



SEIZE THE TIME



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Malcolm X

"WHEN A PERSON PLACES A PROPER VALUE ON FREEDOM, THERE IS NOTHING UNDER THE SUN THAT HE WILL NOT DO TO ACQUIRE THAT FREEDOM. WHENEVER YOU HEAR A MAN SAYING HE WANTS FREEDOM, BUT IN THE NEXT BREATH HE IS GOING TO TELL YOU WHAT HE WON'T DO TO GET IT, OR WHAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN DOING IN ORDER TO GET IT, HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN FREEDOM. A MAN WHO BELIEVES IN FREEDOM WILL DO ANYTHING UNDER THE SUN TO ACQUIRE OR ACHIEVE HIS FREEDOM, AND HE WILL DO ANYTHING UNDER THE SUN TO PRESERVE HIS FREEDOM, AND THE ONLY REASON YOU AND I HERE IN AMERICA DON'T YET HAVE FREEDOM IS WE HAVEN'T YET MATURED TO THAT STAGE WHERE WE CAN SEE THIS IS THE REAL PRICE, OR THE REAL ATTITUDE OR THE REAL APPROACH THAT ONE MUST MAKE."



"JUCHE MEANS HOLDING FAST TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SOLVING FOR ONESELF ALL THE PROBLEMS OF THE REVOLUTION AND CONSTRUCTION IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS AT HOME."
- - - KIM IL SUNG(DRK)

JUCHE SECTION

The North Korean Communist Party has firmly established the principle of "Juche" as the basic principle of national self-reliance in building revolutionary struggle. This section of the paper contains articles concerning the National Liberation struggles of oppressed people within the United States. Kim Il Sung explains Juche more fully: "The establishment of Juche means holding fast to the principle of solving for oneself all the problems of the revolution and construction in conformity to the actual conditions at home and mainly by one's own effort. This is an independent stand, discharging dependence on others, displaying the spirit of self-reliance and solving one's own affairs on one's own responsibility under all circumstances"..."(We) have made every effort to establish Juche in opposition to dogmatism and flunkysim, Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-reliance in the economy and self-defense in national defense -- this is our stand."

African Resistance

Since 1619 when Africans were brought here as human cargo to toil the soil of the new world, we resisted by every method available to us. Everywhere and in every way Black people resisted the encroachment of the enemy. We used spears, rocks and captured weapons. Trudging, chained and barefoot, to waiting coastal ships, we broke our chains and used them as weapons against our enemy.

We continued to resist after we landed on alien shores. We formed unions with Native Americans such as the Seminole Nation and resisted. We organized, fought and won the Haitian Revolution. We rebelled with Denmark Vesey, Nat Turner and Sojourner Truth. We organized and conducted escapes with Harriet Tubman.

Back home on the continent, Tchaka Zulu and the Zulu warriors resisted the Dutch invasion of South Africa. The Ashanti fought the British in West Africa. The Ethiopians fought the Italians, and the Mau-Mau fought the British in East Africa.

The history of Black Resistance in the U.S. reached a turning point in the period 1964-1968. After going through a period of peaceful means of protest (sit-ins, boycotts, etc.) the Black masses in several major cities rose in spontaneous rebellion. This was the first of the "long, hot summers" which climaxed in the Detroit rebellion of August 1967. In these four summers, the broad masses of African people unleashed the rage that had been building up for centuries. Using the molotov cocktail as the people's bomb, we inflicted billions of dollars worth of property damage. Then came the assassination of Martin Luther King in the first week of April 1968. Simultaneous rebellions took place in one hundred and twenty-five cities. In Washington D.C. alone, it took 14,000 federal troops to put down the uprising.

The Role of the Black Panther Party

As a result of these mass uprisings many Black revolutionary organizations were formed. The most important has been the BPP the Black Panther Party. The party began in Oakland in 1966 as a consciously revolutionary group that expressed the needs and desires of Black people and crystallized them into their Ten Point Program and Platform. From the beginning the Party attempted to lead the Black

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masses beyond their spontaneous uprising to a higher level of political and military organization, preparing them ultimately for pretracted urban guerrilla warfare and liberation.

The basis for such widespread immediate support from almost every part of the Black Nation was the BPP primary slogan of "An unarmed people are subject to slavery at anytime," and "When the people move towards liberation, they must have the basic tool of liberation: the gun!" Support for the BPP grew into the largest mass base for a revolutionary organization in the history of the USA. It included families, old people, little children, workers, lumpen youth, students, professionals, other Third World people and oppressed whites.

The BPP laid down correct political practice and lines on united front, community organizing, internationalism, and



self-defense. It also contributed the first revolutionary communication system that linked revolutionaries and the masses all across the country. The Party's paper provided news on international, national and local struggles, revolutionary analysis and regular articles on revolutionary theory.

Naturally, the oppressor could not tolerate the revolutionary example that the BPP set for millions of people. The police state was determined to wipe out the Party by arrests, bombings and assassinations. Two years of bitter military and "legal" battles began between the Party and police agents.

After many losses, the Party began to win. In 1969 Geronimo (Elmer Pratt) and the Los Angeles Chapter held off hundreds of LA police. People began to defend the Party as their own hope for the future. The pig backed down from the attacks they planned on San Francisco and Oakland headquarters. Soon after, at the Detroit office and at the New Orleans NCCF office, the Black masses put themselves on the line in the defense of the Party and its programs for the first time.

The attacks on the Party also made clear that "in revolution one either dies or wins." The only other alternative is to give it up. That is what Oakland leadership did. It said that when the BPP was the theoretical and practical leadership of both the Black Nation and the US revolutionary movement, we were infantile and cultist. It denounced Geronimo who had led the historic defense of the LA office as a counterrevolutionary "pig and dog". It purged the NY 21 and called them "enemies of the People". Field Marshal D.C. and many others were

treated the same way.

These and other acts caused the BPP to split between those who laid down their guns to work alongside the pigs' system and those who continued the work of the freedom fighters before us. The East Coast BPP is representative of these heirs of Malcolm X and Denmark Vesey (an ex-slave who planned and organized an uprising of all the slaves in Charleston, unfortunately betrayed by a house slave and executed by the slaveowning state). They state, "The primary objective of the BPP is to establish revolutionary political power for Black People. Our Party is an armed body for carrying out the political tasks of the revolution... Besides fighting to destroy the enemy's oppressive forces and military strength, our party should also shoulder such important tasks as doing propaganda among the masses, organizing the masses, arming Black people, helping them to establish revolutionary political power and setting up party organizations."

The New Urban Guerrilla

So today we are witnessing the birth of the New Urban Guerrilla. Enriched with a history of our past struggles and experiences, we have learned it has been the guns and force manifested in the military that oppresses our communities that directly oppress and brutalize us. To be an assailant today is a quality that ennobles any honorable man engaged in armed struggle against this military dictatorship.

You do not have to be a member of a revolutionary organization and get orders from it in order to participate in revolutionary action. You do need to carefully consider the purpose, the target, and the reaction of most Black people if your action is to be truly revolutionary. In any case, self-reliance is key. To be a revolutionary is to make revolution.

When starting to plan concrete actions, you must start with the basic concept that you are going all the way, that is to take a life in order to save life. Your strategy (main plan) is to stop, slow down or hurt in any way the power structure you are fighting while educating the people about it. The tactics (operation) you use to do this is governed by your ability and resources. The brief notes this article makes about armed struggle can not replace technical knowledge and



Geronimo led successful L.A. defense.



HARRIET TUBMAN

TO MY PEOPLE

ASSATA SHAKUR

Black brothers, Black sisters, I want you to know that I love you and I hope that somewhere in your heart you have love for me. My name is Assata Shakur (slave name Joanne Chesimard), and I am a revolutionary. By that I mean that I am a field nigga who is determined to be free by any means necessary. By that I mean that I can never be free unless all of my people are free along with me. By that I mean that I have declared war on all forces that have raped our women, castrated our men and kept our babies empty bellied,

I have declared war on the rich who prosper on our poverty. The politicians who lie to us with smiling faces and all the mindless heartless robots who protect them and their property.

I am a Black revolutionary, and as such I am the victim of all the wrath, hatred and slander that amerikkka is capable of. Like all other Black revolutionaries I have been hunted like a dog, and like all other Black revolutionaries, amerikkka is trying to lynch me.

practical skills. If you don't already have them, you must get them.

In planning any guerrilla action, the Urban guerrilla must start from the concrete conditions of the people. If he forgets that, he will become isolated from the people, and his action will fail its goal. But, if the Urban Guerrilla always keeps the conditions and the desires of the people in mind, they will keep him in their hearts. With such support, the Guerrilla can spark the struggle for liberation.

We must be able to transform awareness into concrete actions that are based on knowing the enemy and knowing ourselves. In studying the enemy we see they have three advantages:

- C = Communications
- M = Mobility
- I = Information.

Studying the practice of the Urban Guerrilla, we see that they have the element of surprise:

- W = What
- W = When
- H = How.

I am a Black revolutionary woman and because of this I have been charged with and accused of every alleged crime in which a woman was believed to have participated. The alleged crimes in which only men were supposedly involved, I have been accused of planning. They have plastered pictures alleged to be me in post offices, airports, hotels, police cars, subways, banks, televisions and newspapers. They have offered over Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in rewards for my capture and they have issued orders to shoot on sight and shoot to kill.

I am a Black revolutionary and, by definition, that makes me part of the Black Liberation Army. The pigs have used their newspapers and T.V.'s to paint the Black Liberation Army to be vicious, brutal mad dog criminals. They have called us gangsters and gun molls and have compared us to such characters as John Dillinger and Ma Barker. It should be clear, it must be clear to anyone who can think, see or hear, that we are the victims. The victims and not the criminals.

It should also be clear to us by now who the real criminals are. Nixon and his crime partners have murdered hundreds of thousands of Third World brothers and sisters in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Mozambique, Angola and South Africa. As was proven by the Watergate, the top law enforcement officials in this country are a lying bunch of criminals. The president, two attorney generals, the head of the FBI, the head of the CIA and half the white house staff have been implicated in Watergate crimes.

They call us murderers, but we did not murder over 250 unarmed Black men, women and children and wound thousands of others in the riots they provoked during the Sixties. The rulers of this country have always considered their property more important than our lives. They call us murderers, but we were not responsible for the more than 10,000 Black people lynched by white racists. They call us murderers, but we were not responsible for the 28 brother inmates and the 9 hostages murdered at Attica. They call us murderers, but we did not murder and wound over 30 unarmed Black students at Jackson State or Southern University either.

