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HOME TO BLACKNESS

By 1900 Henry E. Baker, Assistant Examiner of the United States Patent Office, was able to publish "Four Giant Volumes on Black Inventors." By 1913 his list of "Black Contributions to American Science and Industry" numbered over a thousand. Today most of this material may be examined at Howard University where it will be found in the "Moorland Collection of Black Patents."

To understand how so many blacks supposedly one step from savagery could produce so much, so soon, and of such a sophisticated nature, let us deal on. Dr. Robert I. Rothberg of Howard clarifies much of the "mystery." In his book, Political History of Tropical Africa makes it very plain that we may no longer assume that the 15th century European found an African living in barbarism and slavery. Much of the factual material was omitted from American texts...to protect the conscience of those who had built their economic citadels upon the traffic of slavery. Until now there has been a wall of silence concerning the African Civil Service, Postal Systems, iron workers, ship builders, iniversities, astronomers, mathematicians, etc.

Also, there can be no more accurate or complete record than the official journals of the United States military, or the U.S. Congressional Record. Even the most determined of slavers stopped short of tampering with these. Now we may see and understand the volatile context from which the Black inventor rose; a strange and soul-testing furnace balanced against an inspired divine and chosen talent which could not be denied. You see my brothers and sisters we do possess 360 degrees of knowledge and are governed by a black law that we do not recognize.

"FROM BLACKNESS COMES ALL THINGS AND ALL THINGS MUST RETURN TO BLACKNESS"

--George Thompson

THE ACTION IS HERE!

Black students interested may join the impromtu chorus which will perform for the second Black Music Symposium which will be held June 11-18. Rehearsals will be concentrated, performance standard demanding. If interested call Robert Morris, 9-8044.

National Association Black Students (NABS) is planning first National Black Students Convention to held June 26 to July 5. It will be in either Detroit or New Orleans. A real chance to dig on our people. Interested? Contact the BLKhouse, 7-9271.

There will be a Black Panther Rally in Chicago June 8 with (hopefully) Bobby Seale.

ATTENTION: All those who have borrowed books from the BLKhouse, please return them immediately. Let your brothers and sisters benefit from the books that you have.

ELECTIONS RESULTS

Monday night, May 11, 1970 the Black Students present unanimously elected Reggie Ford to fill the chairman position for next year. Reggie is very dedicated and if we all support him, instead of being a "silent Majority", we should be able to achieve a great deal.

I would like to thank you for your presence and support this past year. Plan for a together thing next year. "Rise up (wake up) you mighty race and accomplish what you will!"

--Mel Yancy

Locked for forward movement
Only baby, the wheel, the black
Wheel is now loose, oiled and
Not ready to, but rolling

Greased lightning it is
And knows no nuances
Be whatever you be
Take if fast people
Cause the wheel, the Black Wheel
The BBBBLLLAAAACCCKKKK WHEEL
Will smash you, roll you under
Cause its got definite
Business to tend to, yah!

No Jive-Time Poem

Don't want to be heavy, just
want to be heard.
So hear me sisters!
Don't want to be deep, just
want you to dig
So dig me brothers!

Don't have to be dirty in order to deal
and its dealing, ya know that makes us
for real;
its caring, ya see that shows how we
feel;
its wanting to help that leads us to
build,
and loving ourselves that gives us the
will.

Don't have to hate others at all, in
order to be tough;
and hatin' "the man" ain't nearly
enough,
'cause it leads to harrassin' each
other, into all kinds of stuff,
which really makes rough going
rough.

If all that you feel is disgust
for "the man's drag," no matter
how hard you fight, you're still in
his bag.
A man who steals your hate is in
control of your mind and all your
efforts to kill him merely leave
you behind.

Though we thought "the man" had
given us the best gigs that he's
got; we know that even if we are
together, "niggas is all the niggers
have got."

In this world; why we're here is to
reach one another and all we know we
should touch are other black brothers.

The drift that I'm sending is this one
priority "what's important to you
must be important to me!"

