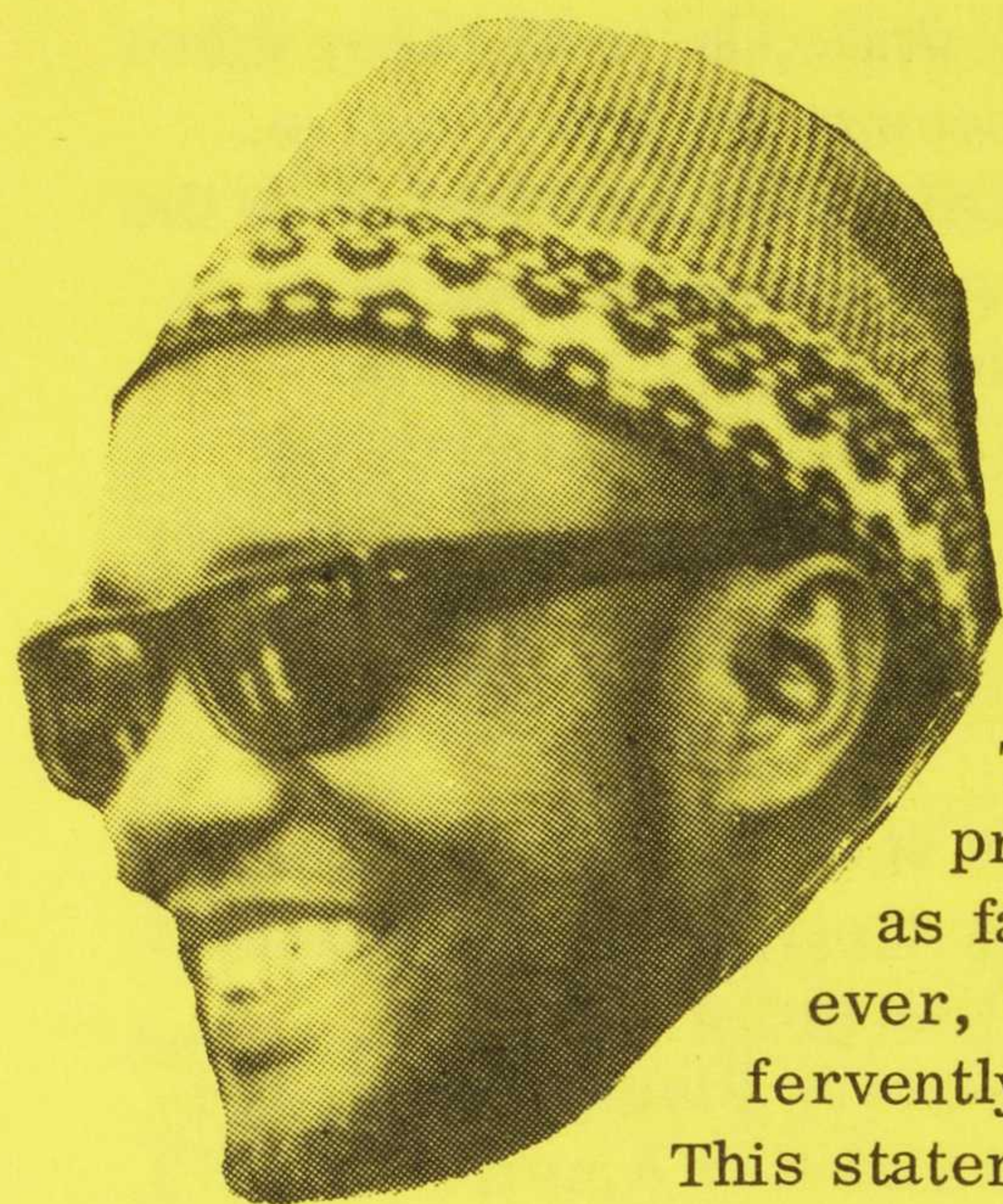




CABRAL LIVES

The announcements have been made, the news releases have been printed, the editorials have been written, and history will record it as fact that a life has been lost, and Amílcar Cabral is dead. However, we are taking the time to disagree with this statement and instead fervently affirm our belief that "Cabral Lives".

This statement may cause many people to ask if we are saying that perhaps Cabral has escaped from Guine Bissau and is living in South America? Or people may wonder if we are trying to disagree with the New York Times and the Washington Post that Cabral is dead. Some may ask if we are saying that Cabral still breathes and walks the earth continuing the struggle he waged prior to an assassin's bullet. Still others may dubiously inquire if what we are saying is that the forces of evil who so readily destroy those that work for the development of humanity have missed their mark? To all of you we answer, "No". What we are saying is that the body of Amílcar Cabral, which physically is not comparable to the heroes symbolized in Hollywood movies, has been destroyed and thus Cabral--the man, the heroic fighter is dead. But our concern, and what is ultimately most important, is that the lessons learned from the life he lived and the struggle he waged goes on.

This great and heroic fighter lived the only life that had meaning and continues to have meaning for any of us who are concerned with being the future and changing ourselves in order to change the world. Cabral exemplifies in every sense, the meaning of the word, "revolutionist". Calling upon the facilities of his mind, body and soul, Cabral worked tirelessly and unceasingly toward the goal of moving mankind to a new and higher level of existence. His role was that of a leader of a revolutionary party, and thus his responsibility was the awesome task of developing revolutionary leadership, both for himself and others. Through his conversations and actions, he has set a new goal for the revolution, for revolutionary theory, and revolutionary practice.

But what does all of this mean for our lives here in the United States? In order to answer this question we must examine the present conditions of this country. Today throughout the U. S. we see only chaos, repression and failure. The situation of the U.S. is very much like a has-been giant who is stumbling--ready to fall. From the President and the masses of bureaucratic government officials surrounding him, down to the individual man in the street, there exists a state of disorganization, aimlessness, frustration, and a general sense of not knowing where to go, why to go, or even how to evaluate which way to go.

For example, throughout this country there are school strikes and disorders from the nursery schools all the way through to the professional schools. Students sense correctly that there is much that is incorrect with the way things are. Unfortunately, their demands and outcries go unheard by the administrators and politicians. What these students are correctly trying to convey is that there is something wrong. The value system, the standards, the behavior patterns that this country started out with and continues to thrust upon them just don't fit anymore. These things no longer have meaning for what is happening today in 1973. These things offer no vision or no workable solution for what must be done. But even in the face of such mass questioning and disapproval, the administrators and politicians persist in playing their