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MALCOLM X IS PRAISED IN KENYA



Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X) speaking at one of the many conferences during his African journey for the liberation of America's 22 million African people.

Nairobi, Kenya—Militant Afro-American Muslim leader Malcolm X met the Kanu Backbench MPs in Nairobi while visiting there. But he failed to turn up later at a press conference arranged by the Kanu Backbenchers Association's chairman, Mr. Z. M. Anyieni.

After the meeting the association passed a resolution expressing "complete solidarity" with the "Afro-American" freedom fighters. The resolution described Malcolm X as an "outstanding leader of 22 million Afro-Americans."

The resolution said that the association expressed its "full and unqualified" support for the Afro-Americans who had launched a historic struggle for the removal of discrimination and segregation.

"This meeting expresses its complete solidarity with the Afro-American freedom fighters in their present struggle for basic human rights as outlined in the United Nations Charter."

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EDITORIAL

THE FOX AND THE BLACK PEOPLE

Now that Johnson has won his victory, the OAAU is interested in answers to four questions. These questions are pertinent and the answers we hope will show the black people whether the fox is any better for their interests than the wolf. Black people gave 95% of their votes to the Texas businessmen-rancher-politician, and now is the time to see if they will get any concrete rewards.

FIRST QUESTION: Will Johnson use the immense power of the federal government to protect the lives and property of black people from the fascist elements of this country?

SECOND QUESTION: Will Johnson initiate an economic program which will provide jobs for the unemployed black workers or will he continue the easier program of throwing out insufficient welfare checks?

THIRD QUESTION: Will Johnson continue to send supplies to the white mercenaries such as aircraft and bombs with which to murder black Congolese Nationalists?

FOURTH QUESTION: Will Johnson's administration finally join most of the other countries of the world by signing the United Nations Charter on Human Rights?

P.S. The OAAU predicts that he will answer no on all the Questions.

ACCOMPLICES IN A LYNCHING

"The frogs and the varmints are moaning in the bayous. By now the moon is midnight high. Chaney, the Negro of the three, is tied to a tree and beaten with chains. His bones snap and his screams pierce the still midnight air. But the screams are soon ended. There is no noise now except the thud of chains crushing flesh--and the crack of ribs and bones." Nazi Germany? No. This is an eyewitness description of the death of James Chaney in the totally fascist state of Mississippi USA, home of Senator Eastland who is a long time colleague of the now President Johnson and of many other members of the federal government. Louis Lomax, author, wrote the eyewitness' account in Ramparts Magazine, and the above quote comes from his article. The murderers are still free and will remain free unless action is taken by black people to see that they are punished. If the FBI is unable or unwilling to bring these lynchers to justice, then we should request an investigation by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and if that fails, we should hire our own investigators. If we do nothing then we are as bad as the Germans who allowed the Jews to be slaughtered. We will be accomplices in a lynching.

WE SUPPORT BROTHER MALCOLM

The OAAU has a program of internationalizing the racial crisis in this country. We feel that our problem is not an isolated issue, but an integral part of the movement of non-white people around the world to achieve liberation from the yoke of racial discrimination and oppression. We are a non-sectarian organization and have chosen Brother Malcolm X as our chairman. He is currently pushing our program abroad. He is speaking to labor groups, student groups, religious groups and parliaments.

Brother Malcolm is our elected chairman and we stand squarely with him against the power structure and its allies.

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Chairman.....Malcolm X
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GILLIGAN, THE KILLER 20TH CENTURY IS WHITE-WASHED FEUDALISM

By exonerating Police Lt. Thomas Gilligan, the white power structure of N.Y.C. has once again shown, with blunt clarity, its total contempt for the black people of New York City. The KILLER of 15 year old James Powell has been given official white-washing by the city authorities. Gilligan stands as a glaring symbol of the powerlessness of black New York City. If the Harlems of this city were united and organized, such incidents as the Powell killing would never occur, or if they did occur, there would be instant and effective action on the part of the black communities. As long as the people don't understand the necessity of the proper use of power, they will be at the mercy of the black hating cops, of which there are many, and their masters, the long on promises-short on action politicians of this city. If Gilligan had killed a fifteen year old member of any other ethnic group in this city, with the possible exception of the Puerto Ricans, is there any doubt that he would have been instantly suspended from the police force? Has anyone reading this ever heard of a black cop killing a 15 year old white boy? At a public panel discussion, a black woman asked one of the black officers present if he knew of such a case. This officer, who had been on the New York City Police Force for 21 years could only answer no.

For those who think that a Civilian Review Board is the answer, just remember that the Grand Jury, which is composed of civilians, also exonerated Gilligan. The same type of civilians on that grand jury would also be on that civilian review board. The only answer is to be organized and united enough so that the cops would be afraid, that's right afraid, to shoot and beat black people. They will then use the same standards in the Afro-American communities that they do in the white ones. They do their duty and arrest criminals in those neighborhoods without shooting and killing and beating everyone in sight, and they don't shoot white youth. If the cops used the same tactics in the white neighborhoods that they use in the black ones, They would not be around too long.

