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So we stand here
On the edge of Hell
In Harlem
And Look out on the world
And Wonder
What we're gonna do
In the face of
What we remember.
Langston Hughes.



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New Hope For Aids Patients

by Lehloyo Thinane

A most promising treatment in the war against the dreaded AIDS disease has been developed in Kenya. Dr. Barbara Justice, who recently returned from Kenya gave a detailed account of a drug called Kemron developed by the Kenya Medical Research Institute.

Using a substance that occurs naturally in human and animal cells called interferon, the doctors in Kenya were able to find beneficial effects when relatively low doses of interferon were applied to animals and humans particularly for AIDS and East Coast Fever.

A clinical study on 127 critically ill, HIV-positive patients treated with oral doses of interferon, showed that by at least week 10, the patients were asymptomatic; none of them

displayed any definable clinical complaints. The results indicated that, Kemron, when administered in small doses, is capable of alleviating symptoms commonly associated with AIDS. The results were so remarkable and dramatic that the studies could not be continued any further. The doctors started treating patients en masse. "It was unethical to continue with the code" added Dr. Justice. What was even more remarkable was that the patients showed no undesirable side effects. The drug interferon, was first noted in 1940. Over the years huge doses were injected for human therapy. The administering of interferon in large quantities produced side effects similar to those produced

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Economic Wealth Of Black America

by Keith A. Mayes

Black people in America are constantly propagandized as economically downtrodden and degenerate, when the truth of the matter is that the Black community is one of the wealthiest among any country today. This fact is evident when one analyzes the amount of money that is inscrutably spent from our pockets. We are induced through clever advertisement to purchase many products that are not manufactured and produced by us, and to spend money in retail and restaurant chains that are not created and controlled by us.

We are exploited from the likes of the Chinese, who have an unlimited amount of Chinese Restaurants and Dry cleaners in

our communities. We're also at the hands of the Koreans, where there is estimated ten Korean fruit and vegetable stores for every twenty black radii.

The Arabs who seem to own and control every mom and pop corner grocery, have usurped this aspect of our economy to the point where we are literally forced to spend our last dollar with them strictly because of their location and convenience.

And last but not least are the Jewish landlords, who own some of the most decrepit buildings in our communities. Then charging African people the highest rents, while they live lavishly south of 96th street.

Brothers and sisters,

begin to understand that this is a form of genocide. We must put an end to this economic conquest by others. We have to realize that the survival of future generations depends solely on our ability to control the economy of our community. However the thing that is most interesting when one critically analyzes all of the money in Black America is that we are by no means a poor group of people even though we are projected as so. As proof just look at the millions of dollars that is taken out of the community for the payment of illegal drugs. Then stack on top of that the millions of dollars that is paid in the form of

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'AS I SEE IT'

By Michael G. Davis, SR.

A Damaging Mindset

It is not an "easy go" for anyone who is going to school and seeking the skills that a college education can provide, especially in these economically and socially troubled times. The stresses and pressures of meeting life's needs in the personal and family arenas---coupled with the rigors and demands of classroom work and assignments---can and do take a toll.

However, the time has come to alert ourselves to an extremely regressive and damaging mindset that we must willfully avert. I'm certain that you have all heard this particular sentiment expressed many times in many ways by fellow students:

"...I don't care what happens in that class or what grade I get. Just as long as I pass!!!"

As soon as you stop chuckling, realize that this philosophy is not at all funny but quite sad. Students who think this way do themselves, their instructors, and everyone else a monumental disservice; in fact, they should re-evaluate their reasons for being in school in the first place.

It is not enough to be able to wave a grade report and just say, "I passed." If you allow yourself to settle for that ideal

then I submit to you..."you've failed!"

Knowledge and skills are acquired and earned. There is no substitute or quick fix for the old adage "shoulder to the wheel and head to the grindstone." In other words, you have to work hard.

Many come to class and just "hang out." They show no interest; they sit there but hear and say nothing. They don't take notes. They literally "turn off" until it's time for an exam. And then, they get excited, but "just enough to pass."

Please realize that this attitude carries over to one's personal approach to life in general. It is thus reflected in one's posture, carriage, and ultimately in one's lack of motivation and achievement.

We cannot afford to accept precepts and concepts of others' theories and ideas without questioning or challenging or examining---lest we become unprogressive, unproductive, and oppressed.

