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Intervening in Africa is Smart Security Move

Obama responds to acts of genocide

BY JUDGE GREG MATHIS

President Obama, taking a much different approach to African unrest than his predecessors, recently sent a small team of armed forces into central Africa to aide in the fight against the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a militant group that has been waging war against the official Ugandan government and local residents for over 20 years.

U.S. troops were also dispatched to South Sudan, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the LRA is believed to have set up camps.

The total number of troops sent to Africa is small but the decision to send them is a bold statement by the president.

In the past, the U.S. government turned

a blind eye to wars on the African continent, letting citizens fall victim to a variety of war crimes and human rights violations. By getting involved in Uganda, Obama is showing the world that the U.S. is indeed concerned with what happens in Africa and that, as long as our nation is able, we will not tolerate campaigns of murder, rape and genocide against innocent

people.

Perhaps by sending troops to Uganda, President Obama hopes to avoid a repeat of the 1994 tragedies in Rwanda. In that year, over the course of 100 days, over half a million people were killed. The mass murders were the culmination of decades long tension between two of the nation's largest ethnic groups. The U.S., under former President Clinton, never officially sent troops to Rwanda during this time.

By contrast, the U.S. did provide military support during this same period to the Euro-

pean nation of Croatia, which was fighting for its independence from Yugoslavia. Though any loss of life should be mourned, it would be negligent to not point out that Croatia only suffered a fraction of the casualties that Rwanda did. Yet, Croatia received assistance from the U.S. and many observers were left wondering if the U.S. even cared about the continent of Africa.

To be sure, Obama's attention to Africa is a smart security move for our nation. Making sure unrest doesn't boil over, especially with uprisings in nearby parts of the world becoming more frequent, protects America's political interests.

However, it also shows that, at least with this president, Africa will finally get the same support that Europe has received for generations.

Greg Mathis is a longtime advocate for equal justice. His life story of a street youth who rose from jail to judge has provided hope to millions.



Honoring Dr. King by Fighting for Jobs

Standing up in the struggle for justice

BY MARC H. MORIAL

The spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was resurrected this month in Washington, D.C. The new Martin Luther King Memorial, a powerful, granite symbol of Dr. King's dream of equal opportunity and racial reconciliation, was officially dedicated on Oct. 16 before a crowd of thousands on the National Mall.

In his keynote speech, President Obama reminded the audience and the nation that even though, "We have a right to savor the slow, but certain progress" Dr. King made possible, "Our work, Dr. King's work, is not complete."

The President called upon the nation to "draw from the strength of those earlier struggles," to confront the crises of unemployment, poverty, inequality and division that still plague us today.

A day earlier, I served as co-chair of a rally and March for Jobs and Justice that was organized by Rev. Al Sharpton's Na-

tional Action Network. Thousands of citizens and dozens of civil rights, human rights, and labor leaders joined us in a call for concrete action during a march from the

Washington Monument to the new King Memorial.

We marched for the 14 million Americans who remain out of work. We marched for a jobs bill. We marched in solidarity with citizens who feel left out by corporate interests, let down by their political leaders and left

behind by the economic recovery. We marched for worker rights...for voter rights...for equal justice under the law. And we marched to the beat of a constant refrain: "What do we want? Jobs! When do we want it?" Now!"

The common thread tying together the march and memorial dedication is the re-emergence today of the same kind of bold, grassroots action that Dr. King so courageously used in his fight for civil rights and economic justice.

With overall unemployment at 9.1 percent and the African American rate at 16 percent, it is time for the rising voices of the people -- from Wall Street to Washington - - to be heard.



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