

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

GEOPOLITICAL DESIGNATIONS

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Several weeks ago in this column, you probably read a story about a series of occurrences over at University Medical Center. It appears that some people having read that article objected to the uses of terms African and European. In thinking about it, it became clear that there are people who do not understand the designations or the reasons for it. So this is dedicated to those people to explain geo-political designations.

From a historical perspective all designations were geo-

political until approximately 1490, when Pope Nicholas IV issued his encyclical. Those of you who are students of history will recall that it was that encyclical which first proposed the idea of classification of people according to "race." In it, he set down 3 races, black, white and yellow (Oriental or Asian) according to the world that was known at least to Europeans at that time. Prior to that time one was always known as an Ethiopian, Sudanese, etc. In other words it was, although somewhat narrow, a geopolitical designation in that it designated

where you were from. With the advent of race and shortly thereafter racism taking on a state sponsored perspective, the designations of those 3 races has stood the test of time. Additionally, by so designating an individual as either colored, Negro, or black, it automatically defies the individual in terms of your reaction to them but also in terms of a whole subset of activities and behavior patterns that you have been taught to expect from this group of people. This is why when Europeans supposedly joke with Africans, their language suddenly becomes

strangely colloquial with strange accents that are in reality an attempt to mimic what they hear as black speech. The advent and the nurturing of racism by the state is approximately 600 to 700 years old. That does not mean that there was not racism prior to this, but it was somewhat less well organized and it was not officially state sponsored or state policy. It took a Catholic Pope to give it form, substance and the blessing of the state.

Now if you will let us fast forward to the current situation. Africans in this country have been called many names; colored, niggers, Negroes, blacks and African Americans. In each case those name changes have encompassed still a code word for others to make decisions about how they behave and about how they will expect the person so designated to behave. Be it aggressive or be it passive in the face of the slave master equation. I propose a different designation. It is clear that regardless of what Africans call themselves, they will be perceived by Europeans and by

others in a certain fashion. Africans per say, cannot change that so I propose that we as African people develop geopolitical awareness — that is we designate ourselves as Africans simply. Because in reality whether we are African American, African Caribbean, African Asian, African South American or some computation of another designation, we are still primarily Africans!!! When a police officer pulls you over with his gun drawn what is going through their cranial computer is not: Is this an African from Nigeria?, Is this an African from Sudan?, Is this an African from Ethiopia?, Is this an African from Jamaica? NO. What is going through his mind is basically that this is an African and therefore target and/or trophy. So if that is the way we are going to be perceived, then why not use that perception to our advantage. What we want people to understand is that we are an African people, and there are many branches of us around, (and we are scattered through the four corners of the earth, thanks to European greed and



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(mischievous) and what binds us all together is that we are an African people, and therefore we must always remember that a wrong to one is wrong to all. For my European friends who find some distaste in the term European, I will remind you that that is what you are. For those who will claim that you are Americans, I say that that is a very self-serving and foolish misconception. If they so choose to call themselves that, then Americans would be listed as members of the Iroquois, the Algonquin, the Araoaho, the Apache, the Sioux, the Crow, the Blackfoot, the Navajo, the Paiute, etc. If indeed my European friends are claiming that they are part of one of (See NAARPR Report, Pg 4)

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BIG GAME

By R.K. Brown

If there is one reality that remains constant even as we reach the 21st century, it is racism will never go away. The demented ideology of hatred and destruction echoes in the very core of the racist white conscience.

Even as more liberal clean-hearted whites move for open and humanistic conditions in world affairs, there are ruthless haters who fight to the last breath for the elimination of all the races of color.

Today in South Africa, the fledging new republic, moves to establish the same empty promises which exemplify the American Constitution. As I always say there is NO WAY racists are going to let a majority of blacks have control over a minority of whites. NO WHERE IN THE WORLD is a people of color going to have control over a group of whites. Majority or minority!

Africa, Asia, the Americas, or Australia, whites want control. This is how the modern world became dominated by white imperialism, and this is the only way to keep those spoils. If you have fought, killed, cheated, or stolen to gain the wealth of the new world, then you would do any and all of these things to keep your bounty.

Today in South Africa as in the rest of the white world, blood thirsty conservative groups threaten all out war, if blacks are given equal rights or an equal chance. This is all a part of the big game theory. Racist whites have shown time and time again that their love for hatred goes far beyond logical reasoning. A racist would rather kill and murder his own kind, then to have another white help minority causes.

We must remember that this

demented mentality is a core part of the white experience. Some might argue that this isn't the case, but history is a physical reminder that white racism is the ultimate equation in how the

modern world is run.

Today, only the non white countries of the world are left to call 2nd and 3rd world nations. This is because racists divided (See Westside Story, Pg 4)

ALONG THE COLOR LINE MARTIN REMEMBERED: THE MEANING OF BLACK HISTORY

By Dr. Manning Marable

Every Black History Month, we honor those women and men of African descent who made special contributions to the struggle for black freedom in America. We often fail to understand that for oppressed people, history is only their collective memory — the experiences which give us a sense of identity, tradition and purpose. As we rethink the past, we begin to appreciate the personalities and struggles which make the heritage of African-American people unique.

Nearly thirty years ago, when I was a teenager, Martin Luther King, Jr., was invited to speak at Wilberforce University, the African-American college near my hometown of Dayton, Ohio. My parents decided that it was an excellent opportunity for the entire family to hear the preeminent advocate of the struggle for Negro equality. I remember the days leading up to the event, nervously anticipating the chance to hear the leading voice in the Civil Rights Movement.

But when we arrived at the small campus for the speech, we encountered several thousand automobiles parked tightly along the edges of the slender, two-lane road. Hundreds more seemed to surround the building where Reverend King was scheduled to speak. Masses of



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black people were packed inside and around the building. Others seemed to be everywhere, sitting on the lawn, watching the whirl of television cameras and newspaper reporters. We managed to hear much of the formal program, including King's address, as we stood beneath the open windows of the building.

When the program ended and the gospel choir sang, King and his small entourage were quickly ushered off stage. The members of the audience quickly rushed toward the building's main entrance, eagerly awaiting the chance to embrace and to touch the single individual who best personified their own political hopes and dreams of freedom. The newspaper reporters and cameramen scrambled into position.

Something told me that it was unlikely that King would venture through the main entrance. No one could possibly navigate (See Along Color Line, Pg 4)

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