It is incumbent upon all of us to want more and expect more of ourselves. If we are afraid of making waves, we will never make a difference in this world. We will be destined and doomed to the robotic and assembly-line existence of "just enough to pass".

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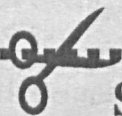
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THE IMPLICATIONS OF EUROPE IN 1992 FOR BLACK STUDENTS TODAY

by Kevin Boyle

When I arrived in the Big Apple from London (England) in August of this year, I expected to find the media covering the subject of Europe in 1992, "The single market", and how it would effect the American economy. More importantly I was concerned that the black media was not covering the subject.

To my amazement, of the students and lecturers that I consulted, only 85% actually knew of the single European market economy and its impact on the American society.

Many transatlantic corporations that have clients in Europe are discussing the new European market in 1992; therefore, it is important for black students who are, or eventually will be, seeking employment with such corporations to be fully aware of what their overseas employers' objectives are.

Over the next five years, American exports and marketing of goods and services will have to take on a new lease on life, in order to take advantage of a single European market.

The European Community consists of 12 member countries (with more countries considering joining); and with a population of 323 million, it is the largest market in the industrialized world. America has a population

of 244 million and Japan's population is 122 million. But Europe's GNP is 3669 billion, compared to America's 3869 billion and Japan's 2058 billion.

By direct contrast, Europe is not so far behind America; Japan and Europe are fast catching the American global power train.

Therefore, it is important for black students to plan their future. This means that should they wish to work for a corporation that has or is thinking of expanding into Europe, they must have some knowledge of international affairs.

Europe in 1992 means a more competitive market; the chain reaction means that American goods and services will find it more difficult to penetrate European markets. Presently the Japanese market does not import many American products. Thus, with the trade barriers of European markets lowering everyday, America will find itself out in the cold. It's position as a world super power will be deleted, and the books of history will be changed once again.

The future for American companies is therefore frightening.... Why?

As we can see today, the smaller companies are being absorbed by the larger companies; the larger a

company gets the more it dictates the market trends, the less control we have over prices. Larger corporations therefore not only have more economic power but also political power.

The connection between economics and politics is obvious. Larger, financially sound companies that are able to invest into European companies either by acquisition or by purchasing shares in the company, are doing so to enable them to get a foot through the iron door. The future for exportable American goods and services seems bleak. America has to offer its exports with a unique advantage over its competitors.

Why should a British company buy a \$3 million computer system from America when it can buy a similar system for \$2.2 million from Germany? The savings made by the British company and the post-sales service more than compensate for any marginal functions offered by the American product.

As Black-American students, you are not only going to have to work harder to contribute to your countries economic position as global leaders, but also you'll have to possess a decided advantage over your competitor. If he's white, then the career hill is even steeper

to climb. There are a number of ways you can have an advantage: a European language is most definitely a trump card, and an Eastern European language is twice as good. Employers are falling over themselves to get to a student who can speak any East European language and has a good Grade Point Average. More information will be available in my next article.

There are many questions which need to be answered but the mere scope of this subject is enormous. The official white paper lists several hundred items of legislation, many of these legislations will directly affect external European companies.

What is fundamental to the black student is that he does not get left behind. No matter which occupation you decide on, the concept of a single European market is going to effect you either directly or indirectly. You cannot afford to ignore the economic, social and political effects of a unified Europe. Remember, create your own opportunities, don't wait for them to be created.

Some people count their blessings on their fingers and their miseries on an adding machine.

The Disadvantages of Private Education

by John Veit

Some educators and businesses consider private universities to be superior institutions of higher learning. Schools such as Columbia and New York University, because of their exorbitant tuitions, exclude the great majority of those seeking degrees and cater exclusively to an elite clientele. The students and faculty of these profit-oriented institutions are deprived of the global perspectives that a more affordable public university's student body can offer. "Deprived", is the last adjective usually associated with students of Columbia and NYU—\$14,000 per year tuitions and a low percentage of students who receive financial aid are testaments to this. However, since approximately 70% of their students hail from white, upper middle class backgrounds, and only 20% of 18-24 year olds attend college, the microcosm of

privileged youth that they surround themselves with is indeed limited.

