

On Goals and Objectives

As we gain membership and grow in quantity with groups and individuals who align with PLM's goals and objectives, we have to stress and emphasize the qualitative aspect of our growth just as much. With that being said, 3 important key aspects we need to focus on are coordination, communication, and capacity. We have laid out the structure of how PLM is organized in issue 1 of our newsletter. In order for PLM to effectively operate as a united front for prison abolition, we must be firm and steadfast in implementing this structure - holding it together so we can achieve our goals and objectives, as well as develop in strength and power to really become a force to be reckoned with. This organized structure is not just an idea or concept, but our means to come together in unison for a common cause. As a means, it must be put into action and adhered to by all members for us to become efficacious. To paint a clearer picture of how we can be most effective in our aims, we will elaborate on the points of coordination, communication, and capacity.

COORDINATION

Coordinated action is critical to our objective of building a national infrastructure for prison abolition and decolonization programs. By operating in harmony, our organization and members will grow and develop strength in our ability to reach goals and work together as one family. It is through coordination that we will focus on our similarities, put aside our differences, and strengthen our theories, practices, and comparability. This will be accomplished by establishing PLM's infrastructure in each region where we have willing and able bodied members, and only when we do so can we become a true united front. Therefore, each state/region must develop a regional organizing committee (ROC) which consists of the following: social media committee, outreach/in-reach committee, lawful committee, financial/fund raising committee, political education committee, and direct action committee. A brief description of the purpose and nature of each committee is detailed in PLM's first newsletter. Each of these committees must operate together and combine to act as the nucleus for abolition work and decolonization programs in each region. Both inside and outside members must coordinate to determine what issues in a particular region should take priority over others. Each ROC must coordinate with other regions and with the national coordinating committee to ensure that we are all putting programs in effect that are consistent with PLM's ideology

and philosophy. In order to achieve this, members of each ROC (once established) must attend all national - as well as regional- meetings, which will be discussed later. We must all be studying the same curriculum which we laid out in issue 1 of our newsletter as well. As particular regions develop programs that are proving to be effective in advancing our objectives, other regions should also be adopting these same programs. This is a glimpse of the type of coordination PLM demands and that our members should be promoting.

COMMUNICATION

As we become more coordinated in our efforts, communication will become a most important aspect of our operations. Without proper communication, there can be no coordinated or united work. Thus, it is essential that we communicate our contradictions, theoretical concepts, programs, successes and failures, etc. This is the importance of the outreach committee; to establish and maintain communication between inside and outside members; between all sub-committees in a particular region; between different regions; and with the NCC. What should be emphasized is the substance of our communications. Most important are our organizations ideology, our theories, our programs to put these theories in practice, our evaluations of the effectiveness/ineffectiveness of such theories to determine where we need to evolve, the nature of the contradictions we are struggling against, and the roles, strengths, and weaknesses of our membership. When we effectively communicate these matters, we are essentially aligning ourselves in battle formation to succeed in all our endeavors and against all adverse circumstances. Without this type of communication, we will not be able to grow and will remain stagnant. In order to have and apply a national strategy, we must communicate on a national level. This is the purpose of establishing regular meetings and reports. They are the forums where PLM addresses the issues we encounter; where we discuss our plans for abolition and decolonization; where we make sure all our members overstand our line so that our boots are marching in the same direction. In order to develop cadre members, we have to communicate and make clear the significance of what we are striving for and the paths we agree to take to get there. Our communication must be in complete honest because as a body, our actions and movements are based on what we verbalize and put in writing. Since a body is made up of individuals, we must individually communicate both our abilities and inabilities. This brings us to another key point - our capacities.



Rest In Power Baba Sekou Odinga

We lost one of our most fierce freedom fighters. Baba Sekou Odinga transitioned to be with the ancestors January 12th. Those of us who know the true story and history of Sekou, know that he was a real life superhero for our struggle. The contributions and sacrifices he made are unmatched. I feel honored and blessed to have had him as a brother-comrade and mentor over the years. His legacy will live on and sacrifices will not go in vein. We will use this loss as fuel to continue to fight/struggle that he dedicated his life to.

LONG LIVE BABA ODINGA!

- Kwame 'beans' Shakur

CAPACITY

In our current stage, PLM is not at it's full capacity to accomplish it's long term mission statement and goals. In order to reach that point, we must establish our individual capacities so that we can develop our infrastructure. This means every member who aligns with PLM must determine what role they will play in building our infrastructure. This means joining one or more of our organization's committees and fulfilling the duties that the position requires. Currently, we have committees that are not operating and other committees where members are overwhelmingly worked. We have members serving on various sub-committees while others who verbally express that they are PLM but are not actively serving on any committees. PLM is not a social club where we spew revolutionary rhetoric and call it a day. Membership with PLM demands that we each take action and work towards practicing the theories we propound and develop. It is understood that we each individually have to maintain our livelihood while making a commitment to fighting the oppression that plagues us. That's why it is mandatory and obligatory to communicate (with honesty) our capacities. We can make no progress by promising to do specific work and not following through, or signing up to do more than we have the capacity to handle. These are unprogressive attitudes that must be eradicated as they go against our organizations code of ethics and conduct. It must become a permanent practice that we asses our strengths and weaknesses , and assign ourselves to positions where we can maximize our productivity and effectiveness, and minimize stagnation. We must discipline ourselves in upholding our obligations and duties to this organization, to each other, to ourselves, and most importantly to what we represent and are fighting for: unity, self government, and liberation. Let these principles become embedded in your consciousness and in your actions.



South Africa Charges Genocide!

On December 29th South Africa filed a complaint in the International Criminal Court, part of the United Nations, charging Israel with genocide not only as a result of it's actions after October 7th but as it relates to the entire structure of apartheid for 75 years. It is important to note that Israel supported South Africa's apartheid government until the 1994 when a new constitution was adopted under a coalition government led by Nelson Mandela. And the judge representing South Africa, Dikgang Moseneke, was a youth member of the Pan Africanist Congress who was imprisoned under the apartheid regime along with other liberation fighters. This case is part of a long liberation struggle using a variety of tactics.

The ICJ itself consists of 15 judges elected by the UN general assembly and approved by the security council. The US has already blocked resolutions for a ceasefire with its role on the security council, although it has becoming increasingly isolated as the real time images of genocide flood social media, an important tool for liberation movements. As it is part of the current ruling order, the ICJ ruling will not be able to stop such murderous actions but may embolden stronger responses to it. The Houthi movement for example has successfully blockaded and even seized ships bound for Israel by their control over the Red Sea off the coast of Yemen. This has been largely celebrated outside the western media, and even inside there are overt expressions of support for these acts disrupting economic trade. A positive ICJ ruling could expand and spread these tactics both at the center of empire and around the colonial periphery.

Regardless of the outcome the evidence presented is strong, with much of the evidence coming from Israel officials themselves openly calling for genocide, much like western media has long done in justifying it's own slaughter of the oppressed peoples of the world. Palestinian liberation is at the core of our own liberation struggle against colonization and dehumanization.

Thanks to South Africa

we might see a FREE PALESTINE! 🍉🍉🍉