

# Report on Black Women's United Front Meeting

Meeting to be held in Detroit, January 25th

October 12, the Congress of Afrikan People (CAP) along with the Black Workers Congress, (BWC) Pan-Afrikan Students Organization in the Americas, (PASOA) Youth Organization for Black Unity, (YOBU) All Afrikan People's Revolutionary Party, (AAPRP) National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO) and Ethiopian Students held a Task Force Meeting. The following is a report on the content and nature of that meeting:

## **Purpose of Task Force Meeting**

Purpose was stated by Amina Baraka; "After the Afrikan Women's Conference call for a Black Women's United Front, the Congress of Afrikan People had suggested a time and place (January, 1975 in St. Louis). Since then, it has become CAP's view that a Task Force of organizations should put the Black Women's United Front meeting together collectively. Today's meeting is to get the feeling from the organizations present about working to put together the January meeting to discuss the nature of the BWUF and decide on a time and place. It is the Congress of Afrikan People's obligation to have such a meeting since the Afrikan Women's Conference called for a Black Women's United Front."

## **Nature of the Black Women's United Front**

All groups present agreed that they saw a need for a Black Women's United Front and that the Front should be anti-racist, anti-capitalist, and anti-imperialist, rooted in the working masses of women, bringing together toiling women who would be willing to struggle along side and within the general Black Liberation Movement.

## **Meeting Time and Place**

The major change made by the Task Force was the Black Women's United Front meeting time and place. **Detroit** was decided as the site because it is a key industrial area. Saturday, January 25th 1975 was the date decided (it will be a one day meeting). 10am - 10pm as the conference hours to give participants enough travel time to and from the conference - one day meeting was to help cut down travel expenses (hotel, food, etc.)

## **Propaganda Committee**

There was a propaganda committee formed to deal with posters, leaflets, general information, and advertisement about the Black Women's United Front.

## **Other Responsibilities of this Task Force**

To think about structure of the Black Women's United Front, take the meeting's conclusions back to our organizations and come together with what our organizations could see as a structure for such a front. However we understand, whatever we put forth can be modified or amended by the Black Women's United Front in January.

All the organizations that were asked to come to the task force meeting showed up with concrete views and contributions around the meeting. The Congress of Afrikan People sees this movement as a positive step in organizing one other sector that can aim at the destruction of all exploitive relationships by nations, systems, and people and the joining in with the struggle to politicize the masses of the people and women in particular.

The Task Force ended its meeting with the recommendation that we all read

United Front by Mao Tse Tung  
United Front Against War and  
Facism by Georgi Dimitroff

## **Pan Afrikan Reception**

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organizations agree on the need for vanguard party, their opportunism, chauvinism sectarianism, are major weaknesses that have to be eliminated before such a party can come about.

The PanAfrikan Reception was a valuable contribution to the new communist movement, in that it openly introduced internationalism to the Black community, and showed how to bring socialist ideology to the masses of the people in all forms, speech, song & drama. It showed that socialism can be brought to the masses and will be readily accepted when it uses the language and