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As the struggle to build Kawaïda Towers goes on many basic contradictions in the fabric of American life are being revealed. The Black community and other oppressed people are learning yet again that the structural flaw and basic characteristic of American society is the promising racism.

Since Kawaïda Towers became a controversy we have seen the contradiction of a Rutgers University paid professional ethnic liberal initiate the racist obstruction to Kawaïda Towers and still remain a specialist on Community Relations.

For months advocates of the Temple of Kawaïda stayed away from the site of Kawaïda Towers hoping to avoid confrontation. We felt the courts and Black Mayor and newly appointed Black Police Director could surely take care of the majority interests in this city. But we also saw the spectacle of an insensitive and political opportunistic Judge Irwin I. Kimmelman allow illegal demonstrations, permitting pickets to block and terrorize a site.

We have seen a so called liberal white police director so frustrated by having to enforce the law against whites that he had to resign. We have witnessed racist white policemen harass members of the Temple of Kawaïda, finally beat them, then arrest them for assaulting the 50 or so officers that attacked them.

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 their office at Local 286 Hospital Workers Union, that was located at Highland Hospital, because Black workers began to demand that the union stop supporting white supremacy openly while they collect Black union dues in exchange for supposedly supporting Black interests.

These same unions who have always misrepresented themselves as the friends of the Black and Puerto Rican community and the defenders of the rights of oppressed people, so called champions of the working class, are now revealed again as arch racists and degenerate partners of fascism.

Black and Puerto Rican people have picketed the Carpenters Union, Electrical Workers Union, and Teamsters to demonstrate the lying hypocrisy of the unions who claim the reason they have not come to the Kawaida Towers site is because they don't cross picket lines. For 2 days straight White union workers crossed Black and Puerto Rican picket lines at the Carpenters, Electrical Workers, and Teamsters Unions. For the last 2 days we have picketed the site of the New Jersey Medical School, a State sponsored construction site, just as Kawaida Towers is State supported. Our purpose has been to demonstrate to our community and to the world at large the continuing hypocrisy and racism of those same Construction unions, the Electricians, the Carpenters, operating Engineers, Teamsters and all the rest who cross our picket lines without fail. It becomes clear that they only honor White picket lines, or at least only those led by known Klansmen.

The only workers who have honored our picket line at the Medical School Construction site have been Black laborers and some other Black workers. But all White workers have crossed the picket lines!

At this time we would also like to implicate the contractor Bruno Lucarelli, a cowardly hypocrite who for the last several months has refused to cooperate with attempts to bring in Black union workers from other locals just as the unions in defiance of so called union rules have refused to issue permits to these workers. Lucarelli has made himself unavailable to entreaties by Temple of Kawaida officials that he show good faith in attempting to construct Kawaida Towers. Instead he has aligned himself with racist unions and the forces of White supremacy, and is at this very moment plotting to move for recession of his contract in a low attempt to weasel out of that contract. But we are certain this Jackal like effort will fail. Workers from all over the state and from New York are volunteering to work at Kawaida Towers. Yet Lucarelli refuses to join with Temple of Kawaida in forcing the unions to give these qualified workers permits to work. He has maintained a stealthy

silence conspiring with an unprincipled attorney in support of Klan efforts to destroy the housing people of NewArk need so badly.

We will oppose all efforts by B. J. Lucarelli to back out of the contract and continue to demonstrate the racism of the unions by forcing White workers to cross Black picket lines eventhough they say they respect and will not cross White people's picket lines. As yet we have heard nothing from Labor Secretary Peter Brennan who we asked to intervene to put an end to union racism, and we wonder just how long it will be before there ~~is~~ any response, or will Brennan remain silent like most of the politicians in New Jersey, including Governor Cahill.

As of today, because of the smypathetic response of the Black workers at the site of the Medical School, the Medical School job is in complete violation of the Affirmative Action Requirements. We hereby demand that that job be closed down as soon as possible until it again meets Affirmative Action Requirements called for in the franchise.

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Some more info to be given, especially to the Congressional Black Caucus, and also for some national attention on this racism in this country.
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to today.
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