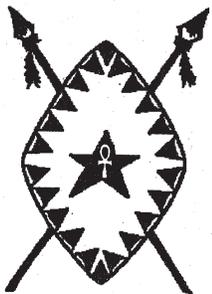


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NEW AFRIKAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

WE, New Afrikan People in America, in consequence of arriving at a knowledge of ourselves as a people with dignity, long deprived of that knowledge; as a consequence of revolting with every decimal of our collective and individual beings against the oppression that for three hundred years has destroyed and broken and warped the bodies and minds and spirits of our people in America, in consequence of our raging desire to be free of this oppression, to destroy this oppression wherever it assaults **humankind** in the world, and in consequence of inextinguishable determination to go a different way, to build a new and better world, do hereby declare ourselves forever free and independent of the jurisdiction of the United State of America and the obligations which that country's unilateral decision to make our ancestors and ourselves paper-citizens placed on us.

We claim no rights from the United States of America other than those rights belonging to human beings anywhere in the world, and these include the right to damages, reparations, due us from the grievous injuries sustained by our ancestors and ourselves by reason of United States lawlessness.

Ours is a revolution against oppression—our own oppression and that of all people in the world. And it is a revolution for a better life, a better station for **all**, a surer harmony with the forces of life in the universe. We therefore see these aims as the aims of our revolution:

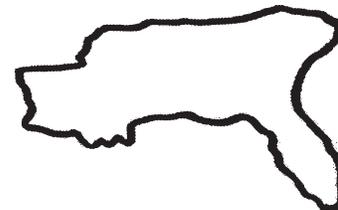
- To free black people in America from oppression;
- To support and wage the world revolution until all people everywhere are so free;
- To build a new Society that is better than what We now know and as perfect as **We** can make it;
- To assure all people in the New Society maximum opportunity and equal access to that maximum;
- To promote industriousness, responsibility, scholarship, and service;
- To create conditions in which freedom of religion abounds and the pursuit of God and/or destiny, place and purpose of **humankind** in the Universe will be without hindrance;
- To build a Black independent nation where no sect or religious creed subverts or impedes the building of the New Society, the New State Government, or achievement of the Aims of the Revolution as set forth in this Declaration;
- To end exploitation of **human beings** by **each other** or the environment;
- To assure equality of rights for the sexes;
- To end color and class discrimination, while not abolishing salubrious diversity, and to promote self-respect and mutual understanding among all people in the society;
- To protect and promote the personal dignity and integrity of the individual, and **his or her** natural rights;
- To place the major means of production and trade in the trust of the state to assure the benefits of this earth and **our** genius and labor to society and all its members, and
- To encourage and reward the individual for hard work and initiative and insight and devotion to the Revolution.

In mutual trust and great expectation, We the undersigned, for ourselves and for those who look to us but are unable personally to affix their signatures hereto, do join in this solemn Declaration of Independence, and to support this Declaration and to assure the success of the Revolution, We pledge without reservation ourselves, our talents, and all our worldly goods.

The
New Afrikan Creed

1. i believe in the spirituality, humanity and genius of Black people, and in our new pursuit of these values.
2. i believe in the family and the community, and in the community as a family, and i will work to make this concept live.
3. i believe in the community as more important than the individual.
4. i believe in constant struggle for freedom, to end oppression and build a better world. i believe in collective struggle; in fashioning victory in concert with my brothers and sisters.
5. i believe that the fundamental reason our oppression continues is that We, as a people, lack the power to control our lives.
6. i believe that fundamental way to gain that power, and end oppression, is to build a sovereign Black nation.
7. i believe that all the land in America, upon which We have lived for a long time, which We have worked and built upon, and which We have fought to stay on, is land that belongs to us as a people.
8. i believe in the Malcolm X Doctrine: that We must organize upon this land, and hold a plebiscite, to tell the world by a vote that We are free and our land independent, and that, after the vote, We must stand ready to defend ourselves, establishing the nation beyond contradiction.
9. Therefore, i pledge to struggle without cease, until We have won sovereignty. i pledge to struggle without fail until We have built a better condition than the world has yet known.
10. i will give my life, if that is necessary; i will give my time, my mind, my strength, and my wealth because this **IS** necessary.
11. i will follow my chosen leaders and help them.
12. i will love my brothers and sisters as myself.
13. i will steal nothing from a brother or sister, cheat no brother or sister, misuse no brother or sister, inform on no brother or sister, and spread no gossip.
14. i will keep myself clean in body, dress and speech, knowing that i am a light set on a hill, a true representative of what We are building.
15. i will be patient and uplifting with the deaf, dumb and blind, and i will seek by word and deed to heal the Black family, to bring into the Movement and into the Community mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters left by the wayside.

