

Afrikan Liberation Day



Saw a militant demonstration in support of the liberation struggle in Southern Afrika against Imperialism and also to link it with the struggle here in the U.S. against racism and capitalism.

The Afrikan Liberation Day march in Newark was revolutionary, and advanced the struggle against imperialism. Strong speakers from (1) Eritreans for Liberation in North America (ELFNA); (2) Pan-Afrikan Congress of Azania (PAC); (3) Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP); (4) February First Movement (FFM); (5) Black Panther Party (BPP); (6) Congress of Afrikan People (CAP) supported the Southern Afrikan Liberation struggles, armed struggle in liberating Southern Afrika and exposed "detente" as collaboration with the South Afrikan butchers (Smith and Vorster). The colonialists are talking about detente because they are losing. Neo-colonialism was sited as the chief enemy of the people because it is the rule of imperialism thru native agents.

The march stopped at Hayes Homes, Stellar Wright Homes, and Scudder Homes, three housing projects in Newark's central ward, where speakers called on the people to struggle against national oppression and to support the people's struggle for Socialist Revolution.

The emphasis of ALD and its importance is not only to demonstrate our willingness to struggle against racism and capitalism in Southern Afrika but

also here in the fortress of imperialism but also to link the revolutionary struggles against imperialism which are led by the 3rd world to the struggles of the oppressed nationalities in the U.S. who are leading the struggle against imperialism also.

It was pointed out at the rally in Military Park by Amiri Baraka, Chairman of the Congress of Afrikan People that we have a special relationship to Afrika and Afrika has a special relationship to imperialism. Afrika is where Afro-Americans come from, our history, culture, emotions and politics are tied to Afrika, like no other people are. He went on to say that U.S. imperialism was built on the Afrikan slave trade, without it capitalism would not have made the accumulation of wealth that it did. It is the double exploitation of the Black and 3rd world peoples in the U.S. that drives our struggle relentlessly forward. The liberation of Southern Afrika would advance the liberation in the U.S.

With the international nature of imperialism, the liberation of Afrika is one central task in the destruction of imperialism.

ALD in Newark also spoke to the relationship between the school budget

cuts to imperialism. The budget cuts in Newark will have our children operating with a 4th-rate education in the school year 1975-76, with no music, art, home economics, shop or gym.

The current so-called financial crisis in this country is a direct result of the victories of the oppressed nations in the Third world, Asia, Afrika, and Latin America, who have kicked the blood-sucking U.S. imperialists out of their countries! But why does the working class in this country have to suffer because of Imperialisms losses? The reason working people in this country have to be subjected to budget cuts and lay-offs is because Rockefeller and the rest of the ruling class (Mellon, DuPonts, Morgan) all want to continue to make super profits. So when they can no longer super exploit people in Southeast Asia or Afrika or Latin America

then they no longer have the super profits that they are using to pay off the working class in this country and still keep their own pockets full.

The slogans of the march symbolized the theme of the demonstration, some were "Unite and Fight, Stop the Budget Cuts," "Unite and Fight, Stop the Lay-offs", "Imperialism will lose in Afrika", "Imperialism will die in America", "The People united will never be defeated."

ALD in Newark called on all those who will struggle to destroy imperialism to unite and fight. In particular Black and other oppressed people have to struggle for national liberation and we know that the only way that liberation can be gained is through Socialist Revolution, that is, the smashing of the Capitalist system and the replacing of it by a system of workers control, the ending of all exploitation.

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difficulties of the struggle against bourgeois influences within the class movement." And to advocate a "Communist" campaign when such campaigns have been clearly limited in scope and influence, is to further relegate the ranks of the Communist movement to a narrow social base and fail to build the mass working class movement that we need to build a vanguard party. Lenin warned, "Victory cannot be won with the vanguard alone. . . And in order that actually the whole class, that actually the broad masses of the working people and those oppressed by imperialism may take up such a position, propaganda and agitation alone are not enough. For this the masses must have their own political experience."

Lenin goes further to point out it is the true revolutionary who can champion revolution under non-revolutionary or even reactionary conditions. This point brings attention to one anti imperialist student organization who say that CAP takes a centrist position by proposing the '76 Strategy. But to propose a popular front with a campaign that is outspokenly anti-capitalist, including attack on the revisionists, to try to unite M-L to take the lead of this front rather than bow to ultra-left copouts or be satisfied with existing within loosely formed left-liberal formations pretending to take positions.

recent forums, in the Black Womens' United Front and around the ZANU/detente/Kaunda question.

The point is that the new communist movement must struggle to build this mass working class movement and be its leadership if we are going to build a vanguard Communist party and lead an armed struggle to destroy U.S. Imperialism. Amiri Baraka says, "Organization (of the '76 Coalition) must not be limited to "its class conscious vanguard, which is prepared to follow the revolutionary path. . . . Cannot be "a communist movement" or a "socialist party", but a broad front that takes as many of the positions that honest communists understand to be necessary as possible, without sectarianism (i.e., subjectivism in political work) or opportunism." And although the "left" says on the one hand "there must be a communist party to lead the united front", they are unwilling to work together as a communist core to provide that leadership - but on the other hand, although there is no party, they are also unwilling to work together on Strategy '76 and lay foundations for a party. CAP had said that a Strategy '76 will not spontaneously yield a party, but can do a number of things necessary for party building:

(1) Draw a variety of forces together