

EDITORIAL

A LETTER TO LEO ("The Lion")

Dear Leo,
I thought you would find interest in a report from the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The report supports my stand that the crime rate in the ghetto is the result of the low socio-economic environment of the inhabitants.

The AAAS report from Cleveland - Human aggression is inversely related to social and economic status and directly related to the frustration to which the aggressor is subjected.

Of all forms of aggression, homicide is the best known and the most completely documented in police reports. "Thus the homicide rate is a good indicator of differential aggression patterns and serves well in analyzing the relationship between frustrating situations and aggressive responses".

To test this relationship, Professor Falk examined homicide statistics from the following reference bases: life insurance; geographic regions; urban zones, race; occupation; sex; relationships involved; religion.

Insurance statistics reveal that death rates by reason of homicide are distinctly higher for the lower socio-economic groups. Furthermore, greater numbers of homicides occur in economically depressed areas than in those enjoying prosperity. For the homicide rate in the South Atlantic states is some 20 times greater than in New England, and about four times that of the Middle Atlantic or Pacific states.

Killings also take place more frequently in the "socially and physically deteriorated" zones of a city, Professor Falk said.

Analysis of the race factor in crime provides another clue as to the relationship between socio-economic position and homicide. "There are about 7,600 to 6,700 homicides in the United States each year. When these are analyzed by race, it is found that Negroes kill ten times as often as whites. Thus in 1948 the Negro homicide rate was 30.2 per 100,000, while that of whites was only 3 per 100,000."

"A racial differential tends to support the view that homicide is inversely related to social status. Since Negroes have achieved a higher degree of acceptance in the North than in the South, the above relationship also supports our hypothesis."

RACE AND SEX

The relationship between status and aggression becomes even more pronounced when homicide is considered in reference to both race and sex. A study of police reports revealed that nonwhite female arrests for murder are more than twice as frequent as white female arrests.

"This may be attributed to the occupations of Negro women, who are largely employed in menial subservient tasks, and face the psychological strains of discrimination by whites in their daily work relationships.

Both men and women are more likely to kill men, he found, and men become murder victims three times as often as do women. Moreover, "women are much more likely to kill within the immediate relational group than are men." Study of Buffalo police reports over a period of eight years showed that all of the killings of men attributed to women "involved husbands or paramours." Only 12 per cent of all murder victims were strangers to the killer, and all these strangers were killed by men.

This "clearly indicates that homicide is a family affair, or at least a very intimate matter which takes place between relatives and friends, and rarely between strangers. Nine out of ten cases occur within the circle of friends and relatives."

So, Leo, you see, crime rate is higher in the ghetto due to the low socio-economic environment afforded its inhabitants.

BARING MUST BE DEFEATED

When Congressman Walter S. Baring seeks the Negro vote in the coming election, I wonder if he remembers saying "Morals can not be legislated, nor can private rights be dominated, nor can any group intimidate the American people and the Congress of the United States."

Baring made this statement, among others, as he explained his reasons for voting against extension of the Civil Rights Commission.

Walter Baring says that Civil Rights are now Special Rights. The Voice says that Walter Baring has forfeited his every right to solicit one single Negro vote.

The Voice also says that any Negro who votes for Baring, ever again, is a traitor to the cause of Civil Rights.

Baring believes in States Rights, which is the Right to do wrong. DON'T EVER VOTE FOR BARING.

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NAACP

Invitation To Guest Writers

Dear Friends:
The "Voice" extends an open invitation to each interested reader to write a guest editorial on the subject of enthusiasm and unity in the Civil Rights struggle or on any subject which you feel is important in the cause.

The Guest Editorial will become a regular, front page feature of your paper.

We would like to publish a recent photo of each guest writer. The photo should be 2" X 3".

Please type your editorial double-spaced, and limit it to a maximum of 3 double-spaced pages of not less than 600 nor more than 800 words.

We will publish in the exact order that we receive completed copy, with photo. Please get yours in early, so that it may be among the first to be published.

We wish to establish enthusiasm among the readers, and identity of the leadership in the Civil Rights program.

The "Voice" also extends an open invitation, to each of its readers, to write a "Letter to the Editor" on any subject. These letters must be limited to not more than 200 words. We invite public comment, and suggestions on the future course of your paper, "The Las Vegas Voice."

