



African Internationalists meet in Barbados, Caribbean

Today the forces of anti-colonialism and liberation are the true makers of history as we deliver the sharpest, most devastating blows to imperialism hourly, throughout Africa, in the Middle East, Asia and Latin America. Although the struggle for African liberation and political independence has always been an integral part of the worldwide anti-imperialist, anti-colonial struggle, it has often, and especially most recently, not been recognized as such.

Therefore, in attempting to realize the strategical objective of winning international support for the independence position we will meet many initial roadblocks. Some of these difficulties will result from genuine ideological differences within the international community with our independence position. But many, and perhaps most, will stem from an opportunist interest by some international forces to establish and maintain hegemony over our movement through U.S.-based proxy organizations for their own narrow nationalist interests.

Whatever the reasons for the initial resistance of international support for our independence position, it must be overcome, and it will be overcome to the extent we realize the strategical objective of winning our people here, in this country, to the position of independence. No matter how ideologically committed to another definition of our struggle or how opportunistic some international forces may be, they will be unable to deny the obvious political conclusions demonstrated by the masses of the U.S. domestically colonized Africans.

International support for our independence position will provide other bonuses for us, not the least of them being world acceptance of our right and need to have an African People's Liberation Army.

Today Assata Shakur and Sundiata Acoli, two revolutionaries who represent the best of our movement, languish in North American prisons, serving life sentences. In all of the progressive news articles we have seen concerning their cases it has been necessary to write that Shakur and Acoli are "allegedly" members of the Black Liberation Army.

In all their court struggles it has been necessary to prove them "not guilty" of killing North American policemen who act as a colonial army in our community. A victory in winning international support for the independence movement will end this. A victory here will show why it may be sometimes necessary and quite proper to shoot and kill policemen and others who stand in the way of liberty and who murder, maim, and commit other atrocious and barbaric acts against our people while carrying out their colonialist responsibilities.

Because of their revolutionary commitment for our people, and because they do represent the best of us, I have much love for Shakur and Acoli, and personally feel one way this love for them, and what they represent, can best be demonstrated is by my efforts to build international support for our independence position, which gives legitimacy to what they represent and vindicates them from what the U.S. North American state has charged them with.

Our primary effort for international support should be directed at the international African community, including Africa, Australia, Canada, South America, the Caribbean, etc. This effort should include building, strengthening, and supporting legitimate Pan African organizations, associations, etc. It should also include winning the support of the Organization of African Unity.

Beyond the international African community we should also direct our efforts at "Third World" countries and peoples, socialist countries and peoples, and the people of Western capitalist countries.

It is my firm belief that if, when doing political work, we are guided by these tactical and strategical objectives, along with the necessary strategical objective of **BUILDING AN AFRICAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY**, all our work will begin to take on the political aspects necessary for successful efforts in any particular situation, relating to any particular objective.

It seems necessary to say at this point that while I mainly addressed myself to the question of our strategical objectives to guide us in building a mass movement, we should also be looking to build mass movements which themselves adopt the tactical and strategical objectives I have just laid out. Such a movement would