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UMOJA UNITY

BLACK COMMUNITY CONGRESS

The task of developing any single organization in the Black community is monumental. Then trying to join or federate these groups become proportionately as difficult. I believe most of our problem is coming from a lack of understanding about the Federation (Black Community Congress), or any other projects we are trying to do in the Black community.

A Federation should consist of all Black organizations, groups, agencies or clubs in our community; at least our attitude and actions should be one that is inclusive of every group as opposed to excluding anyone. It should allow for participation by groups without compromising their principles and at the same time not impose their philosophy on other Federation members.

Activists who do not belong to organizations should be allowed to function in the BCC but in harmony with member organizations.

The Federation, BCC, should be structured to allow for development and movement. That is so we can build some concrete projects that will be of some benefit to the community as well as support the Federation. At the same time, we must be flexible enough to deal with issues that confront the community.

Both our movement and development should be programmed along particular disciplines, i.e. if it is an educational problem that has to be dealt with or developed, then those organizations in the BCC that are education oriented should ideally deal with the project. The same would apply to politics, economics etc.

As community leaders and spokesmen we owe it to the people we represent to come together and begin to unify ourselves and the community around us. Because we have had some crisis in the community, does that mean we can never work together? Or are we willing to try and create a structure that will prevent some crisis and help solve the others? Remember, in Africa where there are over 30 (thirty) different nations, with almost as many tribes in each and just as many diverse political views, there exists the OAU, Organization of African Unity. If we will not accept an African reference, what about NATO, the Common Market, Democrats & Republicans, Congressmen, Senators, United Community Services; they all collectively collect our money and then collectively disperse it to us.

I cannot accept that we are inferior to any other group of people. I believe that with some understanding we can come together on those things we agree upon which are beneficial to ourselves and community.

ANKH - EGYPTIAN KEY TO LIFE

PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS

Adopts Black Unity
As First Priority

The more than 2,500 persons of African descent who attended the recent Second International Congress of African Peoples adopted "unity" as their first priority and charges themselves with the task of bringing about a political alliance of the world's 500 million Blacks.

"Our creation, first, of a strong national political party and then a world African party dedicated to the liberation of Black people everywhere is essential to our survival and development," poet-playwright Imamu Amiri Baraka (nee LeRoi Jones) told the delegates at the five-day convention which was held at San Diego, Ca. High School and the San Diego City College.

"On the African continent and in the Caribbean, our people have developed national parties, revolutionary movements and state power," Baraka continued. "But here in America we have done neither. We cannot secure our own liberation or contribute to the development of an African world state until we maximize our Black power beginning at the grass-roots level."

KAZI IS THE BLACKEST OF ALL

WORK

BRINGERS OF GOOD SPIRITS

The Malaika unit of the National Involvement Association has begun a collective eating venture with all praises due to Imamu Sukumu. Each house (family), or single person pays into the kitty weekly and groceries are bought for dinner with is prepared each evening at Mwalimu Kudumu's house.

The watoto (children) are also kept there so they may grow together and learn to share the same values and that their parents work will not be in vain.

Any sisters wishing more information or to share with us their knowledge are invited to come to the Hekalu, 4183 Market Sundays at 3:00 P.M. to attend lectures and discussions dealing with the role of the woman i.e. inspiration, education or the children and participation in social development.

THE SHIELD

Simba Wachanga (young lions) consist of brothers from 16 to 25 years of age. These brothers role is to consciously do those things that will uplift the Black community and return our people to their traditional greatness.

The physical fitness class consists of training in "Yangumi" (the way of the thinking fists). Their mental fitness classes stress Ujima - collective work and responsibility to build and maintain our community together and make our brothers and sisters problems our problems and to solve them together.

Realizing that we need Black images which speak to and inspire Black people Simbas try to achieve this by being 1.) Dedicated , 2.) Disciplined, 3.) Willing to sacrifice for the collective good so they may 4.) Achieve what we will.

Any brothers wishing to take part in these activities should contact Kaimu Tangalifu at 263-3139.

In keeping with our policy to make the Black Community more beautiful and beneficial, the National Involvement Association and it's Chairman Imamu Sukumu recently opened the House of Kitabu, a Black Book Store.

In going about the Kazi of building a Nation, we as Nationalists have to establish institutions in the community that provide the people in that community with goods and services. The House of Kitabu is an institution that is doing that and thus adding to the development of the Black community.

In our struggle for the total liberation of African People, as pointed out by Maulana Karenga, "we must become the most educated people in the world." To do this, we must certainly discipline ourselves to soma na jifunza (read and study) more.

The House of Kitabu has the largest selection of African and Afro-American literature in San Diego. Vitabu by African leaders have been hard to obtain in the past. Duka Kitabu (book store) has stocked these Vitabu so people can read about the Motherland and what the Brothers in Africa have contributed to the struggle of Africans here as well as abroad.

Some projects we are presently involved in are supplying the school campuses with literature for Black Studies classes, for Jihad, Broadside Press and Third World Press, all of whom are Black Publishers on the East coast.

At present we are the West coast sales representative for these publishers. We will also be distributors of our own products such as earrings, macrame', sweat shirts etc. Some of the Advocates working with Duke Kitabu will be taking a trip up the west coast to make contacts with other stores and distribute our merchandise.

We will be announcing the opening of our Reading Club very soon. Membership in the club will enable a person to purchase Books at discount prices.

The House of Kitabu is located at 5059 Churchward Street, San Diego, Ca. 92114. For further information, please call 263-5978.

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