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WE STUDY IT IN CHICAGO**

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Every black person who has lived in Alexander county for some time knows of friends, perhaps a husband, a son or a brother, who have been found guilty by all white juries in this county. In many of these cases the black man has been innocent but framed and sent to the penitentiary.

But now through the efforts of Attorney General William Scott there is a chance for justice. However to insure justice, it is most important for every black person who is asked to serve on a jury in Alexander County to do so. If you miss a week's work, this sacrifice may save an innocent black brother or sister a year, five years, or ten years in the penitentiary.

Do not ask to be excused from service! Do appear at the court house at the day and time named! DO vote on verdicts according to YOUR conscience and beliefs!



In top photo, a State Policeman bars the entrance to the home of a Black person as others inside carry out an illegal search. The Rev. Sherman Jones, convenor of the Front is a candidate for commission of CAIRO. Al Farmer, treasurer of the Front will be the first Black man to vie against a white man for Mayor of Cairo. The election will be in April. Miss Joyce Gilkey, a past victim of white snipers fire speaks to a rally at ST. Columbas church.

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NATIONAL SURVIVAL DAY IN CHICAGO

Leadership representing Black community groups from across the country will be present and participating in the National Survival Day, sponsored by the base of the United Front in Cairo, Ill. The main event will be held in Holy Angel Catholic Church, 607 E. Oakwood Blvd., in Chicago and will begin at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 27.

The Rev. George Clements a Black Catholic priest who has been the one Black most responsible in organizing Black Catholics in the fight against racism and exploitation in the church, and also pastor at Holy Angels will be host minister.

Several speakers will make presentations to the revolutionary brothers, Christians and other highly motivated religious persons gathered for the event. The Rev. Charles Koen, executive director of the United Front will give the main address.

The emphases at the conference will be on Survival with the entire theme of the meeting built around the thought of just that--SURVIVAL. As the Rev. Koen said: "The time is now to Unite. With the oppressor moving on people of the movement all around the country, there is no other choice." The Rev. Koen also said that the conference is being held in Chicago because it is the city, outside of Cairo, where the oppression against Black people is the greatest.

There will also be a conference on Saturday morning for students present from the college campuses. Miss Debbie Jackson the campus coordinator for the United Front will lead this conference. There will also be special sessions for community leaders led by other staff members of the Cairo and National United Fronts.

For early arrivals to the Crusade, colored slides showing vividly the conditions of Cairo and some of the ways that oppression comes to the Black people of Cairo will be shown.

The Rev. Clements has arranged for a drum and bugle corps to led a parade from a strategic center in Chicago to the Church and upon their arrival at about 1:00 pm the Crusade will be officially opened by the Rev. Koen. Details of the conference will be published in the next edition of the NEWS.

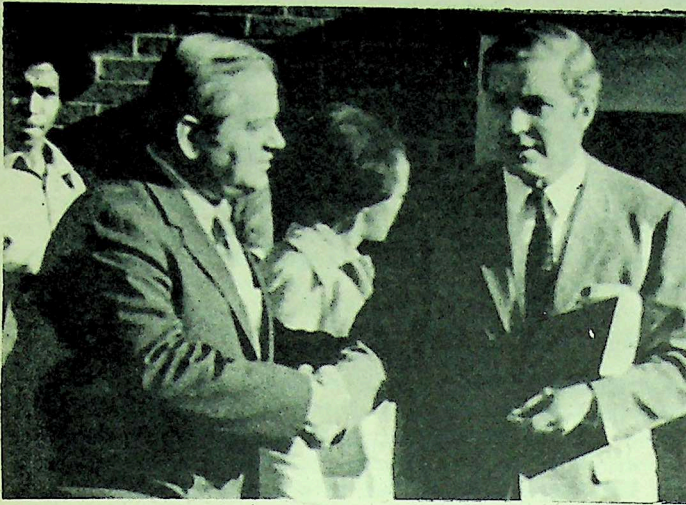
NUN AT IT AGAIN AND AGAIN AND...

The nuns at St. Mary's are at it again! As has been reported in the NEWS in an earlier edition, OEO funded a special program at the hospital for a community health clinic. The funding came about through the diligent work of the United Front and because of the conditions as viewed by the Flying Black Medics when they held a one-day diagnostic Clinic in Cairo.

