Kawaida Towers and the Road to the NewArk

As the next round of the legal battle to defend Kawaida Towers shapes up for trial on May 14th, we should take a moment to review the issues that have dominated the hot struggle of the Templw of Kawaida to exercise its full rights in accordance with the law and meet the pressing needs of the Black Community for modern housing development. For the last two years the Temple of Kawaida has been developing plans in a working dynamic to see Kawaida Towers rise in NewArk, An innovative 16 story, 210 unit apartment building that contains the services of the luxury apartment with the rentals of moderate and low income. Ink It is well publicized that Kawaida Towers has met every legal requirement set up by the State of New Jersey. It has been documented again and and again that Kawaida Towers meets the zoming requirements, and any other technical considerations of building in the city of NewArk. It has been pointed out that the North Ward Ex is not a white preserve and the Black Community will not be relagated to suffer in Bantustans in the Central and South Wards just as deadly as the ones in Apartheid South Africa.

Kawaida Towers signals the end of white supremacy and crude colonialism in NewArk. The progressive development of Black community groups in this city has reached a new stage and our community knows now that with the unified support of the Black and Puerto Rican communities we can restore our communities to their traditional greatness. Unity and Change. The pupular movement to elect the Community's Choice in 1976 was the first blow, Kawiada Towers is the semond, and the political and social accomplishments of the Unity Movement will be the death blow to white supremacy in NewArk. The constant EXEM struggle for these basic goods that we all agree we need has opened the door to wider agreement in the Black and Puerto Rican communities on several issues that are no longer debatable.

Let's take the issue of the relevancy of white liberals in the struggle for liberation of Black people. As the struggle to build Kawaida goes on many basic contradictions in the fabric of American life are being revealed to all of us. The fact that it was a white ethnic liberal who initiated the racially oriented attack on the legitimate and timely development of housing for moderate and low income people in NewArk because it was sponsored by the Temple of Kawaida, reveals the bankruptcy of this path in American politics.

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No Democratic or Republican politicians in the State of New Jersey have come out to support Kawaida Towers, whether we talk about the questionable politics of the exploitative machine of Harry Lerner or the liberal politics of Mrs. Elein who exposed herself by attack (get ready for this) Kawaida Towers for racism is building housing in NewArk. We can see from Lerner's corrupt machine, supporting itself off Black people's maignorance of power politics while not taking one stand to relie releave the suffering of the oppressed masses of Black and Puerto Ricans in this county, that a mame popular Xxxxx "democratic" movement of unified Black and Puerto Rican people must be raised and nurtured to destroy the oppressive and parasitic machinery that has been constructed to control the Black votes. Mrs. Keein has merely revealed that white liberalism is usually a cover story for white opportunism, the same opportunism that had candidates liberal at times during Black Reconstruction and advants advocating Jim Crow whenever it was politically expedient for them.

The police system has been exposed as a sham and merely a camouflage for the holding a army that whose a job is similar to the ones in Cambodia and Laos, hold back the development and self-determination of these colored people. Max Mr. Redden will hever be able to explain to any Black mans satisfaction how he could arrest a Black City Councilman for standing in an aisle at the Board of Education and at the same time refrain from any arrests or restraints on a violent white mob out to perpetuate the long term suffering of our community for housing in the midst of urgan renewal and a crisis fire rate. Redden was forced to regime resign rather than apply the law when it came to white people. Most policemen would have to regime resign!!!

We have seen the unions, the Teamsters, the Carpenters, the Electricians, and many of the Construction Unions side openly with racism. So much so that the Teamsters, for instance, closed thier office at Local 286 Hospital Workers Union, that was located at Martland Hospital, because Black workers questioned the union's ****support** of white supremacy while they collect Black union dues. The same unions that want to gain power and money by "representing" Black people, when actually they would like to always see us chained to the bantustans while they ride in big cars ****and***item** to the nice apartment houses they have built with our money.

The courts are a political tool and these local and county courts are definitely not above the corrupt politics that arinate stain the Watergate case -- promises of power and influence control these decistons to the devastation of justice. The only altenative to the madness of white supremacy is the continual growth and development of the Unity Movement which will replace this corrupt political machinery W/ rs exterisix a totally new set of legal, and jtical, and social developments in mobile based on a new value yx system. And, only community organizations like the Committee for Unidied NewArk, ThexTemple the Congress of Afrikan People, the Afrikan Education Alliance, the Black Leadership Congress, CFUN Community Council, the p Black Ministerial Alliance, Organization of Black Citizens, and Project Area Committee, altimately only these organizations rooted in the Black community and committed to the development of our community will make the changes that will spell the end of racial oppression and humiliation.

These areaix organizations are still on a rapid pace to restore our community, to raise our living standards, and present a whole new version of man's life on earth. during the Managex housing freeze imposed by King Richard kT the alliance of community groups known as the Project Area Committee is putting together a dramatic community development program which will expand and develop the progressive social ideas that are coming out of the Kawaida Towers experience. We learned that we ket could build institutions at the same time we built housing, institutions to help us get it together on all levels. At Kawaida Towers we began talking about and developing plans for and finally building an apartment house with a huge community lounge and workshop; day care center (over 1,000 square feet), and audio-wished visual room for the watoto (children), and tenant's hobby shop; a security system that in addition to physical protection, allows the tenant to turn to a security station and see who is ringing his bell; and, finally the introduction of a cable hook-up which can bring feature films, like those playing in New York now, onto your televison set. Hy the femtal Central Ward the same kind of movement is talking about the development of 1500 units of housing

a seven acre shopping matrix mall, and industrial park for jobs for our people, sevefal mini-schools, theatres for films and performing artists, parks with facilities for the re-creation of the free life patterns of the AfrikanxRerealx Personality, communications centers, and para-medical centers with institutions to train the broad based community in the sei arts and sciences necessary to maintain a keletax healthy environment in these tormented it cities. In fact, the Tim Stills Memorial Medical Center is breaking ground for a temperary temporary facility May 16th on Berger and Avon Avenue.

All these new developments will be ours soon as the fruits of the struggle for unity and change. But the larger will developments, as we have learned from Kawaida Towers, will require that we have partitively political power is that is not afraid to represent the will of our people. From Tanzanian economic and social development broughts to Afrikans by the popular pri Afrikan political party of Tankin Tanu to the raising of the spectacle of widespread social development in China due to the political power won by Mao Tse-Tung's party, the key to political power, economic development and real social progress is representative political parties. The Unity Movement is working to build one in your community. Join it now because only together can we win. Pamoja Tinx Tutashinda.