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Third world Black Power

On April 6, 1971, the national television station carrying First Tuesday, did a special on Black Power in the West Indies.

In this fifteen minute segment, it was shown that the West Indies, Jamaica in particular, was still a good place for tourists to visit and look at and mix with the "natives." It stated that Black Power was nothing but the delusion of a few misguided Blacks and an unknown artist with a bucket of red paint to waste. This was the image of Black Power on the Islands and all the revolution that was taking place.

This is the kind of information that White America is exposed to in regards to the true picture of the Black world or the outside world in total for that matter.

It is also the same kind of misinformation that Blacks right here in the United States are exposed to in regards to their own place in the building of this nation.

White history

You attend a history class and you are told about the Great George Washington but nothing about his white troops deserting him and forcing him to use Black soldiers to win this country from the British with nothing but continuous slavery as their reward. We read about Jefferson and Patrick Henry wanting to fight and die for liberty and justice but we are not told that they were slave owners. You glorify and romanticize such heroes as Patton, John Paul Jones, Lincoln, Brant, Lee, Sheraton, Custer, Sherman and others, and all were responsible directly or indirectly for the killing, destroying, and misplacement of thousands of people. What heroes!

Black heroes such as Bill Pickett, Nat Turner, Malcolm, Stokely and others are either conveniently left out or treated in such a manner as to appear to be traitors to the Black masses for advocating Black independence and awareness of self; and in this way, their greatness, if not truly represented to Americans, will be lost.

West Indians like Blacks in the United States, Africa and peoples in the third world in general, are fighting every day in one form or another to throw off the yoke of colonialism, racism, and oppression. The Islands are very much intuned with what is happening throughout the world.

Last year in Trinidad, some brave young men, officers, soldiers, and civilians placed their lives, careers, and a chance to support the status quo in danger by exposing the truth of British, Canadian and U.S. control over the islands. It was fitting too, that the local Afro-Saxon politicians were severely censored for their collaboration in the game.

It is our conviction that the misinformation offered in the documentary

April 6th was an effort, perhaps supported by interested parties in the West Indies, to mystify Americans as to what is happening in the Caribbean and more important, to obscure from the consciousness of Black America the fact that other third world countries are at one with them in their historic struggle for freedom.

We consider it apt to include below excerpts from speeches made by two young army lieutenants who were charged with mutiny during the rebellion last year in Trinidad. They reflect the awareness that in the third world self-determination can only be won by effective political and economic control over their resources. Further, that it is magnanimous to stick to convictions which are cherished within this context. When the term Black Power is used, one is referring to the righteousness of having political and economic power in the hands of the indigenous population rather than controlled by expatriates.

I am a revolutionary

"Mr. President, when the authorities refer to me as a revolutionary, they flatter me. A revolutionary is the highest form of the human species—a revolutionary is higher than man, and yet a most humble being. Few men in history have achieved this status. A revolutionary seeks change for the better—he goes all out to achieve this change, regardless of the threat of death. Among the earliest revolutionaries was Jesus Christ, and what a change he brought about. Many have followed Mahatma Gandhi in India, Malcolm X in the U.S.A. and Che Guevara in Latin America. So you see why they flatter me when they refer to me as a revolutionary. Maybe I'm more of an adverturer—only of a different sort—one of those who would risk their lives to prove what they believe. On the morning of April 21st, 1970, I risked my life, and even today as I stand here before you, I'm risking my life. In my way of life, death is a logical possibility.

Let me die like a man

"Members of the Court, if I die now, then I die in glory. I die with the confidence that many have heard my cries and will stand up and defy repression. You may condemn me, but my people have already absolved me. You may take away my liberty, but the masses of this country have already set me free. Just as I stood by my soldiers on April 21st, I stand by them now. I was prepared to die then—and even now I am prepared to die for them. I have my convictions and I stand by them. Change in the Army is inevitable, and no amount of cocktail parties or cheap decorations can stop that. I stand before

you proud of my actions, my bid to bring about that change, and my bid to give the people of this country a true army. I tried to be a man, and for this crime I was imprisoned. Mr. President, Members of this honourable Court, if I cannot live like a man, then let me die like one."

Brother Shah

Willing to die

"The people of this country know that I am committed to this country. They know that I am willing to die for it at anytime. They also know that the members of the army hierarchy are committed to nothing except their personal interest and safety, exemplified by sitting still and hoping for the best.

"The people of this country want to bury the images of colonialism anywhere they see it and they see it that Regiment with its Queen's colours, Honorary Colonel and white suits.

"And if the decision goes the army hierarchy way, and I doubt it you consider this because when you consider the actions of the army hierarchy, then you will be saying, long live colonialism—you would be saying, long live slavery. You would be saying, long live officers who give no leadership. You would be saying long live cowardice. You would be telling the people of this nation to be proud of such men.

