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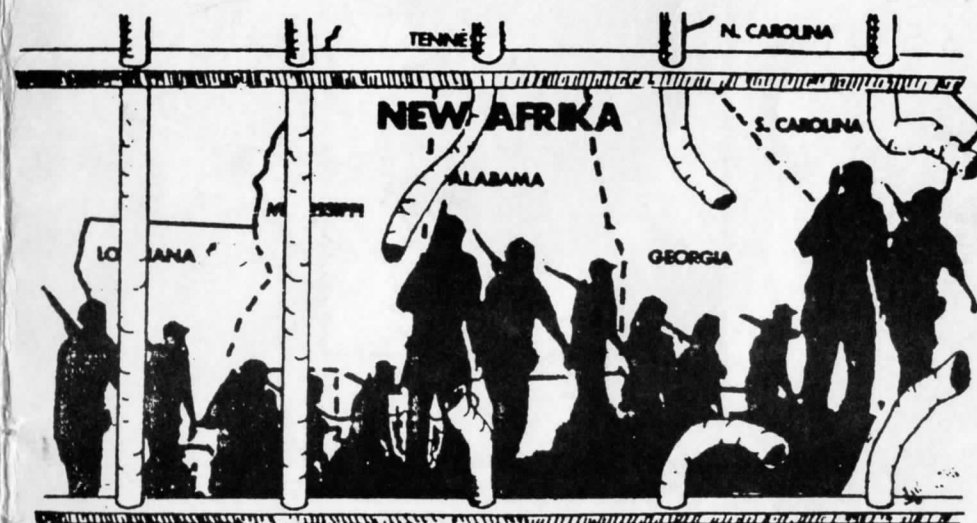
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Free the Land!



New Afrikan People's Organization



"Land is the Basis of Independence!"



"I'm not going to sit at your table and watch you eat, with nothing on my plate, and call myself a diner. Sitting at the table doesn't make you a diner. . . . Being here in America doesn't make you an American."

The Text of the Founding Statement of the New Afrikan People's Organization

The New Afrikan People's Organization represents the coming together of heretofore different elements of the New Afrikan Independence Movement. While previously being affiliated with other autonomous groupings, these elements share a common strategic objective - that objective being self-determination, land and an independent nation state for New Afrikans colonized by U.S. imperialism.

After serious discussion, taking place over a number of years, it has been decided that in the best interest of our movement and our nation, to unify our force around common principles, practice and discipline. It is to this end that the New Afrikan People's Organization has been formed.

It is our considered opinion that the New Afrikan Independence Movement has been suffering from a number of maladies, some self-induced, others the result of the oppressor nation's design to thwart our efforts towards obtaining self-determination and our human rights. Elitism, individualism and a lack of discipline within our ranks has only aided our enemy in discrediting and neutralizing the most valiant efforts of struggling New Afrikans.

Additionally, our responsibility to demonstrate our reliability and trustworthiness, remains a paramount concern. We must approach our struggle scientifically, organizing ourselves and utilizing our resources, both human and material, in a manner that is most useful to our National Liberation Struggle. We

must demonstrate through community survival programs and organizational predictability that we can provide non-exploitative, humanizing alternatives to the system of subjugation that presently ensnares us. As we build for complete independence, we further recognize that we are confronted by a rapacious foe that seeks to continue its inhumane and illegal domination over us.

Our responsibility is to struggle unceasingly to bring and end to this situation. We cannot equivocate in our support of those who engage the enemy in political/military combat. For to do so, is to reduce our pronouncements to mere posturing, and to increase the danger to those engaging the enemy in this manner. It is therefore, our responsibility to champion our right to organize for the military defense of our nation. We must not allow repression to make cowards of us. We must continue to organize for our National Liberation.

Some of the basic principles that will guide the New Afrikan People's Organization are the following:

Land and Nationhood. Land constitutes the material basis upon which we can exercise our collective will. An independent nation and state power provides us with the organizational mechanism that is the prerequisite for our continued freedom. Our labor and lives, expended in our national sea, New Afrika, legitimizes our claim to this territory.



Founding Statement

Collective Leadership and Democratic Centralism. - are fundamental processes required to eliminate elitism and individualism that has often characterized the leadership of organizations in our movement. These two features will enable us to engage in comprehensive political analysis and responsiveness to our total organizational membership, as well as the masses of our people. They simultaneously assure the discipline required to make an effective organizational response to the schemes of our colonizers.

