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Black symposium Communist speaks out

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Communist speaks

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Black Symposium speaker Charlene Mitchell compared the conditions of the black people in this country to using them as a "substitute race," adding, "I hope if you ever care to leave this box on.

She opined that most people in this country believe in segregation, and that the racists who control big business are able to control police and thereby enable enemies, by blocks to get away.

She explained the Communist Party's position on the necessity of revolutionary systems which allow the discrimination of minority groups. She emphasized that communists believe in opposing the rights of all people.

If other people want to change the system, they will have to work for the black people because the causes are the same, she added.

Miss Mitchell explained that black people are oppressed in this country in three different ways:

(1) They are oppressed as a people. Black doctors and black business have difficulty getting good jobs and getting started in business, she explained.

(2) Black people are oppressed because of their race. No other people in this country are oppressed on the basis of the black people suffering at the hands of the white people. Because, there are no comparable to the black people's suffering.

(3) Black people are oppressed as a political party. The overwhelming majority of the American people are members of the Black Party, which is the only political party which has been successful in the United States in the past few years.

The political and economic division of the party is determined by the black people, she said. Miss Mitchell said that she had not been a member of any political party before.

Charlene Mitchell

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