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UNITED NATIONS

In our appraisal of the United Nations, of its structure and the field of action proper and appropriate to it, we must recognize the historically demonstrated fact that a willful and deliberate violation by any member state of its obligations under the United Nations Charter weakens the United Nation's prestige and threatens its destruction. Let us speak frankly; he acts deliberately and with calculation to the injury of the United Nations, to weaken it or endanger its existence as an effective and energetic international institution is the enemy of all of us. He robs the world of the last hope, best hope for peace, robs the small nations of the bulwark, which the United Nations provides against oppression and he deprives them of the forum where their voices may be raised against injustice and oppression. It is, perhaps no accident that the United Nations headquarters resembles a structure of glass. It is a fragile, not an indestructible, institution.

At the same time we need not delude ourselves, that the performance of the United Nations has been, at all times and on all questions, that which we might we might have wished. The United Nations is man-conceived and man-run, and hence, by its nature and by man's nature imperfect. We must be constantly alert to improve and perfect its machinery, to minimize the risk that in time of crisis it will fail us, to assure that its decisions are founded on principle and not on bias and prejudice.

The most obvious defect, which we observe in the United Nations today, derives from the fact that this Organization, in 1961, remains the self-same entity, which was created sixteen years ago at San Francisco. Its membership has more than doubled from 46 to 99 nations, but its structures remain the same, and no measures have been taken to assure that the adequate representation in its constituent organs is guaranteed to the peoples who have, since 1945, taken their places in this world body. We must not and we shall not be denied this right – from this is a right and not a privilege.



HIM speaks on the UN

The increased participation of the non-Aligned Nations in the day-to-day activities of the United Nations is the best safeguard against arbitrary abuse of its powers and functions by and for the benefit of a single group, and such development would enhance immeasurably its effectiveness against aggression and guarantor of peace.

We must too observe that the United Nations can scarcely fulfill the role envisaged for it by its founders so long as hundreds of millions of people remain unrepresented there. We refer now not merely to those whose independence is yet to be attained but, as well, to those states, primary among which is the Peoples Republic Of China, which has thus been excluded form the seat in its councils.

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The Concept Of The Black Star And Pan Afrikan Unity

“We are standing on the shoulders of Afrikan Giants, and are looking beyond the horizon of time to see the dawn of Pan Afrikan Freedom and Unity.” (*Kgalushi Koka, 1985*)

The Concept of Afrikan Unity embraces the fundamental needs and characteristics of African civilization and ideology, and at the same time satisfies all the conditions necessary for an accelerated economic and technological advance. Such maximum development would ensure a rational utilization of the material

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Ras Tafari Inity Summit

Blessed love to all Ras Tafari Idrens worldwide. Iperations for the Ras Tafari Inity Summit billed for Johannesburg, South Africa on November 2006 are well under way. It is important for idrens in Botswana to send a delegate to such a gathering.

It is high time the Ras Tafari movement organized well on all corners of the earth. We encourage ones and ones in Botswana to liaise with their local structures and find out more about the summit.

This summit is to host all houses of Ras Tafari. We must know that petty differences will not help us but we must look for the commonness amongst we and focus on that. It is necessary for ones and ones to know that we cannot achieve much if we still point fingers at this and that one.

**ORGANISE AND CENTRALISE.
REPATRIATION IS A MUST!**

ORAL UPDATE

GLORY TO WORD SOUND & POWER. We call upon beloved ides in Botswana to rally round ORAL as the vanguard and mouthpiece of Ras Tafari Business in Botswana. We note that we have not had any representation of this sort in a long time. End of September ORAL will host a national gathering and amongst the issues to reason on is the Inity summit in Johannesburg, South Africa; November '06.



EDITORIAL

Jah Ras Tafari! On 2nd November 1930, 72 nations gathered in the City of Ethiopia to witness the crowning of the King. Emperor Haile Selassie I, was crowned the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, The Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah. As in African tradition, one and ones came to bear witness and see for themselves that such did happen.

We note that the United Nations has not only failed, but has failed dismally to protect the rights of the small and poor nations. So long as this type of attitude is allowed to prevail, the United Nations does not have much long to live. It's upon the smaller nations to rally together and support each other against the stronger nations of the world, even militarily.

