—The system

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to battle racism and fight for justice.

"I don't know who shot Yusef, but the system loaded the gun," said Sharpton, who was interrupted several times by riotous applause. "It's time for us to protect our own."

Farrakhan, who said he was invited to speak by the dead youth's father, apparently addressed white political leaders when he urged them to "amend the mentality that makes it easy for a white child to shoot down a black child."

"America has the potential of being the greatest nation on earth," said the black separatist, who spoke in quiet, measured tones. "She has that potential. But what is wrong in America is that it has the wrong philosophy — the wrong ideology — because the country was founded by white people for white people."

The suspected gunman in the racially motivated slaying of a black man in Brooklyn surrendered to police in the upstate city of Oneonta Thursday, ending a weeklong manhunt.

"A man identifying himself as Joseph Fama entered the Oneonta Police Department and stated he was wanted for murder in New York City," said a statement issued by Oneonta Police.

Witnesses have told police that Fama, 18, shot Yusef Hawkins Aug. 23 in Brooklyn's predominantly white Bensonhurst neighborhood.

New York City detectives drove to Oneonta and, after confirming the man was indeed Fama, headed back to New York.

A Brooklyn grand jury Wednesday indicted two suspects for second-degree murder and other charges in the attack. Four other Bensonhurst youths have been charged with the attack but not indicted.

Wednesday's murder indictments were a surprise because police had said they were still seeking the suspected gunman. Officials, however said the pair was charged for their alleged complicity in the attack.

New York residents are not only outraged and angry after the fatal beating of a Black teenager in Brooklyn last week by a White mob —they are also fearful,they say, of even bleaker racist overtones.

In a city which has a high population of Blacks and Hispanics, there are very few policemen from those racial groups and many future officers, they fear, will be drawn from a pool of candidates may be very much like those who attacked Yusef Hawkins, 16, and his four friends on the night of Aug. 23.

"Every time a Black person is approached by a policeman you have a feeling of trepidation. There is a little tightness, apprehension," said John W. Hamlin, a lifelong Brooklyn resident and retired firefighter.

"They (police officers) have a built-in fear of Blacks. Even Black off-duty police officers have been arrested. Whenever a group of Black men are together, there is immediate suspicion on the part of policemen."

These fears, however, did not stop New York Blacks from taking to the streets of the predominately White Bensonhurst, where the young man was killed.

Hundreds of officers were sent into the area, to separate Black demonstrators, from a crowd of White residents, shouting curses and racial slurs at the group.

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—Battle zone

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give the rest to the funeral home. I have to go to an orientation for my school kids this week and I have to start getting their clothes ready for school.

"Brown Community Funeral Home's funeral directors have all pitched in to do the necessary tasks related to seeing that this funeral is finally given," said Glenda Green. Brown Funeral home is serious about living up to the community in its name.

Funeral director Mr. Carroll Diggs said, "The correct figure which the department of Social Services will grant for funerals is $650, not $250 as quoted by Mrs. Palmer."

Mrs. Green said, "Mr. Cobb was 6'4' tall so he needed an oversize casket. When it is delivered we will have to have the money ready. We have yet to reach an agreement with Mrs. Palmer about the specifics of the funeral.

"The flat bottom rate which she is trying to raise will buy no frills such as limousines. She does not like the casket and some of the other appointments which we have put at her disposal but it is all she can buy for such a small price," said Mrs. Green.

Rev. Willie Ray of Save Another Youth, Inc. says, "Often in this kind of scenario it is the very drug dealers who are responsible for the violence or just associated with it that come to the rescue of a financially desperate family helping to pay the funeral bill."

Rev. Ray's organization is holding a 24-hour vigil in protest of the killing of Kenneth Cobb from Thursday August 31 at 5:30 p.m. until Friday, September 1, at 5:30.

A sad irony of interrelated events surround both the circumstances in which Kenneth Cobb died and the neighborhood in which he lived.

Kenneth Cobb's older brother, Charles Brian Trawick recently joined the Nation of Islam whose city headquarters is located only four doors away from the Cobb home.

Earlier this year The Nation of Islam targeted this North Avenue neighborhood in an effort to subdue its drug activity and accompanying violence.

Mrs. Palmer tried to stop narcotic transactions in front of her door by placing a no loitering sign in her front window. Kenneth leaned against the wall below this window as he tried get his balance to make his way into the house after he was shot.

