisk movement in and out of barrel and chambers in cylinder, cleaning out all of the particles out by holding barrel up to light to see if it shines inside, and you will be able to see any particles still holding on. PHOTO 8 and 9

2. Detach bore brush and put tip on the end of rod. Slip a patch through the tip and mop the barrel and cylinder until the patch comes out clean. Use each patch about 10 times. You will have to use more than one patch to mop barrel completely clean. 3. Then attach clean patch to rod and add 2 to 3 drops of oil on the patch and mop already dried barrel with oil. DO NOT soak patch in oil. 4. After cleaning the barrel and cylinder, take a patch with a little solvent on it and wipe off your extractor and all other metal parts (outside of cylinder, and the inside of the gun, Cock the hammer and wipe it off thoroughly, drop a couple of drops of oil down in hammer). PHOTO 11 and 12



PHOTO #10

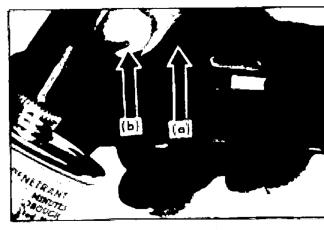


PHOTO #11



5. Take a patch and with a couple of drops of oil on it rub your revolver. (all metal parts) lightly. There should be no visible finger prints on your revolver or excessive streaks on the outside. Your gun should not have an oily surface, just apply enough oil for protection against rust. PHOTO 10 6. Sometimes for extra hard to get areas vou will have to use a toothbrush dipped into a little solvent and brush briskly the hard to get areas. Sometimes your bore brush will not remove all rust; in that case use fine steel wool and solvent, rubbing lightly to remove rust.

***For normal cleaning just run a patch through the barrel and cylinder and wipe off the gun with a few drops of oil on patch.

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PHOTO #12

ORGANIZING SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS

I will begin by pointing out that we must not allow the racist power structure to define our struggle. What I mean is the language that we use like everything else in this society is in the service of the racist capitalist bandits. They control the educational institutions, the news media and the means of production to turn out all the educational material. We sometimes are trapped by the rhetoric (words) of the slavemaster. In our 400 year struggle for survival it has been the guns and force manifested in the racist pig cops that occupy our communities that directly oppress, repress, brutalize and murder us. So for us to talk about survival we must talk about self-defense against this brutality and murder that is defined by the racist power structure as justifiable homicide. So when a selfdefense group moves against this oppressive system, by executing a pig by any means, sniping, stabbing, bombing, etc., in defense against the 400 years of racist brutality and murder this can only be defined correctly as self defense. The slavemaster, however, through his lackeys and puppets calls it 'terrorism', the work of crazed men, criminals, insane killers etc. We must define our struggle not the pigs. Carlos Marighella, an urban guerrilla in Brazil who was assassinated Nov. 4th 1969 just one month before Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, says, "the accusation of assault or terrorism no longer has the pejorative (negative) meaning it used to have. It has acquired new clothing, a new coloration. It does not factionalize, it does not discredit; on the contrary it represents a focal point of attraction."

"Today to be an assailant or terrorist is a quality that ennobles any honorable man because it is an act worthy of a revolutionary engaged in armed struggle against the shameful military dictatorship and its monstrosities.

So with that, I say this, all selfdefense groups must strike blows against the slavemaster until we have secured our survival as a people and if this takes shooting every pig and blowing up every pig sty then let's get on up.

SELF IGNITING MOLOTOV COCKTAIL

CAUTION: POTASSIUM CHLORATE IS VERY VOLATILE. IT CAN IGNITE ALMOST SPONTANOUSLY IN THIS MIXTURE. IT CAN BE IGNITED OR DETONATED BY A SIGNLE SPARK, OR EXCESSIVE HEA OR MERELY BY THE FRICTION OF STIRRING THE INGREDIANTS TOGERHTE. SO USE PLASTIC OR WOODEN UTENSILS FOR MIXING. DO-NOT-USE-METAL. USE EXTREME CAUTION.

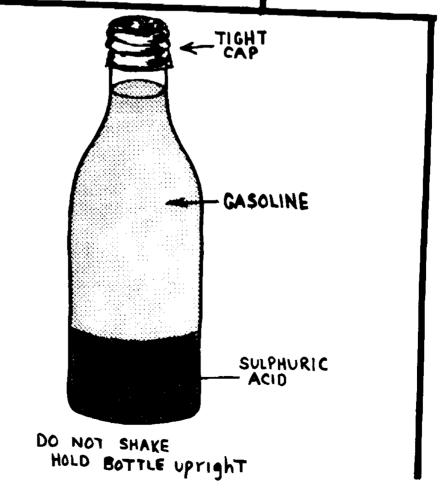
Mix 3 parts of potassium chlorate with 2 parts of sugar. Add water to make a solution. Take a large sock, soak in the mixture then dry. Keep dry sock away from heat.