I don't need to be heavy but you
have to hear!
I don't have to be deep but you
gotta dig!

'cause the strength to put out this
flame we must smother
is here and now present in our love
and respect for each sister and
brother.

Now my love for my blackness is
solid like a stone;
hope you love what is you, Black
and beautiful.

Right On!
Brother Walter R. Anderson

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THE ESSENCE OF THE WHITE MIND

A smile accompanied by a cordial hello
A warm look until your back is turned
A lower grade than others on some of
your best work for obvious reasons
An open invitation to talk about the
"problem"

A logical contradiction of your arguments
on the "problem"
A loudspoken reminder that "you're as
good as I am"
Some confident advice that "things are
changing and there's been a lot of
progress made"
A friendly request "Teach me how to
dance."

Another overture of friendship "Come on
in and talk for awhile"
A humble question "What did you do to
your hair"
Another question "Do you know Dan Peabody?"
Such is the essence of the white mind
my brothers and sisters

But what's behind all of these seemingly
innocent gestures?
Do you take all of this at face value
or do you have the wisdom to see what's
really going on? --A. Harpen

THE LEECH

Show me a leech
And I'll show you a cheat
Show me a cheat
And I'll show you a slob
Show me a slob
And show a man that will rob
Show me a "bloodsucker"
And I'll show a white "motherfucker"

Mike Adams

Yes, I was the fool
trying to be like you
killing my 'Fro.
to a lifeless straight
I admit -- I made a mistake
And squaring my jive
to an ice cube
Taking the rythme out of my mug
Walking like a jug-
head
Listening to long hair music and
clas/si/cals
and all the time I was
digging on soul
from my
process naps
to my soles
with all
my soul
and eating chit-ter-ling cassarole

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Mary Wilson

An Expose on the Capitalist World of Business (cont from last issue)

We can burn ourselves out of house and home (owned by the man) or we can burn him out of house and home (also owned by the man). What I consider as the white man's home is not where he eats and sleeps but where he works. Yes, where he makes his money. To change or destroy capitalism we have to get into it. More Blacks must get into the white man's business as well as establish his own. We can't make the man change--we have to get in there and change things ourselves.

I don't mean to say that we should all go and open up a corner grocery store or a "greasy spoon". It has been shown by our great Black father on the Federal Reserve Board (Andrew Brimmer) that these type "mom and pop" operations have no future. But he as well as most of us, refuse to realize that collectively Blacks can buy, steal, or create a General Motors or I.B.M. This can be done not by "Tomming" and "window dressing" for the man but by beating the man at his own game.

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

THINK BLACK

THINK FREE

T H I N K !

First we must learn the man's game. This can be done at no expense to you. There is a program in I.U.'s graduate business school call The Consortium for Graduate Study in Business for Blacks, which takes anybody Black regardless of undergraduate major. The program lasts two years and pays full tuition plus \$2,500 to "blow". At present there are 20 Black brothers in I.U.'s program (but no sisters). The program exists at four other schools. Washington U. (St Louis), Wisconsin U., Rochester U., and USC. You owe it to yourself Black brother to check it out. We need you. We don't want to have to hire you--we want you to be our partner against the man.

--Howard D. Taylor
M.B.A.

What is Black?

Black is true.
Black is me!
Black is you?
Blackness is a frame of mind
not a state of being
Blackness arises not because of skin
pigmentation
but because of mind elevation

--A.D.T.

-- Robert L. (cont. from last issue)

Still further, the material which is used to make the dashikis and other articles of African dress which are so popular is, in addition to not being from Africa in many cases, manufactured by whites. It is they who reap the benefit of our being beautiful. Does this mean that we should abandon these above-mentioned things because we are, even in this, being exploited? No, it does not. Perhaps we will have to dismiss this exploitation as a lesser evil for the time being. For in a very real sense, there is definitely some good gained by Blacks being aware of their own innate beauty and seeking to enhance it. As we begin to know and appreciate those physical features that are characteristically Black, we will find that our mental attitude about each other will become more positive. Yes, I don a dashiki and wear an Afro but I have finally concluded that at best, Afros, dashikis, etc., are only external symbols. The real measure of our "Blackness" must then be our attitude, experience and our willingness to think of and execute imaginative ways to free ourselves. Please forgive what seems an apparent oversimplification; I fully realize that the whole spectrum of experiences, attitudes, etc., which can justly fit into a definition of being Black is to diverse for accurate description. We must not allow ourselves into being fooled. We must recognize that external symbols do not necessarily provide the rule by which "Blackness" is measured.

