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**In tribute to
Ted Watkins**

Black man: Unite & fight

The following article was written by Brother Ted Watkins, the founder of our movement. He was shot by the racist whites of California June 2, 1968.

Under the present social and economic system in North America, men,

both white and black, conclude that the black man on this continent has made tremendous advancement. This is in contrast with the system created by the white man and built by the black man. Yes, it is possible for the black man to enter the University of Mississippi even though it took federal troops to do it. Yes,

Montreal Cops victimize Brother

Most recent problem in Montreal has been the detention of a black youth from Nova Scotia at Bordeaux Jail, for 9 months, because he has been unable to raise bail in the amount of \$2,000. Upon investigation by the Canadian Conference Committee they were told about a meeting of "higher level" to be held on June 17th, after which they will be notified whether they could post bail on his behalf.

The most distressing part of the whole frame-up is that while he has been imprisoned, awaiting on an alleged charge of rape, his young son died and his re-

quest to attend the funeral denied. Then his young daughter was hospitalized and diagnosed as having cerebral palsy. Following that his wife suffered a mental breakdown and has been hospitalized.

His mother offered to post a property bond, but this was not accepted because the property is located in N. Scotia. We are helpless pending the outcome of the meeting on the 17th of June says the CCC. The BLFC. is working with the triple C to the outcome of this case.

VIGILANCE



Ted Watkins, slain brother, is pictured with his wife, Nathalyn.

it is possible for the government to pass numerous civil rights bills through the senate and the house of representatives even if just to appease the black populace. And yes, it is possible for the white man to prop up individual black men in high prestige positions so that the masses of the black people will think we are making significant strides under all kinds of social and economic barriers.

But stop and look at the situation of the black people during the slave period in relation to the present. There is little difference. The black man is still a slave. He is not a physical slave, irons, chains and balls on his hands and ankles but rather, he is now a slave of the mind. We are in essence, in mental slavery. Herbert Aptheker in his book AMERICAN NEGRO SLAVE REVOLTS points out the similarities of the controls that were perpetuated during slavery and are still very much in existence today: "A ruling class often subjected to periods of panic arising from doubt of its ability to maintain its power may be expected to develop very complex and thorough systems of control. The American slaveocracy did develop numerous psychological, social, judicial

and economic and militaristic methods of suppression and depression."

This problem remains and it will continue to remain. We will always be just to puppets and parasites unless there is a unity among black people-- a unity that is adopted by each black man.

We must relate to history and the events which were the foundation for the collective thoughts of the oppressing white society to begin to understand the development of the collective black thought. The past is a reflection of the future, and the present determines tomorrow. That is to say, that what one accepts in terms of history is only of value in the present if the knowledge is defined to meet the present needs of that individual in his particular society.

For black people to ever become a solid unified force, each individual brother and sister will have to redefine his or her station in life and understand that freedom comes only to those who are willing to think, understand, and struggle to achieve.

History and Objectives

Black Liberation Front of Canada

HISTORY:

The scope of the Black Liberation Front of Canada is not limited only to the oppressive situation in Toronto, nor to all the rest of Canada for that matter.

Although most organizing activity will be centered in Toronto, the Black Liberation Front of Canada sees its long range goal as the complete and total social transformation of the oppressive society. This necessarily will take the effort of the whole black community as well as other progressive elements of the rest of the society.

In order to gain more support for black people, the Black Liberation Front of Canada engaged in exposing the racist and exploitative system. The BLFC established ties with the more radical elements of the black people in Toronto. They helped by putting us in contact with people who could aid us in some way and also by publicizing their support of the BLFC's program. Immediately after we announced our action the racist institutions and their lackeys - such as the press got into the act of confusing the public, with the help of some established "Negro" organizations. In March, 1968 a story appeared in the

Caribbean Chronicle (a "Negro" newspaper) about the black man's struggles. The editorial read:

"The clarion call for Black Power has been sounded loud and clear in Toronto.

"Just recently an association was founded in the city by a small group and a lot of neat arguments have been advanced in support of Black Power as an answer to the problems of the coloured people in Canada.

"But we take issue with the founders of the Black Power movement in Toronto.

"As a paper serving the West Indian community, the Caribbean Chronicle is naturally concerned with Black Power trends, especially insofar as West Indians are involved.

"Admittedly, as far as the racial question is concerned, the situation in Canada is certainly not a happy one. But then Canada is not the United States and measures that may be necessary to deal with the situation in the U.S. may not be the same as required here in Canada.

"It is extremely difficult to understand what

good it will do West Indians to stir up a civil war in Canada in the name of Black Power.

"Canada has opened its doors to thousands of West Indians in search of betterment for themselves and their families. With the growing rumblings of Black Power it is quite easy for Canada to decide to shut the door, or at least make it so much more difficult for would-be immigrants from the Caribbean.

"Those Black Power "leaders" in Canada looking for a following among the West Indian community must be told where to get off.

"West Indians in Canada are as law-abiding and intelligent a group as any other and should not allow themselves to become pawns in a new power game."

On the question posed by the editorial our reply was the following:

The purpose of the BLFC is to unite the black people to fight the problems that black people face, and those problems center around racism. White people are not as much victims of rac-

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