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Umoja Sasa!

Political brainwashing is a violation of the Geneva rules governing the treatment of prisoners of war.

Yet, going into this European imposed Black History month, our misdirected, misguided and miseducated will be seeking the knowledge of their roots. We, and when I say we, I mean us that are in the struggle, from the guts of the beast, by any means necessary must build a sense of national consciousness that won't disappear on February 28th. We must respect the power of "Nommo" which is a Kiswahili term meaning, "the power of the spoken word."

My call for Unity now is for all brother Komrades and those who are politically conscious in the United States and around the world in these modern day KKKoncentration KKKamps to rise 'n shine.

"Are you ready to elevate / as I rhyme on time.

You'll illuminate / hard as diamond knowledge shinin / it's that time and it's all in.

the timin/400 years/ blood, sweat 'n tears / the rain is over and the sun is here.

I / rise 'n shine / like the sun on the one / we dance together / we overcome / a wake up call to wake up all / stand up tall.

Get up, 'n get up y'all"

-Kool Moe Dee with

Chuck D. and KRS one, "Rise 'n Shine"

We must stop sitting back waiting on the same brothers to step forth and say a word for our cause, we are all individually spokesman for the liberation and resistance movement.

"Whatever affects one of us directly, affects all of us indirectly."

Martin L. King

We must begin contacting the organizations on the outside and supporting the different newsletters and newspapers that support our agenda; PNS, Freedom Press, Nommo, PLN, CEMML, Crossroad, Equal Justice - USA, FUSPPP, Coalition for Prisoner's Rights etc. And, if I have left any out, I offer my most humblest apology and say you too!

We must educate our families, loved ones and society as a whole about our story!

"People are led thru information and they are led thru misinformation. What we have in society today is the misinforming of the people, by the government and the general media for the purpose of exploiting and oppressing people."

- John Africa

Black people have got to be aware of and suspicious of attempts to turn us against our own interests. For example, everywhere one finds Whites and Blacks in close proximity to each other, the Whites are in control, whether it is Chicago or Zimbabwe. Yet, Blacks rarely question this extraordinary universal phenomenon which defies every known statistical law of probability. Racial injustices won't be corrected by pretending that there is no such thing as race.

"When you go back into the past, then you will know that you -- had made great contributions to society, civilization, science, and that if you once did it, you can do it again; you automatically get the incentive, the inspiration and the energy necessary to duplicate what our forefathers did. That's why it is so important for you and me to spend time learning something about the past so that we can better understand the present, analyze it, and do something about it."

- Malcolm X

Some brothers in State Prison in Nebraska are doing just this by producing an educational booklet called "Harambee Flame" which anyone can purchase and their cultural club has a branch in the downtown area. Many of us who are in the struggle across Amerikkka and around the world are either in R. H. U. s, S. H. U. s or Control Units. It is time for those in the populations to take up the call of Umoja Sasa and Bomas Harambee (Let's pull together for our own sake.) We cannot and will not abandon our brothers, Komrades and sisters etc. on death row. We must work for the total abolishment of the death penalty and in doing so we must go back to the 15th century, there or about, and question just what was the "Aseinto Agreement. It was the initial agreement the Portuguese made with all the other European countries in giving them shares of Africa, humans, mineral etc. Then the "Berlin agreement" in 1884 took place in Berlin with the European nations representatives present and white representatives from Africa and South Africa. It was an agreement to carve up Africa among themselves.

With the United States having the largest population of African descendants outside of Africa and the court decision, the infamous 1954 school desegregation decision, brought all the European nations back to the table. But this time they met in Munich and from that meeting "King Alfred" was designed, as a plan against the largest group of blacks outside of Africa (I will fully disclose King Alfred in my next article.)

I am saying this to say that-

"Uncle Sam has never worried about legality whenever he wanted to send his troops whenever his interest was threatened. But when it comes to the lives of 22 million African American, then Uncle Sam becomes very conscious of legality."

Malcolm X

The Ballot or the Bullet

Our present position as a people is no mystery, the fact that the prisons are full of us. And the family unit is being destroyed. Our sisters are being attacked on all fronts, Tawana Brawley, Assata, Laura Whitehorn, Anita Hill, your mother, your aunt, your sister, your daughter - all Queens and Princesses!

As I have always said, you need elementary knowledge to justify higher knowledge.

The popularly called "behavior modification" is a highly complex "science" which is underrated and generally ignored by Black behavioral scientists. Yet any Black with a cursory knowledge of B. F. Skinner's "experimental analysis of behavior" should recognize it's potential danger to our community, where every situation is under the control of the the White race. It also clearly defines the Black community as still being enslaved and the prophecy of B. F. Skinner in Beyond Freedom and Dignity is now a reality (Skinner 1971). Skinner articulated that it is possible to "delude" people into believing that they have the essence of life - freedom and dignity - and still control them.

