

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK NATIONALIST WOMEN:

It is very important at this stage in our struggle that we define and understand our role in its proper perspective and development into Revolutionary Black Nationalist Women. We must stand beside our Brothers in our Universal fight for liberation against our oppressor. We have been tools in the hands of whity's system of super-exploitation of our nation for over 400 hundred years since he took us from the shores of our homeland-Africa.

Upon bringing us to the Western hemisphere he was immediately confronted with the problem of containing us so he developed a system of stripping us of our African culture. His first move was to break-up as much as he could our tribal structure, and the breaking down of our group, tribe or family structure meant the break-up of the most basic units of our nation. This was more easily done in the U.S. then say in the West Indies because the plantations were smaller here - so we were pawned off one or two at a time to different plantations. We were separated from our love ones and kinsmen and were put with brothers and sisters of another tribe or with ones to whom Africa was but a memory. We were unable to communicate because there was a language difference, except with charlies language which we had to learn. With the learning of his spoken language came his social language, thereby destroying our social mores and attitudes.

He asserted himself as the white god-authority destroying the role of the Black man as head of the family and he also destroyed African attitudes towards womanhood. With his constant mobilization of us we were unable to form any stable emotional ties - man, woman/father, child/mother, child. All social and human significance were seen only in the light of their economic assects - the Black man was seen as the stallion and work horse, and sold from plantation to plantation and the Black woman was seen as the breeder. The Black woman became dominate head of the slave family - which was usually just a mother and children , with the white man as ultimate head.

With the systematic destruction of our African culture and structure and the failure to develop an independent and new structure we have been kept oppressed for over 400 years.

We are now beginning to develop in depth a new independent structure, that can only function and come to power through revolution. We are now on the eve of that revolution - we are building a Black nation, developing a Black philosophy and must follow a Black doctrine. Our Black men are taking their position as ultimate authority in the Black community, as revolutionaries to destroy the old and build the new, and as leaders of the World Black Revolution - We must understand their position and assume ours as True Black Women.

We must get rid of our romantic outlook about Black manhood, Black womanhood and Black Revolution. A Revolution is fought and won with systematic thought and the loss of blood, tears, and lives. One of the first words we must learn is sacrifice - give up the old for the new order.

We are engaged in a war of national liberation - a revolution and we must begin to think like revolutionary women.

TO BEGIN WE MUST:

LOOK TO THE BLACK MAN AS ULTIMATE (UNIVERSAL) AUTHORITY. We must learn to submit - give up our historical role of running things - a body can only have one head. This must be regardless of economic situation.

ACCEPT AND DEVELOP NEW ATTITUDES such as our relationship to our men. Divest ourselves of our romantic notions about love, marriage. All relationships must be reality - based and the reality is Revolution.

DEVELOP A POSITIVE OUTLOOK towards our Revolutionary struggle. Our optimism can become the morale builder (the spirit de corps) of the struggle.

EDUCATE our children and make them understand new concepts of manhood, womanhood and beauty. The woman to a great extent is the socializer of the family - of the community. Teach new revolutionary philosophy to every Black person we come in contact with. Propagandize ALL!! We will raise the political consciousness of the Black community. Use revolutionary slogans i.e., Unite or Perish - Keep on Pushin - By Any Means Necessary!!

BECOME BLACK REVOLUTIONARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS. A guerrilla war must have a superior intelligence system in which Black women must play an important role. Women played a decisive role in the Haitian Revolution, many of them were maids in the homes of the enemy and poisoned them. Today Women are a large part of the intelligence force of the Viet Cong. They perform functions such as getting information from U.S. servicemen, carrying explosives, working in enemy installations, etc. We are in Charlies homes, businesses, school and most of his institutions. We must become mentally and psychically perceptive and correctly interpret all we see and hear.

DEVELOP AN ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATION - most of us have clerical skills such as typing, steno, and transcribing etc. Which are very necessary. Also correspondence and mailing. We should also learn to

operate a mimeograph machine or press and learn to produce and distribute literature if the situation calls for us to do so.

LEARN TO COMPILE INFORMATION - Check daily newspapers, periodicals, magazines; listen to radio or t.v. programs; collect literature on all organizations pertinent to our struggle. This means info on whity to for we must "know our enemy" We can develop a filing system so that all information is readily accessible. We must discuss the many other areas we must go into. It may become necessary for us to function on all levels of our revolutionary struggle both nationally and internationally and we must be prepared to do so.

We shall form study and discussion groups and study in depth revolutions, and the role of women in these revolutions. We must study eastern society and attitudes also the role of the eastern woman in these societies. Our minds must be open to change. We must revolutionize the most basic units of our Black nation - the relationship between man and woman, family relationships, community relationships and let the philosophy and doctrine of our revolution and New World supercede All!!

We are the women of a World Black Nationalist Revolution. We are the Queens of our New Black Society.....

- A Black Soul Sister