## THE REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA

## NOW WE HAVE A NATION:

Why a New Nation Was Necessary -

We have never been citizens of the United States. We have never been a part of the American Nation.

Some of the problems we have been faced with are: Jobs---unemployment and underemployment, freedom from racist wars, security against curfew and National Guard oppression, sub-standard schools, the right to govern ourselves and the right to determine our own destinies, having to deal with racism, inequality and oppression, outrageous living conditions.

WE CAN SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS ONLY THROUGH BEING A SEPARATE, INDEPENDENT NATION

A Nation must have land. Our land is scattered across America, in sections of the Northern cities where our people now live and have lived. Our land lies in the great black belt across the South, where we have lived and worked the land and clung to it for 300 years despite the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. We shall re-claim our land by adhering to International Law and Black Determination.

THE REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA came into existence on March 31, 1968, after two days of intense deliberations. Over 100 people signed the Declaration of Independence, declaring Black People forever free and independent of the jurisdiction of the United States Government. The elected officers of our Government will carry out the aims of the Revolution stated in the Declaration.

The Republic of New Africa believes:

- 1. The exploitation and oppression of Black America by White America has entered a more vicious and visible stage.
- 2. Black America is in serious danger of extermination like the Indian and the buffalo.
- 3. Black America can survive and liberate herself if we understand that our problem was created by an all White Government (U.S.A.) and it is being continued by an all White Government.
- 4. Individuals or organizations (no matter how rich or how large) cannot wage a correct struggle for survival and liberation against a powerful government like the United States.
- 5. We can only survive and liberate ourselves by becoming real Black Nationalists and building ourselves a nation that will be able to wage the correct struggle for our survival and liberation.
- 6. The Republic of New Africa wants all Black People to help us make it the Black Nation that will govern 25,000,000 Black People who have known nothing but enslavement as non-citizens of White America.

## 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 the 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 that man 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 diagrace and banishment if I prove false. For, I am no longer deaf, dumb or blind. I am - by grace of Malcolm - a New African.

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