Think of our manifold duties and obligations to ourselves as far as education is concerned. For Blacks, it is not quite as simple as learning, assimilating, and then re-directing the acquired knowledge to gain desired goals in society. We must take the knowledge as taught and reconvert it to suit our needs. Was it not this same white man's knowledge taught in white schools (and regrettably in all too many Black schools) which has so long perpetuated misconceptions, myths, and the like about Blacks? We must think of ways to use this same white man's knowledge as our tool to dispel this misgivings. This may not be easy; For woefully too many of our own people believe these myths and, true to the white man's modus operandi, they now perpetuate the myth for the white man.

Consider the interchange and exchange of our social life and relationships with each other. It is not difficult to notice that the social events which culminate many of the meetings for, by, and about Blacks are attending more heavily than the meetings in which the issues are being thrashed out. No doubt, this causes a little dismay to the Blacks working so diligently to make us aware. Perhaps, it is just human nature to skirt issues and let someone else do it. However, since we have not been regarded as human to this point, we cannot afford this human luxury at this time.

(cont. page five)

Today a boy became a man
 Uncle Tom
 is in Mr. Charlie's hand-
 And a girl became a woman
 Today a colored -----became
 a Negro
 Mr. Charlie has
 on the go
 "Yessur, Mr. Charlie"
 Mr. Charlie's got o'
 Under his thumb
 AND-SMASHED-HIM-"BLACK!"
 Uncle Tom and Mr. Charlie's
 D E A D!
 --Mary Wilson

From -- HARRY EDWARDS
 on
 How to Change the U.S.A.

For openers, the Federal Government
 the honkies, the pigs in blue
 must go down South
 and take those crackers out of bed
 the crackers who blew up
 those four little girls
 in that Birmingham church,
 those crackers who murdered
 Medgar Evers and killed
 the three civil rights workers--
 they must pull them out of bed
 and kill them with axes
 in the middle of the street.
 Chop them up with dull axes.
 Slowly.

At high noon
 With everybody watching
 on television.
 Just as a gesture
 of good faith.

We-l-fare are 4
 The

Advancement
 of colored
 people

and
 Spanish Darkies called
 "Negros"

"Black People"
 want

"BLACK POWER"

and
 to
 be

FREE
 To you, skinny, nothin', MEN

&
 WOMEN
 SELF SUFFICIENT

HU-MAN BE-ING(S)
 COM-PRE-HEND what it
 MEANS?????????

--Mary Wilson

luv po'm
 i can't rite no po'm bout how
 "your kisses are sweeter than honey"
 and bout how wen u hold me
 "i feel thunder"
 cuz i wouldn't be real
 i bes dream'n fairy tales white angel
 dream'n and all that crap

i gotta rite bout strong blk men
 wif long blk arms that reach and grip me
 penetrate my inner soul and makes me see
 the world as it is, yah!

i gotta rite bout strong blk warriors
 who fight endlessly to be blk and free
 strong hard cold but yet mellow nuff
 to let me know i bes a woman

i can't rite bout no flowers
 apples pie and ice cream
 cuz i wouldn't be real
 i bes dream'n

i gotta rite bout some'n
 real and tangible

blk i see i feels
 my blk man i see i feels

he reaches fo me searches fo me
 beckons me
 and i cum

he feels me deep in his soul
 i feels him deep in my soul

we are real
 and we luv

--ebperkins

TO A DARK GIRL

I love you for your brownness
 And the rounded darkness of your breasts.
 I love you for the breaking sadness in
 your voice
 And shadows where your wayward eye-lids
 rests.

