

# Ethiopia

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has distributed a total of over 93,000 tons of grain, pulse and other supplementary food since early January to the people affected by food shortage stemming from severe drought in most parts of the country for the last three years.

The government appealed to the international community for assistance in December for the 8 million people in drought-hit areas of Ethiopia that will require 825,000 tons of emergency food in the year 2000.

In addition, the UN inter-agency group appealed for 190 million US dollars for the same purpose.

So far, only half of the UN inter-agency appeal has been pledged and the United States government also announced last month it will provide 400,000 tons of food — about half of the country's needs for the year.

The response of the donor community in general had been very slow.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has expressed concern and issued a fresh appeal last week.

He also announced that he was sending the chief of the World Food Programme, Catherine Bertini, to the horn of Africa to assess the immediate needs of some 16 million people in seven countries.

# Profiling

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criticize profiling until last year despite horrendous and long standing profiling problems nationwide including Maryland, California and Florida, the state where Janet Reno lived before becoming Clinton's Attorney General.

Clinton allowed his prosecutors to drop legal action against NJ State Police in exchange for promises to stop profiling - promises troopers disregarded in the past.

While highway profiling - better known as Driving While Black - is the most publicized racist police practice, it is not the only profiling problem.

There is Flying While Black - the practice of subjecting black airline travelers to disproportionate drug searches. FWB has produced class action lawsuits against the U.S. Customs Service.

There is Walking While Black - the practice of subjecting young minority male pedestrians to searches.

# Indians

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logo is an offensive stereotype. I've begun to see people wear caps and shirts that just say Cleveland, without the name or the logo. I've begun to hear people being interviewed in the press who say that if it offends native Americans then we need to change it. I've begun to see religious leaders and community leaders speak out against Chief Wahoo.

Around the country, other movements to get rid of racist native American sports logos and names is also making progress. In Washington, DC the patent office refused to grant a renewal of the Washington Redskins trademark, citing it as offensive. Many college and high school teams across the nation have changed the

names and logos of their teams. Even the University of Illinois is being forced to look at its use of chief Illini as it seeks its re-accreditation. The movement forward is slow, but it is moving forward.

Justice can be delayed, but it can never be denied. Native American people are a proud people, as well they should be. They have given many gifts to all of us. Indeed, some might say they gave the greatest gift of all their land, albeit unwillingly. We have taken much from them and now it is time to give them something back their dignity. Native Americans are people, not mascots to our sports industry. Let's begin the new millennium with a new mentality. Chief Wahoo must go.

# Ruffin

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that he could best capture the art of the ordinary with a camera. Ruffin stated, "the enthusiasm of using the camera called to me." Left of Center Gallery Executive Director Vicki Richardson expressed, "it's good for the gallery to show photography as an art form. I'm impressed by Kenn's handling of the South as a whole image and his ability to pull out the abstract elements of the southwest."

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# South Africa

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The SACP's general secretary, Blade Nzimande, described the South African media as a racial oligarchy serving wealthy white interests.

He accused white editors of using the needs of the market as an excuse to deny or defuse issues of black people, women and the black working class in their publications.

The Democratic Party, the country's official opposition party, reacted angrily to the latest submissions, saying the ANC is in an advanced state of denial and self-delusion.

"The HRC now has a very big problem on its hands. It cannot preach race theory to the media as it had intended when the government is using the HRC as a platform for racist theory, which sounds remarkably like the accusations of subliminal racism which pre-empted the misrepresentation of ascertainable facts and if it does not refute the proposition that former President Mandela has an Uncle Tom image.

The HRC will lose all credibility if it does not challenge the ANC's image," said DP spokesman Dene Smuts.

New York City's infamous Street Crimes Unit conducted 40,000 searches during one two year period that produced only 9,500 drug and weapons arrests. (Unit members murdered Amadou Diallo.)

"Breathing while black" is the phrase used by New York Times columnist Bob Herbert to describe how police in Oneonta, NY tried to stop every black man in that town while searching for a robbery suspect in 1992. This seemingly repugnant practice received sanction last fall when federal appeals court judges ruled Oneonta police did not violate constitutional protections.

Abundant evidence documents racism in police profiling. Profiling does not need further federal studies to confirm its discriminatory impact or public protests to dramatize its existence. Profiling needs corrective action.

Instead of black leaders holding additional anti-profiling marches, they need to convince their friend President Clinton to adopt the long-standing National Urban League/NAACP proposal to penalize abusive police departments by withholding federal funding.

Police will continue to practice racism until they face real penalties for their putrid practices like profiling and brutality.

If political pressure in the nation's Capital does not produce an end to profiling, then blacks need to consider a tactic used effectively by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - "the power of economic withdrawal."

# Census

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on the Census forms in order for conclusions to be drawn about key issues because accurate inferences can be drawn from the responses that are given in a method that call sampling into play.

So, I hope that those who are trying to destroy the credibility of the Census will not be successful; it may backfire, in the final analysis.

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