They call us murderers, but we did not murder Martin Luther King, Emmet Till,

Unquestionably, victory or defeat in war is determined by the military, political, economic and natural conditions on both sides. But not by these alone. It is also determined by each sides subjective ability in directing war. In his endeavor to win a war a military strategy cannot overstep the limitations imposed upon him by natural conditions. Within these limitations however he can and must strive for victory. The stage of action of a military strategist is built upon objective conditions but on that stage he can direct the performance of many a drama, full of sound and color, power and grandeur.

Mao tse-Tung
Military Writings



Medgar Evers, Fred Hampton, Malcolm X, George Jackson, Nat Turner, James Chaney and countless other Black Freedom Fighters. We did not bomb 4 Black little girls in a Sunday school. We did not murder, by shooting in the back, 16-year old Rita Lloyd, 11-year old Rickie Rodden, 10-year old Clifford Glover or Nathaniel Smith.

They call us murderers, but we do not control or enforce a system of racism and oppression that systematically murders Black and Third World people. Although Black people supposedly comprise about 15% of the total amerikkkan population, at least 60% of murder victims are Black. For every pig that is killed in the so-called line of duty there at least 50 Black people murdered by police.

Black life expectancy is much lower than that of whites and they do their best to kill us before we are born. We are burned alive in fire-trap tenements. Our brothers and sisters O.D. daily from heroin and methadone. Our babies die from lead poisoning. Millions of Black people have died as a result of indecent medical care. This is murder. But they have the nerve to call us murderers.

They call us kidnapers, yet brother Clark Squire (who is accused along with me of murdering a New Jersey state trooper), was Kidnapped on April 2, 1969 from our Black community and held on \$100,000 ransom in the New York Panther 21 conspiracy case. He was acquitted on May 13, 1971 along with all the others of all 156 counts of conspiracy by a jury that took less than 2 hours to deliberate. Brother Squire was innocent. Yet he was kidnapped from his community and family. Over two years of his life were stolen, but they call us kidnapers. They call us kidnapers, but we did not kidnap the thousands of brothers and sisters held captive in ameri-



We believe we can end police brutality in our black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

POINT NUMBER SEVEN, ORIGINAL PROGRAM AND PLATFORM OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY

kkka's concentration camps. Ninety percent of the prison population in this country are Black and Third World People who can afford neither bail nor lawyers.

They call us thieves and bandits. They say we steal. But it was not us who stole tens of millions of Black people from the continent of Africa. We were robbed of our language, of our culture, of our human dignity, of our labor and of our lives. They call us thieves yet it is not us who rip off billions of dollars every year through tax evasions, illegal price fixing, embezzlement, consumer fraud, bribes, kickbacks and swindles. They call us bandits, yet every time most Black people pick our paychecks we are being robbed. Every time we walk

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Report from the National Conference of La Raza Unida



August 16th thru 19, 1973, Colorado LA RAZA UNIDA PARTY, at the Crusade for Justice Building facilities in Denver, Colorado, hosted Congreso de Aztlan delegates, other states and countries representatives at the National and International Conference and Congreso de Aztlan Junta.

The purpose of this conference was the exchange of solidarity commitments and support among oppressed nations and Liberation Movement Organizations throughout La Nacion de Aztlan and Latin America.

Here are some of the resolutions that the Congreso workshops adopted.

Workshop: Corporate Structure and Oppression of Third World

We define the corporate structure to be made up of five integral parts. No part can be dismissed as all five parts are integral to the running of the corporate structure.

1. Corporations - industry, of which banks are an important part.
2. Government - to make laws to maintain and protect the interest of Capitalism.
3. The Military - to enforce the law and keep the masses of the people down.
4. Institutions of learning - to train people to run the system.
5. Workers upon which everything is based because without workers, there could be no Capitalist system.

The system uses several tools to repress people:

Religion	Dope
Economic Oppression	Racism
Immigration	Media

Pacification - federally funded organizations which act as a buffer between the Oppressor and the oppressed. At this time the US has infiltrated every nation in Latin America to kill the Liberation Movements. We have come to the understanding that this same tactic is being effectively used in our communities in the US, for example; IRA, CEDA, INTER-AMERICA, etc.

WE RESOLVE, based on the danger that these corporations present nationally and internationally, that:

1. Investigation and Security are needed.
2. Information is needed.
3. The only solution is to overthrow the Corporate and Multi-Corporate Structure which is the world-wide representative of Capitalism and the oppressors of Third World People.

WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL PRISONERS

Whereas: We recognize that the US capitalist, materialistic and imperialistic system of government will and does resort to every tactic possible to repress those individuals, organ-

izations and nations who have politically progressive ideas and are working for the liberation of our minds and lives and are part of those who strive to retain the human right of oppressed people.

Whereas: We are aware that the US uses psychogenocide techniques, physical imprisonment and repression, including the use of physical and mental torture through experimental behavior modification treatments and surgery to intimidate and counter political activists.

Whereas: We recognize the imprisonment of such individuals as the Puerto Rican Nationalists, Martin Sostre, SQ-6, Juan Otero, Cha Cha Jiminez, Poncho Cruz, Juan Corona, Vernon Bellecourt, Los Tres, Ricardo Chavez Ortiz, Manuel da Conceicao, Joel Ochoa, Brian Sanchez, Russel Means, Carlos Feliciano, Pat and Jose Paiz, and many other unmentioned individuals including the hundreds of political prisoners in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, South Viet Nam and elsewhere as political repression.

Whereas: We recognize that political repression is responsible for the indictment of the March 17, 1973, defendants, Luis Ramirez, Ernesto Vigil, and Mario Vasquez, as a result of a police planned and provoked attack on the Crusade for Justice and Tlatelolco which resulted also in the death of Luis "Junior" Martinez.

Whereas: We recognize that political repression is responsible for the indictment of AIM activists throughout the United States.

WE HEREBY RESOLVE:

That LA RAZA UNIDA condemns the repression of political activists through imprisonment and psychogenocide during imprisonment.

That LA RAZA UNIDA shall work for the liberation of this hemisphere's indigenous people's political prisoners.

That this conference is in solidarity with all political prisoners of the Third World Liberation Movement.

WORKSHOP: POLITICAL STRUCTURE AND DIRECTION OF THE PARTY

STATE OF NUEVO MEXICO RESOLUTION:

1. The Partido de LA RAZA UNIDA must at all times stand actively opposed to the capitalist system and work to destroy that system together with its oppressive middle-class values of materialism.

2. The Partido must at all times stand actively opposed to US imperialism. This includes supporting the Liberation struggles of Third World peoples; refusing to make compromises or wheel and deal with governments oppressing those peoples; and refusing to fight in US wars against those peoples.

3. The Partido should not, in effect, be a third party but a revolutionary party. Its goal must be to educate people and organize them for action against the oppressors with the long-range goal of total social revolution.

WORKSHOP: NATIONALISM & INTERNATIONALISM

Chicano Nationalism: El Plan Espiritual de Aztlan

In the spirit of a new people that

is conscious not only of its proud historical heritage, but also of the brutal GRINGO invasion of our territories, WE, the CHICANO inhabitants and civilizers of the northern land of Aztlan, from whence came our forefathers, reclaiming the land of their birth and consecrating the determination of our people of the sun, declare that the call of our blood is our power, our responsibility and our inevitable destiny.

WE are free and sovereign to determine those tasks which are justly called for by our house, our land, the sweat of our brows and by our hearts. Aztlan belongs to those that plant the seeds, water the fields, and gather the crops, and not to the foreign Europeans. We do not recognize capricious frontiers on the Bronze continent.

Brotherhood unites us, and love for our brothers and sisters makes us a people whose time has come and who struggle against the foreigner gabacho who exploits our riches and destroys our culture. With our heart in our hands and our hands in the soil, WE declare the Independence of our Mestizo Nation. WE are a Bronze People with a bronze culture. Before the world, before all of North America, before all our brothers in the Bronze Continent, WE are a Nation, WE are a Union of free pueblos. WE ARE AZTLAN.

NATIONALISM A TOOL TO EDUCATE TOWARDS INTERNATIONALISM:

1. Chicano-Mexicano nationalism is founded upon a common blood, heritage and common exploitation.
2. Aztlan and Mexico (the people of) are one - separated only by historical events and political definitions and boundaries. (If Polk had his way, all of Mexico would have been colonized.)
3. The people of Aztlan and Mexico are one people. Therefore, the national struggle of Aztlan is the same as the national struggle of Mexico. That is, it is a common struggle of a common people against a common enemy.
4. Because the people of Aztlan are a colonized, Third World people, our struggle is part of the common struggle of Third World people and all progressive people against a common enemy - US imperialism.

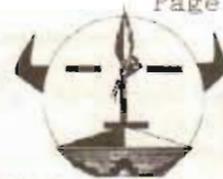
Therefore, because we share a common heritage and blood with our Indian brothers and sisters, and recognizing the Indians as a sovereign nation we affirm our solidarity with their struggle and support their struggle and support AIM (American Indian Movement).

Recognizing that Puerto Rico is a colony, we call for the self-determination of all Puerto Ricans and the independence of Puerto Rico and affirm our solidarity with their fight for national liberation.

5. That we recognize the existence of other captive nationalities within the so-called United States of Amerika, namely Blacks and Asians and that we stand in solidarity with their struggles for self-determination.



The Native American National Liberation Struggle



Most of the people now inhabiting North America are descendents of immigrants from other continents. The majority came from the white races of Europe. In addition, there are many who were forced or induced to come here to build the wealth and power of the U.S., especially from Africa, Asia and Latin America. But the Indian people are the only people native to North America. Consider how few of the Native Americans there are left if you want an idea of what a sick and dangerous condition our society is in. Probably nowhere in the world will you find a people as divorced from the land which sustains them as are the non-Indian people of North America.

Then how did the United States get so powerful and wealthy? Starting with Columbus the Europeans defined the continent as a "get rich quick" paradise. Every aspect of the natural environment, the soil, the trees, the rivers, the people, animals and plants, were seen in one way - as exploitable resources. In 1776 the exploitation of these resources was greatly facilitated and accelerated through the creation of a new state with a capitalist economy, the United States. The US occupied the eastern edge of a continent which supported several hundred Native American tribes and nations, determined to preserve their several independence, their culture, and their closeness to the earth.

Wherever the Indian tribes and nations were intact, the balance of nature remained intact, because the Indian's culture and values arose from that balanced natural world and serves to protect it. When the Indian was suppressed, the earth was at the mercy of a "civilized" society which by 1900 had developed the most decadent and reactionary system known to man - imperialism. The Indian resisted this onslaught wherever possible, defeating the U.S. in battle after battle only to lose territory through violations of the treaties.

