



# 7TH

CONFERENCE FOR

# REPARATION

*“What is the role of the Trade Union Movement in the fight for Reparation?”*

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**23<sup>RD</sup> MOSLAH [AUGUST] 2013: 1100 – 2100HRS**

**VENUE: BERNIE GRANT CENTER TOTTENHAM N15**

**ARNOLD TJHUICO of NAMIBIA: KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

*“Namibia, first Victims of German’s concentration camps policy, and are the last, and still yet to be compensated People. No more ‘back of the Bus.’”*

**ORGANISED BY BLACK TRADE UNIONIST MEMBERS IN THE UK**

## MAKING THE CASE FOR REPARATION

When Chattel enslavement ended, not in 1807 as some would like us to believe, but in 1838, it was simply replaced by bonded enslavement to the same plantation

Worst still, the people who were exploiting brutalizing, raping and murdering enslaved Afrikans were compensated by the state for their crimes.

It was not the Afrikans who were compensated.

For Trade Unionist, it is very simple, people were exploited, brutalized and when it was finally admitted, they were still not paid, but instead they were further exploited.

Nuff said! Case made?

### **We think not!**

The first Conference was called to reflect on the continuing effect that the enslavement of Afrikans has had on the Black working Class in particular and the working class as a whole. The Enslavement of Afrikans has been declared a crime against Humanity, (in case you are reading this Mr. Cameron) that means it was barbaric, illegal, immoral and despicable.

In February 2006, the Church voted to apologise to the descendants of victims of enslavement, recognising the damage done. It's a start but is an apology enough?

The Bank of England made capital available for ships voyages and the City became the financial centre of the trade in enslaved Afrikans. Lloyds of London insured kidnapping voyages. There was the case of a Captain who dumped all his 'cargo' because he had not stored enough food. He later won a sizable claim from the insurance company for the 'loss'.

Alexander and David Barclay traded in enslaved Afrikans in the West Indies and later founded Barclay's Bank with their profits.

Likewise Sir Francis Baring had major financial interests in slavery. His family eventually founded Barings Bank. Would an apology from the benefactors of those mentioned above be all that is required to indemnify the wrongs committed? There are countless examples across the globe and the major players can still be found pedalling their wares of oppression globally, none has so far even proffered regret.

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> August** was selected to hold this annual conference because on this day in 1791, a brave group of Afrikans on the island of San Domingo rose up and fought against the heinous crime of enslavement.

This was the richest and cruellest colony in the Western Hemisphere. More than one third of Afrikans died within a few years of being taken there. They, led by Toussaint L'Ouverture took on the then Super Powers of France, England and Spain and were victorious.

In January 1804 they established the first Afrikan state outside of Afrika called Haiti.

**When will we establish union's Reparation Structures?**





# Mau Mau



This truly historic case and settlement on colonial outrageous inhumanity followed a series of stunning court defeats of the British Government at the hands of the Mau Mau, as well as a despicable attempt by the government to take the case to the Court of Appeal, and in the process to waste even more time in an effort to frustrate these very old and mainly infirm heroes clearly approaching the end of their lives. After their last victory at the High Court in July 2012 the veterans had magnanimously proposed to the humiliated Government that the court proceedings be replaced by negotiations for a fair and rapid settlement. They were rudely snubbed.

Ten wasted months later the Government came round and accepted the negotiations proposal. These then took place in Nairobi, Kenya and were completed in only one month.

The veterans' straightforward and by no means onerous demands in the negotiations were clearly laid out; and I now present them as provided to me by their lawyer, Paul Muite.

The demands (See opposite Colum) that were met, in green and those were not met are shown in red.

Clearly, the Mau Mau victory was not total. However, the sweeping wins at the British High Court, the British Government's admission of wrong-doing with the employment of the word "regret", the agreement to fund the erection of a Mau Mau War Veterans' memorial in Nairobi, and the financial compensation should be recognised as constituting substantial achievements by the veterans. Most importantly, the veterans content to sign the settlement. **Resulting from this Mau Mau victory it is now quite clear that the case for colonial reparations is unquestionable, and the forceful and ultimately victorious Mau Mau case has fully demonstrated that justice is possible.**

**REPORTING BACK, FROM 2012.** Dan Thea is President of the British Mau Mau Justice Network and he writes on the 'Victory' in the Mau Mau Veterans cases in the High Court and what compensation means.

On June 6, 2013, the Government announced at Parliament that it and three Mau Mau War veterans had reached a settlement on an extraordinarily audacious legal case brought at the High Court in in 2009 on tortures and other crimes against humanity inflicted on Kenyan fighters for the liberation of their country from British oppressive colonial rule 60 years earlier.

