

# Lining things up

by Mark Hymen

**WASHINGTON, D.C. — BLACK TEARS FOR RED TEARS:** As the weary, distraught, tired and sweaty band of Indians marched through the Washington ghetto on the way to the White House, the watching Blacks must have shared the pain and hurt in their red faces. They must have sensed the plain desperation in their irregular stride and the grim determination to keep the Great White Fathers in Washington from passing legislation to cut off Indian survival; ending all treaties with the Indians and closing down already despicable reservations.

Whether the Blacks knew it or not; their own ancestors had been critically involved with the red man for three hundred years. Like the marching Indians, Blacks have problems with the same proposed sites of the Indian demonstrations: The Supreme Court, The Congress and the White House.

Today the total population of American Indians is not more than a million. The rolling hills, the well supplied streams, the lush forests and the plentiful game are gone. The earth they so deeply respected (they prayed and apologized when they made the slightest necessary hole in it) has been dynamited, bull-dozed, drilled, paved and burned. The reservations they live on are barren, unsanitary, ill-equipped for living schoolless and foodless. They were like scary monuments to the white man's lasting bitterness and hatred . . . his vengeance.

This showed in the faces of the men, women and children who marched. And the march is highly symbolical; it is the beginning and the end of a highly effective and vigorous move toward Indian reunification . . . the type of struggle Blacks have known for more than a hundred years.

Blacks must, indeed, feel sympathetic. Because up until 160 years ago their ancestors were taken from rich fertile lands, their sustaining herds, streams of fishes, and their thousand year old cultures. These Black slaves missed their land as they were marched through the odd, new and strange smelling American country side. Their faces, too, carried the pain and the hurt.

Little has been revealed about the positive inter-relationships between Blacks and Indians over the four hundred years they have been in America together. Not to mention the Black explorers with the Spanish and Blacks who were here hundreds of years before Columbus. There were tribes which were especially friendly like the Choctaws and branches of the Cherokee and others; who took in escaped Black slaves and protected them from slavecatchers and bounty hunters. There were slaveholding Indians who freed their Blacks when Lincoln announced his Emancipation Proclamation. They were made full members of the tribes. Vast tracts of

lands owned by Blacks past and present is part of this heritage. Free Blacks moved among Indian tribes and some became chiefs and elders.

The Seminoles of Florida was an exceptional case. They welcomed runaway Blacks from Georgia and Carolina plantations during the sixteen and seventeen hundreds. They welcomed the Blacks' skill at farming and cattleraising; much of which had been brought from Africa. One of the most promising cooperatives in the Western Hemisphere was underway until General Andrew Jackson, responding to Georgians' demand for recaptured slaves and the desire for the rich Florida lands, waged war.

In a blundering 1836 Vietnam War of its day, twenty million dollars and fifteen thousand troops could not outfight two thousand Blacks and Indians. U.S. deceit and treachery, which would never be allowed in any war, was practiced. And the cooperative collapsed.

Blacks should feel somewhat ashamed because the 9th and 10th Cavalries and the 24th Infantry Regiment fought some of the most awesome battles against the Indians. From the Texas panhandle up through the Dakotas and out through the Oregon Trail, they met and mostly outfought the Indians. Ironically, the very last battle between Indians and Americans was fought by Troop E of the 10th and a

band of Yaku as late as January 18, 1918. It was near Bear Valley, Arizona, twenty-five miles west of Nogales, Mexico.

Blacks should feel a tinge of guilt because they are significant in all levels of government and can raise a voice for the red man. It is unbelievable that less than ten years ago, U.S. broke a treaty with the Seneca Indians of New York. And, if anybody should know about the hurt of broken promises, Blacks should.

The Indians march on Washington is a reminder of the past America cannot forget . . . nor should be allowed to. For Blacks, the kinship of hurt and suffering should urge 25 million Black hands to reach out and touch one million red hands.

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Dr. McCoy joined AAHA in 1970 and became a Hospital Member in 1976. He received his DVM degree from Purdue University (Lafayette, Indiana) in 1970.

Dr. McCoy is a former president of the Portland Veterinary Medical Association.

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