



We see the world
through Black eyes

Conspiracy continues

Death is a time of re-evaluation of the past and of reassessment of the future. The death of Paul Robeson leads one to compare the persecution of the Black leaders of yesterday to the government harassment of the Black leaders of today.

It has always been the method of the government and of its white press to eliminate any Black leaders who chose to speak out and demand the rights guaranteed them by the United States Constitution.

Twenty years ago it was sufficient to call a man a "Communist." Robeson, who used his voice and his talents to demand liberation for Black people and for all people, was harassed and confined to the United States in order to stop him from telling abroad the story of slavery and degradation. The American people, including many Black Americans, were led to believe that he was "un-American" in order that his influence might be diminished.

At the age of 83, W.E.B. DuBois was handcuffed and hauled into court, charged with failing to register as a "foreign agent." The *Pittsburg Courier* wrote, "The handcuffs on DuBois are meant to serve as a gag on Negro leadership that is disposed to 'shoot the works' for freedom."

Dr. Martin Luther King was the object of governmental harassment, planned and carried out by the FBI. When he began to bring Blacks and whites together in a massive campaign against poverty, he was eliminated. Malcolm X was another target of governmental persecution. When he returned from Africa talking about the brotherhood of all mankind, he was marked for death.

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, the most powerful Black in American government at the time, was removed from office for the same activities, blatantly practiced by the white members of Congress who voted to remove him.

Recently columnist Carl Rowan wrote, "Anyone who followed the Watergate hearings and who is abreast of current congressional probings of the nation's intelligence agencies has surely become aware of one reality: for the last several years no Black leader was so radical, so moderate, so Uncle Tomish, that he was not the target of wiretapping, bugging, tailing by the FBI, CIA, DIA, IRS or some other agency of government."

In recent weeks, members of the Congressional Black Caucus, who have opposed State Department policy in Angola, have been the target of a campaign of terror. The nephew of Ron Dellums (D-California) was kidnapped and murdered, Ralph Metcalf's (D-Illinois) apartment was ransacked, Parren Mitchell (D-Maryland) was repeatedly threatened with assassination, etc.

Even more serious to the future of human rights is the apparent conspiracy to bring criminal charges against elected Black officials -- again the old campaign to discredit Black leadership.

Many of those Blacks who have struggled to achieve high office in order to bring government back to the people, have found themselves the targets of criminal investigations and indictments, and the faith of their constituents has been badly shattered.

California Lieutenant Governor Mervyn Dymally has been charged by the *Los Angeles Times*, with

misuse of funds of a non-profit organization he headed. Although the allegations were known for several years, it was only after Dymally became Lieutenant Governor that the *Times* launched its campaign against him.

Lieutenant Governor George Brown of Colorado was charged with misusing \$4,090.57 in state travel funds. After a legal campaign against him, a grand jury investigating showed he had used the same procedures as other top officials.

William Clay, Congressman from Missouri, was accused by the government and the press of being a dope pusher and when cleared of that charge his campaign committee was investigated of charges that he failed to report all contributions, and again he was cleared. Currently he is being investigated, again by the Justice Department, for allegedly hiring his sister and the IRS "criminal division" is investigating his tax returns.

Shirley Chisholm (D-New York) was charged with campaign violations, charges that were later dismissed. LeRoy Johnson, former member of the Georgia Senate, was convicted of filing a false locally, Cleveland Gilcrease has been under a year long federal investigation and press expose' with charges still yet filed.

And the list goes on and on.

The possible fallout of these campaigns -- the campaign of terror to attempt to silence vocal Black opposition to government policy, and the campaign to discredit through criminal charges -- is that Black people will lose faith in Black leadership. And this is what we must guard against. Never again can we afford to allow such men as Robeson and DeBois to be removed from among us by the government and its press. We as a people must keep in mind that these Black men and women who are being terrorized and victimized need our faith and our support.

Wrestlers risk expulsion

The scheduling of a South African junior wrestling team for competition against Oregon high schools can jeopardize the standing of all United States wrestlers, and can bring exclusion of United States wrestlers from the Olympic Games.

International regulations prohibit competition with non-member nations and South Africa has been expelled from membership.