"Whatever your decision may be I ask

Letter

Athletic Department

Last year you, the associated students of the university, budgeted \$221,045 to the Oregon Athletic Department. This year they will ask for an increase (mainly since the tuition rose).

I feel that a great many students do benefit from participation but more from spectating the output of the A.D. However many others are paying their share, almost \$15 a year, in incidental fees to something which they have no interest in and secure no advantage from.

The solution I see as a realistic alternative is the purchasing of your athletic cards. Many west coast schools do this, the cost ranging from \$12 to \$15. Numerous schools sell their Athletic Cards and give their A.D. supplementary funds.

The cards could be sold to students and we could fund the A.D. some money—possibly up to \$100,000 as a trust until it is

you not to perpetuate the suffering of the poor soldiers here charged with me. Let me die for them. That sacrifice I am willing to make. I was willing to make it on April 21st and today I stand even more readily to do that. I am convinced that my action was right and anything you decide can never change that. I am proud of all my actions. I stand by them.

"Mr. President, members, I have come to terms with my existence and I want to get the fullest meaning out of it. If your decision is death, let me be shot by Brigadier Serrette on the same spot where Clive Bailey was murdered, and let my blood soak into the soil of this country, till my body could give no more. Then cremate my body and give some of my ashes to my parents, of the remainder, throw some on the hills overlooking Belmont where I was born. Throw some in the Caribbean sea for the unity which I believe we share with them having been colonised. Throw some on the Ganges where such a large part of this nation comes from for the bond that I have with them and this country... and finally, from the river that leads from liberated Africa into racist Africa, throw some to that liberation would be achieved by the peoples of that police state some day. Let my death have some meaning, Mr. President. If it is to be, so."

Brother Rex Lassalle

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Athletic Department

found out how many students bought the cards. Say as the A.D. believes, 7,200 buy cards at \$15 each, that makes \$108,000 plus maybe \$100,000 totalling \$208,000—almost the level of last years funding.

You students in the past paid 22 per cent of the A.D.'s over million-dollar total expense. It could take a cut because its income is a fluid thing that can be increased by more public relations.

The money saved could be either rerouted to ASUO programs and educational activities or preferably go as a general tuition decrease.

I would appreciate any reactions here in the Emerald. Also the A.D. will be coming before the Senate Fiscal Committee next Monday, April 26, in Room 101 EMU from 2 to 5 and 7 until we're finished. This is a public hearing and any wishing to express an opinion or offer questions are welcome.

Mike Marsh
A.S.U.O. Senator

Alan Maltun

We must learn about Red China

Alan Maltun is a freshman majoring in journalism.

It is difficult to believe that an aspiring journalist could produce an article so lacking in logic, and narrow in perspective. Tonie Nathan's commentary of April 16, on U.S. relations with China is just that.

That must be pointed out that this is 1971, not 1948, and policies, as well as journalists, should keep up with the times. Continuing the policy of ignoring China would be even more damaging today than it has been over the past 23 years. The fact that there is so "little factual information coming out of China," is another very important reason for efforts to make closer contact with China, especially from the journalist's standpoint. With the opening of the "Bamboo Curtain," to American newsmen, the opportunities for more accurate reportage are greatly

enhanced. We will no longer have to depend on the Chinese press itself for much of our information, which we used to receive second hand through Hong Kong.

Barbarians

The charge has been made that the Chinese leaders are barbarians, the country has no respect for individual rights, and that therefore the U.S. not endeavor to encourage friendly relations with her. Are we as Americans so self-righteous and moral that we are in a position to judge China or any other country on so pious a level? Consider Vietnam where in the name of "democracy" we have killed hundreds of thousands of people, who for the most part did not know what the word means, but found that bombs and bullets know no politics. Has not the U.S. government

supported Chiang Kai-shek, who has always ruled with an iron fist, and only over the small island of Taiwan? The leaders of mainland China speak for 800 million people, almost one third of the world population. Whether we as Americans feel the Chinese people are fairly represented or not does not eliminate the reality that Red China, and not Taiwan, is a major world power. When one takes an objective look at China today, it cannot be denied that a certain amount of progress has been made under it's "barbarous" leadership. There is no longer mass starvation as there was when our ally Chiang Kai-shek ruled mainland China. Nor do thousands of prostitutes crowd the streets of Shanghai as they did when Chiang Kai-shek was in power.

There is not nothing to lose and much to gain by increased contact with Communist China. The American businessman

has rarely been known to get the poorer part of the deal in his foreign financial endeavors. An opportunity to better our knowledge of the Chinese culture is also at hand. Journalists' and our government's ability to analyze Chinese politics and the meaning of their rhetoric can be greatly improved.

Peace coming

The most important and significant aspect of closer relations with China is a new prospect for peace which may hopefully in the not too distant future be the end result. When you realize how many times in the last few years we have come to the brink of nuclear disaster, it should be obvious that an opportunity such as is now being presented, cannot be passed up. The stage is set for the 1970's, peace and humanity; they are the only games in town.