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IN MEMORY OF EL-HAJJ MALIK EL-SHABAZZ (MALCOLM X)

February 21, 1977 marked the twelfth anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X at the Audobon Ballroom in Harlem. Like all freedom fighters, for the liberation of oppressed people, Malcolm X died for his convictions but his spirit still lives. Following is a poem written in tribute to Malcolm X and excerpts from the eulogy delivered by Ossie Davis.

My Brother Malcolm

I see you now  
Standing tall  
Erect, fearless,  
Speaking with voice so loud  
Accusing, condemning  
Wrong.  
Wrong against the Brother,  
Who has suffered  
So long.  
I hear you, Malcolm  
You with perfect diction  
Fire in your voice  
Fire in your eyes  
Saying the things  
That the Brother and Sister  
Long to hear.  
I feel the warmth of your  
Handclasp.  
The true feeling of friendship  
And sincerity  
Truly you're my brother,  
And brother of all black mankind.  
Ah! Brother, why did you have  
To die?

Christine C. Johnson

Eulogy of Malcolm X

...There are those who will consider it their duty, as friends of the Negro people, to tell us to revile him, to flee even from the presence of his memory, to save ourselves by writing him out of the history of our turbulent times.

Many will ask what Harlem finds to honor in this stormy, controversial and young captain - and we will smile.

Many will say turn away - away from this man, for he is not a man, but a demon, a monster, a subverter and an enemy of the black man - and we will smile.

They will say that he is of hate - a fanatic, a racist - who can only bring evil to the cause for which you struggle.

And we will answer and say unto them: Did you ever talk to Brother Malcolm? Did you ever touch him, or have him smile at you? Did you ever really listen to him? Did he ever do a mean thing? Was he ever himself associated with violence or any public disturbance? For if you do, you would know him. And if you knew him, you would know why we must honor him: Malcolm was our manhood, our living black manhood? This was his meaning to his people. And, in honoring him, we honor the best in ourselves.

However much we differed with him - or with each other about him and his value as a man, let his going from us serve only to bring us together, now. Consigning these mortal remains to earth, the common mother of all, secure in the knowledge that what we place in the ground is no more now a man - but a seed - which, after the winter of discontent will come forth again to meet us. And we shall know him then for what he was and is - a prince - our own black shining prince! - who didn't hesitate to die, because he loved us so.

FORUM ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT

On March 7th and 9th, the Coalition is sponsoring a forum on "The Role of Law Enforcement in Third World Movement! Harassment or Enforcement?". Following are the scheduled speakers, times and places. We would appreciate the community's support.

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DATE: March 7, 1977  
PLACE: Lecture Hall I  
TIME: 2:30 pm  
SUBJECT: Law Enforcement, and the Native American Movement;  
The Case of Leonard Peltier  
SPEAKERS: Suzette Mills  
Russ Redner  
John Trudell  
Donna Tindal

DATE: March 9, 1977  
PLACE: Lecture Hall 3  
TIME: 2:30 pm  
SUBJECT: Film - "The Murder of Fred Hampton"  
SPEAKER: William Hampton

Donations will be appreciated.

COALITION BOARD MEETING

There will be a Coalition Board meeting Wednesday, March 9th, in L-3205 at 2:00 pm. All Third World Community members are invited to attend.

IF YOU HAVE SOME INFORMATION, ARTICLES, ETC., THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE FORWARD OR BRING INFORMATION TO THE COALITION OFFICE, L-3236, BY THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.