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In this Party Bulletin We will address two questions. The first concerns Our criticisms of bourgeois and reactionary groups like the Nation of Islam (NOI) and the New Black Panther Party (NBPP). There are those who think We are trying to build up Our membership by basically hating on these groups. The second question deals with cell development within Our movement, the NAMLM. This means We expect each cadre and cadre unit of Our Party and each division of the NAB/ANAB to develop the capacity to be as self-sufficient as they can. These are two very important questions that have come up in recent communications. Here We will give Our official party line on them.

Anyone who accuses Us of “hating on” the NOI and the NBPP and who says We are doing so because We are in competition with these groups for members, such a person is obviously confused about who We are and what We represent. For Us, the political and ideological line of a group is decisive. Their line is basically the collective of goals, beliefs, principles, and views that make up their overall vision of the future of a nation. Their line will determine their short-term tactics and long-term strategy. You can tell what their line is by examining what they say and watching what they do. Their actions will reveal the most, though.

The line of Our Party revolves around scientific communism and revolutionary nationalism. This means that We take a systematic, step-by-step approach toward building a world of absolutely no oppression, exploitation and injustice, and We approach nation building by working to fundamentally change the oppressive sociopolitical order of the nation that dominates Our nation. It also means We oppose capitalism, and We are against an order within Our own nation where a privileged class lives better than other segments of Our population simply because they own more wealth. We believe in socialism, the long road toward communism, where We revolutionize society by equalizing wealth, by encouraging all people to work collectively and share, and by making it equally possible for everyone in the society to better educate themselves and to get fully involved in the running of Our nation.

Our line requires Us to build Our revolutionary movement by serving the needs and interests of the most oppressed segments of Our population first. This means We are not in the business of fighting white America for better opportunities for Our people to make more money to waste on unnecessary luxuries. It means We are in the business of ensuring all

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New Afrikan children receive a quality education and basic health care; ensuring all poor New Afrikan families have decent housing; ensuring all New Afrikan adults have a meaningful job; and ensuring all New Afrikan prisoners and ex-prisoners are given a fair opportunity to receive fair consideration of their legal cases, to earn time off their sentences, to reform themselves through political education and social discipline, and to return to a community that embraces them and helps them reintegrate back into society.

When We examine the lines of the NOI and the NBPP, We see that they are not really for the ending of oppression, exploitation, and injustice. We see that they are not against privileged classes within Our nation who own an unequal share of wealth and who act as rulers, heroes, saviors, celebrities, big I's and shot callers. We see that they are not for revolutionizing society. Although they claim to be for the oppressed masses of Our people, they only preach to Us about salvation at a distance, expecting Us to run to them. Despite them being around longer than Our Party, having more resources, and being more connected to rich and well-known Black people, the most they ever done for Our people is make Us feel good with their defiant and fancy rhetoric and with the few big unity events they have sponsored. Other than that, they have made their own top officials financially stable while offering their lower level members incentives to move up the ladder like they are running a corporation rather than leading the liberation struggle of Our people.

Our Party may seem to have some major things in common with the NOI and the NBPP, but We do not. The differences in Our lines are fundamental and prevent anything between Us but symbolic unity, which will do no good for Our people but make them feel good. The NOI and the NBPP are elitist groups more concerned with their image and popularity to be any serious benefit to Our people as a whole. They are closet capitalists who believe in individual competition for wealth and property, although this leads to greed, corruption, and social disunity. They are narrow nationalists and wanna-be imperialists who actually believe Our nation should replace white nations as the new ruler over the world. They are racists and Black supremacists who exaggerate the devilish nature of white people and the divine or righteous nature of Black people.

How do We know these things about the NOI and the NBPP? Simple. We critically examine their lines as expressed in what they say and do. We use qualitative analyses to determine the value of their contributions. This means We do not take what they say or do at face value, nor do We give them the benefit of the doubt just because they are Black and have done some very visible things that appear big, fantastic, spectacular, bold or loud. When you judge the quality of one's sacrifices to the collective struggle of Our people over the quantity of the sacrifice, you must look at what that person actually suffered, lost or risked. For example, if a poor man contributes his last \$10 toward feeding two homeless children, his sacrifice is greater in quality than when Oprah contributed several million dollars to build a school for girls in South Africa, which is not for Black South African girls only and will merely school about five hundred girls total. When you judge quality here you look to the overall impact of the contribution versus what the person who made the contribution actually had to contribute.

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The poor man's contribution of only \$10 trumps Oprah's several million. Based on this type of revolutionary, qualitative analyses, the NOI and the NBPP are frauds.