## FUNDAMENTAL DEMANDS

- *A public acknowledgement of wrong-doing by the British during the Emergency Rule, and an apology.*
- *Britain to fund a comprehensive study by international and Kenyan experts of the Mau Mau War, and to compile an accurate and comprehensive report of all the victims: those who were killed, those who were detained, those who were confined in "Emergency Villages", the Mau Mau fighters; those, mainly women, who took food and other supplies to the fighters, etc.*
- *Erection of a Wall of Honour at Uhuru Gardens on which the names of all killed and detained will be inscribed.*
- *Truth about General Kimathi's burial and/or remains.*
- *A Medical Fund to cater for the medical needs of the veterans.*
- *Britain to agree and to assist and support the Government of Kenya in resolving the historical injustices on land.*
- *Britain to make a proper and full compensation.*







Our very first conference held in the South Bank University, where we ensured we brought together many of the key players within the struggle for Reparation who have been on the battle field for years, including many who have stayed with the struggle, including Dr Les Henry, Brother Omowale. Our International Guest Speaker was Professor Ray Winbush of the US and author of the book America must pay among other. He was part of the US delegation to Barbados at the founding conference of GAC (Global Afrikan Congress) and part of our panel discussion with Barbara.



Our format for inviting international Speakers, is that we invite two, if possible one female one male, one from the Afrikan continent and one from the Afrikan community outside of Afrika. In 2009 we almost made it, with a member of N'COBRA, our Elder Sister Dorothy Lewis from the US, who this year sadly joined the ancestors and Global Afrikan Congress's international Chair Cikiah Thomas from Canada. This year's conference was held in Brixton town hall with the help of Cllr Kingsley Abrahams.



Powerful, direct and to the point was how we describe SALADIN MOHAMMED of US Trade Union structure Black Workers For Justice (BWJF) our guest for 2009. Saladin was able to attend a number of meetings with other Black trade unionists, meet with some RMT's executive committee members and address conference, this time held in the RMT's Board Room at Unity House. No stranger to addressing UK trade unionist, Saladin has been a guest at the TUC Black Workers conference on more than one occasion, and has gained the movement's respect and admiration.

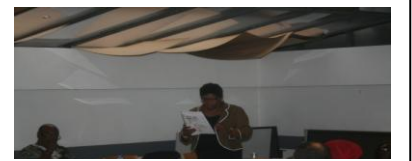




**This was the year**, that the planning committee made a fundamental error, having being informed by UNISON, that their Waltham Forest Branch held an event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August in the town hall dealing with the history of Afrikan enslavement and with guest Speakers like Linton Kwasi Johnson. We decided, wrongly, to not try and compete with another union's event on the same subject. However, while there was some talk about the matter of enslavement, their was very little effort to discuss the impact that this had had on Afrikan neopple today



**This Year's 5th Anniversary's** International guest Speakers were Amani Bunta from South Afrika and Mario Joseph from Haiti who was deliberately delayed to prevent him addressing our conference on the 221 anniversary of the start of his country's fight for liberation. He was only allowed in after our conference and this only with the help of Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell. This in no way prevented the conference going ahead with the added key note Speaker Amani Bunta from South Afrika who is also the Secretariat of the Global Afrikan Congress International, which is also a supporter of this conference. Other Speakers included Zita of PCS, Gus John, Bob Crow. RMT president Alex Gordon and Sister Ekuia Stanford Xosei



**Last Years 6<sup>th</sup> Annual conference** took place at the Institution of Education near Russell Square central London. Each year we aim to address two region where the struggle for Reparation is taking place. This year we look at 1) Diego Garcia the small island in the Indian Ocean who won their case against the British government, but have still not been allowed back. 2) The Mau Mau fighter who had taken the British government to the High Court over colonialism. This was also the first year we had been joined by a sister trade union and we dually welcome the UCU and conference was Chaired by Professor Cecile Wright, one of the leading activists within their Black Workers structure.



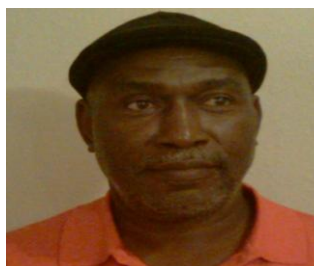
# REPORTING BACK FROM 2012



**ELDER ALDERMAN GEE BERNARD** due to ill health since the last conference I've not been able to do much. However my analogy remains that *'Before I was born European have been collecting money for Afrika, if that was the way forward, why are our people and continent in the state it is?'* we have to intensify our work around Reparation. Redouble our effort. Global Afrikan Congress, the international organisation of which I am the UK's Co Chair and Reparation international coordinator helped in CARICOM Reparation structures.



**MICK STUBBS** member of the RMT he reported on the support his union and especially his local Branch has been giving to the disperse people of the Chagos Archipelago or Diego Garcia as it is better know. He reminded the conference that these fighters had won their case in the High Courts in the UK. *'When people don't comply with the law, normally a policeman comes round your house and arrests you'*. **He states** *'Not here. This government, indeed a number of governments have refused to obey the law while they live on the fringes'*.



**Frank Murray** has been a member of the RMT for over twenty years. One of the founder members of the first Reparation conference organised by the RMT aimed at Trade Unionist, within his branch he continues to play a leading role in Christopher Alder campaign and ensure the RMT has taken up the case and continues to give help and assistance, to this and the whole 'UNITED family and friends' campaign. *'I moved the motion at this year's TUC Black Workers conference'* stated Frank *'which calls for, a truly independent, IPCC. We cannot continue having policemen investigating policemen no matter what uniform they wear'*



**Brother Omowale** *'is widely regarded in the UK Pan-Afrikan community as the founder of the Pan-Afrikan Society Community Forum (PASCF)'*. States the AAPRP.

