BLACK WOMEN MEET TO FORGE UNITED FRONT

Editor's note: As we go to press, we have received news of the Black United Front Women's Conference. Because of the great significance of this conference, we will run an in-depth article in our next issue. The following is an early report.

Detroit — A conference of great significance took place here on the weekend of Jan. 25-26, bringing together more than 600 Black women with the aim of building a new anti-imperialist united front of Black women fighters.

The conference was organized by the Congress of Afrikan Peoples (CAP) and was supported by the October League as well as revolutionary-minded women from many different organizations. This was a follow-up to an earlier meeting held on July 1. This one had the purpose of forming a structure for the new organization. While no elections were held, an organizing committee was set up to build the Black Women's United Front in cities across the country.

According to organizers, the new organization will be mass in its character and view "imperialism, capitalism and racism" as its enemy. Among the women attending the conference, an estimated 50 per cent were workers with the rest being professionals, students and movement activists.

Speakers included CAP Chairman Imiri Baraka, Alice Nixon, from National Welfare Rights Organization; Star Bisha, CAP; Eve Williams, Youth Organization of Black Unity (YOBU); Eunice Foster, All Afrikan People's Revolutionary Party; Tamu Galjiuwani, Black Workers Congress and representatives from the Pan Afrikan Student Organization.

In his speech, Baraka said that the purpose of the Black Women's United Front was "not to bring women into the system, but to overthrow it."

Regional organization of the Black Women's United Front have been established for the Midwest, Northeast, South and Western regions. The next national conference has been tentatively set for May 3rd in Detroit.