Away from the area of after you have thoroughly cleaned the area where you handled the above mixture take a fifth wine bottle and fill 1/5 to 1/4 full of sulphuric acid. Fill the rest of the way up with gasoline. Pour the gas slowly it could bubble and heat up. Cap the bottle tightly. Make sure it doesn't leak you should tes it first with water. To cap the bottle it is preferable to use a stopper.

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> With a rubber plunger because acid eats plastic and metal. Don't shake the bottle hold it upright. When ready to use, put the bottle in the sock soaked in the chlorate sugar mix and knot the sock at the top. Throw at target. When it hits and the glass breaks it will explode as the sulphuric acid contacts the potassium chlorate and sugar mix on the sock. The gasoline will spread the flame. The principial behind this firebomb is when sulphuric acid comes into contact with a mixture of potassium chlorate and sugar there is an explosion that gives off a lot of heat. The more potassium chlorate the more explosive, the more sugar the more heat. For your information, this firebomb will work even if the mixture on the sock is wet. However, it is more volatile while dry.

> One more warning: Before placing bottle with gas and acid into sock make sure outside of bottle is clean and not contaminated with acid.



PEOPLE'S HANDGRENADE

Take a water pipe about 3" in diameter and 8" long with caps to screw on at both ends. Screw on bottom cap then put wadding in the bottom. (Wadding can consist of cardboard, rubber, or toilet tissue) for tighter packing and to prevent leaking out. Put in about one inch of shot or scrap metal, then put the tube with BLACK POWDER packed in it and put fuse into pipe taped at ends, then pour shot or scrap metal between tube and pipe wall.

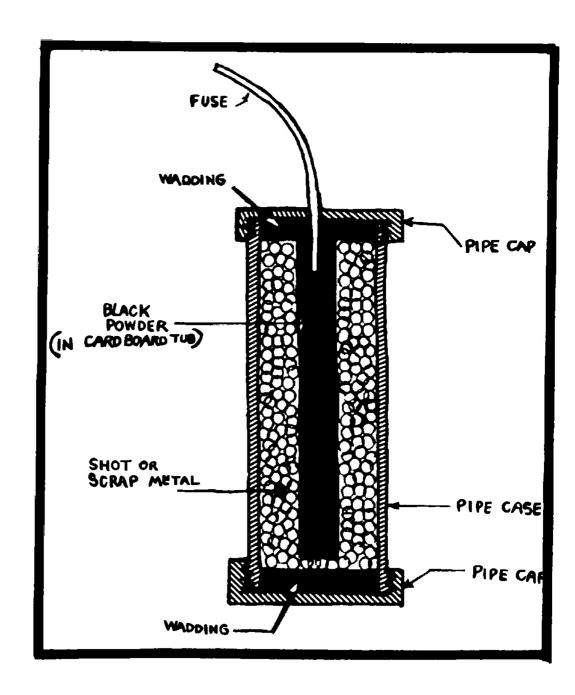
Leave about one inch space at top of pipe for top wadding (don't put wadding tightly around fuse) Put top pipe and tape to keep it from being pulled out.

This hand grenade should be tested by using a small amount of ingredients, then taken out away from people so the person using it could test his work before moving on to his or her objective.

Will normally move outward in all directions or could have some directional pattern, depending on the placement of the container.

USE WHAT YOU GOT TO GET WHAT YOU NEED. DO WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP.

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"... Only by taking up arms can we seize power. Without taking up arms we cannot attain power... In order to seize power we should wage an armed struggle; it is impossible to seize power by playing elections."

DO NOT TAKE YOUR THUMB OFF THE HAMMER, let your thumb ride it until it is completely depressed and uncocked. By leaving your finger in the trigger, or letting the hammer fly forward you will FIRE THE GUN, Practice cocking and uncocking your revolver with the gun unloaded (PHOTO

POSITIONS IN FIRING:

below). Each one is used for a different battle condition. The prone position is for when you are being shot at and you have no cover, lay down as shown below making yourself as small a target as possible. The kneeling position is for when you can get behind a car or something, again making yourself as small a target as possible, and your standing position can be used in defense (for making yourself a small target) or for use in pursuit or offense. You should learn and become comfortable in each of these positions, because you never know what a situation might dictate.

There are various positions in firing (shown

STEPS IN FIRING A REVOLVER:

The following steps must be observed in accurate shooting. If you don't pay attention to all four steps you will end up shooting just anywhere. Before you can learn to just draw and shoot you must observe the first steps in shooting. Practice these steps with your gun unloaded, until you can get them down pat, you will be able to see if you are following them correctly by the way you shoot.