This unfortunate episode could have been avoided had the officials of the schools involved been concerned with the apartheid policies of South Africa and considered the ramifications of athletic competition with a nation with these racist policies. A year ago, the 1.5 million member National Education Association (NEA) asked the Amateur Athletic Union to bar American participation against racially segregated teams.

AME Bishop H.H. Brookins, Congressman Diggs, and other Blacks who are outspoken against the injustices of apartheid have been banned from Rhodesia and South Africa, yet the leaders of our Oregon school districts invite South African athletics to our State.

We wonder where our educational leadership was when this fiasco was planned.

Third World Wrapup

by Roy Harvey

People's Republic of Angola Takes Counter-Gang 'Capital'

As of this writing wire services other than IPS have not yet indicated that the FNLA-UNITA headquarters in Novo Lisboa ('Huambo') have fallen to the government of the People's Republic of Angola. The story was undoubtedly held back from the press in hopes of getting the \$28 million from Congress, which was to drag on the war for some five or six months, in the hopes of a "peaceful negotiation": a CIA 'Social Democratic' attachment to the pro-socialist PRA government.

IPS (the wire service of New Solidarity) reports that the MPLA government captured Novo Lisboa on January 24th, a day after the coastal town of Novo Redondo was taken by a column of MPLA troops. Those troops are now moving on the rail and port cities Lobito and Benguela -- giving the MPLA control of at least both ends and the middle of the Benguela railroad.

Congressional rejection (the House voted 323-99) to cut off funds for the UNITA-FNLA counter-gangs is a clear victory for humanity, but until the nature of their own CIA-created counter-gangs FNLA-UNITA is understood by Congress and the American working people, the CIA will next move to subversion, terrorism, and other efforts to destabilize the PRA and the catalytic role the young Angolan government will play toward development -- and the implementation of the new world economic order. Signs of such destabilizing are already evident: the South African Bureau of State Security (BOSS), which claims to be more skilled than the CIA in exacerbating racial tensions in Africa -- its key to its maintaining control. BOSS efforts in Luanda apparently met with some success last week, in incidents of Black Angolans assaulting assimilated or mestizo Angolans. The purpose of such BOSS

manipulations would be to tie down the PRA as much as possible, preventing the OAU coalition formed around the PRA from coalescing into a solid pro-development bloc.

Another indication of a CIA plan-change is seen in the UNITA 'foreign minister' Jorge Sangumba statement last week. Sangumba declared he was a "Social Democrat" (a la CIA agent Mario Soares, head of the Portuguese Socialist Party, etc.) and that his group would not be committed to guerrilla war against the PRA. UNITA head Jonas Savimbi in Lusaka met last week with Ford Foundation representatives.

The Pro Development Faction of the OAU

Last week the Liberation Committee of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) met in Mozambique, where host president Samora Machel called for "the destruction of apartheid in South Africa." Earlier in New Delhi, Tanzania's President Nyerere declared "I will call for arms and troops from friendly countries" in support of the People's Republic of Angola. The Tanzanian government controlled paper *Daily News* subsequently announced "the moment has come for the African revolution to go on the offensive," calling for "battle fronts" to be opened up in South Africa, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and South West Africa (Namibia). Two other incidents signify the mood of the OAU countries which have coalesced around the PRA. 500 Zambian students "militantly demonstrated" January 15th for their government's withdrawal of support from the CIA counter-gang UNITA, demanding recognition of the PRA. And in Geneva (January 15th) the Deputy Prime Minister (1961) under the CIA-murdered Patrice Lumumba (of Congo-Kinshasa -- now Zaire) held a press conference. Ex Deputy Prime Minister Antoine Gezenga detailed the progress of his organizations eight year long guerrilla war against "the CIA installed dictatorship of General

Mobutu."

Significantly absent from most of this is a clearly articulated view of development, comparable to that of the new world economic order: a regional development thrust should be the direction of the OAU -- PRA grouping; if it does not develop in that fashion, the loose coalition will evaporate. Probably the key to this is the Soviet Union, which is sitting on its thumbs. The Soviets have not embraced the necessity of debt moratoria (especially for Third World countries), and have not offered to extend the ruble as a transferable currency. Apparently the Soviets do not take such steps out of fear of being viewed as provocative -- but without a regional development program (e.g. raw materials for industrial infrastructure, three way trade, explicit program for controlled thermonuclear fusion power), this progressive moment in history will be lost: the OAU countries will try to make the best deals they can (for a time) in bilateral refinancing -- to pay off the some \$75 billion debt by offering up their people and lands for further World Bank and IMF (etc.) looting: labor-intensive austerity, famine...

