

NEWS FROM BLACK SCHOOLS

MAY 27 SOLIDARITY OBSERVANCES

AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY SET

Coming together as undoubtedly the largest coalition of Africans born in America ever to publicly declare their position on the question of African liberation, the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee (ALDCC) has announced plans for a massive march of Black people on Washington, D. C. May 27.

Calling out to "people of African descent around the world, including the 30 million in the United States, 10 million in the Caribbean, 50-60 million in South and Central America, one million in Canada, one million in Pacifica and 400 million on the continent," a plea for world-wide African unity was made.

"Only as we begin to view ourselves as one people--and begin to think and plan and struggle and fight within that framework---will we be assur-

ed of victory over our world-wide oppressors, the Europeans," Sadaukai of Malcolm X Liberation University in Greensboro, N. C.

Sadaukai was accompanied at the press conference by other representatives of national, local and international organizations, all of whom had endorsed and agreed to work with the effort.

There were well known national organizations and figures from militants to civil rights activists, men and women, congressmen and scholars, groups both local and national.

Among them were Nelson Johnson of the Student Organization for Black Unity, Imamu Amiri Baraka, Congress of African People; Huey P. Newton of the Black Panther Party and Sis. Gina Thornton of the Universal Negro Improvement Association. En-

dorsement has also come from imprisoned Student National Coordinating Committee chairman H. Rap Brown and recently released Sis. Angela Davis, along with Sis. Penny Jackson, whose Bro. George was one of the Soledad Brothers.

Among the elected officials involved are Congressmen Charles Diggs, Louis Stokes, and John Conyers, along with District of Columbia delegate Walter Fauntroy and Ga. state legislator Julian Bond.

From his residence in Conakry, Guinea, Stokely Carmichael has sent word of his approval of the move, as has also Sis. Betty Shabazz, widow of Bro. Malcolm X. Vincent Harding of the Institute of the Black World, Black Scholar publisher Nathan Hare, Cornell University's James Turner and poet-lecturer Don L. Lee are also among the supporters.

There are many other persons representing grassroots level local organizations such as Gene Locke of Africans in America for Black Liberation in Houston, Tex.; Doug Moore of the D. C. Black United Front, Ron. Daniels of the Mid-West Regional Coalition, Ruwa Chiri of United Africans for One Motherland, International, Kwadwo Oli Akpan of the Pan-African Congress, USA and Joe Waller of the Junta of Militant Organizations whose presence assures mass Black support and participation.

Full plans for the march have not yet been announced, but it is known that simultaneous demonstrations are scheduled to take place in Montreal, Canada, Washington, D. C., San Francisco, Cal. and various sites in the Caribbean Islands.

May 25, the traditional anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), has always been respected as African Solidarity Day. The March 27 day was chosen because it falls on a Saturday and the feeling is that thus more Blacks will be able to join up with the demonstration in Washington.

Central plans for the African Liberation Day are being coordinated out of an office in the local Black community by five full-time staff members. At least 10,000 Black people are expected to participate. "African people everywhere,

particularly those engaged on the continent in armed struggle for their liberation and independence, will take heart from this show of solidarity by our brothers in the Americas," said Carmichael in a telegram from Guinea. "This is truly a first step towards showing undying love for our people--wherever they may be."

Newton, who was unable to attend the press conference, said "We are in full support of the movement for freedom of all poor and oppressed people. All power to the people." He was represented at the press conference by Sis. Ericka Huggins.

"African Liberation Day," said H. Rap Brown from his Rikers island jail cell, "represent the awakening of Blacks in America to the fact that our struggle here is definitely related to that of our people on the continent. The same oppressive forces that are seeking to commit genocide against us in the United States through murder, assassination,

imprisonment, population control, "behavior modification," schemes, implicit government, toleration and endorsement of hunger disease, poverty, unemployment and drug racketeering--are the same ones carrying out murderous, imperialist aims in Africa. African liberation day says to the world that we recognize this fact and therefore support our people's struggle for independence, wherever we are."

"We here today," said Sadaukai on behalf of a new breed of concerned Africans, "pledge this in the memory of Martin Delaney, Alexander Crummell, Chaka Zulu, Nat Turner, Sojourner Truth, Sundiata, Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Tubman, Dingana, Denmark Vesey, Marcus Garvey, Matabele and Malcolm X: That in solidarity with the African Liberation Army Fighters, we will work and struggle, learn and teach, preach and fight--until Mother Africa once again belongs to the Africans---at home and abroad."