- 1. Sight Alignment is aligning your rear sight and front sight together.
- 2. Sight Picture is placing the sights on your target with your sights already aligned.
- 3. Breath Control consists of taking a breath, letting a little out, holding the rest until you have completed your trigger squeeze and the shot has been fired.
- 4. Trigger squeeze is very important in accurate shooting. When shooting single action apply slow steady pressure on the trigger. The shot should not be anticipated, it should not be a surprise to you. When shooting double action or rapid firing, quick steady pressure must be applied. Be sure not to jerk the trigger. Use the tip of your finger. When shooting double action you might have to use more of your finger to apply steady even pressure (PHOTOS #5 & 7).

EXPLANATIONS OF POINTING, SINGLE ACTION. DOUBLE ACTION, AND RAPID FIRE

Single Action: cocking the hammer each time before firing. Cock the hammer and then pull the trigger.

Double Action: just pulling the trigger each time, not cocking the hammer first. Try not to jerk or snap the trigger. The action is fast but smooth.

Pointing: the process of firing quickly without using sight alignment. You simply draw and point the barrel at your target and fire.

Rapid Firing: drawing, pointing, and shooting double-action. When you practice rapid firing, shoot off two shots in succession as quickly as possible.





SIGHT ALIGNMENT





SIGHT PICTURE



STANDING (DEFENSE)

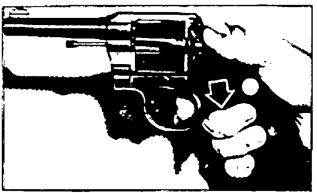




LOADING A REVOLVER PHOTO #3



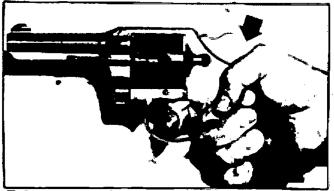
COCKING A REVOLVER PHOTO # 4



SINGLE ACTION PHOTO # 5



UNLOCKING A REVOLVERPHOTO # 6



DOUBLE ACTION

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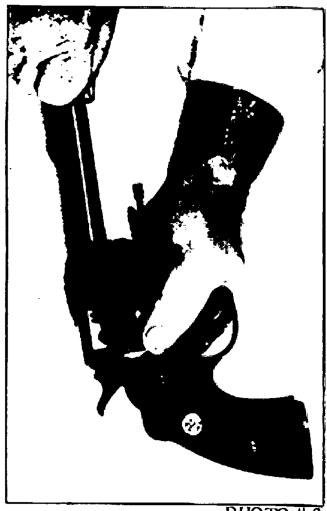
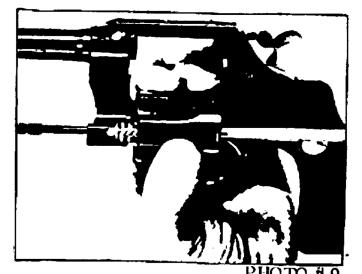


PHOTO #8



MARINIE G

SOME PROPERTIES OF THE CHEMICALS IN THE SELF-IGNITING MOLOTOV COCKTAIL THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT.

- 1. Sulphuric acid and potassium chlorate react violently -they must not come in contact with each other AT ALL until
 after the cocktail is thrown.
- 2. When sulphuric acid comes in contact with water it creates extreme heat.
 Therefore:

a) The inside of the bottle must be completely dry before the sulphuric acid is poured in.

- b) There must be NO mater in the gasoline when poured onto the sulphuric acid. Water settles to the bottom of gasoline, so if there is water in the gasoline it will be seen as a layer at the bottom.
- c) Concentrated sulphuric acid feels like oil or grease when it gets on your skin. You may not feel it burning right away so avoid spreading it. If you think you have some on you, wash the affected part thoroughly with water.
- 3. Sulphuric acid reacts violently with metal.
 Therefore:
 Use no metal equipment, including bottle caps, spoons,
 pans, etc., in making this recipe. Do not work at a
 metal table.
- 4. Gasoline can only be stored in special containers designed for that purpose. Do not store gasoline in open containers unless they are specially equipped because the fumes in the air are easily ignited.

 Therefore:

DO NOT make this recipe and then expect to store it. DO NOT store gasoline indoors.

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FOR EVERY ACT OF AGGRESSION
INFLICT A POLITICAL CONSEQUENCE

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ORGANIZING SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS HOW TO COMBAT C.M.I.

Part 5

The principal of Juche Self-Reliance) clarified by Eldridge Cleaver, the Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, is "Use what you got to get what you need." To answer the guestion of how do you combat the pigs' C.M.I. (communication, mobility and information), we must first determine what we have going for ourselves, Checking out the practice of self-defense groups, we see that we have the power to determine what is to happen, when 1: is to happen and how it is supposed to go down. What, When and How (W.W.H.)- the element of surprise. The pigs have C.M.I. and self-defense groups have W. W. H.

