

GUEST COMMENTARY SELF-RELIANCE KEY TO AFRIKAN LIBERATION

By Thomas Cacho

One of the crippling effects of the Afrikan's experience of chattel slavery was the loss of his ability to stand on his own two feet and do for himself like every other people on earth. This was a direct result of the European slavemaker's realization that putting the Afrikan in chains would not be enough. In order to

make him completely subservient his mind had to be conquered and his proud Afrikan spirit broken. As such he was methodically dehumanized to the level of beasts and made completely dependent on the slavemaster for food, shelter and clothing.

Today the social, economic and political condition of blacks the world over continue to deter-

riorate. This is in large part due to the crippling legacy of slavery when our pride in and love of race, self-reliance, and concept of nation-building were taken from us. We remain the most wretched and despised people on earth not so much because of our condition. The Afrikan will never be respected on this earth until the race as a whole has, in the words of the Honorable Marcus Garvey, "emphasized itself, through self-achievement and progress, from universal prejudice."

The first step in regaining Afrikan race-independence and self-sufficiency will be to reclaim that which was first taken from us, namely our Afrikan history, culture and heritage. This entails much self- and group-study, but most important of all taking on the responsibility of educating our own children. One of our very own distinguished and scholarly brothers, historian John Henrik Clarke, has warned us that "powerful people never educate the victims of their power in how to take their power away from them." To this I might add that the power of oppressors is rooted in the ignorance of those they oppress. You can never oppress a historically and culturally conscious people; sooner or later they will find a way out of their oppression.

Those brothers and sisters who are historically and culturally conscious, and whose loyalty and devotion to the race is beyond question, must be ele-

vated to leadership positions. No longer can we afford to have Caucasian-trained and -controlled "leaders" whose sole aim in life is to be as Caucasian as they can get, fattening themselves on the white man's crumbs while the Black masses suffer. The survival of the race and the future of our children demands a new kind of leadership, one that is Afrikan-conscious, steadfast, fearless and, like every other people on the planet, will practice the doctrine of "RACE FIRST" 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

What we do for ourselves is very much determined by what we think of ourselves. The white man knows this. Why do you think he goes to such great lengths to hide your glorious history from you? Your Afrikan ancestors built the first and greatest civilizations (ancient Nubian and Egyptian civilizations) thousands of years ago when Europe was but a swamp and the white man was living in caves with rats and insects. It was your Afrikan ancestors that brought civilization to the rest of the world; constructed temples and pyramids that today remain the envy of the world; gave the concept of a God, philosophy, the arts and sciences to the rest of humanity. If we could have done it then, we can surely do it now. Onwards the Afrikan Revolution!

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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

Throughout this country there are Africans who are committed to educating other Africans about their greatness. These brothers and sisters have accepted the challenge that the creator has beset them and they look not for fame and glory. Their gratification comes in knowing that those who hear their message are moved to seek greater knowledge of self.

Last week you may recall I mentioned that another educator, lecturer Tony Browder will be here in Las Vegas next week Monday August 23, 1993 to speak on the Nile Valley Contribution to Civilization. He is one of many Africans in America who has faced the challenge head on of re-educating a brainwashed people. Browder, like his contemporaries, understands that the task is difficult at least and often times fatal at most. But that does not and has not stopped this strong Black man from accomplishing his goals.

On Monday, August 23, 1993 the Las Vegas community will be graced with the presence of one of Africa's greatest sons. Tony Browder's thought provoking presentation at 7:00 p.m. at the Huntridge Theater will cover topics such as African Americans and American history. Egyptian origins of Science and Metaphysics and the African origin of Christianity, just to name a few. The lecture is a must for those of you who are at the threshold of self knowledge but are afraid to open the door.

Anthony Browder, as I mentioned earlier, is an author, publisher, cultural historian and educational consultant. He is the founder and director of the Institute of Karmic Guidance (IKG), a culturally oriented organization which is dedicated to the dissemination of ancient Egyptian history. Mr. Browder sponsors lectures and seminars and even conducts Afro-centric tours of Washington, D.C. He's lectured throughout the world and has conducted numerous television, radio and press interviews.

From the Browder File: 22 Essays on the African American Experience, Nile Valley Contribution to Civilization and My First Trip to Africa are the three works Browder has authored and published. If you have any doubts as to your greatness then you need to hear brother Tony when he speaks on Monday August 23 at the Huntridge Theater at 7:00 p.m. If nothing else pick up his books at your local Afrocentric book store. For more information call the Minister of Information at 796-7702 or call Brother Mel Davis at 795-7081. You won't regret your small donation to a larger cause. Until next week this has been the Minister of Information. Hotep!

