

# Jail John Now!

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Brother John told the *Sun*, "Shit, going back in the joint is the best thing that could happen to me or our organization. When I was inside, we got national attention, I did interviews all the time, we had a big defense committee with a lot of prominent people involved, but now what do we got? I have to go around with short hair and a suit on being a businessman, and that is a real drag. We just ain't building a revolutionary movement doing hypes for rock bands and printing business cards, so the RPP central committee has decided that I should go back in."

However, at this printing the reactionary chomps that make up the pig judicial system of Amerika refuse to let our righteous brother back into the pen where he wants to be.

A massive petition drive and political lobbying campaign is currently taking place with over 100,000 signatures demanding the incarceration of Brother John being prepared for presentation to people's State Representative I.M. Stone the night of the gigantic rally.

People's speakers and musicians will be mightily featured at the rally with the keynote speaker being Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. Young was reached by *The Sun* after the mayor had just returned from protecting a string of small businesses on Livernois, and gave his reasons for his support of the "JAIL JOHN NOW" committee. "Well, that boy has settled down a lot from the revolutionary he used to be and I think all decent people ought to support his right to be back in prison if he wants to be," said Young.

Other speakers will include Recorder's court Judge Justin, who has stepped down from the bench and handing out sentences to represent Brother John in Federal Court demanding that Sinclair be permitted back in prison. Also, speeches will be heard from Jerry Rubin, Tom Hayden, Eldridge Cleaver, John Lennon, Yoko Ono, and with a special appearance by Timothy Leary.

Music will be provided by some of the killer bands of the Rainbow Nation; the reconstituted MC5, the mighty UP featuring Frank Bach doing rhythms on the side of a coinbox, and a special set by the Downhome Tyrannosaurus of Despair.

The scene at the Chrysler Auditorium will be a spectacular gathering of the tribes with heavy doses of the sacrament in use to demand that the state "JAIL JOHN NOW!" We need your participation.

If you want to help put Brother John back in the joint, call the Ann Arbor headquarters of the Rainbow People's Party at 761-7148 or in Detroit at 831-1666 and ask for anyone from the RPP Central Committee and say "I want to help 'Jail John Now!'"

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STP (SERVE THE PEOPLE, SELL THE PAPER), SEIZE THE TIME, OFF THE SLIME; ALL POWER TO US!

– by Dave Defenestration

### **Op Ed**

#### **Voice of the People**

The following question was asked of some superstars of the 'sixties that THE SUN helped make what they are today: What do you think about The Revolution now?

“You can be anything you want, this time around.” (Including a police informer)

– Timothy Leary

“My opinions haven’t changed about electoral politics, just the opportunities have.”

– Tom Hayden,

*Bay Area Guardian*, June, 1975

“I for one, intend to develop a new relationship with the U.S. military. I’m on a honeymoon with them myself. I love ‘em.

– Eldridge Cleaver,

*Rolling Stone*, Sept. 11, 1975

“Before we called it revolution. Now, we call it business. It’s the campaign that wins, the lawyer that wins, the best press conference that wins, not right or wrong.”

– John Sinclair

*Detroit Free Press*, June 30, 1974

### **Guest Editorial**

#### **The SUN & Responsibility**

It warms my heart to see politically concerned youngsters grow up and gain a sense of responsibility. Take this newspaper you are now reading for example.

The SUN was originally published by people who espoused revolutionary slogans, who threatened to kill their parents, overthrow the US government, and who tried to live free of the mores and restrictions of our society. Some of their characteristics were quite harmless, even humorous, like for example, their three-point program, calling for “Dope, Rock & Roll and Fucking in the streets.”

But some of their rhetoric and actions struck a dangerously responsive chord in the hearts of disenfranchised and alienated youths of America. During the late 'sixties people were angered by the dullness and molded plasticity of middle class life in this country. They were challenging the very fabric of which our system is woven—a “day’s work for a day’s pay.”

The White Panthers, as they were then known, encouraged disrespect for authority in all areas of life. They claimed that all police were bad, that a system which needs police is inherently corrupt, that capitalism was evil and destined for an early death, and that there was something wrong with a society whose goal was maximizing corporate profits. It is tragically irresponsible for people who consider themselves leaders of public opinion to pander to such popular, rabble-rousing ideas.

Some of us, however, once radical in our own youth, took an attitude of benign tolerance toward these “radical leaders.” We knew that these Abbie Hoffmans, Jerry Rubins, John Sinclairs and Pun Plumondens, would ultimately realize, like we did, that the true nature of political life is (to quote Lou Reed) “a hustle here and a hustle there.”

When the Detroit police made it hot for the people of “Translove Energies,” they moved to the hipper, greener pastures of Ann Arbor, a community much more homogeneous and easier to understand than Detroit. Here, with radical energies declining across the nation, they were faced with a dilemma—when radical political movements decline, where do radical politicians go?

It’s my contention, and history will back me up, that radical politicians are politicians first and radicals second. Not ones to challenge history, the people of Translove Energies, a/k/a The White Panthers, the Rainbow People’s Party, The Warren-Forest Sun, The Ann Arbor Sun, and the Sun, joined the fray of capitalist politics. “Power to the People” became power to the politicians.

John Sinclair recently asked, “How do you stop the police from beating heads and using their authority arbitrarily?...You become the police. Get into the position of sheriff or police chief...that is power.”

Unfortunately, the SUN people moved too far to the right for the constituency in Ann Arbor. Their readers were much more radical than they were, and shunned their efforts to involve them in electoral politics.

So now, having come a full circle, the White Panthers return to Detroit, supporting Democratic Party politicians, encouraging people to join the system to liberalize it, and in general, reinforcing the passivity that makes people submit to the wasteland of capitalist daily life.

That's what I like to see.

In 1967 John Sinclair wrote an eloquent article praising the uprising which happened that July, saying "The people ruled the city for a minute...the hypocrisy of 'democratic capitalism' stood exposed, naked and ugly..."

In the current issue of the SUN a guest editorial condemns the Livernois uprising of two months ago, and urges people to trust me, your beloved Mayor.

In a city plagued with problems like the lack of respect for authority, especially the authority of capitalist politicians, the SUN will be a valuable asset in stemming the tide of anarchy.

That's just what the ruling class of this city needs—responsible media. Besides, they're the only white people who ever say anything nice about me.

Yours for a better Detroit,  
Coleman K. Young, Mayor

#### **Letters**

Dear SUN,

I am a big fan of your newspaper, especially since the now-defunct Fifth Estate has changed its form. They never really understood how to sell a paper in this city, and it took some smart kids from Ann Arbor to make a solid go at it.

What I really appreciate about the SUN is the way you have a good understanding of your constituency and serve them well. Yes siree, a real community service newspaper!

Take your last issue for example. 16 full pages of advertising! The FE deigns to print nary a column inch of commercial ads, but the SUN sees that their real constituency is business and that the best way to serve the people is to convince them to buy, buy, buy BUY!

Eventually we hope to see a full 36 pages of advertising in a 36-page issue of the SUN; and until that time, just remember...

What's good for capital is good for people.

—J. B. Commodity  
Michigan Chamber of Commerce

#### **Notice**

##### **Wage Workers Wanted**

The SUN has openings for two people to write, layout and distribute the SUN, in addition to sweeping the offices and shining the shoes of the other 432 staff members.

Due to recent reorganizations of the staff, all former members are now coordinating the advertising sales staff.

In addition to the above two positions, we have openings for 400 advertising sales people. Applicants must be highly motivated, fast talkers and good card sharks. Compensation is high for qualified people and the first 200 applicants will be given free shoe shines.

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