

# Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

as told by



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EUROPEAN HISTORIANS were joined by the authors of historical geography in perpetration of the hoax designed to elevate the image of European whites. Geographers claimed that Europeans had discovered America, Asia, Africa, and the whole western hemisphere.

It is something of a mystery as to how intelligent students of geography never seemed to question the great geographical "discoveries" of European explorers. It is ridiculous to believe that Marco Polo discovered China when that Asiatic empire had a high civilization when the people of Europe were an unknown band of heathens. It is equally unbelievable to give credence to the discovery of West Africa by European sailors when Mohammedanism was being practiced there when the first European Christians became aware of the existence of this area.

Dr. William Bunge, Professor of Geography at Wayne State University, Detroit, has applied logic to "discoveries" of so-called "unknown" areas of the globe. Bunge says that, "... discovery is a two-way street"--that, "when two people meet, each discovers the other."

"NOT ONLY are the great explorers of other countries ignored," Professor Bunge says, "such as the various Chinese expeditions, but certain out-and-out falsification dominates the education system up to and including some graduate schools. For instance, did the Europeans, especially the Portuguese, Dutch and English, really "discover" East Africa, India, and Indonesia? Did not the Arabs have a complete system of trade and colonization? Did not Mohammedanism reach Jakarta before Christianity? In fact, is there not evidence that the Portuguese were not the first to travel around Africa; rather, the Arabs and perhaps the Phoenicians were the first, traveling from East to West? ... The entire idea of "discovering" someone smacks of arrogance. Discovery is always mutual."

For historians to credit Columbus with discovering the Western Hemisphere is as ridiculous as the American Indians saying that Sitting Bull discovered Washington, D.C., when he visited our nation's Capital.

OUR AMERICAN CULTURE has passed on to each new generation a false concept that America's Caucasian ancestors carried the torch of civilization from the beginning of history, right up to the present time. No credit for development of our present-day civilization has been given to the black man, and only token contribution is given to the Chinese, who invented some of man's most important commodities, such as paper, printing, gunpowder, and the compass. There has been only cursory credit given to the African for being the first to indulge in metallurgy. Historians of the past have credited the discovery of working iron to the Egyptians whom they portray as pure white, when actually, they were much more black than white in their origin.

Hidden History will reveal the great persons of the past whose Negro identity has been "slighted" in the writings of both European and American authors. Among the famous names of history's great contributors, which will appear in these writings, we will include Cleopatra, Hannibal, Queen of Sheba, Menelik, Alessandro Dei Medici, Alexander Dumas, King John VI of Portugal, Robert Browning, Beethoven, and Estevanico, to mention but a few.

HIDDEN HISTORY will expose that part of history that actually has been previously recorded as either fiction, or as deliberate falsification intended to misguide the students of history. Eventually, we will throw light upon famous persons of Negro heritage whose names have been completely ignored by the stereotyped texts of yesterday.

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# EDITORIAL



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## Hurting Friend Helps Enemy

(From the Chicago Defender)

WE ARE FOLLOWING with great interest the current controversy between The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) which have picketed and are threatening a boycott of Schenley Industries.

The civil rights agencies are protesting they state, in support of "more than 3,000 West Coast grape pickers who struck Schenley and other growers on September 8 of this year." CORE charges the company has refused to sit down and bargain with representatives of the striking workers.

There are no Negroes among the strikers. They are primarily Mexican-American residents, with a smaller number being Filipino migrants, CORE says.

SCHENLEY'S, ON THE other hand, through its public relations department, takes the position that "the groups which seek to foment racial strife herein are misleading well-meaning citizens because there is no racial discrimination involved."

In this column's investigation, there seemed to be some doubt in the mind of a CORE top official with whom we talked, as to whether the aggrieved workers are represented by labor unions.

This disturbed us. However, Greg Harris, CORE director of Public Affairs, asserts that the California State Board of Employment has certified the fight as a legitimate labor dispute by two unions, one of them an AFL-CIO group.

We are not adequately informed in the situation to take sides. We have a great respect for CORE's James Farmer, although we have sometimes found some of the methods of some CORE groups seemingly premature and distasteful.

FARMER CANNOT always control the actions of CORE groups because of the autonomous manner in which its organizations are set up. Farmer, however, is squarely behind the Schenley protest.

We are concerned here as to whether sufficient thought and research have been given to this matter. We would hate to believe that Schenley Industries are being victimized by an unjust protest, for this corporation has a splendid and consistent record of enlightened activity on the race relations front and racial justice in its everyday operation.

The corporation became the first industrial firm to make a donation (\$10,000) to a Los Angeles fund working for rehabilitation in Watts. Schenley's hiring policies--long before the national hue and cry for integrated employment--has been one which will stand the most searching scrutiny.

NEGROES HAVE NOT only been accepted on a non-discriminatory basis in the ranks, but also at the top brass level. A number of scholarships have been sponsored to help Negroes prepare for business careers.

Schenley's sponsored an hour-long television show starring Lena Horne. This represented a breakthrough which all too many giant American firms have avoided making.

It is our hope that the controversy will be resolved and rapidly. We would hesitate to charge CORE with launching an unfair protest. But we believe it is so important that in our drive toward equality, we exercise scrupulous care in not attacking those who are truly our friends. That kind of tactic is the best ammunition our real enemies can get.

## EDITOR'S MAILBOX

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Dear Dr. West:

During the last several months, I have been a periodic reader of your newspaper whenever a copy came to my attention. Most recently, I had the privilege of reading your December 16 issue and was particularly impressed by your editorial and a number of the articles you had included at that time. In my brief tenure here with the Clark County School District, I have become quite committed to the future of Nevada and Las Vegas in particular. In this regard, I feel that it is extremely important to be completely informed with all the news and opinion from our community. I feel that your newspaper would be a very important addition to my regular reading material.

Enclosed you will find my personal check for \$6.00 for a one-year subscription to the Las Vegas VOICE. If it is possible, I would like to have it mailed to me personally, addressed in care of the Clark County School District, Box 551, Las Vegas, Nevada. You can count on me as one of your most interested readers, and I will look forward to my copy each week during the coming months. I want to thank you in advance for your assistance in meeting my request. You have my personal encouragement to keep up the very excellent and important work that you have been doing.

Sincerely,  
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