THE NAACP AND YOU



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
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CHANGE MUST COME

Change is a condition that is most constant in America and although it is as inevitable as tomorrow's sunrise, yet it is resisted with every fiber of man's being. From the womb to the tomb changes are routinely and regularly taking place in the lives of human kind every hour of every day. Change seems to suggest to us that it is a condition that is opposite to the status quo. Millions of Americans are crying out for change. They don't want things to remain as they are. There are many different kinds of changes such as physical, social, political and economic. We change from boys and girls to men and women. From being very young to being very old. We change our minds on what we will and will not do. We change the food we eat and the clothes we wear as well as the cars we drive and houses we live in. We change our religious faiths and the political parties we affiliate with. We change what side of town we live in. We hate change and don't want any part of it unless it fits our fancy. Such as loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

The thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution changed the social, political and economical status of Blacks in America from slavery to now being half free. Change came through the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gave women the right to vote and now they represent over 51% of those who are eligible to vote on election day.

Change came when President Harry Truman outlawed discrimination against Blacks in the Armed Services during World

War II. President Bill Clinton campaigned on and was elected president on a platform of change. Some Americans are now saying we don't want to accept the change the president is making.

It seems to me that the president is saying to America you are sick with a cancerous tumor that will require radical and massive surgery to make you well. Let's begin with getting rid of the greedy not the needy. Those on welfare and food stamps who cheat Those who go unpunished for committing white-collar crimes.

Change will come when the Washington Pentagon contracts will stop being let to be good ol' boys to make \$250.00 or handles and \$500.00 toilet seats. Change will also come when the uninvestigated and unpunished multi-million dollar Contra and Savings and Loans thefts.

Change is now coming to balance the tax burden so that everyone will pay a fair based on income.

American is now changing from being God-fearing and loving to being racist, hateful and greedy. To maintain her leadership in the world of the nation, America must insist that we all play by the same rules on a level field in meeting out punishment in the criminal justice system. Not one for whites and another for Blacks. Let the punishment fit the crime evenhandedly.

Change to assist in providing medical care to it's most important assets, it's citizens.

Change to make education equally accessible to all of it's citizens. The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held the first weekend in Nov, 1993. Plan to buy a table and attend with your group, such as: beauticians, barbers, nurseries, doctors, lawyers, carpenters, plumbers, social workers, maids, porters, musicians, clubs, churches, family reunions, choirs, singers, dancers, actors, actresses and others. Plan to come out and support your NAACP. Call 646-1662.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

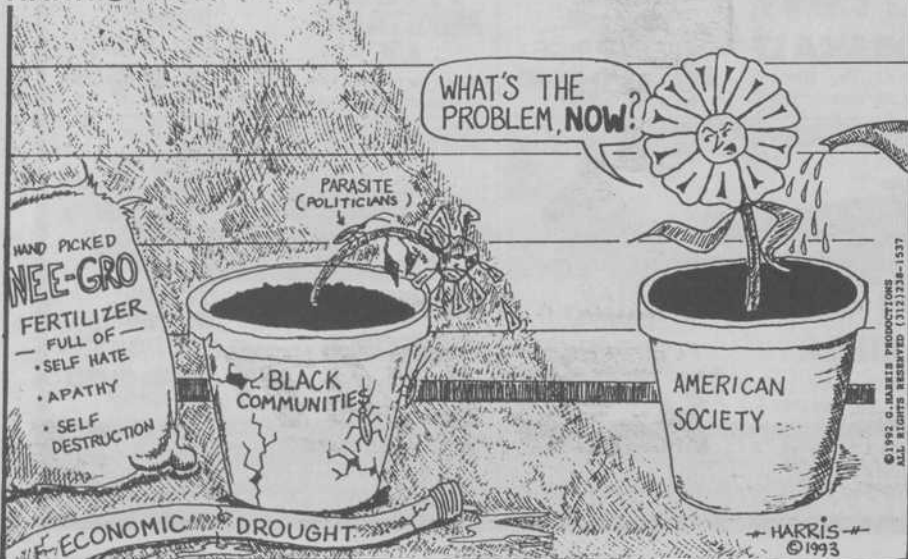
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overhaul schedule ... because fifty percent of the time I cannot connect with other buses to get home from work which is in the late evening and the most difficult time to be walking long distances down any streets of the crime-ridden cities of America.

My question is how many other black people in general are having difficulty with this new CAT bus system and are their requests for connection being denied as mine have been.

Black people have been classified by the government as a permanent underclass. People in power and with power do not listen to a disunified permanent underclass.

If this is affecting more people than us we would like to unify with our black underclass brother. (See Letter to Editor, Page 11)

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