Most people simply do not have a spare \$56,000 in their coffers with which they can invest towards the betterment of their minds and future job prospects. 70% of the students at City College receive financial aid to assist them with their \$1,350 per year tuition, and the open admissions policy makes education available to all high school graduates regardless of their financial or educational situations.

Believing that all people are entitled to learn, despite the advantages bestowed on them by economic and social position, programs such as SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge) make it possible to attend public institutions after being excluded from expensive, private institutions because of

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by AZT, the drug presently used for AIDS patients. These side effects are the reasons why the full potential of interferon treatment had not been attained.

Dr. Justice warned the audience to stop entertaining the idea that AIDS is a disease of homosexuals or I.V. drug users only. "Everybody who is sexually active is vulnerable" she said. "It is therefore imperative that each one of you get tested. It is important that the status of each individual be identified" she continued.

According to Dr. Justice, the lack of coverage on Kemron by the major media can be attributed to several factors. Among them was the possible shift of profits from the multi-billion dollar drug companies currently involved with AZT to Kenyan research. She also pointed out that the inherent stereotyping of Africa by Western media has hurt the scientists' credibility.

The AIDS forum held at the Aronow Theater was sponsored by the Day Student Government, Haitian Student Association, South African Namibian Student Organization and the Voice club.

Happiness is wanting what you get.

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rent. Then on top of that millions we spend on food, clothing, newspapers, cigarettes, automobile, etc. All of these millions of dollars will eventually add up to billions of dollars, so in realizing this, other ethnic groups have come among us in our communities to support their families, and yet we find it impossible to support ours. How is this? Is this not our money?

Disposable income, personal consumption, and Per-capita income are three of the most powerful forces of liberation we as Africans in America possess but yet refuse to rally around them. First let's give a definition of disposable income. The word dispose means subject to use; or available. So a good definition for disposable income is available income, or income designed to be disposed of after its initial use. In laymen terms, it would be our income after governmental taxes.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce--Bureau of Domestic Commerce and the U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics,

in 1990 it is estimated that Africans in America will personally dispose and consume about 50 million dollars on food, alcohol and tobacco. That is an increase of 31 million dollars since 1975 and 20 million dollars since 1980. Also today we purchase 10% of all brand new automobiles and close to 20% of color televisions annually.

Furthermore, when riding the subways in New York City, I am astounded by how many of us make the publishers of the Daily News and the New York Post richer year after year, after knowing how the white media aid and abet in our destruction.

Also, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1989, the disposable income of Black people was 330 billion dollars. We spent 330 billion dollars in 1989, and there are 32 million of us in the continental United States. Let us begin to reason with these two points. Africans in America constitute about 85-90% of the non-white population in the U.S., and 12% of the total population. The top ten Black metro population areas according to the Sales and Marketing Management 1989

survey of Buying Power have a total close to 10 million Black consumers. New York City - 2,240,000, Chicago - 1,468,000, Los Angeles - 1,127,000, Washington DC - 995,000, Philadelphia - 956,000, Atlanta - 653,000, St. Louis - 650,000, Houston - 630,000, Baltimore - 607,000, and the San Francisco/Oakland area with 590,000 which is a total of 9,920,000 African consumers.

New York City has the most Black consumers in the country in total population, where we make up 28% of the 8 million total, but Memphis has a much larger concentration of Blacks than in any other U.S. city where we make up 42% of Memphis' total population.

Besides the 330 billion dollars we disposed of in 1989, we have even greater wealth in terms of individual savings. It is conceivable that we do not spend every dollar we earn. So it's proper to say we have among us a great deal of savings. Just imagine all of it together. Let's say we saved one quarter of what we spent in 1989 it would be 82.5 billion dollars (330 billion + 82.5 billion). Black owned

corporations here in America definitely carry a substantial amount of weight. So much weight that Black Enterprises Top 100 Black owned industrial and service companies gross close to 7 billion dollars in sales annually (330 billion + 82.5 billion + 7 billion = 419.5 billion). Black Entertainers such as Bill Cosby, Michael Jackson, Oprah Winfrey and Prince are probably worth about 1/2 billion dollars between them. If the four of them and all of the other black entertainers united and decided that they were going to do away with the exploitation we face in our communities, we could conceivably change our condition overnight.