The sisters of St. Mary's, of course, have tried to take credit for the clinic, choosing to ignore their inability to either grasp or accept the fact of the problems in health care as far as Cairo's Blacks and poor were concerned. Still the clinic is needed and must serve a useful function if it is to remain in Cairo. To date there has been some good come from the clinic. However, present practice by the nuns is causing the good to be eliminated and a service to Cairo's poor is beginning to become money for St. Mary's hospital.

Originally it was agreed that the clinic was to be open from 8:30 in the morning until at least 4:00 in the afternoon,

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Mayor Pete talks with Senator Percy shortly before Percy hears truth of CAIRO from Black representatives. Thomas had attempted to control the meeting in such a way that the Senator could not hear it like it really is.

PERCY DISAPPOINTS WHITES IN VISIT TO CAIRO

U.S. Senator Charles Percy was a great disappointment to Cairo's white leadership last week when he made a one day visit here.

He said that the time for racial discrimination is over. This was very sad news to the white leaders who had thought that they could use his visit to boost their image and help destroy the Black movement.

Senator Percy spoke to students at Camelot High School and Cairo High School. Permission for the Camelot students to hear Percy at Cairo High School had been denied because violence was feared if the students were forced to be together. Camelot is a private racist white school made up of students of parents who do not want their children in integrated schools. Percy went to the racist controlled school before he went to the public school. The Mayor of Cairo had planned the itinerary for the Senator in hopes of "brainwashing" him into the acceptance of the white racist point of view.

Percy also attended a luncheon at the all-white Elk's Club. This and his visit to Camelot made him the target of Blacks claiming he should not have been a part of racist programs.

After the lunch he finally met with a group of people where Blacks had been invited to attend. Blacks labeled the meeting a "love-in" organized by Mayor Pete as an attempt to show Percy that Blacks and whites could come together. The meeting back-fired on the Mayor and nothing was accomplished as the racist attitudes came out as Blacks presented a logical and intelligent report to the Senator.

Percy asked for those in attendance to state what they believed the problems were in Cairo and to offer solutions. A few whites spoke and they were then supported by two Negroes Flora Chambliss and James Avery.

The Black community was represented by the Rev. Charles Koen and Mr. Preston Ewing Jr. They sat quietly for an hour and a half and heard attacks upon them. Bob Cunningham represented white hat leadership.



Mr. Frank Hollis, is shown being led to a police van after his arrest on Feb. 12, by State and county police. Hollis is charged with stealing a rifle from a National Guard Armory in Chicago. Such absurd charges lends credence to the fact that a conspiracy exists to destroy the Black movement.

Avery used most of his time attacking the United Front and he said that he wanted to give up the Black boycott. This is an option he does not have. He is being supported by the state and the city, both agencies have contributed to his finances in hopes of breaking the Black leadership and ending the boycott. He tried to overthrow the present Black leadership, but the Black community rejected him. Finally, Percy, being disturbed by the wild charges being made, asked the representatives of the Black community to speak. At that point Mr. Ewing answered the request by calmly stating in detail the depth of racial discrimination. He took fifteen minutes to tell of the racist practices which he supported with figures on employment and representation.

KOEN SENDS TELEGRAMS

Following the illegal State Police raid on Pyramid Court on February 12, the Rev. Charles Koen sent the following telegrams, copies of which were sent to President Nixon:

Governor Richard B. Ogilvie:

While speaking to a group of international representatives at the Interchurch Center in the United Nations in New York, I was interrupted with a report that your state police had again illegally entered onto the premises of peaceful citizens in Pyramid Court in defiance of their constitutional rights to be secure in their homes. The delegates present at the international meeting pledged their support to the United Front and expressed their shock and dismay at such illegal actions by your men.

As head of the state police your cooperation with local whitehats in executing illegal search warrants against Cairo's Blacks struggling against such oppression from you has caught the eyes and ears of concerned people across the world.

The responsibility of any resulting chaos from these illegal raids lies strictly in your office. We want an immediate reply to this telegram. The world will recognize that the Blood which you will cause to flow from the continuation of such illegal, ungodly actions will stain your presence and your future. You will not escape Blame. Call a halt to such inhuman and vicious treatment of Black people in Cairo.

Attorney General William Scott:

On January 21, and February 12, State Police have viciously and illegally entered into the private homes of individuals in Pyramid Court. this is to them a denial of their constitutional rights to be secure in their homes. This is reckless conduct towards human life and property. Today's raid went by without incidents except the illegal action of Illinois State Police.

