



**David Brothers**

Born over eighty years ago, David Brothers has had a history of relentless uncompromising struggle for the People. He has a rich and glorious history of serving the masses of African People. David was known and respected as a leading organizer for the All-African People's Revolutionary Party (A-APRP).

A proponent of democratic rights, social justice, and improvement in the quality of life for African People, David was exposed to nationalist, Pan-Africanist, and socialist political thought as a child. His mother was a member of the Honorable Marcus Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association. During the years of the depression in the U.S. when Africans were suffering horrendously from the ravages of capitalism, David was impacted by the work of Father Divine who sought to provide some of the basics needed for survival such as food, clothes, work, and shelter.

David mobilized support for Paul Roberson when he was being terrorized, victimized and white balled by the U.S. Congress House on Un-American Activities Committee. He always championed the struggle of African People understanding the dire necessity to work for social justice. He participated in the mobilization of mass support for Marian Anderson when she was banned from performing at Constitutional Hall in Washington, D.C. by the Daughters of the American Revolution for being African, and even participated in the mobilization efforts to elect Adam Clayton Powell to the U.S. Congress from Harlem. David would also work for the election of socialist and communist candidates for electoral office such as Ben Davis.

Never wavering in his commitment to African People, he was active in the nationalist movement in New York and supported the work of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. David went on to join the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in New York becoming its Chairman where he stood firm against imperialism, and the countless terrorist onslaughts of the FBI-CIA. With the destruction of the Black Panther Party, David intensified his readings and work.

David Brothers was a Revolutionary Pan-Africanist of the first order. A tireless worker, he was guided by Nkrumahist-Tureist ideology. David was committed to the objective of Pan-Africanism, the total liberation and unification of Africa under scientific socialism. His history is

one of relentless uncompromising struggle for the People. David was undoubtedly a servant of the People. Known and respected as a leading organizer for the All-African People's Revolutionary Party (A-APRP), David stood firm in emphasizing the dire necessity for our scattered, suffering, struggling, disorganized masses to be organized. David along with Kwame Ture were some of the first members of the A-APRP. He was on the first Central Committee of the A-APRP and served in that position until his transition. He was an active participant despite his failing health. His political mind remained sharp as he consistently reminded us of the necessity for line and structure. David always persistently echoed the cry, "Light the Fire! Light the Fire! Our People must be Organized!" David was the best example of what he termed a "true believer", stating that only the organized African masses can solve the fundamental problems confronting African People. Line and structure were essential to him. Our brother always advanced the hard line for mass, disciplined organization. Cadre faithfulness to the Party line and structure as the foundation for Party building were paramount for him. David exhibited undying love for African People as he was on the frontline struggling against capitalism, imperialism, and zionism. He manifested faithfulness to the People – the most essential quality of a Revolutionary.

As an A-APRP organizer David has been an inspiration to all. He has been on the front line of organizing and politically educating our disorganized masses. David participated in the founding of the Afrikan Anti-zionist Front and the World-Wide Afrikan Anti-zionist Front. David traveled to Africa including Ghana and Libya on a number of occasions representing the A-APRP. David had a long working relationship with the EAST, December 12<sup>th</sup> Movement, the Nation of Islam, the Patrice Lumumba Coalition, and the New Afrikan People's Organization amongst others. He was well respected by nationalist, Pan-Africanist, and Socialist world-wide.

David's consistent work is an example for us to emulate. Despite his failing health, up until recently he participated fully in the politics of the Party. His serious health problems did not detour him from providing guidance and direction. David's daughter Donna would assist him in his life's work to serve the People. She would help to facilitate his continued work to help build the Party. For example she would ensure he had the necessary material to prepare for the Party's political discussions. She would send his political statements out that provided direction for the Party.

Following the transition of Kwame Ture the Party went through some difficult times. David through his push to stay true to the line and structure helped guide us through this period. We'd like to give a couple of examples of a few statements that David shared with us to give us direction. On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2004 David wrote., " Ideology is our foundation, which include our line and structure. Christianity and Islam have foundations. When people in the church betray Christianity the church don't throw out the bible. When reactionaries betray our line and structure, we don't betray our ideology.

We must have faith in our line and structure at all times, and we must not deviate from our line and structure. We are on solid foundation because we have the line and structure. The reactionaries are not on solid foundation because they have betrayed the line and structure.

Our line and structure, and not individuals should guide us. We can't go by how long an individual has been in the Party. Individuals make mistakes, get off track, and get bought out. We have to push our line and structure. We are building a foundation for future generations, pushing our line and structure.

We need to identify and consolidate the true believers; those that truly believe in our Party's line and structure."

On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2004 David wrote, " We should not get discouraged. We are working for the next generations. We should leave something for the generations that follow. We are planting seeds. Seeds don't bloom when you plant them. When you plant cottonseeds they don't blossom the next day or week. It takes time. It is a process. Kwame Ture didn't see what he was fighting for. What we are fighting for will not be for us to see. Kwame Nkrumah was fighting for the United State of Africa. He did not live to see that. Sekou Ture, Patrice Lumumba, George Padmore, didn't live to see what they were fighting for.

We need to pass on the line and structure. That is eternal, that's what guides us. This is the same with Christianity and Islam. The bible guides Christians and the Koran guides Muslim.

The true believers are the one's pushing the line and structure" .....

Osagyefo Kwame Nkrumah most accurately describes David when he most properly informed us that, "Africa needs a new type of citizen, a dedicated modest, honest, informed man/woman. A man/woman who submerges self in service to the nation and mankind. A man/woman who abhors greed and detests vanity. A new type of man/woman whose humility is his/her strength and whose integrity is his/her greatness."

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