

# DRAGON FIRE

## ANTI-BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

### PREAMBLE

We, the National Black Student Association are hereby issuing an Anti-Bicentennial Proclamation: (Tufts U., Boston)

Blacks are not and never have been included in the social, political and economic areas of this capitalistic-based society in which the "of the people, by the people and for the people" meant only those who were white and owned land, and since every attempt was made and successfully initiated during and since the Reconstruction Era to ensure that Blacks remain landless, his rights as a citizen were invalid. With that being so, we never had nor never will have a desire to join in an alien celebration predicated on prejudice, hypocrisy and propaganda in the highest order. With this in mind we seek reparations for the countless injustices inflicted on our race and that a plebiscite be started by 1980 to ensure this purpose. We collectively denounce the 200 years of imperialistic activities of the united states upon other countries in her quest for Expansion, which included robbery of lands and resources, foreign aggression and domination, subversive activities and assassinations of domestic and foreign leaders. These activities are in no way affiliated with or aligned to the Black prospective, but rather it is totally divorced from the Black struggle. Therefore we see no need, wish or desire to participate in this celebration and most importantly, we denounce the celebration altogether.

From this statement from the Black student conference at Tuft's University on the Bicentennial, we in N.C.D.P.P. would only be redundant in our attempts to further our people's expression of contempt for this most arrogant of u.s.'s celebrations. However, if we are to accept the task of organizing our people into a strong, indomitable force for liberation we must be as analytical and scientific in our role as revolutionaries as the racist ruling circles in the u.s. and their goose-stepping flunkies have been in their rip-off of our people for the last 400 years.

This brings us to the understanding that the Bicentennial of the u.s. is clearly strategic in the development of our struggle. We say strategic because although the thought of amerikkka posing as the most freedom loving "democratic" government in the world flies in the face of intelligence and smacks of lunacy, we must remember that to a very LARGE extent they have succeeded at just that in the minds of millions of people, here and abroad.

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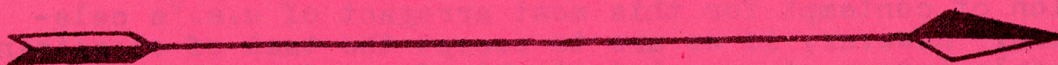


Since the formation of their government in 1776, these pigs have skillfully hid the "blood running from their jaws like a bloody jawed wolf". If there is anything you can say positive (?) about a wolf in sheep's clothing, it is that he has to be an expert at camouflage and deception.

What we are saying here is that these pigs have been winning the war of propaganda even before the advent of their mass media (T.V., radio, newspapers, etc.). Therefore we ask ourselves can we afford not to seize any opportunity to go on the political offensive? An Anti-Bicentennial demonstration on July the 4th which many progressive Black and Third World people are already working on, must seriously have our endorsement.

We are also writing to political prisoners, P.O.W.s, and brothers and sisters in maximum security dungeons across the country to let us know the possibility of their participating in a mass anti-Bicentennial demonstration on July 4th. The institutionalized murder and brutality that Black, Third World and poor people are subjected to daily in these fleshpits are crimes against all of humanity and we must make it known to the world. Concretely, strikes, boycotts, lock-ins, lock-outs, work stoppages, forums - anything that can be done to show that the real criminals are the racist guards, wardens, governors, senators; all the way up to that mealy-mouthed fool in the white house. The slogan "Free all political prisoners and P.O.W.s" must be added to all other slogans exposing this racist, monopoly-capitalist, imperialist state for what it is.

Perhaps if we meet some measure of success at this, Black People will begin to show the world that amerikkka is the "Blackman's Battleground", and only through revolutionary Battle will we achieve liberation.



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They have six daughters. The day Malcolm was killed he had a meeting at the Audubon auditorium. Malcolm was nervous at the meeting because he kept getting strange phone calls. Brother Malcolm was shot at the meeting by a man name Talmadgettayer.

Brother Malcolm wanted all black people to join together in unity. He told them what a real revolution is. He said we the black people have to shed blood to fight a black revolution and not a negro one.



The following letter to NCDPP arrived on March 2, 1976 from a very dedicated/righteous sister. We feel enraged that incidences like this could continue to happen. We circulate this letter as a caution and reminder of some grim realities that must stop!

On February 18, 1976, at approximately 2 p.m. my telephone rang and I (in my 8th month of pregnancy) and being confined to my home after spending 6 days in the hospital due to premature labor pains, struggled out of bed to answer the phone. A loud crackling voice came over the phone shouting: "O.K. Dena, this is the F.B.I. We are coming to get you. Open up the door or we'll break it down. We want you, Dena!" I was awestruck, since where I was standing was directly in front of the door about 2 feet away, and at the same time as the voice was shouting over the phone, another voice was saying the same thing outside the door, while banging on the door at the same time, repeating, "All right...F.B.I. Open up or we'll break the door down!"