We note that 45 years later the U.N has still not changed the membership of the Security Council. Whose security we ask. American, French, or the world security.

We must hasten to warn African leaders to pay a lot more attention to the African Union and ensure that it is a success for the African to take his rightful place in the world Affairs. The cosmetic changes that have been done are merely to appease and silence the voices of the people of the world. The inclusion of South Africa in the Security Council is one of those cosmetic changes, 45 years later and we celebrate the UN.

End of September is Independence day for Botswana. We look with much regret how the State machinery has failed the people. Well Botswana has created a pool of people who are very passive and yes men type of people. This was a deliberate move by our government. Thanks to he our founding fathers. One particular example is the education system. From 1966 to the late 90s. One had to pass English to be awarded any other grade apart from GCE. By extension; the Government of Botswana was merely acting the role of those slaves who used to whip those honourable Africans who rebelled and fought back.,



to submission. The idea was to make the masses passive and ignorant, not to worry about anything else except the pittance the masses earn. Much has not changed since the times of Marcus. We still serve them tea but for how long?

English was the determinant and therefore the major player in our future (Education and thereafter). It was bigger than Setswana. Puo ya gae, puo ya sechaba.

We ask 40 years of what? **Mental Slavery.** The extensive consultations that The President has carried out on the Constitutional amendments. Men and women were narrating and in numerous instances quoting from history books the history of Botswana we were never taught at school. Just recently 300M BWP was returned as unused funds by the Ministry of Education..

How many computers
How many top pan balances could have been bought for schools and how many schools would be electrified? **PULA**

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We can hardly speak with true sincerity of a universal meeting place or of an organization whose decisions will be binding upon the world community of nations when states, which we, Non Aligned Countries would wish to influence, are not present to hear our words or to feel the weight of our opinions. We urge both the proponents and opponents of the admission of such states to seek an acceptable formula whereby those whom we refer may soon be counted among the members of the organization.

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resources and human potential of our continent along the lines of an integrated economy, and within complementary sectors of production, eliminating unnecessary forms of competition, economic alienation and duplication



It was during these times that the eyes of the critics of African Unity were looking with murky glasses at the effort of the African people to create a unified body of an African people. These white critics in the likes of David Lamb writes "The ethnic diversity of Afrika. Creates immense language problems, making Africa the most linguistically complex continent in the world. Canada's national unity is fractured by the presence of just two languages. Belgium is splintered by French and Flemish. But Africa, in addition to half a dozen imported languages, speaks 750 tribal tongues, fifty of which are spoken by one million more people. Both Swahili in East and Hausa in the Western Africa are spoken by more than 25 million people. In Zaire (Now DRC) alone, there are 75 different languages. In South Africa, whites speak Afrikaans.... heard nowhere else in the world. The tribal babble intellectually cripple whole countries in the inevitable position of not being able to understand itself" (David Lamb, 1983)

In a way one would want to believe this but we must know that a few years ago it was a

foregone conclusion that Africa would never achieve political independence from the colonial powers. In the words of John Voster (ex-Prime Minister of South Africa), Ian Smith (the rebel ex- Prime Minister of Rhodesia) and Caetano (of Portugal): **Africans will never rule themselves in a thousand years to come; or in our life time"**



Kwame Nkrumah

The African should not be deterred by these critics who have no wish to see Africa run its affairs as a free and united continent. We should look ahead and follow the radiance of the Black Star. The concept has five dimensions: -

A Consciousness

An awareness that makes us realize that "in us there is a power, a sovereign power, an authority that is absolute" to equip and enable us to rebuild our nation; " a nation resurrected not from the will of others to see us rise, but from our determination to rise (in unity) irrespective of what the world thinks." (Marcus Garvey)

A Determination

To assume positive creative roles of leadership and responsibility in the service of our people, to act in concert and in solidarity with the common masses to banish, once and for all, all forms of subjugation, subservency, oppression and exploitation from our united Pan African Society. *Cont... page 3*



The Icept Of The Black Star And Pan Afrikan Unity



A Readiness

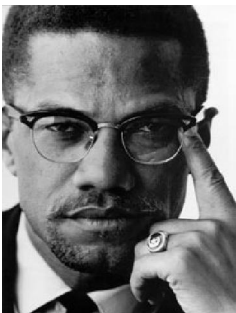
To conscientise, politicize, mobilize and revolutionize pour society in all sectors of our occupation and life – relying on a balanced system of education (free from Euro centrism) Our slogan shall be : “If you need change any society, start with youths in schools and other institutions of learning”

A Preparedness

To respond positively to the socio – cultural, economic, political and spiritual challenges of our times. We are the “sensitivity spot” of our society. We are therefore to , to react and put hands to the plough and never look back – despite all man created obstacles.