Our Party cannot, on the other hand, be judged quantitatively while being compared to the NOI and the NBPP. It just would not be fair. For one, We do not have their years in existence, resources, number of members or popularity. You cannot criticize Us for accepting contributions from prisoners and for only being able to "exchange" Our ideas with them. You cannot challenge Our sincerity by saying We should send free books to prisoners and if We do not then We must be frauds Ourselves. We accept contributions from prisoners to help Us pay down the cost to produce Our literature and to send poor prisoners that literature too. Ultimately, though, We pay most of the costs. We exchange Our ideas with prisoners because they have the greatest revolutionary potential and do not need to be following behind bogus, all-for-show groups. If We can prove the correctness of Our ideas to them and prevent them from being so easily captivated by non-revolutionary groups, then the collective struggle of Our people will benefit in the long-run. And We would send free books to prisoners serious about learning revolutionary science so that they can contribute to revolutionary struggle. But We do not have the resources yet. What free books have the NOI or NBP set to prisoners lately? Our ally MIM does so on the regular and is way smaller than the NOI and the NBPP.

Our criticisms of the NOI and the NBPP ain't about Us competing with them for members. We do not expect to grow as big as they are, nor are We aiming to, because Our approach is not about impressing people. In fact, you can expect Us to piss a lot of Our own people off, because We are gonna tell it like it is, like the Million More Movement being nothing more than a performance stage by a bunch of look-at-me negroes in nice clothes- like a church revival full of Sunday morning saints and 6 days-a-week sinners. What Our Party cares about is that the people receive the correct line. Once they grasp the fact they need to stop following behind self-serving saviors, realize they are their own liberators, and recognize that Our struggle isn't and has never been about who can individually earn the most money... once they grasp these facts, then they will rise to the occasion. They do not need to join Our Party, they just need to stop accepting superficial shit as an indication they have gotten somewhere.

As to why We will not set aside Our differences with bourgeois groups like the NOI and NBPP, or revisionist groups like the New Afrikan Black Panther Party (NABPP), and unite with them on what We have in common with them. It is because We refuse to ignore history, which tells Us these groups will either sell Our people out or recklessly get a lot of Us killed if they continue to operate off the backwards lines they have developed. These groups simply cannot be trusted, and Our differences with them are so fundamental that the only real unity that can exist between Us is for show. It is better to have a small vanguard party like Ours, tightly unified around a single and historically sound party line, than for Us to make friends with more popular groups just so that We look good. If that is what some expect from Us in order not to disturb their blind faith in the line, "If only We all set aside Our differences and unite on what We have in

common,” then they can count Us out.

We will not sell Our politics short nor weaken Our stance to satisfy some rainbow coalition dreamers who are still wondering why their large coalitions of photograph prone, fancy clothes wearing, all-for-show leaders has not done much to liberate Our people. It is because large coalitions of groups with many different ideologies, plans, programs and visions, especially of religious, petty bourgeois, pork-chopped nationalist, revisionist kind, such coalitions simply do not have enough real, concrete unity to push back Our very real enemy. All these coalitions can do is organize a frivolous march on Washington and convince Our people with hype that this is progress. Unity comes from single leadership, and leadership comes from a single, detailed agenda whose overall focus is not compromised by weak rainbow coalitions and alliances of convenience and show rather than principle and shared objectives.

Concerning the question of cell development within the NAMLM, Our movement, We say this. Our call for cell organization is focused strictly on Our party cadres and cadre units as well as NAB/ANAB divisions. Our Party is a vanguard party and the NAB/ANAB are Our vanguard party training units. A vanguard party is like a human body broken down into major and small organs, which themselves are made up of cells. Unlike the human body, the party in its embryonic (early) stage of development does not have one single source of nutrients. All it has is its DNA, its marching orders on how to develop and on what to develop into, and that DNA is the party line, its reason for existing. To survive, the organs and cells of the vanguard party must strictly follow the party line and find their own means to survive and grow. The central organs of the vanguard party cannot provide the material substance other organs and cells need because the central organs are struggling to survive and grow too. Those organs and cells that succeed must contribute to the central organs, so that they may do their job wielding the vanguard party into a functioning whole.

If you are a cadre of Our Party or a Junior Commander of an NAB/ANAB division, then it means you agree with or accept enough of Our party line to work hard to see that it becomes real. It also means you have what it takes to figure out on your own how to play your part based upon the guidance and direction We give you. It further means you are intelligent enough to learn from your practice and to feed back to Us criticisms of the guidance and direction We give so that We may play Our part to correct and refine them. This is democratic centralism in action, which is essential to party building.