At this point I asked, "What do you want with me? What is this about? You can't be serious?" (thinking someone is playing a joke). Both voices answered: "Open up. We're coming to get you, Dena!" At this point I did open the door, and immediately before me, saw a flood of white, male faces armed with shotguns on both landings of the stairs, and now there were about 15 of them inside my door.

"What do you want?", I asked. I was not shown any I.D. or search warrants, etc., but was told to "just put my hands up" because my real name was Gwen, obviously someone they were really looking for. I was instructed to move over to a window so my fingers could be checked against some prints on a card that belonged to this person named Gwen. I told them that my real name was not Gwen, but I was in reality Dena Green.

A group of pictures were flashed before me of this person who obviously was not me. However, one man stated that he had shown the pictures to neighbors, and they said that the pictures looked like the person in my apartment, and he felt that I also looked like the pictures. He then called downstairs to another group of waiting men, and asked one to come up and re-check my fingers against the prints. This person came up. (In the meantime, there are still police (?) walking and searching all over my house). I was again asked to step over to the window, so my fingers could be checked. Then he stated that I was not the person they wanted, and was asked for I.D. I was then asked various personal and harrassing questions about myself, and upon refusing to answer most of them, was



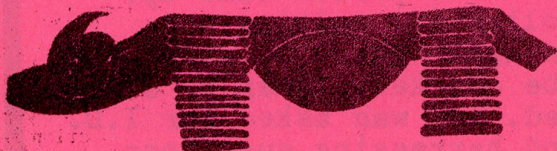
told that, "They'd be seeing me".

I am sharing this experience with others so that they will remember that the beast is alive and well, and still constantly preying not only on our men, but also women and children. This experience was not new to me since I had undergone a similar experience just for visiting Victor Cumberbatch in the hospital when he was first arrested. This new attempt on my life and that of my unborn child, however, made me feel that I had to share this with others so that they might remember that the murderers and plunderers are still sailing along with badges and legal guns. I only shudder when I think that I could have been stupid enough to call their bluff, by asking for search warrants, etc. because from where I was standing, I would have been a statistic now, and another example of the fascist, perverted acts of this corrupt government.

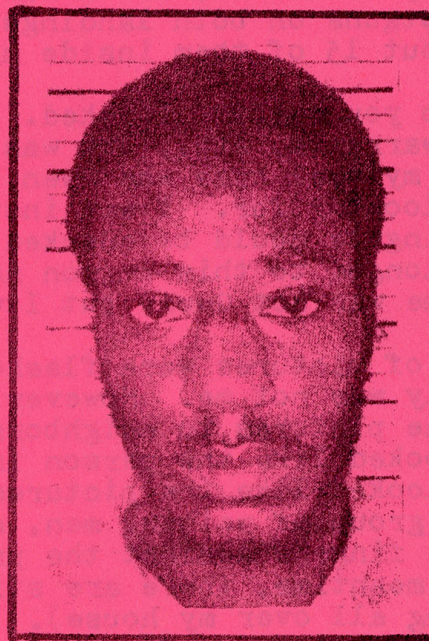
Dena Green Brown  
Wife of Henry Shasha Brown

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of months of careful planning to kill certain "key prison leaders" and acknowledged members of the clandestine Black Liberation Army when a situation could be provoked to ensure an adequate cover-up. We say "pre-planned" because of such realities (to give only one example out of many) as the presence of a plaque inside offices at the Vroom building (readjustment unit) of TSP which reads, "Empty shells make empty cells", and the subsequent listing of 5 brothers' names, including Donald (Kuwasi) Weems and Richard ("9") Harris... ..a blatant call to pigs to murder these beautiful warriors when the right time presents itself.



## THE LEGACY of ANDALIWA



Bro. Andaliwa

(Story follows)...



The liberation struggle, Black people and all oppressed peoples suffered a heavy blow Monday night, January 19th with the murder of comrade Andaliwa (s/n John Clark) during the Trenton prison "breakout attempt". The brother was pure revolutionary, if there ever was one. Real revolutionaries come from all walks of life and Andaliwa was no exception. He came from a large poor family in the Newark ghetto and grew up with all the dreams and aspirations of any Black youth intent on "making it" in this society. Working his way to a position of small black capitalist businessman (petty bourgeoisie), social pressures and ghetto environment soon found him hooked on drugs, busted for a bar stickup, murder and sentenced to "life" at Trenton.

Out of sheer outrage and shock at winding up in prison-also being naturally rebellious-he first embraced pure Black Nationalism. But this soon proved inadequate as a complete guide to struggle, so he progressed to a revolutionary viewpoint. Once set upon the revolutionary path, he took to it like a duck to water and never looked back. He studied intensely all the revolutionary works, great and small, and knew revolutionary theory like the palm of his hand, yet always talked to people in the everyday language they could understand-and was one of the most articulate speakers, in prison or out, probably since Malcolm's time. A big man, black as the ace of spades, with a big bass voice that could actually captivate and activate audiences with its booming rhythm-and the soundness of his argument. A razor

sharp mind and a natural inclination to "move", to set things in motion, he was one of those rare comrades who easily converted revolutionary "textbook" theories into practical everyday actions. He could not stand to be idle-nor for his comrades to be idle, and daily he preached, taught, explained, organized, agitated, trained and pointed out the contradictions in the prison, the street, the world and what to do about them to all who would listen-always educating the masses. A strict disciplinarian who could not tolerate a sham, injustice or half stepping but possessed infinite patience with any sincere and striving comrade. His intolerance for sham and hypocrisy also extended to those organizations that "talk" revolutionary but "practice" petty bourgeoisie reformism-and those that call themselves Black Nationalist but are really black capitalist. Each type always winds up supporting the same position as our oppressor. Likewise his patience and support was infinite for any sincere revolutionary organization or one that was striving to be revolutionary.