A Desire

To achieve success and be free. In achieving to teach; in teaching to learn new strategies; and in learning new methods of the struggle to liberate our people from the bonds of poverty, ignorance and disease. A desire to embark on the physical and mental emancipation of the indigenous peoples of Afrika with diligence and confidence that “**WE ARE OUR SELVES**”.



Malcolm X

We must note why Europe and indeed the western world would not like to leave Africa. Africa is well known for its potential wealth. it is potentially one of the richest continent in the world. David Lamb described the potential wealth: “ like a closet millionaire, Afrika hides the riches that the future generations will need to prosper, produce and even survive:

She has 40% of the worlds potential hydropower- electric power supply

The bulk of the worlds diamonds and chromium

30% of the world uranium in the non –communist world

50% of the world’s gold

90% of its cobalt

50% of its phosphates

40% of its platinum

7.5% of its coal

8% of its known petroleum deposits

12% of the natural gas

and millions upon millions of acres of untilled farmland. There is no other continent blessed with such abundance and diversity.”

(David Lamb, 1983) This explains the scramble and fragmentation of Africa by colonial powers. Marcus Garvey explains brilliantly why whites would not leave Afrika.

“Afrika is full of light because the diamonds are there;

Afrika is full of light because gold is there;

Afrika is full of light because tin, iron, coal, and everything you can think of is there;

And the white man wants light whenever he sees it shine”

For the African to achieve unity he must learn more about himself appreciate himself more than he ever did. Malcolm X went on to say; “ ignorance of each other is what has made unity impossible in the past. Therefore, we need to be enlightened. We need more light about each other. Light, creates understanding, understanding creates love, love creates

patience, and patience creates unity. Once we have more knowledge (light) about each other, we will stop condemning each other and a United front will be brought about. (Malcolm X). On July 17 1964 when Malcolm X addressed the OAU conference; this is what he had to say; “We in America are your long lost brothers and sisters. We find ourselves in a strange land that has rejected us. Like the prodigal son, we look to our

elder brothers for help. We pray that our pleas will not fall on deaf ears” What has the OAU done about these pleas? Have they been ignored? Will the AU take up the challenge? The Unification of Afrika cannot be complete without taking into account our peoples in the Diaspora. We remember recently when our state president (Pres. F. Mogae) addressed one forum of Africa and Diaspora and he encouraged Africans in the Diaspora to start channeling their energies into developing Africa.. we ask what systems has he put in place in Botswana to facilitate such exchange of knowledge and expertise or is just another talk conference where leaders want to be seen to be in touch with the times. African leaders have to play a major role in creating an enabling environment for our people in the Diaspora to be able to come to Africa and help Africa rebuild itself from the ashes of colonialism and imperialism. One son o the soil Patrice Lumumba wrote “In spite of the frontiers that separate us, in spite of our ethnic differences.

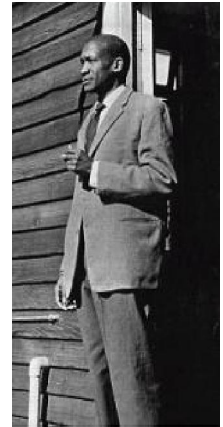
We share the same conscience, the same soul that is plunged day and night in anguish; we must become a single bloc and prove our fraternity to the world.

(Patrice Lumumba)

“ Let me plead with you lovers of my Afrika, to carry with you into the world vision a new Afrika: an Afrika re-born, an Afrika rejuvenated, and Afrika regenerated. Young Afrika. We are the first glimmers of a new dawn. And if we are persecuted for our views, we should remember that it is the hour before the dawn; and that the dying beast kicks most violently when it is giving up the ghost (Robert Sobukwe, 1959). **Mayibuye iAfrika!**

Mangaliso worked in concert with his counterparts in Afrika

He worked closely with Kwame Nkrumah as his mentor, Ntsu Mokhehle then prime minster of Lesotho, and Dr. Ambrose Zwane opposition leader I Swaziland and Rre Phillip Matante first opposition leader in Botswana.



Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe
Leader of the Pan African Congress of Azania

So Jah Seh

Free and United

From His Majesty’s address to the Summit Conference of African Leaders on May 25th 1963.

“Today we look to the future calmly, confidently and courageously. We look to the vision of an Afrika not merely free but united. In facing this new challenge, we can take comfort and encouragement from lessons of the past. We know that there are differences amongst us. Afrikans enjoy different cultures, distinctive values, and special attributes. But we also know that unity can be and has been attained among men of most disparate origins; that differences of race, religion, of culture, of tradition, are no insuperable obstacle to the coming together of peoples...”

The Call to Afrikan Unity

Dr Martin Delaney

Afrika for the Afrikans;

Marcus Mosiah Garvey

At Home and Abroad

Kwame Nkrumah

Afrika Must Unite

Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe

United States of Afrika,

Izwe Lethu, Mayibuye IAfrica.

Malcolm X

By Any Means Necessary

Steve Biko

Black Man You Are On Your Own



Steve Biko, Leader of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania (BCMA). Brutally murdered by apartheid Police on 12th September 1977.

Long Live; Steven Bantu Biko.

Long Live; Son Of The Soil.

Black Man You Are On Your Own

Free Mumia Now!! Free Him Now!! Free Mumia Now!!

It was just insane to see the police come out and randomly beat people. They didn't bother to discriminate. They just attacked. I was extremely shocked. I've lived in Philadelphia for 14 years, I have gone to Mumia's demonstrations for the last seven years or so, and this is the first time I've ever seen something like this happen. **I refuse to be silenced because I believe that I was out there and I was doing the right thing**

Young woman arrested in Philadelphia on December 8, 2001



1. The bullet that killed Officer Faulkner was a .44 caliber bullet, while Jamal's gun was a .38 caliber

2. Jamal was denied his right to self-representation, in violation of his Constitutional right

3. The ballistics evidence used to convict Mumia Abu Jamal was flawed. The police failed to test Jamal's hands to see if he had recently fired a gun and they never sniffed Jamal's gun to see if it had been fired.

4. The downward angle of Jamal's wound makes the prosecution's explanation of the shooting impossible.

5. Mumia Abu- Jamal is an award-winning journalist who was targeted by Police and Mayor Frank Rizzo because he repeatedly exposed police corruption in Philadelphia



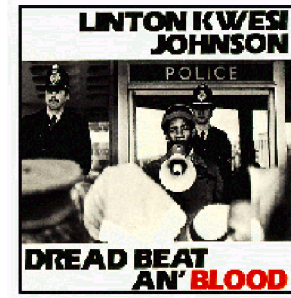
An out of **His** mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it **He** should smite nations; and **He** treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And **He** has on **His** vesture and on **His** thigh a name written; King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19: 15-16



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Come, wi go dung deh
Mek wi tek a stride dung deh
Come, wi go dung deh
Mek wi fahwahd dung deh

De peepel dem a bawl fi food dung deh
Dem cyaan get no food but food dung deh
De peepel dem a bawl fi work dung deh
Dem cyaan get no work but work dung deh
De peepel dem a bawl fi shelta dung deh
Dem cyaan get a room but palace dung deh
De peepel dem a bawl fi mercy dung deh
Dem cyaan get no mercy, mercy no dung deh

Upcoming Ras Tafari Ivents

1st October 2006 Dance hall Session at Lesedi Community Hall in Gaborone from dusk to dawn.

ORAL National Gathering at Lesedi Community Hall also 1st October 2006 @ 09H00.

Remember To Keep The Sabbath Holy

Nyabingi gathering every Sabbath at Moremogolo - Gabane

Nyabingi gathering at Otse every Sabbath

Nyabingi gathering at Kanye every Sabbath

Ras Tafari Inity Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa

November 2006.

Poetry In Motion

Your cattle are gone, countrymen
Go rescue them, go rescue them,
Leave the breechloader alone
And turn to the pen,
For that is your shield.

Your rights are going!
So pick up the your pen,
Load it, load it with ink.
Sit in your chair –
Repair not to Hoho
But fire with your pen

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