We want your office to vigorously investigate this trampling on human dignity, human rights and civil rights against peaceful Black people in Cairo.

The Blood which you will cause to flow from the continuation of such illegal, ungodly actions will stain your presence and your future. We expect to hear from you soon as to our request.

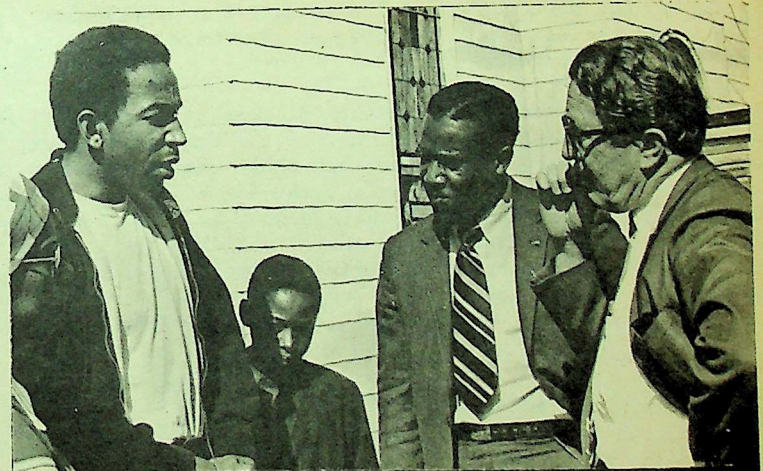
BLACK PEOPLE OF CAIRO LONG AGO DECIDED THAT THE WHITE MAJORITY IN CAIRO WOULD NOT DETERMINE THEIR LEADERSHIP OR GOALS. IN TURN THE BLACKS HAVE REJECTED ALL ATTEMPTS BY THE WHITES TO IMPOSE WHITE CHOSEN LEADERSHIP. THE BLACKS ARE CONTINUING THE BOYCOTT AS MORE AND MORE WHITE BUSINESS ARE FORCED TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SEVERAL DOWN STORES WILL CLOSE THEIR DOORS. THE UNITED FRONT IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP AN ECONOMIC BASE FOR BLACKS. MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING HOW YOU CAN HELP CAN BE OBTAINED BY WRITING MR. BOB WILLIAMS, UNITED FRONT OF CAIRO, CAIRO, ILL., 62914.

Percy was shaken by the facts so he suggested that the white community be educated to what civil rights was all about. To do this he suggested that national civil rights leaders be invited to speak in Cairo. The white community long ago rejected this idea when they failed to welcome the Rev. Jesse Jackson and as a matter of fact very angrily opposed his coming into the city in the summer of 1969.

The Rev. Koen presented Senator Percy with a group of proposals for improving social, educational and economic conditions in Cairo. Both Koen and Ewing ignored the attacks that had been made on them by Avery, Cunningham, and Pete.

Percy cut Pete Thomas' statement short when it was evident that the Mayor had nothing worthwhile to say and was only attacking the Black leadership. In a letter in which he says that he would not be in a position to help matters by saying that racial discrimination ended and equal opportunities existed for Blacks.

The white leadership sat quietly with their heads down. They had realized that their scheme had failed. The local newspaper printed nothing about the outcome of the meeting. This was an obvious indication that the white scheme had been foiled again.



In top picture Preston Ewing talks with two FBI agents as they attempt to get information concerning Front activities. Mr. Ewing said that the FBI sent their one Black agent to Cairo. Of all government agencies the FBI is the most racist and discriminatory.

FRONT MEMBERS SPEAK ACROSS COUNTRY

Growing concern for the plight of Black people in Cairo is causing numerous persons and organizations throughout the country to ask Black people of Cairo to come to their communities to speak the word of truth. Efforts by the Governor, the Mayor and the white vigilantes to destroy the Black movement and to split and divide oppressed Blacks have generally backfired. This is true in that it has caused more and more people to understand the depth of racist attitudes and practices on the part of the white systems. Many people travel on behalf of Cairo's Blacks. Reprinted below is an article from a paper in Oklahoma telling of a presentation by Mrs. Hernean Mallory and Floretta Avant, Black citizens of Cairo:

Black Visitors Here Say Program Based on Love

"When you begin to hate, you're just as bad as your persecutors. You've got to have love in your heart," said two visitors to Tulsa Saturday.

"Sister Mallory" and "Sister Avant," members of the Cairo, Tulsa to address a black women's conference here.