Everything the PASCF does can be regarded as reparations orientated work. However, 2 key projects over the last year involve working to develop a European-wide: (i) network of families whose loved ones have been murdered by police and other state authorities: and (ii) day for the recognition of the victims of slavery and colonialism.

## GOODBYE COMRADE: Sunrise 28<sup>th</sup> July 1954 Sunset 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013

*"May the ancestors welcome you with open arms after a favourable judgment at the court of Mahat"*

**HUGO RAFAEL CHÁVEZ FRIAS**

President of Venezuela, 1999-2013

Hugo was the son of schoolteachers, and he graduated from the Venezuelan Academy of Military Sciences in 1975. That led to a career in the military at least until he formed his own revolutionary force within the Venezuelan army and tried to overthrow President Carlos Andres Perez in 1992. He was jailed, but after two years in prison, Chavez was pardoned. An engaging speaker and charismatic personality, he was elected to the presidency as a reformer and modern-day Simón Bolívar. After taking office on 2 February 1999, he

**6** instituted sweeping reforms. When speaking at the UN after Bush he said he could *'still smell sulphur'*



# DAY FOR THE RECOGNITION OF VICTIMS OF EUROPEAN SLAVERY & COLONIALISM

(1)

This conference, jointly organised by the **RMT** (Rail, Maritime and Transport Union), **GACuk** (Global Afrikan Congressuk), **UCU** (University & College Union), Unison Local Branch Camden, **PASCF** (Pan Afrikan Society Community Forum) and **BWJ-e** (Black Workers for Justice - europe) joins with other grassroots organisations around the world in supporting the call for the official recognition by State and Quasi-State institutions of Europe and around the world, of the 500 year plus ongoing suffering of the victims of European slavery and colonialism.

This conference whole heartedly and without a moment's hesitation applauds the outstanding contribution of Jean-Jacob Bicep (MEP) for championing this great humanitarian initiative in the corridors and forums of the European Parliament.

This conference recognises that attempts have been made to malign and assassinate the good character of Mr. Bicep precisely because as a proud Afrikan man he resolutely championed, in a largely hostile European Parliament, a just cause of the Afrikan section of the human family. This wholly unprovoked attack against Mr. Bicep is fowl, obscene, unprincipled and manifestly racist.

This conference supports the documents presented before us, entitled as follows:

1. Joint Press Release: ***THE CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN DAY FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE VICTIMS OF EUROPEAN COLONISATION AND SLAVERY;***
2. Joint Declaration: ***Joint declaration of the European associations gathered at the European Parliament on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 in the context of the European week for the recognition of European colonisation, colonial slavery and for compensation;***
3. ***Threatened!!! 'Reparations Champion' Jean-Jacob Bicep MEP;***
4. European Parliament: ***Written declaration.***

Organisations and Delegates at this conference resolve:-

- To actively recruit more signatories to the above named statements;
- To organise and advance an action based campaign involving the signatories;
- To personally contribute to actively advancing this most worthy of humanitarian causes - a European wide day to commemorate the victims of European slavery and colonialism.

Moved PASCF

Seconded GACuk

# MOTIONS

## ANNUAL REPARATION DEMONSTRATION

(2)

This conference congratulates the Reparation Conference Planning Committee (RCPC) on its organising of the first known demonstration for Reparation at number 10 Downing Street.

This Conference comities itself to ensure that this event is an Annual event before conference.

Where possible, the annual conference should also be at this venue of the Bernie Grant Centre.

Moved RMT's BSC

Seconded by PASCF

## INTERNATIONAL REPARATION NETWORK STANDING COMMITTEE

(3)

Conference congratulates the Rail Maritime and Transport union (RMT) for its stalwart support for the Reparation campaign and this, its annual conference.

We also congratulate the University Colleague Union, Global Afrikan Congressuk, Pan Afrikan Society Community Forum and other formation who have joined to ensure, as is the mantra of the conference ***'putting Reparation on the Trade Union agenda'***.

With the small steps being taken on the international level by CARICOM and others, those of us assemble here today stand ready to help play our part in the setting up of an international network for Reparation.

Moved RMT's BSC

Seconded by PASCF

## THE MURDER OF TRAYVON MARTIN AND THE FLORIDA BOYCOTT

(4)

Conference recognise the call made by Afrikans living the the US such as Stevie Wonder and other for a boycott of Florida and any other US states which has ***'stand your ground'*** laws.

Indeed Stevie Wonder went even further by stating that ***'wherever the law exists, I will not perform'*** there.

In the UK, too many death have been carried out by those working for the state to denied Linton Kwasi Johnson assertion that police ***'have license to kill'***.

We readily offer our assistance to our sisters and brother in the US in our fight against continued Apartheid laws. We committee ourselves at this conference, to take this back to our organisation and seek support.