Something of old forgotten queens
 Lurks in the lithe abandon of your walk,
 And something of the shackled slave
 Sobs in the rhythm of your talk.

Oh, little brown girl, born for sorrow's
 mate,
 Keep all you have of queenliness,
 Forgetting that you once were slave,
 And let your full lips laugh at Fate!

--Gwendolyn Bennett
 (from, The Book of American Negro Poetry)

"EVEN IF YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK
 YOU'LL GET RUN OVER IF
 YOU JUST SIT THERE."

--Black Nationalist
 Party of St. Louis (Mo.)

SO GET A MOVE ON, BLACK
 PEOPLE!!!

SPOTLIGHT -- Laurence Emmanuel Prescott (Larry)

Laurence E. Prescott is one of the most talented and aware brothers on campus. Larry is a guidelight in being dedicated in word and deed to his people. Larry is a native of the Bronx, New York. He went through its school system and graduated from CCNY in June of 1965 with a B.A. in Spanish. He received his Masters in September of 1966 from Oberlin College in Ohio. Since 1967 he has been here at I.U. working on his Doctorate.

Larry has always worked with young people from his early high school days as teacher and counselor and he has continued this here at I.U. in the Afro-American Student Association and the Tutorial Program. He has also been a TA in Spanish since September of 1967.

Larry belongs to various Spanish and French Clubs, the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is also a member of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Spanish Honor Society, and Kappa Delta Pi, the National Honor Society in Education.

Larry believes that we must all work together to receive the rights, privileges, and positions we deserve. He also believes that we must be wary of evil forces that will try to stop us and that we must persevere to defeat them. Larry is an outstanding advocate of Black Student and indeed Black Peoples unity. He realizes, as do all forward thinking people, that we must work together for each other not against each other. Larry is truly a together brother, dig on him!

THINK
(cont. from page 3)

We have too much at stake. Again, this fits into the white man's patterns: Let them have their thing: let them work off a little energy then they'll go home pacified, believing that they have accomplished something when they have not even discovered the problem. I hope that those Blacks who have attained any kind of position here will not lose their daring. I hope that they will work hard to accomplish all they can while they can with the full realization that the white man has already figured out how far they will be allowed to go before they are once again "put in their place." I hope that for these reasons and other known to them, they will know that they have no reason to be "uppity" with other Blacks. These things should be viewed by us and the Black administrator with a keen, discerning eye. For it is the favored trick of the white man to elevate a potential trouble maker, make him think he is part of the establishment or policy-making branch of any organization to silence him. These are things which challenge the effectiveness of a Black in position here. In our day to day encounters with each other, we often find some Blacks who refuse to even speak! Some are Black until the next white person come in view. Some get on a box, a panel, or whatever and holler "Black this, Black that" but never turn their head to look at a Black or concern themselves with a Black person at any other time.

Think: is this kind of inner divisiveness not the kind which the man uses to manipulate us and keep us down? Is this not one way in which he makes his job of controlling us easier. Mind you, I'm not speaking of the natural

division that is a result of different political and/or action groups attacking problems from different angles. For whatever the drawbacks, I view this as healthy in the sense that we at least have enough individuality left to create different, imaginative ways to attack and solve a given problem.

Yes! We are Black and beautiful. But perhaps we should force ourselves to realize that we cannot be like peacocks: proud, beautiful and mindless. If we are to succeed, far more is required of us than merely being Black and beautiful. During the night and on into the day, we must think.

--Robert L.

ATTENTION ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE HERE THIS SUMMER

Let this bug enter yore ear, instead of laying dead (when we should be doing a thing) as we always do in the summer, let's get a little shit popping!

We can continue the blk arts, music, theater, dance, poetry, etc. and dig all this can be done outdoors. In addition thihgs can be done to foster blk pride and unity such educating ourselves to the shit's that's breaking loose, blk picnics, bar-b-ques, dances, competitive sports, card games, and them other things we like to do.