Now, freely and of my own will, i pledge this **Creed**, for the sake of freedom for my people and a better world, on pain of disgrace and banishment if i prove false. For, i am no longer deaf, dumb or blind. i am, by inspiration of the ancestors and grace of the Creator — a **New Afrikan**.



9 Cabinet members list assets in millions

By Thomas B. Edsall
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—When Vice President Dick Cheney and the 14 statutory members of President Bush's Cabinet meet, 10 of them have one thing in common: They are millionaires.

In fact, one-third of the Cabinet members are in the \$10 million-plus range and another third are in the \$1 million to \$5 million range, according to their financial disclosure statements.

The wealthiest is former Alcoa CEO Paul O'Neill, the tress-

The numbers tell the story

Paying off more than the minimum of your credit card debt every month can make a stunning difference in how soon you can be rid of it. These scenarios assume a debt of \$8,367, the average household credit card debt in 2001, and a minimum monthly payment of 2 percent, which many card issuers are now using. The first minimum payment would be \$167.34.

MONTHLY PAYMENT	MONTHS TO PAYOFF	INTEREST PAID
Minimum	379	\$9,520.80
\$200	57	2,838.30
250	42	2,081.11
300	34	1,649.19
350	28	1,369.04
400	24	1,172.55
450	21	1,026.99
500	19	915.20

Sources: CaroWeb.com, Bankrate.com

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A Little Story

A man and his son walked from town to town, hoping to sell their donkey. At the first town they came to, people said:

“Look! They have a perfectly healthy animal to ride, and yet they walk! What fools!

The man and his son, not wanting to look foolish, mounted the donkey and rode into the next town. The people there were no kinder than the people of the first town. They said:

“How cruel those two people are. Can’t they see that the donkey isn’t strong enough to hold them both? They’ll kill the poor beast!”

Ashamed of himself, the man got off the donkey’s back and let his son ride. At the next town, the people scolded the son, saying:

“What a brat that boy is! He makes his old father while he rides the donkey! Has he no respect for his parents?”

Hearing this, the man and his son switched places. The man rode the donkey and the boy walked alongside. But the people at the next town were not pleased either.

“Who does that man think he is?” the townspeople said, “He rides his donkey like a king while his young son has to run to keep up! How can anyone treat his child this way?”

There seemed to be no pleasing these people, the father thought, but decided to give it one last try. He purchased a long, strong rod and a length of rope. The man and his son tied the donkey’s hooves to the rod, lifted the animal over their shoulders and carried it out of town.

Everyone came out to see the ridiculous spectacle of two people carrying a donkey. They laughed and pointed and enjoyed making fun. The boy and his father made their way through the town, and arrived at the far end.

This town was connected to its neighbor by a narrow bridge that spanned a rapid stream. The man and his son struggled to carry the donkey over the bridge, but when they were half way across, the rope that held the donkey came undone — the animal fell into the stream and drowned.

Moral: When you try to please everyone,
you end up pleasing no-one.

(taken from Mad Professor’s
Afrocentric Dub: Black Liberation Dub Chapter 5)

Lift Every Voice And Sing

Lift every voice and sing
till earth and heaven ring
ring with the harmonies of liberty
let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies
let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark
past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present
has brought us.
Facing the rising sun, of a new day begun
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road We trod
bitter the chastening rod
felt in the days when hope unborn had died
yet with a steady beat have not our weary
feet
come to the place for which our fathers
sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears
has been watered
We have come treading our path through
the blood of the slaughtered
Out of the gloomy past, til now We stand at
last
where the white gleam of our bright star is
cast

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
thou who has brought us thus far on the
way
thou who hast by thy might, led us into the
light
keep us forever in the path We pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places our God
where We met thee
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the
world, We forget thee
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may We
forever stand
true to our God, true to our native land.