Socialism and Anti-Imperialism. We advocate a non-exploitive, social economic system. One that benefits the masses of our people in an independent New Afrika. Our determination to end all exploitation of subjugated nations, inside and outside the boundaries of the U.S., is a fundamental principle that motivates us to have fraternal relationships to those forces struggling against imperialist domination.

Reparations and Freedom for our Prisoners of War (P.O.W.'s) and Political Prisoners (P.P's). A just settlement for legitimate claims that are pending against the U.S. imperialist state must be concluded. The super-profits gained because of our being brutalized and super-exploited must be returned to us. Also our P.O.W.'s and Political Detainees who for-

thrightly confronted our enemies and our heroes and heroines must be returned to our nation.

Humility and Discipline. The eradication of arrogance and behavior that inhibits our ability to function for our nation and alienates us from the masses of our people. Relationships must be based on equality and mutual respect and no liberalism on anti-social behavior in our ranks.

Self-defense and Political Development. The unity of theory and practice must prevail. We must be physically fit and capable of defending our physical beings, while also being intellectually competent to defend our lives and bring new members into our organization. We have a responsibility to organize ourselves and our people for self-defense as well as fulfilling our political obligations.

Additionally, our political and material support for our combatants must never be compromised. We must fight against white racist domination and support others doing the same. These general principles and others will guide the New Afrikan People's Organization. We welcome those who are willing to join us in taking on the challenge that freedom requires that we meet.

**Build the
New Afrikan People's Organization!
Free the Land!**

Principles & Programme of Action of the New Afrikan People's Organization

What We Believe

- 1. We believe that Afrikan people born in north america, descendants of slaves, form a New Afrikan Nation in North America. The New Afrikan Nation was formed through the merging of many Afrikan nations. It has developed a unique historical, cultural and socio-economic experience in North America.*
- 2. We believe that the New Afrikan nation is an internal colony, subjugated by the American empire. The American empire controls the political, economic and cultural development of the New Afrikan nation.*
- 3. We believe that due to the colonialism of the American empire, We are denied basic human rights outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These human rights include the right of employment, the right to food, clothing, shelter and health care, the right to security from criminal violence, and our political beliefs. First and foremost, We believe, We the New Afrikan Nation and all other oppressed nations, have the right to self-determination. We have the right to determine our political destiny and to form a sovereign independent, Nation State, the Republic of New Afrika.*
- 4. We believe that the American Empire is guilty of genocide against our people through its role and participation in the criminal slave trade, the atrocities and lynchings, assassinations of our leaders, psychological terrorism and the creation of "conditions of life calculated to bring about the destruction of the group in whole or part."*
- 5. We believe that due to the conditions of life and atrocities caused by racism, colonialism and genocide, New Afrikans have the right to defend themselves and end our oppression **By Any Means Necessary!***
- 6. We believe that, like all peoples and Nations fighting oppression, New Afrikans have the moral right to utilize armed struggle to defeat the colonialist system of oppression and win National Liberation.*
- 7. We believe that in order for the New Afrikan Nation in North America to achieve total human rights and self-determination it must wage a National Liberation struggle to win Land and Independence. Only through establishing a sovereign Republic of New Afrika can We achieve State power which will ensure our dignity, survival and development.*



8. We believe the land where our people developed a unique culture and National identity, the land We developed first as slaves and then as sharecroppers, the land We fought Nightriders or the Ku Klux Klan or the U.S. Government on, after the American Civil War, is land that belongs to us as a people. This land, the South-eastern portion of the American Empire, primarily the States of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, is our New Afrikan territory.

9. We believe the American Empire, its government and institutions, owes the New Afrikans reparations for the atrocities and damages suffered by our people due to slavery, colonialism, and genocide. Under international law, We are entitled to repayment for the loss of life, forced labor and economic exploitation, psychological trauma, and many other atrocities that have retarded our national development. The American Empire has benefitted from this exploitation and oppression and must compensate our Nation for these damages and crimes.

10. We believe the American Empire and U.S. Imperialism not only oppresses and exploits our Nation, New Afrika, but exploits peoples and Nations within its border: Hawaii, Northern Mexico (California, Texas, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico), Native American Indian Nations, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Around the world U.S. Imperialism is the main opponent to liberation and social justice. Therefore, We are united with all struggles against colonialism, exploitation and imperialism worldwide.

11. We believe that our Nation and the masses of people worldwide have suffered from the capitalist mode of development inside the American Empire and around the world. Therefore We support the struggles of working people to overthrow capitalist domination and establish socialist economy and development. As pro-socialist, We advocate the establishment of a socialist Republic of New Afrika.

