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ATTORNEY GENERAL WANTS \$ 200,000 to FREE PUN & CRAIG

Pun Plamondon and Craig Blazier, both members of the Rainbow People's Party (RPP), were arrested in Ann Arbor on the afternoon of March 1, in a pair of raids synchronized and directed by Frank Kelley's state attorney general's office. They were immediately whisked upstate while their lawyer was forced to wait in the lobby of the Ann Arbor Police Department.

Both brothers are now being held on an exorbitant bond of \$100,000 -- requested by two special prosecutors from Kelley's office -- in a county jail in Beulah, Michigan, about 250 miles north of Ann Arbor. They are awaiting a March 12 preliminary exam on charges of conspiracy to extort (25 years), extortion (25 years), armed robbery (life) and usury (5 years).

RPP spokespersons have said that the charges are false and are part of an organized attack to destroy viable alternative political organizations like the RPP.

"I'm confident that we'll be able to prove both Pun and Craig innocent as we have in the past with other trumped-up charges," explained Genie Plamondon, Pun's partner.



Craig, handcuffed, being taken to jail.

were all other charges against Pun—with the exception of carrying a false draft card, use of marijuana, and being drunk and disorderly in high school.

Craig has no other convictions except for one juvenile misdemeanor offense.

Yet Kelley's office apparently still believes in this testimony, long since debunked, given to a notorious state cop:

"Gentleman, based on the information we obtained through other normal police functions we would have to consider the White Panther Party as an organization bent on the total destruction of the present government and detrimental to the welfare of this country."

The current charges against Pun and Craig seem to be based on this accusation Pun and Craig, however, have spent most of the past year helping to build the

People's Ballroom and helping to repair the RPP houses. Pun has also been active in the Michigan Committee for Prisoners Rights.



Pun, relaying RPP driveway last summer.

The RPP is asking that donations to aid Pun and Craig's defense be sent to RPP Legal Defense Fund, 1520 Hill Street, in Ann Arbor.

Beware of Rip-off!

The SUN has learned from members of a commune near Ann Arbor of an outrageous rip-off of a substantial sum for their communal money by a "brother" who frequents the Ann Arbor area from time to time. Since this information has been confirmed by disinterested witnesses and since this "brother" may well intend to rip-off some of his other "friends," the SUN feels compelled to identify him as a public service. This dude's name is Uwe (pronounced "oo-vay") Wheeler. He's about 19, about 5'6" tall, weighs about 145 pounds, has brown semi-shoulder-length hair, and speaks with a heavy German accent.

Wheeler is supposedly staying in the Traverse City—Elk Rapids area.

—SUN Editorial Board

According to Kelley's office, which issued a rare press release to all media, the charges in this case come from an admitted rip-off artist named Uwe Wagner, alias Uwe Wheeler, who was exposed in an article in the Jan. 23 issue of the SUN (which is reprinted above.)

It appears that, after the article appeared, Wagner concocted a story to smear the RPP, either by himself or with the help of police.

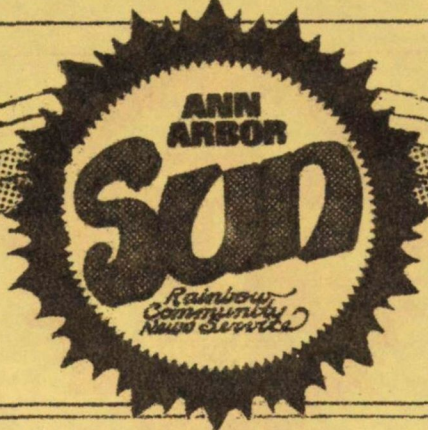
Such a tactic is not unusual in the history of government dealing with the RPP and its predecessor, the White Panther Party.

In 1969 Pun and two other brothers were charged with bombing a secret CIA office in Ann Arbor. That case was based on the word of David Valler, who admitted the bombing but who tried to implicate the others so he could be granted immunity.

The bombing charges were later dropped, as

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HAVEN'T SEEN THE SUN?

HERE'S WHY -

Alive and growing for 47 issues, the Ann Arbor SUN is now approaching its 2nd anniversary as a rainbow community newspaper. We tried to come out regularly, but we haven't published since Jan. 23rd and we won't publish again until March 26th. That means no SUN on the streets for 2 months, the longest time period between issues in our history.

We've temporarily come to halt because of financial problems, but more importantly we're in the middle of a struggle to reorganize all aspects of the paper, financial and editorial.

On the SUN masthead it says we are a rainbow community newspaper, but in reality we did not take into account the size and diversity of that community and instead spoke only to a very small number of people. Instead of constantly expanding the scope of the paper to cover information relevant and interesting to more people, we alienated some people by not speaking to their concerns at all.

