

# Tape Tells of Modern Day Slavery

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The fundamental ideas of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party were discussed Thursday at a meeting of the Black Student Union.

The All-African People's Revolutionary Party works towards pan-Africanism, "the total liberation and unification of Africa under scientific socialism," said a pamphlet distributed by the A-APRP. They also work to break down apartheid, which was instituted by Dutch settlers in South Africa in 1948.

"Under apartheid, the African masses are 20th century slaves. The African majority, who are over 70 percent of the population, are forced to live on 13 percent of the worst and most barren land," the political leaflet said.

A video was also shown of Kwame Toure, a leading black activist in the United States. The video had been filmed during a 1983

speech held at the Erie Community College City campus. Toure brought up the point that "all people who are oppressed cannot be free until they are conscious...they know more about Michael Jackson than (about) Jesse Jackson."

Racism was a means of justifying the kidnapping and enslavement of the African people and the theft of their land, according to Toure. The Europeans realized what a rich continent Africa really is. Among Africa's wealth are mines of platinum, cobalt, lead, gold, iron, coal, chromium, silver and diamonds. Africa also contains enough power sources (oil, hydroelectric, and coal) to develop a powerful nation.

## **Taken advantage of**

They have been taken advantage of, and Toure and the A-APRP would like to change that.

"We have to fight, fight, fight, until we're all killed or until we destroy the enemy," Toure said.

## **Backbone**

"All people of African descent, whether they live in North or South America, the Caribbean, or in any other part of the world, are Africans

and belong to the African Nation." So states Kwame Nkrumah in his book, *Class Struggle in Africa*. This belief is the backbone of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party, which seeks, according to the pamphlet, to "educate and organize the masses of exploited and oppressed Africans living, suffering, and struggling in Africa and over 61 other countries in the world." The A-APRP represents a development in the struggle of black people against exploitation, dispersion, depersonalization, and humiliation.

## **Constant struggle**

Kwame Nkrumah, co-chairman of the 5th Pan-African Congress at the end of World War II, implemented and taught socialist pan-African principles, practices, and policies to help liberate and unify Africa under scientific socialism; they have been named Nkrumahism in his honor. Some of the principles of Nkrumahism include: Humanism, egalitarianism, collectivism, dialectical and historical materialism, scientific socialism, and the primacy of Africa. In the words of Toure, "The only way any people will be free is by constant struggle."