Basically, We all have a role to play in order to ensure Our Party and movement as a whole succeeds in serving Our people and in advancing revolution. If you find that you need to have your hand held to figure out how to play your part in implementing and correcting Our party line, and in learning from your own mistakes and breakthroughs, then you are not cut out to be a revolutionary or to lead Our people up against a more powerful and well organized enemy. What We ask is very simple, We share with you the basics in what to do and how, you do your own research and practice to see how correct We are, and then you feed Us your results so that We can analyze them along

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with the results of others and with Our own continued research and practice from the center. This is how We arrive at greater and greater truth and develop Our program, not by following the abstract program of some savior, hero or fancy talker.

So, do not expect from Us at this time but the bare minimal of material and administrative support. You must seek out your own resources. Secure the help of family and friends and recruit supporters to fulfill your local needs and your obligations to the center. It may seem kind of unfair and confusing why you must secure help to support yourselves and the center instead of the center supporting you. It is simple. We are not a bourgeois, fake-for-the-people organization with access to grant money and a bunch of rich supporters, and We are not going to waste time seeking out such things only to become dependent on them. Our survival must depend on the support We receive from the many small contributions of the oppressed masses. This means We need many small parts following a general plan and program to reach the masses. We at the center cannot do this effectively. We can only reach a small segment of the oppressed masses only to find those ready to take up Our cause and help reach further into the oppressed masses-- that segment is you. Besides, a vanguard party is a beam of leaders who all can get a job done with minimal material support from the whole.

Therefore, if you need books, find them. If you need assistants, computers, office space, communication links, etc. , secure them. If the center needs them, help Us find them, too, because the center must come first. We have a greater responsibility to the direction and survival of the whole party. Do not get it twisted, eventually the center will be able to support itself and the Party as a whole as Our Party continues to consolidate and become self-sufficient. Right now, this depends on how well each of Us can be independent leaders following the same party line. If We succeed, Our cadres and party leaders will be first-rate and battle ready. How well We do now will set the pace for Our Party in the future. If We shuck and jive now, complain and moan about not being able to do this or that now, or fail to learn how to work with less, then Our Party will be weak. What will give Us strength and character is how well and how hard We work during times when We are in the trenches, and how much We are willing to sacrifice in personal comfort when We have the most. A true vanguard party of the people put it all on the line for them.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A VANGUARD PARTY AND OF AN IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL LINE

When it comes to sociopolitical revolution, We ain't talking about small changes or simple improvements. We're talking about fundamental changes, improvements in the basic foundations of society upon which its institutions and culture stand. Those who believe revolution is merely replacing a government, rebelling against authority, resisting ruling classes and nations or protesting abusive conditions; such persons are going to fail to develop and put forth a meaningful program for a better future. Instead, they will be the reason for why

a new oppressor arises.

Oppression, exploitation and injustice aren't caused by people just choosing consciously to use power to abuse and mistreat others. The very way society is arranged socially, culturally, politically, militarily and economically from the bottom up will determine if it leads more or less to oppression, exploitation and injustice. So all of society must be revolutionized to effectively abolish the causes of human suffering on all levels. It is not just the government that is the problem, but is also the very way people think and act as a result of their socialization due to the sociopolitical dominance of the concepts, ideologies, and philosophies of oppressor classes and nations.

This is why revolutionaries must fully understand the significance of a vanguard party and of an ideological and political line. Revolution is a massive historic and systematic process. It requires the deepest, fullest, and most comprehensive awareness of how society develops, past and present. The purpose of revolution is to help society reach the next highest stage in its development, before it gets so used to its current state that it collapses upon itself. This cannot be done simply by adopting or formulating good sounding doctrines, ideologies, teachings or philosophies and then organizing people around them. Without a clear awareness of society's development, those who do this end up only building a different looking society on the same corrupt foundations.

The task of bringing about revolution, therefore, is best lead by a team of professional, first-rate, and highly dedicated scientific revolutionaries who are in the pursuit of the goal of communism and who operate according to the principle of democratic centralism. No organization can claim to be a genuine revolutionary vanguard without being such a team. False propaganda aside, communism represents the next highest and complete stage of human development, the ending of major conflict and the beginning of voluntary cooperation between the world's people. Democratic centralism represents the best organizational means to get every member of a vanguard party involved in formulating and continuously refining a single agenda for fighting oppressive, exploitative and unjust conditions and ideologies, doctrines and philosophies, and to get every member of the vanguard party to stick to that agenda as a single unit so as to ensure the vanguard party is effective. Only those who uphold communism and democratic centralism can be called vanguards of any sociopolitical revolution in the current period of development, which is imperialism. Only by studying the material world and the motive forces of change in Our world can they lead the people down the best and most correct road possible. They function only to serve the best interests of the people as a whole and to do so with the most ironclad discipline and the most meticulous care.

