

PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE

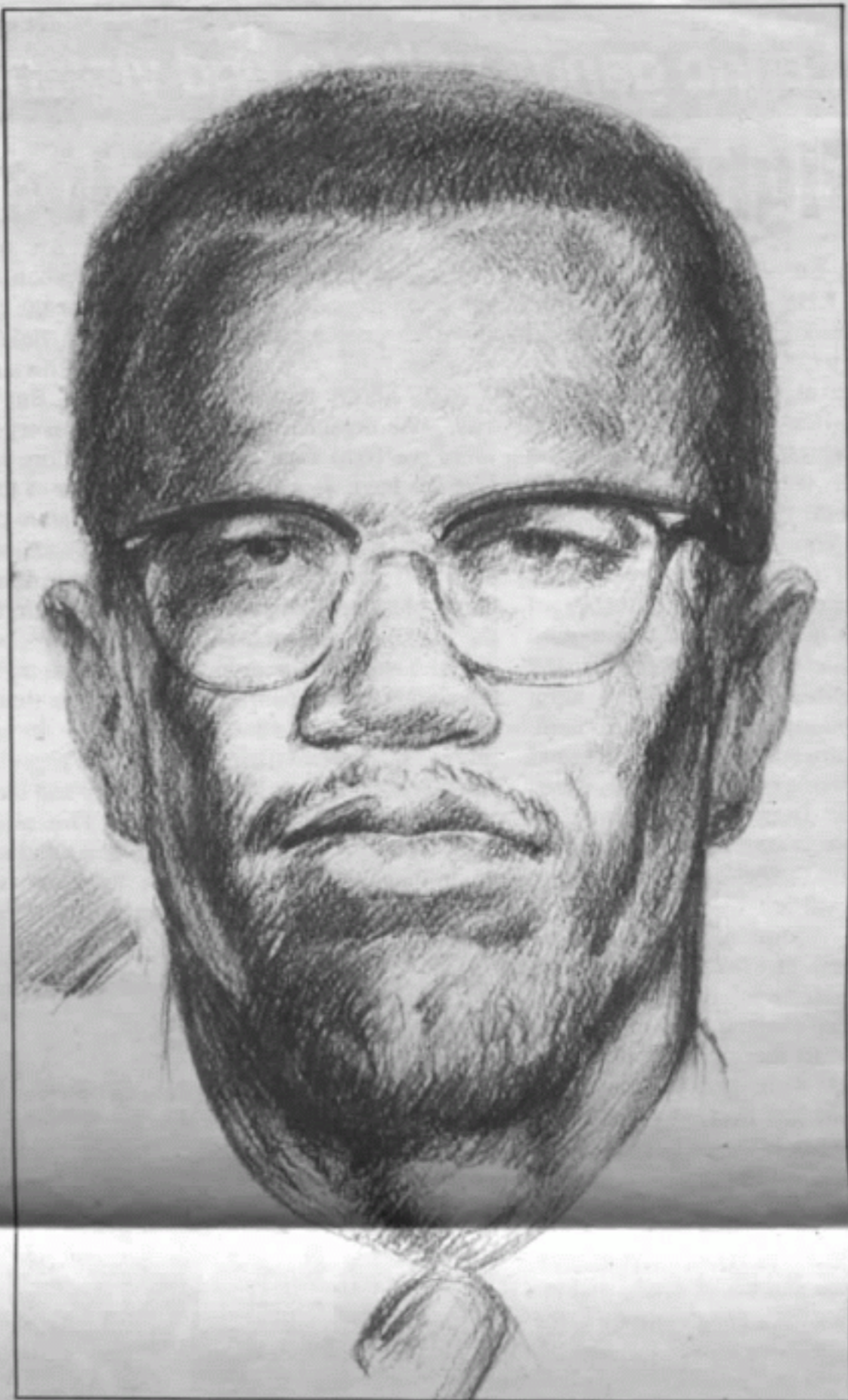
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Malcolm X

A warrior

for these

times!



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Malcolm X (1925-1965) has been reborn in the rebellious spirit of youth culture. He is the symbol of militant fight-back against the racist barbarism of life in the United States of America.

The effort to remember Malcolm X has lasted 27 years, but today more people are interested in Malcolm X than ever before. We need to know why.

These are dangerous times

— no jobs, the cops on a rampage, drugs more common than water, AIDS making sex too dangerous to have any fun, etc. When people turn to Malcolm X they are calling for a vision of

a society in which these problems are solved.

These are confusing times. There are more black people on TV than ever before, but they act more like Clarence (Uncle Tom) Thomas than Malcolm X. When people turn to Malcolm X they are calling for bold straight talk, not more BS sweet talk from smilin'-but-lyin' mainstream politicians.

These are serious times — people's lives are in danger, including blacks, Latinos, whites, everybody, especially all poor people. When people turn to Malcolm X they declare their commitment to fight for a better life by any means necessary!

These are fighting times! We've got to get it straight, everybody who wants to talk that

talk ain't gonna walk that walk. Malcolm X was feared because what he said led to people waking up and taking action. And, when people took action he praised them for it.

Malcolm X would have praised the L.A. rebellion of 1992. He would have wanted to be there—a revolutionary general is always with the troops in battle!

Malcolm X was a great leader but he had to work hard to achieve his level of excellence. The only way to learn from Malcolm is to work hard—read the book, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*.

It will be good to see the movie by Spike Lee, it will be good "entertainment." But if you want to be like Malcolm, to

be a revolutionary, then you've got to study, you've got to read the words of Malcolm X for yourself.

My question has to do with the next rebellion, and whether the study of Malcolm X can lead to more youth making the leap from rebellion to revolution. Now is the time, brothers and sisters, now is the time!



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