(James Weldon Johnson)

The Monkey

The monkey speaks his mind

Three monkey sat on a coconut tree
Discussing things as they are said to be
Said one to the other now listen you two
There's a certain rumour that can't be true
That man descended from our noble race
The very idea is a big disgrace
No monkey ever deserted his wife
Nor her baby and ruin her life
Yeah the monkey speaks his mind

And you never known a mother monk
To leave her baby causing it to plunk
Or pass them on one to the other
Till they scarcely knew who was their mother
Yeah the monkey speaks his mind

And another thing you will never see
A monkey build a fence around a coconut tree
And let all the coconuts go to waste
Forbidding all other monkeys to come and taste
Now if i build a fence around this tree
Starvation will cause you to steal from me
Yeah the monkey speaks his mind

Here is another thing a monkey won't do
Go out at night and get on a stew
Or use a gun a club or a knife
To take another monkey's life

Yes man descended the worthless bum
But my god brothers from us he did not come

Yeah the monkey speaks his mind
Yeah the monkey speaks his mind

(written by Dave Bartholomew and Pearl King;
taken from Mutabaruka's Life Squared)



The Black★Star Project

Racial Academic Achievement Gap Fact Sheet

Percentage of Illinois students who meet or exceed standards on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (grades 3-8) or Prairie State Achievement Exam (Grade 11) in 2002:

Reading

Grade	Overall	White	African American	Hispanic
3	62.2%	76.1	34.0	48.1
5	59.1	72.6	33.4	40.5
8	68.0	76.8	48.8	51.0
11	58.1	66.1	31.8	35.9

Math

3	74.2	87.5	45.3	66.2
5	62.9	77.3	32.2	46.3
8	52.6	64.8	22.1	33.2
11	53.6	62.8	19.2	28.7

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

2002 Illinois ACT Average Composite Scores

Asian Americans Students	22.1
White Students	21.5
Mexican American Students	17.5
Puerto Rican/Hispanic Students	17.4
Native American Students	16.8
African American Students	16.5

Source: ACT

2002 United States ACT Average Composite Scores

White Students	21.7
Asian American Students	21.6
Mexican American Students	18.2
Puerto Rican/Hispanic Students	18.8
Native American Students	18.6
African American Students	16.8

Source: ACT

National graduation rates between 1998 and 2000 from 4-year colleges or universities

Asian Americans	66%
Whites Students	59%
Hispanic Americans	46%
African American	38%

Source: American Council on Education

Eliminate the Racial Academic Achievement Gap ★ by the Year 2010

Did you know that in 2002:

68.2% of Illinois African American 11th grade students are reading below grade level

81.8% of Illinois African American 11th grade students are performing math below grade level

African American students in Illinois average 16.2 on the ACT when many colleges are requiring a 23, 21 or higher for admission

For a 2000 national study, there are 791,600 African American men in jail and only 602,832 African American men in college, when in 1990 there were only 143,000 African American men in jail and 463,700 in college

Nationally, African American students lead all other students in the academic statistical category of getting grades of A, B or lower at 48.9%. Additionally, 66% of African American men who go to college drop out

Many Latino students have these same issues

If you aren't read enough yet to do something about this, you never will be!!

Here is the Plan to Educate Brown and Black Children ★ by the Year 2010

- Help brown and black parents to become the first, best and most important teachers for their children
- Help brown and black parents learn to properly advocate for their child's education
- Insist that teachers who instruct brown and black students raise their expectations for brown and black students, and give those students more rigorous work
- Encourage the highest standards for teachers who instruct brown and black students regardless of the teacher's race
- Motivate and inspire brown and black youth to succeed academically
- Create environments in your community that reinforce the value of education for brown and black students
- Plan for every brown and black student to go to college

Educating brown and black children is the next civil rights movement. If you want to join this movement, please join The Black★Star Project (BSP) at 312.842-3527 or email us at Blackstar1000@ameritech.net. You may send contributions to The Black★Star Project, Box 20, 1335 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605 to support this effort. BSP is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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College and University Undergraduate Grade-Point Average, 1999-2000

