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Shocking Revelation:


The First And Original Statute of Liberty Was Dedicated To The Newly-Freed Black Slaves In 1865

BY PROFESSOR MCKINLEY BURT

The original model had broken chains of slavery at her feet and in her left hand - also she had a dark Negroid face. I just verified this fact phone call to the Museum of the City of New York which has an original model on exhibit (212) 534-1672. Other documentation at end of article.

After the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, a group of French liberals presented a gold medal to Mrs. Lincoln. Part of the inscription read, "Lincoln...saved the Union WITHOUT VEILING THE STATUE OF LIBERTY." But, what is the sordid chain of events that led, not to a magnificent monument in international acclaim to the emancipation of the blacks in America, but, to a statuary with Anglo Saxon visage, welcoming more European immigrants?

Let us review a well-documented (seldom cited) series of events that led to this twist of fate. The first idea of building a statute to the liberation of Black American slaves in the U.S. was first broached in 1865 in France by Eduard Rene Lefebvre de Laboulaye. He was an internationally renowned jurist and the author of a three-volume history of the United States. At the



dinner meeting, a most enthusiastic guest turned out to be Fredric Auguste Bartholdi, a young sculptor with a flair for the colossal and a fervent proponent of THE FREEDOM OF MAN. Bartholdi agreed to design and build A BLACK STATUE OF LIBERTY.

This is the original model which, as stated, is on exhibit at The Museum of the City of New York, Fifth Ave. and 103rd Streets. This original model was presented to the American Committee on the Statue of Liberty, but suggested a little too much liberty to the northern conservatives. The Americans removed the chains from the black female's left hand and tucked a tablet in to her folded arm. The beautiful African face molded by Bartholdi was altered to a caucasian visage and the broken chains at her feet were removed (were we being told something early on?).

As Bill Cosby once said, "African American History...Lost, Strayed or Stolen!" The detractors of Portland's "Baseline Essays" are daily being brought face to face with even more of the omissions and perversions they fight to preserve by their racist onslaughts. And daily, I encounter more of these racists "asides" as I continue to develop the country's largest data base of African and African American contributions to the world's science, mathematics and technology. For additional readings on this Statue of Liberty caper, see "The New York Times Magazine, Part II, May?, 1986, and the New York Post, June 17, 1986.

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Rose Equipment To Relocate

BY BILLY DON MOORE

Rose's Equipment has helped to establish a lot of businesses in North Inner Northeast. They recently worked on the House of Umoja project supplying the kitchen equipment. Bob says that the image that NE Portland is not a place to do good business is vastly in error. Martin Luther King Blvd. is on it's way back and any new business should be able to prosper. We will miss the area but remain connected because of the 12 years we spent on the Boulevard. Thanks for the memories.

Homeless Families Project Wins Grant

Portland is one of four communities across the country to be awarded a joint grant from The Better Homes Foundation and United Way of America.

Chosen from among 40 applicants in 32 communities nationwide, a coalition of Portland service agencies led by the Multnomah County Department of Human Service' Community Action Program will receive \$94,000 of a total of \$289,000 awarded nationwide. Other communities receiving funding include Huntsville/Madison County, Alabama; Bronx, New York; and Yakima County, Washington. All grants will be matched from local sources.

The coalition includes the Housing Authority of Portland, Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, Oregon Adult & Family Services, Mt. Hood Community College, Mental Health Services West, and Portland Impact.

The Homeless Families Stabilization Project grant will assist at least 300 homeless families with at least one preschool child by providing permanent housing and comprehensive supportive services as well as long-term intensive case-management.

The Better Homes Foundation and United Way of America developed the joint awards because of a common concern for homeless families with children under age six.

"These children are so vulnerable, and homelessness is so devastating for little kids. Yet, we know that if we get them the help they need when they are this small, they are very responsive," said Wiley B. Cooper, Vice President, United Way of America.

The Better Homes Foundation was founded in 1988 by Better Homes and Gardens magazine. The only national non-profit organization dedicated solely to helping homeless families, The Better Homes Foundation has awarded 62 grants to 55 programs in 23 states since its inception. Its president is Ellen L. Bassuk, M.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and a leading authority on homeless families.

United Way of America's Step-Up Endowment, with financial support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is focused on the development, testing, and replication of collaborative efforts to assist homeless families toward self-sufficiency.

United Way of America is the national Service and Training Center for more than 2300 community-based United Ways throughout America. Each United Way is autonomous, governed by a local board of experienced volunteers. United Way assess current and future community needs and bring people and organizations together to address them. United Way also raises and distributes funds to over 40,000 health and human care organizations (over \$3.11 billion in 1990-91).

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