Hell, the man don't never sleep and he's surely kicking ass -- yores and mine. Why do we think we can afford to sleep even while at school. The name of the game is helping our own. Ain't no sense in taking a fucked up mind back to brothers and sisters at home. You ain't helping yourself or them either. Think about it. If we continue to delay we will be the victims of what our blk program here on this campus has been for a long, too long, time. Our former program lacked pride, unity, and a soulful feeling for each other. NOW is the time to change it!

DO A BLK THING THIS SUMMER!!

--eppersons

(Continued from previous page) -- TRAILER

... que no credo que se ha visto en la vida de un criminal. Es una persona que vive solitaria, sin amigos ni enemigos, sin trabajo ni hobbies, sin nada que la obligue a salir de casa. Mi hermano dice que es una persona que vive sola y tranquila, sin problemas ni responsabilidades. Dice que es una persona que vive sola y tranquila, sin problemas ni responsabilidades.

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and onwards--

WAZURI

AN ASIDE TO BLACK STUDENTS

Black people, Negroes, Oreos, Niggers both lost and found! We are faced with a dilemma! We are repressed both physically and psychologically consequently millions of us suffer. The headlines of the nations' newspaper relate the police repression that has been escalated under the guise of "law and order". Black leaders that seek to acquaint the masses with the true fact of our oppressive superstructure are "offed". Murder and confinement are the foremost implements of law and order.

While writing this article I have just received news of another act of law and order. Six people were wounded and two people were killed, from the back, in Jackson, Mississippi. Yesterday six peoples' deaths were communicated to the public as a result of protest in Georgia, over the death of a sixteen year old Black prisoner while awaiting trial.

Again we are aware of the plight of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense. Eldridge Cleaver, Huey Newton, Bobby Hutton, Rap Brown are but a few of the revolutionaries that were forced to either leave the country or give their lives for Black people. The question is how aware has these acts of violence made you? In short, where's your mind?

Black people we must know the American Government for what it is. We must be aware of its contradictions in relation to the inherent disregard for the rights of people of which theoretically it should protect. The Vietnam War is foremost in the minds of white people; the government first with its misplaced priorities and to a lesser degree the white masses. Therefore the "Niggers" are a domestic problem in America consequently we don't receive primary priority, unless of course J. Edgar Hoover evaluates them as threats to internal security.

The political innovators on the American scene as labelled as criminals or communist in no particular order. Then 'law and order' prevails. Black leaders are justifiably killed and jailed in the eyes of the American Public. The educational system has effectively hammered the bad words of communist and other negative terms into the minds of the people. We must know that the government has extensive control mechanisms in that area. It spends millions of dollars everywhere else for propaganda; the thoroughness of the government I never question and that is why the educational system isn't immune to that propaganda.

Black people look at yourselves and where you're going. You must learn about the communism and understand that paralleled with the working democracy in America there isn't such a magnitude of difference that will ever produce the nuclear holocaust that has been lied about, manipulated, and bullshitted about. The distressing part about the situation is that black people in the institutions of higher learning continue to carry that pigeon shit and propaganda to the masses of people. We must learn to exercise our minds in regard to true political reality.

Cont'd

We must participate and alleviate the psychological effects of that intoxicating education of the white socio-economic, political and military, elites in Washington. We must teach Black so hard that it will negate the whiteness that has been instilled in our minds and some souls. I heard a recent Black speaker say "keep your powder dry", and damned if he was speaking about Avon. Because the same jive motherfuckers in Washington have missed up Vietnam, America, and will f---(dig it) mess up the world if they are allowed to remain in power.

They have even brainwashed the white masses into believing that we are the threat to America, the communist are a threat to America, the Black Panthers are a threat to America, when its Richard Monkey-ass Nixon and the rest of his chumps who are the biggest threat America has faced in these times. The forces of an evolving police state are no longer checking skin color before popping those shells. The white people are catching hell to. So it really doesn't matter who's in the way of the superstructure. Black people, we told the whites about the man for years. We saw him first; we were at the front. So let's not get our hats before its time. I think you could really dig being FREE!

Reginald Ford

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