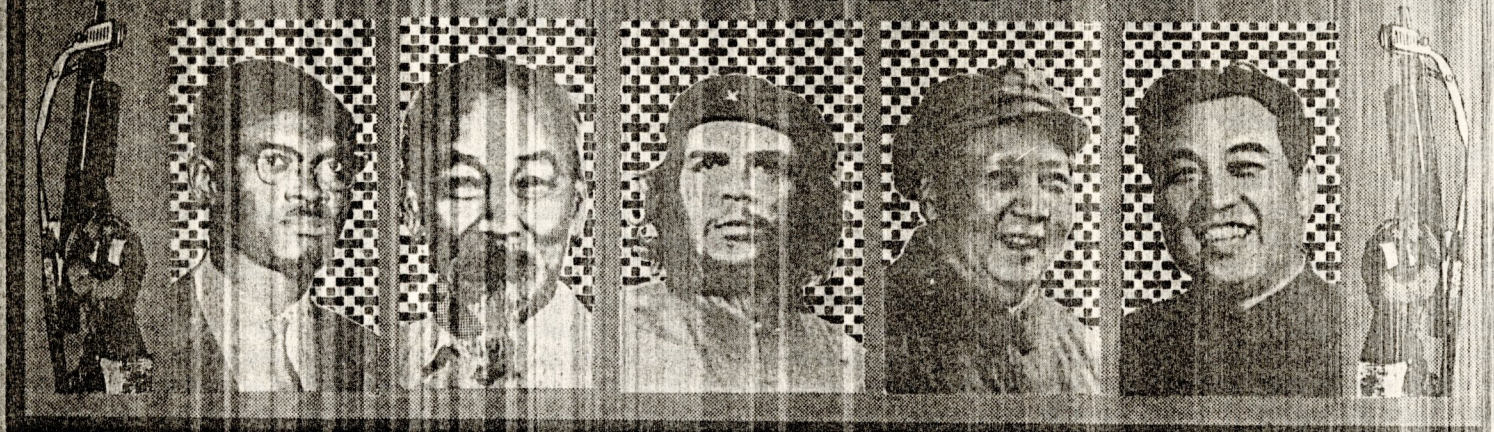


INTERCOMMUNAL NEWS



IN MEMORIAM - PATRICE LUMUMBA

"The Congo has made me, I shall make the Congo" Patrice Lumumba

Patrice Lumumba's place in African history in particular, and in world history in general is in several ways unique. Few leaders rose to prominence so rapidly and so dramatically. Few leaders were murdered so cold-bloodedly and blatantly by agents of American imperialism.

He was an extraordinary man. In many ways his dynamic, driving force had the same effect on the masses in the community of the Congo as Malcolm X had on the community of North America. The same as in the case of Malcolm X, very few people realized recognized or appreciated his contributions until after his brutal assassination.

He was born on July 2, 1925, the son of an illiterate peasant. He was largely self-educated and became a powerful force in the Congo's struggle for independence from Belgium. He was the first Prime Minister of the Congo. His dream was that someday the Congo would be ruled "not by the peace of guns and bayonets, but by a peace of the heart and of the will". At the age of 35 years he was brutally murdered in his attempt to make that dream a reality.

The imperialist clique saw the threat he presented not only to their control of the Congo, but Africa as a whole (if the Congo was allowed to succeed) and the rest of the communities of Asia and Latin America. He was a man of firm principles and beliefs and would not be one of their bootlickers or lackeys. The imperialist henchmen, the CIA were put into action. Before independence various threats, disruptions and attempted massacres occurred. Rumors were circulated that Lumumba was a Communist and that the Soviet Union would take over. Moise Tshombe, son of one of the few wealthy businessmen in the Congo, was more to the imperialists' choosing. He threatened Lumumba with the secession of the province of Katanga,



Patrice Lumumba, martyred leader of the revolutionary struggle in the Congo was a victim of capitalist inspired violence and terrorism in an attempt to stem the tide of the African Revolution. Lumumba is seated here in a jeep, hands bound, just prior to his assassination.

which was the most productive area in terms of mining etc.

Lumumba survived all this and secured independence for the Congo.

The following are excerpts from his Independence Day Speech:

"...Together my brothers, my sisters, we are going to begin a new struggle, a sublime struggle, which will lead our community to peace, prosperity, and greatness. Together we are going to establish Social justice and make sure everyone has just remuneration for his labor...We are going to put an end to suppression of free thought and see to it that all our citizens enjoy to the full the fundamental liberties foreseen in the Declaration of the Rights of man..."

That was the beginning and the beginning of the end of Patrice Lumumba. The odds against him internally were that although the Congolese people emotionally were ready for independence, politically an ideology was missing, also Lumumba allowed Belgian troops to remain in the Congo after independence.

Conflicts erupted between White and Black soldiers. Mutiny was everywhere. Congolese soldiers started imprisoning their European counterparts.

Rumors of the landing of Russian planes spread like wildfire. European immigrants started returning to Europe with stories of rapings, and killings. Lumumba tried to restore order, but in the meantime Belgian parachutists had landed "to protect the lives of Belgian citizens." The same old imperialist trick to protect the interests of the imperialists.

