

AVENGE THE MURDER OF MELVIN BLACK

The blood of Melvin Black is on the hands of Oakland's pigs and the rich masters they serve. Blood-red paint ran down the steps of City Hall Tuesday morning as we marched in front. AVENGE THE MURDER OF MELVIN BLACK BY GIVING THE RICH NO PEACE. DEATH TO THESE MURDERING PIGS AND THE BLOODSUCKING SYSTEM AS WELL!

Five times shot--hunted down, gunned down in the back like a dog as he tried to escape their fire in the North Oakland project. We know the story by heart--why shouldn't we, we've heard it hundreds of times in the ghettos and barrios across this land. It's the story of Tyrone Guyton, Papa Charlie, Danny Trevino, Joe Torres and countless others. In L.A. these murders come less than a week apart. Six police shootings in Houston in the past week.

Melvin Black's killing was a necessary murder to keep the slaves in line. A "justifiable homicide" they say. This is how they communicate their message to us--stay down in your place. This constant terror over our heads goes hand in hand with the stinking life in this shit-bucket they call a society. A generation of Black youth condemned to never have a job, schools like prisons, junk in our veins as well as our heads, chump change jobs for the "luckiest", and the only future held out is endless hustle or maybe carrying a gun in the slavemasters' army.

Yeah, we want justice for Melvin Black all right, but how do we get it? We gonna wait for it? We gonna pray for it? We gonna fall for the bullshit from Dellums, John George, Lionel Wilson, the house niggers bought and paid for by the rich to cool out our hatred? Shit no! Are we gonna get all hung up in their bullshit investigations and courtroom coverups? Hell no! We're going to take it to the streets! We're going to say this bloodsucking murderous system and their killer cops have got to go. We don't need another Tyrone Guyton whitewash--we need another Houston Rebellion! We don't need anymore of the pig justice they dish out--we need the kind of justice the Chicano people in Houston took--turning over cop cars, sending pigs to the hospital, throwing it all back in their face. These slaves tasted some freedom in Houston's Moody Park, and it scared our rulers to death.

We're talking about rebellion, we're talking about REVOLUTION. The word that strikes terror in the hearts of slavemasters everywhere. The word they tried to drive out of our heads after the rebellions of the '60s by telling us "It's no use, you'll never take us. Now go on back to the plantation and cry your tears in silence." They try to beat it out of us because their system makes us dream of it every day. When REVOLUTION raises its head they do everything they can to smash it.

That's why in Houston the Rebellion and those who fought to defend it are under attack. Not since Bobby Seale was bound and gagged in a Chicago courtroom have the capitalists been so frantic to stomp out the sparks of rebellion. The Moody Park 3 face a possible 20 years in prison for saying rebellion is fine and there should be more of it! Travis Morales, one of the 3, has been jailed 3 times in the last 2 months, with the pigs beating him and making direct threats on his life.

Melvin Black's murder is no isolated thing. In Houston Joe Torres' murder and the \$1 fine to his cop killers could have been the end of it there, if the Chicano people hadn't smashed through the shackles of "respectable", "legal" channels. Because they broke through these strangleholds, this Rebellion and the trial of the Moody Park 3 has become a dividing line. Rebellion and revolution is on trial in Houston April 10. Just like Fred Hampton we say "You can jail a revolutionary but you can't jail the revolution. You can kill a revolutionary but you can't kill the revolution."

The only way to avenge the death of Melvin Black is to expose the bloody hand of the rich class behind this murder and build the revolutionary struggle to bring this monster down. This is the message we're going to take to Houston. For all the Melvin Blacks, the Tyrone Guytons and countless others, the system that was borne and built on slavery of Black skins and the blood and sweat of working class people of all nationalities will be brought down through our fight for freedom. Come with us to Houston to fight for the future of us all. We're going to march against pig justice demanding FREE THE MOODY PARK 3! And we'll raise the banner AVENGE THE MURDER OF MELVIN BLACK, as part of a mighty fist that's gonna smash them in Houston and keep hammering away at this man-eating system until we smash it down for good!

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