

Extra copy

MEMORANDUM

December 29, 1969

TO: John R. Norpel, Jr.
FROM: Robert J. Beatson
SUBJECT: High Schools (Detroit -- SDS Activity) ✓

Attached to this memorandum will be certain exhibits received from Lt. [REDACTED] Detroit Police Department, regarding the SDS situation in Detroit high schools.

They will be identified in order, and it is requested that before any of this material is utilized clearance be made with McCoy, inasmuch as his unit may well have additional supplementary information of value which would further describe the situation in Detroit high schools with regard to SDS matters.

In the interest of brevity, a minimum of explanatory comment will be made in this memorandum, and the exhibit will be identified and placed in order in the memorandum itself.

COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

A four-page document (attached to this memorandum as Exhibit "A") concerns the Cooley High School Student Union Five-Point Program. The program involves:-

- (1) Elimination of ROTC.
- (2) Draft Counseling.
- (3) End of Tracking System.
- (4) Establishment of Student Court.
- (5) Right to Organize Politically.

The four-page document ends with a request for the name and address of the signer and, under the caption, "Interests", two of the subjects in

which the signer is asked to display what their attitudes are on sex and dope. The document ends with a request that the form be filled out and brought to the Calvary Methodist Church (Detroit, Michigan), 7:30 p.m., May 8, 1969.

NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

Exhibit "B" consists of a one-page flyer regarding the revolt on September 19, 1969, of the Black Students of Northern High School.

It is noted that in the 10 points set forth on the flyer, No. 3 demands "that all pictures of Whites be removed from Northern High School and be replaced with pictures of our own Black heroes such as Robert F. Williams, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, H. Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, Huey Newton, and others."

Demand No. 6 states that the "Nationalist Flag of Unity (Red, Green, Black) be raised each morning on one of the flagpoles of Northern High School."

The document closes with a signature of Uhuru (Freedom) Association. It is being noted that the word "Uhuru" means "Freedom" in Swahili.

BUTZEL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL -- DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

Attached is Exhibit "C", a one-page flyer dated 2/14/69, entitled "Butzel Junior High Students & Parents in Protest."

No additional comment will be made regarding this document except to note that militant activities of students exist on a Junior High level in Detroit as well as on the Senior High School level.

NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

BLACK STUDENT VOICE

Exhibit "D" is a four-page copy of Volume 1, No. 3 of the "Black Student Voice" from Northern High School, Detroit, Michigan.

It is being noted that the lead article is entitled "Support Brother Rob" (Robert F. Williams).

An interesting item appears on page 3 with regard to the fact that Northern High's Principal and Assistant Principal (both of whom are Negroes) are ridiculed mercilessly in the high school paper.

This item notes that "McGivens and Leach are two good examples of niggers who cannot think or act unless the racist Board of MISEducation puts a foot square up their behind. When Northern's Black Students and Black Community asked for a Black principal and assistant they meant BLACK not two nappy-headed whites in boot-black. "

Page 4 consists of an excerpt from Dick Gregory's book "Write Me In. " This excerpt makes reference to Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael and SNCC.

It is being noted this exhibit ends with a notation "UHURU Association of Northern High, 179 Cortland Street, Highland Park, Michigan. "

THE RAVEN,

COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

Exhibit "E" consists of an 8-page copy of Volume 1, Number 1 of "The Raven, " dated 4/18/69.

This exhibit mentions the Black United Front, Dan Aldridge, Judge George C. Crockett, Jr., and many matters discussed in the paper pertain to "Police Department failures in the City of Detroit. "

Dan Aldridge holds a BS degree from Tennessee A&I and is a counselor at the Children and Youth Division for the City of Detroit. He is a member of the Mayor's Commission on Human Development, and writes for the Michigan Chronicle, a Detroit Negro weekly newspaper.

Aldridge is a member of the Black Panther Party (BPP) and the Republic of New Africa (RNA). Two of Aldridge's associates, among others, are Milton Henry (FBI No. 4375220) and Richard Henry (Detroit Police Department No. 217423). Richard Henry refers to himself as "Brother Imari. " Both of the Henry brothers are close associates of Robert F. Williams.