Only three weeks ago the shotgun blast to the head of 18-year-old Larry Owens which was precipitated by a drug related argument led to the youth's death on the exact corner where Kenneth Cobb lived and was later murdered. Kenneth saw Larry Owens die!

There is one more irony — When the AFRO visited the home of Mrs. Palmer, her two-year-old grandson was sitting on the steps alone nonchalantly drinking a snowball.

Last week two-year-old Derrell Lamar Goodwin was wounded by the bullets of a gunman who missed his targeted victim, mistakenly striking Derrell in the leg and left buttock.

Community activists ask will that child or theirs be next?

—Arena Playhouse

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not have any paid staff. At the moment Ben Presbury donates his time each day to come in and answer the telephones.

"Although the theater needs both contributions and its viewer participation to increase, there are many service that the community can offer to the theater.

"They can offer in kind assistance or offer to complete a specific project within the theater. Suppose the roof needs repairing, someone can donate the dollar amount or if they are owners of a roofing company they can do the work themselves.

Senator Larry Young (39th District) is instrumental in promoting the arts within Baltimore City. Senator Young commented on the Arena's lack of community support saying, "I would welcome the opportunity to work with the Arena Players to increase their patronage and subscription."

Senator Young continued, "The Arena Playhouse is located within an area scheduled for downtown revitalization which includes the Urban League and the AFRO. The planning discussions were attended by only the Urban League and the AFRO. We welcome the Arena Players into these discussions."

The Arena Players will have its next fundraiser on Thursday September 15. It will be a preview of 'The Tap Dance Kid' including a food and drink reception with music.

—Silent March

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well as a broadened spectrum of those outside the immediate impact of the adverse decisions.

Implementation of solid civil rights legislation with no loop hole is what the NAACP is looking to get from congress, a correction of the decisions of: **Richmond v. J.A. Croson Co.** on minority set-asides, **Ward's Cove v. Antonio,** on employer discrimination, **Martin v. Wilks,** on affirmative action, and **Patterson v. Mclean Credit Union,** on contractual discrimination.

Dr. Hooks said, "We will not be stopped, the Klu Klux Klan hasn't managed to stop us in the past, and we aren't going to let those five Justices in the black robes do what the Klan couldn't do."

Spokesman for the local branch of the NAACP, Rodney Orange said, "We were certainly elated to the response of the march, considering the timeframe that we were working from. National representation was made in previous civil rights legislation."

Some members left wondering why no plan of action or manifesto was implemented for marchers to take back and share with their local branches, and local civic organizations.

Orange provided a forum for all members to act upon to expedite congressional action saying, "People need to write to their congress person and be supportive in urging them to introduce legislation that will reestablish the rights that the Supreme Court decisions took away.

"We also need to write to Richard Thornburg (U.S. Attorney General) who has wrongfully advised the President that the decisions made by the Supreme Court have not adversely affected Blacks and minorities.

"State Representatives need to be supported also, we need them to introduce resolutions to correct the damage that the Supreme Court has done," said Orange.

Jessie Jackson urged the Supreme Court to "Do the right thing," correcting the inhuman decisions affecting Blacks, women and other minorities.

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—Deb, graduate

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action, nor for an aborted burglary attempt at Mr. Watkins' apartment.

"Hearings were held in which Kollette Brown and Randy Short, both clearly and unambiguously admitted to extorting Mr. Watkins," the lawsuit said, "burglarizing his apartment, and to forcing him to appear nude on tape."

"Harvard by refusing to punish Randy Short or Kollette Brown, for the extortion and burglary attempts they admitted to during the hearings, did aid and abetted these crimes," the lawsuit states . . . "Those crimes have had, and continue to have the effect of irreparably harming plaintiff's reputation, employability and self esteem," said the complaint.

But the Harvard administrators also confiscated and viewed the videotape, Mr. Watkins and the court papers allege, and later released a "confidential" memo on its contents to more than 1,000 of the country's leading law firms through press reports.

"As a result," says Mr. Watkins, "I lost an internship this summer paying $1,583 a week, while she and Randy (Kollette Brown) went to the media and were coached by Harvard on how to present a set of slanderous lies."

Ms. Brown, the daughter of prominent Washington physician William J. Brown, was the subject of an Aug. 12 WASHINGTON AFRO article outlining a current scandal at Harvard involving her relationship with Mr. Watkins — which includes videotapes of the couple engaged in various sex acts.