All persons in the Reno-Sparks area should contact our Reno Representative, Earl Perkins, 3275 Clear Acre Lane, FA 2-2354.

Sincerely,
Charles I. West, Publisher

Help yourself while you help your country
BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS



PRESIDENT TUBAMN
REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA

HAWTHORNE

There once was a Hawthorne hotel,
which was thought to be doing quite well.
But now it is nervous
For refusing us service
And has a very bad smell.

There was also a Hawthorne diner.
Which was thought to be even finer.
The manager however,
Said "No Negroes never,"
Now the town has a very bad shiner.

The commissioners held a big hearing.
To find out what people were fearing.
The answer is in,
It's all in the skin,
Yes, a white face you need to be sneering.

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Africa In Today's World By C. I. West, M.D. African Personalities

In the past few years many new African luminaries have made news. Many of these new personalities on the world scene have had so much news coverage that the names of four men, who in my analysis have done most for the liberation of Africa, have been all but lost in today's press.

There are FOUR GIANTS of African Nationalism who inspired hundreds of others into open rebellion against Colonialism. These four men were making big news on the continent more than a full generation before the emergence of the new crop of leaders. The FOUR GIANTS are: William V.W. Tubman, President of the Republic of Liberia, Jomo Kenyatta, The Flaming Sword of Kenya, Swame Nkruma, President of Ghana (formerly the Gold Coast), Nnamdi Azikiwe, affectionately, "Zik", President of Nigeria. These are the men that have impressed this writer as the FOUR GIANTS OF AFRICAN NATIONALISM. It has been the singular privilege of the writer to have known each of these giants. I do not believe that my personal contact with these men has unduly influenced my high regard for their greatness. However, by labeling these four men as giants, I hold no less respect for the calibre of leadership of men like: Albert Lutuli, Chief of the Zulu people, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1960. Perhaps he should have been my fifth giant; or, Leopold Senghor, Poet Laureate of Senegal; or, Emperor Haile Selassie, Lion of Judah; or, Dr. Felix Houphouet-Boigny, President of the Ivory Coast; or, Dr. Julius Nyerere, Prime Minister of Tanganyika; or Tom Mboya, boy wonder of Kenya who so ably filled the shoes of Kenyatta during his exile; or, Sekou Toure, President of Guinea; or, the late Patrice Lumumba, martyr of the Congo; or, the late brilliant Sylvanus Olympio of Togo, who fell dead on the grounds of the American Embassy at Lome, seeking refuge from his assassins. All of those men have secured their places in history.

Perhaps time will alter the importance of some of these leaders, and throw light upon new faces that will outshine all the others, except my FOUR GIANTS. I place those four men in the category of legends in their own time, and put them above all the rest.

President Tubman of Liberia has administered the affairs of his Republic for twenty years. In line with protocol, he should be the first to be discussed. His country is the oldest Republic of Africa. It was founded and constituted as a sovereign state in 1847. In tenure of office Tubman ranks second only to the Emperor of Ethiopia.

President Tubman, who will be 68 years old in November, is affectionately called, "Pa" by his subjects. A few of his intimates call him, "Shad", the name by which Pa calls his son. His taste for Scotch has earned him "Vat Sixty-nine", his middle initials, as a nickname whispered only in small circles, behind closed doors.

Tubman is gifted with flexibility of personality that automatically molds itself to the situation. His mind is unbelievably spontaneous in reaching decisions that time proves to have been adequate ones.

He is tireless. He enjoys people, and he thrives on long hours of tedious work. His sense of humor and spontaneous wit easily qualify him to become a professional thespian.

"Pa" is a born leader who has that certain rare power over people that permits him to revel and socialize with them without losing any of their respect. He is usually the life of the party, but by morning is stern in his character as a lovable tyrant.

Tubman is dedicated to Liberia, and has accomplished something just short of magic during his twenty year reign. He has administered the affairs of his land with a firm authoritarian rule. He has reserved the right of veto over all other authority, but he has never misused this power at the expense of his beloved Liberia. He places no individual above the welfare of Liberia. There have been many times when his decisions appeared to be ruthless, or unjust when he dealt with those that he knew were planning or operating selfish schemes that were not only in the best interest of the nation, or the people. Many times he has ruled against his intimate friends, but always