The Black United Front — "Where everybody is somebody and God is everything" — was created in strife-torn Cairo in 1969, under the leadership of the Rev. Charles Koen.

"Our whole organization is based upon Christianity," said Sister Mallory. "We have no time for hate. One day our struggles will be over, and love will rule."

THAT DAY SEEMS far away, when she describes day-to-day life in a city that has suffered, she said, "150 nights of shoot-outs, five bombings," and repeated burnings, since 1969.

"Right now, there are armed trucks, state police, and 'white hats' with machine guns patrolling the streets," she said.

The women described the "white hats" as a white vigilante group which has now been deputized.

Both women live in the all-black, 1,000-resident Pyramid Courts housing project, which has been the center of the violence.

"But we are not afraid, because we have taken a stand," said Sister Avant. "Rev. Koen says, 'You can kill a man, but you can't kill his ideas.'"

THEY ARE seeking "fair representation" in a city which they say is totally governed by whites, even though its population of 8,000 is about 50 per cent black.

There are no blacks on the city council, the police fire department or the public utility boards, they said.

They seek also better housing, medical care, and jobs.

Discussion at Saturday's conference centered on a variety of topics, including one-parent families, health and sex education, drugs and alcoholism, business and community organization.



"FRIENDS OF CAIRO" FORM IN MANY PLACES

Students and staff members of Illinois State University formally organized themselves last week into a group which will support the Blacks of Cairo in their fight for freedom.

Named "The Friends of Cairo, Illinois", the group will secure campus recognition and increase its support to the oppressed people of Cairo. For several months many students and staff members of ISU have been contributing food, clothes, reading materials and bond money. On several occasions they have visited Cairo and participated in picketing and marches.



Black pickets, over one and a half block long, picket white racist merchants in downtown Cairo. Merchants refuse to talk to Blacks---THE BOYCOTT CONTINUES.

WHITES CLOSE STORES AS MERCHANTS MARCH

As the economic boycott of Cairo's white merchants nears its 700th day and the beginning of its third year the attitude of the white merchants seems to be as unmovable as ever before. These store owners still had rather see their stores close as a result of a loss of trade than to practice fair-employment and treat Black people as human beings. Among stores forced to close their doors was "Fabricland" a fabric and materials store. Fabricland which closed less than a month ago was located next door to E. J. Walders which serve as the womb of the white hats during United Front demonstrations in downtown Cairo.

Even though great effort and money is being spent by the whites to buy out Blacks in an attempt to end the boycott and bring Black trade back to downtown Cairo, other stores are in the process of closing shop. Sears catalog store is to close next. Following this up to 3 other stores will be forced to go out of business. One of these is reported to be the establishment of one of the top leaders in the white community and an aggressive member of the white hats.

A very tragic part of the Mayor's and merchant's attempts to produce a safe Black leader is that such efforts have given false hope to white merchants and white citizens. It has led these whites to believe that Blacks would return to shop in Cairo and that the Boycott would end. It should be painfully clear to them that such will not be the case and that the possibilities are great that the Boycott will never end. It is already known that a full 60% of the Blacks have indicated they will never shop again in the stores of these racist merchants.

"FRIEND'S OF CAIRO"-CONT'D

At the organizational meeting Preston Ewing Jr. of the NAACP education staff and member of the Board of directors of the United Front was the speaker. Preceding his visit, SIU had been visited by Rev. Charles Koen, Mr. Leon Page, the Rev. Manker Harris and others from Cairo. Ewing presented a photographic history of the two year struggle for civil rights in Cairo with a colored slide presentation developed by the United Front.

Several other groups on various other campuses and in other communities have either started or are beginning to develop "Friends of Cairo" organizations.



Mrs. Flora Chambliss towers over Father Deis as she tells why CRC should control building now occupied by Black organizations.

DEIS, CHAMBUSS DOUBLE-TALK ABOUT BUILDINGS

It has been clear that one of the main objectives of the Catholic priests at St. Patricks in Cairo and Bishop Zuro weste through closing the facilites of St. Columba's Church to the United Front is to destroy the Front as an effective, forceful organization. Another reason for their moves has become obvious. That reason is to attempt to pit Black organizations against other Black organizations.

It has been discovered that St. Pat's priests have tried to get the NAACP and Illinois Migrant Council to say they will remain in the facilities while they would allow the Front to be evicted.

