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On December 30, 1980 Donald Wright, a 19 year old Black man was murdered by Police Officer Ladson, a Black cop, outside a shoe store on 125th Street. Wright was at the store to buy a new pair of shoes when a dispute erupted between him and a store attendant. Suddenly, a shot was fired by the nearby cop and Wright fell to the ground, critically wounded with a bullet in the head. To add further shock to the incident an ambulance arrived several minutes later to take the cop, who then fainted, to the hospital. A second ambulance arrived to take Wright directly to the morgue.

The recent incident of Donald Wright clearly demonstrates that race makes no difference in the relationship between the police and us. A Black or Hispanic cop will pull the trigger just as quickly as a white cop. All hired guns of the police are trained for war in the streets and they are clear that the targets are Blacks, Hispanics and other poor and working class people. To cover up for their open attacks the police revert to calling us criminals, psychos, and welfare cheats or when in desperate panic for a cover they feign a mental disorder. Officer Ladson's faked fainting rings with the familiar tune of Robert Torsney, the white cop, who suffered a once in a life time epileptic fit after murdering young Randolph Evans, in 1974. With the recent public statement of a Lieutenant of the NY Police Dept. that he has ordered his force to "shoot to kill", a cover is no longer necessary for their open attacks. This public statement came as no surprise to most of the Black and Hispanic community and the families of the victims listed in this document. The statement merely served to awaken those of us who suffered illusions about the role of the police.

After the incident of Donald Wright some people were heard to criticize the actions of New York Police Department for the quick suspension of Officer Ladson while failing to suspend whites in other incidents. The logic of this criticism is the same that supports the call for more Black and Hispanic police. It is a line of narrow nationalism that clouds the real issue by coloring the problem as a lack of equal representation on the police force and leads to the conclusion that either all cops should be prosecuted or none at all. If we accept this line we would be saying that the brutal and fatal beating of Arthur Miller, in 1978, by 50 Black and White cops should be tolerated because none of the cops were prosecuted. Instead, we say that the criminal attacks of the police must be met with the same force that it is waged.

The police function as the military arm of the state which operates to maintain a system of control over the masses of working people so that the rich can enjoy the profits that they exploit from. With the rapidly increasing economic crisis the millions of working and poor people of this country are being pushed against the wall and are fighting back for their very lives. In retaliation, the rich have joined forces with right-wing groups, the military and state to beat back the resistance of the people. Dogs, trained to attack upon command and making no distinction among a crowd of people, are turned loose in subway systems in which thousands of working people are forced to travel each day. Repressive gun control laws that disarm the masses, leaving us defenseless against the attacks of the

Klan and open terrorism of the state, are enforced. In most of the police killings the families of the victims were interrogated and harrassed by the police and FBI. The wife of Peter Funches was visited repeatedly by the FBI; the family of Michael Furst received over 50 letters tormenting them about their son's death; and, in the case of Donald Wright a friend who was with him at the time of his death is now being interrogated by the police.

The rise of right wing groups in this country at this point in time is no coincidence. They are financially supported and encouraged by the rich in an effort to mobilize broad base support for their control. The "Moral Majority" has developed a strong base of support on the west coast and is now moving east to New York and other northeastern states. The primary objective of this group, hidden under the cloak of religious-morality, is to organize conservative membership so as to influence elections and legislation. The "Right-to-Life" groups play a similar role. They strike out at abortions and morally promote the rights of the unborn child while at the same time they politically support conservative laws that further oppress the lives of poor and working people. Klan activity has been tolerated and actively supported. The ACLU represents Klan members defending their constitutional right to demonstrate; federal agents participated in the Klan murder of 5 Communist anti-Klan demonstrators; Klan members are elected to official positions in various states; These fascist groups are not independent of Ronald Regan, George Bush, and others who receive endorsement and backing from them.

We cannot counter these various forms of fascist attacks on our lives through elected officials or so called Black leaders. They also have a role to play in this repressive system. We must take a stand like the brothers and sisters of Miami who turned away from the promises of Jesse Jackson and Andrew Young when they came to water down the demands of the people. It is not the courts that will render justice for the attacks we have suffered. They have responded with release of Robert Torney, killer of Randolph Evans; the acquittal of the six cops who murdered Peter Funches; and in the case of Luis Bawz who was executed by 21 bullets fired by the police, it was determined that proper police procedure had been exercised. In almost all of the police killings the cops involved were either acquitted or not charged at all for their crimes.