Andaliwa was the best i've ever seen at organizing the masses because he thoroughly understood both the necessity and the technique for it. He could actually make people struggle-not force them-but make them struggle by explaining the situation in such clear, simple and enthusiastic terms that people knew it was in their best interest to struggle together-and wanted to struggle against their oppressor. Always willing to set the first example, there was no doubt that his "talk" could be backed up by the appropriate revolutionary "action"-so people followed him.

He also understood the dynamics of complimenting the mass struggle by "other means"-and possessed



that acute insight necessary to distinguish when "other means" are required. If the two essential qualities of a good military commander are courage and wisdom, then Andaliwa went two better; he was not only wise but brilliant, not only courageous but bold-thereby possessing the qualities of the maximum revolutionary commander.

He set the supreme example Monday night, January 19th-and fate would have it-died in the process. But shed no tears for Andaliwa; he did not want tears nor death, he wanted life and freedom-for himself, his people and all oppressed peoples-and he was willing to struggle for them. He wants you, me and all of us to struggle together-that is the legacy he left-to struggle together against our oppressor, to struggle for our liberation until we are either free or dead.

We Struggle On,

Sundiata Acoli  
January 30, 1976  
Trenton Prison  
(Mind Control Unit)

Theodore Gibson  
Drawer N #49505  
Trenton, N.J.  
February 16, 1976

Dr. John Toth  
Trentonian  
600 Perry Street  
Trenton, New Jersey  
Dear John Toth:

I write this letter because I can feel the slow creeping fingers of death approaching. Before Hoffman and his assassins murder me as they did John Clark was murdered right in front of my cell. From my cell (I locked in cell 4 on 9 tier) I could see the officers desk on 7 tier.

We saw Lt. Fiscor shoot prisoner Douglas that nothing as he was walking down the tier with his hands high and over his head. The guards & State Police & prisoners had convinced Douglas that nothing would happen if he came out with his hands high. Lt. Fiscor was hiding on the right side of the desk on 7 tier in the deep right corner. Fiscor fired his automatic rifle twice then turned to his left and said "It wasn't one of my guys" to the State Police officer. Then they all started saying it wasn't me that fired those shots. I was then insanely mad, and yelled out "I saw Fiscor you fucking racist bastard"; then Fiscor fired 3 rapid shots at me and the bullets bounced around and off my cell walls. I yelled, "Why are you shooting at me?" Fiscor said "Well tell your boys to throw out 'their' guns." I yelled to certain black officers that Fiscor, Simmons, Hoffman was trying to justify a mass murder because there wasn't any guns except the ones they had. I could clearly hear Fiscor's whispered (supposedly) conversation to guards & State Police, telling them they should storm my cell. The State Police wanted to know what cell Clark Squire was in along with prisoners Dino, Atif, Caffin, me and other names I can't remember but it was about 14 different names, because these are the names they were given to hit heavy.

Mr. Toth, I heard the door open, then I heard the guard tell John Clark to come off the tier. I thought something very odd because other guys were taking showers, and the rule is never have more than one prisoner out at the same time. But, then I thought maybe the Center Keeper wanted to see him for something, but I still felt something funny was going on because they've never called prisoners out that late in the evening before, from the Manage-



ment Control Unit. I then heard some arguments, a sudden pop, then John Clark yelled out "Help me". It got real quiet. Clark then came on the tier, but by this time I could hear heavy footsteps running up the stairs. John Clark walked past my cell, turned and a shot rang out. Immediately Clark fell down on his right side. I could see his entire face and stomach. There wasn't any holes there. In the next 3 hours they continued to pour bullets into his back. An hour after they murdered him, they shot Douglas.

Days before this incident happened, I told everyone in the control unit to be very careful because they were setting us up for a mass murder. I then thought Clark Squire was their chief aim, but later I found out it was me. The reason I didn't come forth with this information before now was because I was mad at John Clark for permitting them to use him this way, and felt if I didn't say anything they would spare my life and permit me to get transferred to another institution. Hoffman and his co-conspirators said I can't be transferred from Trenton because I would organize any prison they shipped me to. Last night 2 white guards I've never seen before came to my cell and said "It's not over yet...we'll get you". Mr. Toth it's ridiculous to think the B.L.A. set fire to my house, only the racist punks in the P.B.A. attack unarmed prisoners and attack or frighten women and children. They can kill me now, because my conscience is clear...and they can only destroy my body now...my mind will always be free.