12. We believe that all New Afrikan men and women engaging in armed struggle against the American Empire and for the establishment of our nation are our Freedom Fighters and must be supported. We believe any captured combatant of our Nation is entitled to Prisoner of War status under International Law.

What We Call For

1. We call for the active resistance of our people to U.S. Imperialism. We oppose and seek to combat the human rights violations and genocidal conditions faced by our people everyday. We organize opposition to colonial institutions which deny our people the ability to control and create a better life.

2. We call for the organization of New Afrikan people's institutions to build centers of survival and resistance to colonialism and genocide. New Afrikan people's institutions should concern themselves with building our people's consciousness and sense of self-reliance through serving our basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, health care and education.

3. We call for the organization of our people to defend themselves from white supremacist violence. Self-defense is the basis of our Nation's survival.

4. We call for support for New Afrikan Freedom Fighters engaged in armed struggle for National Liberation. Armed struggle is the basis of our Liberation.

5. We call for support of our captured Freedom Fighters. We must struggle for their recognition as Prisoners of War and fight for their release.

6. We call for non-collaboration as a fundamental principle of our Independence movement. This include those forces in solidarity with us. We cannot betray our principles/movement by giving information to any agency or representative of white supremacy and U.S. imperialism (FBI, CIA, grand juries, courts, etc.).

7. We call for the waging of cultural revolution to combat the decadent and individualist culture of Western Capitalism and U.S. Imperialism. As a New Afrikan nation suffering from colonialism and cultural imperialism, We must recapture the control of our minds by redefining and reinforcing cultural and spiritual institutions and values which will enable our people to assert our human dignity and determine our collective destiny.

8. We call for united action of Afrikan people worldwide to fight against racism, colonialism, and imperialism. As Pan-Afrikanists, We see the struggle of African people as one struggle. We must build unity with the struggle of our Brothers and Sisters on the African homeland, in the Caribbean, and throughout the Diaspora.

9. We call for active resistance to the imperialist and militarist foreign policy of the American Empire. We see National Liberation and Anti-Imperialist forces around the world as allies and We pledge solidarity in the struggle against our common enemy.

10. We call for the full participation of New Afrikan women in the National Liberation struggle. We plan to struggle against backward practices and ideas which limit the full potential of the women of our New Afrikan nation.

11. We call for a Front of all patriotic forces committed to the National Liberation of New Afrika. A New Afrikan National Liberation Front will come into being through consolidated struggle of New Afrikan activists and Freedom Fighters to achieve political unity and organizational predictability. This force will be able to lead our people to victory through a protracted struggle for Land, Independence and Socialism.

12. We call for a unification movement of all sectors of the masses of the New Afrikan nation to fight our common oppression and for our survival and National Liberation. In spite of our religious and ideological differences the New Afrikan masses must realize that through unity We can all progress together.

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM IS NOT A CRIME



The United States of America would have you believe that i am a criminal, that We are all criminals. That just isn't so. I am a New Afrikan soldier, and We have an absolute right to fight for our freedom. That is a human right. That is not a right you have to ask or beg for. Like all people who want to be free, what is necessary to exercise that right is to stand up like men and women and exercise it. If it calls for fighting, then We fight.

— Sekou Odinga, New Afrikan POW



Kuwasi Balagoon

On NAPO's Revolutionary Mission

We are the New Afrikan Peoples Organization. We have a mission. Our mission is to organize our people into a mighty force for freedom.

Properly organized and mobilized, New Afrikan People (Black people in America) will free themselves from poverty, crime, police terror, injustice and all other forms of American white supremacist oppression. The power of organized masses of New Afrikan people struggling for freedom will also contribute generously to the liberation of all oppressed people in the world.

The oppression of New Afrikan People in America and the oppression of a great portion of the Third World is a product of economic exploitation, military aggression and cultural plunder by the government and economic rulers of the American Empire (the United States of America). Centuries ago the forefathers of the present American regime kidnapped us and illegally placed us under their jurisdiction. Their laws, political system and economic structure was illegally imposed on us. The problems we have today are both consequences of these historical acts and of contemporary United States policy, which is designed to maintain the U.S. Empire's illegal control over us.

Our conditions are particularly bad at this time and they are growing worse. In the 1950's only 78% of Blackmen in America had jobs, in 1983 only 59% of Blackmen in America had jobs. Experts predict that by 1989 only 40% of Blackmen in this country will have jobs. Meanwhile, Black women and children are in worse shape economically than Blackmen. Well over 50% of our women and children live in households in which no one is employed.