Tshombe arch-puppet moved and Katanga seceded from the Republic with Tshombe as the leader. Lumumba made his third miscalculation by appealing to the U.N. for help. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General, like the ever-believing Swede thought he could really help. It took his mysterious aircraft disappearance and death for him to realize that justice did not exist.

U.N. troops were sent to restore order, but in reality to keep Katanga protected for the imperialists.

The CIA also installed another of their lackeys, (this one was specially chosen - Andre Tulley in the book the CIA - the Inside Story) Mobutu to be Lumumba's successor. A coup d'etat was cleverly planned. At first Lumumba was placed under house ar-

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EDITORIAL

THE DECADE OF THE BOOMERANG

The year 1970 ended with many victories for the oppressed peoples on the planet earth and in some cases with major set-backs. Many lessons however were learned, and revolutionaries in all the communities of the world moved their consciousness and levels of struggle to a higher level.

Here in the community of North America the Black Panther Party will go forward to make 1971 and the rest of the 70's the decade of the Boomerang--the decade of the people--escalation of tactics and stronger resistance against the oppressors.

We pledge ourselves to further educating the masses and at the same time serving and meeting their needs. Survival pending revolution should be our major goal during the coming year.

The wanton murders and brutality perpetrated against our comrades over the past years must be avenged. The vulturistic oppressors should not escape the wrath of the armed people. Our incarcerated brothers and sisters held illegally in prisons and jails from one end of Babylon to the next should be "set free" in order that they can return to their communities and provide the oxen for the people to ride.

In particular Chairman Bobby Seale, Ericka Huggins, Angela Davis, the New

York 21, the Los Angeles 18, the Detroit 16, the Soledad 3, the Soledad 7 and the other thousands of young potential revolutionaries being stifled. It is our duty to see that these Comrades are released.

We know this will be a long and arduous struggle and it is therefore necessary that efforts be concentrated on our youth. We should see to it that they are educated to the true nature of this racist, decadent, imperialist society and, their rightful role in it --to destroy it. More Liberation Schools should be instituted so that this knowledge is passed on quickly. We should always be one step ahead of the enemy and learn to anticipate his actions and therefore be on the offensive. Our youths should not be destroyed but educated.

The concept of intercommunalism as put forward by our Leader and Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, should be understood by all. Once we have attained this level of consciousness we will see more clearly the relevance of the struggles being waged by the heroic peoples of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the progressive people in Europe.

At the same time it will be diaphanous (transparent) to us here in the community of North America how important our

role is in the global revolution that is taking place. A new dedication, love and awareness must develop. Liberation or continuous enslavement is our choice. A true revolutionary chooses death over slavery.

Let us take a page from Che Guevara who was one of the foremost internationalists of his day, and who, if he had lived, would be one of the foremost intercommunalist - "Let me say at the risk of seeming ridiculous, that a true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love".

We must have so much love for our people, their well being, their lives and their survival that we should be prepared to face a revolutionary death so that our people can achieve the basic necessities of life.

This great humanity has said enough! The Black Panther Party has said enough! Let this be the decade of the Boomerang and the People. Revolutionary intercommunalism the greatest Marxist-Leninist-Pantherist doctrine must and will be a reality.

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rest even though he was allowed to make visits to various villages and speak with the people who loved him. Mobutu became enraged as he thought Lumumba's popularity had declined. He issued a legal warrant for Lumumba's arrest and with the aid of the CIA installed himself as the head of the Congolese Republic.

Lumumba on one of his visits to a village tried to escape but was brought back. When he was taken from the plane his hands were tied behind his back, his glasses without which he could not see had disappeared and he was placed in a truck with 2 other companions. The humiliations and brutality perpetrated against him on this journey were countless. Not only was he savagely beaten, but a statement declaring him the legal head of the legitimate government of the Congo was pushed down his throat by one of the soldiers and he was forced to eat this.

He was placed in confinement at Camp Hardy with heavy security. On January 17, a pig from the Security Police disguised as an ordinary civilian went into Lumumba's cell informing him that the people had mutinied and needed him back. Lumumba believed and walked into a death trap.

He was taken in a DC-4 commercial



Madame Lumumba and Roland, one of Lumumba's four children

plane with a European crew, placed on board and forced to fly to Katanga. During the flight he was brutally tortured. He landed in Katanga and from that point various versions of what happened to Patrice Lumumba exist until today. Stories after stories were issued concerning his death on various dates. However, evidence points to the fact that on the night of January 17, after his arrival he was fatally shot by Tshombe.

Until today his body has not been recovered. One of the most blatant and brutal acts of the CIA spear-headed by the imperialists was allowed to go unavenged. By liberating North America and in the reality of intercommunalism we will therefore liberate the Congo and Lumumba's death will at last be avenged. His dream will be a reality. He was one of the greatest leaders the African community ever had and with deep reverence the Black Panther Party pays tribute to his memory on this the anniversary of his assassination. He lived and died for what he believed in - the liberation of all peoples.

His death will not be in vain.
Amandla! Power to the People!
Connie Matthews Tabor