REAGANISM: BLACK GENOCIDE

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Take Our Fight to the World’s People!
March to the U.N. May 22!
AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY 1982
NO TO BLACK GENOCIDE!

SELF-DETERMINATION AND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR BLACK PEOPLE FROM THE U.S. TO S. AFRICA!
EQUALITY, JOBS, JUSTICE AND PEACE!
STRENGTHEN AND EXTEND THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT! NO TAX-EXEMPTIONS FOR RACIST SCHOOLS!
NO DEPORTATION, NO CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR HAITIAN REFUGEES!
HANDS OFF THE CARIBBEAN! U.S. OUT OF EL SALVADOR!
FULL SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA! FREEDOM FOR NAMIBIA, VICTORY TO SWAPO!

The lives and freedoms of Black people in the U.S., southern Africa and the Caribbean are threatened by an onslaught of unprecedented scale and ferocity, and the Reagan administration is spearheading the attack. REAGANISM IS BLACK GENOCIDE.

In Florida, the bodies of over 200 drowned Haitian refugees have washed up on the beaches. In Atlanta, 30 Black children are murdered. In Buffalo, seven Black men are killed, their bodies mutilated. In Boston, 14 Black women are murdered. At least 150 Blacks have been wantonly slain, no one brought to justice, and the body count multiplies daily. These racist attacks are encouraged by the Reagan administration.

The Voting Rights Act is under assault. In Alabama, the government jails two Black women for helping other Blacks exercise their basic right to vote. The government is moving to bring on a second, historic reversal of the democratic rights of Black people in this country. The first reversal in 1877 (the Hayes-Tilden Compromise) rolled back all the gains won from the Civil War and Reconstruction. Now Reagan is trying to reverse every gain in basic democratic rights won by Blacks since the 1950s, to bring back Klan nightriders, lynching, and Jim Crow, 80s-style.

Reagan would subsidize racism by allowing tax-exemptions for racist schools. Budget cuts in education will destroy a whole generation of Black leadership. Black unemployment is at least 30 percent, and over 50 percent among Black youth.

And with daycare centers closed due to budget cuts, working women are forced to quit their jobs in order to care for children. Black-owned businesses are being buried in an avalanche of bankruptcies because of high interest rates. Reagan's record $200-$300 billion budget deficits — fueled by bloated hikes in military spending and perverse tax cuts for the rich — are robbing the poor to pay the rich.

Reagan says "wait, give my programs a chance." Wait for what — more bodies of dead Black children, men and women? We can't wait because waiting means more Blacks voteless, jobless, homeless and dead.

Reagan calls South Africa a "friendly nation." The apartheid regime steps up repression against the Black South African majority, launches terrorist raids into Angola, takes a new offensive in Namibia and plots assassinations against Black-ruled Africa. When the UN moves to condemn the racist regime for its invasion of Angola, the U.S. protects apartheid by vetoing the resolution. The Reagan administration moves to break South African isolation by removing export/import restrictions, meeting secretly and illegally with South African military officials, and equipping them with the latest technologies of warfare and terror.

Reagan's support of Black slavery in South Africa also rears its disgusting head in the Caribbean. His racist immigration policy condemns Haitian refugees to concentration camps, deportations and death by drowning. Interfering in the internal affairs of Caribbean and Central American nations, trying to send U.S. troops to El Salvador and to destabilize Grenada, Jamaica, and Nicaragua — these are just a few of the Reagan atrocities.

Reagan's genocidal war against Black people must be stopped and the government punished for its war crimes. But as Malcolm X said, "You don't take your case to the criminal, you take your criminal to court." We can't take our plight to the White House because the criminal is Reagan — the U.S. government has proven itself to be the chief perpetrator of Black genocide. Black people have no other recourse but to take our cause over Reagan's head, and present our indictments before the world's peoples.

This is the 10th anniversary of African Liberation Day, traditionally a day of protest and solidarity. 1982 has also been declared the “International Year of Mobilization for Sanctions Against South Africa” by the UN Committee Against Apartheid.

In 1982, Black people have no voice, save our own. Hear this call and join the people of the world to protest Black genocide from the United States to South Africa. Let our feet march as one, our voices thunder in unison. Our cause is just and we must fight to make our victory certain!