## THE 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.

"...What we need in America is radical political machinery that is able to move in two directions at the same time, able to harness two on the surface, different sets of political dynamics - the liberation struggle black community and the class struggle in the white community...We believe that the coalition formed between the Black Panther Party and the Peace and Freedom Party in California is the foundation or nucleus of this new and needed machinery, or at least its prototype."-Eldridge Cleaver

#### ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

Eldridge Cleaver was born in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1935 and was raised and educated in the Los Angeles ghetto and at various California prisons. Upon his parole from Soledad, he moved to San Francisco and almost immediately became involved in the vanguard of the black liberation movement.

He is currently Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, member of the Peace and Freedom State Steering Committee, and senior editor of Ramparts. Mr. Cleaver is the author of the best-seller, Soul on Ice (written while he was in prison and smuggled out for publication).

He was chosen as the Presidential nominee of the California Peace and Freedom Party at its nominating conventions in early August and was endorsed by the National Peace and Freedom Convention, held in mid-August, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

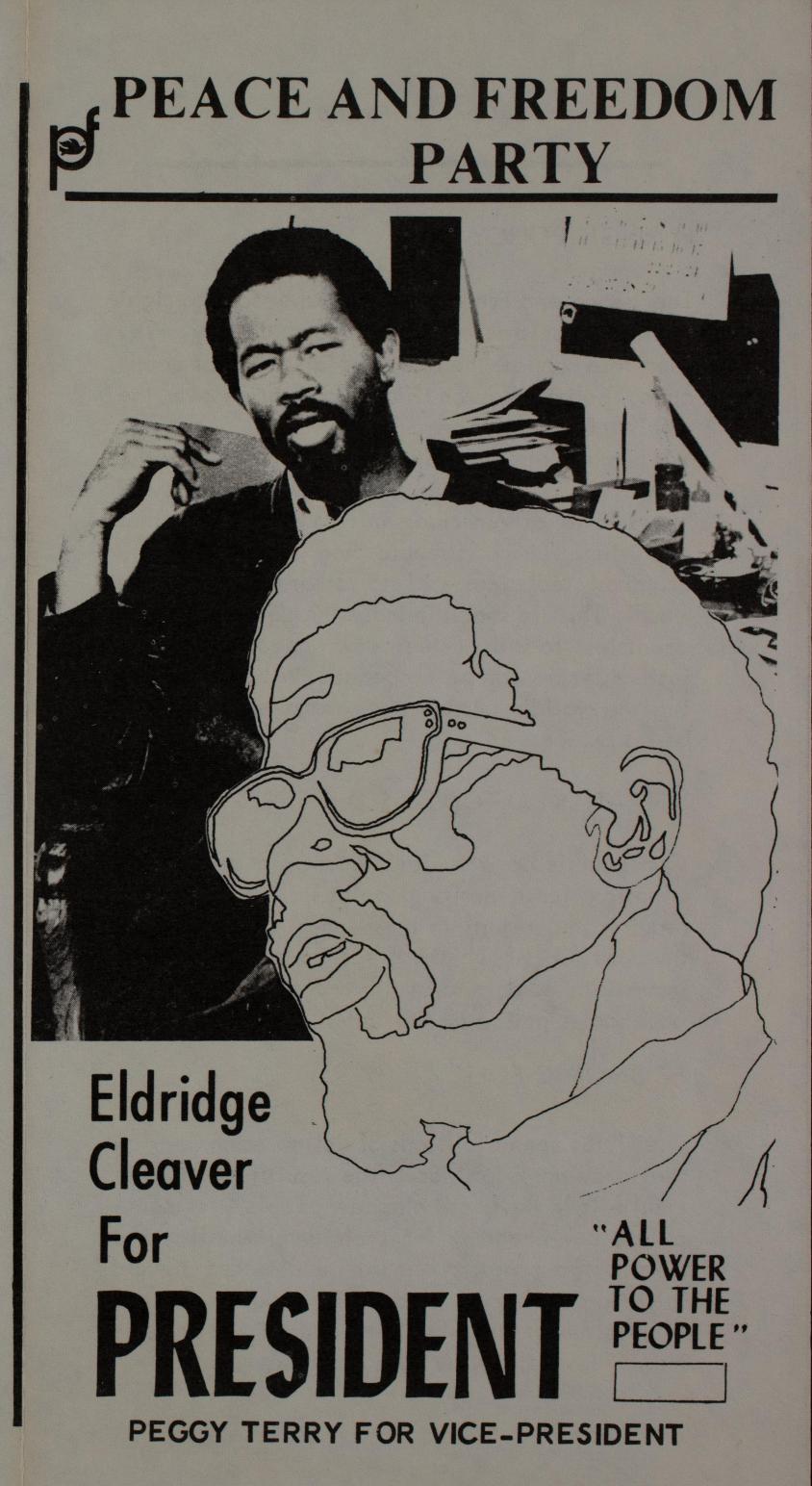


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#### FOREIGN POLICY

The Peace and Freedom Party stands for the right of all peoples to determine their own destiny. We, therefore, oppose the U.S. foreign policy of economic, political and military domination over the affairs of other nations.

We demand the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of U. S. troops from Vietnam, followed by removal of American military forces in other countries. The U.S. should then offer no-stringsattached technical aid to other peoples of the world. This aid should enable the people of other countries to satisfy their own needs. Without justice, there can be no peace. Without disarming the world's number one warmaker, there can be no justice.

#### LIBERATION OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES

Our goal is political and economic self-determination for minority peoples in America. This requires the return to the people of control over the institutions which affect their lives. Our immediate goal is to institute community control of schools, police and all other public agencies.

### **ECONOMIC POLICY**

The U. S. spends billions of dollars each year on the machinery for war. The resulting economic wealth is in the hands of a few people who manipulate our economy for their own benefit. The wealth of our nation should be directed toward fulfilling the human needs of its people. Control of government funds should be maintained at community levels, not by bureaucrats.

