

Denial of African freedom threat to United States

by Gregory Guder

The Carter Administration's pronouncements of world-wide human rights signals, on one hand, the advent of a new era in foreign policy directions but, at the same time, uncovers the hypocrisy of Western thought and deed that many Americans will challenge, according to George Dalley, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs.

Dalley, the highest ranking Black in the U.S. State Department, visited Portland last week for the 33rd Anniversary of the UN to speak at the National Adult Education Conference, and with students of Portland State University's Black Studies Department.

The 37-year-old native of New York via Havana, Cuba, told a gathering of some forty persons that U.S. foreign policy — Carter style is beginning to reflect the intent of our founding fathers to look at human rights as "never just a domestic concern." But "universal," noting that the Declaration of Independence referred to "all men" as being equal. "Freedom denied anywhere is a threat to liberty anywhere," he cited, explaining that American history is so replete with struggles for economic, political and civil rights that "human rights is clearly rooted in the value structure of American society."

Crediting former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger with turning the U.S.'s African policy from the umbra of ignorance, Dalley said that the concentration on Africa by State Department is not so much now with a watchful eye on Communist aggression but in recognizing the desire for majority rule in the white regime — ruled states.

However, the manifestation of American foreign policy and media coverage, particularly with regard to African policy illustrates a less than ideal application of those principles.

The U.S. still supports some governments, for strategic reason, accused of wholesale violations of human rights. Regarding the media, "There is definitely an unfair imbalance of communications flow," said the former Administrative Assistant to Representative Charles Rangel and the Congressional Black Caucus, noting that the UN and UNESCO are concerned with the

treatment by Western media of African affairs.

"White lives are more valued than Black lives," he continued, noting that much more media play was given thirty whites who died during the Kinshasa Invasion than the 300-400 Black fatalities. "While hard labor sentences of Jewish dissidents receive world-wide coverage, the fifteen or so Blacks killed in South Africa this year (as of two months ago) gets passing notice." In response, Tanzania, he said is starting its own news services to the exclusion of the Western wires.

UNESCO, representing some 146 nations, is considering re-proposing a 1972 media declaration at its general conference in Paris outlining uses of media and calling for media responsibility in covering war, he said. The U.S. does not back the proposal because of the potential in abusing and shackling the press. Columnist Tom Wicker has recently voiced a similar stand by media.

The reasoning behind Western white thought/action is varied, Dalley said. In so far as Rhodesia is concerned, Dalley feels that many consider Rhodesia, since its break in 1965 from Britain, to be a state formed in the spirit of the American Revolution and thus "decries the actions of majority rule advocates and revolutionary leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe."

"The fact that these revolutionary leaders will not meet with Smith at an all-parties conference works in the hands of pro-Rhodesian forces in the U.S., he said, such as Senator Jesse Helms, R-North Carolina.

The penchant for quick interpretation by Western media, the lack of polarization by American Blacks behind revolutionary efforts, and the shortages of Black international correspondents (not to mention local) hurts media coverage of African affairs, he said.

He cited the Black press, particularly the *New Amsterdam News* in New York for doing a more credible job of reporting.

The appointment and support of Andrew Young and the shaping up of the Black Diplomatic Corps is indicative of Carter's commitment to human rights and minority representation in foreign affairs, Dalley noted.

Other points covered by Dalley included:

- The U.S. is waiting to see if South Africa releases Namibia from colonial rule before it considers imposing economic sanctions on the apartheid state.

- Cuban intervention in Africa was a "mistake" by the Cubans and the normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba is dependent on Cubans further involvement.

- More Blacks are (and should be) taking interest in careers in foreign affairs. Andy Young's appointment spurred that interest.

- The Black voice on international affairs is becoming stronger based on support of Young when the Congress and media sought to chastise his bluntness and the extended delay of Rhodesia Prime Minister Ian Smith's visa by the efforts of a new Black Lobby Trans-America.

Through the Eyes of Mr. W.

by Harold C. Williams

On November 7, 1978, whether you are a Democrat or Republican, please vote. If Measure 6 or Measure 11 passes, it will effect us in one way or another and the destiny of all our lives. Measure 8 will have a strong impact on the Black community if passed. We all know what community capital punishment hits the hardest. Measure 5, the denturist initiative, if passed will benefit senior citizens, particularly those on fixed incomes.

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Rocky Butte

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The P.C. expressed their belief that the correction of the continuing deprivation of basic human conditions at Rocky Butte will go a long way in accomplishing the Coalitions goal (through peaceful and non-violent methods) of better relations between detainees and prison officials.

In related developments, a statement from Wayne McNeil, recently transferred from Rocky Butte to the Multnomah County Correctional Institute, confirms that "some similar problems exist" there. This facility, although overcrowded, has many detainees held for traffic violations such as "driving with suspended license" etc. Additionally, the radio show "As The World Turns" featured on KBOO on Thursday, November 2nd at 9:00 p.m. had an interview with Carl Mason, Director of Incarceration, as well as the reading of a communication from inside the Oregon State Penitentiary and continued live interviews with Rocky Butte Prisoner Coalition members.

The first meeting of an outside citizen coalition was held in the Centenary Wilbur Church at 215 S.E. 9th Avenue to begin support efforts for the P.C. About 25 persons discussed the Rocky Butte conditions and how improvements could be made.

The group has scheduled another open meeting for Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:30 p.m. at the same address, at which time several members will report on their tour of the Rocky Butte facility.

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