The ideological and political line of an organization is essential in determining whether it is a vanguard or not. A line is the collective of goals, beliefs, principles, views, assumptions and theories. For communists, Our line serves or submits to the mass line, which is the most common, most basic

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and most important needs, interests and concerns of the people as a whole- no special interest in one group in society over another. In today's world it is the specific interests of the proletariat of the oppressed nations that provide the best guide for serving the interests of humanity as a whole.

It must be understood that even the ruling classes and nations today have their own line or sociopolitical vision. They often claim their line upholds democracy because they supposedly defend and promote free enterprise and individual liberty. They have convinced people that the success, prosperity and well-being of a person is determined solely by that person's own individual efforts and initiatives. But this is a lie believed only by those who benefit from ruling classes and nations being in power, and it's also believed by those oppressed people not educated enough to see that it is a lie. This is because the line in power today produces a culture within society that supports and justifies it, manipulating and shaping the consciousness of the people so that they believe in ideas, concepts, and beliefs which are beneficial to ruling classes and nations, even if those ideas, concepts, and beliefs lead to oppression, exploitation and injustice.

So, in a society like today's where the line in power is imperialist, the idea of elites, special interests, privileged groups, saviors, heroes, stars, millionaires and billionaires, business and property owners, multinational corporations, superpowers, and wealthy nations are celebrated and praised. It is believed that countries like America are rich and powerful simply because they compete better. Not because they were built with slave labor and now use the economic advantage they have gained from this to squeeze out wealth from other nations. It is also believed that people become wealthy simply because they work really hard and invest their own money. Not because they live in exploiter nations like America who manipulate and cheat weaker nations out of trillions of dollars in resources and cheap labor power-- money that ends up benefitting the populations of exploiter nations in the form of higher wages, cheaper products and greater investment opportunities.

The imperialist line in power today is the reason concepts like "me and mine first," "can't help nobody until i help myself," "i go to do me," "money makes the world go round," and dog-eat-dog are actually believed by Our street youth as being the ultimate nature of human beings. It is the reason young New Afrikan and Latino women are being infected with HIV at an alarming rate, and why so many young New Afrikan and Latino men are attacking and murdering one another and being incarcerated disproportionately compared to white youth. The connection is the corruption of the Hip-Hop culture by imperialism. White business interests have taken over Hip-Hop and flooded it with capitalist, profit-motive incentives that encourages and glamorizes the hustler, get money, pimp/ho, and player-hating mentalities of Our youth. Every young man cannot get money rapping or singing, but he can sell drugs or commit some robberies. Every young woman cannot get money being a video chick, a singer or the girlfriend of a Hip-Hop artist, but she can use sex to bag (hook up with) a young hustler, many of whom will think of themselves as young pimps and thus have unprotected sex with several females who throw themselves at the young

hustlers. The corrupt Hip-Hop culture today has commercialized the negative and self-destructive aspects of ghetto life, which themselves are the result of imperialism (or the national oppression of New Afrikan and Latino peoples by white America).

In understanding how deeply the attitudes, perceptions and behaviors of people are affected by the imperialist line in power, it becomes even more apparent why a vanguard party and its communist line are so important. The task of the vanguard party is not just to overthrow the oppressor, but to also replace the oppressor's imperialist line with a revolutionary line and from it build a revolutionary culture that will liberate the minds of the oppressed masses from self-defeating ideas, concepts and beliefs. In fact, the central task of the vanguard party before it actually overthrows the oppressor is to develop and propagate a revolutionary line and begin the building of a revolutionary culture strong enough to support, justify and motivate revolutionary armed struggle. Only a communist party operating according to democratic centralism can effectively develop, uphold and put into practice such a line, and therefore only such a party can be a revolutionary vanguard.