For the last 70 years the Native Americans' struggle has been a quiet one, for their numbers were so reduced that this was necessary. For example, in California alone where there had been at least 110,000 Indians in 1850, there were 17,000 alive in 1885.

But now the strength of the Native Americans is up again. The Indian wars have resumed. The Federal government is trying to take the last remaining land out of the hands of the Indian people. The U.S. seems bent on eradicating the cultural life, economic basis and political power of the Indian Nation.

As the United States was developing as an aggressive young capitalist nation in the 18th and 19th centuries it launched an imperialist war against the native inhabitants of North America. This was the United States' first experiment in genocide. The Native Americans recognized the genocidal intentions of the Europeans and the necessity for unity in resistance.

"The whites are already nearly a match for us all united and too strong for any one tribe alone to resist; so that unless we support one another with our collective and united forces, unless every tribe unanimously combines to give a check to the ambition and avarice of the whites, they will soon conquer us apart and disunited, and we will be driven away from our native country and scattered as autumn leaves before the wind...the annihilation of our race is at hand unless we unite in the common cause against the common foe."

- Tecumseh, 1812



LONG LIVE THE INDIAN NATION!

The resistance of the Native American people enabled them to win battles and secure treaties. These treaties (371) were between sovereign nations and the US. The treaties had to be ratified by the Congress. First the Secretary of War, and later the Secretary of the Interior were responsible for dealing with the Native American people.

The U.S. was forced to develop and employ methods of total war. An imperialist nation cannot subdue a people by seizing territory alone. It must also destroy their economic base, culture and political system.

The economic base of the Native American people lay in their relationship to the land. Hunting game, gathering fruits and herbs, forming stable agricultural communities and producing tools, weapons, household goods: all of these activities depended upon the Indian's relationship to the land. With the forced removal of whole tribes to the reservations and the extermination of the buffalo, the economic base of the Native Americans was greatly reduced.

Cultural genocide began with the missions and schools. Native American children were taught to despise their own culture, not allowed to use their own languages. The Department of the Interior mapped out plans for the "civilizing" the Native people by forcing them into white man's ways - white man's sex roles, marriage, and private property. Official documents read:

"Some system of marriage should be adopted and the Indian compelled to conform to it. The Indian should also be instructed that he is under obligation to care for and support not only his wife but his children, and on his failure, without proper cause, to continue as the head of such family, he ought in some manner be punished, which should be either by confinement in the guardhouse or prison, or by a reduction in his rations. The value of property as an agent of civilization ought not be overlooked. When the Indian acquires property, with a disposition to retain the same free from tribal or individual interference, he has made a step forward on the road to civilization."

The tribal communal system of ownership was undermined. This was also the aim of the 1934 Reorganization Act, in which the Federal Government imposed a system of tribal councils. In many cases these councils displaced the tribe's political and cultural leadership for the lackeys of

the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 1871 reservations were established to concentrate the colonized population much the same way the Vietnamese were forced into the "strategic hamlets". The 1887 Allotment Act was passed to increase individual land ownership. However, sixty percent of the land was obtained by whites through legal frauds and two thirds of the Indians became landless. The allotment process ended in 1934 when termination began. Through termination Native American occupancy of the land is terminated for the benefit of industry, real estate and other interests. It works through condemnation (eminent domain), the promise of money to be paid, and industrialization. The Native American receives little or none of the money paid for the land (11 to 47 cents an acre), as it is deposited in an inaccessible trust fund.

In the United States, there are five types of law: Common, Civil, Criminal, Federal and Treaty law. Treaty law is the highest law of the land. The US signed treaties with the Indian nations. Yet a subordinate law, federal, dictates policies to the Indian nations. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has produced 37 volumes of Federal Indian laws. No treaty ever gave this right to the US government.

The Native American people resisted the imperialist advance united as a nation. The US fought them using the methods necessary to destroy a nation and their position today is legally and in all other ways that of an oppressed nation. As a nation, the Native American people are now demanding self-determination and national sovereignty.

The struggle of the Oglala Sioux for self-determination has become known world-wide. The heroic stand taken at Wounded Knee last year showed that the Oglala people and the American Indian Movement are serious about attaining sovereignty for the Oglala Sioux.

SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY

The demand is sovereignty! Native American people demand that the US government and all the world governments recognize their sovereignty, their right to political, cultural and economic self-determination.

The national liberation struggle of Indian people should be supported just as we supported the struggle of the Vietnamese. We are demanding an end to the military, economic and cultural genocide which the US government has waged against the Native American people for the past 200 years. As in the case of Vietnam, the government's basic motive has been and is

There are "progressives" and "revolutionaries" who feel that the Native American struggle is subordinate to the economic struggle between the various class strata of the oppressor nation. This is equivalent to white South African socialists deciding that the enslaved Native Africans must wait until the white South Africans get it together to make a revolution. The first major contradiction to arise between people in North America was the contradiction between the colonizers and the colonized. The Indians have always waged the highest possible level of struggle against imperialism and colonialization. The heritage of resistance against imperialism in North America began with Indian resistance, and they have for 500 years made the greatest sacrifice in that resistance. We believe that a major focus of revolutionary activity in North America will be in our efforts to guarantee self-determination and national sovereignty for the Indian Nations.

LONG LIVE THE SPIRITS OF TECUMSAH, SITTING BULL, CRAZY HORSE, GERONIMO AND OTHERS!

EDITORIAL: PURPOSE OF THE PAPER

Everyone can see that police repression and a basic political split has caused the revolutionary movement in this country to falter. The unity that revolutionaries across the country once had with the leadership of the old Black Panther Party has broken apart. People have become isolated from revolutionaries. Area organizations and community struggles suffer from localism. Revolutionaries are not developing ideas that can spark revolutionary struggles like the concept of community control by the BPP did in 1966. There is no systematic communication or coordination of struggle throughout the U.S. We do not even have a newspaper that carries revolutionary news analysis and theory to numbers of people across the country.

That isolation is why this paper was started. By itself a nation-wide paper will not solve the problems of the revolutionary movement. But, it is part of the solution. Specifically, it is an organizing tool for local struggles and a coordinating tool for regional and national struggles. It provides revolutionary information and analysis. It is a communication network independent of the bourgeois media. Lastly it is a forum to discuss the major problems and tasks of the revolution. All of us won't necessarily agree with everything that's printed, but we all think that the ideas are deserving of serious consideration.

The people who started this newspaper reflect the purpose of the paper. We are mainly TW revolutionaries with some white revolutionaries. All the people on the paper are engaged or in contact with revolutionary practice. Many have been or are members of revolutionary organizations. Most of us are Marxist-Leninist. Most of us believe that building fighting national liberation fronts is primary now. Some believe that a multinational revolutionary party is critical. All of us agree on the following political principles:

1. Third World National Liberation are struggles are the leading element - of the developing Socialist Revolution in the United States.
2. The white working class is presently a potential ally of national liberation struggles. But due to the ideology of racism, they lag the rest of the revolutionary movement and could even become a force for fascism. It is the duty of revolutionaries, especially white revolutionaries, to work for the awakening of the white working class into a positive force for revolution.
3. The revolution is and will be a political, economic and armed struggle.
4. Inside the national liberation struggles and the general revolutionary movement, the revolution will be led by an alliance of working and poor people and in their interests.

Instead of writing a letter to explain our politics and the purpose of the paper, we decided to put a practical example in people's hands. This first issue is meant to be an invitation to whoever sees the paper to contribute to its development. The success of this paper depends totally on the amount of active participation by progressive people who agree with our basic principles. We want SEIZE THE TIME to become a national newspaper as soon as possible, so that it can make a contribution to building national liberation struggles and socialism.

We ask that people and organizations consider exchanging, subscribing and/or distributing papers. We welcome news reports from people's struggles, articles, letters, poems, artwork and cartoons. Please let us know about news services, information bureaus or newspapers from anywhere in the world that you think we should use. People make the revolution!



"A newspaper is not only a collective propagandist and collective agitator, but also a collective organizer. In this respect it can be compared to the scaffolding erected around a building in construction; it marks the contours of the structure and facilitates communication between the builders, permitting them to distribute the work and to view the common results achieved by their organized labour."

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WHAT WE BELIEVE: REVOLUTION IN AMERICA

Wherever there is oppression, there is resistance. Countries want independence, nations want liberation, and people want revolution. This has become the irresistible trend of history.

- Chinese Communist Party

The people of the world have enjoyed great successes since WWII in their struggle for social and economic revolution. The People's Republic of China has been established for over 25 years. Korea, Vietnam, the rest of Indochina, Cuba and Guinea-Bissau have waged successful wars of national liberation. Most countries in Africa have won political independence. Progressive socialist governments have been elected in Chile and other countries.

But the successes of the people have hurt the Rockefellers, Mellons, Fords, Rothchilds and Duponts for the world. Their system of world-wide capitalism weakens everytime a leftist government nationalizes mines and nullifies debts. It weakens everytime it spends billions for wars that force tin-horn dictators onto unwilling Third World nations. It weakens everytime the National Guard must put down Black Rebellions and break up truckers' blockades in America.

Capitalism feels itself weakening. So it tries to increase the flow of its lifeblood, money. It tries to take more profit from the toil of the world's people. The Arab peoples have grown rebellious of Euro-American interference in the Middle East. The Arabs decided to withhold the oil that Euro-American companies took for almost nothing for so long. America suddenly wakes up to find itself dependent on black wealth no longer under its control. So oil companies increase their prices and profits while withholding vast reserves of oil. Nixon tells workers to be more productive and less comfortable.

The "energy crisis" is born. The military gets all the fuel it needs for limosines, Air Force One and Thieu's army while homes are blacked out, schools are closed and workers laid off.

Countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America win political and even military independence. They threaten to withdraw from trade arrangements and demand more for their resources and labor. So capitalism responses neo-colonialism and sub-imperialist countries (Brazil, Israel, Iran and South Africa) which threaten their immediate neighbors with invasion and economic control.

Everywhere that international capitalism was weakened by people's victories it has attempted a comeback by more vicious or more disguised means. And everywhere that people have understood this new form of oppression and have become united for struggle, the people have won even greater victories. So the trend of history is towards the fall of international capital and the rise of revolution.



But the course of revolution is not smooth. The success of national liberation in Guinea-Bissau is tempered by the failure of elected socialism in Chile. The people of Chile went by all the rules of parliamentary democracy. American companies couldn't complain about a handful of armed communists violently seizing "their" copper mines. Yet when challenged by Chile's successful and legal attempt at economic self-determination and internal reform, American interests and their puppets dropped the mask of "free" market exchange and democracy. The massacre of leftist Party members, students and workers began. The viciousness of the repression is matched only by the defenselessness of the people. The lesson clearly is that the struggle for liberation must be waged militarily as well as politically and economically. Capitalism will always resort to violence, and the people must be prepared for its certainty.