Move GACuk

Seconded RMT's BSC

# PROFILE

## Keynote Speaker

ARNOLD RANONGOUJE TJIHUIKO



Arnold's name was the second name on the National Unity Democratic Organisation (NUDO) candidate list for the 2004 National Assembly elections. His political roots lie in the South West Africa National Union (Swanu), which he joined in 1974. Tjihuike was an advisor to Swanu President Vekuii Rukoro from 1989 to 1994. He resigned from the party in 1995, only to emerge as a leading player in NUDO nine years later.

In 2004 he was the Chairperson and Spokesperson of the committee set up to organise commemorations of the 1904-07 Genocide of the Herero people.

He has also publicly called on Germany to apologies and pay reparations for the Genocide.

Tjihuike was atop civil servant in the Ministry of Trade and Industry prior to joining parliament.

He spent much of the 1980s in the UK where he completed his Master's Degree in 1987.

He was elected to Parliament in 2004. He is the NUDO Chief Whip in the NA.

- Member of Parliamentary Committee on Public Account
- Member of Parliamentary Committee on Economics, Natural resources and Public Administration
- Member of Parliament representing Namibia at WTO meetings
- Member of IPU team
- Member of Parliamentary Committee of Legal and Constitutional
- Pan African Parliament Committee on customs, immigration and trade
- First Chairperson of the Ovaherero Genocide Committee
- Member of Namibia / German Friendship group

He was born on January 01, 1952 in Namibia's Windhoek

Member of the National Assembly since 2005, member of the following Parliamentary Committees: Public Account Committee (2005-2014), Economics, Natural Resources, Public Administration, Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Committee in Inter-Parliamentary Union, Member of Pan African Parliament. Deputy Director: Industrial Planning, Ministry of Trade and Industry .Deputy Director: Small-scale and Informal Industries, Ministry of Trade and Industry. Business Consultant, Institute for Management and Leadership Training (IMLT) Windhoek (1988). Salesman, Otto Muhr & Co, Windhoek (1975-79).





# NAMIBIA AND THE HERERO PEOPLE

*“1<sup>st</sup> to suffer concentration camp atrocities, and last to be compensated.”*

At the battle for Cuito Cuanavale in Angola, the Cuban commander invited members of **Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK, or "Spear of the Nation")** the ANC's Armed wing, the commanders of **PLAN (People's Liberation Army of Namibia)**, to watch from the hill tops as the defeated members of the SADF were march back across the borders back to occupied Namibia. The war in Southern Afrika was always against apartheid.

Imperialism and colonialism in Namibia, affected especially the Hereros and the Namas. Germany officially claimed their stake in 1884, calling it German South-West Africa until it was taken over in 1915. The colonists arrived in 1892, and conflict began. As in many cases of colonization, the indigenous people were robbed and racism ruled. The Herero and Nama people's land as well as their cattle were stolen. The Herero and Nama resisted expropriation over the years, but they were unorganized and were defeated. In 1903, the Herero people learned that they were to be placed in reservations, leaving more room for colonists to own land. The joined with the Nama and began a great rebellion that lasted until 1907.

The war against the Herero and Nama was the first in which German imperialism resorted to methods of genocide. It has been determined by experts that roughly 80,000 Herero lived in 'South-West Africa' at the beginning of colonial rule. After their revolt was defeated, they numbered approximately 15,000. In a period of four years, approximately 65,000 Herero people perished. Samuel Maharero, the Supreme Chief of the Herero, led his people in a great uprising on January 12, 1904. The Herero, surprising the Germans with their uprising, had initial success.

In August 1904, the German's devised a plan to annihilate the Herero nation. The Herero losses were minor. It was when they had escaped through the only passage made available by the Germans, and had been chased away from the last watering hole into complete desertion, that casualties grew to insufferable amounts. It was then that the Herero uprising changed from war, to genocide. At the 100th anniversary of the massacre, a German Minister commemorated the dead on site and apologized for the crimes on behalf of all Germans. Hereros & Namas demanded **reparations**.



**German's first holocaust of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century was practiced on people of Namibia**



In Walvis Bay Namibia there is still a Branch Office of the **UNIA (Universal Negro Improvement Association)** the organisation built by the Most Eminent Prophet Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

On 9 June 1915 German troops surrendered to the British South African troops under the command of General Louis Botha. In 1919 the Versailles Treaty dispossessed Germany of all its colonies, including 'Deutsch South West Afrika' In 1920 the League of Nations (LN) gave it to Britain who then gave it to South Africa. At no point were the people of Namibian consulted.

**UNIA** was the first worldwide organisation of Afrikaners which promotes Pan Afrikanism and in 1920 it petitioned LN that Namibian should be turned over to the Afrikan people in Namibia to govern themselves