Father Deis, of St. Pat's called a meeting with officials of



the NAACP, IMC and CRC. Father Deis did not want representatives of the Front present. However, the leadership of CRC there would be no meeting unless representatives of the Front were in attendance.

Deis called a meeting and to his anger, representatives of the Front were present. Attempts by some of the top-leadership of CRC to have them removed was futile. Several things of great interest concerning the Bishop's decision to remove Father Bodewes, the Front and other organizations came to light. It was seen that the Bishop had not talked to Blacks of Cairo but rather only to the St. Pat's priests, certain officers of CRC and other racists in the city. It was plain also that Father Deis had never talked to the Blacks and had

STATE POLICE DO IT AGAIN-RAID P.C.

Sixty-five heavily armed State Police and FBI agents, backed up by Alexander County whitehat deputies, raided Pyramid Court, the all-Black housing project in Cairo at about 1:45 pm on February 12.

Police forced down outside and inside doors in the apartment of Mrs. Debora Flowers. Mrs. Flowers arrest was on a charge of obstructing police in an incident which was supposed to have occurred on the illegal State Police Raid, January 21. No warrant was presented to Mrs. Flowers until she was inside the police van. Her bond is \$1,500.00.

State Police with heavy rifles and riot-guns surrounded several other houses as they entered some homes and were turned away from others with arrest warrants on several of the Black residents.

Mrs. Audrey Trenton, who lives at 119 Pyramid Court was pushed around as raiding officers searched her apartment for dynamite and automatic weapons. The State Police who had also placed over two dozen armed troopers in box cars, specially pulled in behind Pyramid Court for the raid, found only two bullets in the apartment.

Also arrested was Mr. Frank Hollis. Hollis is charged with stealing a rifle from a National Guard Armory in Chicago. His bond is set at \$500.00.

Mr. James Switch Wilson was arrested on a reindictment on two accounts of aggravated battery which arose from a white-instigated riot in downtown Cairo on August 8, 1970. The charges brought by a white vigilante had been quashed in a recent trail after the prosecutor had presented his evidence Defense attorneys for Wilson and Mr. Herman Whitfield, and Frank Washington, all also having outstanding warrants against them on the same charges, say that such arrests will constitute "double jeopardy".

Wilson is also charged with stealing a rifle from a federal marshal and unlawful use of a weapon. Both of these charges and the similar ones on Hollis arose from the guns alledgedly seized in the illegal raid on January 21.

Bonds on Wilson total \$7,500.00. Arraignment for all three arrested was on February 19.

The Rev. Charles Koen sees the raid as another in a long-line of incidents meant to harrass, intimidate and break the will of Black people. He and other leaders of the Front have declared such actions to be obvious evidences of a conspiracy to destroy the Black leadership of Cairo by local Whitehats, both uniformed and nonuniformed, the State Police and agents of the FBI.

DEIS-CONT'D

little comprehension of their problems and needs and practically no understanding of their struggle.

In the meeting both the IMC and the NAACP said they would not enter into any agreement in the building unless the agreement included the United Front's use and access of the facilities as has been the case for the past two years. The people present agreed that if they so desired, the CRC could share use of the facilities. CRC officials would not accept the offer.

In the meantime, Father Bodewes and all the groups in the building before the February 1 deadline are still in and plan to remain in them for as long as the Black people of Cairo want them to use the facilities.

INFORMATION LISTED ON ARTICLES ON FRONT

To keep our friends and supporters informed, the information below is provided. Articles concerning the Black people's struggle in Cairo will appear in the following publications:

Commonweal, current edition, article by Teri Knopf on distorted reporting by wire services, etc. Based on Cairo's Blacks experience, it is a needed article.

New York Times Magazine, Feb. 21, Anthony J. Lukas writes a comprehensive, insightful, penetrating article entitled "Bad Day at Cairo, Ill."

Boston Globe, February 21, Teri Knopf writes an article similar but longer than one in Commonweal.

TRENDS, May-June, ed., out middle of April, "Obey the Law Break Order," by James Gittings.

Presbyterian Life, 2 part ed., "More Harmful Than We Think--A Case Study in Small Town Polarization," By James Gittings.

Ramparts, March or April Edition.

Evergreen Review, April edition, out middle of March.

ESQ, current edition.

Ebony, March edition, now on news stands. Informative is issue by Gregory Carlyle. Hal Franklin has excellent photographs.