The average New Afrikan (Black) family only receives 57% of the income that the average white family in America receives. Discrimination against us on jobs is still a normal white business practice. Black businesses on the other hand, control less than 1% of the countries wealth.

Moreover, while Black businesses are still the exception in Black communities, and nearly non-existent elsewhere, thousands of pro-USA petty capitalist from other countries are sufficiently financed by U.S. financiers to allow these immigrants to establish retail outlets in the Black communities. With their stores, money changer establishments, restaurants, and other ghetto businesses, these merchants find the American dream by robbing the Black community.

Most of today's ghetto merchants are refugees from other areas of the world where United States imperialism is on a decline. Many of these refugee merchants are unpopular in their own countries because of their collaboration with United States imperialism. Wars of National Liberation and liberation movements among the people have often evicted these junior capitalists or sent them away. After failing to successfully continue to exploit their own people in collusion with the United States, they seek their fortunes through the super-exploitation of New Afrikans in America.

Unlike present day Vietnam, Lebanon, North Korea, Cuba and other areas from which these merchants emanate, the New Afrikan communities are fully fortified by well-equipped domestic American military forces called "police, FBI, security guards" and various other names. This military occupation is in addition to that

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of the National Guard, the CIA, the Army, the Navy, the Marines and other organizations utilized to secure American imperialism world wide.

Thus, despite all the talk of crime in New Afrikan communities, New Afrikan communities are at present much securer grazing lands for greedy merchants and American capitalists than many other areas in the world where revolutionary struggles are in process. Indeed, both crime and revolution is consequence of exploitation. However, revolution destroys imperialism, while imperialism flourishes in an atmosphere of crime and decadence.

The success of our freedom mission in America requires that New Afrikan people in America establish an independent state, on land in the Southeastern Blackbelt (Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, and Louisiana).

We need land and independence in America in order to govern ourselves and to control our own economic affairs. It is not possible to win our freedom or to contribute to the righteous struggles of others if we ourselves are totally dependent on the primary source of National and International oppression (the U.S. Empire).

Our struggle for independence has already commenced. It is not a struggle in another time, or, in another place. It is not a strange movement. It is here and now. It is ours. We as a people are familiar with it.

Everytime we protest police terror, brutality and murder, and everytime we struggle against job discrimination and utility exploitation, and struggle for better job conditions, housing and education

for our children, we are engaging in this struggle. Whenever we oppose American military support to blood-thirsty tyrants in Central America, Iran, and Israel, and whenever we oppose U.S. economic support for the white supremacist regimes in Southern Afrika, and the U.S. invasion into Grenada, we are supporting Black independent foreign policy, which is a part of our independence movement.

Whenever we truly struggle for secure communities and a better life, free from poverty, crime, cultural pollution, social degradation, hopelessness, and despair, we are really fighting for the new society. We are in truth struggling for the independence and revolutionary development of New Afrika.

All of us as a people have an obligation to support our movement and to build it. The New Afrikan Peoples Organization has a special role. Its role is to find, recruit, train and organize New Afrika's most committed sons and daughters. Its role is to encourage and assist in creating the popular organizations and institutions through which the masses will assert their awesome revolutionary force for liberation and development.

It is also the mission of the New Afrikan Peoples Organization to unite all progressive New Afrikan Organizations and individuals. Our mission is to make the New Afrikan Peoples Organization an important force in launching the mass freedom movement of an organized New Afrikan population.

This mission is vital to ourselves and the world. We are confident that **TOGETHER, WE AS A PEOPLE WILL FULFILL IT.** ▲