# PROGRAM

## 1100 – 1530hrs

### AFRIKAN DRUMMERS OPENING CONFERENCE 'JEMBE EXPLOSION'

**11:20**

- Introduction: Chair Jason St John
- Welcome & Libation

**Chair**

**11:30**

**Video**

**12:15**

**Solidarity Greetings**

**12:30**

**Report Back from 2012 Reparation Conference**

**13:30**

**Questions Answers and Contribution (Q, A and C)**

**14:00**

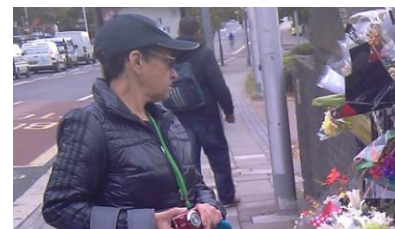
**WORKSHOPS**

- How can Grass Roots level Activists contribute to the Campaign to develop the European world day for the victims of enslavement and colonialism?
- Reparation is needed for the enslavement of Afrikans on the land in Afrika and outside of Afrika. How can we bring both of these strands together
- **WHAT DO WE WANT AS REPARATION**
- How can this the '*decade of Afrikans*' help with demands for Reparation
- What are the obstacles to setting up an international

**CHAIR**

**15:00**

**Reparation network  
Report Back From Workshops**



**CAROL FOSTER**

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# AGENDA

Chair



**Glenroy Watson**

## 16:15 – 2100hrs

### Keynote Speaker

## Arnold Tjihuiiko of Namibia.

Chair



**Judy Richards**

**17:30** Q, A and C

**18:30** **Panel Discussion**

- Kingsley Abraham UNITE
- Marcia Riggs
- Collin Alexis
- Elder Martha Osamor
- Frank Murray: RMT

**19:30** Contribution, Questions and Answers to Panellist

**20:30** Motions: **See Page 7**

**20:50** Notice and Final Remarks: **Jennifer Kissi Deborah**

**21:00** Closing Remarks: **Glenroy Watson**

1. What is Reparation to you?
2. What have you done to get it?
3. What are you doing to get it?
4. What will you do from now to the next conference to get it



# CARICOM: The setting up of reparation Commission

PEOPLES EMPOWERMENT PARTY: PRESS RELEASE

## THE TIME HAS COME FOR REPARATIONS

The recently concluded 34<sup>th</sup> CARICOM Heads of Government Conference will go down in history as one of the most significant convocations ever staged in the Caribbean! Led by the ever indefatigable Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves of St Vincent & The Grenadines, our CARICOM heads of government made history when they unanimously decided to endorse the campaign that has been launched on behalf of the people of Africa and the African Diaspora for the payment of compensation for the damage inflicted on the African continent and on the sons and daughters of Africa in the Diaspora as a result of the centuries - long crime of European orchestrated slavery, slave trade and associated acts of genocide and crimes against humanity.

And our Prime Ministers endorsed this sacred campaign for Reparations in the most emphatic manner possible, by deciding to establish a **CARICOM Reparations Commission**, and by mandating each CARICOM member state to establish a national Reparations commission or committee.

In addition, our Prime Minister have requested the University of the West Indies to establish a **Reparations Research Unit** to assist and guide the work of the CARICOM Reparations Commission, and have resolved to put together a legal team to launch an international law case for Reparations.

News of these historic developments must be music to the ears of the many veterans of the Reparations Movement. What a magnificent vindication of decades of struggle and agitation on the margins of "official society". And of course these developments constitute indication not only for the veterans who are currently on the battlefield today, but even more poignantly, for those that have joined the ranks of the ancestors - Martin Cadogan, Leroy Harewood, Ricky Parris, Ikael Tafari, Rosie Douglas, Tim Hector, Kwame Ture, Kes Zacharias, Dudley Thompson, Bernie Grant, Moshood Abiola, and so many others.

Immediately prior to this historic CARICOM Heads of Government meeting, I, in my capacity as Chairman of the 17 nation-wide "**Caribbean Pan-African Network**" (CPAN), wrote to all of the Prime Ministers and informed them as follows:-

"The officers and members of CPAN totally and unreservedly support this (OECS initiative to establish a CARICOM Reparations Commission), and would like to respectfully urge that you embrace, accept and actualise this historic proposal.

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"Indeed, we consider this proposal to be the organic and logical culmination of a series of outstanding and historic developments that the political leadership of CARICOM can justifiably take pride in, inclusive of the progressive role that our CARICOM states played at the 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism; the historic CARICOM sponsored resolution on Reparations that was voted upon and accepted by the United Nations in 2007; the joint CARICOM / AU conference on Reparations that was held in Barbados in 2007; and the establishment of national committees or task forces on Reparations by the governments of Jamaica, Antigua and Barbados. Truly, "Reparations" is an issue whose time has come."

A tremendous amount of the credit for this historic achievement must also go to our very own Sir Hilary Beckles. It was he, after all, who the CARICOM Secretariat called upon to address the heads of government on the issue of Reparations immediately prior to the making of the decision to establish the regional Commission.

Sir Hilary has also given much impetus to the international Reparations Movement with the recent publication of his masterful book on Reparations entitled "Britain's Black Debt".

Many nations and peoples have received Reparations for crimes committed against them - the Jews, South Koreans, Japanese Americans, the indigenous people of Alaska, and the Maoris of New Zealand among others. But when we examine this historical record it becomes clear that there is one monumental historical wrong that has not yet been addressed, and that is crying out for justice and reparation - the 400 year long syndrome of mass kidnapping, enslavement and racist oppression of the people of Africa and their "New World" progeny. Surely, with this new development we are now well on our way to correcting this monumental deficiency!



