

Bismi-l-lahi-n-nah-mani-n-naheem

Malcolm X Grassroots Movement's  
Christopher Commission Presentation

Topic: Police Terrorism in The Black Community is Genocide.

Introduction

Bismi-l-lahi-n-nah-mani-n-naheem, In the name of ALLAH, The Compassionate, The Merciful, The One God to Whom praise is due to forever. I bear witness that there is no God but ALLAH and that Muhammad is the messenger of ALLAH. I seek refuge in ALLAH from the accursed Satan (the white race).

Malcolm X Grassroots Movement is a national coalition of groups, organizations and individuals working around five basic principles of Unity:

1. Human Rights
2. Self-Determination
3. An end to Genocide
4. Reparations
5. Freedom for Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War.

The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement appears before the Christopher Commission not because we feel you will be effective in resolving the conditions and issues that manifest in the latest example of police terrorism on the Black Community, the brutal and vicious attack on Rodney King; But, we come to charge the white supremacist leadership of America in general and Los Angeles in particular of Genocide against Black People. The leadership of this country acts on historical precedent to empower, maintain and project philosophy, institutions and cultural systems that create the circumstances allowing those who are sworn to uphold law and justice to flagrantly violate that trust when Black and non-white peoples encounter law enforcement agencies in particular and societal structures in general.

We of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement do not make these changes irresponsibly or maliciously. These are made to be part of the legal record to the leadership of Los Angeles and America for declaration to the World Community on the conditions and treatment of the Black Nation in the United States of

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America.

International Definition of Genocide

The United Nations General Assembly, on December 9, 1948, adopted the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The definition given by the Convention of Genocide is as follows: Genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- a) Killing members of the group;
- b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

The Convention went on to state that the following acts shall be punishable:

- a) Genocide;
- b) Conspiracy to commit genocide;
- c) Direct and Public incitement to commit genocide;
- d) Attempt to commit genocide;
- e) Complicity in genocide.

The terrorist attack on Rodney King is a common example of police agencies acting as defined in section b of the Genocide Convention against Black and non-white peoples. Police Terrorism by local, state and federal agencies throughout the United States are genocidal by sections a, b, c of the Convention. The attack on Rodney King was not an aberration as Chief Gates would have us believe; it was business as usual for the LAPD in particular and America in general. Chief Gates perpetuates this genocidal philosophy and is an example to national and international police agencies. As Mr. Bush states, ".....Gates....is an all-American hero".

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Rodney King's Attack-Abberation on Business as Usual ?

The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement understands that this terrorist attack on Rodney King is representative of a four hundred year old problem with a six thousand year old history, for reference read, Message to the Blackman, by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Los Angeles City and County police agencies have a long history of excessive violence and deadly force against Black and non-white peoples; a few recent examples are as follows:

- a) The April 27, 1962 attack on the Nation of Islam's Mosque #27.
- b) Participation and complicity in COINTELPRO program acts against the Black Panther Party.
- c) The slaying of Ruben Salazar.
- d) The killing of Eula Love.
- e) The killing of Yusef Bilal.
- f) The killing of Brother Oliver X Beasley.

This is a history that will be enhanced by others who will testify before this commission; this is not an abberation.

Current research conducted by the Coalition Against Police Abuse found:

1. In 1989 the LAPD divisions with the highest numbers of officer involved shootings were located in Black, Latino and downtown poor areas.
2. In 1990 four of six divisions with the highest numbers of officer involved shootings were located in Black and Latino areas.
3. In 1988 26% of victims of officer involved justifiable homicides were Black. In 1989 45% of the victims of officer involved justifiable homicides were Black. Over the same period of time the percentage of white victims decreased from 32% in 1988 to 25% in 1989.

These facts represent a trend, locally and nationally, that is rooted and developed in the criminalization of Black youth. This criminalization is a white supremacist construct promoted by media, governmental and societal institutions. (For a working and conceptual definition of white supremacist refer to, The Isis Papers, by Dr. Frances Cress-Wesley). The War on Drugs is the embodiment of this genocidal construct as defined in section c of the Convention.

Criminalization of Black Youth

Minister Louis Farrakhan in his "Stop the Killing" lectures across the United States has stated and outlined that the U.S. War on Drugs is a war on Black youth in particular and Black people in general. We in the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement understand this to be true. An examination of a few facts will establish some points of evidence that are at the foundation of this truth.

1) An April 22, 1990 article in The L.A. Times, titled "Blacks Feel Brunt of Drug War", reports that though 80% of the users of cocaine, and a great majority of the sellers are white, the majority of those arrested are Black, and the enforcement of the War on Drugs is concentrated in the Black community.

2) In 1989 researchers, Malcolm Klien and Cheryl Maxson, at the University of Southern California found that media and police reports of increases in Los Angeles crack sales, gang involvement and associated violence were overblown.

3) The criminalization of Black youth was used by the LAPD to justify its initiation of "Operation Hammer" as a tool of repression against segments of the Black community. Under this program, thousands of members of the Black community were arrested, harassed, and had their names entered into a gang member database whether or not they were actual gang members. As these actions were later investigated it was found the overwhelming number of those caught up in Operation Hammer were not gang members nor were guilty of any crimes.

4) Black youth are criminalized to the point that a current public interest spot alerting parents to the need to educate their children against drug use and drug pushers highlights a Black youngman as the pusher to be aware of and who is grateful to parents for not warning their children.

This criminalization serves only one purpose the destruction of Black people. Since we are perceived to be violent and criminal, police confrontation with the Black community leads to maiming, death and inproportionate levels of imprisonment. Evidence of inproportionate Black imprisonment can be found in the May 28, 1987 article of The Chicago Tribune, titled "The Crime of Black Imprisonment". A study by The Massachusetts Research Center titled, "A Report: Police Use of Ammunition" will explain why police shootings currently cause greater maiming and death.

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Summary

The terrorist attack on Rodney King was not an aberration, the filming of this incident was the aberration and the attention to this incident and investigation of the LAPD are aberrations. No one knows how many Black and non-white people have been maimed and/or beaten when there were no video cameras around. The attack on Rodney King is not a question of an excessive use of force by LAPD officers, it is one more violation of the Human Rights of Black people and the continuing white supremacist, genocidal war against the Black Nation in the United States of America.

The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement supports the minimum demands of the Black community:

1. All 15 LAPD officers involved in the terrorist attack on Rodney King must face charges of attempted murder/ accomplice to attempted murder.
2. The appointment of an Independent Prosecutor.
3. An immediate end to the practice of frisking and forcing Black Men and Women on their knees or to lie on their faces during non-felony and routine stops, as well as, traffic stops and non-felony car searches.
4. Chief Daryl Gates must be fined.
5. The Black community must participate in the selection and hiring of a new LAPD Chief and the creation of a duly elected - Citizen Police Review Board.

We of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement understand that America thinks of itself as a great empire. This fact was made clear in its recent savage and merciless war on Iraq. The United States of America's treatment of Black people and other non-whites is carried out with impunity because of its perceived military and economic might. America's leadership sees no challenger to its authority and rule. The Truth and Justice of ALLAH is the Challenger and will be the Conqueror over America's rule and authority. America has not learned the history of empire as witnessed by the Greek, Roman, Spanish, French and English empires - That civilization is founded on the pillars of Freedom, Justice, Equality, and Peace and societies and cultures that failed to build and exemplify these pillars will be brought down and crushed by these pillars.

Members of the Christopher Commission you must work to achieve justice for Black and non-white peoples in Los Angeles. Failure to do so will make manifest the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement's pledge - " No Justice, No Peace ". As-Salaam-Alaikum.