

A SENTINEL-VOICE "HISTORICAL SKETCH OF ANGELA DAVIS" PART II

By Muhammad Abdullah

In following up last week's interview with Angela Davis the SENTINEL-VOICE would like to remind our readers of the magnitude of this "historic" interview. Angela Davis is as much a part of the civil rights movement as leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Medgar Evers, A. Phillip Randolph, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm X. Shabazz, Muhammad Ali, Imam W.D. Muhammad. Minister Louis Farrakhan, US Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and the list goes on even into the pre-Civil War period of early America and beyond the shores of North America.

Angela Davis represents a

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—had a powerful work ethic that drove them north to seek better economic opportunities.

The "peasant background" thesis, if it's to be taken seriously, should also explain the status of other rural migrant groups. It doesn't.

The vast Irish immigration of the last century, for example, consisted of uneducated farm workers driven off the land by hunger. Most of this century's millions of migrants from Italy, Poland and elsewhere came from backward, rural regions.

The real variable is race.

African American migrants encountered racial barriers in urban America that were as high, if different, as the barriers they left the south to escape.

Economics is another cause of today's inner city problems. Once the migrants arrived, the economy began to change. Jobs moved to the suburbs and employers demanded educa-

history that nurtured the beginnings of mass "civil protests", demonstrations", ethnic consciousness" and "Black Pride". We began to remember an era of the "raised Black Fist" as a symbol of "Black Power." "Power To The People", was the chant that rang on our nations streets as "freedom loving" people of all races and "anti-Vietnam War" protestors marched and joined hands as they demanded to be heard. Finally, we will never forget the courageous African-American athletes who took their "domestic protests" for FREEDOM, JUSTICE and EQUALITY on to the International stage as they raised their "clenched fists" at the Olympic games. Davis has not relented, she is

tional levels denied to black working class children in inferior urban schools.

Despite the tremendous obstacles they faced, the vast majority of the migrants established themselves through hard work and perseverance.

Many of their children became educated and successful. Today's growing African American middle class is the direct result of the sacrifices made by those brave people.

It's a lot easier to focus on their supposed shortcomings through misleading and false theories than it is to address the real issues of racism and urban economics that are the cause of today's urban poverty.

We've had too many silly theories and mistaken analyses about urban poverty. Let's call a moratorium on that nonsense and get to work at finally fulfilling the dreams that pulled those migrants to the promised land of the northern cities.

still dedicated the the "struggle", in fact, more so now than before, while embracing "human rights" pleas for all "freedom" loving human beings regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

In spite of her political views, one must not be disillusioned. We must see and understand the importance of "unity", of "purpose" in a time where differences of opinion, attitudes and prejudices are "human" and "inevitable", but foremost in our minds should be the "survival of our ethnic group" and ultimately the survival of the "human family."

This is the contemporary Angela Davis. This is the hope of all contemporary African-American leaders and leaders of people-of-color as our earth becomes smaller and more complex and "the presentation of our Mother Earth", the purpose of "all upcoming generation." Neither race, creed, nation or gender can continue to war against each other as our Earth continues to get smaller and its inhabitants continue to over-populate it. It is time to write new history and set aside differences that may lead to the "annihilation of our planet." This is her call and the call of many others as we approach the 21st century.

Davis continues next week in our SENTINEL-VOICE EX-

CLUSIVE personal interview as she discusses her Communist view and how she has not changed her stands in the civil rights struggles.

Be looking for the extremely "informative" conclusion in the Three Part interview as Davis states how most Americans are victims of "shortsightedness" forming their views on what they hear on radio, see on television or read in the newspapers and how she has developed an "international or global outlook on issues and how that can benefit African-American people. Davis elaborated on her affiliation with so-called militant freedom fighters such as Huey Newton, Eldridge Cleaver, Bobby Seale, Stokely Carmichael, Bobby Humprey and others and how we must learn from our methods of dealing with civil injustices.

Davis concludes by offering insights to our African-American youth and how they can escape the ravishes of crime, gangs, drugs and substance abuse. Finally she discusses her pleas to inmates of the San Francisco Correctional Facility which she volunteers her time weekly to counsel male and female inmates when not teaching as a Professor at San Francisco University campus.

Next week we will present excerpts from a rally held at Zion Methodist Church in which nearly five-hundred people gathered to



ANGELA DAVIS, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. (photo by Savoy, Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice)

show support forth Police Control Board. Angela Davis was the featured Keynote speaker. The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NARPR) local president Dr. James Tate delivered a stirring speech echoing the theme "Wake Up Giant", which calls for all "freedom loving people" of all "races" to unite to break down the "barriers of race hate crimes", "police crime", "political repression" and "homophobic violence" that exist in Las Vegas, North

Las Vegas and throughout Clark County. This one, you don't want to miss.

Be sure to attend as many City Council, Clark County Commission, Regional Transportation Commission, Clark county School District and other government meetings and hearings as possible. We have a responsibility to help shape and form our city, state and federal government. Find out what's going on. It's time to get "involved!"

African C I N E M A

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 pm
Saturday, May 18, 1:00 pm

Cedo (pronounced Ched-doe)
From the collection of the widely known African filmmaker, Ousmane Sembene, comes an exciting political thriller concerning the kidnapping of a beautiful princess. In this, his most ambitious and remarkable film, Sembene evokes the whole of the African experience.

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 pm
Saturday, June 15, 1:00 pm

Sambilzanga
A tale of separation and brutality, this film, directed by Sarah Maldoror, is one of the most important films on black resistance in Africa. Set just before the 1961 uprising against the Portuguese colonialists, the story centers on a young woman's search for her jailed husband.

Both Films Have English subtitles.
Limited seating. For reservations, call 647-2117.



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