So a conservative estimate for income that Africans in America possess annually is about 420 billion dollars. Imagine this kind of wealth spread out among 32 million African people. What would our per capita income be? Just try to imagine 42 billion dollars allocated to 32 million black persons (man, woman and child) with an average household of 3. We would be the 12th richest nation on the planet. Four hundred and twenty billion dollars divided by 32 million people would place us at around 13,100 dollars, right behind Finland (14,190) and right in front of France (13,020).

The irony of our whole dilemma is our economic power makes this country, which still excludes you from the very mainstream of this society the fourth richest nation (16,444) behind Switzerland (16,981), Norway (17,300) and Japan (21,280).

With the 420 billion or so dollars we possess, we can set up a central organization that controls all of the real estate in the black community. Each city that we occupy would have such an organization. This organization or association would be owned by blacks, controlled by blacks, and financed by blacks. It would be an overseer of all black owned housing, restaurants, grocery stores, laundromats, and all other businesses that provide goods and services.

We in the community would patronize these businesses that will be just as competitive, or more so than any others in the city. This would turn the dollar over more than one and a half times before it leaves the community. It would make our communities self-sufficient. It could provide jobs for people of the community. It would be the first step in controlling the economy of the community. This is by no means a new idea. We have such organizations today, but their integrated and watered

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As we grow, we learn various lessons through our experience; some are more painful than others. Once the acquired knowledge has been synthesized, wisdom results. With wisdom as the tank form which our fuel for life is stored, the experiences we undergo become less and less painful; the hardships, generally associated with life, become a memory to be stored away. It is now time for our lives together to be one fueled by wisdom. Henceforth, the Light of the Father shall guide us in a life of love and continual contentment and happiness.

When I want to speak let me think first:
Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?
If not, let it be unsaid.

What a man really is, may best be determined by seeing what he does when he has nothing special to do.

The first fifty years
you work to get wealth and
lose health in doing it.

The last fifty years
you lose your wealth trying
to gain your health.

EXPRESSIONS

The Drink

How do you dry hatred that has spilled
in your mouth?

Do you swallow a sponge?

Perhaps better yet if you run
in the woods it will seep
from your pores.

It came from a glass, opaque
with dirt, underfoot, and he
who nursed it, cursed the little
soul's joy.

Grown, it flows in her veins,
diluting her blood, and now
its becoming a flood, washing
the others away.

Will she drown too?

She holds her own glass--

Baccarat though--

A prying finger looks in her
throat--

rancid liquid spills

from her mouth as

she whispers of

love.

--Sandrale Scheffert

Our Fight

Tomorrow is a world away

Today will soon be yesterday.

Time moves on, even if we don't

On and on, To stop!

He won't.

Conditions of a people's plight

Conditions that can breed weakness

Or untold might.

Destiny is none but ours

The roads ahead,

Wearisome hours!

Who is willing?

Willing to put up a fight

Rather than take flight.

Our Ancestors have laid the way

With Blood, Sweat and Tears

So we can say

Our struggle is our life!!

Our LIBERATION not without strife

Onward we shall go

Onward for we know

That victory for us will come

Be it through words, work...

Or the barrel of a GUN

---Curtis Dyette

No longer my child
but a dot on a graph
statistic in a file
a meal for the worms

No longer in bloom
but a flower in dirt
a keepsake
pressed in a book

No longer my world
or my dependent
my lover's namesake
my secret hope
and only prayer

--Tammie V. Lacewell
(9/27/90)

EXPRESSIONS

If I was strong
Upon my shoulders
I could hold up the sky
and let tears fall
upon my chest
Though my arms never
tire of the burden they
hold up
God gave me the
Courage, the strength
to endure
I never questioned his gift

QUESTIONED?

Why is there never any peace
To fall among my people
Grace--to smooth away
the sweat, which gave way
in blood
Water--to quench a
faded thirst
Easing a swollen belly
which holds a child
While hunger chokes out
life
Eyes wide and deep
with anticipation
Hope and faith glared over
Those same eyes holding
no understanding
Comprehending an existence
with no base to hold a
morbid reality in place
I stand before you
Hands stretched up to you

CHILDREN HAVEDIED

My daughter can't have anymore
Hunger has gripped her soul
Telling her lies of befriendedness
Stealing her rich blood
and watching her die
Unsaline tears, what horrors
she faces alone
Missionaries wait at the gate
They took her brother
you know--
My only son ran as fast--
no faster--as he could
Man--a foreign term to
him now
My shoulders ache and my
fingers and arms are numb
The weight pushing me
to my knees once again
Before, when lashes crossed
my back
Because I refused to be touched
Where his hands had no right to go
My husband's pride caught in
the iron in his mouth
Or flowed out with his blood
I cry, burning waters
Convulsions pulling at my ribs
Entrenched deep within me
is the substance which has held
my pain and pride
Which feeds my strength
to hold up this sky

--James F. Gallishaw

PEACE

Peace doesn't make noise.
It is perfection, Love,
Rapture.