Being a communist means you put nothing before the people as a whole. A true communist has no higher aspiration in his life but to serve the oppressed masses. Communists are the ultimate altruists, meaning, they are persons unselfishly devoted to the welfare of others. They care nothing for accumulating personal wealth or fame. They do not preach self-development and individualism but advocate community development and collectivism. Communist leaders would not put any emphasis on dressing in expensive clothes, buying costly homes or cars, establishing personally owned businesses, or making money for themselves. Also, when united according to democratic centralism, communists collectively endeavor to develop and propagate a revolutionary line that is scientifically correct and that upholds the mass line. They dig deep into history and current events to expose and combat ideas, concepts, doctrines, ideologies, teachings, philosophies, and practices that actually support, uphold, justify or follow the imperialist line of the oppressor today. And, more importantly, they require the utmost discipline of their fellow members when it comes to upholding their line. This ensures that their ranks are not infiltrated by those who are not fully devoted selflessly to the welfare of the people.

The task of leading a revolutionary movement cannot be entrusted to any other organization but a communist, democratic centralist party. A vanguard party that remains true to communism and democratic centralism will never sell the people out, and it will continuously purge itself of non-communist elements. This does not mean other organizations cannot be revolutionary. This depends on whether they accept overall political leadership from a vanguard party like the NAB does from the NAMP. There are only two overarching political camps in the world today, the imperialist camp in power and the communist camp, which has been demonized and is greatly misunderstood. The imperialist camp represents the power and influence of the few ruling classes and nations over the many working classes and Third World nations. The communist camp

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represents the total liberation of working classes and Third World nations and the total destruction of the power of the ruling classes and nations over them. Any genuine revolutionary, whether a communist or not, belongs on the side of the communist camp.

The NAMP is the only self-declared Afrikan-centered communist party in the United States that is not afraid to say We uphold Marxism-Leninism-Maoism (MLM) and to say that the majority of the New Afrikan population in this country is a petty bourgeois lapdog of the bought-off white American population. Oh gosh... maybe We shouldn't have said that, like so many popularity-seeking organizations are scared to do. Those organizations dramatize and blow-out of proportion the oppression of New Afrikan people today, as if We're this greatly mistreated group just because white Americans still secretly considers even Our millionaires as niggers and don't share enough of its stolen wealth with Us. Nah, Our Party is not trying to downplay Our oppression relative to white supremacy and institutional racism. We're just honest enough to point out that conditions today are not like they were in the 70s, 60s, 50s and further back; the days when Our oppression was a bit more raw. We're honest enough to also point out that 21st century New Afrikans accept our domination by, and subordination to, white America. They do so because white America appeases them by allowing them as individuals to personally benefit from and enjoy the free-market and consumer economy of this country.

Our people en masse are selling out Our nationhood and claim to political independence today to the domination of white America in exchange for the opportunity to individually pursue greedy desires, selfish interests, fantasy lifestyles and petty aspirations. Our people are doing so to the detriment of Our future security as a people. By white America allowing Us to integrate more and more into its economy and to assimilate its culture, it has effectively divided Us along individual lines. Some of Our people are so duped that they're convinced that the individual success of other New Afrikans is actually beneficial to Us as a whole as opposed to it really being a benefit to the prosperity and dominance of white America, which collects all of Our tax dollars and about 95% of all Our consumer dollars. Because of Our lack of collective economic cooperation, social cohesion, and cultural independence, We lack the political power to defend and protect Ourselves from future flare-ups of white supremacy.

Such flare-ups will occur as the American economy suffers blow after blow from increased imperialist competition from countries like China, India, Russia and the European Union; from America losing more and more control over the Middle East due to the war in Iraq; from Third World liberation struggles that force American-based companies overseas to close down; from the increasing conflict in America over immigration; and from the uncontrolled spending and wastefulness of people in this country that will force prices to go up. Our Party predicts that by 2020, America will be faced with an economic crisis. This will in turn cause the race problem in this country that was never fully resolved to worsen. And because white America will have the upper-hand, Our people will collectively suffer sever racial discrimination and oppression if nothing is done about it. The determining factor of Our immediate fate in such a situation

is whether We are caught off guard in a state of still defending the interests of Our imperialist benefactors, or We recognize Our interests as being allied with the majority of the world that will be working to deal the death blow to U.S. imperialism in this period of crisis.

This is why Our Party is unafraid to say that most of Our own people today are accomplices in Our future demise. When organizations like the NOI and the NBPP dramatize Our oppression today as a means of exciting Our people to support them, they set Our people up to eventually accept compromises that will leave white America in power but allow a coalition of Black bourgeois leaders from NOI/NBPP/NAACP/Urban League type organizations to govern and control Us on behalf of white America. We will end up with concessions for things that don't really matter nor really empower Us collectively, thereby distracting Us from those things that matter most, like collective self-empowerment and self-determination, things that white America can't give Us. We can only give Ourselves these things by acting as a unified nation and not as individuals. The dramatization of Our oppression today over-emphasizes the individual problems We face as a result of Our biggest problem, so the concessions We receive benefit individuals and not Our whole nation.