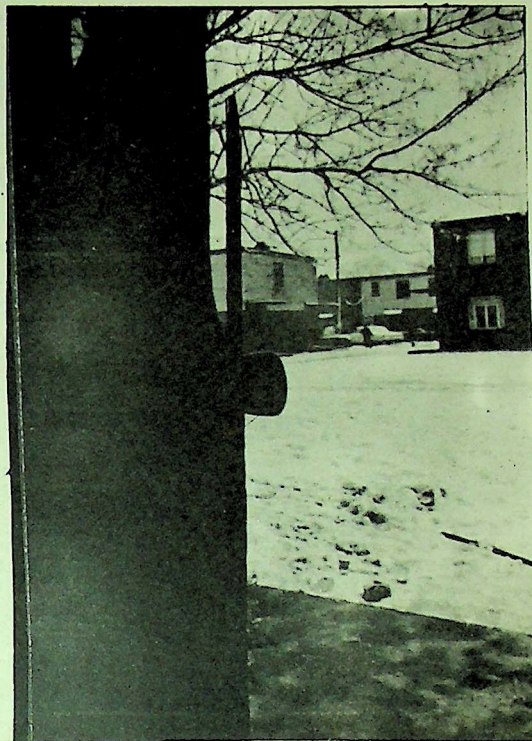
Mrs. Hazel James speaks at a rally of the United Front in Cairo. Mrs. James has long been active in the struggle for human dignity and liberation. Standing with her are members of the Women's Liberettes group.

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Monday through Friday and also on Saturday morning. Without consulting the Citizens Board, the Sisters changed the hours of the clinic. Now it is open only in the afternoons and not at all on Saturday. This creates an extreme hardship on the part of the people who are supposed to be served by the clinic--the poor.

The hospital benefits directly in that persons who can only make visits in the morning, must go to the emergency room of the hospital itself. When this happens the usual charge for emergency room treatment is levied. The program must then pay this amount to the hospital. The hospital then benefits directly from a program which is supposed to benefit the poor not St. Mary's hospital.

In another violation of at least the spirit if not the actual word of OEO guidelines, the Nuns appointed certain Sisters to the Board who also receive pay from the health program. Ordinarily, at least, persons who receive compensation on a program are not able to sit on the policy making board of that program. But aren't things always different at St. Mary's?



A broken door in the apartment of Mrs. Deborah Flowers gives mute evidence to the destructive tactics of the State Police as they illegally raided Pyramid Court.

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The Rev. Koen has said: "They have tried to turn Black people on us. Representatives from the Governor's office have paid money and spread lies against us. The local white leadership, all vigilantes, have attempted to assassinate all the leaders of the Front, but we are still here. That cannot be said too clearly. We are still here. We will remain here through the help of God until victory is ours."

WORK OF REGIONAL COUNCILS DESCRIBED

The United Front is leading a great struggle in a nation two hundred million strong and it cannot fulfill its historic task without a large number of leading Regional Councils which will combine ability with political integrity.

We need a much stronger cadre in political, cultural and mass work. The present United Front framework is not yet strong enough to support the struggle at the level we are going to have to function. We have to train people on a much larger scale than we have in the past. Regional Councils are a decisive factor, once the political line is determined. Therefore it is our task to train and set examples for other Regional Councils.

Our concern should extend to non-United Front members, group organizations, etc., as well as to United Front members. There are many capable people outside the United Front whom we must not ignore. The duty of each United Front member is to rid himself of aloofness and arrogance and to work well with non-United Front members; give them sincere help; have a warm, brotherly attitude towards them and enlist their initiative in the great struggle in which we are engaged.

We must know how to judge Regional Councils. We must not confine our judgment to a short period or a single incident in the work of a Regional Council, but should consider its life and work as a whole. This is the main method of judging Regional Councils.

We must know how to use Regional Councils well. In the final analysis, leadership involved two main responsibilities:

1. Work out ideas
2. Use Regional Councils well

Such things as drawing up plans, making decisions and giving orders and directives, are all in the category of "working out ideas."

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AN OPEN LETTER TO BLACK WOMEN IN CAIRO AND COUNTRY

SISTERS OF CAIRO:

The sisters across the country have long looked at you as The Group of women whose commitment to relentless struggle and whose bravery and courage while under attack by the forces of racism and economic exploitation at its highest level in this country is unmatched, even by many brothers, some of whom accuse themselves of being revolutionary.