Ms. Brown, meanwhile, has filed rape and assault charges against Mr. Watkins — alleging that he forced her to have intercourse and make the videotapes throughout their nine-month relationship as a "security measure" for the Society of Black Professional Entrepreneurs (SBPE), a campus organization founded by Mr. Watkins.

The charges of the so-called security tapes for the group were later dropped by Ms. Brown and Mr. Short during internal hearings at the university, according to the complaint. Harvard, however, states the lawsuit, still demanded to view the tapes.

"Despite the clear weight of evidence proving the tapes had not been a requirement of SBPE, the Harvard Board coerced, forced and extorted Mr. Watkins to display the tape on which he, Brown and Short appear naked," the suit said.

A Middlesex (MA) County grand jury last week found probable cause against Mr. Watkins during an Aug. 21 hearing.

Calls placed to Ms. Brown's Boston attorneys were unreturned , but classmates at the woman's high school alma mater — the affluent National Cathedral School — said they were saddened by the circumstances.

"I'm really shocked," said one classmate who described Ms. Brown as 'aloof, willfull and not particularly friendly, but a good student.'

"I really can't describe her as a friend or anything because I was not in her league, not in her social circle. But I would never imagine she could get involved in something like this."

Attempts to reach Mr. Short, a graduate student in Harvard's School of Divinity and an alumnus of Howard University, were also unsuccessful.

Mr. Short, the son of the Rev. Stephen Short of the District had earlier stated his belief of "the need for a Black Mafia" on Harvard's campus when questioned about the SBPE during internal hearings at the university, Mr. Watkins said.

A Harvard spokeswoman said the school would have "no comment" on either Mr. Watkins's allegations or the pending litigation filed by him.

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Bishop Reid rites: 'Celebration of excellence'

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It was called a "celebration of excellence" by those who knew him best. The late Bishop Frank Madison Reid Jr., was eulogized this past Tuesday morning at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Baltimore at 11:00 a.m.

Hundreds of church dignitaries, local and national politicians, and those who were touched by Bishop Reid everyday came to pay him tribute.

As a child of the parsonage, Bishop Reid was immersed in the upbringing of a Christian environment of African Methodism. He became the fourth generation of A.M.E., preachers at 17, following in the footsteps of his father Bishop Frank Madison Reid Sr., and his brother, Rev. George Ransom Reid.

A native of Danville, Kentucky, Bishop Reid was educated in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated from Wilberforce University with a B.S. in psychology.

Later he received the Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary, and continued study at the University of Chicago.

What seemed to be his biggest asset, despite his skills as an intellectual, and being a voracious reader, was his ability to uplift those he ministered to, and struggled for.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a long time friend of Bishop Reid, attended the ceremony and offered his tribute. "He was authentic and didn't preach around any subject. He was always there in times of controversy, not sending someone in his place.

"Bishop Reid preached on Nelson Mandela and worked towards freeing his brothers in South Africa, he marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. for civil rights, and he was active in the Anti-Vietnam War Movement — there was no smoke in his clothes," shouted Rev. Jackson.

Bishop Reid developed a unique and creative style of preaching, and was held in high esteem by his associates and parishioners for insightful sermons, and his controversial titles.

Church treasurer, Joseph McKinney described his beloved friend as, "someone who could write a book on how to be unorthodox, and still be appreciated. He was the prince of his religion."

Among those in attendance of the funeral, was the Rev. Stallings from the newly established Imani Temple in D.C. Also, many local luminaries, including Dr. Richard Hunter, Clarence Mitchell, Mary Pat Clarke, and many others who knew Reid.

A large family circle survives the Bishop, most notably his wife, Mrs. Irene Bennett Reid; Stepson, Mayor Kurt Schmoke, his son Rev. Frank Madison Reid, III; four daughters, Adrenise, Vanessa, Stephanie, and Karla.

The 63-year-old bishop was laid to rest by family and friends after a hard bout with cancer. One who eulogized him smiled and stated, "Frank has gone home, to sit with the angels of the past."

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Mrs. Irene Reid is accompanied by her son, Mayor Kurt Schmoke.

Rev. Frank Reid, III prepares to enter the church along with his wife and daughter.

Interior of Bethel AME Church which was filled to overflowing for the rites.

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