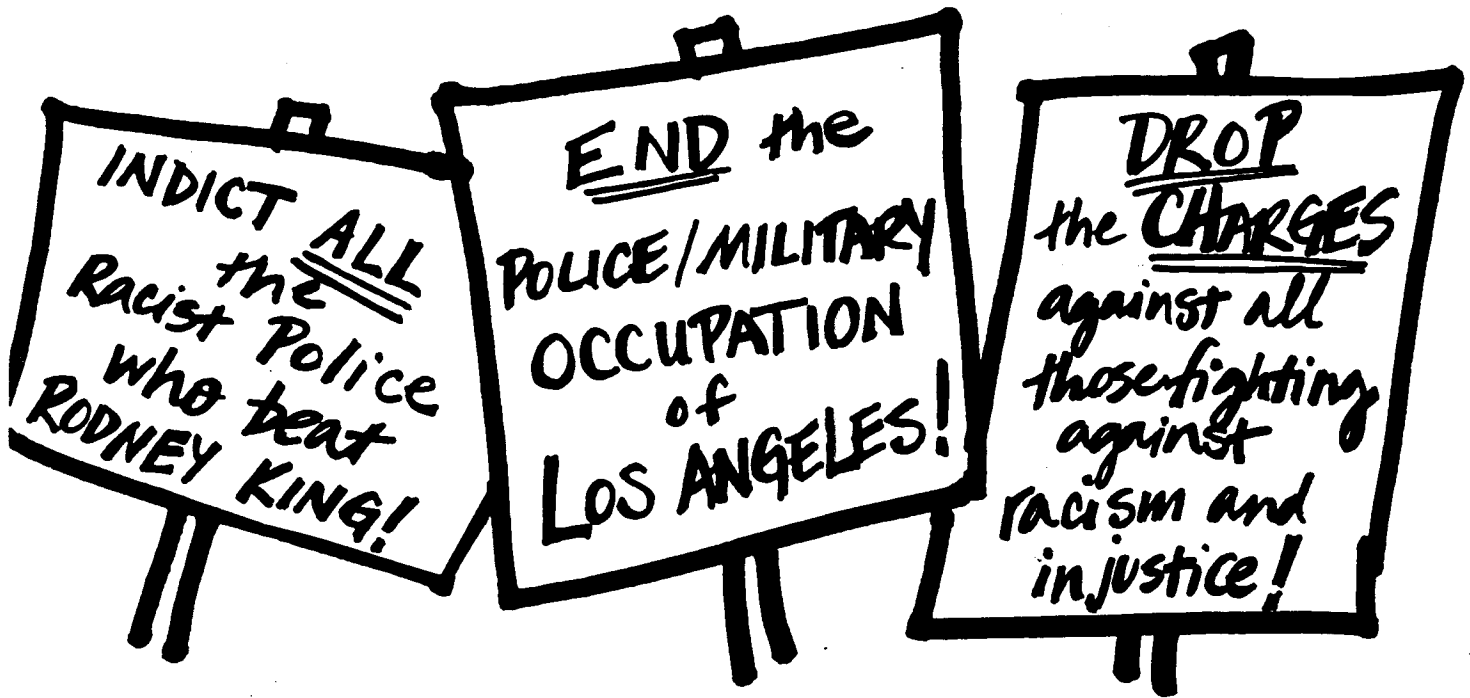


**Come Together
in Support of the Uprising of
our Brothers and Sisters in LA**



MARCH and RALLY

**Friday, May 8, 1992
5pm, Dolores Park, SF**

Rally at Dolores Park (Dolores Street, between 18th and 19th), March to Civic Center
For more info call (415) 749-7645

Endorsed by: AWOL (Artists and Writers Out Loud), Casa El Salvador Farabundi Marti, CISPES (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador), The Commemorator, John Brown Anti-Klan Committee, LAGAI (Lesbians and Gays against Intervention), Pledge of Resistance, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, Roots against War, Women against Imperialism

Justice in America... **NOT!**



A YEAR AGO, a bystander with a video camera documented the savage beating of an African-American motorist on the streets of Los Angeles by a gang of racist white men in LAPD uniforms. Overnight, the images flashed around the planet, sickening a world already numbed to violence on a massive scale by the massacre of Iraq. Most of the world saw this merciless and unprovoked assault on an unarmed citizen, carried out by four brutal criminals who clearly enjoyed every blow. These images of violence were somehow more intimate than the "video game" coverage of the Gulf war shown on CNN. Americans found this intimate act of violence especially unsettling, because we all know deep inside that this kind of racist violence underlies our whole society.

Now we're hearing a bunch of lies about some things we all know deep inside. Here are four of them:

THE LIE: *The Rodney King verdict was a shocking exception to the rule of law.*

THE TRUTH: Yes, it was shocking that the Simi Valley jury could refuse to see the evidence right before its eyes. But the King verdict was a *typical* case of American injustice. People of color have always known there's no justice here for them. For years, white police have been routinely brutalizing and even murdering Black people and getting away with it. Some of the cases make the news: Arthur McDuffie in Miami; Michael Stewart and Eleanor Bumpers in New York; Larry Lumpkin in San Francisco. But the countless beatings on the streets, the clubbings inside police vans, the humiliating searches never get reported. In Los Angeles, the cops had the green light well before the King verdict. Police Chief Daryl Gates once justified the choke-hold murder of a Black man in police custody by claiming that Black people's anatomy makes them more susceptible to choking! ■

THE LIE: *The uprising in Los Angeles was "senseless violence."*

THE TRUTH: The media, George Bush and Frank Jordan want us to believe this. It would certainly simplify things for the current state and federal administrations. They wouldn't have to admit that the budget cuts of the last twelve years have stretched South Central L.A. and other communities of people of color to the breaking point. They could say, "See? All those people really want are free TVs and VCRs." But when people believe that justice will never come for them; when they live with the pressure of injustice, poverty, and deep-seated racism day in and day out; eventually people rise up and say, "No more! Your system won't work anymore!" ■

THE LIE: *Suspension of civil rights in Bay Area cities was necessary to prevent violence and looting.*

THE TRUTH: Television stations showed us pictures of Los Angeles in flames while announcing curfews in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley. The "progressive" Bay Area governments lined up to protect the privilege of property owners. The mayor of San Francisco declared the state of emergency moments after the first window was smashed. In San Francisco and Oakland, police arrested hundreds — peaceful demonstrators, would-be demonstrators, and many passers-by. This was *preventive detention*. Its purpose was to keep people from demonstrating and expressing their outrage against racist injustice. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors said the emergency measures would be "evenhanded and nondiscriminatory." *No way!* Police waited outside African-American and Latino bars to arrest people as they left. This didn't happen in the Marina. ■

THE LIE: *The solution to the L.A. rebellion is to bring in more troops and police.*

THE TRUTH: Military force is all George Bush has offered to address poverty, racism and repression. If the U.S. government was at all concerned about South Central L.A., it would have spent even a small portion of its enormous military budget for health care, housing, education and job training. Instead, Bush sent 10,000 Army troops, National Guard members and federal police to intimidate and threaten people of color. These troops are acting like an occupying army now, camping out in people's yards, searching house to house without warning, all to hold the community down. It's not going to work. ■

Protest the Rodney King verdict and racism in the United States.

Friday, May 8

5:00 p.m. — Rally in Dolores Park, 18th & Dolores Streets, San Francisco

6:00 p.m. — March

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