Documented, here, are only a few of the victims of police attacks. These systematic attacks are not particular to New York, but are occurring at a rapid rate across the country. It is clear that the oppression of Black and working people is a national policy.

Only organized resistance and armed self defense will win victory for poor and working people.

- NEW YORK -

1. DONALD WRIGHT - December 30, 1980, Manhattan, N.Y. - A 19 year old Black man murdered by a Black cop, Officer Ladson.
2. KENNY GAMBLE - October, 1980, Brooklyn, N.Y. - A 24 year old Black man gunned down by undercover cops. The cops chased Gamble and four others in their car until it rammed upside a fire hydrant. Immediately, the cops opened fire on the unarmed men, despite their pleas for their lives. Later, the cops claimed that the men had first fired at them, but no weapons were found at the scene. Also killed was Ricky Lewis and a third man, Leumel Thomas, was critically wounded.
3. RICKY LEWIS - October, 1980, Brooklyn, N.Y., - A 18 year old Black man murdered along with Kenny Gamble.
4. NOH SOON KOOK - July 8, 1980, Brooklyn, N.Y., - A Korean nightwatchman, who did not speak English, murdered by the police. The police, who were responding to a burglarly report called out to Kook and when he did not respond he was killed.
5. MICHAEL FURST - June, 1980, Brooklyn, N.Y., - A 14 year old Black youth who was fatally shot, twice in the back and once in the head by an undercover cop. Furst is another victim of the "snatched purse" routine, an easy gimmick of the police to depict us as criminals, so as to justify their murders.
6. GUY MERCURIO - March 17, 1980, Queens, N.Y., - A Hispanic man brutally beaten in the face and other parts of the body, hung by the feet, and further tortured by 5 police following Mercurio's arrest for disorderly conduct.
7. ABDUL HADID - February 18, 1980, Bronx, N.Y., - A Black Muslim who routinely sold incense on a street corner was fatally shot in the back by undercover police. Hadid is another victim of the "snatched purse" gimmick.
8. JAY PARKER - February 10, 1980, Long Island, N.Y. - A 15 year old Black youth, fatally shot twice in the back by police who allege that Parker was standing on a street corner holding a weapon which was later identified as a pellet gun.
9. CURTIS GARVEY - December, 1979, Brooklyn, N.Y. - This victim, like a few others in this document under whose name no facts appear, was merely reported in the media as killed in a incident with the police.
10. WILLIE HARPER - December 1979, Brooklyn, N.Y. -
11. JOHN DAVIS, JR. - November 23, 1979, Queens, N.Y. -
12. LESLIE COLE - September 30, 1979, Bronx, N.Y. - A 19 year old Black woman shot and seriously wounded by an off-duty cop who interceded in a dispute between Cole and another person.
13. HERBERT JOHNSON - September 28, 1979, Brooklyn, N.Y. -
14. JAMES MCREE - September 19, 1979, Brooklyn, N.Y. - A Black man fatally shot by police who alleged that McRee was terrorizing youngsters on the street with a putty knife.
15. DAVID HARLEE - September, 1979, Brooklyn, N.Y. - A Black man brutally pistol-whipped in the head and other parts of the body by a drunken off-duty cop, following a car accident caused by the drunken cop.
16. LUIS BAEZ - September, 1979, Brooklyn, N.Y. - A Hispanic man fatally shot 21 times by police following an emergency call made by Baez' mother for the police to take Luis to the hospital for psychiatric care.
17. ALBERT JOHNSON - September, 1979, Buffalo, N.Y. - A Black man, unarmed, fatally shot in his home by police who alleged that they received a call that Johnson was behaving in an abusive and disorderly manner.

18. ELIZABETH MAGNUM - August 29, 1979 - Brooklyn, N.Y. - A Black woman who was fatally shot by the police in her home. The police were there to assist a marshal who represented a blood-sucking landlord in physically evicting Magnum from her apartment. When Magnum resisted she was killed.
19. ARTURO REYES - August, 1979, Bronx, N.Y. -
20. LOUIS RODRIGUEZ - July, 1979, Bronx, N.Y. - A Hispanic man beaten to death by the police in a Bronx Bodega. Rodriguez, wounded in an earlier incident, was waiting in the store for an ambulance to arrive. When the police arrived the ambulance was turned away and Rodriguez was killed.
21. EMERY ROBINSON - July 19, 1979, New Rochelle, N.Y. - A 18 year old Black man, unarmed, was fatally shot by police who alleged that Robinson attempted to flee an arrest for auto theft.
22. PETER FUNCHES - June, 1979, Manhattan, N.Y. - A Black veteran, father of six, who was brutally beaten to death by 5 police, following a chase allegedly prompted by Funches driving the wrong way on a one way street.
23. NICHOLAS BONILLA - June, 1979, Brooklyn, NY
24. COURTNEY HAWKINS - May 22, 1979, Bronx, N.Y. - A Black man who was fatally shot by an off-duty cop following a dispute over parking spaces.
25. DOMINGO MORALES - February 21, 1979, Bronx, N.Y. - A Hispanic man fatally shot in a bar, along with a friend, by an off-duty cop who alleged that he mistakenly believed that the two men were members of the FALN, a Puerto Rican Rican revolutionary group.
26. MANUEL MARTINEZ - February 21, 1979, Bronx, N.Y. - A Hispanic man murdered along with Domingo Morales.