The biggest problem Our people face is not that We're racially profiled; not that We're more likely to be arrested, given longer sentences, or put on death row; not that we're more likely to face employment and housing discrimination; not that We have a higher rate of under-education and unemployment; not that We don't have enough Black actors, writers, directors, or producers being hired in the television or film industry or have enough of them receiving recognition by predominately white award ceremonies; not that We don't have enough Black politicians being elected for office; not that We don't have equal access to investment opportunities and finance capital; etc., etc. These problems and more are very real and harmful, but they're not Our biggest problem. These problems are the consequences of Us choosing to integrate within a society built of white supremacy and still affected heavily by institutional racism, a society that has never underwent the type of sociopolitical revolution necessary to purge itself fully of these things, and a society that continues to live off of the labor of the exploited majority in the Third World.

Our biggest problem as a people is Our failure to recognize Ourselves as a nation separate and apart from the oppressor nation of white America. We therefore cannot develop the national consciousness and national unity needed to build and maintain Our own political, social and economic institutions that give Us greater independence from white America. As a result, We cannot effectively combat many of the lesser problems We face. And We're left helpless to adequately defend against future flare-ups of white supremacy and institutional racism. Bourgeois and revisionist organizations talk about Our people building Our own, but they have failed to make this a reality for Our people as a whole. Instead, they have made it more or less a reality for the senior members of their organizations, and they end up glorifying, encouraging and inspiring Our people to pursue individual success, the very cancer stagnating Our nationhood and choking the life out of Our future as a people.

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Because We're a vanguard party, the NAMP will succeed where others keep failing. We will challenge Our people directly about their own selfish pursuits that contribute more to the supremacy of white America than to the unification and liberation of Our New Afrikan nation. We will not dramatize Our surface oppression today. We will propagate a revolutionary line that exposes the deeper truths that Our conditioning by white American culture causes Us to miss, including how We sell Our own selves out. We will show factually how the selfish pursuits of Our people within the socioeconomic system of white America, even if they give a little bit back, is a betrayal to the legacy of collective struggle for which Our elders and ancestors fought, bled and died. But, more importantly, We will serve as examples in Our own practice what it means to be devoted to the collective struggle of Our people. This is what makes Us the only serious vanguard party of Our people.

POLITICAL LESSON - THE NEW AFRIKAN NATION

1. Who are the New Afrikans?

A. Specifically, they're Black/Afrikan people born in the United States who are descendants of the enslaved Afrikans brought here by European slave traders beginning around the 1600s. Generally, they include any Black/Afrikan people living here who are not descendants of those enslaved Afrikans brought to America, but who identify with, or have assimilated, much of the overall perspective of the larger New Afrikan populace, and who share in Our struggle.

2. What is a nation?

A. A nation is a large community of people who share a common history, culture, psychology, economic life, language and territory. A nation has two manifestations and two basic natures of existence. A nation is manifested in history and in contemporary (present) time. Its first basic nature is functional (meaning the people within it act as a united community on a significant level) -- this is national unity. And its second basic nature is psychological (meaning the people within it see themselves as one community distinct from others on a significant level) -- this is national consciousness.

3. What is the principal manifestation of a nation?

A. History. 99% of all human practice is history and is therefore the cause of the activities of contemporary time. So, the first question one has to ask themselves when trying to determine if a people are a nation or not, is whether those people have shown throughout history to have a distinct experience together of social, political and economic activity. Then the second question to ask is to what extent this experience is manifested in contemporary time.

4. What is the principal nature of a nation?

A. National unity. If a people are not actually united, then any national consciousness they may have is superficial. Real national consciousness derives from, and is strengthened by, people actually doing things as a united community.

5. Are New Afrikans a nation? If so, when was this nation formed?

A. Yes. Historically, the New Afrikan Nation began to form in North America after 1660, during colonial days when America was just a bunch of colonies that were dependent upon, and under the control of, different European nations. The New Afrikan Nation was fully developed by the time of the Civil War in 1861, two hundred years later.

