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Part 2

Out of the October meeting, the Greensboro conference, at which locals were supposed to bring criticisms of the SOP, was laid out. Nelson Johnson and Abdul Alkalimat were supposed to "defend" the document. It was also decided to send only unidentified ALSC members to the CP's set to report on it.

At Greensboro, the charge of left deviation can be raised if we are to assume that the document that Alkalimat-Johnson produced was the presentation of a functioning Marxist-Leninist organization seeking to win new adherents to its position, certainly it is ultra left for a group within a Black United Front, which has only a few months before been characterized as a broad United Front with a mass character, including at one point almost the entire spectrum of the Black Nation, classes, organizations, tendencies and formations around support for Afrikan Liberation struggles, which had moved from June 73 to February 74 from that broad front to an anti-imperialist (anti-racist, anti-capitalist) formation, which called for a United Front but at the same time put out a document, some 60 pages in length, extremely well documented and researched (though not altogether correct) which also looked exactly like an official document of the entire ALSC, which attacked without quarter the theoretical positions of **most of the people** initially in the front.

At any rate, this sharpened ideological struggle not only inside the ALSC but in other areas of the Black Liberation Movement. And the error this document and position represented, without a doubt, sent many simply patriotic brothers and sisters out of the front, as well as much of the "right wing" element. But all who left the ALSC around the struggle over the SOP were not right wing elements in the consolidated sense of that term, many were simply alarmed by the swiftness with which they now had to consider sets of theoretical assumptions, many of which

they had even previous hostility for, or at least no clear tradition of support for.

By April of 1974 Haki Madhubuti had resigned from first the CAP and then the ALSC, essentially for the same reasons, hostility to developing theoretical positions. Jitu Weusi also resigned from CAP at the same time, his resignation from ALSC was less precise, but it also followed, in fact. These were significant resignations because they symbolized much of the sentiment that followed on the Greensboro meeting. Some of the criticism and reaction as Brother Mwanza and his hysterical denunciation of ALSC, Owusu, as "taking White money", &c. was simply idiotic, but some of the criticism was based on the fact that essentially operating was an elitist left subjectivist approach to organizing which thought it saw clearly what people needed to believe and what positions they should take but could only hostilize them in trying to point that out. Because it pointed out that without understanding clearly the reasons that the people had come together in the first place. Obviously an anti-imperialist block could have developed within a broader ALSC, the ALSC itself could have become an anti-imperialist organization **in principle** (it was already one **in action**), but the rush to be Anti-Imperialist On Paper, and force people to at once abandon positions they didn't think were being questioned by their membership in the front was a left error. The reason was that Alkalimat, Johnson, Locke, Owusu were not conceived as just members of the ALSC but its leadership and either the various elements had to follow that leadership, work out some accommodation with its aggressive line, or split. (Since the Greensboro document, was in practice, an "official" document. It was the voice of the leadership, and it said, either you take this position or you are backward!) But actually the revolutionary nationalist, patriotic, element of ALSC as well as the developing anti-imperialist and new Marxist

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element could have existed in a broad front against imperialism in Afrika since that was the principle struggle, not the race line in the ALSC!

This should perhaps be kept in mind around some of the struggles that are emerging in Afrika now, that can benefit by a broad range of support, led by ALSC, such as, for instance, **a campaign to drive the superpowers out of Angola.** It should also be kept in mind as some folks in their pursuit of what they hold as the correct socialist line are in danger of careening headlong out of the Black Liberation Movement, it would seem, since the Black Liberation Movement, though anti-imperialist in essence, is still principally a "narrow" movement for the liberation of the Black Nation, with the additional commitment to PanAfrikan struggle. Those who think the Black Liberation Movement must follow the scientific path of Marxism-Leninism-Mao-Tse-Tung

Thought must find a way to combine both the nationalist or patriotic element of this struggle with the struggle for socialism.

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get covered and the other big capitalists too. Now that Rockefeller has publicly taken control of New York and the National Government it shows that the shadow is fading and its cause is coming in focus, it is clearer to the people that it is the big bourgeois who controls the wealth, and the U.S. government.

The war between the classes, the capitalist bourgeoisie and the working class is becoming more and more evident everyday. We must struggle harder. Victory will be ours! The people will win!

*Anthony Simpson in his book, **The Sovereign State of ITT**, pointed out Freres "isn't really a bank. Its a damn great money making machine for a few very rich men."