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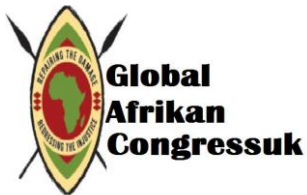
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## JUSTICE FOR THE 33 "the fight goes one ... see U Mondays"

Just before Christmas 2012 London Underground sacked 33 Workers, 32 of them are Black. They wore LUL uniforms and carried out the same work as other station staff.

After carrying out the role, some for over five years, with no disciplinary action against them, no attendant warning many of them with commendations, 100% mystery shoppers scores every time, they were told that they were no longer good enough to do the same jobs?! After the Union pushed them, LUL offered 'mock workshops' for the same task that these staff were doing for 5 years, tested them on issues they had passed the day before and 'failed' 25 of the J33, then called one back after a few hours and passed him.

### WHY?

Make no mistake about it, if these Workers had not used the law they would still be in work; being exploited, being paid just above the minimum wages, no pension, no paid annual leave, no sick pay, etc, etc as so many so called Black and Ethnic Workers Are. In additional, before they could be sacked, all had built up back pay due to them from LUL, To date not one have been paid.



# HEROES OF THE WAR

## BOUKMAN DUTTY, CECILE FATIMAN & OTHER HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION

### The Haitian revolution ignites

The Haitian revolution began on or about the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1791 in the Caiman Woods under the leadership of an Afrikan warrior priest and hero of the revolution named *Boukman Dutty*.

The war started in the aftermath of 2 weeks of intense nocturnal Afrikan rituals. However, in many parts of Afrikan culture men cannot go to war without first securing the approval of the women. This is often given in the form of consent from a 'queen mother'.

*Cecile Fatiman* ( aka *Castere Bazile*) was the mambo or priestess who led the ceremony at the side of *Boukman* for those 2 weeks.

As 'queen mother' Afrikan heroine *Cecile* was a key figure at the meeting where the sons of Africa gathered to form a strategy to take Haiti out of slavery.

During the rituals she is said to have become possessed by warrior spirit Ogun, made the critical sacrifice of a black pig and called on all those present to drink its blood as part of inviting the spirit of the African ancestors to come to assist in defeating the enslavers.

Speaking in the voice of the spirit, she named those who were to lead Afrikan people in Haiti to freedom, appointing Afrikan heroes *Boukman*, *Jean-Francois*, *Biassou* and *Jeannot*. It was some time later that other Afrikan heroes such as *Toussaint L'Ouverture*, *Henry Christophe*, *Jean-Jacques Dessalines*, *Moise* and *Andre Rigaud* became the leading generals in the 13 years it took to achieve the Haitian Revolution's final victory.

### The beginning phase of the revolution

The early phases of the revolution saw the formerly enslaved Afrikan people overrunning and destroying the majority of the forced labour camps and towns in the north of the island. The fighting was ferocious, with Afrikan people determined to give their lives, if need be, in pursuit of Afrikan freedom. They employed all available means and advanced under slogans such as: 'Vengeance! Vengeance!', 'Kill the whites!' and most profoundly, 'Liberty or death!' This was no idle chant, because in the first two months of fighting, the death toll was extremely high with 10,000 Afrikan people and 2,000 Europeans losing their lives.





# OF LIBERATION: HAITI

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1791 until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1803



The controlling power of France on the island had effectively been destroyed early in the revolution. On 28<sup>th</sup> September 1791, in a vain attempt to retain some semblance of power, the French national assembly made a proclamation granting an amnesty to all persons charged with 'acts of revolution'.

It made little difference, the fighting proved too contagious and insurgency was now erupting everywhere on the island. Amidst the chaos, the French enslavers lost control, scrambled to any European imperialist nation (including France's enemies Britain and Spain) that might help them keep power and then busily ran for their lives.

The Afrikan freedom fighters did not have it all their own way; they were forced to make great sacrifices. For instance, just 3 months into the revolution in November 1791, whilst fighting bravely for the freedom of enslaved Afrikan people, *Boukman* was killed. He was the first of the original leaders to lose his life. It caused great mourning amongst the Afrikan revolutionary warriors, but it did not dampen their resolve for freedom, nor did it prevent them from dispossessing the French of their control of the island. *Boukman's* death served as confirmation that the Afrikan freedom fighters would rather give their lives than settle for anything less than self-determination.

## Cecile Fatima(n)/Castere Bazile - Heroine throughout the revolution

Afrikan heroine and warrior priestess *Cecile Fatiman* married *Louis Michel Pierrot*, who in tandem with *Francois Capois* the ferocious, led battalions of Afrikan warriors at Vertierres (the final and glorious battle of the revolution on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1803). After this victory processes were put in place for the formal declaration of the independence of Haiti on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 1804. Her husband Pierrot would later become one of the early presidents of Haiti.

Afrikan heroine *Cecile Fatiman* appears to have been a leading figure in both the opening and final battles of the Haitian revolution. She lived in the Cape until the age of 112 in full possession of her mental faculties. She holds a very special place in the history of the revolution as the heroine who appointed Afrikan hero *Boukman* to lead the opening phase of the military struggle and was married to *Pierrot* the hero who fought in the final military battle, leading to the freedom of Afrikan people in Haiti. The slogan of the revolution was 'Liberty or death!', but her epic contribution resulted for her in the deserved outcome of liberty and long life.

