

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING OF JUNE, 1968

We, the Africans who live in the United States, are the descendants of those wrenched from the shores of Africa, transplanted in an alien land, enslaved, forced to develop under political servitude the resources of the United States. We are merely one part of the dispersed African population that the White Western slavers have scattered throughout the world. During our forced exile away from the continent of Africa, every attempt has been made to rupture our ancestral ties with Africa and to so brainwash us as to make us feel we have no relationship with the continent of Africa.

We assert today that we are part of the African continent.

We are Overseas Africans living in the United States.

We are committed to the liberation of the African continent.

We are committed to the liberation of African people wherever they exist and are the victims of racism, exploitation and oppression.

We make these assertions in the spirit of Revolutionary Pan-Africanism. The concept of Revolutionary Pan-Africanism makes it imperative that all Africans unite and wage a fight against racism, capitalism and imperialism -- those intertwined triple hyenas that have dispersed our people throughout the world, that keep us in bondage and that oppress mankind.

We the people of African descent living in the United States must be extremely conscious of our need to cooperate especially in the liberation of Southern Africa where the white western powers have decided to maintain colonialism in its most brutal and savage forms. At the same time we must redouble our efforts to unite all oppressed people suffering from imperialist domin-

ation led by the United States. Concerning our internal situation³ in the United States, we form a colony within the United States. We are a colonized people. We suffer from racism, political domination and economic exploitation as well as cultural degradation.

The struggle of our people has been one of resistance to the colonizing process in the United States. We resisted on the high seas during our enslavement. We resisted throughout the period of our enslavement and we fought with weapons in the United States Civil War for our so-called emancipation from the status of slaves to neo-slaves.

We resist today and we shall continue to resist!

Within the brief span of the history of our own organization, we have seen efforts by the United States government and the White Power People and Press (WPPP) to further explain away the spirit of our resistance. On February 1, 1960 four students sat at a lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina. They were engaged in a new wave of rebellious activity by black college students that has mounted and raised the consciousness of our people to new heights of resistance in the streets of Watts, Newark, Detroit and many other cities throughout the United States. The armed rebellions of black people in the so-called ghettos are just another manifestation of the resistance spirit of our people.

We are not unaware that the United States government through its vast propaganda network in Africa, Asia and Latin America has tried to deceive our brothers overseas that the sit-ins were merely attempts to integrate into the mainstream of American life. This is a lie.

⑥ Our struggle during the early sixties was a struggle against white supremacy and its racist, exploitative manifestations in the areas of public accommodations and lack of political representation. Even as we struggled then we were committed to fundamentally changing the political and economic framework of this country in which racism and white supremacy run rampant.

We see today on many fronts efforts to explain away and to remove the fire from the concept, Black Power. There are those who would like to take the revolutionary sting away from black power and make it merely another American reform movement.

Therefore, it is necessary to state that Black Power is a revolutionary force that seeks the ~~elimination~~ elimination of capitalism and the industrial-military complex which undergirds it. We call upon all our brothers and sisters to intensify the revolutionary consciousness among our people to unite in the fight against racism, capitalism and imperialism. It is through our unity and an unrelenting struggle by whatever means necessary that we will help in the liberation of oppressed people throughout the world.

WE LIVE IN THE JAWS OF THE EXPLOITING OCTOPUS.

WE ARE A COLONY IN HIS EYE.

OUR DUTY IS CLEAR.

OUR HISTORICAL ROLE IS EVIDENT.