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Later, when People United marched up Moody Park, a young man said, "Yeah, there's a resounding cheer roar out of the crowd. More cheers rang out, "Joe Torres, Dallas, Texas, Free Joe. There's the Rich Call Democracy." Two people grabbed a banner and placed it into the midst of the crowd. According to the Houston Chronicle, when cops moved in to arrest the demonstrators, the police met with a barrage of bricks and bottles, one officer taking it in the face. The demonstrators called the police "fascists." One of them has been away for their lives as their patrol car was smashed to pieces, overturned and set on fire. A witness at a first aid station said they were "passing out bandages right and left. Every policeman that walked past me had a bandage on him."

People United continued into the next evening as police entered the neighborhood, arresting a number of large groups of people attacking with rocks and bricks. They won.

Fear. Houston's ruling class unleashed their press media to paint People United as "a tragic act of violence" started by "outside agitators." The Houston authorities have been attempting to sweep the looting and burning of a few stores, mainly by 8-10 year old kids who saw the riots. What do they get when they never had. Of course, there was no mention of the fact that members of People United and many of the crowd tried to stop the looting which seemed to be a very small operation... a very small businessman said on TV, "What do you expect? You deny people's right to loot. They don't have loot and they will do something to get justice."

Red-Baiting Frenzy

Meanwhile the capitalists paraded their stooges and agents posing as community leaders to talk to the people about how the people really want more police to defend their community from hardened and ruthless "outside agitators."

Having tried in the past to paint People United as a "Mexican-American group" they have begun to make more "reasonable" enemy out of unity to fight police repression. Suddenly they are saying People United was made up of "white agitators." The capitalists and their flunkies are making a big deal about discovering communists in People United, hardly a shocking revelation since the Revolutionary Communist Party openly helped form and build the People United community.

Of course, the purpose of all this hysteria was to obscure the daily terror the capitalists inflict on the Chicano people in Houston. And more than that, its purpose was to squash all resistance and to help the authorities to obliterate the struggle of the masses by singling out mass leaders for political attacks.

As the week dragged on, it was clear that the police were on the side of Houston. You were either for the police or you were for People United and the struggle for justice for Joe Torres.

Community "Leaders" Sue With Emery

Houston's rulers have received much help in this campaign from the bourgeoisie enemies who pose as "leaders" of the Chicano community. These representatives of the bourgeoisie who praised the police and the mayor for "doing a hell of a job" during the rebellion have been all over the airwaves denouncing People United as "extremists" and "communists" and blaming them for the rebellion whatever it is that "communists" do to actually be in the thick of the struggle, to stand with the masses against their oppressors. It was "red-baiting" to ask the.pretty farmers to open the doors of the masses' actions, especially the attacks on the pigs. It was especially "red-baiting" to ask them to open the door of the rebellion--when the heat was on and the lines were down.

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Houston... Denounces "Adventurists"

CPLML Takes Side Of Houston Police

As the Houston ruling class authorities unleashed a vicious assault and hysterical red-baiting on People United to Fight Police Brutality and the Revolution Communist Party, it was decided to call a meeting of McConn's business cronies, the Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations, said, "Enough is enough. As long as they (police) direct restraint (!!!) against this "band of agitators." Some even openly called for police action against People United.

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People United Leads Struggle

In contrast to these faithful servants of the capitalists, People United was boldly stepped out to say Moody Park was a tremendous victory and point the finger at the enemy at the same time. Taking advantage of the opportunity, Travors Morales courageously told the press that the victory was great what people did to the police. police get a little bit of the justice they deserve. The people should want to see what happened to Joe Torres... I don't think this will be the last time."

Contrary to these Red-Baiting Party activities in People United summed up that "the struggle is not over, it is just beginning," "the capitalists" lie and slander and around and say to people--"the fight will not be stopped." It was also summed up that the people in the mainly working class Northside community around Moody Park have the police and the struggle on People United as an attack on the "wholesale struggle for justice for Joe Torres and the movement which has been built against police repression, mainly through the efforts of People United and the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade." Three members of the RCP were arrested at a local high school when they passed out leaflets defending the rebellion and from us or for one statement in their slander sheet that went beyond mere opportunism and lands them in the ranks of police and counter revolution. The Call accuses the RCP and "its front group ([! People United] of being "isolated adventurers."

Evidently, for the CPML who played no role in the rebellion whatever it is, "adventurists" to actually be in the thick of the struggle, to stand with the masses against their oppressors. It was "red-baiting" to ask the pretty farmers to open the doors of the masses' actions, especially the attacks on the pigs. It was especially "adventurists" to ask them to open the door of the rebellion--when the heat was on and the lines were down.

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The three were charged with felony riot, a crime invented in 1974 after 3000 demonstrators in Dallas against the police murder of 12 year old Santos Rodriguez. This law says that if crimes are committed "as a result of a riot" (defined as seven or more people committing unlawful acts) everyone participating is guilty. The Indians, based on secret testimony of undercover pigs, 118 people were charged in this case, amounting to seven, carrying a maximum 20 year sentence, it specifically does not charge the Indians as political prisoners, committing any of the offenses listed.

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