It is very urgent that sisters all over the country become BOTH politically and militarily conscious to the natural oppression we face as a people. We must begin to understand that we as women must place politics in command of the gun.

Most importantly we must fully understand WHY we are fighting and be able to explain the reasons to the uncommitted in order to increase our numbers. Politics, then as the art and skill of winning people minds over to what we know is the truth in order that all oppressed peoples of color in this country and abroad will pick up the gun and help defeat Racism and Exploitation.

We must begin to understand what sister Angela Davis was talking about when she said that there can be no separation between ones personal and political life. For once we begin to understand that our personal problems and hang-ups are intricately tied into the nature of this society, then we will see that the solution to those personal problems can only come about when we are victorious in seizing state power. We will be able to seize power when our people are BOTH politically and militarily in large numbers.

When Black women can see that the reason our men are messing-up stems from the way this country is run, then we will understand that the way to stop our men from messing up is to organize ourselves politically and militarily and change the way the country is run. When we bicker among ourselves and with our men we become nothing but pawns in the racist game.

As women, we must also understand that we face a dual oppression. A friend of mine calls it double jeopardy--to be Black and female in a racist-capitalist, male-supremist country. In order for a few white folks to make money they must exploit the masses of people, with Black folks receiving the harshest exploitation. Then in order to tighten up their game, they have circulated the ideas and created the value system which allows all men to dominate all women. The result being that BLACK women are slaves of a slave.

The political term for the attitudes men have towards women is male Chauvinism, which says that the male is superior to the female therefore the female is subordinate to the male. To you sisters and others like you who have faced gunfire, jailings, beatings in attempting to liberate our people, the absurdity of this concept should be self-evident. If we can die like men then we are not subordinate to them or anyone else. Just as we must not get hung up in the skin analysis, we must not allow ourselves or brothers to get hung-up in the genital analysis.

Both sexes must be about the conscious transformation of themselves. This transformation comes about through the combined efforts of the study of revolutionary theory and practice of revolutionary acts and deeds. You sisters have the most advanced practice in the entire country. We must study the system in order that we can learn how we will go about sustaining the struggle along the political lines. You must continue to be willing to learn.

We must become more politically aware so we can understand why the men must work long and weird hours, how important meetings are, and why the men must travel so much. Many of us are unable to understand how our men can relate to other women on a political basis, without having to be intimate with them. We can't understand revolutionary sisterhood because

we are so fearful that every other sister wants our men; yet we know that no one take somebody away from us if we are involved in a meaningful relationship. Our political immaturity inhibits our self-confidence as women and prevents us from relating to the men we love in a meaningful way.

In terms of how we are oppressed, perhaps the most tragic thing is that we as women are not working long, weird hours, calling important meetings, not traveling or are we relating to men on a political basis.

The fact that brothers have not shared this knowledge with many of the women should not prevent us from obtaining it. For we can read and think. We cannot sit back and wait until the brothers decide to pass this information on to us. Because given the superb brainwashing the man has given them, they probably think that we don't have the brains to understand it.

Many of the sisters throughout the country have petty bourgeois hang-ups which stems from the hurting that this racist-capitalist system has put on us. However it is your revolutionary obligation to struggle against their incorrect ideas. Those ideas have a class basis and when you become armed with the correct revolutionary theory you can deal with them politically. If you don't struggle against them you will be aiding in the creation of an organized group of sisters who will move against all the principles of the struggle.

Many of the women with petty bourgeois hang-ups have shown a willingness to deal with their hang-ups. We must be patient with them. We must make them understand that their hypocritical ideas about respectability and morality are the ideas and values of the racist-capitalists and that they exist to enslave us. The only respectability that exists lies in the one who has transformed himself into the professional revolutionary morality that will fight to the death against the evils of the American government.

NEED FOR POLITICAL ED. CLASSES

SUGGESTIONS ON HOLDING POLITICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

A meeting should be scheduled for once a week and time should be allowed so that everything is covered (maybe 4-6 hours, making it a dinner meeting).

It should include the handling of the old and new business, collective problem solving, planning for and assign work for the following week.

The meeting should include political education and preparation classes.

A book per week should be assigned which is the basis of discussion on how what you read relates to the struggle in America and especially in the community in which you live.

We should be hooking up close communication with all the brothers and sisters across the country so that we all can grow and develop together.

POLICE CONTINUE HARRASSMENT OF BLACKS