Yet peace is not silence.
It is Ideal.
It is aggression's absence
War's antithesis
And Love's precursor.

It is InI.
It is when there is not
Mine and thine anymore.
Only I and I.

---Deon-Patrice Hamer
(9/17/90)

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly: and listen to others, even to the dull and ignorant: they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons: they are a vexation to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical

about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have the right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its shams, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Max Ehrmann

down. White dominion and control over black owned organizations must be busted up and broken. White folks will never work sincerely in the interest of black folks. Keep in mind that they depend totally on the subordination of African people the world over to maintain their power.

Finally, if we as Africans in America are ever going to do something for our race, we have to unify and start thinking about the masses of our people. It has become increasingly evident that we have to break away from the white value system that has blinded us to a collective responsibility for one another. We have inherited the venomous capitalistic concept from the white value system. We as Africans have become great believers of "You do your thing, and I'll do mine." Remember brothers and sisters that we either rise up together, or we sink and die together but we will never rise up economically in part. So let's never again be a divided community because it is that very division that will dictate our failure, and future history will record us as the most foolish people who ever lived on the earth because we had a chance to develop an economic agenda to save ourselves and we blew it.

God had a purpose in mind when He made the mouth to close and the ears to always remain open.

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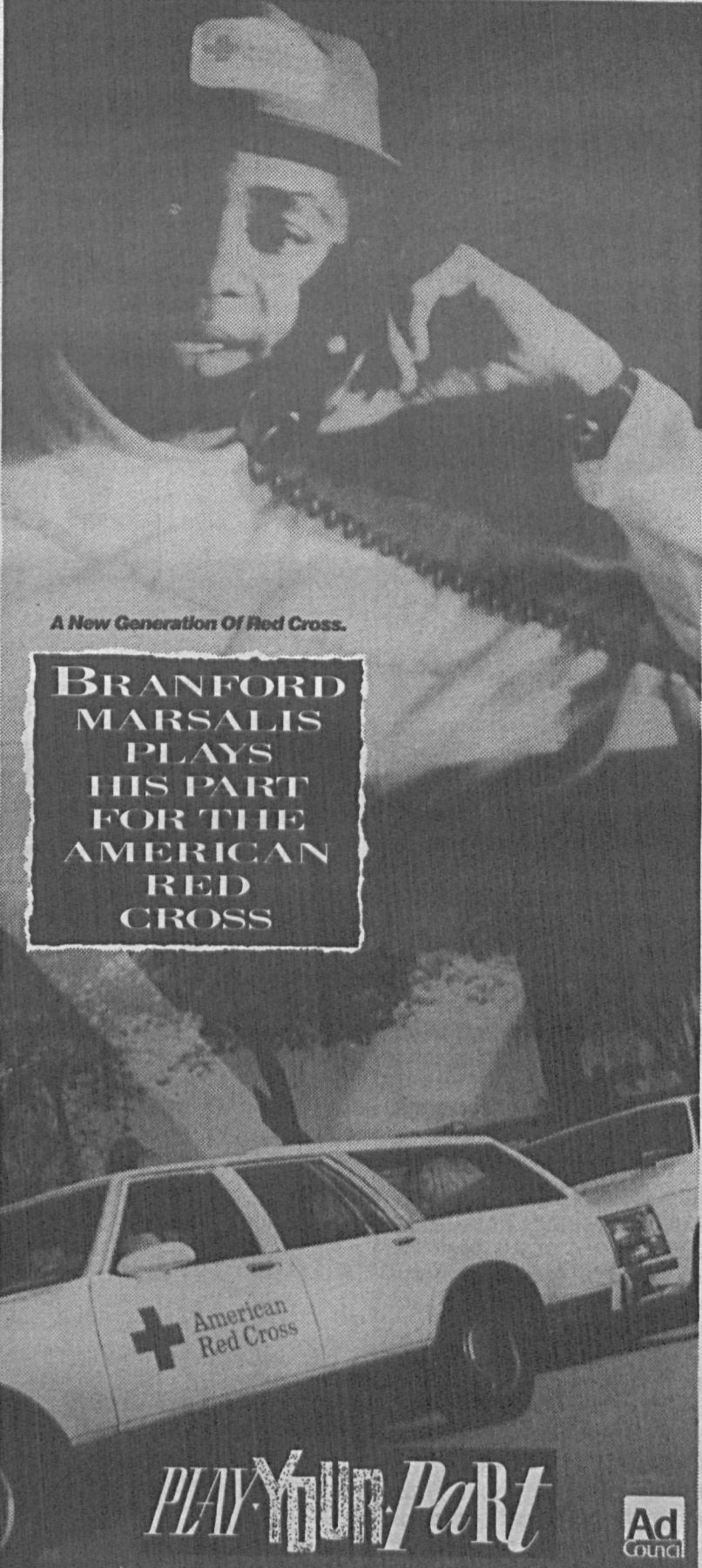
their cost. The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), SEEK's counterpart at NYU, carries requirements which deny access to those who have not attained a 75 average in high school and have not scored an 1100 on the racially biased and ineffective Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The director of New York University's HEOP, Ms. Maheer, told me that it would not be possible for a student without an income for tuition to attend NYU unless they took out enough loans to cover the entire cost of tuition. Such loans are often unavailable to poor students.

