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'BLACK JOURNAL'

"BLACK JOURNAL" EXAMINES QUESTION "WAR IN AFRICA?" ON NEXT EDITION
 Guests Include General Daniel "Chappie" James, Judge William Booth, Chairman, American Committee on Africa

Commentary by Ossie Davis
 NEW YORK -- "It is important finally for Americans -- Black and White -- to understand the urgency of the American stake in Africa," BLACK JOURNAL host and executive producer Tony Brown says on the next edition of BLACK JOURNAL, "War in Africa?" "A race war there could force Blacks and Whites to blind racial definitions, and would undoubtedly have a catastrophic impact on race relations in the big cities of America."

General Daniel "Chappie" James, commander-in-chief of the North American Air Defense Command; and New York State Supreme Court Judge William Booth, chairman of the American Committee on Africa, are among the guests on the next BLACK JOURNAL, which will evaluate the current racial strife in the remaining African countries ruled by White minority regimes.

Produced by WNET/13, New York, BLACK JOURNAL'S "War in Africa?" will be distributed nationally by the Public Broadcasting Service to its member stations the week of Monday, February 21, 1977. (Important: Please check local PBS station schedules for correct area broadcast times. In New York, WNET/Channel 13 will air BLACK JOURNAL Sunday, February 20, 6:00 P.M.) BLACK JOURNAL is made possible with the assistance of a grant from Pepsi-Cola Company.

According to BLACK JOURNAL'S Tony Brown, "From an African perspective, it is no longer a question of whether Blacks will take over in southern Africa, whether apartheid will be destroyed, but rather a question of how soon will it happen and will it come with or without violence?"

"I am of the opinion that there's a race war going on right now," Judge William Booth said. "It's an unpublicized war. But I think there are large numbers of people who have begun to realize that they've got to fight inside and they can't expect any change unless the fight comes from inside... Rhodesia is lost by now. As a matter of fact, the government of Rhodesia should fall any day."

General "Chappie" James thinks that "too often Black people tend to look at Africa and its problems in terms of Black and White ... In predominantly Black countries that have been downtrodden for so long, for centuries, we find that too often there's Black on Black ... For us, as American Blacks, to say that we're going to side with this side or the other, you can't decide on what color they are, because it depends on what ideology or what faction is backing them. And that is the problem that you have in Africa right now."

On BLACK JOURNAL, Tony Brown discusses the past history of South Africa and Rhodesia and the various tribes and racial groups that make up their populations. He analyzes the economic and foreign policy implications of the current African situation, shows film that depicts the results of apartheid and the conditions under which Blacks live in South Africa. He also describes the "pass laws" restricting Black and "Colored" movement within South Africa, and the White South African government's "homeland" solution to the current problems -- relocating Blacks in quasi-independent territories called the "Bantustans."

Ruby Says



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

As a member of the Nevada State Council on Vocational-Education, I had the good fortune to be sent to Hawaii to a conference on vocational education last week. The summation of my report back to the Council in Nevada can be briefly explained.

Vocational Education must become fully recognized within our education system. Not only is it an important means of individual self-fulfillment, it is the only realistic tool we have to promote full employment and bring about economic growth and stability for our citizens. Vocational education can bring about training education and job skills in developing a person to his or her fullest potential. In this society, employment training and education must be an economically independent goal. We must provide quality education to meet vocational aspirations of the individual while being compatible with full employment opportunities and the needs of a rapidly changing economy. The curricula must be based on current manpower information which estimates potential full employment opportunities for enrollees of a program.

Vocational Education has the tremendous potential in any low income community and may be the single most cost-effective program to reach the idyllic goal of full employment and an end to poverty. We can and should provide opportunities for continuing education without barriers to entrance for adults who seek to improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes in achieving career goals and financial security.

The Legislative Judicial Committee held hearings in Las Vegas on the Equal Rights Amendment. About 600 people showed up to air their views. There was one striking note: The opponents against ERA and the religious groups anti the passage felt that it would destroy the family structure by women going out to work and leaving their children at child care centers. Ha! Don't you wish you had the luxury to stay home and take care of your children??? Wouldn't it be nice if the world was really like that? These misguided women and their husbands feel it is a natural role for women to look after their men - but they don't know what the real world consists of outside of their lilly-white polyester holes. Too many women are without husbands but have children - and don't have someone to share the financial burden of looking after their homes and children. Right now, we don't know what the vote will be, but we are sure it will be tied and left to the courts to decide - Isn't that a shame in this day and age that women still have to ask men for their rights?? It seems that women and minorities have not come much further in the last hundred years.

Don't forget about the Jackson Street Clinic and the EPSDT program. If you have children under 21 (or you are a young adult under 21) and have a medicaid card, call your social worker for a SAMI 25 form and get a good health check-up.

Remember to come to the Town Tavern this weekend for Operation Life and see Clyde, Them and Her and Total Unity. See you then!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- As a veteran, may I use the GI Bill for correspondence courses?

A -- Yes. If you are eligible for benefits and the correspondence course is approved for VA training, the VA will pay 90 per cent of the cost of the course.

Q -- I purchased a home in 1957 and had a loan guaranteed by the VA. I sold the home and the loan has been paid in full. Is it possible for me to obtain another VA-guaranteed home loan?

A -- Since you disposed of the home and the original GI loan has been paid in full, your loan privilege can be restored. Contact your nearest VA office for full information.

Q -- In 1966 I bought a \$5,000 "JR" insurance policy because I was totally disabled. I have a \$5,000 World War II "V" policy on waiver. Can I get a waiver of premiums on my "JR" policy too?

A -- No waiver will be granted for total disability in existence at the time your insurance became effective.

Q -- What are the dates of war service to qualify for VA nonservice-connected pension as a Vietnam-era veteran?

A -- Aug. 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975.

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The BLACK JOURNAL Opinion Poll of Black leaders found a majority opposing American military intervention in southern Africa. The two BLACK JOURNAL samples -- EBONY Magazine's "100 Most Influential Black Americans," and another 100 Black leaders chosen by BLACK JOURNAL -- were in basic agreement. Eighty-six percent of the EBONY 100 were against military intervention, 75 percent of the BLACK JOURNAL 100. On the question of a Black-ruled Rhodesia, 63% of the EBONY sample said a Black rhodesia could survive economically without its White population, 83% of the BLACK JOURNAL sample agreed.

Asked, "Do you think Rhodesia would have agreed to majority rule if it were not for guerilla warfare?" 91% of the EBONY sample answered no, 98% of the BLACK JOURNAL sample answered no.

Also on this week's BLACK JOURNAL: the "electronic crossword quiz" testing the viewers' knowledge of the information conveyed on the "War in Africa?" program, and a guest commentary by actor Ossie Davis on "wealth, ethics and the world's future."