	C's, D's Or lower	B's, C's	Mostly B's	A's, B's	Mostly A's
African American Students	48.9%	16.0%	20.3%	7.5%	7.3%
Asian American Students	32.2	17.7	26.4	10.1	13.6
Hispanic Students	41.8	16.7	23.7	8.3	9.9
Native American Students	41.8	19.9	23.3	9.7	8.3
White Students	30.3	16.2	25.3	11.7	16.5

Source: U.S. Department of Education – Figures may not add up to 100% because of rounding

Field of Study: 1999-2000

	Total	Whites	African Americans	Asian American	Hispanic Americans	Native Americans
Engineering	58,424	38,947	3,067	6,850	3,099	326
Law	36,977	27,741	2,587	2,205	1,970	296
Medicine	15,450	10,294	1,075	1,108	808	122

Source: NCES IPEDS Data from Black Issues In Higher Education

Additional Facts

Per 1997 figures: African American Students in U.S. Colleges

971,000 African American women
580,000 African American men

136,798 African American women in Historically Black Colleges and Universities
87,097 African American men in Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Source: U.S. Department of Education

African American men in jail or college?

Per a 2000 study: 791,600 African American men in jail or prison with 602,032 African American men in colleges or universities

Per a 1980 study: 143,000 African American men in jail or prison with 463,700 African American men in colleges or universities

Source: Justice Policy Institute

Per a 2000 newspaper article:

66% of African American men who go to college do not graduate in 6 years

Source: Chicago Tribune - 10/15/00

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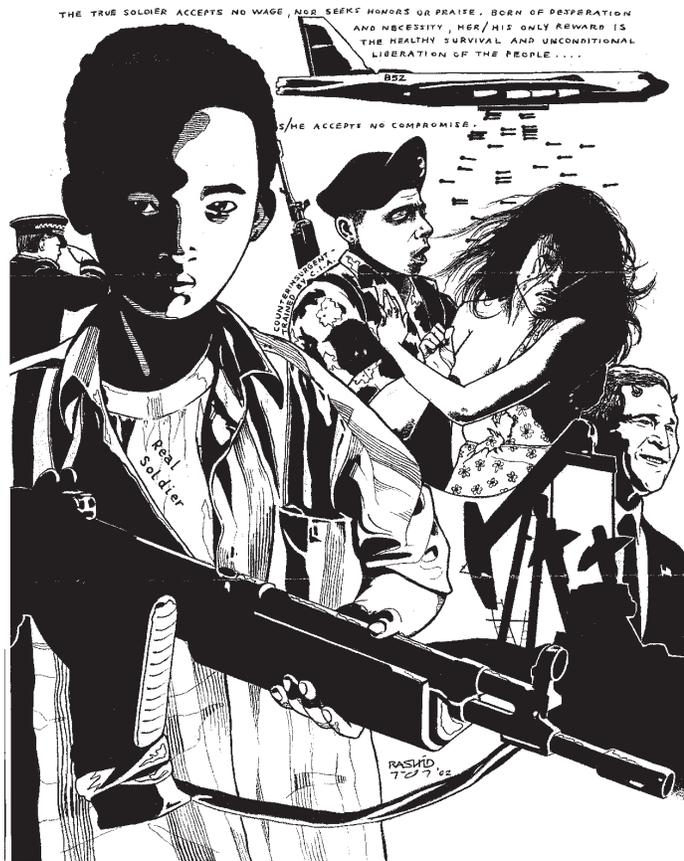
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AN EXEMPLARY COMRADE RIDES AHEAD



We are saddened to announce and report the death of Lance Bell, aka Santa Bear. Lance was a former member of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party which was established in Chicago, Illinois in November 1968. Lance was founding member of the Pontiac Prisoner Organization which along with the Stateville and Menard Prisoner Organizations were instrumental in the development and growth of a progressive prisoner movement in the middle of the 1970's.