27. CARMEN ORSINI - February, 1979, Brooklyn, N.Y. - A Hispanic woman killed by the bullet of a transit cop who was trying to kill a Black man who had jumped the subway turnstile without paying the 50¢ fare.

- NEW JERSEY -

1. WAYNE GODFREY - April 25, 1980, Newark, NJ - A 18 year old Black man who was fatally shot in the back by the police who alleged that Godfrey attempted to flee arrest.
2. DARRYL WALKER - October 31, 1979, Orange, N.J. - A 17 year old Black youth who was fatally shot 5 times by the police following a high-speed chase. Walker allegedly drove through a red light.

- MASSACHUSETTES -

1. LEVI HART - July 15, 1980, Boston, Mass. - A 14 year old Black youth who was fatally shot in the head by police who alleged that Hart attempted to resist arrest.

- PENNSYLVANIA - MARYLAND -

WASHINGTON, D.C. -

1. WILLIAM GREEN - August 24, 1980, Philadelphia, Pa. - A 17 year old Black youth who was handcuffed, pistol-whipped and brutally murdered by the police, following a high-speed chase.

ALABAMA

2. JA WAN MCGEE - March 20, 1980, Baltimore, Md. - A 17 year old Black youth shot and paralyzed from the waist down by police who allegedly had mistaken McGee to be a suspect in a robbery.
3. YULANDA WARD - November 1, 1980, Washington, DC - A 22 year old Black woman, student activist, murdered by 4 undercover agents. Friends who were with Yulanda when she was killed report that 4 gunmen confronted them in the street and ordered the 3 men with Yulanda to put their heads down while being searched. A shot was heard and Yulanda was found bleeding to death. It is believed that Yulanda was killed because of her organizing activities in the D.C. area.

FLORIDA

1. DENNIS BROCK - April 12, 1980, Miami, Fla.
2. WILLIAM ALLEN - February 25, 1980, Palatka, Fla.
3. ARTHUR MCDUFFIE - December, 1979, Miami, Fla. - A Black businessman who was fatally beaten by 5 police following a high speed chase allegedly in response to a traffic violation. The police attempted to cover up the murder by reporting that McDuffie died as a result of his motorcycle crashing, but it was later revealed that the police intentionally beat him to death. Despite the overwhelming evidence against the police they were acquitted of their crime.
4. MOSI SEKOU - (Donna Simmons) - February 3, 1979, St. Petersburg, Fla.
5. WILLIE JAMES - , 1979, St. Petersburg,

1. DELORES WESTERBOOK CURRY - January, 1980, Alabaster, Ala. - A young Black mother who was shot to death by the police following a high-speed chase. Mrs. Curry was in the car with her children and when she emerged she was shot in the face.
2. BONITA CARTER - June 22, 1979, Birmingham, Ala. - A 20 year old Black woman who was fatally shot 3 times by the police who alleged that they suspected her of robbery.

LOUISIANA

1. LAWRENCE LEWIS, JR. - September 1, 1980, New Orleans, La. - A Black man who was brutally killed by the police while handcuffed. Lawrence was playing with his niece when 2 police stopped to "question him" about a gun which they claimed was stolen, but was later found to be legally purchased. The 2 police were cleared by a grand jury which determined the killing was "justifiable homicide."
2. RAYMOND FERDINAND - November 11, 1980, New Orleans, La. - A Black man who was fatally shot once in the back of the head and once in the neck by the police. Ferdinand's murder occurred during a reign of terror waged against the black residents of the Algiers-Fisher Housing Development by the police under the guise of conducting an investigation into the death of a cop. At least 20 black people were brutally beaten and 4 were left dead.

