

Organizer Of All-African People's Revolutionary Party

# Stokely Carmichael Seeks Revolution, Socialiam

By ROBERT SECOR

"Capitalism is backwards, stupid, and vicious," according to Stokely Carmichael, an organizer of the All African People's Revolutionary Party, who spoke at St. Lawrence University on Monday night.

Carmichael, whose lecture was sponsored by the Black Student Union, said that, "every country in the world will eventually go socialist. The revolution is inevitable. Socialism is on the rise."

Stokely Carmichael spoke enthusiastically for one hour and then answered questions from the crowd of about 100 people for another hour.

"Capitalism keeps people on an animalistic level. The people think they're thinking but they are actually just reacting to stimuli. Capitalism makes people arrogant about their stupidity." He said that the only way for people to know that they are actually thinking is for them to do something that "helps humanity." He said that the world needs more "conscious people" who understand that every act has a reason. "It is the revolutionaries who will effectuate the reasons for the acts."

"If you are not working for the people, then you are working against the people. Africans must ORGANIZE." Carmichael's immediate goal of this organization is the "political education of the masses of the people." Carmichael says that the current education system "confuses Africans."

He believes this education is necessary because 'Africans', as he calls Black persons regardless of their nationality,

"we must have clear political education. The solution is to overcome ignorance."

Carmichael spoke of the injustices perpetrated to Africa. "Africa has been raped by just about everyone. Africa has not raped anybody." He said that

while European Americans left Europe voluntarily when they came to America, "every African left Africa involuntarily."

Carmichael said the "job of students is to perpetuate the values of the current society."

They should "use knowledge for the benefit of mankind. Knowledge is the result of the struggles of the masses of the people."

**Hates Ignorance**

Stokely Carmichael clearly hates ignorance. During his talk, he gave several examples of this hatred. He said that most people in this country would say they hate communism but that very few of them have read anything about it. He said that few practicing Christians have read the Bible so they are not true Christians. Carmichael added that many American Blacks hate Africa because they are ignorant of it.

"People have an instinctive love of justice," said Carmichael. He added that all people who sense injustice, will fight for their freedom. He gave Ireland as an example, saying, "it is only a fool like Margaret Thatcher who thinks that Irish will not eventually be free." He also said, "the Palestinians will get their land back. Africans must give their unconditional support to the PLO."

There will be an informational meeting for those interested in the All-African People's Revolutionary Party on November 8 at 1:00 p.m. at 17 College St.



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## U.S. Exerts Colonial Influence On Kenya

Contrary to popular conception, America has contributed to the process of colonialism in Africa according to Professor Micere Mugo. Professor Mugo, who teaches at the University of Nairobi and is on the SLU campus this fall, recently led a discussion on the role and extent of American involvement in Kenya.

Our involvement, according to Mugo, has not been direct, as was the case with many colonialistic European empires, but rather, indirect, which is why few Americans are aware of its pervasive effects.

Mugo stated that there are three spheres of Kenyan life in which America exerts its influence: economy, politics, and culture. In Kenya's economy, American concerns have great interest, often buying up great

tracts of Kenyan land and using inexpensive Kenyan labor forces. The Del Monte corporation was cited as a typical example of a business practicing this policy.

Apparently, Kenya's political system encourages such foreign investment, and the present powers in force solidly back American business, even when its motives are subject to question. Kenya's ruling powers also support a strong American military presence in the region, even to the detriment of the local populations. It would seem that Kenya's present government favors maintaining the status quo over promoting social equity. To this end, repression of dissent through strict paramilitary rule is the order of the day.

In the realm of Kenyan

culture, America exerts great influence. Almost all of the popular entertainment available to Kenyans is Western in nature, and much of this is the dross of our entertainment industry. Western media has vitiated Kenya's own rich cultural heritage and introduced many of our social ills into her incipient and highly susceptible modern conscience.

Therefore, Mugo stated in conclusion, the United States has, through the practices of its business and political leaders in conjunction with the willing acquiescence of the Kenyan government, had a great effect upon the quality of life in Kenya. Whether this influence continues to benefit American interests at the expense of the mostly indigent native Kenyan population is a question which should be considered by Americans and Kenyans alike, in order to arrive at an equitable solution to this dilemma.

## APO To Sponsor Run-A-Thon

The Kappa Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor this year's American Cancer Society Run-A-Thon on Nov. 12 at Augsbury. The run will start at noon and end at 12 midnight. Running teams in the Run-A-Thon will be sponsored and the funds raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society. This year's Team English led

by Dr. T.L. Berger and Robert DeGraaf will challenge any campus of Greek living community to raise the most money. The competition should be exciting, with prizes going to the winners. Anyone can enter and sponsor sheets will be made available at the English department office, the U.C. desk or Augsbury.

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