At press time the exact date and cause of Lance's untimely demise are not known to this reporter. What is more important than when and how he died is that he believed in and fought for revolutionary justice. Many comrades have made the supreme sacrifice and have road ahead to the revolutionary happy hunting grounds. Lance was a true hero and a living legend. Mao said that "death can lighter than a feather or heavier than a mountain" Lance's death is heavier than a mountain. His story should be well-chronicled and and told often. In order to win independence and socialism for our oppressed nation we have to win the hearts and minds of our people. The story of Lance Bell helps to dispel the myth and aura of our enemies invincibility.



Lance and Jake Winters proved that a small well-prepared guerilla force can hold off and even defeat an overwhelming force. On November 13, 1969 Lance and Jake were forced to take refuge and defend themselves in abandoned building at 5801 South Calumet in Chicago following an alleged altercation with a Corrections officer. The Chicago Police Department responded and immediately began to shoot into the building where Jake and Lance were. What followed was a fire-fight of epic proportions lasting

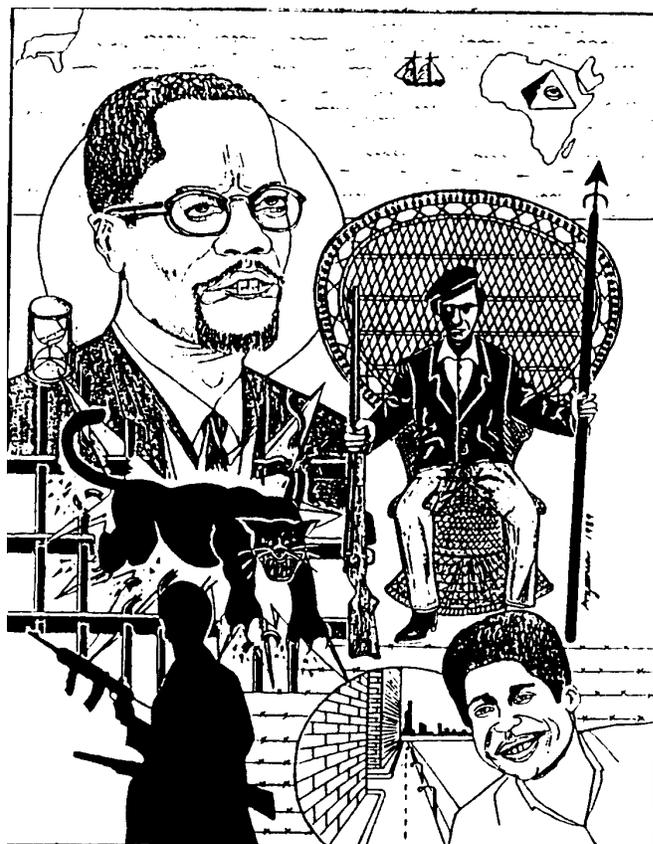
over two hours. The battle involved over 300 police officers vs two members of the Black Panther Party. When it ended two police officers were slain and seven lay in the streets wounded, bleeding, and crying. The pigs and the reactionary news media at first refused to accept that such heavy damage could be inflicted by solely two men. A bigger mystery and dilemma was how did Jake and Santa Bear escape from the building and the police encirclement. There is no mystery to this reporter. Jake and Lance were two of the best soldiers and guerillas our struggle for national liberation has produced and they defended themselves honorably. They escaped the building and the police circle because the police ran and ran as if they had been routed when Jake and Lance exited the building in a hail of gunfire. The police believed that they were facing more than two people because Lance and Jake had been changing positions the entire time. Jake Winters wounded in the attack and mortally wounded that night told Lance to get ready he was going to lay down some cover fire and allow him to get out of the building alive. Jake armed with a semi-automatic m-1 carbine jumped from the second story his carbine blazing and the police scattered and ran. No police officer was ever able to say when and how Jake or Lance exited the building.

This battle on 58th and Calumet is important and significant because it is part of the largely undocumented history of resistance of the New Afrikan community to brutal repression and national oppression. This history includes the rebellion on the West and North sides in the summer of 1966 (sniper attacks on the police in K-town and Cabrini Green 1966-1970) the arrest of Yusuf Madyn (s/n Joseph Hurst) 1967, MLK rebellion April 1968, The Henry Horner projects rebellion after the murder of the Soto brothers in one week

by officers from the 13th Precinct August 1969, The Woodlawn Rebellion in July 1970, Police Ambushes in 1970 (four police officers slain in retaliation for the murder of Fred Hampton, Chairman of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party).

