



ONE OF MAJOR EFFORTS OF AFRICAN LIBERATION SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES in Africa, has been to show the ALD films to thousands of Africans. (F. H. Brooks)

Work of the African Liberation Support Committee's Africa Office

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An African office of the African Liberation Support Committee, was opened soon after the broad based group was organized following African Liberation Day May 27, 1972. Owusu Sadaukai, past ALSC chairman, was dispatched to Africa with 'Breaking The Chains of Oppression Through Black Unity,' a film record of the first African Liberation Day. The movie was brought to Tanzania to break the imperialist news barrier separating Africans around the world.

Sadaukai showed the film at several places in the Dar es Salaam area. Contacts were established with the Tanzania Government, TANU, the single political party, liberation movements based in Dar es Salaam and progressive governments.

Brother Fred Brooks was appointed the ALSC African representative. Since Sadaukai's departure, he has coordinated the showing of the film, contacts with liberation movements and liaisons with the Tanzanian and other progressive governments.

The value of an African office was evident on the arrival of Dawolu Gene Locke, recently elected ALSC Chairman, Brenda Parris and Owusu Sadaukai. Unlike previous occasions, the group was the guest of TANU, the Tanganyika African National Union, for a one week stay. The Daily News, the Tanzanian government newspaper, carried daily reports of the group's visit to Tanzania.

This illustrated the day to day work done and contacts made since the last ALSC delegation visited Tanzania. ALSC was now a well known entity in Tanzanian political circles. The \$40,000 raised to support the liberation movements, impressed TANU, government and liberation movement officials alike. Chenge wa Chenge, a popular journalist, summed up the thinking of all concerned. On the raising of money, he said, "It is very significant. It shows that Africans everywhere, are quickly realizing that it is not enough to simply talk about our oppression and exploitation. It is necessary to act concretely."

The ALSC delegation held talks with Tanzania Foreign Minister John Malecela. He

counselled dedication in the fight against the oppression of Africans in America. The delegates were thanked on behalf of the OAU and Tanzanian government, for the contribution of funds. They were cautioned that the fight for African liberation would be protracted.

The movie has made a great impact. The ALSC members of the Dar es Salaam office, have travelled over 7,000 miles showing the film, speaking on the struggles being waged in Southern Africa, Guinea-Bissau and North America. Travelling primarily by bus, they have gone from Mount Kilimanjaro in the north to Iringa Region in the South and Bukoba on the border with Uganda. Working closely with FRELIMO, they have been able to show an additional film on Mozambique. Another local supporter has made a film on PAIGC available.

The film showings have been part of a country-wide thrust mounted by TANU, the TANU Youth League at the University, NUTA and ALSC. TANU has been active politicizing the peasants masses in the countryside. Many Ujamaa villages have come forward to give monetary contribution to Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and other leaders. Close to 60,000 people have seen the Swahili version of "Breaking The Chains of Oppression," 'Kuvunja Minyororo ya Unyon-yaji'. They include workers, students, soldiers of the Tanzania People's Defense Force, and members of the diplomatic community.

After the assassination of Amilcar Cabral, the TANU Youth League at the University College of Dar es Salaam, dispatched political cadres throughout the country to secondary schools. They explained the forces responsible for his death. Tanzania's commitment to the liberation of Southern Africa and youth's role in that process, was thoroughly elucidated.

NUTA, the National Union of

Tanganyika Workers, voted to have money taken from the salaries of all its members to help the Liberation Fund. The dock workers, also pledged to increase the pace of work when racist Rhodesia unilaterally closed the border with neigh-

boring Zambia. In this way, the African workers have taken the lead.

The ALSC African office has been in direct contact with liberation movements and OAU liberation committee. This has allowed up-to-date information to be relayed to ALSC in the United States. ALSC personnel have also spoken at rallies on the National Days of the various Liberation Movement.

In recent years, Dar es Salaam's population is swelled by influx of Afro-Americans between June and September. The ALSC office worked with the liberation movements to provide seminars for the brothers and sisters visiting. This has alleviated the security problems caused by uninformed persons going into the movements' offices. Many people have also left with deepened ideological clarity.

The Africa office, also serves as a conduit for medical supplies, clothing, and other goods destined for the fighting front. Work of this type will increase with the rising political consciousness and support for our people struggling, gun in hand, in Southern Africa.



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