In this country, the resistance has barely begun, and already we have seen assassination, torture and imprisonment used by city police departments and federal agencies to put down resistance against fascism, racism and exploitation.

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VIETNAM WILL WIN

World attention has been focussed on the Hearst family since, to quote her captors, Patricia Hearst was taken prisoner. The mass media daily talks of the "ordeal" of the family. But the incident has raised other issues, which the media has not given any consideration. The single most important one is that there exists a ruling class in the US, and the Hearsts, by their own admission are members of this class. The facts of history serve to bear this out.

The Hearst family has historically been in control of the news media since the turn of the century. That control has been used to mold public opinion and to create concepts of American superiority and patriotism to justify corporate foreign expansion and intervention throughout Latin America and to justify the exploitation of workers.

In the late 1800's the Hearst publications were responsible for launching the American people into the Caribbean and the Philippines - the Spanish-American War. This war resulted in the replacement of Spanish control by United States corporate domination in the struggling countries of Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines.

Today that aggression, which was created and advocated by the "yellow journalism" of the Hearst family is best illustrated by the classical colonial status of Puerto Rico, so declared a colony by the United Nations.

In 1911, Hearst vigorously mobilized his mass media machinery to incite armed intervention in support of the Diaz dictatorship, during the Mexican Revolution.

The Hearst publications were used to create and promote public support and financial assistance for Adolf Hitler and his fascist clique of genocidal murderers. Before World War II, after several personal visits by Hearst, Hitler paid the Hearst publication \$400,000 to incite US public support for Nazism. Here in the United States, Hearst initiated the formation of several fascist groups throughout Los Angeles, such as the Lighthouse Cavalry, the California Esquadrielle, the Hollywood Hussars, and others.

During the 1940's editorials and reports from the Hearst publications took the leading role in inciting US white racism and violence against the Japanese people of this country. That incitement culminated with the removal of Japanese men, women and children from their homes and their placement in war-time concentration camps within the US. It was also in the 40's that the Hearst publications, especially the Herald-Examiner, condoned the attacks by US navymen against Mexican people of Los Angeles. During these "Zoot suit Riots" bands of white navy and civilian men roamed the streets of Los Angeles, brutally beating and ripping the popular zoot-suits off young Mexicans. The police would follow such bands, arresting the beaten victims and charging them with various "crimes".

During the 1950's Hearst advocated McCarthy's suspension of civil liberties, persecution, incarceration and execution of courageous Americans who struggled for social change and for the elimination of racism.

Throughout the 60's and 70's Hearst has called for and supported the genocidal bombings and napalming of helpless Vietnamese women and children. Even today they defend Watergate conspirator and advocate of American fascism, Richard Milhouse Nixon, whose policies are a serious threat to the American people's civil liberties. The Hearsts presently stand in opposition to the impeachment of Nixon.

Historically the Hearsts' money and influence has been used to combat the right of workers to decent wages, better

working conditions and the right to form unions. A present example is the complete destruction of the primarily white workers' movement to unionize and the strike waged by them against the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, a newspaper currently produced by scab labor.

The Hearst family's disregard for human life is exemplified by their close association and membership in the exclusively elite "Brook Club". This club financially supports Air America, the CIA private airline which annually transports 25,000 pounds of heroin from Southeast Asia into the United States. It is this heroin traffic that poisons the youth and politically represses the people's consciousness to struggle for social change.

A Hearst is a member of the UC Board of Regents which has repeatedly attacked academic freedoms, condoned the continued inhuman experiments on the brains of working people and prisoners through the fascist techniques of psycho-surgery, and have invested the people's tax money in the fascist and racist apartheid system (the complete segregation of the races) of South Africa.

The practices of the Hearst family historically clearly demonstrate their advocacy of white supremacy, and the right to colonial and imperialist exploitation and brutal repression of people's movements for self-determination.

It is not surprising to note that a slave-owning Hearst in the 1860's was one of the legislators in the nation who voted against the abolition of slavery.

HISTORY OF THE HEARST FAMILY IN THE US

The Hearst family, since their migration to this land from Scotland, in 1680, have played an active role in a movement, which while proclaiming freedoms, brutally drove out and murdered the native peoples of this country, to take over their lands for the sole purpose of profit. In later years, the Hearst family due to their support and part in the western expansion movement (Manifest Destiny) which attacked Indian and Mexican people, benefitted through the robbery and exploitation of the natural resources which belong to the native inhabitants of this land.

As recent immigrants in 1680, the John Hearst II family had already claimed ownership to ten acres of land and nine slaves.

In 1727, John Hearst III family migrated to South Carolina claiming extensive land holdings which later became known as Abbeville County, one of the largest counties in the state.

After the United States government's purchase of Indian lands from France (the Louisiana Purchase), the William Hearst family, following the Daniel Boone path through Kentucky, settled in Franklyn County Missouri in 1808. By the use of slaves and claims of land the Hearst family built a small empire based on livestock. William Hearst became first lieutenant of the Missouri militia which waged armed campaigns against the Indian people. During this period William Hearst claims grew to 800 acres.

Before his death William Hearst incurred a debt of \$10,000 because of his campaign against Mexico, in which he advocated the take-over of the present southwest region from Mexico. This campaign later resulted in the Mexican-American War and the application of Manifest Destiny to Mexican and Indian people in the Southwestern United States.

His heir, George Hearst, in three years was able to repay his father's debt from the plunder of copper and lead mines which he stole from Indian people throughout the state of Missouri.

The Gold Rush in California attracted the Hearst exploiters and for ten

years they lucratively speculated with stolen California land.

The Hearst family's tentacles reached into the growing mining business, with their principle investment going into the Comstock Lode in Utah and the silver sulphate mines in California, which were some of the richest mines in the west. Their exploitation reached the Sioux Nation in the black hills of South Dakota with their ventures into the Homestock mines, and later, their expansion into the Anaconda Hills which had drastic results for the indigenous people.

HEARST CORPORATION HOLDINGS

The present holdings of the Hearst Corporation include the following:

Magazines - Good Housekeeping, House Beautiful, Harper's Bazaar, Popular Mechanics, Science Digest, American Drugist, Town & Country, Sports & Field, Motor, Bride & Home, Motor Boating, and Cosmopolitan.

Over approximately twenty newspapers throughout the country, including Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Chicago Herald-Examiner, and the San Francisco Examiner.

Newspaper and periodical publishing and printing, radio and television broadcasting, news syndicates, the United States Organization (USO), N.Y., Twentieth Century Fox, United Press International, San Luis Mining, Halifax Power and Pulp Co., and the Androscoggin Water and Power Co., and many other areas hidden from the public eye.

It is clear that the Hearsts, by their own admission, are an integral part of the ruling class, which includes among others, the Rockefeller's, the Morgans, the DuPonts, the Vanderbilts and the Carnegies. The history of the Hearst family in the United States is one of violence, exploitation and domination, especially over the native peoples of the United States. The Hearst family along with the other 200 ruling class families in the United States have historically used their money, political power and influence to oppress working and struggling peoples within the United States and throughout the world. Hearst's history has shown this to be factually true.

● THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FREE LOS TRES ●

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Hearst kidnapping is a major event in the recent history of the revolutionary movement within the United States. In the past year only the battle of Wounded Knee and the siege of New Orleans have attracted comparable national and international attention. The feeding of thousands of poor and oppressed people due to armed action by revolutionaries in America has produced a whirlwind of discussion and struggle within all sections of American society.

The revolutionary movement in particular is divided over the SLA's strategy and tactics. Some "revolutionaries" are taking the road of liberalism and are refusing to even discuss the SLA and its actions. Others denounce the SLA. The bourgeois press is quick to publish denunciations by any radicals. What is rare to find are principled criticisms done from the standpoint of practice, criticism and self-criticism. This section contains a history of the Hearst family, the goals of the Symbionese Liberation Army and two letters from the BLA and the Weather Underground. We offer this material so that people can better understand the SLA actions. Progressive people, study the material! Be unliberal in criticism and self-criticism! Do not bend to reformism and revisionism. Always remember that the people will judge us by our actions.

BLA Welcomes the SLA to the Struggle

An Open Letter to the People and all Combat Units of the United Federated Legions of the SLA;

Comrades in Arms, we the BLA speak to you from our prison cells, our underground safehouses, from the streets and the GRAVE. We send to you (SLA) the most profound revolutionary greetings. We welcome you with open arms, the level of struggle has truly reached the point of no return. The dialectics of our conflict has spiraled to the point of open guerrilla warfare. It is being waged against the number one enemy of mankind - "The Military Armed Fascist Corporate American State". We have been waging this protracted War of Liberation virtually alone; Oh but how sweet it is to hear the thunder of your weapons resounding on the battlefield. We are coming of age, as the caterpillar becomes the butterfly so the man child becomes the armed combatant.

In the process of this development we must realize we have many roads to travel. Today's primary objective of the resistance struggle, is to develop a concrete analysis of the contemporary conditions through which the forces of repression and resistance are waging struggle.

In order that this may be accomplished it is necessary to ask these questions: 1) At what stage is the waging advanced forms of struggle being waged? 2) What level of repression is the state using to exterminate this most advanced form of resistance? and 3) What are the strengths and weaknesses at these advanced stages? Lastly, we must examine the whole complex of contradictory historical forces that are building up and ripening into a state of supreme crisis. Those who have prepared themselves through action, criticism, self-criticism and study, will be in a strategic position to seize the opportunity and act decisively at the right moment.

San Quentin prisoners known as the San Quentin Six were bolted and chained to their seats as they were being prepared for trial in Marin County and to compound their conditions, they were separated from the spectators by a bullet proof partition with a television camera monitoring their every move. JoAnn Chesimard (Assata Shakur) and Mark Squire (alleged members of the BLA) are chained and tried in a New Jersey county which is the tenth richest in the country. The sinister nature of growing fascism there was exemplified in the appearance of brown shirts (swastikas and all) protesting support for the corporate state. Ironically, on January 16, 1974 in San Francisco, brown shirts appeared at the S.F. school board meeting dealing with integration of the public school system.

On January 8th two alleged members of the SLA are captured. Bail is set at \$250,000.00, the two defendants are chained in court and are then taken to San Quentin for security reasons.

In New York, the New York Five are being held without bond in the alleged guerrilla attacks on the domestic, military police agencies in New York City. The New York Five are alleged members of the BLA and are chained and shackled as they are being tried.

In February of this year, Rubin Bois Scott, alleged member of BLA, was charged with being one of the participants in the guerrilla strale raid on the Ingleside police station in August 1971. Bail for Scott was set at \$500,000.