It would serve no purpose to describe Judge George C. Crockett, Jr. in detail in this memorandum. However, it is being noted in passing that he is the Judge before whom the Negroes involved in the "New Bethel Incident" appeared after the fatal shooting of a Detroit policeman. Crockett is a controversial figure in Detroit, and was involved in Communist matters in New York City in the early 1950's at which time he was jailed for disrupting the trial being conducted of top Communist leaders by Judge Harold Medina. Crockett's record is well known, and it is of interest to note that he and Aldridge were written about extensively in a high school paper such as the Cooley High School Raven, issue of 4/18/69.

BLACK ASSOCIATION FOR NATIONALISM THROUGH UNITY (BANTU).

This organization was founded and formed by a group of Black students at Northern High School in an attempt to bring about complete liberation of the Black schools from the so-called racist Board of Education. Their objectives are:

- (1) Demand that the racist, brainwashing educational system be changed entirely in order to insure a true Black education for Black students.
- (2) That White books, pictures, statues, etc., that are irrelevant to a true Black education be removed and replaced by their own Black people.
- (3) That all Toms and White racist faculty members be completely removed from Northern High and all other Black high schools.
- (4) That Malcolm X Day, February 21, be recognized as a mourning day for their dead martyr and that there be no school on that day.

This association is in operation at 9049 Oakland Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48211.

DETROIT HIGH SCHOOL SDS, P. O. BOX 9571, NORTH END STATION, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

Attached to this memorandum is a one-page flyer put out by the above-captioned organization.

This flyer is being designated as Exhibit "F" and was distributed at a rock revival on May 30-31, 1969, at the State Fair Grounds, Detroit, Michigan.

The flyer notes that Detroit was going to have a city-wide high school SDS next fall (1969).

One of the statements made on the flyer is "SDS is no club." The flyer ends with a quote from Eldridge Cleaver.

THE FIFTH ESTATE,

ISSUE OF OCTOBER 2-15, 1969:

The Fifth Estate is a radical Detroit newspaper, two of whose staff members are Dena Clamage and Peter Werbe. On page 5 of the issue noted in the above caption is an article entitled "Back in School."

A Xerox copy of this article is being attached to this memorandum and designated as Exhibit "G."

The article notes that four inner-city schools were shut down by a coordinated Black student walk-out on Friday, September 19, 1969, in support of Ahmed Evans. (Evans is a Black nationalist sentenced to die in connection with a shoot-out in which three Cleveland policemen were shot. The Fifth Estate describes it as a "shoot-out in which three Cleveland pigs were iced.") The schools shut down were designated as Murray Wright, Malcolm X (Northwestern) Northern, and MacMichael. Minor walk-outs came off at Cass, Mumford and Highland Park.

Reference is made in the paper to a High School Liberation Union, Box 3782, Kercheval Station, Detroit, Michigan.

Reference is also made in the paper to Motor City SDS, and the article notes that this organization had been to a lot of high schools lately and made contact with many isolated brothers and sisters.

(NOTE: The writer points out that high school matters and the obvious tie-in with radicals and a militant underground newspaper are clearly depicted in this exhibit.)

Dena Clamage was one of a group of 20 students who made a trip to Cuba in February 1968. This trip was sponsored by the Students for a Democratic Society, and was made at the invitation of the Cuban Government and the Cuban Federation of University Students.

After returning from Cuba, Clamage authored articles in reference to her visit in the South End, Wayne State University paper, and also the Fifth Estate. Clamage is 22 years old, White, female, and has a very extensive record as a member of left-wing organizations in the Detroit area.

It is further noted that during March of 1969, Karl D. Wolff, SDS member from Germany, visited the State of Michigan. Much of his time was spent at the address of 1172 West Hancock Street, Detroit, Michigan (Clamage's address) and while in Detroit he was transported in a red Mercury convertible automobile bearing Michigan registration AA-2497. This vehicle was registered to Dena M. Clamage, 1172 West Hancock Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Peter Werbe, a long-time friend of Dena Clamage, is the news editor of the Fifth Estate. He has an extensive background in every radical movement in Detroit worthy of mention, and over the years has taken part in demonstrations with SDS, SNCC, CORE, W. A. B. DuBois Club and the like.

The above clearly indicates a "tie-in" with and leadership of Dena Clamage and Peter Werbe with regard to high school students in the Detroit, Michigan, area, and the manner in which radical activities of high school students are encouraged by "underground" newspapers.