CARL LIVES!
COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS LIFE AND DEATH
3rd Ward, Houston, TX. July 22-26, 2010

HONORING A HOUSTON REVOLUTIONARY:
CARL B. HAMPTON
BLACK PANTHER LEADER
PEOPLE’S PARTY II CHAIRMAN

Born December 17, 1948 - Assassinated July 26, 1970
The Black Panther Party (People's Party II) celebrating the life of Carl Bernard Hampton

December 17, 1943 - July 30, 1973

Why Carl Hampton Must Be Remembered
By Elbert “Big Man” Howard

When Carl Hampton was still in his teens, he became aware of the horrific conditions that existed in the black communities in Texas. He must remember him because he loved his people and devoted himself to changing these conditions and his young life was ended because of these facts.

On a visit to California, Carl came into contact with the Black Panther Party. He saw that the BPP had developed into a revolutionary, community-based organization. In 1969, he returned to Houston, Texas, determined to establish a Black Panther Party Chapter there. He was particularly impressed with the BPP concept of organizing coalitions across ethnic and color lines and wanted to do as with various groups in the Houston area, i.e., the Mexican American Youth organization (MAYO), the John Brown Revolutionary League, and the Young Patriots. These groups worked together to oppose police brutality in Houston.

Due to widespread media coverage, the Black Panther Party had new chapters which were located in many areas of the country. However, in 1970, no new chapters were being approved by the BPP National Office. It was during this period that Carl Hampton started to organize, and although he could not get the BPP's approval, he continued his activities. He named his organization the People's Party II, because he recognized the Black Panther Party was the first People's Party.

People's Party II was set up on Dowling Street, located in a working-class neighborhood, which also had number of commercial businesses as well as an illegal drug market. Carl and the People's Party II members interacted regularly with the local residents, winning their support and especially the support from many of the young people. Needless to say, this soon created II will face many problems, from drug sellers because the People's Party II's programs, ideals, and activities affected their exploitative, predatory, capitalist, and destructive business in the community.

In July of 1970, tension reached a high level on Dowling Street because of the People's Party II's organizing. PPI had begun working on establishing community survival programs such as free clothing and free food programs, and members were selling the Black Panther Party Newspaper.

One day, a Black youth was stopped and harassed by two white cops while selling the BPP newspapers and Carl Hampton arrived and intervened. Carl's the one who was arrested, which was legal at the time, and the cops became enraged at the sight of the young Black man with a weapon; they attempted to arrest Carl. Much like the scenes that were occurring in Oakland and other cities, guns were drawn, and both the cops and People's Party II members it became a standoff; a large crowd of Third Ward people gathered on Dowling Street. The press later reported that as many as 2000 residents moved between the police and the People's Party II's headquarters. Most of those people who had witnessed the confrontation were outraged at the Houston police response.

Many members of the crowd carried firearms as well as other weapons. As the situation escalated, the Houston police decided to withdraw and this was viewed by the crowd as a victory. As word of this incident spread, activists from across the entire state came to Dowling Street to offer their support and a number of Black women joined the Party on the spot.

It was because of this incident and the display of community support engendered by it, that Carl Hampton became a target for the Houston Police's Elite Squad. From the moment Carl stood up for his community and showed no fear of the police, he became a target for backlash by the Houston city officials. His murder was to be carried out by the city's police assassins - the Red Squad.

In true Texas fashion, on July 26th, 1970, Carl Hampton was ambushed, dry-gulched by hidden cowards who shot and killed this true revolutionary Black man. Police sources had positioned themselves on the roof of St John's Baptist Church - they laid in wait for Carl to come in response to a message that there were white men on the roof of a Black church in the Black community. Carl and his comrades went to investigate this, and as they prepared to cross Dowling Street, Carl gave the order not to fire their weapons unless they were fired upon. As they then crossed the street, a shot rang out and Carl fell to the ground. He died at 9:06 AM on the next morning. Other members were arrested and prosecuted and harassed but other young men took over and the People's Party II continued on.

In the fall of 1971, the National Office of the Black Panther Party recognized the People's Party II as an official chapter of the Black Panther Party. The name of the party was changed from People's Party II to the Houston Chapter of the Black Panther Party.

Carl Hampton's young life was taken far too soon...another soldier of the people assassinated by the oppressors of the people. His life was taken away by evil forces that have yet to be punished. Carl left us with his young life's work, dedication, and love for his people as an example and these words: "A revolution is a change. We need a revolution. Revolution is not necessarily a violent confrontation. If black people would organize, we would become a powerful people."

Long live the revolutionary spirit of Carl B Hampton. Power to the People.

April 12, 2010
Fenwickville, California
WHO ‘FINGERED’ CARL HAMPTON?

BY THOMAS WRIGHT

W hen the man of the investigations of Carl Hampton, the second black Panther leader and chairman of the party in the late 1960s, was convicted on two counts of murder, law enforcement officials and members of the community were outraged. Hampton, who was known for his activism and leadership in the civil rights movement, had been in jail since 1969 for his involvement in a series of armed confrontations.

In the years since his conviction, Hampton has continued to fight for his release, and his case has become a symbol of the ongoing struggle for justice and equality in America.

