

NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY

WE'VE JUST BEGUN!

By R.K. Brown

As we discussed even before the election, the Bush administration has begun to plant the seeds of major military conflicts! We all know that it will be

difficult enough for the liberal administration to deal with the domestic problems we have here at home, let alone "three or four" international crises which are being set in place as we speak.

I can see the inner circle of power brokers brainstorming in some secrete Washington think tank; "well, the general public voted us out for the decade long oppression, but before we go we can start wars and chaos all over the globe!"

It is strange to me that the people in Somalia have been starving for much of Bush's administration, yet months before it is time for him to leave office he decides suddenly to take action. What is even stranger is that, many of the weapons and supplies used by the Somali rebels, were distrib-

uted by American intelligence.

Now...don't get me wrong, I fully support the moving in and helping of the thousands of starving people in the country. But, before we rush in risking lives of ghetto and rural back post children (remember U.S. ground forces are always OVER represented by black bodies 35%), we should have a well thought out plan of delivery, defense, self governing techniques, and exit formats. Only then could we avoid the next "Vietnam."


Also we must never forget that if the government begins to risk the lives of "white" American

soldiers for the sake of those "black" souls, you can believe it won't be too long before the white American public "demands" that we go to Europe and help clean up every conflict of civil war, economic depression or communist break up, that is presently occurring! Every matter from the fall of the British currency, to the granting of food for the Russian unemployed will be endorsed.

It is strange that many of the countries which are currently in a state of civil unrest, received much of their military supplies from U.S. Intelligence. Somalia,

Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, and others all can be glad they were military allies of the U.S. Now, as conservatives get ready to leave office, we find groups of well armed rebels all over the globe. Reaganomics leaves us with conflicts raging almost everywhere imaginable. Was it all a part of a master plan? I don't know, but one thing is for sure. The new liberal administration will have more then its share of international and domestic problems to deal with in its first 120 days in office.

PEACE...



THE RAY WILLIS REPORT
BY RAY E. WILLIS

N-M-A

Ask anyone at random if race really and truly matters and they will probably sweat up and down it doesn't mean a thing, or make a bit of difference to them. The person making such a statement could be well-intentioned. But looking at things in a realistic light, race somehow almost always seems to matter.

It matters a lot. Take for instance the use of race along with other physical characteristics, to describe suspects and fugitives from the law.

Do you know what an N-M-A is? For the record, N-M-A is a police jargon for Negro Male Adult. Despite the fact that the term Negro went out of vogue many years ago, Metro Police continues to use it in their description code book.

Several local Black leaders have protested the continued use of N-M-A by Metro as evidence of disrespect. For the record, surveys show that most Black people prefer being called African-American today. Most of us though don't mind being called Black. But Negro? To call us Negro today is as politically incorrect as calling us Colored.

But the one I can't quite figure out is why the news media routinely uses race to describe criminal suspects. When they say on the news that he was a Black male of a certain age and height, it could literally apply to hundreds, if not thousands who fit the same general description. In that regard, the news media makes us all potential suspects by indiscriminately using race.

Maybe it wouldn't be so bad if they counterbalanced things by making a big deal of it when

an N-M-A does something good.

Wouldn't it be nice for a change to hear the following: "Congratulations to Louis Conner, Jr. (L.C.), an N-M-A, for doing an excellent job as manager of KCEP." (By the way, he is doing an excellent job.)

Realistically, we know the frequent positive reinforcement of Black males in balance with the negatives is not bound to become reality. The tendency in police agencies, in the media, and in society in general, is to show us in a negative, damaging, sinister way. And besides, it coincides with other prevailing images they reflect of us.

Black men being arrested. Hands against the wall. Being frisked. With handcuffs on. Being led away in shackles. Behind bars. Looting. Committing crime. High siding. Low riding. Dangerous, to ourselves and to others. To be avoided at all costs.

Voila. There you have it. A hatchet job from start to finish. Nice. Neat. Complete. Yet so absolutely and totally distorted beyond reality.

So there you have it. The saga of the N-M-A. To know is to grow. Until next week.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

LEGACY OF EL-HAJJ MALIK-EL-SHABAZZ

By James S. Tate Jr., M.D.

The political assassination of Malcolm X on February 21, 1965 was for some, thought to be an end. For the U.S. Government, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations specifically, who had shadowed Malcolm all through his trip to Mecca in 1964, and indeed, who presented such a real threat to Malcolm's life, that none other than Charles Degaul of France refused to allow Malcolm to land in France during his returning trip to avoid the possibility of Malcolm being assassinated by the Central intelligence Agency in France

and having France shoulder the burden of that act. All assumed that with his death, this would be the end of the last real Messiah for the African American community. History has shown that they were absolutely incorrect. While Malcolm's voice was to some extent silenced for a brief time, indeed his message, his spirit, his vitality, and his clear thought survives and grows stronger, even today. Of course, much of the thought of Malcolm X has been brought to national attention by the movie produced and directed by Spike Lee. However, for the African American community, Malcolm

has never left, if one thinks about the number of parks within the African American community named after Malcolm, the streets named after him, and again in the African American community, the countless quotations (admittedly, some taken out of context), that continue to be repeated time and time again make it clear rather than being a new rediscovery of Malcolm X, Malcolm X has never left. He has always been here.

Yes, there are some who would try to sully Malcolm's memory by attacking the film and/or attacking Malcolm himself. This will not work. It is clear that everyone has seen the nature of the beast and understands the nature of the beast. It is also clear that everyone understands those handkerchief heads who serve the purpose of the beast of whatever color they may be presented in. It is clear that Malcolm X was larger than life while alive and continues to be so even in death. He was as Ossie Davis stated in his ulogy "our black manhood." For he

gave vent to feelings that many of us had, but were either afraid to say or may have said but had been unheeded. His clear perception of the need for not only African American unity, but, an understanding that we are all Africans.

It is only a matter of where we happen to be living now that separates us, and that as long as we allow those geographic divisions to separate us, we will be easy prey for the beast. Only until we understand that we are part of a much greater whole, all of whom, all of which goes back to the African roots of all humanity on this planet, will we understand clearly the path to true liberation.

So for those few who may not have seen this monumental and historic undertaking, please take the time to go and see it. Perhaps, take a clipboard and a pen and take notes, not of the first portion of the movie, because that merely chronicles the ability of a man to change from the negative direction of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and crime to

the positive aspects of a national spokesman. That is not the important part. The important part can be found in the speeches and the ideology that Malcolm developed over the last 10 years of his life that speaks to Pan-Africanism, African unity, and only after that is obtained, a global unity.

Clearly, this was no ordinary man. Equally clear, this was not a man who had influence only in the United States as indicated by the fact that for the first time in history, a film crew from outside of the Islamic world, was allowed inside the temple at Mecca and was actually allowed to film inside. Such is the measure of a man who is so important, so overwhelming, that even the reactionary Government of Saudi Arabia has to bend and allow this historic event to take place. The lessons of Malcolm X are many and varied. We would all do well to study them, for they are more timely now than at any other time in history.

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