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Challenges "The Affirmation of Blackness"
FRANTZ FANON, SOWETO, AND AMERICAN BLACK THOUGHT

I Introduction 1976

Because Black was the color that made the 1960s so exciting a decade, giving birth to nothing short of a whole new 3rd World because Black thus also gave a new dimension to the Youth's anti-Vietnam War with its slogan, "Hell, no, we won't go!" so that even where there were no Blacks there was an affinity of idea-- FREEDOM-- be that all-Three Humanism or as Women's Liberation, attempts are now being made to project so false an image of 1970s as the quiescent decade that they are busy rewriting history, be that of the Dr. King's Movement with a thrice-prime time splash, or the NY Blackout, not as "Christmas in July", i.e., but (looking at the main so Africa) THE FASCISTIC BRUTAL MURDER OF STEVE BIKO AS IF THAT COULD ALSO KILL THE IDEA OF FREEDOM

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the proof that BUT AS STEVE BIKO PUT IT, Black consciousness is an idea whose time has come and killed the image of white invincibility lives in a single word: (SOWETO)

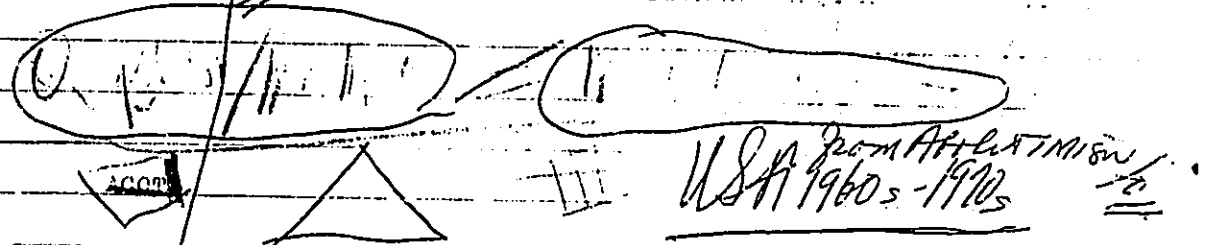
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From 1905 on...
Only one word was inaccurate in Gafoor's magnificent statement: the parents too fought apartheid. Indeed whether you roll history as far back as THE WASHING OF THE SPEARS--1905 Zulu Rebellion--or go to the 1960s & UNKONTO, WE SIZWE--SPEAR OF THE NATION--it is world inter-relationships that signify whether the idea whose time has come will get crushed by mightier COUNTER-revolution, or will be able to move forward from idea to reality. WHO HEARD OF 1905 even in Russia --except the Soviet revolution? I believe we Marxist-Humanists alone heard of it even when we did.

UNKONTO
We Sizwe

new stage of resistance & Warsaw Ghetto, from under fascism, Detroit and Harlem housing revolts in USA, which by the 1950s EE and Montgomery, Ala, & Sharpeville massacre which by 1956 SIGNIFIED ALSO A NEW STAGE OF COGNITIVE HUMANISM

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Now, though there is no doubt that it is on these heights that Frantz Fanon reached, that we have to build on, & not, as in 1960s when nearly all you heard of FF is the position on violence, ROOTS are not, are not genealogy--we all loved KUNTA KINTE for himself, because he was Haley's forefather--WHAT A.C.Q.T. tells us is no idea--from Negritude, Nationalism, history, as Carter G. Woodson put it--and the Blacks' history didn't begin on cotton & sugar plantations--it began in mid-19c. here & no revolution in Africa, or West Indies had this 2-WAY RD. FROM AFRICA TO USA

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 but also of philosophic depth of K. a true
 [redacted] Biko
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THE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS movement does not
 want to accept the dilemma of capitalism versus com-
 munitism. It will opt for a socialist solution that is an
 authentic expression of black communalism

THESE ARE CRUCIAL years in the history of
 Africa. The winds of liberation which have
 been sweeping down the face of Africa have reached our
 very borders. There is no more doubt about the inevit-
 ability of change. The only questions now remaining
 are how and when.

When you consider that soon afterward, Biko was the
 one who was that may sound as the most tragic of
 Utopias, but in fact [scribbles] have not
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