



PERSPECTIVES

by Professor McKinley Burt

Black Military Genius: 5000 Years Of It

You've seen the headlines, "Allies Employ by Military Tactics Dating To Hannibal" (Chicago Tribune News Service). Further detail, "U.S. - led forces are crushing Iraq's front-line troops, using military maneuvers that date to Hannibal's strategy against the Roman's around 218 B.C."

So who was Hannibal? We turn to J.A. Rogers, the noted African American historian to whom all subsequent black historians have acknowledged their debt for pioneering research which preserved a critical path (Few whites were willing to concede Hannibal's Ethnicity despite the firm testimony of ancient writers).

"54. On November 15, 218 B.C., Hannibal, a full-blooded Negro, marching through conquered territory in Spain and France, performed the astounding feat of crossing the Alps. With only 26,000 of his original force of 82,000 men remaining, he defeated Rome, the mightiest military power of that age, who had a million men, in very battle for the next fifteen years.

Hannibal is the father of military strategy. His tactics are still taught in the leading military academies of the United States, England, France, Germany, and other lands.

Rulers
54. Hannibal is usually depicted as a white man, but his coins in the British Museum and the Musco Kercheriano, Rome, show him to have been an African of purest type with rings in his ears. Col. Hennebert, perhaps the leading

authority on Hannibal, declares that none of the several differing portraits now exhibited as Hannibal is he, "We do not possess any authentic portrait of Hannibal," he says. (Histoire d'Annibal, Vol. I, p. 495, Paris, 1870.) These coins were struck by Hannibal while he was in Italy. In the absence of other information the most logical argument is that they bore his own effigy, the more so, as the several kinds of them bear the same likeness. Above all, let us remember that he was an African. HANNIBAL - MILITARY, PP.9,31; Rogers, J.A., 100 Amazing Facts About The Negro.

It is to Professor Edward L. Jones of the University of Washington (Profiles In African Heritage, 1972) that we are so indebted for much detailed information on Hannibal and his African background; PHONECIA, North Africa, now LIBYA. And to this African American scholar we also owe the clearest expositions of the matter of Hannibal's face appearing on a coin he struck after winning the battle of Trasimene; "Coins show a Negro on one side and an elephant on the other" (the ancient historian Polybius, Book II, 79.82).

You wouldn't believe how many racist arguments put forward by establishment historians to the effect that the ELEPHANT'S EARS APPEAR TO BE OF THE 'INDIAN' VARIETY RATHER THAN AFRICAN. But, I am able to savor such relevant quotes as "...how different things might have been could Hannibal have invaded Italy by sea." (Alfred Thayer Mahan, The Influence of Sea Power upon History, circa 1885). For now, though, let us leap forward a few centuries and examine those black generals without whom, NAPOLEON would have no place in history.

Let us first draw upon the famed

DUMAS FAMILY of France, so noted for its contributions to the world's; Arts and Letters-but lesser known, thanks to the racists, for furnishing Napoleon's greatest general, Thomas Alexander Dumas. This founder of an illustrious dynasty was born to a Black West Indian woman of Santo Domingo, 1762. Now known as the "Dominican Republic," this island is the source of many of America's 'illustrious' baseball players. Dumas, raised in France, first enlisted in the "Queen's Dragoons" at age 16, but, distinguishing himself in the French Revolution of 1789, soon advanced to the RANK OF GENERAL.

He was made a commander of the Army in 1793 and campaigned with Napoleon Bonaparte in Italy, in the Tyrol and in Egypt. Not only honored for his amazing feats as a master of cavalry, he was also admired by his troops for his humanity and devotion to his troops. An audibly envious and jealous Napoleon was also angry at his top general because he opposed Napoleons' intention of creating an empire instead of maintaining a republican form of government. Dumas was harassed and finally forced to retire on a small pension. Watch out Mr. Colin Powell; there are lean, hungry men around you.

Much more of 'chicken' Napoleon's vaunted military reputation was underwritten by the stellar performance of his large corp of AFRICAN GENERALS from the colony of Haiti in the West Indies. Such veterans of the European campaigns as Rigaud, Besse, Pelage, Bartheleme... (12 in all) are listed in "Napoleon's Correspondence". Vol IV, p 252, 1801. Also see descriptions of his "Royal Africans", his favorite elite troops who were kept close around him in battle (See Carter O. Woodson, Negro History Bulletin, May, 1938). More Black Military next week.

Totally Dependent on Jesus

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

Year before last, I experienced a group called "STAY CLEAN, INC.". To me, they appeared to be a rag-tag crew, of individuals just out to hood-wink people out of a dollar. I passed several, what I later found out to be adult black males flagging down cars on Northeast Alberta Street. I said to myself, "As small as Portland is, something is always happening here. What is going on now?" There were these over-zealous car washers, running out

"If you can find a truly good wife, she is worth more than precious gems!..."

into the street and who were literally flagging down passing vehicles. Some, who had the gift of gab, were shouting "Come and get your car washed!" And they quickly rushed-up to a pausing car's opened window to tell the occupant of their quest which was to earn money to have a celebration and picnic at Peninsula Park. This celebration would herald the good news throughout the community that, not only was there an organization of this kind, in the city of Portland; but, that the participants of this program were having positive results and were re-entering, main-streaming if you will, the community's flow, of things, and are now making positive contributions.

