

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

INVASION BY SUSPICION

By Jack Wilson Pacheco

It has become increasingly more difficult to get information about the trial of Manuel Antonio Noriega.

One would think that the Media that has shown so much concern in the workings of the Justice System that it has regaled us with full and prime time coverage of the most recent rape and mass murder cases and which showed so much creative energy in the coverage of the invasion of Panama would be more interested in following the story as it reaches its climax.

The fact is that the U.S. Government, disregarding all International Laws, without even

consulting with the U.N. or the O.A.S., unilaterally decided on and carried out an invasion of a friendly sovereign nation, killing hundreds of innocent people, violating the diplomatic immunity of consular officials of countries that had nothing to do with the matter at hand and sinking Panama's economy and infrastructure to uncharted depths.

The reason given for this display of international hooliganism: The reputed breaking of United States Local Law by Mr. Noriega and the accusations of electoral fraud in the Panamanian elections.

Not to say that these "High Moral Principles" are enough to

justify the breach of International Law that the invasion implied it would, at least be more palatable were they enforced in all similar cases with the same vigor; but this is not the case.

Even if we do not take into account the absurdity of pretending to impose U.S. laws on every citizen in every country, it is hard to believe in the Bush Government's commitment to democracy when one sees that

an electoral fraud in Panama warrants an invasion while a military coup against a democratically elected President in Haiti warrants no action at all.

One might even be tempted to think that the Government may not be guided by pure democratic principles, but rather by the requirement of defending its economic interests abroad.

Still, the deed has been done. The flag waving Media which showed such enthusiasm in

getting to the bottom of the matter at the time of the invasion does not seem to show so much inquisitiveness now that the man is in jail and the proofs are at hand.

Could it be that the Big Media is having second thoughts about the unconditional backing it gave George Bush in this venture now that it seems plausible that Noriega may be found innocent?

Could it be that the Big Media is really more interested in the

big business that a war brings to them than in uncovering and informing the people about the facts?

Could it be that having shared in the profits of the war they do not want to share in the shame for all Americans that could well be the final result of this invasion/capture.

These and many such questions will of course remain unanswered other than by the Media's actions and inaction.

N.L.V. ... THE WESTSIDE STORY

I SPEAK ENGLISH TOO!

By R. K. Brown

This is just a brief lesson on the English language. Our language is institutionalized in its very thinking, just as the rest of European society, socially, economically, and politically, has developed over the past 600 years.

First we will examine the word BLACK and its meaning. According to the dictionary, the word BLACK literally means; sad, evil, or negro. I'm sure many of you feel that isn't so bad, but I will continue. There is also BLACK mail, BLACK guard (a villain); and BLACK hearted (to be wicked.)

Now obviously there are hundreds of other uses of the word black, 99% of which are bad! You also have such harmless things as devil's food cake which is of course chocolate, and funerals which we all know, you wear dark or black clothing.

If...however, we look at the dictionaries meaning of the word white, we find that it literally means pure and fair. There are white lies (harmless), white collar workers (executives), and the white house. Remember the "good" cowboy wore white as he went around slaughtering the Indians! Most important, if you want an "angel" of a cake you only have to grab the cake mix with the white ingredients.

My point is that African Americans should never forget how deeply these racist themes are incorporated in every aspect of our lives.

Europeans decided when they were stuck on that iceberg, that the only way to obtain lands and wealth, was to implement a world wide racist philosophy. They established colonialism to take every facet of contribution from the other people of the world. In this way they could

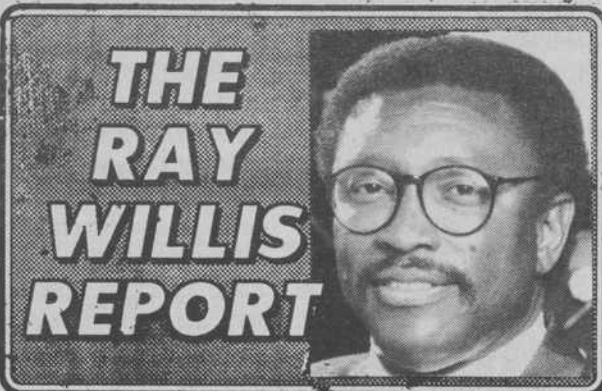
erase the contributions of people who established cultures before Europeans were even civilized.

Notice I said erase, because it is a documented fact that Europeans received their culture from the Greeks and Romans; who in turn received their culture from Africa. Europe didn't even begin to develop, until cultures in Africa had been around for THOUSANDS of years!

We must remember that for most of the history of the world,

blacks were considered the greatest, and best looking people on the face of the earth. This reasoning wasn't the Black man's, it was held to be true by the other races of the world.

Only a well thought out plan of slander, and destruction, complete with negative language identification, and theft of history, could cover our past and present greatness! Remember, this is the "English" language, which means ANY negative stereotype is possible. PEACE.



WHIP APPEAL?

"Whip appeal" is something Indiana University (IU) head basketball coach Bobby Knight obviously doesn't have a clue about.

For the life of me, I can't figure out why he would actually bring a real bull whip with him as a prop to the practice session with his players. Not only did he do it, but he also demonstrated his whip cracking skill in full view of the news media. And to all insult to injury, he made racially flavored comments to the media about his preferred use of the bull whip.

The next day, a caption beneath a Las Vegas daily newspaper photo of Knight cracking his bull whip read, "Knight jokingly brought a whip to basketball practice." Yeah, right jokingly.

On face value, the incident might have been dismissed as a joke, had it not been for Knight's pointed comments. "This (the bull whip) is the best motivational tool I've ever used," he was quoted as saying.

We, meaning Black people, are very much aware of code words and how they can convey a powerful stereotyped message. It's a fact that when we bring instances like this to light, we as Black people risk being judged as being too sensitive. The truth is these occurrences need to be exposed for what they are.

In this case, Knight, who is White, is cast in the role of master of a modern day plantation. Except that Knight's "plantation" is populated with Black "field hands," better known as basketball players.

The Black players portray modern day slaves. You might compare Knight to the plantation overseer who physically whipped his slaves as "motivation" to pick more cotton. Knight, of course, used his bull whip to establish a symbolic master/slave relationship and to affirm his superiority as the person responsible for the team's ultimate success. Lurking behind Knight's use of the bull whip is a hidden message that Black players are extremely difficult to motivate unless they are "whipped" into shape.

Could Knight have acted out the bull whip incident as a cruel joke without perceiving the problems his action would cause? Only he knows for certain. If nothing else, this incident shows how wide the understanding gap between the races actually is in America today.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

...You Fit The Description

Dear Editor:

Hopefully this letter will be read by the young brothers and sisters of Las Vegas as they will be made aware of the fact that "if they're black - they fit the description."

I was looking forward to an enjoyable weekend with guests from out-of-town when my day was ruined by a disturbing phone call from

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