

# White racism and the Black race

(Ed. Note: The following article was written by several black students of Rutgers and Douglass at the invitation of The Daily Targum.)

A great leader is now dead, not only a leader of the Black People, but a symbol of peace in this country and around the world. A leader, who despite all odds, maintained his doctrine of peace and non-violence, and turned his cheek to be slapped by "whitey" more than once. A leader who led his people in peaceful protest against the absurd atrocities created by white society. A great leader, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is now dead; silenced by an assassin's bullet; a martyr of his own non-violence doctrine; a victim of white apathy and racism; a victim of this entire white system.

The white student offers his sympathy and asks what he might do to improve racial conditions. Unfortunately his condolences come too late for they cannot return life to the

deceased or heal the deep seated wounds of the oppressed. Nor can his quest to aid benefit those who have become the martyrs of the "Black Revolution;" M. Evers, three students killed in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and now Dr. Martin Luther King. You, the white man, turn your back on the whole which you cannot grasp, and busy yourself with only a fragment. You write letters condemning police brutalities in the city, and you issue statements honoring those who have been slain, but what have you done to insure us that these same atrocities do not re-occur? What have you done to improve the housing, social, and labor conditions in which the Black People live and work?

As you are able to hear the muffled sounds of the sea through a shell, so you hear the cries of agony and pain of the Black People, but as the sound from the shell is mendacious, you believe too that our cries are not real. But our cries

will be heard!

We, the Black Students at the Rutgers-Douglass Colleges, gathered in procession following the assassination of our leader to mourn his tragic slaughter at the hands of "whitey." We, the Black Students, gathered so that we might make known our dissatisfaction with white apathy regarding the inherent racism in this country's social, economical, educational, and political institutions. We gathered as a monumental tribute to this great Black leader, and as a final tribute to his doctrine of non-violence. We, the Black Students of this college community, gathered for we realized the need for a complete change in this system, and for the establishment and implementation of the means for this change. This system must and shall be changed, and if necessary We, the Black Students, will change it through whatever means we must!!!

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