

# You Can't Help Black Revolt, White Militants Told at UW

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Four black panelists participating in the Black Revolution Conference Tuesday night at the University of Wisconsin generally agreed that it is not possible for blacks and whites to work together or to combat racism together — at least for now.

The panelists, addressing

themselves to a multi-racial audience that packed Great Hall of the Memorial Union, said that black people do not want any more white people coming into their communities to offer assistance.

**ONE PANELIST**, Willie Edwards, a University student and founder of the University's Black People's Alliance, addressed himself to "white radical students" and told them it was not possible for them to participate in the black revolution.

"We were called 'bourgeois niggers' because we didn't participate with you in the DOW Chemical riot (in October, 1967). We had no purpose to because it wouldn't have helped black people in any way. We couldn't have dialogue with you then. We can't have dialogue with you in our struggle," Edwards said.

**THE REV.** Albert B. Cleage Jr., pastor of the militant Central United Church of Christ in Detroit, Mich., said it never has been possible for blacks and white to exist together.

"We were even separate when we sang 'We Shall Overcome' together," he said, "because, when it was over, the blacks went back to the ghetto and the whites back to their suburbs."

"We're engaged in a black revolution, which is sort of a war, and in war there is little fraternizing with the enemy," he continued.

Mr. Cleage said that black people do not want the conflict to end. "We don't want to be lulled into complacency," he added.

**ANOTHONY R.** Henry, director of the housing program of the Urban Affairs Program in Chicago, Ill., and chairman of the Chicago Tenants Union, said,

white people have no place in the organization of the black community.

"We don't want them on our decision making boards. The role of the white man in the black community today is limited. Their role can be to provide financial aid and research," he said.

Rufus Mayfield, former head of Pride, Inc., a Negro run organization designed to deal with hard core unemployment of young Negroes in Washington, D.C., said he thought it would be possible for whites and blacks to cooperate but not until men begin to sit down and discuss problems openly.

**MAYFIELD** dwelt on the black man's plight since he was imported to this country and used for slavery.

"He was trained to work with his hands. We could sing, box, dance well, but we could not think," he said.

The black man was not educated; he was trained, he said.

"You train animals, but you educate people," Mayfield added.

According to him, the black man must somehow be educated to acquire better reasoning power.

Mr. Cleage summarized all the panelists feelings when he said, "We can't have generals in a black army taking orders from the white enemy."