6. How was the New Afrikan Nation formed?

A. Our enslaved Afrikan ancestors were from different Afrikan tribes and ethnic groups. They were distinct from each other, having different languages, customs and identities. They were sovereign (politically independent) from each other, having different governments and territories. When they were brought here, they were stripped of all of this. They were stripped of their unique names and were given names not their own. They were stripped of their social statuses as kings and queens, princesses and princes, chiefs and chieftesses, warriors, scholars, healers, educators, farmers, artisans, etc. They were instead made instead made to live as stupid, ignorant, conniving and cowardly slaves reduced to a subhuman level of existence. They were often forced to interbreed to have babies as a continuous source of slave laborer. Some had children as a result of them being sexually exploited by white slave masters. Others freely had children with white people and the indigenous people of North America. The end result of all this is that by the time of the Civil War a new Afrikan nation was born, wrought together though oppression.

7. What else makes New Afrikan people a nation historically?

A. Our continued oppression and exploitation even after slavery, which ended officially with the ratification of the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution. Not even a year had gone by before Black Codes were being passed in Southern states to legally suppress Our people from gaining any real social equality or peace, and Northern states and the federal government sat by and did very little. Our people were subjected to lynching by white people, which is mob executions by torture and hanging for alleged crimes, most of which were untrue or things that white people were offended by, especially the fear that New Afrikan men were seducing white women. Lynching lasted all the way until about 1965. Jim Crow came into effect, especially in Southern states, from the late 1800s all the way to 1964, when the Civil Rights Act was passed. Jim Crow was the laws and customs that enforced racial segregation and discrimination. But even with the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Our people still suffer from racism, mistreatment, inequality, and stereotypes in the form of unfair imprisonment, unjust convictions, higher unemployment rates, racial profiling, substandard education, lack of community empowerment, etc. Although today such oppression is more sophisticated and subtle, it still can be seen by those who look.

8. Is it true the New Afrikan Nation is nonfunctional and thus in danger of fading away?

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A. Yes. The United States is the biggest imperialist country that super-exploits Third World nations. After World War II ended on August 15, 1945, the world dominance of the United States was set with the ruin of Europe, and this brought much prosperity to America. But this prosperity didn't start to trickle down to Our people significantly until the early 1990s. It's at this time Our people started benefitting in larger portions from the stolen Third World wealth the U.S. government and corporations were transferring here in the form of better and more jobs, higher wages, improved employment benefits, investment opportunities, and cheap goods. Even a person working at McDonald's in the United States makes ten times more than the average Third World worker. Despite the continued inequality We face as a people in the United States, compared to the treatment of Third World people and to Our position in the past in this country, We are doing substantially better. So much so that We have become blinded to the history of oppression, exploitation, and injustice We are still affected by as a people and to the real potential that white America will flip on Us as their world dominance is weakened by Third World liberation struggles and by imperialist competition from China and Russia. America has made it easier for individual New Afrikans to "make it big", and the effect is the disunity of Our people as a result of individualistic, get money, "got to do me" type attitudes We have developed. Instead of acting and seeing Ourselves as a nation, We act and see Ourselves as competition in the race to "make it" within the American socioeconomic system. Bad move.

9. What else is contributing to the demise of the New Afrikan Nation?

A. The continued infusion of drugs and guns into Our communities, gang violence, and the silent corporate control over hip hop by white business interests, which has led to the promotion, glorification, and exaggeration of street life. The result of all this is that the most potentially revolutionary segment of Our population that has the capability to resurrect and strengthen Our nation, the lumpen youth, are caught in criminal activity, escapism, selfishness, egoism, party mentalities, and unsafe sexual practices (which have caused HIV/AIDS rates to be highest among them, especially females).

10. So, are you saying that contemporarily the New Afrikan Nation has little national unity and national consciousness because of the corruption of the dominate capitalist culture of white America? If so, then how can this process be reversed?

A. Yes, Our nation has little national unity and national consciousness. Our nation is holding on because white America still operates upon a base of white supremacy, thus racist discrimination is not dead. So, the historical existence of Our nation hasn't been completely wiped out because of this. Therefore, a few of Us still see the historical and contemporary connection in the existence and continued oppression of Our nation, especially those of Us coming up from the lumpen youth who are now politicized. We can and will reverse the slow death of Our nation by uniting around a scientific revolutionary ideology like NAMP Thought and Marxim-Leninim-Maoism; and by educating, disciplining, and politicizing the few other lumpen youth who will ride with us around

this ideology. And they and Us can inspire the, few New Afrikan students and workers who will hear Us to abandon individualistic, get money, “got to do me” type bourgeois attitudes and join Us. Together, We all can unite with other oppressed nationalities and freedom fighting people and gang up on U.S. imperialism and smash it.

