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WHO ARE NEW AFRIKAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

New Afrikan freedom fighters represent the first point of resistance for the Black Nation. Under different variations and interpretations, they represent the continuity of our struggle for self-determination. They are contemporary manifestations of the examples of struggle that constitute our national legacy. They represent the unconquerable will of our people that enabled us to survive the most brutal form of oppression the world has known. Simultaneously, New Afrikan Freedom Fighters exemplify our recognition of the need to confront and vanquish our oppressors.

The fact that many different freedom fighters belong to various organizations and represent different styles of work only points to the need to establish **UNITY** in the army. The differences should be handled from an internal strategy.

The Black nation should be mobilized and organized to support its freedom fighters wherever they are. In the spirit of national unity, survival and liberation these comrades have faced the enemy demonstrating the

willingness to sacrifice their lives and families. These comrades have put the survival of the Black nation above themselves and have served notice that there will never be another Black Holocaust.

The background of our freedom fighters varies—coming from differing sectors of our nation from the streets, college campuses, doctors, lawyers and everyday workers. Our soldiers and freedom fighters have crossed class and sex lines, united in their motivation to defend the Black nation and give aid to freedom loving people the world over.

This analysis of *who* are our freedom fighters does not try to run from internal contradictions but establishes the primary point of unity and its importance at this time. The fascist regime is presently engaged in an effort to distort our goals in order to squash public support and alienate the community from the combatants. Our oppressors hope to smash the spirit of our freedom fighters—this they will never do. Unity among our various combatants and community support will enable us to withstand their onslaughts.

WHAT DO THEY REPRESENT?

When we talk of freedom fighters for the Black nation and Black survival we're talking of individuals who fit at least one of six categories:

(1) Those brothers and sisters who have evaluated the position of resistance to our oppression from every angle and decided we must join the ranks of every other self-respecting nation in the world. In order to do this they have decided that a common army is needed. An army that has no other goal but to protect the lives and the goals of defined and undefined Black Nation.

LONG LIVE ALL UNDERGROUND ARMIES!

(2) Those individuals who represent community organizations that are involved in the day to day effort to gain social and political goals for the Black Community in spite of the pressure put upon them by the u.s. government. They attempt to establish self-respect among the Black population and try to create role models for our youth. This group protects the community leaders and youth from the brunt of the daily disrespect our nation has to tolerate. THEY serve notice that oppression will be resisted. We call this force the National People's Militia. Because this force is visible and ever present it has been plotted against, entrapped, and forced to utilize its training to defend themselves as well as the

family are evident in this area of activity. Although the style of work in this area may be different from that previously mentioned the sacrifice and consequences are the same.

LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE'S MILITIA!



(3) In this category are the brothers and sisters who train and study, and live so called normal lives! When they see the writing on the walls—of escalating oppression and the underground coming under attack and comrades are being killed—they brush up on their training and join the ranks to replenish the army. THAT'S why there will never again be uncontested violence unleashed on our nation.

LONG LIVE THE UNDERGROUND RESERVES!

(4) These are the brothers and sisters who resist as opposed to submitting to the oppression and trickery of the state. They refuse to collaborate (RAT) and entrap fellow freedom fighters. THEY refuse to distort the moral code that must guide our people. THEY command much praise. They may or may not have made the ultimate decision to sacrifice everything, but when faced with supporting the Black nation or supporting self they cry out take my freedom but you will not take my pride or heritage. THEY remind us:

"the struggle for humanity is the continuing battle of one's life, and one loses a bit of that humanity with every state compromise made to any authority one does not respect."

LONG LIVE THE GRAND JURY RESISTERS!

resistance those who become targets of the state need to live and survive among the people in order to continue their area of work in the struggle. THE people responsible for their survival in an organized and spontaneous support, carry on the tradition of HARRIET TUBMAN and the Underground Railroad.

LONG LIVE THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD!

(6) A point to remember is that Prisoners of War represent the historical events in our struggle. They lay the foundations, by their example, upon which we build our armed struggle. It is from the aforementioned areas from which they've emerged. With the loss of physical freedom they resist with all their mental, spiritual and intellectual power. We have seen that when the physical opportunity becomes available the examples of Attica, Soledad, San Quentin, Marion, and Pontiac prison rebellions demonstrate their continued will to push forward the spirit of our resistance. We must never forget our POW's. WE must demand their release and recognize their status as POW's. In recognizing their status as POW's we are recognizing our legitimate right to national liberation. THEY are the light on the hill, a representation of what we are building—a strong BLACK principled nation.

