



People in the black community in particular, not just in the black community, but people liked the newspaper because of the way that it was written, the famous cartoons by Emory Douglas and a lot of the other artwork and the articles, people could understand it. It was very plain.

Malcolm X always used to say himself that he wanted to make things plain. Well, the Black Panther newspaper did that for people. It made it plain through the articles, the headlines breaking down what had happened to different people in different parts of the country and how it was a sign or symptomatic of what was happening to black people, poor people, low income people everywhere. And so it was a primary source of education. I don't know whether we had a truly accurate handle on the circulation or not, because somebody would get the newspaper, and they'd pass it on to somebody else.

This is one of the thing's I will never forget. One day, I was out actually selling the newspaper in the community, and so this. This brother, he gave me a quarter for the newspaper. "I said, well, thank you, and here's your newspaper." He said, "oh, no, sister." he said "you keep the newspaper. You can give it to somebody. I don't know how to read, but I know that's an important paper", and, like, I was blown away. He spent his quarter so I could give the paper away to somebody else. He himself could not read, which was a statement on what was happening with the lack of education in the black community.

But even though he couldn't read, he knew that that newspaper was important.

L: What was the Black Panther party like for you as a Black Woman, and what what did you appreciate and what did you appreciate and what did you not appreciate?

J: Well, I came to Oakland in the early part of 1974 from Detroit, Michigan. I joined Black Panther party in 1972. So at the time I joined in Detroit, this was a reinstituted chapter of the Black Panther Party, the original Detroit Chapter of the party, the party central committee, had shut it down. We didn't know it then, but we knew something funny was happening.

We later found out from COINTELPRO, counterintelligence documents from the FBI that there had been an undercover informant, a snitch, as we called it. Who had infiltrated the Detroit chapter and convinced some of the party members to.

What he said was, "we're going to rob this drug house and get rid of these drugs that are harming the community. But in the process of all that, one person was

