

# Female Panther Member Accuses Black Men Of Oppressing Women

OAKLAND, Calif. — (NPI)— Black men have been accused of oppressing their women.

The accusation was made by Roberta Alexander, a female member of the Black Panther party, at a conference sponsored by the party to form a coalition against "fascism" in the United States.

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The speaker told the parley that Black women "are oppressed as a class; we are oppressed because we are Black, and we are oppressed by Black men. That has to go."

To delighted applause, she added: "We have sisters who

can shoot. And they can shoot as well as the brothers, and they are not sitting home with babies, either."

White men were also attacked at the parley.

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Dr. Marlene Dixon, professor of sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles, said that if white women appeared skeptical of male promises of equality, it was because of "the bad faith" demonstrated by white men.

Carol Henry, another female member of the Black Panther party charged that women have been victims of mental and

physical exploitation "by the color of their skins and the shape of their breasts."

However, men were not the only ones under fire at the conference. Politicians, businessmen, and policemen were attacked, as expected. So were some left-wingers who seemingly should have been spared bad treatment.

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Herbert Aptheker, old-line Marxist theoretician, was hooted during his speech, and about 40 members of the Red China-oriented Progressive Labor party were ejected from the meeting.