

# Black And White Panthers To Join In Decency Parade

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The executive committee of the Maryland Youth for Decency Rally approved last night a request by the "White Panthers" to join with the Black Panthers in sponsoring a float in the rally's parade on Thursday.

But the committee refused to let either Panther group dispense apple pies or use electrical power on the float.

"What could be more American than apple pies?" asked David Franks, who described himself as minister of sound for the White Panthers.

Mr. Franks, an instructor at the Maryland Institute, said the White Panthers, whose membership he declined to reveal, is a pro-American group which "is trying to give substance to the great American values."

Joe Cardarelli, also a teacher at the institute and the group's minister of healing, said some of these values included the legalization of "pure bliss," rent controls, the absence of money, government licensing of drugs, and "relaxed restrictions on personal behavior."

Mr. Cardarelli added that the White Panthers, which is affiliated with groups of the same name in Detroit, and Oakland, Calif., was formed about two weeks ago. Added impetus was given to its organization, a source said, after city police arrested eight art students for allegedly drinking beer on park property during one of the first warm days of spring last Wednesday.

Permission by the rally's ex-

ecutive committee came after hard lobbying, the chairman of the parade committee said. He said that Black Panthers would participate. He added that Health Department regulations prohibited passing out apple pies and that parade regulations precluded the use of amplified sound.

Mr. Franks did not say what kind of sound had been planned. But he did explain that "beautiful girls," both white and Negro would be dressed in red-white-and-blue colored clothing. The float would also have a patriotic theme, he said.

## Parade Route

The parade will begin at 11 A.M. Thursday at the 5th Regiment Armory, travel down Howard street to Baltimore street and end at the War Memorial Plaza in front of City Hall.

On Sunday the rally will be held in Memorial Stadium, free of charge, from 2 P.M. to 4.30 P.M. Music "to fill the stadium by" is planned after noon.

The rally is patterned after one held in Miami, Fla., on March 22 as a demonstration that youth can do something "constructive."

The White Panther spokesmen emphasized that their possible exclusion from the parade, as well as that of the Black Panthers, threatened to "fragment youth" and distort the national and international image of American youths.

At present the rally is in debt, one member of the executive committee said.