



THE BLACK GHETTO

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UNDERSTAND AND YOU'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO

PREFACE

THIS NEWSLETTER IS A PUBLICATION of the "Groovers," an all Black group of young people. Our Newsletter is to educate and bring closer Black people and especially Black Youth. We want to bring North, South and West Philly closer together physically. (cut out gang wars among ourselves and concern ourselves with what's happening to us Black people as a group.) Also, we wish to educate Black people to a "Black" point of view. We want you to "know," "think," and "act" in a way that helps our NATION of Black people.

If you like what we say and recognize the need, JOIN US!! Help us to expand our Communication System. We must be prepared to give a Black interpretation to whatever happens, so that we can "act" in the best interest of our people. If Black people all over the Black community will let us know that they will give out Newsletters in their community, we will be well on our way to developing OUR OWN Communication System. The news that we print is either news YOU call in, write in, or it's news we gather. Either way, the interpretation and distribution will be BLACK AND OURS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HAVE NO SYMPATHY!

Dear Groovers:

I speak to you as one who is much older than you and who has traveled a road that you have yet to travel. I speak to you even through you, to the many thousands of people who read your newsletter because it is important that I say something to clear the air on this particular subject.

I, like all black people, have grown up living a hard life. At this stage of the struggle it is unimportant that we even discuss this. This, we should accept as a fact of life - yet, I hear black people continually registering sympathy for our black brothers. They say it is terrible what happens in the

South to our black brothers. They say it is terrible that the gangs are fighting each other. They say it is terrible what is happening to our black brothers in Africa - Biafra is a good example. Our people are quick to register sympathy for other black people experiencing the same oppression and degradation that we suffer. I say that this is incorrect. I say this is not the correct way to view life, and I wish you to think on this subject, accept the fact that we are living the hard life as a way of life, and give up sympathy. I say this to you, Groovers, because you have done very fine things and you will understand. I say have faith rather than sympathy. Have faith in the belief that



black people will soon triumph over those that oppress them. Have faith that black people will eventually control both these United States and Africa. Have faith that Black Power will stop gangwars and turn the war on those that deserve to be destroyed. Have faith that our people have the capabilities to do those things that are necessary. Have faith that our common oppression has strengthened us for the struggle ahead and it is only for us to develop the revolutionary skills needed to bring about the desired change.

I say most importantly, have faith particularly in the knowledge that you have dedicated your life to righting the great wrong. Have faith that you have taken up the struggle to free our black brothers and sisters. As you move as new men and new women, as you educate black people by your actions to what the new man and new woman must act like, it will straighten out all the

confusion of the gangs. It will straighten out all of the confusion of the misguided organizations. As the new man moves to Africa, South America, and Asia, it will give light to all those black people who have wanted to see a direction. Have faith that they will understand and act as you have. Have faith that the motivation you feel and it will push them in the correct direction. I say to you Groovers, and the Groovers' audience, have faith in black people not sympathy. Develop the skills to bring about the changes needed and have faith in yourselves and your people - don't get bogged down in sympathy.