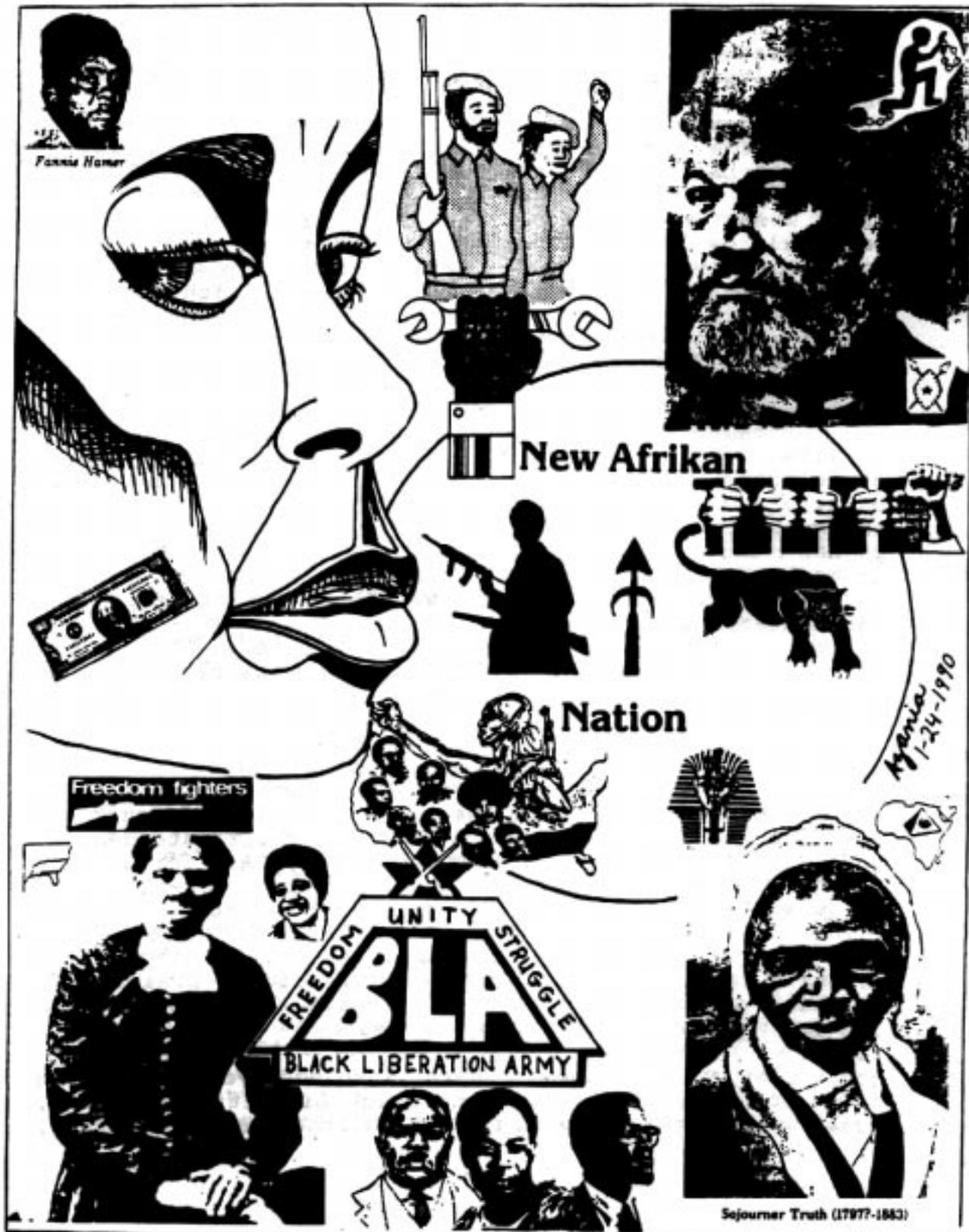
Lance will be remembered as an exemplary comrad, your legend and your example will live on and on as long as New Afrikan people fight against national oppression and for national liberation, independence and socialism. Venceremos....A luta Continua

