



Malcolm X CONFERENCE NEWS

JULY 23-25, 1993 WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DETROIT, MICHIGAN USA 313/867-4865



DETROIT REMEMBERS MALCOLM X

On the 25th Anniversary of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers Malcolm X has been proclaimed the main political symbol of Black radicalism in the 1990s. We stand in unity with the revolutionary impact of Malcolm X and, on this basis, we call for unity to rebuild a strong movement for Black liberation.

THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION

There is an economic revolution that is replacing us with new technology.

many organizations such as the Black Panther Party, Black Student United Front, Motor City Labor League, Republic of New Africa, Congress of African People, the United Black Brothers of New Jersey, the CTA Black Caucus of Chicago and the many chapters of the ALSC (African Liberation Support Committee) from throughout the USA and Canada.

Conference Call - July 23-25, 1993

WHERE: Wayne State University - Detroit, Michigan
General Lectures Building - Manoogian Hall

COST: General Registration \$10
Unemployed \$5
Homeless \$1

HOTLINE: 313 / 867-4865

WHY: To Educate and Organize

WHO: Everyone is Welcome, Please Join us!

THE LEGACY OF MALCOLM X IS REVOLUTION

Malcolm X is very popular, and that's good. But is it enough? We need to learn what he stood for, and we need to know how his ideas were applied on a practical level. We know he was bad, he had a dynamite rap, but did his ideas work? We need proof.

The history of the last 28 years is the main way to answer this question. What happened? The main revolutionary impulse of the masses of people in Detroit was the Great Rebellion of 1967. This was the most militant challenge to the racist rule of the U.S. government and its capitalist system.

The League of Revolutionary Black Workers (LRBW) was the main revolutionary organization born in Detroit in the late 1960s after Malcolm X was killed in 1965. The LRBW was the "field Negro" Malcolm spoke about at the stage of industrial production. Workers in the auto factory and a lot of other places fought and broke the racist structure of the unions, while raising their vision to overthrowing the entire system of injustice.

However, the 1960s are different from the 1990s. In the 1960s people were working in a rather stable economy. Jobs were easy to get. Now, the jobs we used to do are increasingly being done by computers and robots. The new Jefferson assembly plant is totally different from what we had in the 1960s. This is a new time and these new times demand a new form of struggle.

Today, hugh sections of the "proletarian field" hands, Black and white, are being thrown out onto the street to be homeless, to fight for the crumbs of the welfare system, and to struggle for survival in public housing, SRO hotels, and shelters, with shrinking unemployment benefits, with a lack of health care, facing police brutality and murder

The places where we used to work are now filled with computers and robots while we are thrown out onto the streets forced to fight for our very survival. If not now—then, we are all fearful of this happening in the near future. Our people are being brutalized by hunger and homelessness, an inadequate and declining welfare system, concentration camp public housing, a poor health care system, but an expanding police force and prison system.

WE'RE CATCHING HELL!

Therefore we are calling for a new movement, one that takes seriously the fighting spirit of our great revolutionary hero Malcolm X.

We are calling this conference to commemorate the 25th anniversary of DRUM (Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement) and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers (LRBW). This is how the Black workers of Detroit carried forward the legacy of Malcolm X! We intend to honor Malcolm X on the basis of his legacy—the experience of what actually happened. This includes

(check the Malice Green case!) and the crisis of alcohol, crack and AIDS.

Our conference will take up the historical lessons of Malcolm X by examining the history of the last 28 years in Detroit, the USA and the world. However, our main emphasis will lead us to consider what we're gonna do now. The purpose of history is to contribute to what we can do to make our lives better. We will stand on the shoulders of Malcolm X to fight for our future. His legacy, our tradition—is revolution. Long live Malcolm X! Long live the League of Revolutionary Black Workers! Forward!

The main conference organizer is General Baker, a founder of the LRBW and currently the head of a new organization formed in April 1993, The National Organizing Committee (NOC). Baker said "Those of us who were active in the 1960s when Malcolm was around have a historic responsibility to teach the youth of today about their revolutionary traditions. We are calling this conference to recruit militant freedom fighters from the youth of today to continue this legacy."

This is a time to remember, to re-think, to recommit. Only if we dare to struggle can we win and build societies of peace and justice, respect and honor.

The conference organizing committee has established headquarters in the Detroit office of the NOC. Planning meetings are held every Friday night at 6:30 pm. Volunteers meet to discuss the conference program and to make plans to mobilize broad community participation in the conference.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 313/867-4865

CHURCH

— ALERT —

Announce the Malcolm Conference on the 3rd Sunday - July 18th in your Church. Get copies of this handout to pass out free. For more information call: 313/867-4865

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FRIDAY • JULY 23

REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION 5 PM / OPENING PLENARY 7 PM

SATURDAY • JULY 24

FILM / 3 SETS WORKSHOP SESSIONS / 2 PLENARY SESSIONS

THE ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

FIRST SET

THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN OUR FIGHT FOR LIBERATION **What is the importance of Malcolm X for the education of our youth?**

THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION **Is the robot in the factory our friend or enemy?**

THE CRISIS OF CENSORSHIP **Does freedom of speech apply to our music? Why are they afraid?**

THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN OUR FIGHT FOR LIBERATION **Can religion help get our jobs back, or is god only relevant after we die?**

THE REIGN OF COLEMAN YOUNG AND THE SCRAMBLE FOR SUCCESSION **Does Black Power exist in Detroit?**

THE ROLE OF CULTURE IN THE REVOLUTION **Can we wage our struggle without music and art among our weapons?**

THE ROLE OF MASS COMMUNICATION AND POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS **Who controls the media?**

SECOND SET

MALCOLM X ON BLACK LIBERATION AND WORLD REVOLUTION **Why did Malcolm X rap down "Message to the Grass-roots?"**

BLACK ELECTORAL EXPERIENCE FROM 1966 TO 1993 **Does Black Power exist in any other cities?**

THE ORGANIZED EMPLOYED WORKERS AND THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL **How can trade unions contribute to the fight for Black liberation?**

PATTERNS OF INJUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF POVERTY **Why are the police killing us?**

FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND AGAINST HOMELESSNESS **Why do we have to sleep on streets and in shelters?**

BLACK WORKERS AND THE BLACK BELT **Are Black people still fighting down south?**

PAN AFRICANISM IN THE 1990s **Can Africa survive military governments, AIDS, and debt?**

THIRD SET

A SPEAK OUT ON THE MALCOLM X FILM **Did Spike Lee do the right thing?**

YOUTH, VIOLENCE, AND OUR FUTURE **Why are we killing ourselves?**

OUR FIGHT AGAINST WELFARE CUT BACKS AND INCREASED HUNGER **Why are children hungry and our families at risk?**

THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THE U.S. **Why are we sick? Is it the fault of government, business, the doctors, or ourselves?**

DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE YOUTH OF BELGIUM, CANADA AND THE USA **What do youth around the world have in common?**

THE FIGHT AGAINST TRIPLE OPPRESSION: NATIONALITY, GENDER AND CLASS **Why is a Black womens movement needed? Or, is it?**

THE CONNECTION OF BLACK LIBERATION AND SOCIAL REVOLUTION **Can we end racism first or do we have get rid of the whole system?**

PLENARY #2 KEYNOTE

RECEPTION

PLENARY #3 / THE LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS

SUNDAY • JULY 25

CLOSING PLENARY

Where do we go from here?
CHAOS or COMMUNITY? BALLOT or BULLET?

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