# LIFE IS REPARATION



families and friends  
**UNITED**  
for an end to deaths in custody

*'fight for every single life'.*

*Join the Family March October 26th*

Christopher Alder was a former para-trooper who was decorated for his services in the Falklands and was killed at the hands of the Humberside Police in 1998, Christopher clothing his tooth had been destroyed, the van he was in had been cleaned officers clothing dry cleaned and all exhibits destroyed. These Officers have been protected for 14 years and have never answered one single question in any public forum. *At the Inquest into his death in 2000 the jury came back with a verdict of Unlawful killing of Christopher Alder.*



Christopher's body had been in storage for 2 years due to the family not being given a cause of death. After the Inquest verdict it was seen as a good time to lay him to rest. In November 2000 Christopher had an highly publicized public funeral where other families who had loved ones killed by the police attended and many supporters from around Hull as well as representatives from the Army.

The family forced the CPS to take the officers to trial for Manslaughter. In 2002 the 5 Officers responsible for Christopher's death were acquitted on the direction of the trial judge after the CPS provided conflicted evidence which they knew would never end in a conviction. The officers were later to be heard on the CCTV footage of Christopher's death making monkey noises and speaking about not going home on a Banana Boat as well as references to the Ku Klux Klan After the documentary death on camera was shown by BBC in 2004 the Home Secretary Blunkett ordered the New IPCC to do a review on the case, their conclusion was that the officers were guilty of unwitting racism.

Janet Alder has always believed the officers murdered her brother, and took her case to the European courts of Human Rights. In 2011 the British government wrote a unilateral declaration stopping the case from being heard, and admitting they had failed under Articles 2, 3 and 14. This meant Christopher's right to life had been denied, he was treat inhumanely and degraded and his death was through racism. **There then came a shell shock.** The funeral they thought they had had for Christopher was not the case.

In Nov 2011 there was supposed to be a funeral for a 77 year old Nigerian woman called Grace Kamara. Grace had no family in Britain and died in her home being found weeks later. Her family had been trying to get a visa to repatriate her body back to Nigeria but was told by the Home Secretary Alan Johnson this could not happen as she was a British citizen.

**Hull council was not responsible for her body. Talk about gunpowder and plot.**

Because of a Culture requirement, a friend asked to see Grace face and place a scarf on her. *"This was the only reason this came to light"* said Janet *"Grace's friend Christine Omeragie strongly believe, and I shear her views, that they would have knowingly buried Christopher in Graces place. What was Christopher doing in the mortuary 11 years after he was 'buried'?"* Its been over 18 months since an investigation started and it is now in the hands of the IPCC to decide if three people in management positions in the mortuary should be charged with wilful neglect. Another not so surprising turn of events came in July 2013 when Janet Alder was found to have been under unlawful surveillance by the police. *"I've been aware very early on, like from the second day of going to the police station to find out how my brother died."* She stated *"I was followed around Hull my phone has been tapped and mail had gone missing. I complained about this to my MP as far back as 1999. Back then of course it was hard to prove"* It was found the Police had gone into the background of the whole family from when they were in state care. **The IPCC says they are investigating! So hold on.**







**Hundreds gathered in Lambeth Town Hall, south London, on Tuesday night for a memorial meeting on the anniversary of Sean Rigg's death. Sean died in Brixton police station on 21 August 2008. He had been arrested hours earlier whilst suffering from mental health issues. Sean's sisters Marcia and Samantha came together with many other organizations and campaigners to demand justice and change.**

***By Sian Ruddick***

Matilda MacAttram from Black Mental Health UK named black men with mental health problems who had died in police custody or mental hospitals.

Both Marcia and Samantha Rigg spoke movingly about their brother's talents as a musician and dancer. But they were scathing about the Independent Police Complaints Authority (IPCC), which has investigated his death. Marcia said, "We want equality, equal rights and justice. There must be lessons learnt from Sean's death. The IPCC is responsible for a catalogue of failures." Samantha said, "On Sunday evening we were made aware of police arresting a man who lost consciousness. It just shows you how little the police have learnt."

Weyman Bennett from Unite Against Fascism received a standing ovation what he said, "Something needs to be done for things to change. A policeman has to go to jail for murder." He was one of many speakers to call for everyone to attend the United Families and Friends march on Saturday 27 October. Estelle du Boulay from Newham Monitoring Project, said "We still see victims of racial discrimination by the police not taken seriously. In the complaints system people face wall after wall."



**Raged**

Glenroy Watson from the RMT transport union raged against the corruption of the system. *"We cannot look to the career politicians, they're not prepared to risk what they have. We need to remove the IPCC. They offer no protection from police officers. Campaigning for justice does not sit separately from our trade union work. Demand that your unions support these campaigns."*

The new film *Who Polices the Police* was screened, charting the Rigg family's battle for answers. A demonstration formed up outside to march to Brixton police station. It was led by the Rigg family and Mona Dohle, the local woman who had witnessed the violent police arrest in Brixton last Sunday. The march took over the road, stopping traffic. Outside Brixton station Marcia read out the names of constables who restrained her brother

On Friday 17 May 2013, the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) published its independent review of its investigation into the death of Sean Rigg - the first time an IPCC investigation has been critically analysed by an external review. Marcia said "Almost five years after our brother's unnecessary death this report shows just how badly we were failed by the IPCC, not to mention the police.