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The landlord that we know today is the direct descendant of the Lord who ruled the manor system in the 14th century. Then, as now, the inhabitants of the land belonged to the Lord. The major portion of the land-slaves' went to the landlord in the form of taxes and rent. In 1964, we are the victims of the same oppression as the serfs of the 14th century. Very little has changed. The change has been in the act of communities organizing to fight this oppression and the use of the rent strike as a weapon.

When the symbol of captivity by the white power structure—the landlord—shows no interest in the welfare of his tenants; when vermin and rat infested firetraps become the cells and economic deprivation the bars; when we realize that the ghetto neighborhoods that Afro-Americans live in are only a vast prison compound where we are given life sentences for being born black; then the community must become aroused. We must search for a tool that can be used to hurt the power mad rulers and tell them in no uncertain terms that their system will no longer be respected.

In the past two years, community leaders and action groups have been urging tenants of dilapidated houses to withhold their rent money from the slumlords until improvements have been made, until realistic rent prices are charged and until the landlords live up to the basic responsibilities they have to the human beings that occupy those buildings. They have been branded radicals and subversives. This shows that the power structure feels that the successes of these groups are a threat. The O.A.-A.U. endorses the rent strike as a policy and wholeheartedly urges that it be expanded to unite, involve and organize all afro-American tenants in ghetto areas to bring about not only better housing but better education, and the end of economic oppression of the Afro American.

D. Stephenson

NKRUMAH OPPOSES USE OF WORD "NEGRO" KWACHA FOR ZAMBIA

25th September 1964
Ghanian Information Services

The President of the Republic of Ghana has expressed his opposition to the use of the word "Negro" in describing an ethnic group.

Dr. Nkrumah said that the word "Negro" should not be used in the forthcoming Encyclopaedia Africana except in a specific article proving the word's "opprobrious origin and redundancy". The President added that preference to the word "Negro" was "Black Man" or "African".

President Nkrumah's comment was made during his address inaugurating the first meeting of the Encyclopaedia's Editorial Board in Accra. He praised the journalistic project and said that years ago he felt that Africa needed to support her claim to political independence by exposing to the world her rich culture and civilization through the medium of scholarly Encyclopaedia. He added that "to think that at long last the first significant step has been taken towards the positive realisation and consummation of a long cherished dream" offered him a great sense of relief.

The President also expressed hope that the project would be welcomed by other African Heads of State and receive the full co-operation of the Organization of African Unity.

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When the British first came to Zambia, formerly Northern Rhodesia, they conned the African chiefs into believing that they, the British, had come to protect them. In reality the British were protecting their interest in the abundant raw materials industry in Zambia. They were protecting the copper, lead, manganese, zinc and cobalt mines.

Now 76 years later the Africans of Zambia have gotten wise and joined together in unity. They are now crying "Kwacha, Kwacha", which means "Freedom, Freedom" from the colonial oppressors. They are also singing "Nkosi Sikieli Afrika" which means "God Bless Africa".

On October 24, 1964, Kwacha (Freedom) was theirs and Zambia became the 36th independent country. Kenneth Kaunda is now the President. Their flag is green, black, red and orange. The area of Zambia is 290,323 square miles. There are 2,430,000 Africans, 75,000 Europeans, 7,900 Asians, and 1,900 coloureds. Zambia does not have to beg for economic aid because her copper belt turns out nearly 350 million dollars worth of ore per year. She also possesses reserves that should continue to provide wealth at that same rate for the next 100 years. This is a blessing for Zambia and also for her African allies. Zambia's copper belt produces about 25 percent of the world's copper and is the second richest depot in the world.

Prior to her freedom Zambia was no different from South Africa or the United States. Africans in Zambia, just like Africans in South Africa and Afro-Americans in areas of the United States, were not allowed in white-owned places of public accommodations and were served through side windows and holes in the wall. They were not allowed to handle articles or to feel the texture of a piece of cloth. In the banks Africans had to do their banking through a trap door while waiting outside, sometimes in rain and mud. There no places for public recreation. In educational opportunity, the Zambians were probably worse off than the Africans in South Africa. The colonial oppressors have always fought with great tenacity

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GILLIGAN

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The people in that neighborhood would use their power to see that the offending cop or cops were removed and the politicians would throw that cop or cops to the wolves to save their own hides. With Gilligan, they just ignored the anger of black New York City, anger that they knew was disunited and unorganized.

Thomas Gilligan, the killer, is now free and remains a member in good standing of the New York City Police Force, a police force that contains dozens of potential Gilligans; a police force in which many members used the radio system in their squad cars to campaign for Goldwater; a police force which is the instrument used by the white power structure to harass and intimidate black communities.