Lower-income working mothers and fathers are also unable to attend NYU and Columbia as their elaborate facilities, which include overly staffed and pretentious "information centers", fail to provide day-care centers. The input and perspectives brought by parents and guardians to City College are gratefully accepted by myself and other CCNY students. These students, the many foreign students, and the thousands of other students of various dependencies seem to have a purpose in their educational pursuits higher than self-security and prestige. This is the prevalent motive I sensed from the majority of private university students I have encountered. Most foreign students at City come from nations which the U.S. and other nations have occupy either militarily, agriculturally, minerally, and/or ideologically. What they are interested in doing is taking back what they learn here

at City to their respective nations and then rebuild what has been damaged by intervention. Social services, medicine, and other admirable careers are pursued by CCNY students, as opposed to the majority of private university students who aspire to careers within the confines of institutionally racist major corporations, the people often responsible for the agricultural and mineral occupations of

smaller nations.

Public students considering transferring to a private school should instead improve the curriculums and environments of their respective colleges so other ambitious students will be attracted to them. They will be far more appreciated here that they would be at either Columbia or NYU, where the student is secondary to the cash they carry in their wallets.



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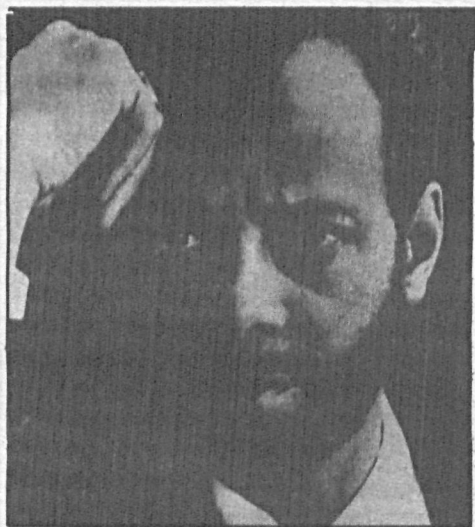
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BLACK LEADERSHIP

BY JOHNNY PUGH



Haki Madhubuti

Leadership is a term which is used very often. It is sometimes used incorrectly to describe people who were the pioneers in a particular profession or field. This is not the type of leadership I will focus on. The Leaders in this section will be those who not only blazed a trail for others to follow, but also dared to be different, and were innovative in the way that they attacked racism. Some of these leaders used Education; others used Entertainment; still others inspired us to live out our dreams. These people are examples for us to follow.

