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Southern Africa Must Be Free!
USA Subversion Must Be Exposed!

Brothers and sisters,
Advocates and supporters of African liberation,
Lovers of justice, freedom and equality everywhere,

We have good cause for joy and hope in the intensification of liberation struggles across the entire breadth of southern Africa.

We hail the emergence of the Zimbabwe Liberation Army (ZLA), the unification of fighting forces and the rise of armed struggle for independence, for total defeat of the Rhodesian racist white minority gangster regime. We especially salute the revolutionary people of Mozambique as an heroic rearguard and strategic launching place for the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) struggle. We vigorously condemn the illegal Ian Smith Rhodesian regime for its barbaric attempts to suppress the just aspirations of African people to totally control their Zimbabwe homeland. Further, we condemn the Smith regime's air bombardment massacres of over 1,000 innocent men, women, children and infants inside the sovereign borders of Mozambique.

We stand and work in solidarity with the freedom fighters and people of Namibia in their struggle for independence from the illegal and universally condemned military occupation of their nation by the fascist, apartheid expansionists of the Republic of South Africa. We denounce the sham constitutional conventions arranged by the Vorster white minority occupation forces in conspiracy

with the United States government as a hypocritical maneuver to mislead world opinion, as brass-fronted trickery seeking to consolidate white domination with the complicity of neo-colonialist puppets. We affirm that in Namibia, as in Zimbabwe, there is no substitute for revolutionary warfare as the path to genuine independence.

We applaud the explosion of mass protests by African youth, workers and students within the Republic of South Africa. The recent massacres at Soweto and other bloody fascist reprisals -- including the Gestapo-style arrests of thousands of African activists, organizers and leaders within Azania (South Africa) -- are indelibly recorded in our consciousness, like Sharpsville before these. We will not rest nor can Africans anywhere rest until the blood of Soweto and Sharpsville is avenged, until the entire institutional infrastructure of the Republic of South Africa is absolutely destroyed and supplanted by a genuine African nation in sovereign control of every square inch of South Africa.

Thus, we condemn military incursions by the Republic of South Africa into the independent nation of Zambia on the pretext of pursuing guerilla fighters. We affirm that it is the right and Pan African responsibility of Zambia, Mozambique and the other front-line African states to give succor, support, assistance and safe bases for their brother freedom fighters of Zimbabwe, Namibia and Azania (South Africa). We further affirm the responsibility of other African nations, of African people everywhere and of all freedom-loving peoples to defend and assist the front-line states as well as the genuine freedom fighters who bear the greatest burdens at this present time.

We celebrate still and extend support to the great Angolan revolution. We recognize the epochal significance of the MPLA victory in Angola and the consolidation of the revolutionary Peoples Republic of Angola. The present stage of struggle in southern Africa was set by the MPLA victory over United States imperialism which fought via its clients, including the Portuguese colonialists and the CIA-sponsored Savimbi-Roberto renegade traitors. It is impossible to comprehend our present tasks without comprehending the political as well as geographic importance of the liberation wars that toppled Portuguese colonialism. The wars in Guinea-Bissau, in Mozambique and especially in Angola, exposed the insidious hand of USA imperialism which is the godfather of the international white capitalist conspiracy against African liberation.

Brothers and sisters,

It is imperative that our 30 million people of African descent here in the belly of United States imperialism have a firm understanding of the present context of liberation struggles in southern Africa. Thirty million sons and daughters of Africa living within the continental USA have a mighty potential to either help or hinder African liberation.

Our strategic importance to the African revolution results from two factors. The first is that we are the largest visible aggregation of Black people outside of the African continent. The second is that we are a potential Achille's heel or Trojan horse that will either cripple the USA efforts to subvert African liberation or provide a political cover for that subversion.

Understand that the USA State Department and the game-planner of USA-based multi-national corporate interests have fully recognized what we ourselves have been so slow to remember -- that we are an African people!

Thus, the Kissinger State Department has embarked upon a stepped-up program to woo and win Black American endorsement of USA policies in Africa. This wooing of Negro leaders to "front off" USA schemes in Africa is a long-standing State Department tactic. But this tactic has taken on unprecedented importance over the past year and will undoubtedly play an ever larger role in the overall USA neo-colonial strategy for Africa. This Negro-ization of the USA Africa policy is a product of the same racist mentalities that attempted the unsuccessful Vietnamization of the last stages of its war against Vietnam. This Negro-ization policy will continue irrespective of the personal political fortunes of Henry Kissinger, William Schaufele, Gerald Ford or grinning Jimmy Carter.