3. REGINALD MILES - November 13, 1980, New Orleans, La. - A Black man who was fatally shot several times in the back of the head and neck by the police. Miles was killed in his home after the police kicked down his door without warning or identification.
4. JAMES BILLY, JR. - November 13, 1980, New Orleans, La. - A Black man who was murdered in his home by the police. Billy and his girlfriend and her 5 year old daughter were in the bed sleeping when 8 police broke through the back and front door, came into the bedroom and removed the child, then killed both Billy and his girlfriend.
5. SHERRY SINGLETON - November 13, 1980, New Orleans, La. - A Black woman, murdered by the police along with J. Billy.
6. WILLIAM MCQUARTER - November 21, 1979, Gretna, La. - A Black man who was shot to death by a doctor who was also a reserve New Orleans policeman. A dispute erupted in a shopping center parking lot after McQuarter blew his horn to get the off-duty cop out of the way. The off-duty cop got into his car and chased McQuarter pulling him over with his flashing blue light. When McQuarter emerged from the car he was struck in the chest, kicked in the groin, and then shot point blank.

MISSISSIPPI

1. DOROTHY BROWN - August 29, 1980, Jackson, Ms. - A Black woman, 4 months pregnant, who was fatally shot 4 times by the police who alleged that Mrs. Brown had threatened them with a pistol.
2. LEANDER CARUTHERS - June 5, 1979, Okoloma, Ms. - A 19 year old Black man who was fatally shot in the face by the county sheriff who alleged that Caruthers attacked him with a knife.

ILLINOIS · MICHIGAN

1. RICHARD RAMEY - July 16, 1980, Chicago, Ill. - A mentally retarded Black man who was beaten to death by plainclothes cops after arrested for smoking on an elevated train.
2. EDGAR D. SMITH - February 3, 1980, Detroit, Mich. - A Black man who was beaten to death with cattle prods by the police after being arrested for burglarly.

CALIFORNIA

1. LARRY MORRIS - July, 1980, Los Angeles, Ca. - A Black man, unarmed, who was choked to death in the bathroom of his apartment by the police. The police had entered Morris' home in pursuit of him because of complaints that firecrackers were being set off in the area.
2. JAMES BELL - January, 1980, Oakland, Ca. - A Black man who was shot to death in his home by the police who responded to a call from Bell's wife to intercede in a domestic dispute.
3. FERMIN MONTOYA - June, 1979, Santa Barbara, Ca. - A Mexican-American man who was fatally shot 19 times outside of his home by the police. Montoya was leaving his home to return to a bar where he had been involved, earlier, in a brawl and was unaware that the police were lying in wait for him out side. When he emerged from the house he was fired upon, then taken to the hospital where the police removed the 19 bullets from his body.

4. CARLOS WASHINGTON - April 26, 1979, Los Angeles, Ca. - A 15 year old Black youth who was murdered by the police. Washington was pushing his family's car down the street when he was confronted by the police who ordered him to stop. Washington ignored the order and leaped over a fence and was killed.
5. MELVIN BLACK - March 17, 1979, Oakland, Ca. - A Black man who was murdered by undercover police outside of his housing project after an incident erupted between them.
6. CORNELIUS TATUM - January 27, 1979, Los Angeles, Ca. - A Black gas station attendant who was paralyzed from the waist down by an undercover cop who shot Tatum while he entered the station booth to get cigarettes for a customer.
7. EULA LOVE - January 3, 1979, Los Angeles, Ca. - A Black woman who was murdered on the front lawn of her home by 2 police who fired 12 bullets, 8 of which hit Mrs. Love, in a dispute over an unpaid utility bill.

Many murders and severe beatings have gone undocumented. The source of this information, to a large extent, has come from the bourgeois press which selectively prints only those incidents that public pressure would not let go unreported. The sources of reliable information have come from progressive newspapers and local people in New York and other states that have taken a stand in fighting against the oppressive attacks on their lives.

We call on all Black and working people to organize and fight back against the systematic attacks of facism.

PEOPLE ORGANIZE

People organize, We must recognize
Facist on the rise, We must turn the tide (Refrain)

Can't make ends meet
Can't afford no meat
They aint givin heat
Murders in the street

Refrain

Pull the covers off
Corporations boss
Cops their hired guns
They're the frightened ones

Refrain

Take it to the street
Show we won't be beat
Future is so bright
When we stand and fight

Refrain

People stand as one
Battles to be won
When we have our day
Blood debts they will pay

Refrain

Don't give up hope
Stop using dope
With a clear mind
We will seize the time

People organize, People organize,
People organize!!

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