

PRESS RELEASE

**ALD Committee Organized in Philadelphia
Baltimore, Md. April 22, 1989....**

On April 13, 1989 African Liberation Day Organizing Committee met at the Uhuru, 5301 Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The purpose of this meeting was to form a regional committee to organize ALD in Philadelphia on May 27 and 28, 1989.

As you know, May 25th was designated as African Liberation Day (ALD) by the Organization of African Unity in 1963. In the U.S., ALD was first organized in 1972. For the past seventeen years the African People's Socialist Party (APSP) has organized and participated in ALD rallies, marches and community forums, not only as an expression of the unity of the struggle for African Liberation worldwide, but also as a concrete expression of African peoples resistance to domestic colonialism inside the U.S.

Consequently, when we called for a Unified ALD in Philadelphia in 1986, it was in response to the terroristic bombing of MOVE and the black community by the neocolonial led government of Mayor W. Wilson Goode. Doc Hatter, Chairman of APSP Local Party Organization, said "as you know, the terroristic bombing of MOVE was a traumatic experience not only for African people in Philadelphia, but also the world. Unfortunately, while many songs and poems have been written and sung about the May 13, 1985 bombing, most people felt helpless to actually do anything about the bombing."

The Party's political response to the May 13 bombing has been to attempt the initiation of an anti-colonial movement in Philadelphia which will overturn the terror that the bombing was intended to unleash within our community and to organize the African workers and poor to struggle for power independent of the colonial white ruling class and the black neocolonial puppets as well.

This has resulted in a three - prong approach by the Party which includes:

- 1. Annual African Liberation Day mobilizations;**
- 2. The move to build a local African Community Defense Committee, along with our efforts to rehabilitate a once abandoned three-story building as a Uhuru House at 5301 W. Girard Ave., an organizing center for our oppressed communities and:**
- 3. The organization of the African People's Solidarity Committee, a group of North American (white) workers who work under the Party's leadership. Their task is to work in the white community, winning political support for our struggle for self-determination and acquiring white "citizen" reparations for our struggle.**