In 1973, the Watergate operation revealed to the American public a clandestine, domestic, military organization within the ruling circles (government) is licensed to commit burglaries, bombings, assassination and electronic surveillance,

It also incorporated all necessary forms of activity which would act as a repressant and thereby immobilize the resistance. The reinstatement of the Death Penalty by certain states designating that murders of police officers, correction officers and other officials of the state apparatus, call for mandatory death sentence upon conviction. This action totally ignores the unconstitutionality of the practice ruled on by the Supreme Court.

Finally, there is a bill on the floor of the Congress which would give police agencies a legal right to kick down any door when there is suspicion that an armed assailant is being given refuge. All of this points to one thing; the state apparatus is gearing its legal machinery for the specific task of meeting the new form of resistance with an even more sinister form of repression. Without any question, it is obvious, that the most advanced stages of resistance have increased the spiral of repressant tensions created between the two and this will further the surge upward at each violent encounter. CORPORATE FASCISM IS HERE!



*"We're Involved in a War -
A People's War against those who
oppress the People. This is War in
the Clearest Sense of the Word."*

From our vantage point the most advanced forms of struggle are our clandestine BLA assault squads, the weatherunderground, and the SLA combat units. All are working from the promise laid down by our fallen Comrade George Jackson. He recognized that a focal motor, or armed combatants, are the vanguard of urban guerrilla warfare. It was he who taught us our theater of combat was the urban centers of Amerikkka, and the ranks of long time associates. From these ranks are flowing more and more armed combatants filling the ranks of the BLA in particular and the Resistance movement in general.

But comrades, there is a high price that we have paid and will pay for our mistakes. That price is death, or life imprisonment. The level of repression is

ruthless and they will stop at nothing to suppress us. Our declaration of war has resulted in the retaliation of their domestic military agencies. Our women have been gunned down on expressways with magnum loads, our comrades have been hunted down by the FBI and shot twenty-five times; using Comrade Tyrone as an example of what their standing "Shoot On Sight" order really means.

Our comrades who have been captured are no long Political Prisoners, but Prisoners of War and they are treated accordingly. Facing life without possibility, they are beaten, chained, and welded into their cells in so-called adjustment centers throughout Amerikkka. Those recently captured comrades in New York, New Jersey, New Orleans and Oakland are brought to court every day chained and shackled with bails set at \$250,000 to \$500,000. It is necessary that we learn from these mistakes; in order that we insure survival and growth of the resistance movement.

Therefore, we must examine every capture, every loss of life, every internal contradiction, so that we do not lose comrades unnecessarily. The strength of our movement is secrecy; the weakness is inexperience and the failure to purge from within ourselves the putrid disease of the bourgeois mentality.

How many times have squad meetings come to an abrupt halt because of an individual trying to push his ideas on the squads without collective deliberation? How many times have idle gossip and bickering caused disunity? How many times has the conflict of sexual partners hindered the perfection of precision, and how many times has the frustrated individual dug his own grave by embarking on a mission without following the advice of his reconnaissance team, only to be captured by the enemy. We must remember at all times that revolution is a process; and that the enemy is around us everywhere -- and it is he, who we must deal with.

But, in order to deal with the enemy, we must reduce our mistakes to absolute zero. No missions undertaken when surveillance teams report unfavorable conditions. No safe houses or surveillance houses where surveillance or combat units live should have any uncoded information lying around. No posters or literature should be in possession of combatants at any time. Any items used to carry out a mission should be totally destroyed, and above all pay close attention to detail. All underground units should by now have learned to stay off the streets and highways late at night.

Being on the streets in Concord at that time of the morning was as costly to the SLA as the capture of JoAnn Chesimard (Assata Shakur) and Clark Squire, and the murder of Zayad Shakur to the BLA. Both happened during a period when all combat units should have been in safe houses. We must remember what Assata Shakur said of the mistake, "He who travels while the sun sleeps will stumble many times."

We have noted from our prison cells and our underground safehouses, that the reactionary revisionist elements of the movements of the past, i.e. Huey Newton and Angela Davis say that SLA actions divide the community. It is rather ironic that they would say this, since they defected from the struggle sometime ago. Perhaps Manchild Jonathan Jackson would be alive today if they hadn't deserted him in his hour of need. The BLA is aware of the crime that you have committed against the people, so who are you to determine the legitimacy of any revolutionary act.

GOALS OF THE SLA

1. To unite all oppressed people into a fighting force and to destroy the system of the capitalist state and all its value systems. To create in its place a system and sovereign nations that are in the total interest of all its races and people, based on the true affirmation of life, love, trust and honesty, freedom and equality that is truly for all.

2. To assure the rights of all people to self-determination and the rights to build their own nation and government, with representatives that have shown through their actions to be in the interest of their people. To give the right to all people to select and elect their own representatives and governments by direct vote.

3. To build a people's federated council, who will be a male and female of each People's Council or Sovereign Nation of the Symbionese Federation of Nations, who shall be the representatives of their nations in the forming of trade pacts and unified defense against any external enemy that may attack any of the free nations of the federation and to form other aids to each others' needs.

4. To aid and defend the cultural rights of all the sovereign nations of the Symbionese Federation, and to aid each nation in the building of educational and other institutions to meet and serve this need for its people.

5. To place the control of all the institutions and industries of each nation into the hands of its people. To aid sovereign nations of the federation to build nations where work contributes concretely to the full interest and needs of its workers and the communal interest of its communities and its people and the mutual interest of all within the federation of nations.

6. To aid and defend the rights of all oppressed people to build nations which do not institute oppression and exploita-



tion, but rather does institute the environment of freedom and defends that freedom on all levels and for all of the people, and by any means necessary.

7. To give back to all people their human and constitutional rights, liberty, equality and justice and the right to bear arms in the defense of these rights.

8. To create a system where our aged are cared for with respect, love and kindness, aide and encouraged to become assets in their own ways to their nations and to their communal community. That the life that moves around them is not a frightening and murderous one and where life is not a fear, but rather one of love and feeling and of unity.

9. To create a system and laws that will neither force people into nor force them to stay in personal relationships that they do not wish to be in, and to destroy all chains instituted by legal and social laws of the capitalist state which act as a reinforcing system to maintain this form of imprisonment.

10. To create institutions that will aid, reinforce and educate the growth of our comrade women and aid them in making a new true and better role to live in life

and in the defining of themselves as a new and free people,

11. To create new forms of life and relationships that bring true meanings of love to people's relationships, and to form communes on the community level and bring the children of the community into being the responsibility of the community, to place our children in the union of real comradeship and in the care and loving interest of the revolutionary community.

12. To destroy the prison system, which the capitalist state has used to imprison the oppressed and exploited, and thereby destroy the love, unity and hopes of millions of lives and families. And to create in its place a system of comradeship and that of group unity and education on a communal and revolutionary level within the community, to bring home our daughters and sons, and sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers and welcome them home with love and a new revolutionary comradeship of unity.

13. To take control of all state land and that of the capitalist class and to give back the land to the people. To form laws and codes that safeguard that no person can own the land, or sell the land, but rather the nation's people own the land and use it for their needs and interest to live. No one can own or sell the air, the sky, the water, the trees, the birds, the sun, for all of this world belongs to the people of this earth.

14. To take controls of all buildings and apartment buildings of the capitalist class and fascist government and then to totally destroy the rent system of exploitation.

15. To build a federation of nations, who shall formulate programs and unions of actions and interests that will destroy the capitalist value system and its other anti-human institutions and who will be able to do this by meeting all the basic needs of all the people and their nations. For they will be able to do this because each nation will have full control of all of its industries and institutions and does not run them for profit, but in the full interest of all the people of its nation.

16. To destroy all forms and institutions of Racism, Sexism, Ageism, Capitalism, Fascism, Individualism, Possessiveness, Competiveness and all other such institutions that have made and sustained capitalism and the capitalist class system that has oppressed and exploited all of the people of our history.

By this means and the mutual aid and unity of each nation within the Symbionese Federation, will each nation be able to provide to each person and couple and family free of cost the five basic needs of life, which are food, health care, housing, education and clothing, and in this way allowing people to be able to find and form new values and new systems of relationships and interests based on a new meaning to life and love.

IF THE QUEST FOR FREEDOM IS DEATH, THEN BY THE DEATH OF THE ENEMY WILL BLACK AND OTHER OPPRESSED PEOPLE FIND AND REGAIN THEIR FREEDOM.

TO THOSE WHO WOULD BEAR THE HOPES AND FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE, LET THE VOICE OF THEIR GUNS EXPRESS THE WORDS OF FREEDOM.

But, of course, we understand that many more actions of this nature would deprive Huey Newton of the luxury of the penthouses and Broughams. We must not rock the boat because conditions would be created which would awaken our former comrades from complacency. Comrade George Jackson has taught that any party or organization which advocates working within or is a part of the military fascist corporate state should be treated accordingly. So enough of Mr. Newton and his reactionary statements.

We have also observed carefully chosen comment concerning people who said they would refuse SLA offers of food because they wouldn't accept blood money. We say to them, it is rather ironic that you would say this because every time you eat fruit, drink coffee, ride in automobiles, and wear diamond rings, you are accepting an exchange of blood money, for blood products. For the raw materials for these products are taken from the poor oppressed people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Every Black African in South Africa, Mozambique, Angola, just to name a few, are raped of their natural resources everyday. So how can you say that you will not take blood money, it is so much a part of your condition that if you did not take it you would die of starvation.

So we of the Black Liberation Army

support your call to Arms. We recognize your ideology as extremely progressive. We recognize that the suffering of the worlds population is connected to one disease -- The Corporate Fascist Military Empire. Resistance to this disease is the single greatest human endeavor today. Every greater and lesser conflict is connected; from Mozambique to the Middle East, from Southeast Asia to Latin America and from Mexico to the tip of the North American continent.

It is the worldfire of the peoples' struggle to overcome imperialism and corruption and to spreading socialism filled with love, comradeship and human decency. We understand that the SLA acts are political acts and that the power of the act is an example of what an armed combatant can accomplish. LA HORDA IS HERE!

PROFOUND REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS AND THE HIGHEST EXPRESSION OF LOVE:

POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION OF THE BLACK LIBERATION ARMY:

1. Eastern Region: Attica State Prison; All Eastern Underground Safe Houses.
2. Western Region: California State Prison Units; All Western Underground Safe Houses.

MESSAGE FROM THE WEATHER UNDERGROUND

February 20, 1974

Sisters and Brothers,

A massive morality play of American life is occurring, bringing home the message that this society will necessarily continue to produce revolutionaries, whose essential purpose will be understood by masses of people. It demonstrates that the American Empire is violent, ruthless and based on oppression.

