

Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

as told by

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FOR MANY CENTURIES the ruling class has carefully camouflaged, distorted, or deleted the black man's contributions to history. The job was done so well and for so long that civilization was led to believe the Negro had contributed nothing to history and consequently was fallaciously held to have been inherently inferior. The Negro has been blinded to his rich heritage, and the Caucasian has been robbed of an abundance of information by the history chroniclers of the past. The Negro has been heavily handicapped in looking ahead to posterity, because he was kept unaware of the richness of his ancestral heritage which he could never see behind him.

Our objectives in this series of historical facts are many. We first aim to enlighten our readers with the truth. Our ultimate goals are to impart a feeling of pride and of dignity to Negroes, while we create a more acceptable image of the Black Man in the eyes of others. Accomplishment of these aims will, we believe, contribute significantly to the realization of "The Great Society" in which all men will be the others brothers and will live by the Golden Rule.

Hidden History will amaze and possibly confuse many readers. This series of truths will once again point out that fact is stranger than fiction. We shall go 5000 years back and step by step throw light on the deeds of Black Men from 3000 years before Christ up to the current 20th Century, A.D. We shall begin with Imhotep, a black African who was the real father of medicine and was worshipped as a god for 3000 years by the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. We can not foresee where we will end because as we write these weekly columns, Negroes will be making more history.

NO FIGURE OF ANCIENT history made a more impressive mark than did Imhotep who lived at the palace of King Loser of Egypt about 2980 B.C. He was the son of Kanofar, an architect. Imhotep was multi-talented like Leonardo da Vinci. Not only was he physician to the King, he was also court philosopher and sage; he was architect, astronomer, priest and magician.

Imhotep's philosophy was to indulge in contentment and cheerfulness. His proverbs on living were handed down for many centuries. He is the original author of the oft repeated-- "Eat drink, and be merry for tomorrow we shall die."

When Egyptian culture crossed the sea to form the nucleus from which the Greek civilization grew, the teachings of Imhotep went along. The Greeks sent their medical students to Egypt to learn the secrets of the Black Healer. Two thousand years later, the Greeks 'forgot' about Imhotep and acclaimed a legendary figure of their own as the father of medicine. This is how history has tabbed Hippocrates as the Father of Medicine. However, during the time of Hippocrates, the Greeks themselves had worshipped Imhotep as "God of Medicine" for twenty centuries, and had erected temples in his memory which were the medical centers of Greece.

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EDITORIAL

"Politics Involves Personal Welfare"

by John P. West

POLITICS PLAYS A VITAL PART in the welfare of every citizen. Politics is the science of conducting governmental affairs and procedures. In a democracy the people are governed by their own choosing. The people select certain persons among them to run the affairs of their business of government. The selection of these public agents is made by the people at the voting polls on certain dates which have been designated by the people themselves.

The welfare of each citizen is strongly affected by the persons elected to run the various affairs of government. It is therefore very important that each citizen take part in every election so as to protect his own best interests.

CENTURIES AGO, man learned that he must live in a gregarious society with his fellow men in order to survive. Society, which is the total of all individuals, protects the welfare of each individual. Each individual is obligated to do his part in forming a harmonious society which is best endowed to guarantee the welfare of each of its members.

In our form of democratic government the welfare of each law abiding citizen is placed above all other considerations except the security of the state itself, for if the state is not secure it can not give adequate protection to the people who compose that state, or that society.

Nature shapes each individual as a distinct and separate biological unit, and builds into each person an automatic protective system known as the instinct of self-preservation. Every baby is born with such dominance of self-preservation that it enters society as a selfish creature which must be trained and reshaped in order to fit into the fabric of society. The child must be taught how to modify the instinct of self-preservation so that he can live in a gregarious society which demands, for its security, that each member shall do unto the other, as he would have the other do unto him. We learn to apply our instincts of self-preservation to our fellows because each of us depends upon our fellows for existence. Society, or government, is thereby indispensable to the welfare of each individual. It should naturally follow that each individual should be vitally concerned with the election of persons who conduct the affairs of government.

IN MAKING A SELECTION when voting, the voter should be guided in his thinking by two vital considerations. The first should be to determine which candidate is best qualified and best equipped to do the job. The second consideration is to be certain the candidate of choice is one who, in the past, has demonstrated his sincerity in his application of the Golden Rule.

