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## principles

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY is an independent permanent radical political party, permanently separate and distinct from any other party. We see the Democratic and Republican parties as a part of the system in which the economic and social interests of a few determine the policies which bear major responsibility for the evils against which we are determined to fight. We are the beginning of a new national political movement, in clear opposition to these parties, rather than a mere pressure group upon them.

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY was formed to unify the movements which are seeking radical change in America, and to create for those movements a focus and political expression. We are committed to democratic procedures which enable all members to shape policy and direction. We believe electoral action is valid only in a context which includes political organizing, political education, direct action, and other non-electoral forms of political action.



## foreign policy

The foreign policy of the United States serves to extend and to protect American economic, political, and military domination of large areas of the world, under the pirate flag of "anti-Communism." This policy has resulted in American support of reactionary regimes throughout the world and in counter-insurgency against oppressed people seeking self-determination. It has also resulted in a domestic crisis marked by a diversion into war spending of funds which should be used to abolish poverty, and in a tightening of government controls on political freedom at home.

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY repudiates American imperialism and calls for:

- \*\* Immediate, unconditional withdrawal of American troops and military bases from Vietnam, Thailand, and other foreign nations, and the recognition of self-determination for all nations and peoples.
- \*\* The immediate cessation of all foreign economic and military aid by the United States, since all such aid is an important instrument of U.S. government imperialism, and an end to military alliances, such as NATO and SEATO.
- \*\* An end to compulsory military service which enslaves our youth and forces it to carry out U.S. government military intervention abroad. We support those who resist the draft and those who in the Armed Forces refuse to involve themselves in murder in Vietnam. We demand total amnesty for all war resisters.
- \*\* We call for a reconstructed America capable of a foreign policy which will support the revolutionary aspirations of people everywhere for national liberation and economic justice.

## minority liberation and the ghettos

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY recognizes the existence of an institutionalized system of exploitation of minority populations in America, and calls for radical changes to eradicate racism. We respond to the force of the argument that minorities in America have been held in a bondage similar to that of colonized nations throughout history. At this point, we see the necessity for minority groups to organize themselves independently and politically for control over their own communities. We believe that the primary responsibility of white people is to work within white communities to build movements seeking institutional change, and to work towards this end in coalition with independent minority group organizations.

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY calls for:

- \*\* An end to occupation of ghettos by police forces carrying out the oppressive mandate of the power structure. These occupying armies must be withdrawn.
- \*\* Self-determination for Black, Spanish-speaking, and other minority peoples through community control of the basic community institutions, such as schools, police, welfare, housing, etc., and those Federal, state, and local programs which determine the quality of life in those communities.
- \*\* Fulfillment of treaty obligations to the Spanish-Americans, Mexican-Americans, and the American Indians.

\*\* The immediate freeing of all Black and Spanish-speaking political prisoners and an end to harassment of such leaders as Eldridge Cleaver, Huey Newton, Rap Brown, and the Mexican-Americans in Los Angeles. The concept of community control is meaningless unless the community is free to organize politically without repressions and harassment.

\*\* We endorse the ten point program of the Black Panther Party for the black community.



The New York Times (by Edward Hausner)  
Demonstrator with New York Peace and Freedom party sign marches outside courthouse in support of three men.

## black panther party



### ten point program

1. 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 of 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.

## the economy

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY believes that human rights not property rights are primary and that all people have the right to a decent standard of living and a meaningful quality of life. The American economy as it is presently organized is based on the aggrandizement of the few at the expense of the many and permits those few, by virtue of their economic power, to determine the fate of the vast majority. American capitalism thrives on exploitation and in the process institutionalizes failure, hardship, poverty, discrimination, and inequality. The policies currently employed to keep this economic system functioning further remove institutions from the control of the people and increase the totalitarian aspects of American society.

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY demands a change in our economic priorities and calls for:

\*\* The redirection of the economy towards the elimination of poverty and slums, and the creation of well-paying, meaningful jobs for all. The \$100 billion military expenditure, the greatest single inflationary pressure on the economy, must be ended, and the money channeled towards the creation of public services and facilities which will benefit the people, such as housing, schools, health care, etc.

\*\* The tax structure must be changed to shift the burden of taxes from the working people to those who can afford to pay: the rich, the large corporations, banks and stock and bond holders.

\*\* The unrestricted right of all workers to organize, strike, boycott, and bargain for improvements in working conditions and living standards. All anti-labor laws must be repealed, and government intervention in strikes must end.

\*\* Return control of unions to the rank and file.

## education and students

As with our economic institutions, the American educational system has fallen out of control of the people. From the first day of school through college graduation and graduate school, our educational institutions are geared to fit American youth into slots and niches determined by corporate and bureaucratic interests rather than to impart meaningful education and improve the quality of life. Critical intelligence is subordinated to obedience and creative imagination to the needs of the status quo.

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY calls for:

\*\* Community control of public schools and the democratization of the structure of the school; including decision making by parents, teachers, and students. Support to parents and students struggling to gain control of their schools from bureaucratic Boards of Education.

\*\* Control of the universities and their administrations by the students and participating faculty and an end to corporate and military interference and domination of university affairs. Support to students, notably at Columbia, who are fighting to democratize the university and make that institution responsible to the community around it.

\*\* The opening of America's universities and colleges to minority group and working class youth, with full financial assistance to all who need it, and a curriculum relevant to their lives.

\*\* Support to those students and workers in Warsaw, Prague, and Belgrade, as well as Paris, Rome, and New York, who, struggling at different levels, have given a new confidence to the left throughout the world and reawakened the reality of radical internationalism.

## quality of life

American life and culture is dominated by the same forces which suppress the rights of poor people, students, and minority groups. These forces have ravaged our natural resources, polluted our air and waterways, pillaged our forests, and made our cities unlivable. At the same time, the individual's right to live his life as he chooses has eroded and been subordinated to the interests of a powerful few. Faceless uniformity is encouraged in individuals as well as in landscapes.

The PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY believes that people must have the means of preserving both their personal freedoms and the environment in which free choice can flourish. Therefore we call for:

\*\* An end to harassment of youth for life style, dress, mores, and ideology. Imagination must not be subject to establishment norms, nor channeled toward establishment goals.


\*\* The immediate legalization of marijuana and the repeal of all laws interfering with individual freedoms.

\*\* Lowering the voting age to 18.

\*\* An end to suppression of political opposition, including an end to police attacks on demonstrators and protestors. The repeal of all laws which allow police wiretapping and otherwise restrict political freedom.

\*\* The breakup of establishment cultural monopolies, which propagandize the status quo. An end to all laws limiting freedom of expression. Support of small independent cultural enterprises: students, artists, etc., should be subsidized.

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\*\* An end to water and air pollution by private and public industry and the preservation of forests, lakes, sea coasts and other natural resources which belong to the people, and the protection of those areas from the incursions of industrial and tourist interests.

\*\* The transformation of the cities into livable human environments through the creation of parks, malls, gardens, streams, and attractive housing, under the direction of the communities affected.

\*\* Free public services, including health care, day care centers, transportation, and communication.

\*\* Support for women's rights: the elimination of all discrimination in employment, the legalization of abortions, and the provisions of free medical facilities for birth control regardless of age or marital status.

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