FREE ALL NEW AFRIKAN POW's!

MTAYARI SHABAKA SUNDIATA

February 18, 1944 - October 23, 1981
Murdered by Detective Irwin Jacobson, NYPD

ON THE QUESTION OF ALLIES

It is our clear understanding that a war is being waged against capitalism and imperialism, the major threat to the toiling masses of the world. Wars of national liberation constitute the most significant forces for the dismemberment of this monster. U.S./Zionist/Apartheid brands of imperial domination are being fiercely contested. The P.L.O., F.L.N.C., S.W.A.P.O., and P.A.C. are engaged in life and death struggles to extricate their nations from imperialism's grip. So too are the fighting forces of New Afrika. We see that objectively there is an alliance between these anti-imperialist/pro-national liberation forces. We must support one another morally, materially and politically and we must learn from one another's experiences.

From the PLO we have learned the lesson of tenacious steadfast struggle. In the face of equivocation and abandonment in some instances by those who should be their natural allies the PLO has refused to bow to imperialism's Zionist stooges. Facing massive military attacks, they have plucked political victory. Exposing the genocidal intent of the illegal Israeli state they have rededicated themselves to the protracted struggle for their homeland. *We have learned from them in the final analysis if we want to be free we must do it ourselves.* In this period

LONG LIVE THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE!

The struggle for the liberation of Puerto Rico from u.s. hegemony has escalated into one of the most valiant struggles in north america. Smothered by the capitalist's press the Puerto Rican national liberation forces have advanced their struggle on all fronts—on the homeland, and in the u.s. With coordinated military, political and propaganda campaigns they have raised their struggle to the point where it can no longer be ignored. We see their comprehensive strategy toward people's war for liberation as an example toward which we strive. As one of the struggles against u.s. imperialism in north america we acknowledge them as our natural allies.

INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIALISM FOR PUERTO RICO!

The struggle against apartheid/settler domination being waged in Namibia and Azania attacks the heart of white chauvinist imperialist exploitation. Our people on the continent are struggling against the legacy of slavery that we know so well. The resurrection and reconstitution of Afrikan civilization depends upon the successful conclusion of both our struggles. "We recognize what a minority of crackers can do to a majority of Afrikans, so you can imagine what a MAJORITY of crackers can do to a

MINORITY of New Afrikans." We stand united in our resolve to break the back of our oppressors and build a new socialist state for our people. We are one. We pledge our continued material, military, political and moral support.

AFRIKA FOR AFRIKANS AT HOME AND ABROAD!

In the struggle for national liberation it would be naive and not strategic to overlook the building of principled alliances. Successful battles are won by those who have good intelligence. In a racist society Black people come under more suspicion than whites in the areas close to vital information (i.e. South Afrika). The national liberation forces have developed many allies for our righteous struggle. We've developed them by engaging in humanitarian efforts, concrete material aid and by military examples. It would not be politically or strategically wise to abandon allies who fight side by side with combatants in the interest of national liberation. These allies who have withstood torture and abuse. It would not be a good example for international solidarity if the Black freedom fighters would abandon their allies.

LONG LIVE THE ALLIES OF THE NEW AFRIKAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT!

We need freedom fighters because the basic contradiction between the white oppressor u.s. and our oppressed Black nation (New Afrika) has not been resolved. We are continuously confronted by C.I.A., F.B.I., and police terror. THE KKK, white civilian armies and mercenaries still threaten our existence. Black men, women, and children are still brutally murdered without justice being meted out to those responsible. The conspiracy of economic, political and social subjugation persists.

In the face of these incursions a force is needed to protect, defend, and liberate us. Our New Afrikan Freedom Fighters perform this function. Organized resistance is essential when confronted with organized terrorism. We cannot stand idly by while the entire u.s. political/military machinery is focused on us. Not to recognize these factors is a political and social error. We should be aware of the onion tactic—that is when your resistance is peeled away stage by stage through isolation, propaganda labeling us criminals and terrorists and the imprisonment and murdering of our front line. This tactic can be counteracted by mass support for our New Afrikan Freedom Fighters, formed into an army that is organized by the people for the people.

Hold firm to our legacy of struggle and resistance, build a people's army for national defense.

**FREE ALL POW'S!
SUPPORT FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
LONG LIVE THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD!
LONG LIVE THE FALN!
LONG LIVE THE BLACK LIBERATION ARMY!
FREE THE LAND!
HONOR OUR NEW AFRIKAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS!!!**