The voter must vote with prime concern for his own self-interest, but he must not allow pure selfishness to operate at the expense of the collective interests of his society, for it is the society which guarantees the welfare of each individual.

The voter who does not vote for those who have demonstrated interest in his welfare, is contributing to his own misfortunes. Such action is not only stupid but it is also insane, for it indicates an abnormal behavior pattern to deliberately do something that is directly opposed to the protective instinct of self-preservation.

BEFORE THE VOTER enters the voting booth he should, in his own interests, as well as for the collective interests of his fellows, have intelligent information on the background of every candidate for public office.

The political pot has already started to simmer and, within a few months, the pot will be filled with all sorts of ingredients and will be then ready for tasting by the voters.

We, at the VOICE, intend to analyze the past performances of each candidate who jumps into the political Mulligan Stew, so that our readers can sharpen their political taste buds in order to select from the Stew only those ingredients which are most savory, rather than having the whole Stew shoved down their throats.

WE WISH TO CLARIFY our position in offer-

ing information concerning the ingredients in the political pot. Our sole purpose is to make information available which will allow voters to make intelligent selections. The VOICE was created to offer assistance to those who seek a way to improve their personal welfare. We shall always hold fast to this purpose and, under public oath, we shall never misguide our readers; nor shall we ever be a party to the dishonorable practice of political prostitution which sells you "down the river."

TAKE PRIDE IN BEING A NEGRO

A vital changing moment of law enforcement in the American democracy has come. If the Americans want a democracy that will live forever, "a government of the people, by the people and for the people," as well as a government which will be a society where life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are the inalienable rights of every man, they must fight to blot out every remnant of race prejudice and race hatred by accepting the saving grace of God as becomes all Christian people. They must enforce equal protection by the law for all American citizens, irrespective of race, color or previous condition of servitude. They must destroy everything that seems likely to be contrary to these ends.

If the American people would but turn the pages of history of this great nation, they would find that they have never faced a more serious problem than the race problem which exists today. But fellow citizens of this community, this problem can never and will never be solved so long as Negroes are looked upon as under-dogs.

Because historians have suppressed the truth about the Negroes capabilities of doing great things in contributing to the progress of civilization, many people doubt the Negro has played an important part in making history of the world. They have mostly concerned themselves with writing about the Negro as only a liability. These so-

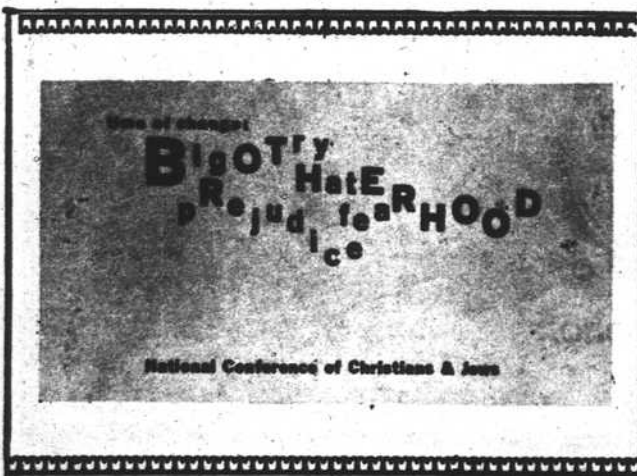
called writers of history do not tell the readers of their books that the African heritage of the American Negro was an asset to American democracy.

The Negro's devotion to the American flag has never been found lagging. He has done his part in helping to build the American citizenship into an undefeatable democratic government so that it shall forever be the land of the free and the home of the brave. Not at any time in the history of the American flag has he insulted the flag. His devotion to the American flag has always prevented him from killing or attempting to kill a President of these United States.

Black brave men ventured from Africa to Europe, to American and even to the North Pole. Despite handicaps, these adventurers have proved themselves worth of exaltation in the history of the world. But history, as prejudiced men have written it, conceals from the general public the black man's identity as one of the world's greatest men. These writers refer to the Black man as an American with no racial identity if his exploits are in connection with a noteworthy cause, but loudly proclaim he is a Negro if he is at fault.

Consequently, the general public is ignorant concerning many facts about the noble deeds of the black race's ancestral greatness, its scientific geniuses and the heroism of many of the

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