As the Symbionese Liberation Army action has unfolded, the bare bones of this drama have emerged out of the contradictions and militaristic style; the guerrillas have kidnapped the daughter of a rich and powerful man in order to provide food to the poor. Their action has unleashed an astonishing practical unity among peoples' organizations, and a leap in everyone's consciousness about the fundamental reality which will not die or pass into memories of a previous decade. That is, the war between the rich and the poor.

There are four points we would offer.

1. American society is maintained by force and violence. The ruling class has held a monopoly on violence and has fed us a steady diet for centuries. Africans were kidnapped and brought here in chains to labor as slaves; Asians brought to build the railroads and mine the ore, kidnapped during World War II and transported to detention camps; Chicanos brought to harvest the fruit and vegetables; poor whites brought as indentured servants or desperate unemployed - and historically all of us pawns and participants in the theft of Native American land and history.

Two hundred years later, this terror is still both institutionalized and randomly encouraged:

- Last November, three white policemen murdered 14 year old Tyrone Guyton, one block from his home in Emeryville. He was Black, shot with a .357 magnum pistol.

- Reagan's latest assault, Welfare Regulation #6, became effective January 1 1974. It eliminates people who are technically illegal aliens from the welfare rolls of AFDC and medical programs, threatening the survival of thousands of Chicano families who have come in search of work. Poor mothers and their children have been singled out to bear the brunt of the attack. At the same time, farmworkers are being shot at and arrested for their struggle to organize.

- Ruchell Cinque Magee, a victim of official kidnap since June 1963, is being tried again in San Jose for participating in a legitimate slave rebellion, 17 year old Jonathan Jackson was brutally gunned down by San Quentin guards. His grieving mother had no riches to save her children's lives.

- At present time, the government holds 22,000 people hostage in the California prisons. They are subject to an escalating "get tough" policy of lock-downs, special adjustment centers and indeterminate sentences. When they can't be contained or broken, they are executed as was George Jackson.

- Terror-bombing from the air, the random destruction of the lives of millions, has been the Asian and now African experience of Pax Americana.

For two generations, the Hearst newspapers themselves have wielded their power and profits by exploiting the most lurid aspects of war, irrational violence and racial and sexist ideas. They have a lot of reckoning to account for.

2. We support the right of people to food. Shadowing the more blatant terror is the silent violence of malnutrition, forced sterilization and schools that teach children to be illiterate. This secret form of murder is increasing and it is systematic.

Hunger and the need for food are urgent. The fact that there are enough people in need in California to require \$400 million to feed them for one month reveals the dimensions of the crisis. And this is the cornucopia of the United States.

Look at Vietnam, formerly the rice bowl of Southeast Asia. Now Saigon-controlled areas are in the midst of a rice famine. This is the consequence of a US-sponsored decade of a savage interference in the Vietnamese right to self-determination and independence. It remains true that in Vietnam, US priorities can be seen most clearly. Last year Nixon gave \$1.3 billion in military aid alone to Thieu.

3. There have always been attempts to disassociate extremists from moderates, to rewrite the fierce struggles of yesterday into "reasonable" unthreatening squabbles, and - above all - to incite racist fears about what might happen when "they" get out of control. It is the people who make revolution, and they must determine how and when revolutionary violence is necessary. This is fundamental: the oppressed have a common enemy. Don't do the enemy's work. The media distorts and denounces in an attempt to divide the revolution. Movement spokespeople who react to political crisis by asserting their own moderation and legitimacy are providing ammunition which will be used in the ruling class plans to split and weaken us.

Beware of the familiar phrases used against every kind of revolutionary action; "it's premature," "it turns people off," "(some people)," "it brings down repression." The same words are used to attack sit-ins, draft-card burnings, urban rebellions, the struggle of women, G.I. revolts or occupations of institutions. Whether or not any of this is literally true, the important thing about revolutionary action is its political effect, its direction, what it teaches and changes and strengthens.

Today Nat Turner and John Brown are considered revolutionary heroes. In their



JOHN BROWN

own time, each was attacked as a murderous lunatic by the more "respectable" abolitionists. Revolution is officially revered only in retrospect.

It is a new experience for us to be described as a moderate alternative in the Hearst papers. This has never happened before. New Left "moderation" is invented now as another racist weapon against Black revolution.

Despite the efforts by the media to sow confusion, many organizations and leaders have kept the primary issues of official violence and oppression in the forefront, affirmed the serious intentions of the SLA, and called for food for people and the safety of both Patricia Hearst and members of the SLA. This is a new and beautiful development.

4. Revolutions are uneven. They develop from concrete conditions. Like people, like nations, they are each unique and yet share common qualities. They will not behave according to expectations; they are forged in grinding suffering and resistance.

For the ruling class, it's an easy thing to anonymously destroy thousands of lives. The use of violence carries different burdens for conscious revolutionaries who love the people, than for their enemies who fear and hate people.

We do not comprehend the execution of Marcus Foster, and respond very soberly to the death of a Black person who was not recognized as an enemy of his people. But it is wrong to allow such questions to become a grant of immunity to enemies and executioners of the oppressed. The system always holds that its massive violence is legal and moral and that revolutionary violence by the people is illegal and outrageous. It is the opposite that is true.

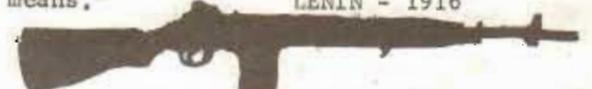
The hypocrisy of ruling class morality and justice is shown in their treatment of the SLA prisoners. Joseph Remiro and Russel Little have not been tried, but they are being held in isolation in the Adjustment Center of San Quentin. And still the three policemen from the same area who murdered a 14 year old Black man-child have not even been indicted, despite the collective outcry of the Black community.

Committed political workers will be criticizing and discussing the Hearst kidnapping for a long time, but we must acknowledge that this audacious intervention has carried forward the basic public questions and starkly dramatized what many have come to experience; it will be necessary to organize and to destroy this racist and cruel system.

For the WeatherUnderground
Bernadine Dohrn

"The proletariat of the oppressing nations cannot confine itself to the general hack-eyed phrases against annexations and for the equal rights of nations in general, that may be repeated by any pacifist bourgeois. The proletariat cannot evade the question that is particularly 'unpleasant' for the imperialist bourgeoisie, namely, the question of the frontiers of a state that is based on national oppression. The proletariat cannot but fight against the forcible retention of the oppressed nations within the boundaries of a given state, and this is exactly what the struggle for the right of self-determination means."

LENIN - 1916



The revolutionary movement in America began in the early sixties with the civil rights movement against racial oppression of Blacks. It grew with a popular understanding that oppression and inequality were basic to the American way of life. Malcolm X spoke on the Ballot or the Bullet in 1964 and was assassinated later that year, Watts burned in the first long hot summer of 1965, East Los Angeles and other cities in the Southwest (Aztlán) were also having their hot summers. The Brown Berets, Denver's Crusade for Justice and the Puerto Rican Young Lords Party were founded in the late 60's. The anti-war movement grew with America's youth. Through their involvement in the anti-war movement, some whites gained an understanding of the total American system of oppression and allied themselves with the struggles of Third World people within America as well. The Black Panther Party was founded in 1966. In 1967 the US government was forced to send paratroopers to put down the Detroit Rebellion.



NATIONAL GAURDSMEN IN DETROIT 1967

1968 was a high point for the struggles of people in America. In April, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, and over 125 cities exploded in angry rebellion against this latest act of repression. These riots and other demonstrations won unprecedented concessions. The anti-war movement was forcing changes in American foreign policy. BPP chapters spread like wild-fire across the country. They provided unified leadership and nation-wide communications for the entire US movement. During this time, the first national Chicano youth conference was held in Denver, Colorado. It united hundreds of individuals and groups to declare themselves the nation of Aztlán.

1968 also signalled the decision of the US government and business that "things had gone too far". People had gotten away with too much. Law and order Nixon was engineered into the Presidency. In the next five years, poverty programs were cut and altered to only serve business. Schools were filled with police and detective squads. Bebe Rebozo's Mafia began massive infusion of CIA dope into TW communities. The number of arrests and police murders of TW people jumped. Profits enjoyed their largest increases ever while inflation and unemployment jumped. The economic control phases began with the approval of giant companies like GM. 1968 also was the year that systematic repression of every major revolutionary action and organization began. That spring J. Edgar Hoover directed the FBI to "expose, disrupt and neutralize the New Left Movement," and to "prevent the development of a Mao-mao type Black nationalist revolution in the United States."

That spring National Guard units and paratroopers were used to crush the Black Urban Rebellions. Only Vietnam hardened paratroopers were able to contain the uprising. That year the Oakland police murdered BPP's L'il Bobby Hutton and arrested Huey P. Newton.

In the next five years, the BPP split and catalyzed a split in the entire movement. The police repression made clear that revolution was a life and death struggle between the rulers and the ruled, not a game. The choice had to be made to either make revolution or to play with reform. Faced with that choice, the Young Lords Party, The Chicano Revolutionary Party, the Revolutionary Union, Vencemos, the Brown Berets, Red Guards, etc. either split or disbanded. Other organizations were heavily infiltrated or repressed like VVAW and Republic of New Africa. The success of police repression has proved that capitalism and imperialism are still stronger than the revolutionary movement.

Meanwhile, the revolutionary movement proved that it had three serious weaknesses. The young movement thought it could stand the world on its head in a few short years. They were not prepared for a long struggle that required building the unity of all revolutionary people. Many people became discouraged and tired. Others made careless mistakes that put themselves in the hands of the police. The "revolutionary lifestyle" became isolated from the life of working families.

The other two problems are closely related. Many organizations have split over differences on the role of national liberation struggles and the role of armed struggle in America. On the one side is the insistence that the struggles of TW people are a smaller or secondary part of the general working class struggle. These people condemn revolutionary nationalism and the concept of urban guerrilla warfare. They downplay the importance of the Black Urban Rebellions and say that the masses can not grasp even the concept of armed struggle until years in the future. These people are the Oakland BPP leadership, Revolutionary Union, the old Communist Party, Trotsky-ites and groups dominated by them (i.e. Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers' Organization, formerly part of the Young Lords, now under RU's wing).

On the other side is the insistence that recent history proves that the struggles of Third World people for national liberation from imperialism are the leading element of the revolutionary struggle. These people quote Mao that, "in wars of national liberation, patriotism(ed. note:



nationalism) is applied internationalism." They stand opposite to the first side on every major question from defending captured BIA members to the role of oppressed people's culture and how to deal with the reactionary Teamster's Union. Although this paper has no organizational allegiances, we agree with this side of the split.