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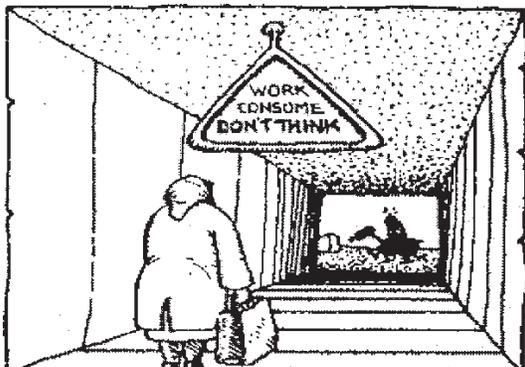
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If the markets hurt your Mama, bomb Iraq
If the terrorists are Saudi
And the bank takes back your Audi
And the TV shows are bawdy,
Bomb Iraq

If the corporate scandals are growin', bomb Iraq
And your ties to them are showin', bomb Iraq
If the smoking gun ain't smokin'
We don't care, we're not jokin'
That Saddam will soon be croakin'
bomb Iraq

Even if we have no allies, bomb Iraq
from the sand dunes to the valleys, bomb Iraq
So to hell with the inspections
let's look tough for the elections
close your mind and take directions
bomb Iraq

While the globe is slowly warming, bomb Iraq
Yay! the clouds of war are storming, bomb Iraq
If the ozone hole is growing,
some things we prefer not knowing
(though our ignorance is showing)
bomb Iraq

So here's one for dear old daddy, bomb Iraq
from his favorite little laddy, bomb Iraq
saying no would look like treason
it's the Hussein hunting season
even if we have no reason,
bomb Iraq



By this time, in 1969
Fred was dead in his bed
in a police raid
of the place where he stayed
becuz of a nigga the government
had paid

There was a movement he led
to keep children fed,
now We don't do shit
for so many with no
roof overhead
clothes on their back
or food in their head!

Now on top of that
We have lots of cats
who holler about gats
& "i got this, i got that"
& that's where We're at
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**White
Woman
to be
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Black Man**

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MALE WILMA EFFROSS,
ACCUSED OF MURDER, AS A
42-YEAR-OLD BLACK MALE
FROM ATLANTA.



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HER SISTER TO DEATH WITH A BOX-
END WRENCH, BUT PROSECUTORS
FEEL IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO
GET THE DEATH PENALTY WITHOUT
THIS STRATEGY.



PROSECUTORS CITE THE FACT THAT
BLACK DEFENDANTS HAVE THE
GREATEST STATISTICAL LIKELIHOOD
OF BEING SENTENCED TO DEATH.

AND FORTUNATELY, THE LAW
DOESN'T REQUIRE US TO PROSECUTE
DEFENDANTS AS THE PEOPLE THEY
ACTUALLY ARE.



THIS TYPE OF "FICTIONAL PROSECUTION" IS
COMMON, ESPECIALLY IN JUVENILE CRIMES.
FOR EXAMPLE, A NINE-YEAR-OLD WHO ACTI-
VATED A LIVE MISSILE LAUNCHER HE FOUND
IN HIS UNCLE'S TOOLSHED, DESTROYING A
NEARBY 7-11, WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED
AS AN ADULT.



