

“The Other America”

*Claiming and Carrying Forward a Legacy of
Multiracial Resistance*

David Dean

Roots Deeper than Whiteness

A diagram consisting of three thin grey lines that originate from a single point at the top center and branch out downwards and outwards to the left, center, and right, resembling the roots of a tree.

***Knowledge of what
has happened to us
(how we've been
divided and what we
have lost)***

***Connection to a legacy
of multiracial
resistance***

***Commitment to
reconciliation and
solidarity-based
organizing today***

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Unite!

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1937 SOUTHERN TENANT FARMERS UNION MEETING IN ARKANSAS



**1963 MARCH ON WASHINGTON
FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM**



1968 POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN



WHAT THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS NEED

**THE
COMMUNIST
PROGRAM
FOR THE
LONE STAR
STATE**

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1. Forefront the Reality of Racism

PEOPLE OF TEXAS NEED

The Negro people in Texas live in a concentration camp of oppression, terror and intimidation. Economically they are at the bottom of the ladder. Politically they are denied their rights. Socially they are segregated and Jim-Crowed.

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2. “Show Them the Trick”

Today, as the workers, the farmers, the small business men of Texas are faced with a brutal attack on their living standards by Big Business, the agents of monopoly capital are agitating the white people for a civil war against the Negro people, in order to divert them from a united struggle against monopoly capital.

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3. Inspire with Message of Shared Liberation

PEOPLE OF
TEXAS NEED

The white workers will have long hours and poor pay until the Negro people are free.

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