The appointment of Clarence Mitchell of NAACP and Pearl Bailey of buck-and-wing to the USA United Nations delegation was in part a ploy to give the appearance of Black American endorsement of USA intervention in Angola. CIA's contracting the services of Roy Innis and CORE to recruit Black mercenaries for Angola was another clumsy effort in this subversive direction. The return of Eldridge Cleaver, former Black Panther demagogue and now financial beneficiary of arch-racist Patrick Moynihan, is a part of the USA propaganda campaign against socialist Cuba. The USA seeks to obscure Cuba's heroic assistance in Angola and elsewhere on the African continent.

But the Mitchell-Bailey-Innis-Cleaver ploys have all lacked the subtlety of the State Department's current Negro-ization offensive which has focussed publicly on the NAACP, Vernon Jordan of the Urban League, the Reverend Leon Sullivan of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) plus the Reverends Jesse Jackson and Bishop H. H. Brookins of People United to Save Humanity (PUSH). The Kissinger appearance at the National Urban League convention on August 4th of this year (1976) reveals the close cooperation between the State Department

and the large corporations that dominate the Urban League. Kissinger's failure to appear at the NAACP national convention in no way reflects NAACP opposition to USA Africa policy, rather it reflects Kissinger's cavalier attitude toward his NAACP accomplices.

Why is Mr. Kissinger conferring with these Black American "leaders"? Who are these men? What do they represent? And what does their cozying up to Kissinger signify for Africans, at home and abroad?

The announced intention of the State Department is the formation of a "blue ribbon panel of Black American leaders" to consult with the State Department on African affairs. These men will be expected to give widespread public support to overall State Department policies on Africa, while dissenting on innocuous minor issues to preserve an appearance of militancy. Specifically, these Negro mouthpieces will continue to support the USA-Republic of South Africa proposal for a neo-colonial Black-and-white government in Zimbabwe with USA-backed guarantees of "white minority rights" -- especially opposing revolutionary confiscation of white settler land holdings and condemning nationalist appropriation of USA, European or white South African economic interests in Zimbabwe. They will applaud opportunists like Joshua Komo, raise the threat of "Cuban communist influence" and slander the righteous struggle of the Zimbabwe Liberation Army.

Relative to Azania (South Africa), NAACP, PUSH, OIC and Urban League will continue to accept the so-called "legitimacy" of the fascist Republic of South Africa while putting forth the position that whites in South Africa are authentic African citizens with a mission to modernize southern Africa along the lines of Western capitalist development. They will continue to state that the primary issue in the Republic of South Africa is the abolition of apartheid but deny that

African national sovereignty is a bona fide objective. They will implicitly pretend that Africans in South Africa are minority citizens who only need civil rights.

In relation to Namibia, these Negroes will support constitutional negotiations and the gradual establishment of a moderate, neo-colonial African government with close ties to the USA and the Republic of South Africa.

After all, this is the posture these front-men have historically taken toward Africa, if ever they took any posture at all! Vernon Jordan was hand-picked by white corporate leaders while staffing a low-profile voter education project in Georgia, first placed with the United Negro College Fund, then anointed head of the Urban League after the drowning death of Whitney Young. Jordan has long been a handservant of big business.

Rev. Leon Sullivan sits on the board of directors of General Motors Corporation, which has a large stake in the preservation of white minority rule and economic stability (the status quo) in South Africa. Rev. Sullivan is a close political ally of US Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania, Ronald Reagan's vice-presidential choice. Thanks to Senator Schweiker and other friends in Republican, liberal Zionist and corporate lobbyist circles, Rev. Sullivan's OIC has been, for several years, the beneficiary of special legislation (supported and signed by Richard M. Nixon) which guarantees OIC an allotment of at least \$75 million each year from the federal budget.

During Nixon's first term in office, OIC had fallen into bad financial straits for its domestic programs. However, while funds for domestic programs of OIC were growing scarce, the US State Department offered millions of dollars and technical assistance to expand OIC in Africa as a Black alternative to the

discredited Peace Corps. After Rev. Sullivan agreed to cooperate with the US State Department in Africa, funds began rolling in again for OIC in the USA, culminating in the special legislative guarantee of funding.

The NAACP-State Department collusion dates back many years. Roy Wilkins has often angered even moderate African leaders with NAACP "fact-finding" travels in South Africa and propaganda via the NAACP CRISIS Magazine which held that the Republic of South Africa, however flawed, is a bastion of democracy and an outpost of the "Free World".

