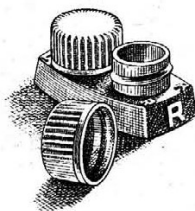


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Cops Kill Butch Armstead

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(Seattle) Welton Butch Armstead, a 17-year-old member of the Black Panther Party, was shot and killed by a cop here Oct. 5. News reports claim Armstead was pointing a rifle at the cop, Erling J. Buttedahl, when he was shot, thus laying the groundwork for the familiar ruling of "justifiable homicide."

However, evidence from eyewitnesses and the bullet wound itself indicates that Buttedahl, a Georgia storm trooper newly arrived in Seattle, shot Armstead in the back as he was backing and turning away from the cop. The shooting followed the arrest of one of Armstead's companions, Panther Jomo LuJack, on suspicion of burglary. LuJack was subsequently released and declared innocent of the crime.

Armstead's mother, Mrs. Gladys Mapps, tried to prevent the policeman from shooting her son and was arrested for attempted assault on an officer. His 16-year-old sister was beaten and arrested by another cop as she begged Buttedahl not to shoot her brother. A neighbor, who also pleaded for the youth's life, was arrested for interfering with police officers.

Mrs. Mapps, who was booked in the city jail, was refused any information on her son's condition. When she was released on \$350 bail, she rushed to King County Hospital and was merely told to "go to the morgue."

A young white man, James Lacy,

was a witness to the murder. He described the shooting to Aaron Dixon and other Black Panthers and stated to reporters: "When I looked out, I saw a cop pointing a pistol at this guy in a black jacket. Then he was lying face down on the ground and moving around."

Welton Armstead was married and the father of a son. His wife stated simply, "He died for what he believed in and so that his son could grow up in a better world."

The black community reacted swiftly to the murder. The Black Panther Party called a protest rally and announced they would collect signatures on a petition which reads: "Because of the recent atrocity committed by the Seattle police department and the continuous, never ending attacks on the lives and dignity of black people, we, the undersigned, demand immediate decentralization of the Seattle police department."

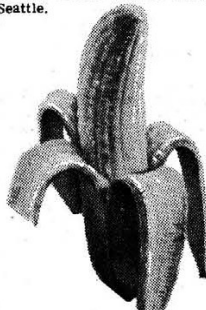
"We want the men from Bellevue, Renton, Ballard and Seattle who cannot relate to black people to withdraw from our community. We want people from the black community who understand its wants and needs to police it. The black community, because of the number and beauty of its people cannot lose another Reese, Eddie Lincoln, or Welton Armstead to JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE."

The Negro Voters League began organizing a recall movement against King County Prosecutor

Charles O. Carroll, in office 20 years, "because of an abusive record" against the black community.

The Panthers circulated leaflets calling on the black community to attend Armstead's funeral on Oct. 12 and a memorial meeting to be held that night. Over 150 people from the black community attended the funeral. Panthers formed an honor guard and ended the service with a Panther salute to the fallen fighter.

That evening, over 300 people attended a Panther memorial meeting for Welton Armstead. The honor guard, defense units at doors and stairs, and the discipline of the Panther sisters, testified to the growing strength of the Black Panther Party in Seattle.



Black Athletes Suspended

by Dan Hazelton

Two Black American Athletes were barred from the Olympic Games in Mexico City Friday. The action was taken by the International Olympic Committee after Tommie Smith and John Carlos had won first and third places in the 200 meter dash. After receiving their medals, Smith and Carlos raised clenched fists, symbolic of the struggle for "Black Power". While the American national anthem was played, the athletes bowed their heads deeply and kept their fists high. Because of this gesture, Smith and Carlos were dismissed from the American team and told to leave Mexico within forty-eight hours.

The United States Olympic Committee explained their action with the following statement, "The untypical exhibitionism of these athletes violates the basic standards of good manners and sportsmanship, which are so highly valued in the United States, and therefore, the two men involved are suspended forthwith from the team and ordered to remove them-

selves from the Olympic Village." Smith and Carlos said that they would not even have accepted their medals if they had been awarded by Avery Brundage, the American president of the I.O.C.

A Negro member of the American track team, Art Walker said that the committee's suspension of Smith and Carlos is "unfair, it is ridiculous." Since the early nineteen hundreds, the United States team has been protesting similarly by failing to dip its flag when it passes the reviewing stand. A Black hurdler from Boston, Leon Coleman, said that the dismissal may lead to the Black boycott that was stopped by its originators last summer. "If they make one of us go, I am pretty sure all will go."

Another Black athlete, Harry Jerome, said that Smith and Carlos are "sincerely trying to make an awareness that will lead to a better United States. The Black man wants to be looked on not only as an entertainer, but also as someone with a place in the social structure."



Suspended athletes after winning gold and bronze medals.

NYU Toward the Campus Cong

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NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (LNS) -- The strike at New York University over the firing of John Hatchett is falling. Plagued by a narrow issue, and an apathetic white commuter student body, the small and relatively inexperienced radical leadership plans from day to day expecting each to be the last.

Tuesday's lukewarm mill-in blocking the main building elevators, crucial to this high rise boycott, limboed to the beat of bongos and conga drums played by Washington Square regulars. But commitment isn't as hip as beads at NYU, and the disruptive tactics so far seem to be losing rather than gaining recruits.

Still, the resistance on the two New York campuses may yet prove to be a test tube for the development of an effective, long-term protest in the face of general student apathy. The catalyst in this experiment is black pride and the most active ingredient of any successful resistance may be campus guerilla tactics.

The shots here are being called by the black leadership. It is the blacks who were directly insulted by Hatchett's firing and they are doing the direct negotiating with the administration.

These groups first demanded his reinstatement and later more broad concessions on black autonomy within the university. Ironically, it was the second set of demands, involving black control of their own student center, that NYU president Hester was most willing to meet. In fact, the whole strike almost ended Tuesday night when the black leaders were instructed by their constituency to accept a compromise on the reinstatement "if they could swallow it."

In negotiations that night, they gave Hester a convenient semantic out of the whole controversy. He could have said, "Hatchett's firing is rescinded and he is immediately transferred to the post of Dean of Black Students." The blacks would have accepted this and the strike would have been over, but Hester refused.

The BASA leaders left the meeting embittered and one of them vowed that if their demands were not met, "There will be no more university." The tactical talk then took a guerilla tack. (On the uptown campus, two small bombs have already shaken the student center.)

The white strike steering committee is so far unsatisfied with the casual disruptive strategy. They feel it impedes any educational dialogue and even builds resentment among the uncommitted. But emotionally they are bound to the black vow to escalate, even if it means further isolation.