Yours truly,  
Theodore Gibson  
#49505

# ATTIKKKA...A/K/A TRENTON STATE PRISON

It has been over 4½ years since "Attikkka"...amerikkka's bloodiest concentration camp rebellion, where about 33 brothers, possessing a revolutionary conviction to be free and demanding to be treated as human beings, were cut down in pre-meditated, cold-blooded murder by an assortment of New York state troopers, state and local police, prison guards, etc...all racist, murderous pigs in the fullest sense.

Only 2 months have passed since an alleged escape attempt (remember Bro. George Jackson) at Trenton, New Jersey concentration camp on January 19, 1976, ending in death for one revolutionary Black man who refused to be broken, the shooting of another, and escalated physical/mental brutalization of all those deemed "extra-dangerous" in the extra secure, maxi-maxi (mind control) prison wing. Again, all at the hands of gestapo, neo-nazis who fully understand that revolutionaries facing 10, 20 years, even life in prison will still continue to study/teach/organize/set the examples to help us carry on our struggle for complete liberation from our oppressors.

Information passed on to us clearly proves that the excessive and prolonged use of heavy weaponry by prison "officials" was the result  
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ATTEMPT TO FRAME UP ATTEMPT TO FRAME UP////READ THIS, READ THIS!!!!

WHO: Richard Harris #48538 (Nine) and Donald Weems #51271 (Kuwasi)

WHAT: New Jersey's Finest-STATE PRISON GUARDS

WHEN: Any given time; WE THE PEOPLE MUST/WILL NOT LET IT HAPPEN

WHERE: TRENTON STATE PRISON, R.U. VROOM BLDG., STATION A, TRENTON, N.J

HOW: Need We Talk About How; We only Have To Look At Ruchell, George Jackson, Martin Sostre, or more recently Andaliwa (John Clark) from the other side of Trenton Kamp--

The following is a letter that was sent from Nine (Richard Harris) this month:

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION, FROM VERY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT THERE IS A PLAN IN THE MAKING TO SET ME UP FOR A BUST. DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OR WHEN OR EVEN IF KUWASI IS TARGET, MUST ASSUME HE IS. I'M THINKING IN TERMS OF THE SAME TYPE THING THEY PUT ON ANDALIWA AT TRENTON LAST MONTH, EXPECT AND PREPARE FOR WORSE IS BEST DEFENSE.

MY SOURCE IS IMPECCABLE: SO...CONTACT MY FAMILY, A.C.L.U. AND ANYONE ELSE, LIKE A LAWYER. ANYONE. I SUSPECT IT IS ALREADY WELL INTO THE PLANNING OR POSSIBLY IN MOTION. SAVE THIS PAGE OF THIS LETTER. I CAN'T TALK ABOUT THIS ON PHONE, AM ON MY TOES, I'M SHARP ENOUGH, BUT ...BIG BUT...SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO PLANT ANYTHING WHILE I'M OUT OF THE CELL OR IN THE INCOMING MAIL OR PACKAGE. I'M NOT SEEING GHOSTS!!! I INTEND TO WRITE LETTER SAYING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING TO OTHER PEOPLE.

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What You Can Do: Call the prison at 609/392-8908 and ask about the brothers. Ask about their conditions. Write letters to the warden asking how they are doing. Contact a lawyer and try to get him or her to go down on a legal visit to take an affidavit. Tell others about this letter--ask for their support for the brothers.

NOTE: Bro. Nine is SCHEDULED TO COME OUT FROM BEHIND THE WALL NEXT YEAR AFTER APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS; BRO. KUWASI HAS ADDITIONALLY APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS.

Write the brothers; They need YOUR/OUR support now more than ever!

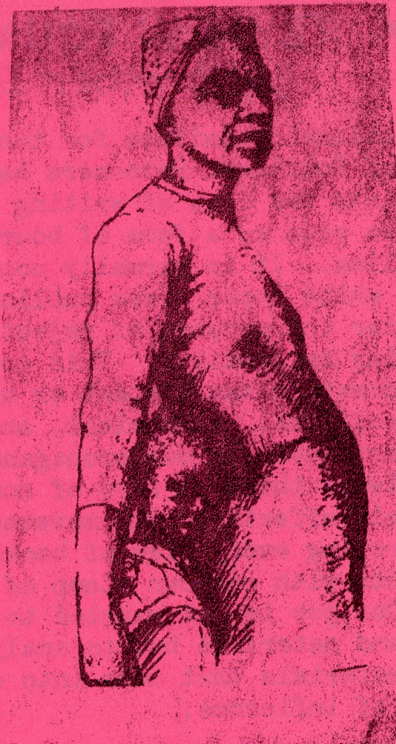
Righteous People deserve some Righteous HELP! Don't let our warriors be in vain!!!!