Kevin Howard was one of those "down-and-outs". He was part of that "rag-tag" crew. Kevin, even in his stupor, realized the error of his ways. He also realized that he had a good wife who needed him and he needed her. She was as strong Christian woman who had tried over and over again to appeal to her husband that "You're going down the wrong road. You can't continue to go on this way. If you want our lives to continue, together, you must come out from among this desire for drugs; which as a grip on you!"

Kevin stayed in the Stay Clean Program, a Christian based drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, because he knew that he had a good wife and if this was the only way to be going to get her back-then, so-be-it. The life that he was leading wasn't all that good anyway. Drugs in the morning, drugs in



Joyce Howard

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precious gems! Her husband can trust her, and she will richly satisfy his needs. She will not hinder him, but help him all her life."

Joyce has gained added experience with the Stay Clean Program by becoming a member of the Admittance and Discharge Committee. On September 14, 1990, Joyce and Kevin made a choice to share what they had found, with others, by getting personally involved. Joyce's job is to evaluate and assess all in-coming drug and alcohol clients. She interviews applicants and reviews their alcohol and drug history, based on established criteria. The purpose is to determine eligibility and to approve admittance into the treatment program. She also evaluates the progress of each client, in the program, to

Stroke Expert To Speak On Latest Research And Treatments

"Strokes: Causes, Treatments, Cures," a Marquam Hill Lecture by Dr. Bruce M. Coull, director of the Oregon Stroke Center, Oregon Health Sciences University/Veterans Affairs Medical Center, will be held on April 4, 1991 at 8 p.m. at the OHSU Library Auditorium. The lecture series is free

and open to the public. Plenty of free parking is available.

Stroke is the most common neurological disorder in adults and is the third leading cause of death in the U.S. As director of the Oregon Stroke center, Coull leads a team of investigators that has just received \$4 million fed-

ensure the adherence to their treatment plan, to identify problems of their adjustment to the program guidelines, their fitting into a residential environment, and/or problems pertaining to the overall well-being of the client. If problems are identified or relapse occurs, a determination is made to allow the client to continue in the program or to be discharged. This determination is based on extensive counseling with the client.

The majority of the clients, in the Stay Clean Program, are referrals from the Multnomah County Justice Center. These clients have a wide-range of problems associated with alcohol and drug abuse. Joyce is, primarily, involved with the Women's Group every Tuesday night at seven o'clock. She provides counseling and demonstrates the effects of supportive role management to assist them in addressing some of these problems, such as: making the transition from incarceration to returning to a family situation, providing a means for them to express their feelings, and to offer alternatives to destructive behavior and attitudes. Joyce is not only involved in group counseling but she also holds weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays at seven o'clock. The Bible Study began on July 13, 1990 and has proved most successful.

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Stay Clean, Inc. receives referrals from various institutions or community programs. Joyce's referral experience is challenged when the Stay Clean, Inc. receives clients who for one reason or another, are not benefiting from the designs of the other programs.

There are numerous barriers in providing care and counseling for women with alcohol and drug problems: lack of esteem, lack of trust in others, fear of succeeding, inability to separate from old behaviors and old associations, having to return home to an environment conducive to alcohol and drugs and sometimes an unwillingness to receive help.

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eral grant to study stroke prevention, whether it is possible to identify patients at risk, and brain regeneration following stroke.

If you have questions about this or other Marquam Hill lectures, call Community relations at 494-7686.

Easter Egg Hunt Slated For Peninsula Park

The members of Les Femmes along with the Debutantes and Cavaliers will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 1991 at 11:00 a.m. in the Rose Garden of Peninsula Park. Children between the ages of 1 and 8 are invited to come and join in the fun. This is an annual event which attracts a large number of neighborhood children. Children will only compete with those in their age group so that all will be able to find the hidden eggs.

PCC Announces Minority Education Assistance Deadline For Portland Teacher Program

The Ethnic Minority in Education Assistance Award program, the Portland Community College component of the Portland Teacher Program, has scholarship positions available for the 1991 Fall term.

Application must be received at the PCC Cascade Campus EMEAA office by 3 p.m. Thursday, March 21, for students to be eligible for the Fall 1991 term. The Cascade Campus is located at 705 N. Killingsworth.

The program is designed to increase the number of Native American, Hispanic, African-American and Asian-American candidates for the teaching profession in the Portland Public Schools district. Special counseling, financial assistance and seminars are available to those who qualify. Applications are available at the PCC Admission offices, at the office of Integration Coordinators, and from counselors at the Portland-area high schools.

