

## Part 2-IDEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

“We want a society whose ideological basis must be MAN. We do not want a society whose ideological basis is the machine, whose ideological basis is money, whose ideological basis is profit. What we want is a society whose ideological basis is Man. YOU, YOU, YOU, where each and everyone has an importance, where the society is geared for the maintenance of you; where everything in the society is geared towards the care of you, where all funds, all resources must be utilized with one consideration: to make you happy.

“We do not want a society which is built on individualism and which is based on the exploitation of man by man...

“We want a society built on the psychological basis of Man so that the old person who has given his life to the society can be cared for; the child who is coming up will be seen as the fruit of the nation to be nurtured; the man and woman would be provided with food, shelter, education, clothing and employment. And in return we demand of that man that he give of his best.”

In this statement, made at the People’s Rally in November of 1972, Brother Makandal Daaga, the Political Leader of NJAC, outlined the fundamental premise on which NJAC sees the building of a New Society. An ideological framework that is developed around a vision of Man, which therefore sees the highest development of Man as the purpose of society. It is a purpose that can only be served when society has a proper concept of Man and therefore his fulfillment needs. A purpose that can only be realized when a society is organized around principles to take care of these needs in its individual members and those individual members recognize their responsibility to the society as a whole.

