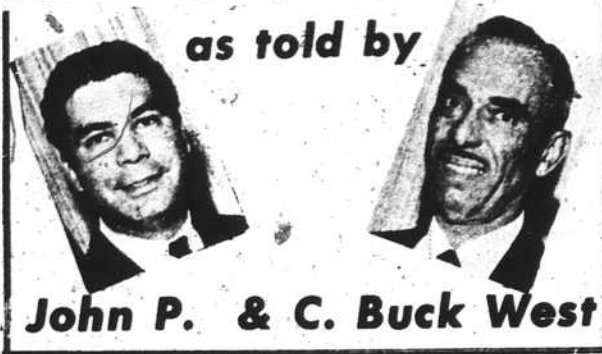


Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

as told by



John P. & C. Buck West

Chronological Synopsis of African geo-political history. To be presented in three installments.

#1 of Series: 1100 BC to 1800 AD

- 1100 BC Phoenicians build the city of Utica in Tunisia.
- 813 BC Phoenicians take possession of island of Carthage.
- 470 BC Hanno, a black Carthaginian, sailed through straits of Gibraltar and around Africa to the mouth of the Gambia river on the West Coast of Africa, south of Senegal.
- 332 BC Alexander the Great conquered Egypt and built a great city which he named in his image as Alexandria.
- 100 AD Christianity came to North Africa.
- 300 AD The African nation of Ghana was founded by the Sudanese.
- 639 AD Moslems take over all of North Africa.
- 700 AD Arabs began slave trade in East Africa and began trade in Asia, Asia-Minor, and southeast Europe.
- 1415 Henry, the Navigator, of Portugal began trade with West Africa.
- 1441 African slaves taken to Portugal.
- 1471 Portuguese began gold mining in the Gold Coast, now known as Ghana. They also established the first European settlement in West Africa, city of Elmina.
- 1480-90 Portuguese establish settlements in Angola, South Africa, and Mozambique, East Africa.
- 1502 First African slaves brought to Western Hemisphere landed in Haiti.
- 1562 John Hawkins, British nobleman, began slave trade between West Africa and Americas.
- 1600-1699 Portuguese-African empires begin to fall into hands of the Dutch, French, and British.
- 1620 Dutch establish slave trade with Virginia. First slaves landed at Jamestown in same year as the Pilgrim landing at Plymouth Rock.
- 1637 French colonized Senegal and built-up the city of Dakar which until today is called the Paris of Africa.
- 1652 Dutch, under Jan van Riebeeck, establish supply station at the Cape of Good Hope. The Cape settlement became a supply station for ships sailing to the Orient.
- 1680 Slave trade with the Americas became a thriving business with France, England, Spain and Holland competing.
- 1792 Freetown, Sierra Leone, established by England as a sanctuary for freed slaves.

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EDITORIAL

Complacency A Threat To Negro Progress

SCANNING THE YEARS of my lifetime, the realization struck me that 1965, just as all those other years, is now a matter for history. A new year is underway and, in my humble opinion, it holds brighter promises for the Negro than all the others combined, provided we help ourselves.

It is a gratifying distinction to have been a "charter member" of the staff of the Las Vegas VOICE. It is equally a proud pleasure to have the opportunity to voice my own views in our community newspaper. I am very proud of the VOICE, and my hat goes off to Dr. West and the rest of the VOICE staff for the commendable job that has been done. I am fully aware that the job has not been an easy one.

The Las Vegas VOICE has been a knight in shining armor for the Negro community of the whole state of Nevada. The VOICE is an important cog in the wheels of Negro progress in Nevada.

IT IS THEREFORE MANDATORY that the Negro community gather its forces and support this knight, which in turn, will make the Negroes' journey to full citizenship, with equal opportunities, a smoother, as well as a faster trip.

Nevada Negroes, most of whom have 'escaped' from the South, seeking a better life, should look back over their shoulders to the gallant black brothers who stayed behind. We, in Nevada, can profit handsomely by adopting the spirit of togetherness that our southern Negro brothers display so courageously.

The Southern Negro is fighting the battle for equality at the risk of both physical violence and economic reprisals. The Nevada Negro has become the slave of satisfaction and complacency. When man becomes satisfied with his conditions to the point of being complacent, he squanders all chances for further progress, and eventually begins to lose the gains that he has made.

THERE IS JUST AS MUCH work to be done in Nevada as there is to be done in Alabama, Louisiana or Mississippi. The Negroes of Selma, Bogalusa or Jackson have their hands full on their local battlegrounds. They can not fight the battle of Las Vegas, Reno and Hawthorne. We must take up the cudgel on our own 'war front'.

The Las Vegas VOICE was created to engage in the struggle for full freedoms and opportunities for Nevada Negroes, and it is dedicated to this end. However, neither the VOICE, nor the "Tall Texan", our great friend in the White House, can win the Negroes' struggle if the Negroes themselves do not support their own cause.

L. B. J. IS OPENING all the doors and pulling out all the stops. The VOICE has been showing the way, but no one can push the Negro through the doors of opportunity, and certainly we do not expect arms of welcome to reach out and pull us into those areas where the stops have been removed. The Negro must prepare himself and then walk proudly through those portals of freedom and prosperity that were once closed to him.

WE URGE all Negroes of our community to read "Hidden History" on page 2 of the Las

Vegas VOICE. "Hidden History" is, as Dr. West and John P. West say, the "Unsung Saga of the Black Man". For the very first time in Las Vegas an authentic accounting of previously untold history of the Negro is brought to light. Every Negro can develop a furious pride in his heritage if he reads this feature every week. We believe that our community will quickly re-gather its togetherness when it becomes aware of the rich heritage it has in common.

If we really wish to enjoy the realization of the bright promise of 1966, then, we must do a few things on our own to accomplish this end. If we work at it, we can make the dream of a century (since Abe Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation) come true. Our community newspaper is the key to bringing this dream of a century to life. Support the VOICE--it needs your support so that it can do more for you.

SHOP WITH THE PEOPLE and businesses that advertise in the VOICE. Those people are the lifeline of the paper, and the paper is the lifeline of our dream.

Together, we all go up! Divided we all stay down! Let's get together!

R.J. "Bobby" Johnson

Dr Martin Luther King Tells It Like It Is

DURING THE PAST 11 years, starting with the crusade for integrated bus transportation in Montgomery, Ala., I have found myself more and more deeply involved in the civil rights struggle.

In this turbulent, traumatic and thrilling decade, much has been written, spoken and revealed about the plight of the Southern Negro and his indomitable courage in his march toward human dignity. Nothing could be more richly deserved than the fulsome praise which has been accorded to black sons and daughters of the South.

Their creative, loving non-violent militancy has written bright pages into the history of meaningful progress for this nation.

These same heroic marching blacks would be the first to acknowledge that they were not forced to stand alone in their bitter struggle. Americans of both races, all religions and classes and, indeed, citizens of other lands, helped make major victories possible.

WITH PRAYER and moral and financial support men of goodwill from virtually every corner of the universe have given significant witness to the Negro revolution.

Not the least of these has been the Negro people who inhabit our teeming cities of the North, Midwest and Far West.

At the Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies in Oslo last year, I predicted that the final battles of the civil rights struggle would assume a new dimension. I envisioned that the thrust would not be a struggle to integrate lunch counters, but would develop into a problem of dealing with de facto segregation in schools, jobs and housing in our Northern cities.

Developments have justified this prediction which was shared by leaders of other civil rights (See DR. KING, page 4)



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