WELFARE WRONGS! A SISTER SPEAKS OUT

To survive, you got to take it! I am an African woman with four children who was trying to get over. I am on welfare, but they won't allow no one to have anything, that one's budget is limited to. I pick my welfare check up every two weeks. I was trying to only give my children their needs, that we were robbed of in my previous apartment! The department of welfare is taking \$99.00 out of my semi-monthly check! That \$99.00 is taking food out of my children's mouth, and clothes off their back! The welfare department paid my back rent and they won't allow my family to survive! My children have missed days of school because I didn't have any laundry money! I have not been able to purchase my food stamps since they cut my check! The amount I receive is \$129.40! Food stamps are \$85.00 for \$131.00 which still leaves us hanging! There are items that can not be bought with food stamps, such as toilet tissue, soap and household cleaners. We are left with \$49.40 which will have to pay light, gas, and telephone bill; anything else that is needed will have to be left out! I am a field nigger in minimum security! In spite of all the harrassments that has come about in the last two months, my family has survived!



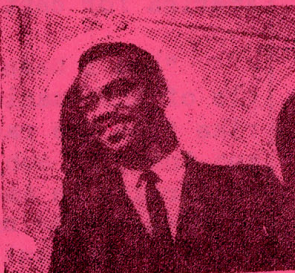
El Hajj Malik  
El Shabazz

"MALCOLM X"

This article was written by Bro. Hassan, who is 11 years old and attends Uhuru SaSa Freedom Now School in Brooklyn, New York.

Ladies and Gentlemen friends and enemys. This about is what I no about

Malcolm was born May When he was small his Little. He was a dope a gambler. Malcolm X jail. His brother gave he wanted to be Muslim.



brothers and sisters, story that I am writing t brother Malcolm X.

19, 1925. He had red hair. slave name was Malcolm seller. He was a pimp and was busted. He was sent to him books to read because Malcolm X is important because he knows what's happening to his black people. He knows what the white man is doing to us. He was shot by Elijah Muhammad's men because Elijah Muhammad was jealous of him.

Before Malcolm was killed he went to Mecca where he got the name El Hajj Malik El Shabazz. He has a wife name Betty Shabazz.

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# BOOK REVIEW: FOUNDATIONS OF THE BLACK NATION

## By Brother Imari Abubakari Obadele

National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners has ventured into the area of writing that has been seen as a form of bourgeois journalism. It is normally controlled by the white upper class publishing firms for the purpose of rejecting or accepting information. This control of information has blatant or underlying political, economical, and racial overtones. In our propaganda, we must always think of ways of combating their effects on our movement by interpreting every view of books and documents with our own stamp of approval. Our job is not exacted to review books and materials but to analyse those materials that come into our sphere of influence.

Foundations of the Black Nation by Imari Obadele, second president of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Africa, is not just a book but must be seen by the world's people as a document of utmost importance. It is a document that spells out the anguish, the history and the determination of people of Afrikan descent for land. NCDPP will not only try to highlight the most relevant and controversial issues in the document but also try to bring up ideas to help to motivate our struggle to higher plateaus. This book is separated into two parts entitled: (1) Theory and (2) Practise. Following this pattern our book review will be written in two parts. Part I appears in this edition; part II will appear in our next edition.

The Preface is not only very interesting and informative but very vital to the content of the book. Brother Imari proves that history is the roots to the tree of liberation. He goes on to explain how slavery of Afrikans began in the Americas 25 years after Columbus lost his way and stumbled on the New World. Two years later Black folks were in revolt. Also, as the Europeans were in their feudalistic

stage, Black folks were creating humanistic and highly civilized societies, but in their level of consciousness the European leadership was intent in our enslavement. As our civilizations fell, we fought their barbaric invasion even up to the 20th century. He states:

"But in the west, north of the Gulf of Guinea, the Ashanti revolutely fought off British conquest until 1901 and in the Afrikan Northeast, Ethiopia would retain her independence right down to the eve of World War II, when in 1935, Mussolini over-ran her."

He also goes on to explain how we as Afrikans have fought for land time immemorial to the present day. In the 1800's, the Haitians (Afrikans) fought a revolutionary war for 12 years against the local whites--Spanish, British and ultimately the French in which tens of thousands of the enemy died. History books normally don't speak of this Black revolution but a good book to read is the Black Jacobins by C.L.R. James. Brother Imari explains of many other struggles or other reference materials on how our struggle was for land. He develops a very strong argumentative analysis that I feel could not be broken by the greatest scholars of numerous political persuasions.

Theory. One interesting statement he made about the struggle for land in America for captive Afrikan people:

"Had i been talking bout the struggle of the Azanians to free Southern Afrika from the racist whites who hold it, and them, in subjugation.....i am sure no Afrikan in America would have had a difficult time understanding for those who are ignorantly sceptical of this position is flawless and only through higher forms of struggle of opposing positions can detect or detest such a formidable history.