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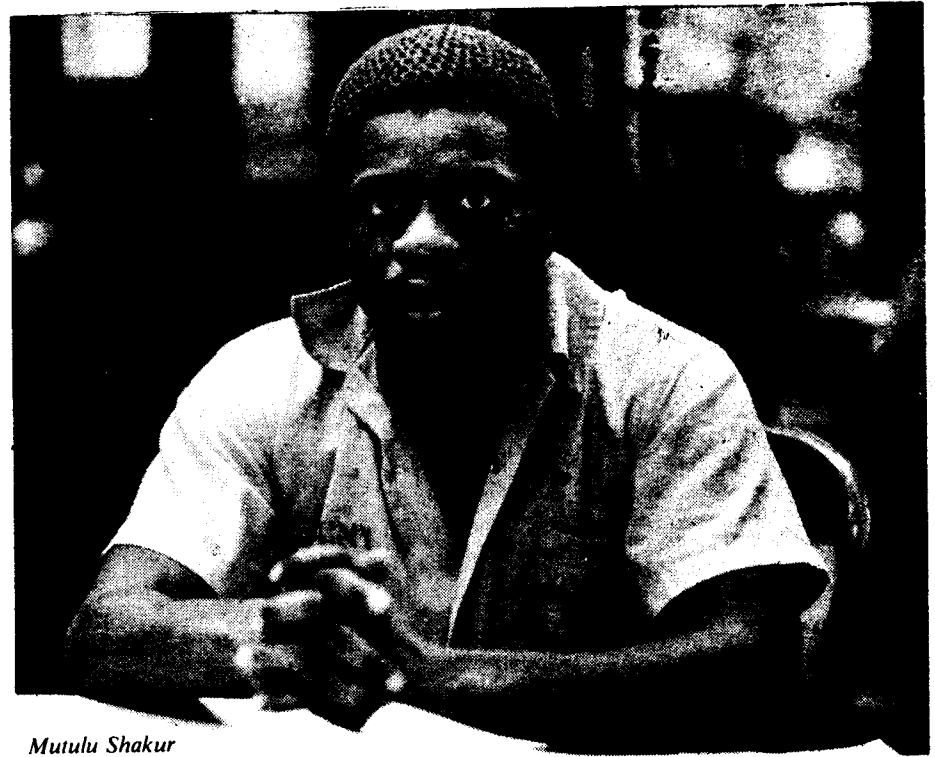
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Mutulu Shakur

FREE MUTULU SHAKUR!

Dr. Mutulu Shakur is a New Afrikan (Black) revolutionary and patriot dedicated to the liberation of the New Afrikan Nation. On Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1986, Dr. Shakur was captured by a Los Angeles police, New York police, and FBI terrorist task force intent on destroying the Black Liberation Movement. Already the lies and disinformation of the American government's propaganda machine are being spread trying to criminalize Dr. Shakur's revolutionary activity and portray him as a terrorist. These are the facts about Dr. Shakur.

Dr. Shakur was born August 8, 1951, and has been active in the New Afrikan Liberation Movement since he was 15 years old. In 1968, he became a Founding Member of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika. His life has been dedicated to national liberation and self-determination for the New Afrikan nation inside the borders of the u.s. Dr. Shakur's life has been full of sacrifices made for the benefit of the nation. His political activism is extensive. In 1969, along with other New Afrikan Security

Dr. Mutulu Shakur

Forces, he placed his life on the line to defend over 200 Black men and women from a violent police attack on the church of Aretha Franklin's father, the New Bethel Baptist Church, in Detroit, Michigan. In 1970-71 he organized support for local struggles against racist violence in Cairo, Illinois and Wilmington, North Carolina. In 1970, he organized political rallies, material aid, and legal support for New Afrikan political prisoners nationwide, including the Panther 21, Geronimo Pratt, RNA-11, Assata Shakur, Sundiata Acoli, and the Wilmington 10. In 1974, Dr. Shakur coordinated the National Task Force for Cointelpro Litigation and Research which investigated the u.s. government's conspiracy against the Black Liberation Movement. He also organized mass memorials for our "Shining Black Prince," Malcolm X, in 1977 and 1978 that drew thousands of participants. As a Pan-Afrikanist and internationalist, Dr. Shakur organized a material aid campaign for the liberation movement in Zimbabwe. His efforts on this endeavor won him an invitation from ZANU, the elected governing party, to the elections held after independence was won in 1980.

Dr. Shakur was also a health worker in the community. In the early 1970's, he worked at the Lincoln Detox Community Hospital in Harlem to combat drug addiction. Recognizing the need for alternatives to the substandard health care routinely given to Black people, he became a licensed doctor of Chinese Medicine and acupuncture. He later organized BAAANA, the Black Acupuncture Advisory Association of North America, which treated over 75 people weekly and successfully rehabilitated a number of the community's drug addicts.

In addition to all of the above activities and accomplishments, Dr. Shakur is a husband and dedicated father of four children and has worked consistently under considerable stress to nurture and protect the Black family. It should be clear that based on his history, Dr. Shakur is a freedom-loving man who is strong enough to struggle for the liberation of his nation. He is a lover of his people and struggles for our self-determination. **He is a Freedom Fighter, not a terrorist.** Don't let the FBI criminalize Dr. Shakur and the New Afrikan Independence Movement.
Support New Afrikan Freedom Fighters!



"...share this with the children...
our destination has always been a
new transformed humanity, a new
humanized society..remember that
we have come this far at great
cost."

(Vincent Harding-
There Is A River)