Haki Madhubuti is a publisher, writer, poet, professor and Pan-Africanist. He has been writing powerful revolutionary essays since 1967. Madhubuti, through his company Third World Press, has also given voice to such great writers as Gwendolyn Brooks, Sonia Sanchez, Hoyt Fuller, Cheik Anta Diop, and Dr. Chancellor Williams to name a few. Brother Madhubuti is also Executive director of the Institute of Positive Education, an independent school geared toward African-American educational development, cultural research, and the growth and survival of the Black Family. Haki Madhubuti is also a Professor of English at Chicago State University. In addition to writing 16 books, of which his latest, Black Men Obsolete, Single, Dangerous: The Afrikan American Family in Transition, is one of his best. He is also the recipient of many literary awards, on an international scale.

One can go on and on about Madhubuti's accomplishments, but the most important word one can use in describing this brother is committed. Not only does Haki Madhubuti raise critical questions about issues such as fatherhood, male and female relationships, aggression, drugs, AIDS, and empowerment, but he also spoke about solutions to the problems in

the African community in America.

In a recent article of the Black Collegian the September/October 1990 issue) by Kuumba Kazi-Ferrouillet entitled "Are Black Men Obsolete, Single, and Dangerous?" Madhubuti said "One of the major problems is the lack of self definition or understanding of our culture, our relationship to each other and to Afrika, and our history. Also, even biologically; we abuse our bodies in such ways which prevent us from functioning at optimum levels. All is interrelated, one's spirit, one's stress level, one's ability to function in a highly technological society on a daily basis. It's all connected what one eats and drinks and how one relates to one's family, one's job, and to one's cultural associations. I try to move in a holistic approach to

life itself."

On the question of leadership, Haki Madhubuti was asked why in the introductory remarks of his latest book he stated "I will never forgive white people for what they have done to Afrikan-American men, women, and children. This is our story and this time we're not asking for or waiting on apologies and handouts." Brother Madhubuti went on to mention that we blame each other rather than correctly analyzing our situation. Madhubuti appeared on the Donahue show recently to present an alternative view to Shahrzad Ali's best seller The Blackman's Guide to Understanding the Blackwoman. Ms. Ali tried to argue the merits of her book while Madhubuti pointed out that "...to argue over relative levels of oppression serves to only to

reinforce the power of the system. It is important to understand that in reality white nations do not trust each other; their wars and attacks with each other are legendary. If they have this attitude towards each other what makes one think they will treat us any differently. We cannot hope to change them, we must be about changing ourselves. We are at war, but we don't realize that when you are at war you prepare for a fight, you must first arm yourself. In all areas Black people are unaware of the current onslaught against our people."

Madhubuti also offers solutions in his interview with Imhotep Gary Byrd on WLIB-AM radio. He reminds us of our linkage to Africa; strive for self-knowledge; respect learning; avoid stress; think critically; be disciplined; and realize that the family is the key to rearing strong minded children.

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This Way For Black Empowerment

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Last week the Reverend Al Sharpton and I were in Los Angeles to endorse the Peace and Freedom Party candidate for governor of California, Elizabeth Munoz, a Chicana schoolteacher and longtime leader of the independent political movement, whose opposition to the death penalty is the centerpiece of her independent campaign.

Both of the major party candidates support the death penalty. Just about every Black Democrat, from Congressman Mervyn Dymally and Ron Delums to Assemblywoman Maxine Waters and City Councilman Robert Farrell, have endorsed Diane Feinstein, the Democratic Party nominee. "No one is questioning the fact that she supports a policy of genocide against youth of color," Liz told me.

Reverend Al and I were in LA not only to endorse Liz' campaign, but to mobilize young people, particularly members of the city's many young gangs, to fight back against the bipartisan, pro-death penalty crusade by registering to vote.

Television camera crews and radio reporters packed our first press conference, which we used to endorse the campaign and announce our plan to meet with youth gang members the next day. I spoke about how very proud I am to be leading an independent political movement which can provide an alternative for youth all across this country. Reverend Sharpton accused the Republican and Democratic gubernatorial candidates for "singing a duet of death."

"We are here to let the youth gangs in the Black and Latino community know that it's the rich, white Beverly Hills gang that really controls this county and this state," he said. "If the youth gangs want to control their turf, they should register to vote and start electing people to office who don't support the death penalty."