Even Mr. Wilkins' retirement cannot be expected to alter NAACP policy on Africa, especially in light of the escalating commercial and military ties between fascist South Africa and Zionist Israel. The American Zionist movement exercises considerable influence within the NAACP and uses NAACP to subvert Black support of African liberation. The Zionists feel that revolutionary independence in Africa is a threat to the Israel-USA-Republic of South Africa alliance. Just last year, the generally progressive Georgia State Senator Julian Bond was politically coerced by USA Zionists to endorse a public call for increased USA military aid to Israel as a prerequisite for Mr. Bond's being considered as a possible successor to Mr. Wilkins.

The opportunistic exploits of Rev. Jesse Jackson are legion and do not need repeating. Years ago, when Rev. Jackson first appeared in Chicago with a letter of introduction from the Mayor of his segregated hometown in South Carolina and unsuccessfully importuned Chicago boss Mayor Richard Daley for employment, Jackson established a posture of 'availability' which the USA political power elite has long noted.

Notably, Rev. Jesse Jackson is also a close friend and protege of Rev. Leon Sullivan.

The Reverend Bishop H. H. Brookins has only recently begun to emerge as a national Black American spokesman on African questions. Rev. Brookins, a resident of California, is a leader in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) denomination. He is now the AME Bishop for Rhodesia and Zambia. He has carefully cultivated friendships among east African political figures and has a sharp eye for investment potentials in Africa. The ultra-fascist Ian Smith regime distrusts Rev. Brookins, but Brookins has made common cause with "moderate" Africans in the areas of his bishopric. During the Angola war, Bishop Brookins emerged as an advocate for the CIA-sponsored UNITA bandits. Rev. Brookins is the top African affairs advisor in Rev. Jesse Jackson's PUSH and has been a key negotiator in Rev. Jackson's effort to form an alliance with the USA Zionist establishment. Whether or not the Bishop gets tapped for the "blue ribbon panel", he bears watching. An accomplished rhetorician who has taken progressive stances on African issues from time to time, Bishop H. Hartford Brookins created quite a stir at the Sixth Pan African Congress in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania in 1974 and within USA Pan Africanist circles. Watch him.

In the event of a Jimmy Carter victory in November, all of the persons described here are likely to take a back seat to Congressman Andrew Young as the top Black consultant to the White House on African affairs. However, since Mr. Carter has already gone on record in general support of Mr. Kissinger's foreign policies, it is unlikely that his election will substantially alter the thrust of the State Department's Negro-ization strategy.

Brothers and sisters,

We of the Patrice Lumumba Coalition have gone to lengths to outline the present situation in southern Africa and to expose the State Department's "blue ribbon panel" strategy in hopes of helping to better inform the 30 million people of African descent in the USA. Help us expose the subtle treachery underfoot by certain Negro Judases. We know that our people, at home and abroad, need information in order to avoid being misled.

We need your support and that of all friends of African liberation to counteract this treachery and to make positive contributions to African freedom. Thus, we close this message with five suggestions for action that each of us can easily undertake.

1. Contribute to the liberation forces. Send your check or money order for any amount, whether \$2, \$20, \$100 or any amount between or above these, payable to:

0AU Liberation Committee
c/o Organization of African Unity
211 East 43rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10025

These contributions go directly to the OAU to assist freedom fighters in southern Africa. These funds are administered by representatives of the independent African governments comprising the OAU Liberation Committee.

2. Contribute to the reconstruction of Angola, devastated by the CIA-Portuguese war. Send contributions of any amount (checks or money orders payable to UM SO PGVO) to:

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3. Write to both the US Senator and US Representative for your area demanding his/her support for (a) USA recognition of the Peoples Republic of Angola, (b) USA voting to seat the Peoples Republic of Angola in the United Nations, (c) an immediate halt to USA diplomatic relations with the Republic of South Africa and (d) a total ban on all commercial interaction of USA-based businesses with corporate subsidiaries, other businesses or governmental agencies within the Republic of South Africa.

4. Write or call the Patrice Lumumba Coalition to request more information. Arrange for Patrice Lumumba representatives to visit your community group or labor union or church. Volunteer your time and energies to help build the Patrice Lumumba Coalition.

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5. Be involved in your community. Organize, educate, agitate and continue your development as a positive member of the African family. We must constantly struggle wherever we are for the protection and progress of our people to gain and maintain our rightful place on the face of this earth! Make copies of this document to share with your friends and co-workers!

Yours in struggle,

THE PATRICE LUMUMBA COALITION