

LUMUMBA & MALCOLM X

Among the important ideas popularized by Malcolm X are:

1. He identified the position of the black people in the U.S. as that of an oppressed nation.
2. He discussed the armed violence used by the U.S. federal, state and city governments to maintain national oppression of Afro-Americans.
3. He correctly pointed out that the armed violence of the white ruling class must be answered by armed violence of the oppressed Afro-Americans.
4. He understood that the struggle of the Afro-American is interconnected with the struggles of the African, Asian and Latin American people.
5. He saw U.S. imperialism and its government as the main enemy of his people and all oppressed people.

Everyone who read a paper knew that the life of Malcolm X was in danger, especially after his house was burned. Yet the New York police and the FBI took no steps against the armed men who walked into the meeting and shot him down. It is unbelievable that he could have been assassinated without the cooperation and instructions of the governments in Washington and New York City. Without excusing those who pulled the trigger, we must remember that the gun was loaded in Washington.

Malcolm X went down to Selma, Alabama. He promised a real struggle for freedom of Afro-Americans against oppression in Alabama, not far from where L.B. Johnson's family own a lot of land. That running dog for U.S. imperialism, Rev. King, ran to Washington, met with both Humphrey and Johnson. Two weeks later Malcolm X was dead.

The U.S. ruling class and their servants, especially the so-called liberals, cannot contain their joy. Paul Benzaquin, employee of the billion dollar CBS and Radio Station WEEI, wrote, "...he is merely a rabble rouser shot dead in Harlem." The Boston Herald, overjoyed at a black man murdered in front of his wife and children, said, "The colored people of America need no Malcolm Xs to lead them..." (Both quotes from 2/22/65 Boston Herald)

Malcolm X was murdered by the same force that assassinated Isiah Nixon, Emmett Till, Medgar Evers and tens of thousands of other Afro-Americans. U.S. imperialism and its government arranged the murder of Patrice Lumumba. They thought their profits and investments would then be safe in the Congo. But revolutionary Africa rallies around the spirit of Lumumba. The death of the Afro-American Lumumba, Malcolm X, will not stop the struggle for Afro-American liberation. Despite all difficulties, the national liberation movements in Africa, Asia and America are forging ahead to victory.

Every person responsible for the murder of Lumumba and Malcolm X will be punished when U.S. imperialism meets total defeat.

Let us learn--let us not expose our best fighters, our leaders, to Johnson and his imperialist government. We must learn from the national liberation fighters in other lands.

Malcolm X is not dead. His mighty calls for Afro-American struggle and freedom are immortal.

FIGHT ON FOR AFRO-AMERICAN STATE POWER IN THE SOUTH--AFRO-AMERICAN CONTROL IN THE BLACK COMMUNITIES OF THE NORTH AND EAST.

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