

The Political Aspects of Building a Mass Movement: The Tactical and Strategic Objectives for Black Liberation
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Preface

The Political Aspects of Building a Mass Movement, The Tactical and Strategic Objectives for Black Liberation was presented in April 1977 at a Black Organizers' Conference at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Omalu Yeshitela was asked by the conference sponsors to make a presentation on the political aspects of building a mass movement. During the same period, the Central Committee of the African People's Socialist Party had requested a paper from Chairman Yeshitela on the tactical and strategic objectives for liberation.

The resulting paper, *The Political Aspects of Building a Mass Movement: The Tactical and Strategic Objectives for Black Liberation*, was consciously written as a general and uniting strategy for the African Liberation Movement. It was approved by the African People's Socialist Party and has informed and guided the Party's practice since then.

The presentation at Amherst was well received and united with by the participants which represented virtually every legitimate expression of the Independence movement. They included Robert Williams, the first president of the Republic of New Africa, Rev. Charles Koenis from Cairo, Illinois, who built the United Front in that city, the revolutionary nationalist, Ella Baker, creating genius of the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee, representatives from the Afrikan People's Party and its founding member Akbar Muhammed Ahmed, representatives from the Institute of Black World and many others.

The presentation was serialized in the August, 1977, Vol. 5 No. 1, September, 1977, Vol. 5 No. 2, November, 1977, Vol. 5 No. 3 and January, 1978, Vol. 5 No. 4 issues of *The Burning Spear* newspaper which generated much discussion in the movement and letters to the editor of *The Burning Spear*. Reprinted in pamphlet form in 1979, it has been one of the most often requested pamphlets from Burning Spear Publications and is long overdue for this second edition.