

**From Report to Revolt: The Advocacy and
Organization of the *Inner City Voice***

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Using Alexis de Tocqueville's reflections on the associational press as a guide, this paper analyzes the newspaper the *Inner City Voice*, the official outlet of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers in Detroit. The *Inner City Voice* is viewed as a 20th century example of an associational press outlet akin to the outlets assessed by Tocqueville in the 19th century: advocating for and built upon democratic principles, the *Inner City Voice* was both a 'newspaper that made an association' and, in step with the emergence of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, an 'association that made an newspaper'. This dialectical pairing offered by Tocqueville prompts the author's framing of the *Inner City Voice* as a prominent example of a newspaper that both rhetorically advocates for the particular interests of Detroit's Black community while simultaneously offering material infrastructure for the organization and mobilization of that community to advance its demands.