It is frightening to think that in the intervening years as we struggled for justice more families will have been failed in the same way. "The fact that the IPCC has accepted all the report's recommendations is incredibly encouraging for us. We recognise the importance of a body like the IPCC to hold the police to account. But that is exactly what it must do. We hope that a complete re-investigation of the issues identified by the review with new consideration of police misconduct and criminal proceedings, will take place as quickly as possible". **In March, the IPCC arrested two serving and one retired police officers on suspicion of perverting the course of justice over evidence given at Mr Rigg's inquest. The officers remain on bail.**



# REPARATION IS LIFE

*Boycott all Florida goods'*



In the wake of the senseless killing of Trayvon Martin, the public can band together and show support for the unfair and inequitable justice system. **The company known as "KOCH", which manufactures paper products, is sponsoring and paying for Zimmerman's legal fees** because they feel he had the right to bare arms and shoot Trayvon Martin. We are asking that people everywhere ban together and pass this information on and NOT purchase any of the following items because your money will be paying for Zimmerman's lawyers and legal fees.

## Please do not purchase any of the following

Angel Soft Toilet Paper,  
Brawny Paper Towels,  
Dixie (plates, bowls, napkins & cups),  
Mardi Gras Napkins and Paper  
Towels, Northern Toilet Paper,  
Soft and Gentle Toilet Paper, Sparkle  
Napkins and Paper Towels,  
Vanity Fair Napkins and Paper  
Towel, Zero Napkins and Paper Towels.



Rev. Pinkney and Stevie Wonder: Boycott FL to Repeal the Stand Your Ground Law It is not one thing ! It is everything! BOYCOTT

Rev. Edward Pinkney, of [BANCO.org](http://BANCO.org), has called an immediate boycott of all Florida products, including orange juice and Disney World, until the "Stand Your Ground" law is repealed. The law is used to excuse the killing of blacks, like Trayvon Martin, but not used in defense of blacks, like Marissa Alexander, who is serving 20 years for firing a warning shot to avoid a brutal beating by her ex-husband shortly after giving birth. BOYCOTT4JUSTICE!

Boycotting is a highly effective, peaceful protest, as we learned during the civil rights era. Economic boycotts enlist the support of big business for The People's causes. Repeal the racist "Stand Your Ground," law to prevent more murders like Trayvon Martin's wrongful death.



**Stevie Wonder gave notice that he will boycott Florida and all other states that have "Stand Your Ground" laws.**

"I decided today that until the 'Stand Your Ground' law is abolished in Florida, I will never perform there again," the singer said in Quebec City.

"As a matter of fact, wherever I find that law exists, I will not perform in that state or in that part of the world. The truth is that -- for those of you who've lost in the battle for justice, wherever that fits in any part of the world -- we can't bring them back. What we can do is we can let our voices be heard."





The BlackList Pub also called for a boycott against the State of Florida, specifically naming 39 companies with Florida headquarters; the first five are listed below. BlackList Pub wrote: If you care about what happened to Trayvon Martin,

### "Boycott Florida"

No vacations, no conventions, no business trips, no cruises, no use of sports arenas, no orange juice, nothing! Simply put, ***if it has the Florida name on it .....*** "Don't buy it" **It is completely up to us to change the unjust policies of this state. It's time to get busy!**

**Florida Companies** (See BlackList Pub for its complete list)

1. Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, FL Meg Crofton
2. Publix Supermarkets
3. Tupperware Corporation
4. Carnival Cruise Company, Miami
5. Royal Caribbean Cruises, Miami

**This is an International effort.**

**We are calling on our brothers and sisters and all right-minded people from around the globe to come forth and assist in this righteous effort.** <http://theblacklistpub.ning.com/>

There is also a Facebook group called "Boycott Florida Tourism" at this link

<https://www.facebook.com/boycottfloridatourism>

Numerous other groups and organizations, entertainers and other individuals are expected to join the boycott against the State of Florida in order to encourage Florida businesses to press for a repeal of the 'Stand Your Ground' law. Some boycotts are intended to support civil rights charges against Zimmerman. Contact Rev. Edward Pinkney, director of BANCO Organization

In the UK, Global Afrikan Congressuk (**GACuk**) – one of the organisations supporting this conference - is asking all progressive organisations to put away their petty differences and get together to form a national coalition of organisation to carry out a *'targeted Boycott actions'* against Florida and Florida related goods and services. We have the blueprint from the days of the Anti – Apartheid movement in this country which was also a response after all, to the calls of Afrikans in South Afrika/Azania.

We are now once again being called to Arms by Afrikans over an injustice being meted out to Afrikans in the US. However, unlike with Apartheid, we here must ensure we are not the last to the battle field. **NO JUSTICE! NO PEACE!**