We are revolutionary nationalists. We are for building socialism and completely smashing the corporate fascist state. Imperialism(monopoly capitalism) and racism are the twin pillars of the fascists' empire. The monsters of capitalism must be destroyed before they destroy our people. We hope this paper can contribute to the future development of theory, strategy and organization of the Revolution and benefit the lives of oppressed people everywhere.

Comrade Ho Chi Minh inspired the people of Vietnam to battle 30 years ago with these words, "Revolutionary Fighters, the hour has struck. The fighting spirit of the people is displayed before you! Let us rise up quickly! Unite with each other, unify your action to overthrow the imperialists. Victory to the World Revolution! "

Free the People
SEIZE THE TIME



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To My People

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into a store in our neighborhood we are being held up. And every time we pay our rent the landlord sticks a gun into our ribs.

They call us thieves, but we did not rob and murder millions of Indians by ripping off their homeland, then call ourselves pioneers. They call us bandits, but it is not us who are robbing Africa, Asia and Latin America of their natural resources and freedom while the people of these lands are sick and starving. The rulers of this country and their flunkies have committed some of the most brutal, vicious crimes in history. They are the bandits. They are the murderers. And they should be treated as such. These manics are not fit to judge me, Clark Squire, or any other Black person on trial in amerikkka. Black People should, and inevitably must, determine our destinies.

Every revolution in history has been accomplished by actions, although words are necessary. We must create shields that protect us and spears that penetrate our enemies. Black People must learn how to struggle by struggling. We must learn much by our mistakes.

I want to apologize to you, my Black brothers and sisters, for being on the New Jersey Turnpike. I should have known better. The Turnpike is a check point where Black people are stopped, searched, harassed, and assaulted. Revolutionaries must never be in too much of a hurry or make careless decisions. He who runs when the sun is sleeping will stumble many times.

Every time a Black Freedom Fighter is murdered or captured the pigs try to create the impression that they have squashed the movement, destroyed our forces and put down the Black Revolution. The pigs also try to give the impression that 5 or 10 Guerrillas are responsible for every revolutionary action carried out in amerikkka. That is nonsense. That is absurd. Black revolutionaries do not drop from the moon. We are created by our conditions, shaped by our oppression. We are being manufactured in droves in ghetto streets; places like Attica, San Quentin, Walpole, Leavenworth and Sing Sing. They are turning out thousands of us. Many jobless Black veterans and welfare mothers are joining our ranks. Brothers and sisters from all walks of life who are tired of suffering passively make up the BLA.

There is and always will be, until every Black man, woman and child is free, a Black Liberation Army. The main function of the Black Liberation Army at this time is to create good examples to struggle for Black freedom and to prepare for the future. We must defend ourselves and let no one disrespect us. We must gain our liberation by any means necessary.

It is our duty to fight for our freedom.

It is our duty to win.

We must love each other and support each other.

WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR CHAINS!

IN THE SPIRIT OF:

- RONALD CARTER
- GEORGE JACKSON
- WILLIAM CHRISTMAS
- JONATHAN JACKSON
- MARK CLARK
- WOODY CHANGA OLUGBALA GREEN
- ANTHONY KIMU OLUGBALA WHITE
- LIL' BOBBY HUTTON
- JAMES McCLAIN
- MARK ESSEX
- HAROLD RUSSELL
- FRANK HEAVY FIELDS
- ZAYD MALIK SHAKUR
- FRED HAMPTON

WE MUST FIGHT ON!!!

ASSATA SHAKUR

ON SELF-DEFENSE

THE TASK OF A REVOLUTIONARY is to make the revolution. Many tools are necessary for this task and in the US people have owned these tools for many years. Guns are one of these tools are as essential to someone who believes in self-defense as a wrench is to a mechanic. They are slowly becoming hot items. Hot in the sense that unless you're a police officer or an N.R.A. member (although members are sometimes suspected of being revolutionaries) these tools are getting harder to get.

WITH THIS COLUMN we hope to make information available about places where weapons can be gotten, which weapons are the best, their correct usage, and to answer questions about standardization of weapons, how to conduct a house defense plan, etc.

"AN UNARMED PEOPLE ARE SLAVES or subject to slavery at any time." What does this quote mean? We believe this describes the

THE SUN

The earth gives birth to the sun on the immense ocean.
Wearing a red beard on his face,
And a scarf of white clouds,
Baby Sun bids farewell to his mother.

Oh, how he loves Mother Earth!
All day he sends her hot kisses
Which warm her heart
Even after night comes,
"I never et," says the sun to his mother,

situation which poor and oppressed people, particularly those of color, are in now in the U.S. Big politicians hire the CIA to assassinate members of their own class (with guns) and then turn around and preach that only with massive gun control will our country be saved. The government pours enormous amounts of money into major cities for more police, intelligence, weapons. Their rationale is the increasing crime rate and the ever increasing threat of domestic insurgents.

THE CRIME RATE IS SKYROCKETING and people are organizing and rebelling. We feel that in spite of the brainwashing we receive through much of the media we can combat these lies with education about our resources and how to use them.

PRIMARILY THESE ARTICLES WILL BE A PRACTICAL GUIDE about guns. We will be glad to answer pressing questions anyone might have.

The sun is there on the Truong Son* even at night:
His light is in the headlights of the trucks heading for the frontline;
His heat is in the shells fired at enemy planes,
His fire is in the hearts of the combatants.
"I never set," says the sun, "for I love you, Mother Earth."

A Vietnamese Child - HOANG HIEU NHAN
(11 years old)
* a chain of mountains

CULTURAL REVOLUTION

"We must launch a Cultural Revolution to unbrainwash an entire people... Culture is an indispensable weapon in the freedom struggle."

- Malcolm X

Editor's Note: The Nguzo Saba Weusi (Seven Principles of Blackness) is one formulation of moral principles to guide liberation fighters and families along the path of struggle. Despite its similarity to both the Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles) of Ron Karenga and the Seven Principles of the SLA, this is an independent formulation based on the 400 years of African struggle in the New World.



The Nguzo Saba Weusi is a moral value system founded, developed and practiced by people of African descent, living in the Americas. It consists of seven cardinal principles, which are derived from over 10,000 years of African tradition; and from over 400 years of struggle against slavery and oppression.

As a moral foundation for attitudes and conduct, the Nguzo Saba Weusi provides every brother and sister with identity, purpose and direction. Read, learn, practice and teach the Nguzo Saba Weusi.

- Monday is for Nia.
- Tuesday is for Kuumba.
- Wednesday is for Kujitegemea.
- Thursday is for Imani.
- Friday is for Kujichagulia.
- Saturday is for Ujamaa.
- Sunday is for Umoja.

The Nguzo Saba Weusi (The Seven Principles of Blackness)

- Nia (nee a) (purpose)
To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our communities - in order to restore our people to their original greatness.
- Kuumba (ku um ba) (creativity)
To do always as much as we can, and in every way we can, to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.
- Kujitegemea (ku gi tae gae mae a) (self-reliance)
To strive for independence by relying on our own mental, physical, and spiritual labor - instead of depending on someone else.
- Imani (e ma nce) (faith)
To believe with all our hearts in our parents, our children, our people, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.
- Kujichagulia (ku gi cha gu li a) (self-determination)
To define, develop, maintain and defend our way of life, and to chart our own path for the future - instead of having someone else do it for us.
- Ujamaa (oo ja ma) (collective work and responsibility)
To build, support and profit together from our own political, social and economic institutions - to make our brothers and sisters problems, our problems and to solve them together.
- Umoja (oo mo ja) (unity)
To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.
- Harambee, Harambee, Harambee
(Let's All Pull Together)

Historically, the oil companies have derived their major profit from their exploitative relations to oil-producing countries. Middle East oil is appropriated at extremely low cost (it costs one dollar to produce a barrel of oil in the Middle East and North Africa), then transported, refined and sold throughout the industrialized world at highly favorable profit margins. The fundamental exploitation, then, has historically existed at the point of production. But when the oil-producing countries began to revolt, asking for larger shares in the companies and higher prices for their oil, it meant that sooner or later the burden of exploitation had to shift from the point of production to the point of consumption - us."

These and many more words have been written on the oil "crisis". Below is a sampling of both the bourgeois press and progressive media."

PROFITS FOR THE BIG EIGHT HAVE SOARED (1973)

	73 Earnings	Gain Over 72
Exxon.....	\$1.6 billion	59%
Texaco.....	\$838 million	35%
Mobil.....	\$571 "	38%
Gulf.....	\$570 "	60%
Standard Cal..	\$560 "	40%
Std of Ind...\$	389 "	32%
Shell.....	\$253 "	41%
ARCO.....	\$178 "	37%

"The rulers of this country have used millions of tons of oil and other precious resources in the most destructive war in history in Indochina. They have just sent billions of dollars of military supplies (including fuel for jets and tanks) to Israel. On top of that, they have created an artificial fuel shortage in America, and then blamed it on everyone but themselves!"
---Workers' World

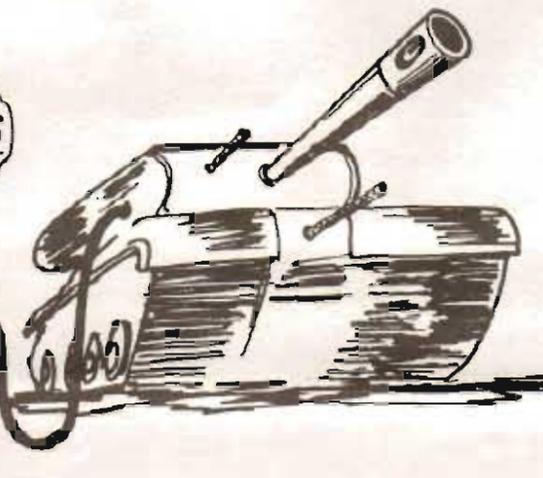
"Not surprisingly, between the third quarter of 1972 and the third quarter of 1973, oil industry profits rose 63 percent."
---Science News

"Thanks to the energy crisis, workers throughout the country face massive layoffs, both immediately and in the future."
---Muhammed Speaks

"Hardest hit by the layoffs, cutbacks of public services, and rationing are Blacks, Chicanos, women, and other minority workers, all those who have always been the last hired and the first fired."
---Guardian

"Most oppressed people will understand the recent actions taken by the Arab Nations, actions which Nixon has called "blackmail". In assessing the position adopted by the Arabs, only two things must be remembered: 1) the oil belongs to the Arabs, and 2) the entire history of their relationship with America has been one of ruthless exploitation and unilateral abuse. What would you do? A man who catches a thief in his house cannot be held responsible for the safety of the thief."
---Jihad News

"The trouble with being a big oil company is no-one believes a word you say."
---Gulf Oil



PENTAGON ORDERS OIL DIVERTED FROM CIVILIAN...MANDATORY HOME OIL CUTS SLATED
---S.F. Examiner

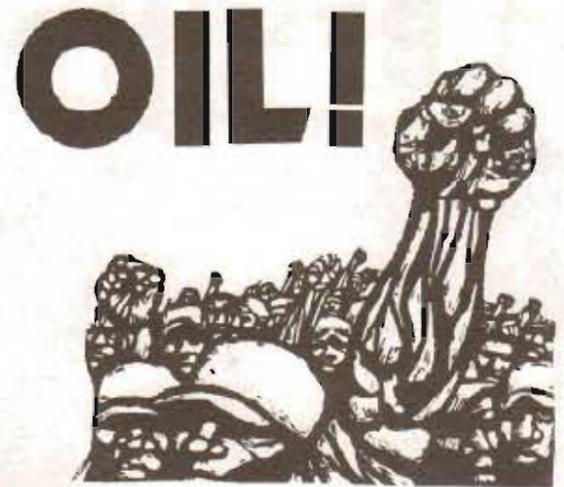
"...there is a great deal of evidence to support the charge that the major oil companies have deliberately created the oil shortage:

"-For the past 17 years the oil industry has been steadily cutting back its exploratory drilling for oil and natural gas. In 1956, 208 million cubic feet were drilled. By 1972 this figure had declined to 86 million cubic feet, a cutback of almost 60%.