To consider a self-defense operation successful is not to just plan and execute but to plan, execute AND escape. There have been too many instances where members of self-defense groups have planned and executed righteous blows against this racist system only to be captured, wounded or killed. These are the consequences for revolutionary activity, however we must keep casualties within an acceptable minimum. The slogan must be Maximum Damage to the Enemy, minimum Damage to Us. Practice has shown that when planning W.W.H. if it is done with knowledge and an understanding of C.M.I. casualties will be kept within an acceptable minimum. Too often, much attention is given to a plan up to the point of execution without giving the same attention to evasion and escape, that phase of the operation that determines success. This is a subjective approach, a one sided approach, W.W.H. is only one side of the coin, C.M.I., is the other side. Because self-defense groups use W.W.H., the pigs' C.M.I., does not go into operation until a self-defense group commits itself by actually executing some type of self-defense activity.

All of us should be aware that once C.M.I. is activated pigs start showing

On the on the set from 30 seconds to 1 minute maximum in every major city in Babylon, therefore the success or failure of a defense operation is dependent upon the attention given to C.M.I. and the planning of evasion and escape, As I see it, learning to deal with the pigs' C.M.I. is the number one military problem facing revolutionary forces in Babylon today. It is time for all who have something to teach, by example, to step forward. And remember, to die honorably, one does not need company.

USE WHAT YOU GOT TO GET WHAT YOU NEED D.C.



ORGANIZING SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS Part 6

ON REVOLVERS

Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 have been in previous issues of the Black Community News Service. This article is on revolvers, it gives a basic run down on the use of revolvers. Check out all of the photographs and notes to help you understand better the functioning of a revolver.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- 1. Check to see if gun is loaded You do this on a revolver by swinging out the cylinder. Pull back on the cylinder latch and gently push out on the cylinder. (see unloading a revolver photo #2)
- 2. Keep your finger off the trigger unless practicing trigger squeeze or firing.
- 3. Point your gun away from where someone may be shot -Point at the ceiling or to the floor, but wherever you point, make sure no one is in the way and can be harmed.
- 4. Never leave the hammer cocked on a revolver. (Explanation later on cocking a revolver.)

KINDS OF REVOLVERS:

.38 Snubnose This gun has only a 2" barrel and shoots 38's. I is very easy to conceal.

.38 Special Has a 4" barrel and shoots 38's.

.357 Magnum - This is the type of handgun the pig carries. The ammo for this is .357 magnum. Metal piercing bullets will pierce an engine block. This is the best type of revolver to have.

.41 and .44 Magnums - Have more knock down power than a .357 Magnum, The Highway Patrol carries these to shoot through car doors, but a .357 will go through a car door also and .357 ammunition is more plentiful.

UNLOADING:

Holding gun in left hand (pointed in safe direction) release cylinder latch with right hand (#3). Push out cylinder with the fingers of left hand (#2). Now that you have swung out the cylinder and the bullets are visible you gently push down on the

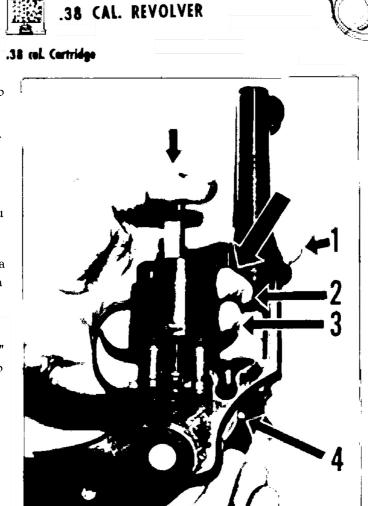


PHOTO #2

Extractor and let bullets drop out into your right hand (#4).

LOADING:

To load, simply follow the same steps in unlatching the cylinder. Then drop bullets into the chamber of your cylinder. Gently push cylinder closed, and you are ready to fire. DO NOT SLAM CYLINDER CLOSED, this causes extra wear on your gun.

COCKING A REVOLVER:

Put the tip of your thumb on the hammer holding revolver steady in the palm of your hand. Do not put your finger in the trigger. Pull straight back steadily on your hammer spur until your hammer locks back. You gun is ready to fire, do not put your finger in the trigger until you are ready to fire. After cocking hammer, place your thumb directly on the frame beside the hammer, resting the tip of your thumb on the cylinder latch (Photo #4). Your forefinger should be placed on the other side of the gun straight out just above the trigger guard until ready to fire. Every time you cock the hammer before firing. this is called single action firing.

UNCOCKING A REVOLVER (LOADED):

Keep your finger off the trigger! With gun already cocked, place your thumb on the hammer firmly. Now with the gun firmly in your hand, pointed in a safe direction, and thumb firmly on the hammer (still cocked) squeeze the trigger slowly until you can feel the hammer releasing. IMMEDIATELY TAKE YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER and slowly let the hammer go down into place with your thumb still holding it.