OR, WHEN A TORNADO WHIPPED THROUGH
AN ILLINOIS TOWN IN 1992, KILLING TWO
AND INJURING FIFTY, PROSECUTORS, REC-
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- **1958** Iraqi monarchy overthrown in military coup led by Abd al-Karim Qasim.
- **1959** Saddam Hussein, 22, flees Iraq after involvement in attempted assassination of Qasim.
- **1961** Qasim claims newly independent Kuwait as part of Iraq. Kurds begin armed revolt against Baghdad.
- **1963** Ba'ath Party overthrows Qasim, then is edged out of power by allies in coup. Iraq renounces claim to Kuwait.
- **1966** Ceasefire between Kurds and government forces.
- **1967** Iraq breaks diplomatic relations with the US after Arab-Israeli war.
- **1968** Internal coup makes Saddam Hussein vice president and deputy head of the Revolutionary Command Council.
- **1970** Baghdad and Kurdish Democratic Party sign peace agreement.
- **1972** Iraq Petroleum Company—a consortium of Western companies—is nationalized.
- **1974** Collapse of 1970 accord with KDP. Failed Kurdish rebellion produces refugee crisis.
- **1975** Iraq and Iran sign treaty ending border disputes.
- **1979** Saddam Hussein becomes president and chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council. About 400 party members are executed.
- **1980** Iran shells Iraqi border towns. On September 17, Iraq abrogates 1975 treaty, and invades Iran.
- **1981** Israel attacks Osirak nuclear reactor.
- **1982** Iranian counteroffensive reclaims much ground occupied by Iraq. Syria claims pipeline to Iraq.
- **1984** Iraq restores diplomatic relations with the US.
- **1986** UN Secretary General reports Iraq's use of mustard gas and nerve agents against Iranian soldiers.
- **1986-87** "Tanker war" between Iran and Iraq in Persian Gulf.
- **1988** Anfal operation results in 50,000-100,000 deaths in northern Iraq. On March 16, Iraq attacks Kurdish town of Halabja with mix of poison gas and nerve agents, killing 5,000. Ceasefire with Iran on August 28. Iraq reasserts claim to Kuwait.
- **1990** Iraq invades Kuwait on August 2. UN demands withdrawal by January 15, 1991, and imposes economic embargo. On November 29, UN authorizes use of "all necessary means" to liberate Kuwait.
- **1991** Bombardment of Iraq starts; Operation Desert Storm on January 17. Ground war begins on February 24, and liberation of Kuwait occurs February 27. On March 3, Iraq accepts ceasefire. Iraqi forces suppress rebellions in the south and north during March and April, creating refugee crisis on borders with Turkey and Iran. Northern no-fly zone established in April. UNSCOM established.
- **1992** No-fly zone established in southern Iraq.
- **1993** US cruise missile attack on Iraqi intelligence headquarters in Baghdad, in response to alleged attempt on George Bush's life in Kuwait in April.
- **1994** Saddam Hussein becomes prime minister and president. Iraqi National Assembly recognizes Kuwait's borders and independence.
- **1994-1997** fighting between KDP and rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. Iraqi forces move into northern no-fly zone and help KDP defeat PUK in August 1996. Failed Iraqi National Congress coup attempt in 1996.
- **1995** UNSC 986 allows the partial resumption of Iraq's oil exports to buy food and medicine in April. Resolution not accepted by Iraq until December.
- **1998** Inspectors withdraw from Iraq. US and Britain bomb Iraq from December 16-19 in Operation Desert Fox.
- **1999** UNSC 1184 creates UNMOVIC to replace UNSCOM. Iraq rejects resolution.
- **2000** First domestic passenger flights in Iraq since 1991. Commercial air links reestablished with Russia, Ireland and Middle East. Syria reopens pipeline.
- **2001** In February, US and Britain carry out major bombing raid. Rail link with Turkey reopened in May for the first time since 1981.
- **2002** In March, Arab summit rejects military action against Iraq. UNSC 1409 streamlines sanctions in May. Iraq rejects weapons inspections in talks with UN Secretary General in July. UN rejects Iraqi proposal for readmitting inspectors in August.
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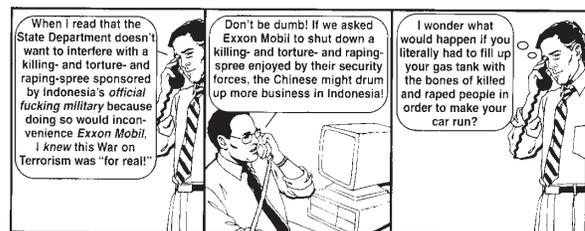
Two troopers on stress leave say they were harassed by the "Lords of Discipline" through threatening notes and vandalism. "There are indications that such a purported organization exists," state police spokesman John Hagerty said.

If confirmed, the group would be another blemish for the state police, whose 2,700 troopers have been scrutinized because of racial profiling.

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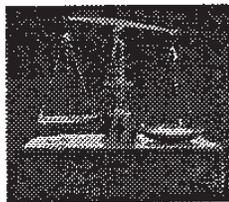
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