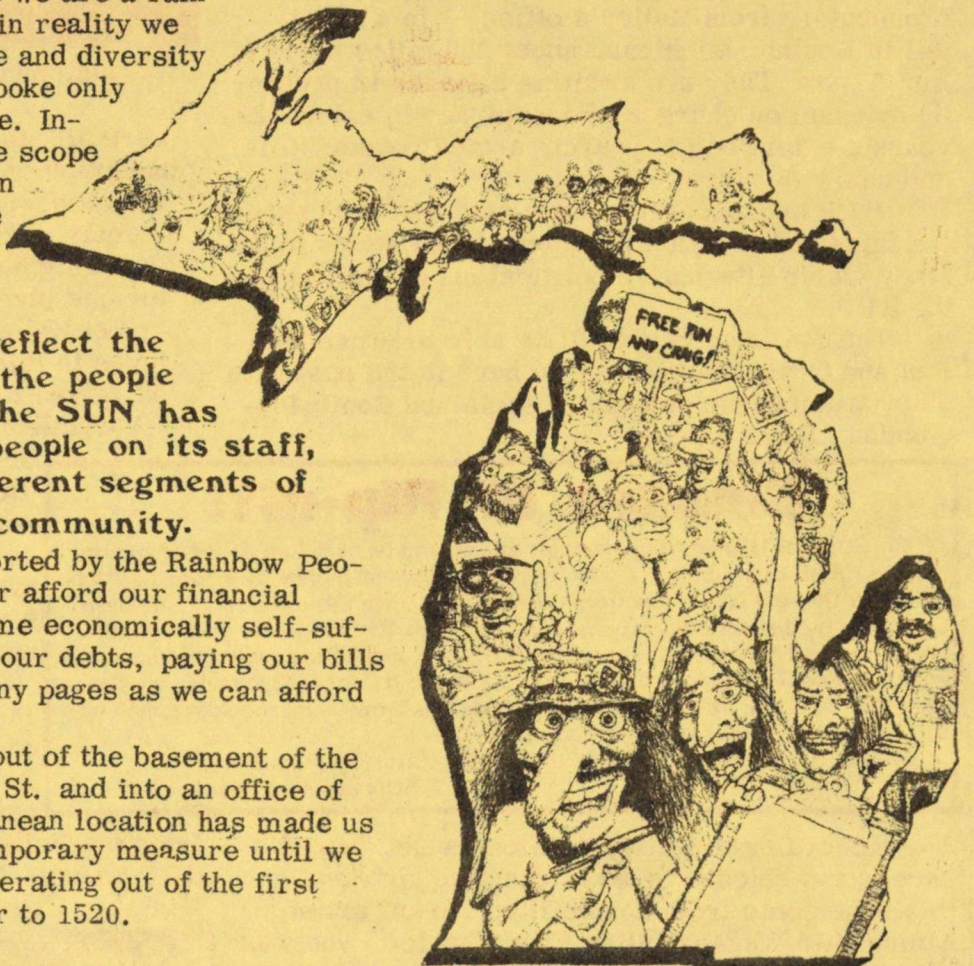
A newspaper can only reflect the information and ideas of the people creating it. That's why the SUN has to grow to include more people on its staff, people who reflect the different segments of the Ann Arbor rainbow community.

In the past we've been supported by the Rainbow People's Party, which can no longer afford our financial losses. We've resolved to become economically self-sufficient from now on, paying off our debts, paying our bills on time and only printing as many pages as we can afford each issue.

We've also resolved to get out of the basement of the Rainbow People's Party on Hill St. and into an office of our own. We know our subterranean location has made us seem inaccessible, so as a temporary measure until we find our new office, we'll be operating out of the first floor of 1510 Hill St., next door to 1520.

In general the SUN needs constant criticism, ideas, and suggestions from everyone. Our immediate needs are loans and donations, a new office in the community and more people actively working to put out each issue. If you're a writer, artist, typist or want to work on production, distribution, or advertising, call Kathy Kelley or Linda Ross at 761-1729. You don't need any experience, just come over and volunteer your time, that's how all of us got started too.

The SUN Editorial Board



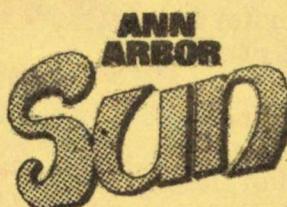
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(Former members of UP & BRAT)

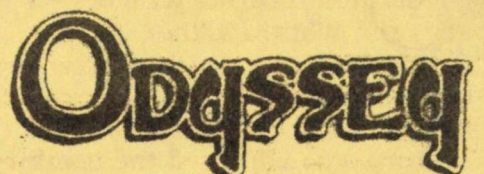
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WE'VE COME TO

TESTIFY!

We've come to testify to a NEW AGE, a NEW LIFE, a NEW CULTURE and a NEW MAN.

We're gonna take all the history up to this point and chuck it in the garbage cans, so far its been a history of the pigs for the pigs and by the pigs, now its gonna be a NEW TIME, a NEW HIS TORY a NEW STORY written by NEW MEN.

HUEY P. NEWTON IS THE NEW MAN! WE ARE THE NEW MEN!

THE NEW MEN OF THE WORLD MUST JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE A NEW CULTURE!

Huey Newton and the Black Panther Party are making and living the NEW CULTURE.

WHITE PANTHERS LOVE AND SUPPORT HUEY P. NEWTON AND OUR BLACK PANTHER BROTHERS!
WHITE PANTHERS ARE MAKING AND LIVING A NEW CULTURE.

THE NEW CULTURE MUST BE BASED ON REVOLUTION!!

REVOLUTIONARY LETTER NO. 20
(for Huey Newton)

I will not rest
till men walk free & fearless on the earth
each doing in the manner of his blood
& tribe, peaceful in the free air

till all can seek, unhindered
the shape of their thought
no black cloud fear or guilt
between them & the sun, no babies burning
young men locked away, no paper world
to come between flesh & flesh in human
encounter

till the young women
come into their own, honored & fearless
birthing strong sons
loving &
dancing

till the young men can at last
lose some of their sternness, return
to young men's thoughts, till laughter
bounces off our hills & fills
our plains

DIANE DI PRIMA

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Now the cock crows, dawn breaks over the world,
And from a thousand places arises a swelling music,
Never were poets so inspired!

--Mao Tse-tung, Chairman, People's Republic of China

THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE STRONGER THAN THE PIG'S TECHNOLOGY

--Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party