

Group continues campaign charging U.S. genocide

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The National Black United Front campaign charging the United States Government with genocide has now entered Phase III of the campaign.

African people throughout the United States have responded vigorously to our genocide petition drive. Thus far we have gathered more than 200,000 signatures. Phase III, the final phase of the campaign, concluded March 8th.

When we speak of genocide, we are addressing the "deliberate and systematic destruction of Black people by White America's socio-economic and cultural forces."

This genocidal process has taken place for more than 400 years, beginning with the capturing of Africans through the chattel slave trade and bringing them to the western

hemisphere against their will.

We have documented in our complaint supporting the petition drive, the more than 38 areas of human rights violations on the part of the United States Government against African people in America that continue to cause a genocidal set of conditions.

A variety of examples of Human Rights violations are set forth in the various committees and working groups of the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations.

In 1946, Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois led a group of scholars who prepared "An Appeal to the World protesting the treatment of Negroes in the United States" and presented it to the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations.

Du Bois stated in the appeal that, "This protest ... is a frank

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and earnest appeal to all the world for elemental justice against the treatment which the United States has visited upon US for three centuries ...

"It is to induce the nations of the world to persuade this nation to be just to its own people, that we have prepared and now present to you this ... documented statement of grievances, and we firmly believe that the situation pictured here is as much your concern as ours."

Not only will our Human Rights and Genocide Project re-enact the "We Charge

Genocide Campaign" of 1951, led by Paul Robeson, William Patterson and Du Bois, it will also update the documented evidence of continued Human Rights violations against African people that was presented to the United Nations in 1946.

The more we research the over 80 years of appeals to international bodies for relief of African peoples suffering in America, the more we begin to understand the rich tradition that we are following.

In Tony Martin's book, "Race First," he documents

Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association effort to seek relief for African people in America through the Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and the League of Nations in 1920.

Martin explains that "the UNIA had sent commissioners to France to the Paris Peace Conference in 1919.

"Their lobbying efforts did not succeed in obtaining any abatement in the zeal of the European imperialist powers to seize the ex-German African colonies."

In this regard, Martin writes, "Perhaps for this reason the 1920 declaration wrote the League of Nations off as null and void as far as the Negro is concerned, in that it seeks to deprive Negroes of their liberty."

Nevertheless, the UNIA returned to the League of Nations in 1922 in Geneva and

again in 1928.

According to Martin's part of Garvey's international appeals and petitions during this era was the concern that "the African, wherever he lived, had no government to speak to his interest and so he should be heard as a race. And the UNIA, with its aspirations to nationhood, represented these racial interests."

In 1978, psychologist, Dr. Bobby Wright, wrote a paper titled, "Mentacide: The Ultimate Threat To The Black."

Wright defined Mentacide to be "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a person's or group's mind."

We are suffering greatly from mentacide today as a result of 400 years of genocide.

We now have three working concepts that will undergird our campaign and project. They are Mentacide, Genocide and Human Rights.

Today, we are suffering from the documented government involvement in the proliferation of drugs in the African community, specifically crack cocaine.

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communities."

"We have historically been our own worst enemy, and it is now time to put our collective know-how together and decide how we are going to deal with (our) issues at hand," she said. "We must make drastic measures to convince people that we can not only talk loud, but also (be) effective through our vote."

Member and ordained

minister Keisha English blessed guests with an acapella performance that brought teary eyes. Local artist Oscar Robinson was honored with the sorority's 1998 Arts & Humanity Award for his efforts to uplift North Las Vegas and his tireless commitment to educating people on the need to provide youth access to the arts.

Festivities concluded with an "invite a Soror to Sunday Service" at the Victory Mission

Baptist Church. Several sorority members attended the spiritually moving service.

Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University. Today, the Sorority has more than 140,000 members and 850 chapters nationally and internationally. The sorority will hold its national convention in Chicago, Illinois July 4-10, 1998. Call the AKA hotline at 594-5053 for additional information.



Soror L. Scott-Griffin celebrating 75th year of A.K.A.

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said employers may utilize voluntary race-conscious plans to open traditionally closed positions to minorities as long as white employees are not harmed unnecessarily, the Nevada Supreme Court threw out the jury verdict last year.

In the Piscataway case, a federal appeals court had ruled that Title VII prohibits any such race-conscious decision-making if not taken to remedy past discrimination.

In the appeal acted on Monday, Farmer's lawyers said the

Nevada Supreme Court ruling is in direct conflict with that federal appeals court decision.

The university urged the justices to reject Farmer's appeal.

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