
Document of the Month

DECLARATION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE REVOLUTION IN GHANA

**People of Ghana! Soldiers of the
African Revolution! Activists of the
Convention People's Party!**

THIS IS THE Committee for the Defence
of the Revolution calling.

The Ankrah-Kotoka-Harley coup
is the beginning of counter-revolution
in our motherland. We shall destroy
this counter-revolution. Our revolu-
tion will certainly resume its forward
march.

The Ankrah-Kotoka-Harley coup
was directed by British and American
secret services and helped by West
German intelligence. The coup is

meant to serve the interests of Anglo-
American imperialism. Inside Ghana
the coup used the following forces—
Ga and Ewe tribalism; personal
vendetta; foreign religious missions;
foreign business firms; and traitors in
the government and leadership of the
CPP.

The policies of the National
Liberation Council help im-
perialism. Some of these are—free
hand for foreign investors; mortgage
of Ghana's economy to the World
Bank run by British and American
interests; close down of corporations

and handing over others to private interests; cut in government expenditure; gradual elimination of foreign exchange control and import licences; ejection of socialist technicians and invitation of more technicians from the Western capitalist countries.

The result of all this will be increased unemployment; increased dependence of Ghana's economy on Britain and America; a falling standard of living for the majority of the people, side by side with a more than comfortable living for a small class of businessmen, top civil servants, top army and police officers and privileged intellectuals.

In Africa, NLC's Ghana is serving the interests of colonialism and neo-colonialism. It has re-established diplomatic relations with Britain, thus letting down our fellow Africans in Rhodesia. It has ejected all freedom fighters formerly staying in Accra whether they came from colonial or independent Africa. It has refused assistance to all liberation movements. As a result, Ghana is already losing the pride of place in Africa won for her by the dynamic anti-imperialist policy of Nkrumah.

To cover its betrayal of Ghana, the Ankrach-Kotoka-Harley NLC (men who served British imperialism when Nkrumah led the CPP into the fight against British rule) is frantically engaged in playing tricks upon tricks in the hope that one of these will confuse the people of Ghana. Some of these tricks are—abuse and vilification of Nkrumah; promises of cuts in the prices of consumer goods (even though everybody knows that these prices are rising rather); promise of salary revision for civil servants only (even though one-tenth of these, i.e. some 10,000 persons, will lose their jobs as a result of the planned cuts in government expenditure); enquiries into the properties of a few people but excluding theirs and those of their friends

and collaborators. These tricks are bound to fail, because soon everybody will see that the NLC men are there to serve the interests of their capitalist and foreign business friends. Already tax on rents has been abolished, tax on cars has been reduced; proposed increase in tax on incomes above £1,600 a year has been revoked; transmission of money overseas has become easier to permit these top men to take out their ill-gotten money.

THE REVOLUTION, our revolution, will fight back. All the advances made in Ghana have been brought by the CPP of Nkrumah—independence, free education, good health services, good roads, many factories, better conditions for all, including the army and police.

But in fighting back we have to be vigilant. We must get rid of the so-called 'activists' who plotted with the Ankrach-Kotoka-Harley clique. Can you understand why the former Minister of Forestry, Mr. B. A. Bentum, is now Secretary-General of the Ghana TUC? Can you understand why Tettegah, Ayeh-Kumi and more to come spoke the way they did? Can you understand why Commissioner of Police Harley says that the party leaders and ministers, etc., now in custody, will be sorted out and some released? Can you understand why businessmen are so happy with the NLC? Can you understand why Britain, USA, and West Germany are so happy with the NLC?

These things are happening because the capitalists and their imperialist masters think they have won. They supported imperialism when we fought for independence. But now they want to control the destiny of this country they could not fight for, through treachery and violence.

But they certainly have not won, although we must admit that the coup is a setback for our socialist

revolution. And we have suffered this setback because the top men in our party, though paying lip service to Kwame Nkrumah, were disloyal to the party and to socialism. They amassed wealth. And to protect this wealth, they worked to destroy the party.

Today a new page opens in the life of the CPP. The capitalists in our midst are going strong. Now the sincere socialist and lowly but staunch party activists must rally the party

all over the country and keep the flag flying.

**Tell your comrades to be steadfast.
Prepare yourself for battle.**

Give no assistance of any kind, more especially information, to the army or police.

Don't trust the old capitalist-minded activists in the party.

**KWAME WILL WIN! AFRICA
WILL WIN! FORWARD EVER—
BACKWARD NEVER!**

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