"-In one of its advertisements Mobil Oil states that "oil companies knew the shortage was coming for the past twenty years." In spite of this, as late as 1967 oil fields in Louisiana and Texas were operating at only 40% of their capacity.

"The 'oil crisis' is a criminal fraud which will hurt the working class to save the capitalist class and for that reason it is a farce which must be exposed and crushed."
---Puerto Rican Socialist Party

"Despite the press's attempts to pin the blame on the recently imposed embargo by the Arab nations, the energy shortage is here for as long as it is profitable for oil companies... again collusion between government and big business robs the working class."
---In Struggle



graphic by lns

"Our jobs, our nation, our future depend on educating everyone to the power and greed of these 20 monopolistic oil companies... the answer to America's energy problem is nationalization of the oil industry."
---George Hardy, President, SEIU, AFL-CIO

"The nation's 20 largest oil companies control almost 95% of the country's known oil reserves..."
---SF Examiner

"Officials and principal stockholders of 178 oil and gas companies contributed almost \$5 million... to re-elect Richard M. Nixon in 1972..."
...Washington Post

"What's bringing the stock market down, in short, is not the Arab embargo, but the sharpening all-round crisis of the capitalist system."
---Guardian

"We're going to refuse the so-called compromise of passing on increases to selves. We want a roll-back of prices at the wholesale level."
---Overdrive Magazine

"On the other hand, Teamster officials are working closely with the government in suppressing the angry truckers' resort to direct action."
---Sedition

"What we need around here is a revolution."
---anonymous trucker on CBS-TV



'We all have our burdens to bear'



WORLD REVOLUTION



Rally held by the 7,000 representatives of Quang Tri Province at meeting of the People's Revolutionary Committee *****

Quang Tri

Quang Tri is the northern-most province of what is now South Vietnam. Quang Tri was liberated by the NLF and DRVN forces during the last months of 1972. Its liberation proved that even the Xmas bombing, the most intensive in history, could only fail against the Vietnamese people's desire for peace with independence, democracy and national concord.

Quang Tri also proved that Vietnam is one country despite the lies of the US government and the Saigon regime. Many of the DRVN(North) regular troops were fighting to liberate their hometowns. Ciap, the general of the DRVN forces, was born in the province just north of Quang Tri and led student demonstrations against the French colonialists at his school in Hue, just south of Quang Tri.

The anniversary of Quang Tri's liberation is closely followed by the first anniversary of the January 1973 Peace Agreement. As of this writing, the Agreement threatens to collapse. Thieu, with the support of US rearmament and "civilian" personnel, has ordered his troops to strike first. Bombings against the designated PRG areas of Loc Ninh and Hu Dop, land grabbing and rice looting are some of the violations of the Agreement committed by Saigon.

Meanwhile, areas controlled by Saigon are subject to mass arrests, political detention, shortages and taxes levied on taxes(10% Value Added Tax). Resistance

has stiffened in response. Demonstrations against taxes, mass arrests and flogging deaths have been held in Hue, Tay Ninh, and even inside the Vung Tau "re-education center"(prison) despite laws against any public demonstrations and shoot at will orders for Saigon police.

A resistance movement is growing in the Saigon Army. Between August and September 1973, seven different battalions refused orders to invade PRG areas. A turn-the-guns-around movement has also begun. Troops kill their Saigon appointed CO and either go home or go over to the NLF in full kit. In one instance, the 495 battalion of Trung Hoa on Sept. 24 killed their CO and deserted. The day after, soldiers of the 5th Regiment occupied a building in the district capital of Dong Cat, and broadcasted denunciations of Thieu from it. Troops sent to retake it were driven back with casualties.

The liberation of Vietnam has been greatly aided by victories in Laos and Cambodia, with the signing of the Agreement on Restoring Peace and Achieving National Concord in Laos on Sept. 14, 1973 and the final approach by Cambodian NLFPA troops on Phnom Penh in these last weeks.

In conclusion, the struggle in Vietnam has been long and hard, but victory is near and sweet. Quang Tri province is evidence of future prospects.



One of the over 15,000 students attending Quang Tri's newly built schools ****

Latin America

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina - Leaders of the People's Revolutionary Army held a press conference on February 14, 1974 to announce the formation of a United South American Guerrilla Command against imperialism and repression. PRA leader Domingo Mena stated that, "Before we exchanged ideas and some material. Now we are prepared to do combat under joint command."

The joint command includes such well-known people's forces as the Tupamaros of Uruguay, the Leftist Revolutionary Movement of Chile and the National Liberation Army of Chile. This move demonstrated recognition of the need for armed, international anti-imperialist unity.



Aboubacar Kamara, Guinean Ambassador to the DRVN meets with Truong Chinh, Chairman of the National Assembly's Standing Committee *****

Afro-Asian Unity

PEKING - President Julius Nyerere was recently a visitor to the People's Republic of China. This third visit to China was based in part on Nyerere's effort to unite the countries on the Indian Ocean against the U.S. efforts at Diego Garcia. At a banquet in honor of Nyerere in the Great Hall of the People, Premier Chou En Lai gave a militant speech. Chou repeated emphasized the role of revolutionary violence in the world revolutionary movement, the futility of evolutionary(peaceful, gradual) change and the need for increased militant struggle against the twin imperialist monsters of the United States and the Soviet Union.

In memory of

Amilcar Cabral



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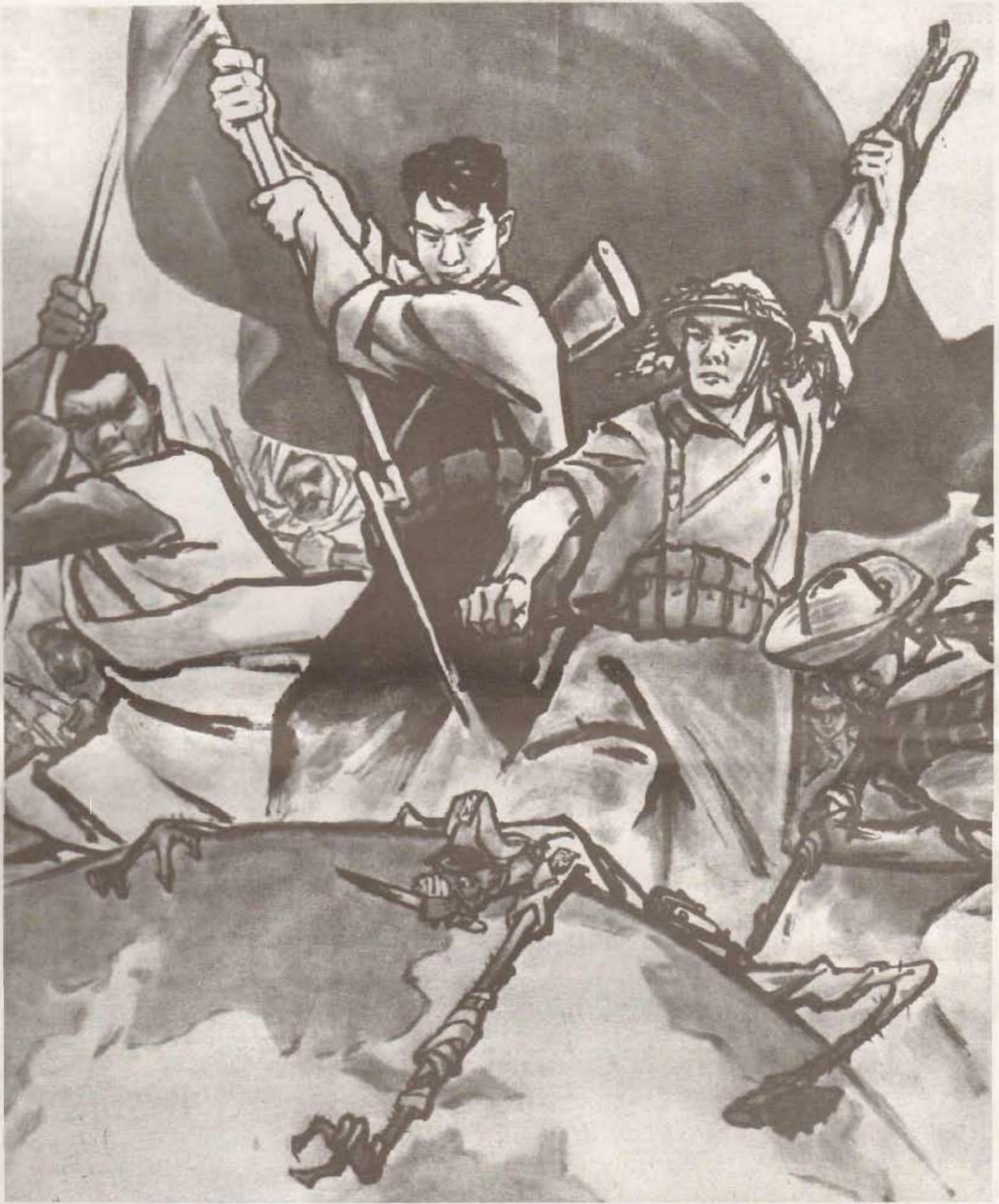
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