Then there is the social malaise that statistics on punishment in the United States bespeak. For example, consider the racial disparities: one in four African American men is in prison, on parole, or on probation, compared with one in sixteen white men. There are 436,000 African American men of all ages in college as compared to 609,690 African American men between 20 and 29 years serving some kind of sentence (including probation and parole). An African American man in the U. S. is four times more likely to be in prison than a South African "black" man (assuming, that is, that we do not classify townships and ghettos as prisons of a kind).

You must remember that there is no documentation in existence where a dog has called a man and then beat him.

Our sisters are on the forefront of the struggle. We must support the sisters, (Laura etc.), who remained human by not allowing themselves to be dehumanized at Lexington and were shipped to the Super Max in Florida. And sister Katherine Gerry of the Freedom Press who has been threatened with everything but lashes if she continues to do (spread the word) what the same people who threatened her gave her the Martin Luther King Award for!

"When you suppress people, when you deny opportunity, when there is growing frustration, when there is a belief that nothing in the system responds to injustice, then we are all at risk."

Representative Maxine Waters (D. - Calif.)

We must not repeat the mistakes of the past, because the greatest mistake of the movement has been trying to organize sleeping people around specific goals. You have to wake the people up first, then you'll get action. Wake them up to their exploitation? NO! to their humanity, to their own worth and their heritage.

Africans in America are survivors. Our history shows clearly that we are genetically adopted to survive the harshest of conditions. We are time-tested. But survival isn't enough; we must thrive and flourish.

We must learn to do some things that are new to most of us and that haven't been part of our personal histories. We must make our total well-being our first priority, without apology or hesitation.

One encouraging development in this area is the increasing number of Black people who realize that Establishment promises based on "integration" have been hogwash, and that the key to black freedom is self determination. Accordingly, Blacks are adopting an Afrocentric view of life, which puts our race into focus as our primary concern.

Through Afro-centrism, Blacks must control their own destiny, create their own value system, meet their own needs in all social pursuits and attain self-sufficiency.

Equally important is the need to listen to all the voices within the community, even those we may not want to hear. Those who take seriously Malcolm X's invidious distinction between a "field nigger and a house nigger." should remember that on the plantation both were slaves. As such, an individual's freedom was linked inexorably with that of his fellows. For one group of blacks to reject out of hand the views of another group only serves to divide an already oppressed people. In doing so, we negate the efforts of those who suffered before us. That, coming from a people known for honoring their Ancestor, is a disgrace.

As a black nationalist who respect all peoples of good will, I hope that you do not feel threatened by or have any problem with my advice; indeed I recommend this basic approach for all races, cultures and ethnic groups.

The establishment, however fears the possibility of ethnically - conscious people - any people mobilizing for genuine independence and autonomy. For once, one group attains such an awareness, then others will too. Soon all the peoples will come to see (the oppressed) that they have more in common in working together for co-operative autonomy than in backing the Establishment or in falling into the dead - end trap of racial and nationalistic hatred.

"Perhaps in a certain way we have been needing an enemy. When we have a clearly defined enemy, engaged in hardfought combat, we are more United, energetic, stimulated."

Fidel Castro "Secret Speech" to the Cuban National Assembly.

Dec. 1979

In order for a revolution to occur, institutions must be in conflict - not people. On the question of race, even during the Civil War, Northern and Southern White institutions were in harmony on the question of Black liberation. For those who want to argue the point, Blacks are still enslaved today for the simple reason that all of our life sustaining institutions are controlled by Europeans and that is slavery not oppression. So my brothers and fellow lovers of freedom as far as I'm concerned, building a sense of national consciousness is one of the most important tasks that lay ahead of us. I can't see how we seriously struggle without having a strong sense of collectivity, without being responsible for each other and to each other.

It is also clear to me that without a truly internationalist component nationalism is reactionary. There is nothing revolutionary about nationalism by itself! Any community seriously concerned with its own freedom has to be concerned about other people's freedom as well. The victory of oppressed people anywhere in the world is a victory for Black people. Each time one of imperialism's tentacles is cut off we are closer to liberation. Imperialism is an international system of exploitation, and we, as revolutionaries, need to be internationalist to defeat it.

"We are descendants of a people who have suffered; we are descendants of a people determined to suffer no more."

-Marcus Garvey

Disregard justice and human rights in the rest of the world, and you're well on the road to losing them for yourself -

"To see your enemy and know him is a part of the Complete Education of man."

Marcus Garvey

So my brothers in population in these KKKoncentration KKKamps we need you to do the right thing and utilize the methods employed by our great ancestors and connect with the outside because under the present system, none of us are safe.

"It is our duty to fight for our freedom.

It is our duty to win.

We must love and support each other.

We have nothing to lose but our chains."

Assata Shakur 7/4/73

We only want what is ours.

Everything else is negotiable.

Anything else is intolerable!

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