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New Afrikan Women's organization

It was agreed that those women present would form the nucleus and core group of whatever formation develops.

Afeni gave an overview and history of how we as Black women are coming together and why. Since 1971, a large vacuum of politically active people have emerged, not being responsible to an organized structure. These are people who have continued revolutionary active work, not program orientated. These independent forces have had problems relating to organized structures stemming from historical support by these forces of armed struggle.

The National Task Force for Cointelpro Litigation and Research came into affect to force revolutionary nationalist to deal with each other while they simultaneously deal with the conspiracies against our movement (COINTELPRO). We have been successful in our objectives.

In light of the prospects of a new formation, (New Afrikan Peoples Union), we too must organize our resources and consolidate our movement. We need a political structure not sectarian to the whole. It was further suggested that we investigate past struggles in new formations. Then we will be better able to take an active role in liberation through participation, which is one of our goals.

We must take a leading role in taking major responsibility in developing a new formation and forming a structure that has responsibility to the totality of our movement and not just certain segments of it. Our responsibilities during this period are great and we have specific obligations to our soldiers such as Assata.

The dual nature of our responsibilities was mentioned along with the need to address ourselves to constant financial duress, which we agreed must be addressed. We also spoke of the need to keep each other spiritually alive as being a task of our formation, during this important period that is marked by periods of demoralization and acute poverty.

It was stressed that we as New Afrikan women must participate more actively in our movement and have more of a major thurst in the work.

After speaking with Bernice Reagon, the sister had some very specific suggestions:

1. The letter we write to other sisters should spell out our own political focus
2. The letter should spell out political parameters of the new organization.
3. We should be clear in the letter what types of women we are seeking and it should be also clear in the letter that we are independent forces
4. We should spell out the commonality of the women we are seeking, i.e, the bottom line of sisters we seek.
5. We should look over the list and examine each name and why that person is being asked to join.
6. We need to be realistic about our finances
7. We should not set a date for the conference until we are more definite about our money.
8. We should write a conceptual statement that includes all of the above.
9. We must outline the tasks we will each take responsibility for.
10. Administrative tasks are key.

It was agreed that Bernices suggested methods of operation were straight ahead and everyone agreed that each point was well advised. It was agreed that Yaasmyn would continue to do the administrative coordination of the organization. We agreed to further have weekly meetings, and update Bernice via telephone or mail.

We are to meet with Hamundide , a representative of the ZANU in this country to further consolidate our relationship with ZANU. At this meeting we will introduce the core group and give a conceptual presentation as to the goals of our organization in harmony with hers.

Our next meeting will be March 21 at which time we will arrange the areas of responsibilities and assign people to coordinate such.