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**MESSAGE ON THE 73rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONVENTION PEOPLES
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The Convention Peoples Party which is a Socialist Party in Ghana was formed on the 12th of June 1949 by Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and his Comrades after they broke away from the United Gold Coast Convention (UGCC) where he was then the General Secretary.

As the General Secretary of the UGCC, he was imprisoned with the connivance of the elite group of the UGCC, who did not believe in the independence of Ghana and believed the idea of self-government being espoused by Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah was premature and unnecessary at the time.

So together with veritable Comrades of like minds the CPP was formed with Self Government in Ghana on their minds and in their hearts. At a Rally of the Committee of Youth Organisation (CYO), Kwame Nkrumah announced the formation of the Convention Peoples Party and he said thus at the Rally which was attended by the teeming Youth of Ghana:

'We Prefer Self Government in Danger, then to servitude in tranquillity and he called for Political Unity among the Rank and File and a unified nationwide demand for self-rule. Economic and Political Liberation from the Colonialists.'

He also believed in Peaceful Protestations and Strikes to drum home the demand for self-Government from the Colonial Masters which at the time resonated with every Ghanaian and eventually in 1957 Ghana gained Independence under the Convention Peoples Party with Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah as the leader and President of Ghana.

During the rule of the Convention Peoples Party, Ghana saw a massive industrialisation drive towards economic development which was seen in the various companies built by the party. Notable among these were the Kumasi shoe factory, the Glue Factory, Komenda Sugar

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Factory, The Pencil factory, Ambassador Records, State Farms, GIHOC Distilleries, Asafo Market in Kumasi and many more. Sadly, all the numerous companies were sold to family and friends by successive governments who came after the CPP.

As the CPP celebrates the 73 years of its existence as the first truly Political Party that was formed in the Gold Coast and Ghana we also celebrate the doyens of the fight towards independence and keep in memory and in view the indelible legacy of unprecedented economic development that the CPP made under the leadership of Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah.

The CPP fought for self-government and liberation from Colonial Rule, today we need liberation from disease, poverty, and a wanton dissipation of our natural and mineral resources, lack of food security, economic mismanagement, high inflation and a lot more that makes life unbearable in Ghana.

As it is today, we in this country are fighting terrorists and armed robbery attacks with sloganeering of ‘See Something Say Something’? The Security of the Ghanaian is at risk, there are unprecedented armed robbery attacks in the Northern Region, killings at Bawku and other places and there seems to be a lack of interest and strategy on the part of the NPP government under the leadership of H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo to salvage the issue of Security and also take steps to galvanise all security forces and apparatus to deal with the situation

A CPP government as we have done before would have resourced properly the Police Service with adequate logistical support to deal with the devastating Security Crisis facing the country today.

The CPP wants to see more action and less sloganeering. Government should deploy the Military to augment the efforts of other Security forces in dealing with the current Security situation.

As a means to curb the menace of Terrorism and Armed Robbery in the country, the CPP is asking government as a matter of urgency, roll out a workable roadmap with the Ghana Immigration Service to close all unapproved routes which lead into country.

The CPP is also asking for accountability of the COVID -19 funds and all donations that have been made to the Country in the fight against COVID-19, there should be full disclosure on how the COVID largesse have been spent, we as Ghanaians have the right to know.

In relation to this, is the matter of transparency in the dissipation of funds accrued through the E-Levy, Ghanaians want to know and to monitor to see if the money is being used for what it was intended for, and that is the building of Roads and Youth Entrepreneurship.

The Government of Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo - Addo should be prudent with our money and differentiate between a WANT AND A NEED to avoid profligate and unwarranted spending which does not inure to the benefit of Ghanaians and Ghana as a whole. How do we fail to preserve existing forest reserves and turn around to spend money to buy 20million seedlings to green Ghana, certainly this is a misplaced priority and a waste of our money. The CPP is also interested to know the origin and cost implications for the Country of the 20million seedlings and other associated costs.

Kwame Nkrumah demanded for self-rule with the support of Ghanaians, today we of the CPP are asking Ghanaians to support us to make a demand on the government of Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo to be accountable, transparent, and above all to fulfil to Ghanaians all promises made towards lowering the high cost of living and giving the Ghanaian a good and decent livelihood of food and shelter.

On this 73rd Anniversary we call on all Ghanaians especially the Youth of this nation who have been neglected by the NPP government to join hands with the CPP so that we bring a change to the status quo in 2024, indeed experience is the best Teacher, we have done it before and we will do it again.

We wish all veritable Comrades and all Ghanaians a Happy 73rd Anniversary. There is certainly victory for us.

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