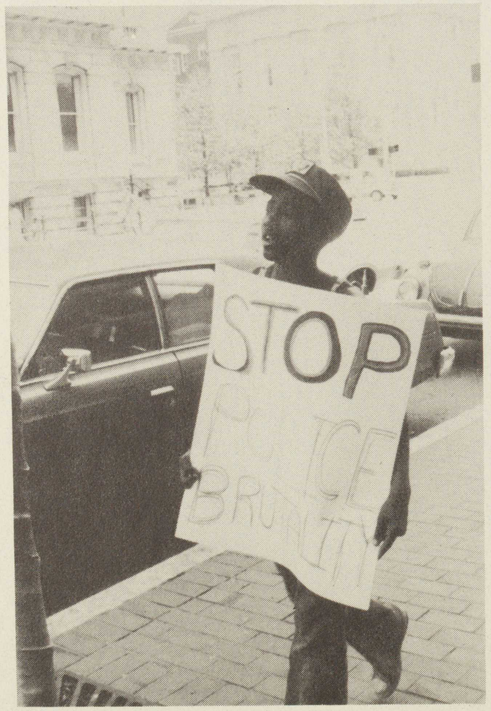
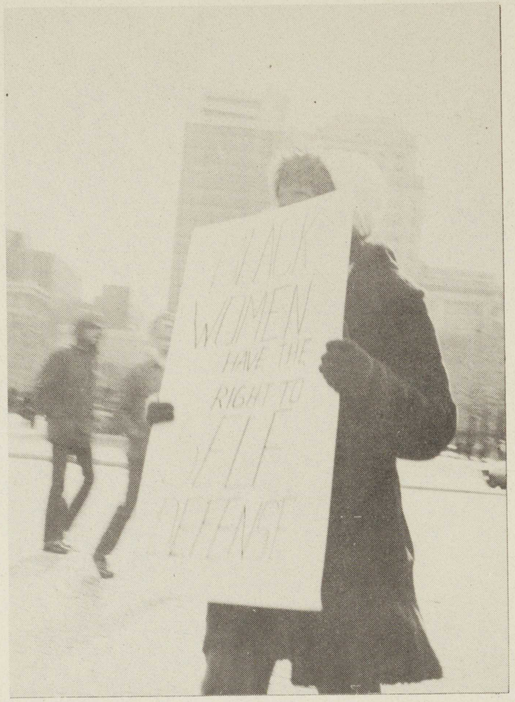
POLITICS MUST BETTER MATERIAL LIFE

Our politics is meaningless if it is not tied to a process to better the material life of our people, and what I am simply saying is that the process does not begin after liberation. It must begin now if there is to be liberation. The people will not follow us simply because, like Ford, we have a better idesa.

Amilcar Cabral was correct when he said, "Always bear in mind that the people are not fighting for ideas, for the things in anyone's head. They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward, to guarantee the future for their children..."

This should tell us, then, that there must be unity of theory and practice, and that the mass movement we are talking about building must be tied to the material needs and struggles of our people in this world. Our theory should be capable of





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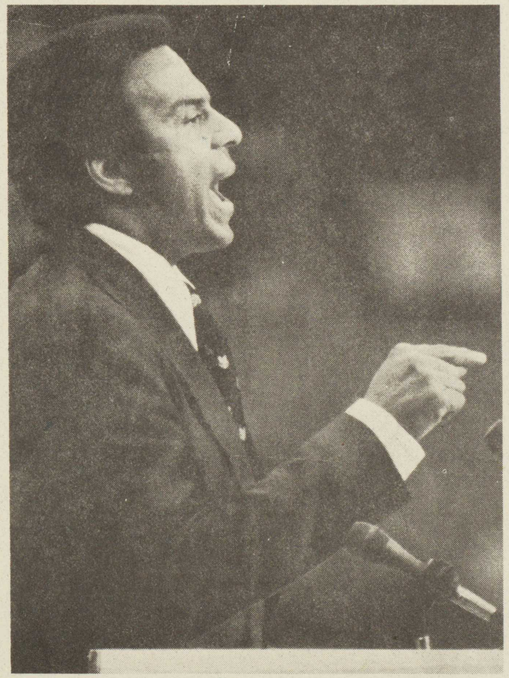
leading the day-to-day struggles, of being tested in the real world. If we are incapable of truly serving the people; if our theory prohibits, through its inadequacies, giving practical leadership, assuming the offensive around the life and death questions, then we are undeserving of the people's confidence, and the people will not follow us, and there will be no real independence within our lifetime.

Taking the offensive on mass issues cannot be done in a one-sided way if we are serious about establishing the leadership of the Independence movement as a strategic objective to guide our work in building a mass movement. When we talk about establishing the leadership of the independence movement we must be talking about our leadership as opposed to all other leadership.

Therefore we must be capable of, and prepared to, wage continuous ideological struggle while taking the offensive on mass issues. This ideological struggle should presently identify as main targets the following forces in order of importance.

1. Our primary target for ideological struggle is the U.S. North American ruling class. As this is the enemy most responsible for the barbaric treatment of our people, and upon whose system colonialism depends, we must, without letup, strike our main ideological blows here. Our ideological struggle against this main enemy should be anti-imperialist, and anti-colonialist, as imperialism and its colonial tactic are responsible for our condition in life.



Black, primitive petty bourgeoise traitors like Andrew Young advocate solutions that will always guaruntee our continued servitude.

2. The second, related, most important target for ideological struggle should be directed against the Black, primitive-petty bourgeoisie collaborators. These collaborators represent colonialism's first line of defense within the dispersed U.S. North American colony. Although the pimitive-petty bourgeoisie collaborators often give lip service to improving the lives of our people, their solutions are always those which would strengthen the present system, and guarantee our continued servitude. If we are to establish the leadership of the Independence movement, we must necessarily expose the bankruptcy of primitive-petty bourgeoise collaboration.

3. The third target for ideological struggle is the Ideological Imperialists. These are the U.S. North Americans who call themselves socialists and communists, but who deny the right of African people to be led by our own advanced fighters, by liquidating the nationalist character of our movement; obscuring the colonial contradiction; raising the secondary contradiction between African people and our relation to production to a primary contradiction; and seizing hegemony of our movement.

Ideological imperialists like these shown here, who represent a great danger to our movement, must be defeated with revolutionary nationalist politics.