# PEACE AND FREEDOM COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

JOBS - Every adult American able to work should be guaranteed a job which contributes to a livable community based on sound ecological principles.

HOUSING - Build decent low-cost housing, not expensive urban renewal (which really means urban removal) projects which give huge profits to a few businesses and politicians.

schools - Every child should receive quality education in neighborhood controlled schools. Curricula should include true Black and Mexican American history, labor history and bilingual instruction.

POLICE - Police should be public safety guardians, rather than agents for suppressing dissent and the just desires of the people. There should be community police commissions, elected by the people in each community and police should live in the communities in which they work.

LABOR - The labor movement should represent the workers, not union bureaucracies. Control should be by the rank and file union members and there must be an end to discrimination in unions. We fully support the right of all workers to strike.

TAXES - Remove the unfair tax burden from the poor and middle-income Americans. The tax system requires a complete reform, including plugging up existing tax loop-holes, lowering of exorbitant property taxes for the small homeowner and abolition of the sales tax.

HEALTH - Every person is entitled to the best possible medical care.

TRANSPORTATION - There should be inexpensive, rapid and comprehensive public transportation.

PENAL SYSTEM - The present archaic, inhumane system should be replaced by effective rehabilitation centers. We oppose capital punishment and political imprisonment.

DRAFT - The Selective Slavery System, which preys upon the poor, the non-white and uneducated, should be abolished. We fully support draft resistance and organizing within the armed forces.

"What we must do in this country is to dispel all those lies: that the people are impotent, that the people can no longer control their destinies; that the twoparty system, the Republican and the Democratic parties are eternal." -Eldridge Cleaver

Eldridge Cleaver believes that one of the major functions of Peace and Freedom is the building of a mass movement. This means actively supporting local struggles in the communities in order to unite people to show that they are part of the larger struggle to transform American Society. The only meaningful politics is the politics of people working together in their communities. The function of government is to represent the people as directly as possible and carry out their decisions, not the will of a few power brokers.

Eldridge Cleaver's campaign slogan is his philosophy -