For more information, please contact Ruby Pace, 283-2541, ext. 5282.

INVITATION

The Inspirational Choir of Bethel A.M.E. Church will celebrate their Annual Day in concert on Sunday, April 14, 1991, at 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to help celebrate 14 years of singing praises to the Lord. The theme this year is "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love."

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the concert. The concert will be held at the following address:

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER
5828 NE 8th Avenue
Portland, OR 97211-3704
288-5429 or 288-5420

Rashad Joins 620 KGW Radio Weekend Talk Host

Eugene Rashad joins 620 KGW Radio as talk host on Saturdays from 5-8pm according to 620 KGW Program Manager Steve Wexler. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Rashad is well-connected in the media community. A former KKS radio announcer and television host for Roger's Cable System's "Jazz Scene," Rashad is still wearing many media "hats," including KBOO news director, African American Journal staff writer and Portland Alliance columnist.



Eugene Rashad

can open doors of communication in Portland and further my commitment of service to the community."

Rashad lives in Portland with his wife Aida and his four children: Lamar, Omar, Eugene III and Dantae.

Correction



Vernee Streeter

On February 27, 1991, in our special feature "African American All Stars", we inadvertently switched photos. On the first page, Vernee Streeter from Vernon School was featured with the wrong photo. The appropriate photo is at left.

Street Gangs Spreading To Small Towns and Suburbs; Biggest Change Is Disregard For Human Life

Street gangs are no longer just an inner-city problem but have spread to the suburbs and small towns, and the greatest change in today's gangs is their mobility and disregard for human life, according to Sgt. John Galea.

"In the 1950s and '60s, 'fighting gangs' weren't involved in serious crime," asserted Galea, a 20-year veteran of New York City's police gang unit, when interviewed for a report in this Sunday's issue of PARADE magazine.

"Attacks on adults or families were off-limits," he added, "If a kid even snatched a purse, he would be shunned as 'crazy.' Today, crimes for profit like extortion and robbery give kids enough money to purchase unlicensed pistols and shotguns."

In Los Angeles County, which probably has the most serious youth-gang problem in America, nearly 900 gangs with an estimated 100,000 members were responsible for a record 690 killings in 1990. Nevertheless, in the county's Harbor District, a small group consisting of neighborhood organizers and former gang members has led a campaign that has reduced gang violence. Other community groups throughout the country are also having some effect.

"Police can't solve the problem alone," said Robert Sweet Jr., administrator of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. "We need a balance between punishment for serious offenders and social, educational and recreational programs for those children who can be rescued."

St. Andrews Host's Annual Choir Day



St. Andrews Gospel Choir in Concert

St. Andrews Catholic Church held its Eight Annual Gospel Choir concert this past Sunday. There were six area church participating, and several soloists including our own Mattie Ann Collier-Spears.

Concert organizers were Rev. Robert Kriyer, Maggie Gibson, Guye Johnson, and Francisca Gabriel, St. Andrews Choir Director.

Oregon Kuwaiti Jobs Hotline Starts

The Oregon Employment Division, in cooperation with the Oregon Economic Development Department, has set up a hotline for Oregon jobseekers and employers interested in reconstruction jobs and contracting opportunities in Kuwait.

The hotline will help Oregonians interested in these opportunities start their work search. The number is 1-800-772-1669 and will be operated by Employment Division staff from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Salem callers can dial 378-8618.

No Kuwaiti jobs are listed with the Employment Division at the present time. Division officials anticipate job opportunities developing in the Persian Gulf over the next few months and employers are being encouraged by federal officials to list these jobs with state Employment Services. There is no obligation

for employers to list job openings with the Employment Division.

"The hotline will allow people to register with the division if they are interested in possible work in the Gulf," said Employment Division Administrator Pamela Mattson. "We will then have a ready pool of applicants when jobs are listed with Employment Services nationwide."

Jobseekers calling the Oregon Kuwaiti Jobs Hotline will be entered into the Employment Division's computer. They will be asked to provide some basic information over the phone and will be mailed an application and a return envelope to be completed and sent back to the Employment Division.

Applicants may be contacted by Employment Division staff or by employers directly as Kuwaiti jobs materialize. The Employment Division will be

creating a list of names of those interested.

Employers calling the hotline number who are interested in contracting opportunities in Kuwait will be asked to provide some basic mailing information. The Oregon Marketplace Program, through the Oregon Economic Development Department and Oregon Marketplace are working to arrange for subcontracting opportunities with large national companies that already have contracts with Kuwait.

The Employment Division and the Economic Development Department have been inundated with calls about reconstruction work in the Persian Gulf.

"With the amount of interest there is about work in the Persian Gulf, it made sense to offer a simple, direct way for Oregonians to inquire about these job opportunities," said Mattson.