In this article, we will explore the circumstances surrounding Hampton's conviction and the ongoing efforts to free him from prison.

The story began in the late 1960s, when Hampton was a student at Michigan State University. He became involved in the civil rights movement and eventually helped organize the Black Panthers in Michigan.

In 1969, Hampton was arrested and charged with murder in the deaths of two police officers during a confrontation. He was later convicted on two counts of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Hampton has maintained his innocence, and his case has attracted the attention of activists and legal experts who believe that he was framed and that he is being held in violation of constitutional rights.

In recent years, there have been several attempts to release Hampton, including a petition signed by thousands of people and a court challenge. While these efforts have not been successful so far, they have brought renewed attention to the case and have helped to raise awareness about the issues involved.

As the fight for Hampton's release continues, his supporters remain hopeful that justice will eventually prevail.

In the meantime, Hampton remains behind bars, a symbol of the ongoing struggle for justice and equality in America.
A lonesome told Hampton he’d be free of police harassment by Monday. He was killed by a policeman’s bullet.

Black Thunder in the Middle of the Problem: "Wrong deals and constant danger on the streets are not our concern."

Hampton’s mother, Ruby, said she had been told her son was being huntsman in the police department.

Hampton was in the Black Panthers’ compartment of the police when the shooting occurred. The police department said they were investigating the incident.

Hampton was one of the leaders of the Black Panthers in the area and had been involved in organizing protests against police brutality.

Hampton’s death has sparked outrage and calls for justice among the Black community. The police department has stated that they are investigating the incident thoroughly.

In solidarity, the Black Panthers have called for a peaceful protest rally to be held in downtown Oakland on Saturday.

The Black Panthers in California have a long history of fighting against police brutality and systemic racism.

The police department has stated that they are committed to investigating the incident thoroughly and bringing those responsible to justice.

In memory of Hampton, the Black Panthers have called for a moment of silence to be held during the rally.

The Black Panthers are a movement that was founded in 1966 in Oakland, California, by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale. The organization was formed in response to the police brutality and systemic racism that were widespread in America at the time.
INTER-NATIONAL NEWS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MISSISSIPPI MAN STARTS RECORD SIXTH MURDER TRIAL
by Bill Quigley, Audrey Stewart and Davida Finger

White prosecutors in a rural Mississippi county won't rest until they send Curtis Flowers to prison for life. Flowers faces his sixth trial for the same murder—unprecedented in the history of the United States—after five previous trials ended in hung juries or overturned convictions. The Mississippi Supreme described one of the trials as the worst case of racial discrimination it had ever seen.

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Stick to the Deadline in Afghanistan
By Eugene Robinson

When he ordered his escalation of the war in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama pledged that U.S. troops "will begin to come home" in the summer of 2011. Disconcerting reports from the war zone should make him more determined to keep his promise—and Americans more insistent on holding him to it.

In his Capitol Hill testimony this week, Gen. David Petraeus—the godfather of Obama’s 30,000-troop Afghan surge—sought mightily tocurve some of the wild olavos. "We have to be very careful with timelines," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee. The July 2011 deadline for beginning a troop withdrawal depends on the assumption that "conditions" are favorable, Petraeus said.

But wait a minute. Another way to describe a withdrawal deadline that is based not on the calendar but on an amorphous and elusive set of "conditions" would be to call it an open-ended commitment. This is precisely what Obama said he was not going to Afghanistan's corrupt, failed and increasingly unreliable government.

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UN HUMANITARIAN SERVICE RUNS OUT OF CASH

The World Food Program stated that they would have to shut down the U.N. Humanitarian Air Service in the West African countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia because it has run out of cash. The air operation plays a key role in responding to emergency situations by transporting goods and people, particularly in areas of instability and where ground transport is difficult. However, this U.N. program will not be there for thousands of people at risk not being able to find enough food during emergencies resulting from armed conflicts in neighboring countries.
"People’s Party II was formed with one purpose and that is to serve the people"

- James Aaron (People’s Party II)

Police questioned every person passing through the 2600 block of Avenue St. the night Carl Hampton met his death. They had little sympathy for blacks who walked this way, and turned deaf ears to their pleas. They kicked them off in muddy wagon and threw a security net around the police station.

"we'll have political power, and we can send representatives into the political area and get our desires met. Brothers are advocating Revolution in Houston"

-Carl B. Hampton
(PPII Chairman)

EVERYWHERE IT’S RAINING BAGS OF GROCERIES
BLACK PANTHER PARTY SURVIVAL PROGRAMS
BUILDING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

"we must now unite with our Black, Brown and other Sisters and Brothers of Color and counter-attack, if we don’t, generations of our children and grandchildren will pay for our mistakes"

- John Brown Revolutionary League
7. WE WANT an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. WE WANT freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. WE WANT all black men when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have seen, and we are being tried by white juries that have no understanding of the “average reasoning man” of the black community.

10. WE WANT land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace.

And as our major political objective, a United Nations supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

WHERE, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

WE HOLD these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that reformation of an established government requires a far greater effort than it seems worth the while to make. But when a long train of abuses and oppressions, pursuing invariably the same tendency, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

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If U Wanna B Ready Then U Got 2 Get Literary

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