There is a concept that the R.N.A.



calls 'limited objective.' This is key to the possible separation between the R.N.A. to other Revolutionary Black Nationalists. He explains:

"What We are saying here, in terms of the limited objective, is that instead of insisting on the overthrow or destruction of United States, We say, like Castro's Cuba before us, if We can achieve freedom and independence with the United States still in existence, We will do so. (as step one)." This line of thinking is held by many and opposed by many quarters also. By my knowledge it seems to be a non-antagonistic contradiction because We of National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners are working for unity ( umoja ). We believe only through unity-struggle-unity can this antagonism be resolved but all Black revolutionary forces understand that the major contradiction is the white ruling class slave master.



"Our struggle - no less than that of the Azanians, the Zimbabweans, the Guineans, is a struggle for land." Many people within the American Revolution today will oppose these above statements by Brother Imari. Some in the Black Revolutionary Movement will also have contradictions with his position. But within his following paragraphs he goes about making it very clear on why he feels his position is correct, and those who oppose him must come up with as clear a program to call themselves an analytical contestant. He goes on to validate his claim for land by international law. He explains why the R.N.A. (Republic of New Afrika) claims (5) states as the National Territory of the Black Nation: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. This is

where not only the enemy has developed opposing argumentative position but I know this is where consistently Black folks of all political and revolutionary leanings will and must focus on the question of claiming particular states as our national territory. But Brother Imari and the R.N.A. leave very little room of the 13th and 14th amendment to the constitution that we as people of Afrikan descent are not citizens and citizenship can only be claimed by those individuals who wish to claim it because the American government had no right to impose the label of American citizen upon us. He states that a plebiscite must be issued with the option to choose (1) unconditional American citizenship, (2) migration to another country, (3) return to Afrika, (4) the creation of a new Afrikan nation.

He explains in depth what it would take to initiate a consequence so great that the American government would have no choice to answer the demands of the New Afrikan Nation. Of course, through out his explanation there will be room for objective and subjective criticism but to forward the criticism you must buy the book. Within the section on theory you will find sections on the imprisonment of the R.N.A. 11. Letters written at the time of Brother Imari Obadele's imprisonment is a particular section that explains some of the cultural and social beliefs of the Republic of New Africa called New Marriage. NCDPP feels that there is a need to discuss more the position and the opinions of the R.N.A. because in order to develop a strong Black Liberation Front we need to understand thoroughly their views. Also because National Committee primarily views the movement of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War as complementary to that of the R.N.A. At this point there is no consolidation on the question of nationhood among the P.O.W.s who are incarcerated and when that point comes, Foundations of the Black Nation will be one of the fundamental documents.



## Today South Africa In Angola— Tomorrow Angola In South Africa

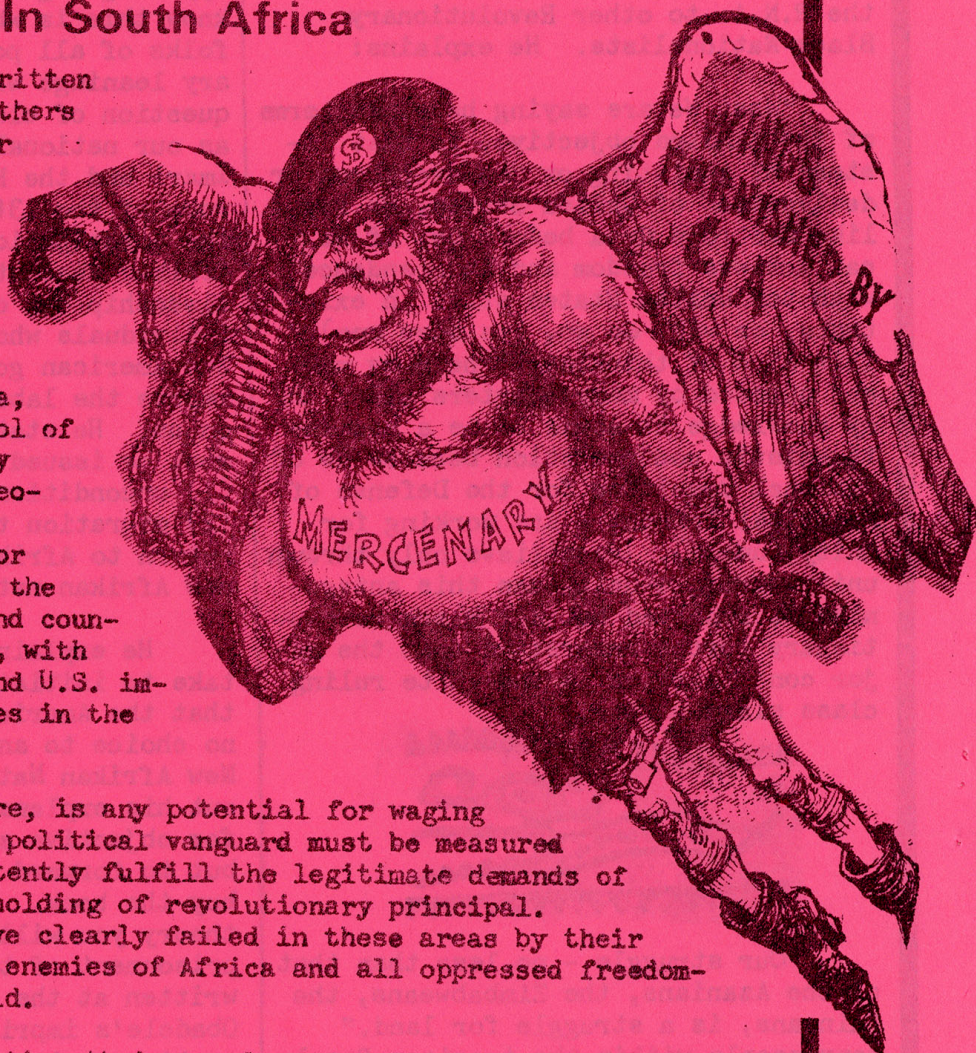
There has been much written on the struggle of our brothers and sisters in Angola. For the most part, the political and ideological differences between groups (M.P.L.A., F.N.L.A. and U.N.I.T.A.) have been rehashed many times.

