

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RNA CITIZENS UNJUSTLY HELD  
IN U.S. AND MISSISSIPPI PRISONS

WHEREAS:

1. Black people in the U.S. constitute an oppressed, colonized nation;
2. We support the right of oppressed nations to self-determination, up to and including the right of secession;
3. The Republic of New Africa (RNA) has been attempting to establish itself as a sovereign, independent state on the territory which today comprises the five states of the deep south, beginning with the Kush District, the Black majority counties of the Mississippi Delta;
4. Toward this end the RNA has been organizing for a United Nations supervised plebiscite by which Black people within the U.S. can vote whether they wish to accept U.S. citizenship offered by the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, or whether they wish to declare themselves citizens of a sovereign, independent state, the RNA; the RNA has also been organizing for reparations due Black people for injuries sustained by reason of slavery and subsequent oppression and exploitation in the U.S.;
5. The U.S. government has systematically attempted to smash the RNA and has used every means at its disposal to accomplish this objective, including spying, burglary, forgery, harassment, bogus criminal charges, perjury, intimidation, and attempted assassination;
6. Eleven RNA citizens were captured following a dawn attack upon the RNA headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi, by forty armed FBI agents and Jackson policemen August 18, 1971; during the shoot out a police officer engaged in the attack was shot and killed;
7. Notwithstanding disclosure of COINTELPRO, HUSTON PLAN and other illegal government programs to destroy the Black movement in the U.S., five RNA citizens remain convicted and imprisoned on charges stemming from the 1971 attack by the U.S. government on the RNA;
8. At the trial and at all times thereafter, the U.S. government and the State of Mississippi denied any wrongdoing on the part of any governmental agents; all attempts by the defense to introduce evidence of a frame-up were ruled "frivolous" by the judge and withheld from the jury hearing the case;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The NLG demands the immediate release of the RNA citizens framed on charges stemming from the August 18, 1971 attack by the U.S. government on the RNA;
2. NLG chapters are encouraged to conduct educational activities around both the program of the RNA and the illegal government conspiracy to destroy Black Nationalism within the U.S.;
3. "Guild Notes" and other appropriate Guild publications are mandated to print articles about the RNA program and the RNA legal case;
4. The NLG shall invite RNA speakers to forthcoming national and regional meetings to present the RNA program and to discuss the legal work being done to free the RNA citizens.

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