James Powell is dead as a result of the powerlessness of black New York; Thomas Gilligan stands as a symbol of that powerlessness. There will be many more James Powells unless the black people begin to realize the nature of the society in which they live, a society in which the understanding and use of power is a necessity. Without power, there is no revolution; with no revolution, there is no progress.

P. Bailey

EXCERPT FROM THE 11-8-64 in THE N.Y. JOURNAL AMERICAN BY DOROTHY KILGALLEN:

"There was a priceless vignette at the Equator Club in Nairobi the other day when an elegant matron from Virginia, seated at the best table in the house, said to the manager: "That man over there looks distinguished—who is he?" When the answer was "Malcolm X" she almost fainted.

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"YEA, YEA" FOR RACIAL IMMORALITY

November 3, 1964 will be recorded in history as the day when 95 percent of the black voters in the United States gave their vote to a man who for the first 25 years of his public life voted against every bill put forth in the Congress to protect the human rights, lives and property of black people. He voted against federal anti-lynching laws when black people were being lynched almost daily. He supported poll taxes even though he knew that they were designed to block black people from voting; he is a man who belonged to that inner club of the United States Senate, the club that really runs things no matter who is president. This club was then and is now composed of the racist southerners and the most reactionary Republicans in the Senate. These men are friends of Johnson's and he won't turn his back on them now that he is president.

Of course, we are told that Johnson has changed. The white liberals and their black allies have been working overtime to tidy up his image among black people. The results of the election showed that they were rather successful. Yet, these same forces, as late as 1962 were all screaming about that horrible Lyndon Johnson. Either they were lying then or they are lying now.

Johnson and Goldwater both represent a system that has made white supremacy an integral part of its structure. White supremacy was written into the Constitution when as a concession to the South, the black slaves were called three-fifths of a person. Every person who signed that document forfeited the right to be called great. This system has allowed black people to be killed solely because of color. Johnson is now the chief representative of this system; Johnson is also a product of this system. Black peasants on his family's farmland in Alabama were living in broken down shacks until the glare of publicity forced him to make a few changes. Johnson supports a policy which allows the Texas oil and gas tycoons to get a 27½ percent tax depletion allowance and this in a state which ranks in the bottom tenth of the

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ZAMBIA

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to prevent the Africans from gaining the opportunities for advancement. White mine workers in Zambia had probably the highest standard of living of any miners in the world, while African mine workers had the lowest.

But this is a new day, a Kwacha day. Not only Kwacha for Zambia, but Kwacha for all of Africa and for other oppressed people throughout the world.

Joseph 36X

The above article is the first of a series that the BLACKLASH will run to better acquaint our readers with the individual African, Asian and Latin American countries. We must gain knowledge of other peoples of the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ATTALLAH!

The OAAU would like to wish a happy 6th birthday to ATTALLAH, Brother Malcolm's oldest daughter. We wish her many more.

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Parents who are interested in the kind of education that their children are receiving must become more active in their local Parents-Teachers Associations. This is only a first step, but an important one. The ultimate solution is the developing of a school system in our communities which will teach Afro-American children the true story of the society in which they live and what they must do in order to change it. In the meantime Afro-American parents must organize and demand that their children secure an education that will prepare them for the 20th century world, a world in which formerly oppressed people are coming to the forefront.

RACIAL IMMORALITY

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country in almost every aspect of programs designed to help the poor. Johnson has never condemned the Eastlands, Russells, Byrds and other southern "gentlemen" who preach defiance at federal courts while the poor whites do the dirty work. Johnson has never promised to use the immense power of the federal government to stop the beatings, bombings, burnings and lynchings. Johnson and the system gets the consent of Eastland before appointing federal judges in Mississippi. As long as Eastland and his cronies have a veto power over the selection of judges, no civil rights law will affect them. Johnson is supplying the white mercenaries with aircraft and bombs with which to murder black Congolese nationalists, while everyone is worrying about a single white missionary. The Congolese are called savages, yet Johnson represents a system that has murdered Medgar Evers, the Birmingham Children, Emmet Till, Chaney, Schwerner, and Goodman, and countless, nameless others; the murderers are still free and probably producing more murderers.

This is Lyndon Baines Johnson and the system that he represents. We must never let the world forget it, yet how can we be listened to when 95 percent of the black voters were willing to vote for this man; when we even participated in an election that gave us a choice between a Texas rancher-politician and an Arizona peddler. They both are members in good standing of the power structure that has exploited black people for over 350 years. We could have and should have abstained thereby showing our disgust for the whole hypocritical sideshow, not just Johnson and Goldwater, but the whole racist system. But we didn't do this. Once again we sold ourselves for the vague promise of the "Great Society".

P. Bailey