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The Black community demands that the International Teamsters Union take a public stand on the construction of Kawaida Towers. We demand to know how they, the National Teamsters Union and the Regional Council #73 can take money from an All Black Local and at the same time use a certain percentage of dues money to support Tony Imperiale in his attempts to block the construction of Kawaida Towers.

Because of the pressure being applied to the Teamsters Local 286 and 97 at Martland Medical Center, the Teamsters have closed their NewArk Office at Martland and moved to Passaic, New Jersey. Many Hospital Employees are resigning from Local 286 at Martland.

It was indicated by Martland Community Relations Personnel that Black members of the Teamsters Union are totally disgusted with the Union's policy of supporting, and refusing to cross the picket line of, Anthony Imperiale, and also taking Black members' dues and contributing finance to white racist pickets of Kawaida Towers even though there are no Union problems involved.

Today, at a meeting of Concerned Citizens Board of Martland Medical Center, the members attacked the Teamsters Union because of its racist position on Kawaida Towers in not crossing the picket line, and further stated that Black Union workers are being exploited by white racist leaders and their dues are being used to defeat Black progress in NewArk, New Jersey. They also indicated they intend to encourage withdrawal from Teamsters Union 286 and 97 by all Black Hospital Union Workers.

The Temple of Kawaida has gone on record as advising all Black Teamster Union members to refuse to pay dues as long as the union refuses to cross the white racist picket line.

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