11. Is it necessary to do this?

A. Yes, it is necessary because human beings are dying and Our people are in danger of being flipped on hard by white America. Imperialism won't last too much longer. It's perpetuated by less than 20% of the world population against everyone else. Out of the 80% who are victims of imperialism, only 5% are necessary to rise up and inspire the rest to resist. That 5% are already rising, and We want to be prepared and be on their side.

12. How can New Afrikans be a nation if they're American citizens?

A. The so called American citizenship of Our people is a sham. It only seems real because Our people have yet to fully acknowledge Our historical relationship to America as an oppressed nation. This is because We have been assimilated a lot into the dominate capitalist culture of America. After the 13th Amendment was passed, Our people had a right to self-determination, that is, the right to determine Our own political destiny. We had the choice to either go back to Afrika, to go somewhere else, to become American citizens, or to become an independent nation on land given to Us by this country. Had any other choice been made besides Us becoming American citizens, America would have had to give Us land and reparations for hundreds of years of slavery. This would have put them in debt to Us, something they had no desire to do. So, without Our collective and informed consent, the U.S. government ratified the 14th Amendment on July 28, 1868, making Us paper citizens.

13. So, are you saying New Afrikans are not American citizens?

A. Technically, We're not. We still have the right to be a politically independent nation on land in America with Our own government.

14. On what land would you establish yourselves and under what political banner?

A. Our national territory would consist of the five Black Belt states of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina, in which Our people once made up the majority of the population and where still the majority of Us live today. We also would establish Ourselves in the areas outside of the Black Belt to which Our people have extensive ties and where We live in large numbers. We would call this combined territory and Our government upon it the People's Socialist Republic of New Afrika.

15. Do you think this is possible to do, and how?

A. Indeed. Revolutionary internationalism and revolutionary armed struggle.

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History proves it to be possible.

16. Why a socialist republic?

A. Because socialism is the road to a society without oppression and exploitation, or what is called communism in its truest sense. A republic because it's more practical governing a nation with millions of people through representatives. But in a genuine socialist republic, such representatives must truly be of the people and not big shot politicians.

EXECUTIVE MANDATE #3

January 26, 2007

So let it be heard...

Salamu Ndugu:-

The name of the movement Our Party is the vanguard of will be the New Afrikan Maoist Liberation Movement (NAMLM) instead of the NAIM/ Maoist-wing. We still represent the basic ideology of the NAIM and consider it Our parent movement. We embrace Afrikan identity and culture, but in a revolutionary way, meaning We realize Our identity and culture does not make Us substantially different from other people except in how We choose to express Ourselves as a unique group of human beings. Basically, We are members of the human family to whom We are obligated, but We are the Afrikans of this family, and We are the New Afrikans of Our racial family, and We are the New Afrikan Maoists of Our national family; We are all still just family.

After some consideration of the criticisms given by a few ndugus concerning the purpose of the NAB (New Afrikan Brigade), We have decided to clarify some things. One, the NAB will no longer be called Our probationary party division. Although it will still be used to train, try and test, or rather, vet prospective NAMP cadres, every brigade member does not necessarily need to work to, or feel as if they must, join Our Party. Instead, they can remain brigade members, because We acknowledge every brigade member may not come to grasp what it takes to be an NAMP cadre and dedicated communist. But because they are committed enough to Our movement and party line, and what to be more than just sideline supporters in Our efforts to unify and liberate Our people as an independent nation, the People's Socialist Republic of New Afrika, We will accept brigade members without requiring that they eventually become NAMP cadres.

Two, the NAB is not necessarily a youth organization, although We expect it to focus on youth for two reasons. First, youth will and do make up the bulk of Our movement and its leadership. They are Our lifeblood who will decide whether Our people succeed or fail in realizing Our national aspirations. Second, Our struggle is a long-term one that will take 20 to 30 years to succeed, at least to the point of establishing Our people as an independent nation and destroying imperialism (the oppression of weak and poor nations by strong and rich

nations). But if someone 36 years or older seeks to join the NAB, then they should be allowed. By no means will their age be a factor granting them automatic position or denying them position. Like everyone else, they shall be assigned to a rank or position based upon their dedication and work.

And three, the NAB is not even active yet. Only the A-NAB (Adjunct NAB), which is an experimental version of the NAB meant to test who has the qualities now, or can rapidly develop the qualities, to be the pioneering (leading) members of the NAB. Despite this, the same for the NAB is also true for the A-NAB. So, although the A-NAB should focus on youth, older persons can join so long as they uphold the A-NAB Program.

Uhuru ni Lazima, Tutashinda!

So let it be done...

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