At this time in Angola, M.P.L.A. has assumed control of the majority of the country and have established the People's Republic of Angola. U.N.I.T.A. and F.N.L.A., for the most part, have reaped the harvest of a reactionary and counter-revolutionary alliance, with neo-fascist South Africa and U.S. imperialists. Their fate lies in the masses of Angolans.

What we are saying here, is any potential for waging successful revolution by a political vanguard must be measured in their ability to consistently fulfill the legitimate demands of their people, and their upholding of revolutionary principal. U.N.I.T.A. and F.N.L.A. have clearly failed in these areas by their alliance with the foremost enemies of Africa and all oppressed freedom-loving peoples' of the world.

M.P.L.A.'s task of uniting their people and defeating any attempts by counter-revolutionary elements to gain control of the country, is a heavy task. Their task of defeating imperialism and capitalism's grip on their great wealth (in all of its forms), is a heavy task. However, we must remember the people of Angola have successfully defeated the Portuguese colonialists. This alone is deserving of our support and respect. We should not find ourselves as so many already have, questioning the revolutionary integrity of M.P.L.A. solely because they are being supported by the U.S.S.R. Although it has been clear that the Soviet Union's interest around the world and their collusion with U.S. imperialism vis a vis 'detente' makes them strange bedfellows. Statements referring to the M.P.L.A. being puppets of a "super-power" or "Soviet social imperialism" appears to have more foundation in Marxist-Leninist dogma than in fact. Where were these cries of Soviet influence, in Vietnam for example when they were receiving massive support by the U.S.S.R.

Our faith in the integrity of the Vietnamese people was based on their dedication and obedience to revolutionary principals. We must use the same





measure in our analysis of the revolution in Angola. Otherwise, then we would begin to feel as Black people that statements about M.P.L.A.'s relationship with outside elements indirectly or directly supports the racist white supremacist line that Black people do not have the intelligence or political maturity to shape their own destiny without some white man somewhere pulling the strings. We should be wary of parroting concepts and definitions by imperialists or even by other revolutionary people's whose analysis may be based on a subjective condition.

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A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY OF THE UNITED STATES FROM  
THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

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"It is a pleasure for me to be able to send some words to the Black Community in the United States. We have a common past; we are all Sons and Daughters of the same nation, the big African Nation. Our forefathers were sent to the American Continent where, with their sweat and blood, they built the great America.

Unfortunately, this great prosperity and wealth is not serving the American Black. In Africa, we are just coming out of a colonial retrograde, reactionary situation and we are coming to a new phase. Those same powers that exploit the American Blacks want to keep us under the colonial situation.

The United States wants to do in Africa right now, what they have done with the American Blacks in the past, but ours is a common struggle because we are united under the same purpose of: Liberty, Dignity and Freedom.

We must protest in the struggle, against any drive to bring to Africa in Angola, the same situation against which the Blacks are fighting in the United States. I am taking advantage of this opportunity, which I hope will not be the only opportunity I'll have, to send to our Brothers and Sisters in the U.S.A. our most militant greetings.

We also send our understanding about the situation under which they live, with a pledge of solidarity in their struggle."

Prime Minister Lopo De Nascimento  
 February 23, 1976, Luanda, Angola

As recorded by Irving Davis and Elombe Brath (Patrice Lumumba Coalition, 251 W 125th Street, Harlem, NY 10027 - (212) 662-1256) during their interview with the Prime Minister in Luanda, Angola.



## OPEN LETTER

March 10, 1976

Dear Friends, Comrades, Brothers, Sisters:

We are asking those who know Muhammad Ahmad (s/n Max Stanford) if they would be willing to write a reference letter that could help to terminate his probation time which would otherwise expire in February, 1977. Because of his need for mobility to work among his people at this very crucial time in the Black struggle, we feel it is necessary that he not be held with any physical (regional) constraints. He is held in high regards in social/political circles, and thus, his input in giving political direction and decision-making is pertinent.

All charges on Muhammad Ahmad have been dropped. However he is confined to the state of Massachusetts, his present residence, because of probation restrictions. Lifting this probation would free him in becoming mobile.