CUBA

According to the People's Republic of Angola (via AP), there are about 4,000 Cuban troops in Angola. One of the main press sources blatantly lying in its coverage of Angola especially about Cuba was Reuters, the British wire service, recently exposed to be the CIA's major conduit of 'news' -- along with fourteen other major conduits. Cuba entered the war at the request of the PRA after thousands of South African troops eventually to number 11,000, invaded Angola. Recently Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley declared his government's support to the PRA, and hailed the role of Cuba in Angola as being a most profound expression of internationalism.

'And that's the way it's not . . .'

(Continued from p. 1 col. 3) and heightening their despair.

Variations to this occur -- for example the reporting of the plague warning in eastern Oregon. Apparently (had we the adequate resources this could be checked) the press plague warning resulted from a superior method of raw data collecting by the vector control officials. Subsequent to the press plague warning, health officials denied or explained-away the charges, leaving the situation intact: global health crisis does exist, but it can be understood as such only when brought into context within the real state of the union (and the globe). Viewed in that context, the plague warning is real, but to stop the threat does not mean rat poison in the 1,400 miles of Portland's sewers, but a program to restart production internationally, which would wipe out the basis for disease, malnutrition, famine and the threat of nuclear war psychological holocaust that accompany breakdown. Such reporting is hardly 'objective' -- it rather assumes responsibility for the condition of humanity, offering a direction to resolve the problem that is the content of its news story.

In the context of reductionist reporting of "the news", the CIA using its witting and unwitting agents -- has a field day. It points the direction: 'zero growth', 'quality of austerity life', 'too many people', 'running out of energy' (entropy) etc. The witting agents mouth the line, and the unwitting agents offer variations.



Is Francisco Goya being OBJECTIVE? Does this newspaper editor REALLY have bat wings growing out of his head? [from Goya's *The Disasters of War*, print 71: *Against Common Good*]

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take care of your friends

Dear Editor:

Please publish this and let your readers know they have a responsibility to help their mentally or emotionally sick friends before it is too late. In reporting the death of LeRoy D. Clark, you make it look like the police shot him down without cause. By your own story, you prove they did everything possible to prevent a tragedy because they were his friends. But the police can not accuse or

commit anyone before that person commits an illegal act.

In this case -- after the shoot-out and death of Mr. Clark, his family and social friends admitted they had observed his irrational behavior for at least a week. Why didn't they see that he either got help for himself -- professional counseling -- or have him committed to Dammasch or Holiday Park Hospital's mental ward.

Mental sickness is no more of a disgrace than physical sickness. The real

disgrace is not recognizing it and doing something about it. Only the man's family or a responsible friend can commit an emotionally or mentally sick person, if he or she won't or can't do it for themselves.

You don't stand around waiting for a person having a heart attack to get himself help, do you? Not if you really love him! Where were Mr. Clark's tearful friends when he really needed them? Afraid it would be "unkind" to accuse him

of mental sickness and have him committed?

This happens time and again. We read where a suicide or murder or many murders could have been prevented, if only the person who broke down had had help or commitment in time. But nobody wanted to "disgrace" him or her.

Portland has good mental health counseling for free or based on ability to pay. Multnomah County Mental Health Division, family counselling by a number of churches and other organizations are available and you can always call in the police to help transport a patient to a hospital for mental sickness, but only after someone else signs the complaint and commitment papers. Tragedies like Mr. Clark's don't have to happen if families and friends really love someone.

Sincerely,
Rev. Samuel Jackson

Wrong man

To the Editor,

In your January 22nd, 1976 pictorial coverage of the Martin Luther King Day events you identified me as Andy Raubson.

I assure you that there are no hard feelings and that I realize the problems caused by the fact that men with beards "all look alike."

Sincerely,
Kalman C. Szekeley



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