Many young people are unaware that the Black Panthers sought out and formed alliances among Black and white, Puerto Rican and Native American working people. The first “Rainbow Coalition” was created in the 1960s in Chicago and became an example to others across the country. There’s going to be film about it, but the makers need your help. Go here to see a trailer.

At the urging of Fred Hampton, the Black Panthers, the Puerto Rican Young Lords, and the Young Patriots, made up of Appalachian migrants. Native Americans living in Chicago were also drawn into the coalition. Soon there will be a film about this.

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