

## BWUF Meets In Detroit



On May 3 Black women from across the country met in Detroit for the first National Assembly meeting of the Black Women's United Front, an anti racist, anti capitalist, anti imperialist united front to struggle against all forms of oppression and exploitation and especially take up the struggle against the triple oppression Black women face; race, sex and class, as part of the Black liberation movement, and the struggle for socialism.

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The National Assembly of the Black Women's United Front was called to order by Staarabisha of the Congress of Afrikan People. The welcoming statement was followed by a re-cap of January 25th BWUF meeting in Detroit. The attendance was not as large (about 200) as the January meeting but the active participation in open discussion was more intense and productive.

The BWUF National Task Force report outlined the work of the Task Force from January 25th to May 3rd, stating that the principle participation and work at the Task Force meetings had been by the Congress of Afrikan People and All Afrikan People's Revolutionary Party.

The work of the many Black women across the country who have been building local BWUFs was seen in the local reports given by elected representatives from 21 different cities; from Berkeley to Atlanta, from Houston to Albany-women committed to the principles of unity set down in the January organizing meeting, anti-racist, anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist, have been recruiting members, participating in local and national events, programs such as fundraisers, demonstrations and petitioning for JoAnn Little, International Women's Day, International Workers' Solidarity Day, political education classes, forums and discussions.

The common program from the organizing meeting in January called for locals to do a mass survey to find out Black women's needs, concerns, and interests. The summations of these surveys were reported on as a part of the local reports. The survey results indicated that most Black women are

concerned about unemployment, decent salary, housing and better living conditions in general including day care and health facilities and services.

After a brief recess for lunch the body moved into plans for action thru motions for programs and resolutions being put forth from all cities represented and resulted in much discussion, and positive plans for mobilization and political education on issues directly affecting Black Women's daily lives but which showed the Black Women's United Front's solidarity with the struggles of all oppressed people here as well as with international struggles and victories of fighting oppressed peoples.

For example, one resolution put forth by the local BWUF of Berkeley, California read: that there be a resolution of solidarity between the BWUF and women in revolutionary struggles fighting for liberation in Afrika, Asia, Latin America, Islands in the Pacific and 22 neo-colonialist areas in the Caribbean; one plan for political education came from Wilmington, Delaware which asked for a National BWUF Newsletter. There were resolutions calling for 24 hour day care, free and public education, statement against rape-advocating the acquittal of JoAnn Little, resolutions on housing, against the reinstatement of the death penalty, to uphold the democratic rights of women on welfare and do work around the injustices of the welfare system.

Two resolutions enthusiastically offered for the body's approval which was applauded came from Newark - one was a call for an end to forced sterilization of Puerto Rican women to show solidarity with international struggles; it went on to point out that sterilization was a result of racism and

serves to reduce the population of 3rd world people who are destined to overthrow capitalism. The other resolution called for BWUF members to support armed struggle in Zimbabwe by ZANU to fight for the ultimate destruction of colonialism, neo-colonialism and all forms of imperialism in Afrika and throughout the world... they (ZANU-Zimbabwe Afrikan National Union) struggle against the detente (the illusion put forth by U.S. & Soviet imperialists that Imperialism can be negotiated with).

It was resolved that BWUF seek membership in the National Black Assembly.

The elections for members to the Steering Committee followed the dinner break. The voting procedures which had been given as a part of the registration packet explained that any member of a local BWUF could vote- this was to ensure full participation of all local

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Brutality, the 3,000 petition signers, and everyone else, down the river.

The only reason the Neighborhood House was closed so hurriedly was to block the forum and the organizing around Police Repression from being held there. Otherwise there would have been written notice (everything was done over the phone), time given to remove furniture and equipment, and some complaint or other charge made known to the congregation of Mt. Olive as to why this action was being taken. Corning's blatant act of arrogance, the cowardly cooperation of Perkins and Kennell, and the brilliant, "I'm for the People, but Myself comes first," performance by Rev. Surgick will be exposed so that everyone will know the corrupt political wrecking activities that are going on in Albany, and the sell-outs that are a part of the problem.

Class struggle will remove Mayor Corning, who has been Mayor of Albany for 34 years!!! The People of Albany will continue to oppose Corning and his Democratic Party gangland until the class lines are drawn so clearly, that only open Fascism would be able to temporarily suppress the People from exercising control not only over the police, but their entire lives. As the People organize to push forward the demands of their organizational weapon, the UFAPB & PR, sell-outs like Surgick, Kennell, Perkins, and Marvin Tanksley (the only Black on the all-Democratic Party sham Common Council) who refuses to introduce legislation to the Council in support of the people's demands for a referendum - the Black faces who sell us out will lose their identity with the community and reveal themselves for what they really are, enemies of the people. Whose interests do you represent is the question that the people are now asking.

People are tired of their votes being

members and to deter those who had not worked with any local from voting. The election results:

Administrative Secretary - Jalia (Newark)

Treasurer - Barbara Lok (Newark)

Political Education - Betty Bryant (Atlanta)

Research - Sharifa (Detroit)

Propaganda - Staarabisha (Newark)

At-Large - Tamara (Gary)

The immediate work of the Steering Committee is to find ways of implementing those resolutions passed at this assembly.

The evening ended with the showing of the film - **History Book**.

The purpose of this Assembly was to elect the Steering Committee, to sum up the past experiences of the Black Women's United Front and set forth new programs of work to mobilize and politically educate the masses of Black women to struggle

monumental office buildings being built while the quality of available housing deteriorates. People are tired of Police Brutality, where Black youth are harassed, beaten, and murdered while nothing is done to investigate and stop these actions. People are tired of being blocked by Corning and his "Slip and Jip" lackies everytime the people organize to change the corruption that has infested Albany for the last 34 years under Corning. And it is the people who are tired of exploitation who will make change.

The UFAPB & PR is calling for People to OPOSE CORNING, PERKINS, KENNEL, AND SURGICK SUPPORT THE POLICE REVIEW BOARD REFERENDUM, SUPPORT AND BUILD THE UNITED FRONT AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AND POLICE REPRESSION.

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State Dorm. Authority on the following conditions: 1) all police and goons be removed from campus immediately, 2) that 25% of all jobs go to minorities & another 25% go to community workers and 3) that the State Dormitory Authority be responsible for all minority & community workers on the site. In support of the students and workers struggle at CCNY & to further educate the people of N.Y.C., there will be a mass demonstration & rally at 134th St. & Amsterdam Ave. Come Out & learn the truth! This struggle and people's struggle around the world has clearly pointed out that the capitalists and their lackies will never willingly give up the wealth and power they've stolen from the people, until the people themselves through their own experiences see its time to place the ruling class on the