

Black Revolution of the Sixties Revisited via Swedish Collage

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During the Black Power Movement back in the Sixties and Seventies, most folks only got to know its leaders by way of sound bites disseminated by the mass media. Whether it was Stokely

Carmichael's demand "We want black power!" or H. Rap Brown's appeal for riots via "Burn baby burn!" or Eldridge Cleaver's assertion that "You're either part of the problem or part of the solution," the icons were mostly reduced to incendiary slogans for the purposes of entertainment masquerading as news.

But I bet you didn't know that Stokely was also a momma's boy born in Trinidad. Or that Angela Davis was from Birmingham, Ala., where her family was close friends with those of the four little girls slaughtered in the Baptist church bombing in September of 1963, a couple of weeks after the historic March on Washington.

These are the sort of intimate aspects of African-American luminaries' lives explored in *The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975*, an eye-opening documentary direct-

ed by Goran Olsson. His enlightening cinematic collage was culled from found 16mm film of vintage interviews conducted by fellow Swedish journalists with everyone from Black Panthers Bobby Seale and Huey Newton to radical attorney William Kunstler.

The archival footage has been augmented here with current-day voiceover commentaries by the

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likes of Danny Glover, Erykah Badu, Harry Belafonte, Melvin Van Peebles and Talib Kweli, and features an appropriately-sweet Hip-Hop/R&B soundtrack scored by Questlove and Om'Mas Keith. Nonetheless, what makes the movie so moving are the original tete-a-tetes probing the psyches of its freedom-loving subjects.



For example, when asked about whether or not she advocates violence, Angela Davis offers this heartfelt response: "When someone asks me about violence, I just find it incredible because it means that the person asking the question has absolutely no idea what we have gone through in this country since the first black person was

kidnapped on the shores of Africa."

An absolute must-see for anyone interested in the mindset and motivations of the charismatic militants who emerged to capture the collective imagination of an impatient generation of African-Americans in the wake of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Film Review

The Black Power
Mixtape 1967-1975

Excellent (4 stars)

Unrated

In English and Swedish
with subtitles

Running time: 100
Minutes

Studio: Sundance
Selects

Prices

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declines in the commodity don't help, because stores paid for their goods about six to nine months earlier.

Retailers are raising prices on merchandise an average of 10 percent across-the-board this fall in an effort to offset their rising costs for materials and labor. But merchants are worried that cash-strapped customers, who are weighed down by economic woes, will reject price hikes.

Some merchants are using disguise tactics to get parents to open their wallets wide and leave their magnifying glass at home. For example, some are raising prices then offering the well-worn bait of buy one at the higher price and get a second one often or lesser quality. Others are luring shoppers with children's fashion shows, and free sunglasses with purchase.

Some are using less fabric and calling it new chic. Others are adding glitter, cheap crystals, bows, stitching, fake button holes,

zippers — to justify price increases. Those embellishments can add pennies to a \$1 to the cost of a garment, but retailers can charge \$10 more for them, said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with market research firm The NPD Group.

Apparel, the season's top-selling category for school-aged children, is bracing for cotton cost inflation of as much as 20 percent, the first in at least a decade

Cohen says parents may want to 'shop' their kids' closets first. "Dust off last year's jeans, add some lace, or trendy buttons give them a good wash and you're good to go."

Rose-Scott spent \$19.00 for a Hello Kitty tee-shirt and a pair of slightly used jeans at a San Bernardino consignment store. A

year ago, she paid \$21.99 for the same shirt at a department store.

Spending on clothing and school supplies for children in grades K-12 is expected to decline this back-to-school season, a National Retail Federation survey showed.

The survey showed 70 percent of respondents with school-age children said higher food and energy prices may lower their spending this summer.

About 30 percent of consumers believe prices on new back-to-school merchandise are higher and nearly two-thirds say lower

prices far above other factors, are their biggest purchase consideration, the survey showed.

The survey indicates sales are up at the nation's dollar store chains as shoppers flock to stores for school supplies like pencils, composition books, crayons, and back packs.

Try consignment stores - prices may be 50 percent lower - and wait if you can - clearance sales begin at the end of September, says Cohen.

Rose-Scott says the higher prices mean her school aged kids won't get everything they want this year. "It's now all about putting food on the table and gas in the car."

She admits despite the higher back to school prices, shrinking quality and the morbid dread with which kids claim to greet the renewal of school days, returning to the classroom is an age old reunion most of them look forward to.

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