Muhammad Ahmed, a Philadelphian who was a student of Central State University in Ohio, has had more than 15 years of active experiences in the civil rights and Black Power movement of the 1960's with all the major organizations and known leadership. He has held the chairmanships of many groups, as well as having been recognized as a writer and speaker of high esteem. He is presently at the University of Massachusetts as both instructor and student. His writings, both historical and analytical, have appeared in numerous Black periodicals, and he has spoken on countless college campuses.

Reference letters may be written in many veins -- to transmit to the judge and his probation officer of Muhammad Ahmad's desire to be free from traveling restrictions that he could communicate more freely. Frustrations caused by restraints can do psychological damage; and thus for health reasons, both mental and physical, we feel that probation must be lifted soon as possible. He also needs some time for total privacy and rest which he cannot have while under the restrictions and official scrutiny.

Letters should be addressed to:

Judge Agresta  
Queen's Supreme Court, Part 3  
% Atty. O.T. Wells  
350 Broadway  
New York, New York 10013

Prob. Off. Kathleen Romano  
Kew Garden Court, Prob. Dept.  
125-01 Queen's Blvd.  
Kew Garden, New York 11415

Duplicates (xeroxed copies) should be sent to:

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Sunderland, Mass. 01375

Yuri Kochiyama  
545 W. 126th Street, 3B  
New York, New York 10027

We are asking that all letters be sent in by March 30.

We, who comprise his Support Committee, and Muhammad Ahmad, himself, thank you for whatever cooperation and help you may be able to give. With appreciation and warm regards.....in unity,

Muhammad Ahmad Support Committee  
c/o Sister Isyla Al Fatimat  
467 Putnam Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11221



## WHAT IS LEFT?

After the bars and the gates and the degradation

What is left?

After the lock ins and the lock outs and the lock ups

What is left?

I mean like after the chains that get entangled in the gray of one's matter

After the hate that gets stuck in the hearts of men and women

What is left?

After the tears and disappointments

After the lonely isolation

After the cut wrist and the heavy noose

What is left?

I mean like after the commissary kisses

And the get your shit off blues

After the hustler has been hustled

What is left?

After the sad futile maneuvers

After the shrill and barren laughter

After the contraband emotions

What is left?

After the murder burgers and the goon squads and the tear gas

After the bulls and the bull pens and the bull shit

What is left?

I mean like after you know that God can't be trusted

After you know that the shrink is a pusher

That the word is a whip

And the badge is a bullet

What is left?

Like after you know that the dead are still walking

After you realize that silence is talking

That outside and inside are just an illusion

What is left?

I mean like where is the sun

Where are her arms and where are her kisses

There are lip prints on my pillow

I am searching

What is left?

I mean like nothing is standstill and

Nothing is abstract

The wing of a butterfly can't take flight

The foot on my neck is a part of a body

The song that I sing is a part of an echo

What is left?

I mean like love is specific

Is my mind a machine gun?

Is my heart a hacksaw?

Can I make freedom real? Yeah!



What is left?  
 I am at the top and bottom of a lower-archy  
 I am an earth lover from way back  
 I am in love with losers and laughter  
 I am in love with freedom and children  
 Love is my sword and truth is my compass  
 What is left?



Assata

## TRIAL

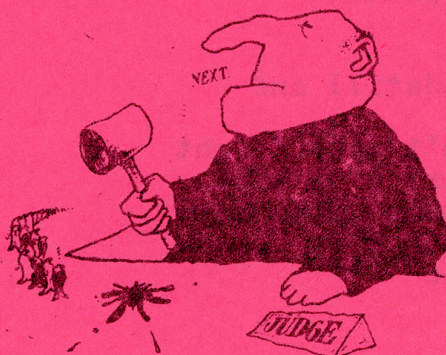
## BRIEFS

SUNDIATA ACOLI (s/n Clark Squire) et al to appear in U.S. District kourt, (Post Office building), Trenton, NJ, on March 26th for hearing on denial by prison officials to allow prisoners access to their attorneys following rebellion at Trenton state concentration kamp...

Appeal of RICHARD (DHORUBA) MOORE on March, 1973 conviction for alleged machine-gunning murder attempt on 2 of New York's swineest was denied in less than 12 days from when arguments were first heard, even though the brother's brief was over 170 pages, with over 250 pages in opposing brief...

ASSATA SHAKUR (s/n JoAnne Chesimard), winning victory after victory in New York, is again fighting for her life, now facing murder charges in death of state trooper on New Jersey Turnpike in May, 1973. See you in Middlesex County kourt-house in early May when trial starts...

ROBERT (RAUF) VICKERS, framed for attempt-murder of pig 5 years ago, in midst of railroad at New York supreme kourt, 100 Centre St., 11th floor (Part 35A). The brother has worked in/struggled with Black communities in Harlem and New Jersey for years. Defense preparing to present arguments as this goes to print. The brother needs your support in kourt now!





# prisoners are our fighters

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