At a meeting with the editorial board of the weekly Sentinel, Los Angeles' premier Black newspaper, a heated discussion arose over our endorsement of the Munoz candidacy. Arguing the Feinstein's record is more sympathetic to the Black Agenda than that of her Republican opponent, Sentinel editor Kenneth Thomas asked, "Should we dilute the chances of Feinstein winning by supporting Munoz?"

I pointed out that choosing the lesser of two evils—which the Black community to do for a very long time—is still choosing an evil. Reverend Sharpton acknowledged the Feinstein might have taken positive and progressive stances on some issues, but he insisted, "some issues are non-negotiable—and the death penalty is one."

This was the message that we brought with us to a series of meetings with gang members and ex-gang members the next day. The dialogue was intense. What did the death penalty have to do with them? The youth wanted to know. Why should they bother to vote at all?

I spoke to them as frankly as I knew how. "You may not think it concerns you now," I told them. "But if the

death[penalty is passed, it's your ass that's going to fry."

Gradually, the discussion turned a corner. One ex-gang member, Dorcel Lyles—who had at first been the most skeptical—began to take in what we were saying. He agreed to support the drive to register young people to vote. Other asked what they could do to help out on Liz' campaign for governor.

The next morning Dorcel and several of his friends arrived at the Biltmore Hotel to meet with me and Reverend Sharpton. They were joined by another group of youths escorted by the Reverend Charles Mims of the Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church, who had been the convener of a series of youth gang summits in Los Angeles; several members of the Crips gang had urged us to contact him.

We held a second press conference at which Reverend Sharpton announced an emergency Black and Chicano leadership conference on September 24th in Los Angeles to

mobilize opposition to the death penalty and support for the youth voter registration drive. "If the death penalty is instituted it is the Black and Hispanic youth, not the rich white kids, who will go to the electric chair. These kids have to use their vote to save their lives," he said, and presented Reverend Mims with a \$500 check to help kick off the voter registration drive.

We are not trying to tell young people how to vote. We are offering them a weapon—in the form of Liz' Munoz independent campaign for governor of New York as the candidate of the New Alliance Party—with which to fight back against those who are ready, willing and able to destroy them.

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	Oct. 18 (Th.) 12:15 p.m.	
	Oct. 18 (Th.) 6 p.m.	
	Oct. 19 (Fri.) 6 p.m.	
FABIOLA By: Eduardo Machado Dir: David Willinger	Nov. 1 (Th.) 12 p.m.	Aaron Davis Hall Theatre B
	Nov. 1 (Th.) 7 p.m.	
	Nov. 2 (Fri.) 7 p.m.	
	Nov. 3 (Sat) 7 p.m.	
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	Nov. 15 (Th.) 7 p.m.	
	Nov. 16 (Fri.) 7 p.m.	
A Play (To Be Announced) BFA Acting Program Dir: Guest Artist	Dec. 5 (Wed.) 6 p.m.	Aaron Davis Hall Theatre B
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The UJAMAA Black Theater is about the positive projection of Africans in the Diaspora. The following theatrical productions will be presented this season:

"Black By Popular Demand--This Ain't No Place": Oct. 5th and 12th at 8 p.m.

"For The Love of My Black Woman": Oct. 6th, 13th, Nov. 17th, 24th at 8 p.m.

"The Gospel of The Harlem Renaissance": Oct. 6th, 13th, Nov. 17th, 24th at 4 p.m.

Special Kwanzaa presentation of "The Sun People", a contemporary African folktale: Dec. 14th at 8 p.m. and Dec. 15th at 4 p.m.

The world premiere of "The Trials of Marcus Garvey," written and directed by Titus Walker: Jan. 25th and 26th, 1991, at 8 p.m.

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1990 MISS BLACK TEENAGE WORLD

Presenting, from Winston Salem, North Carolina, Debelah Morgan, the reigning Miss Black Teenage World!!

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Debelah is a 16-year-old college freshman who began her music career at the age of 3, started formal training at the age of 8, and at 12 enrolled in Tucson High, magnet school for fine arts. She was Tucson's Miss Juneteenth 1988-89 and Miss Black Teen Arizona 1989-90.

Upon winning the title of Miss Black Teenage World, she received two full scholarships to Hampton and Gramblin University. She plans to continue her major in Music. Debelah has also been chosen as the National Spokesperson for Captain Drugbuster C.A.D. (Children Against Drugs). Be sure to keep an eye out for her debut single "I Love You"!

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