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1000's MARCH IN NEWARK



Thousands of supporters of Afrikan Liberation Day turned out in Newark to march and demonstrate their support for the armed struggle our brothers and sisters are waging in Afrika.

by Cheo Hekima

On Afrikan Liberation Day, May 26th, more than 2,000 Afrikans came to Newark to march and demonstrate for Afrikan Liberation.

This event was very significant in that it was the first movement of its kind to ever take place in this city. There are always parades complete with bands, floats, clowns, and balloons that attract large crowds to watch.

Afrikan Liberation Day was not like that. It was a demonstration, it demonstrated our solidarity with and support of those who struggle for Afrikan Liberation.

There was no celebration, everyone who took part was serious. To walk ten long, cold miles in threatening rain takes a measure of seriousness and commitment. Brothers and Sisters, young and old, Black and Puerto Rican, members of community organizations, Afrikan Free School students, ministers, and others.

ALD Speakers

Demonstrators gathered in Weequahic Park on the morning of ALD and left at noon stopping first in the midst of the Scudder Homes housing project. Tenant Leader Curtis Jackson and Councilman Mjumbe (Dennis Westbrook) both eloquently pointed out and questioned the conditions under which we are forced to live. Said Councilman Mjumbe, "Scudder Homes is why there is Afrikan Liberation Day."

At the courthouse, Lennox Hinds representing the National Council of Blacks Lawyers, enlightened everyone on the "American System of Injustice" while Patrolman James Nance spoke on the role of the Black

Police Officer in defending the community.

Kawaida Confrontation

Anthony Imperiale and company were on hand when the march reached Kawaida Towers but their ranting, raving, obscenities, and the singing of Kate Smith couldn't drown out the fire of Alfonso Roman, Puerto Rican candidate for freeholder and the wisdom of Kaimu Mtetezi (David Barrett), Assembly candidate and the determination of both to build Kawaida Towers and a "Unity Movement" for complete political power.

The next stop of the march was the Portuguese Consulate and Prudential. Brother Alexandre Francisco of UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) told of the struggle against Portuguese domination in Angola and how Prudential and other American corporate structures play a part in oppressing our people.

After stopping at City Hall and the Federal Building where Assembly candidate Frank Hutchins and Newark Policeman Derrick Akridge spoke the crowd moved on to a rally in Lincoln Park with Imam Amiri Baraka as the main speaker.

Similar demonstrations took place in more than 25 other cities to give ALD a national movement. But Afrikan Liberation is not over because we came together to shout "We are an Afrikan People." The task of educating our people must continue. For as Imam Baraka often states, "The minds of the people are the most important factor of any movement. Without them you can have nothing else."

RICH-HARD Nixes Afrika

by Emmanuel J. Muganda

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AANS) — United States interest in Afrika is still primarily political, as well as being economic, and the mother continent of 30 million Black persons here continues to be viewed by world powers as a sphere of influence.

This was the crux of sections on Afrika in the recently delivered State of the World address from President Richard Nixon to the U.S. Congress.

"Our most tangible contribution to Afrika's future is our support for economic progress," said Pres. Nixon. "We will continue to emphasize our aid, trade, and investment efforts."

The Nixon administration views the development of Afrika's economy as an expansion of the potential markets for American goods.

In addition, the address asserts, "As the West seeks new and alternative sources of energy, Afrikan development becomes increasingly important."

Political economists often term such an attitude imperialism.

The U.S. government urges trade expansion along balanced lines. Despite this avowal, however, the conflict of the United States being a highly developed nation and Afrika still struggling to raise its standard of production, remains. And, said Pres. Nixon, America will only go so far in bailing Afrika out.

"Understandably, Afrikan nations heavily dependent on a single crop like cocoa or coffee are interested in agreements stabilizing the prices of these commodities," he recognizes.

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Mayor Ken Gibson presents key to the city to Ambassador Hadi Toure (2nd from right) from the Guinean Mission to the United Nations, attending ceremony were Imami Amiri Baraka (left) and Hamidou Sam (far right) General Manager of Les Ballet Africains who provided Newark with a superb performance on their recent visit here!

Zambia Cites Mysterious Actions Of Slain Whites

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AANS) — A Zambian government spokesman revealed last week in Lusaka that two Canadian women and an American male companion shot by government troops May 15 were suspected of attacking a vital power station.

The three, reportedly touring Rhodesia, had crossed the Zambian side of the Zambezi River and were swimming toward the power station when shot by government sentries. The Zambezi River separates Rhodesia from Zambia.

Tension has existed along the boundary since January when limited

conflict, led to each country sealing off its border with the other.

Rhodesian officials claimed that the three were on the Rhodesian bank of the river when shot.

In a previous incident along the boundary, involving Rhodesian fishermen being shot by Zambian troops in February, it was asserted that they were on their side of the river.

A later Rhodesian inquest found, however, that they "may have strayed" to the Zambian side of the river.

The two women shot last week were killed.