"From Saint Aug's Pen--" Black Woman's Role In The Revolution

This pamphlet was written in hope that Black women all over the world might communicate and unite so that we can better understand our role as women in the black revolution. Black women must understand that what the brothers are doing is serious business, so serious that they might lose their lives. And as women, we had better prepare ourselves and get down to business; go out in our neighborhoods and help Black children learn to be ready to take over. We must help other sisters.

As Brother Malcolm X said, we all have one thing in common that we can come together on, "we are all Black and being oppressed by the same oppressor."

We must rid ourselves of all the white man's values. Our appearance is very important. We must learn black culture.

We must learn who the Black man is and respect him.

INTRODUCTION

Little Black girls of 12, 13, 14 years old walking around talking about they hate men, being highly disobedient and giving no respect. But do they really hate men? Or is it their mothers, sisters, aunts and whatever? Rather than being taught to hate men, there should be instilled in them a pride of womanhood. For how can we possibly expect a Black male to be a Black man when we ourselves are not Black women? If you want to be a wife without being a woman--such as you see on all the white soap operas you watch every day, faithfully, without tending to your necessary chores - then stop reading now. Because you're probably the type who wants your husband, your man, to work for the white man all day, come home to a

messed up house, an uncooked meal, and have you blame it on the children and him. As though that's not bad enough, you also must manage all the money. Yet you want a man.

If we want our men to remain such, as Black women, must recall what our foreparents did - before we became completely whitewashed.

The duties of a wife go far beyond sitting on ones backside telling her men what he should or should not do; what she will or will not do.

Black women must be naturally beautiful. We must love our men with all we have. Only through us can they have strength. It is not the duty of a woman to go to business as a man. This is the trouble from the git-go. Any white man will give us a job making more money than our husbands. This is done for no reason other than to cause our men to feel inferior to us.

Our duty is to be a wife/mother. To raise our daughters to be proud, beautiful women; our sons to be men, kings and kings of warriors. Our homes should be made to feel like men, after being downed for so long. His dinner should be prepared, his tensions, relieved, and our understanding at its peak.

Company composed of all men should be just that. We have absolutely no business in men's discussions. Your only entrance should be to serve refreshments. Then what do we do until this is over? There's always something to keep us busy. Sewing, ironing, creating our own pieces of objects, planning menus - for healthy diets make a healthy mind and teaching our children.

Whitey On The Moon

A rat done bit my sister Nell, with whitey on the moon; her face and arms began to swell, and whitey's on the moon. I can't pay my doctor bills, but whitety's on the moon. Ten years from now I'll be paying still. While whitey's on the moon, you know, the man just upped my rent last night cause whitey's on the moon. No hot water, no toilets, no lights, but whitey's on the moon. I wonder why he's upping me. Cause Whitey's on the moon? I was already paying fifty a week and now whitey's on

the moon. Taxes taking my whole damn check, junky's making me a nervous wreck, the price of food is going up and if all that ain't enough a rat done bit my sister Nell, with whitey on the moon. With all that money I made last year, how come I ain't got no money here? Oh, whitey's on the moon. You know I've just about had my fill of whitey on the moon. I guess I'll send these bills Air Mail Special Delivery -- To Whitey on the moon.

Gil Scott-Heron

From Howard U's Hilltop

Confusion of a pusher:

numbness up my vein.

I can see myself
a million me's
All pointing fingers at each other
I can smell the sickening smell of myself
burning my brother
I can feel my body grow weak and my mind
Limp in pain the needle of life & death pour

The gap between us
Is not my creation
I sat before you
But when you came
All the perfume I had on
Plus the smile I flashed
And the convenience of my humanity
Could not attract you
But you came.

You trotted down the hallway
Heavy boots squeezing wet
With the white snow of yesterday
Looked at me from a distance
And saw a fly perched on a dog's nose
That for a reason
you stumbled past me
To a distance and found a chair
And you know why
It is because I am an African.
EMAHIKER ABLORH-ODJIDJA.

EXPLO '72

EXPLO '72, a Campus Crusade for Christ International project, will take place in Dallas June 12-17, 1972 and will involve attendance figures that would terrify a Rose Bowl promoter. The conference, called officially "The International Student Congress on Evangelism" will launch a strategy to train 500,000 people during 1972 for a spiritual explosion across America and around the world," according to Campus Crusade President Bright.