WAR NOTES: Combating Anti-African Propaganda
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Failure to acknowledge the long-standing ideological war still going on as pertains to correct information about people of African descent is tantamount to burying your head in the sand, as the proverbial ostrich, with your ASS waving in the air against a lighted blowtorch. The very bullets of misinformation shot into the largely unsuspecting minds of our youth in so-called "public" schools, about everything starting with the Greeks and Romans, continue to mass produce "psychopathic racial personalities" in all ethnic groups. White children are

Apartheid and East Asia
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Despite a growing international anti-apartheid fervour, East Asian nations are swiftly becoming powerful partners of the South African white racist/fascist regime. Taiwan's trade with South Africa increased from $132,322 in 1976 to $1,625,220 in 1988 (Ministry of Finance, Taiwan). The big jump was in 1986, when public pressure forced the USA and European nations to apply limited sanctions against South Africa. Taiwan's trade with South Africa increased from $548,992 in 1986 to $1,222,328 in 1987. Taiwan has become South Africa's sixth largest trading partner, behind Japan (number one), followed by West Germany, the USA, England and Italy.

Taiwan exports machines, electronic equipment, textiles, etc. to South Africa. It imports coal, uranium, foodstuffs and military equipment. South Africa offers tax incentives and mediation with low cost Black labor, to attract Taiwanese factories to South Africa's Black reservations, euphemistically labelled "homelands". Since 1979 Taiwan businesses have invested more than $300 million in 100-120 such factories, with another 150 Taiwan businesses now preparing to exploit the Blacks. They are experiencing speedy profit returns, at an average of five years, or 18 months for some companies (British Financial Times, 9/21/88). There are numbers of Taiwan enterprises already exporting their "homelands" food to world markets. It has been reported that the
provided with their forensic personalities of “superiority complex”, while Black youth are left to worry about their intrinsic worth as human beings.

Today, anti-African or anti-Black propaganda is even more polished, subtle and sophisticated. Yet, its traditional suppositions remain. Three great white pillars of anti-African propaganda are 1) the use of sweeping generalizations; 2) the use of short, pat concepts and phrases and 3) projection into the future (predicting outcomes) in order to maintain the status quo.

ON SWEEPING GENERALIZATION

The “jubilation” of three decades of successive African independences has been all but muted, as the newly “independent” African nations grapple under the neo-colonialist grip on their economies. Despite relative advances, it has become popular to blame Africa’s continued economic domination point-blankly on an across-the-board “failure” of African leadership. Even the astute reader (perhaps more so) suffers deep-seated ambivalences as to the accuracy of inaccuracy of such a generalized condemnation of the African male leader.

An article in a recent issue of the Wall Street Journal even went so far as to say that all African leaders who had led their people in armed struggle against colonialism, and who have subsequently become Presidents of their “independent” nations, have led their people to economic demise. The fact that all of these countries were already in economic ruins from colonialism is quietly omitted.

The article was an apparent attack on the President of the newly “independent” Namibia, Sam Nujoma. The author, a Ghanaian so-called “economist” employed by the far conservative right, Heritage Foundation, states in no uncertain terms, that since Nujoma is a revolutionary president, he is going to fail and thereby should not be president to begin with. To fully elucidate the gross absurdity of such a notion would probably take a dissertation. It contains so many implied propagandistic angles and schisms.

But suffice it to say that the Heritage Foundation is the major supporter in the US, of RENAMO, a bandit group in Mozambique, operated by the South African Special Forces. An excellent expose on RENAMO’s history and operations, is William Minters The Mozambican National Resistance (RENAMO), as described by ex-participants, 1989. Minters is also author of the noted work King Solomon’s Mines. Call the Mozambique Support Network in Atlanta, at (404)622-5546 for additional information.

RENAMO is part of South Africa’s “the total strategy” by which it seeks to keep the newly independent African nations in the Southern Africa region from ever getting on their economic feet. This included the war in Southern Angola, where the South Africa Defense Forces were recently defeated. RENAMO rarely confronts the Mozambique FRELIMO military, choosing to carry out mass killings against the civilian population. This includes multiple rapings of women and girls, cutting off ears, tongues and appendages, castrations, destruction of crops, schools, and kidnapping children, brain-washing them, then sending them back to kill their own parents, at threat of their own death. In Atlanta, RENAMO is supported by Good News Communications, and a growing number of uninformed “Black” clergy in the South.

The point blank condemnation of African leadership gives no consideration for the fact that Africa’s most promising leaders have either been assassinated, imprisoned, banished or irreparably compromised by the CIA, or other Western, Eastern and Arab imperialist interests. Nearly 500 million (yes, five hundred million) Blacks and/or Africans have been murdered by white people in history, in what Amos N. Wilson, a Morehouse man and author of, The Developmental Psychology of the Black Child, (1987) calls, “the most massive and successful behavioral modification and brain-washing program in history”. Yet, this is a call for rationality, not rationalizing. For, Africa must take responsibility for its leadership gap, against any odd.

OF SHORT PAT CONCEPTS AND PHRASES

It is apparently acceptable for whites of different ethnic groups of Eastern Europe to flatten each other under military tanks. But when one South African Black "necklaces" another Black, who is collaborating with the South African Police and military against the movement of the oppressed people of South Africa, we have shouts of "dirty tribalism". Right or wrong, bloodshed historically appears to be a generic part of any people’s quest for national unification, including the American Revolutionary War and the Civil War. But note the difference in nomenclature; "revolutionary", "civil". When warring factions vie for power in Africa, it is called "tribalism", and we are supposed to say, "Oh bad, bad!" This simple concept of "tribalism", has done more to confuse international perception of African affairs than any other pat concept, except perhaps, the concept of "race" itself.

We need to set the record straight on "race", since so many Blacks believe they are no longer African, because they believe they have been
“mixed”, another neat, pat word. Indeed this is a crucial problem. Much of the reason that we experience difficulty in acting in concert, is due of course to fear and a continuing disagreement as to who we are. A recent NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC video “Mysteries of Mankind” (1989) makes the ‘‘bold’’ point that beneath all our skins, we are all African!

The Black gene is the dominant gene in the world, because everybody’s mother and father is BLACK. A parent cannot be ‘‘mixed’’ with its offsprings. So you are stuck with being African. The fact that one of your parents is white, does not absolve you of your Africanity. Everybody knows this but you. Whites who have been ‘‘mixed’’ by Africans, i.e. particularly the Spanish, Italians, Greeks and Persians (Iranians), have never given up their national identity, because the Africans who ruled the world at that time were educating, not de-educating them. Neither did they suffer inhumane brutalization.

So that race is a pat concept, a medium through which an elite group of white people have been able to claim that whites are the ‘‘superior race’’. Their ‘‘need’’ to do this is based upon their own feelings of inadequacy (Welsing). As a starting point of mental recovery from our continued traumatization, we need to understand that though we are the victims of white racism, racism as such is their problem. HOW MANY BROTHERS DO YOU KNOW WHO ARE CLAIMING ‘‘RACIAL’’ SUPERIORITY AND ARE GOING AROUND SUBJUGATING WHITE PEOPLE? Recovery can begin with the knowledge that there is nothing inherently wrong with ‘‘little’’ Black Ole Me!

OF PROJECTIONS AND PROJECTILES

Whilst space is projected as the “new frontier”, the real frontier is Southern Africa, which contains 80 percent of the world’s most strategic mineral resources. Minerals that are largely necessary for space exploration, especially the platinum group of minerals, and of course uranium. Namibia is said to have the largest deposits of uranium in the world, and 60 percent of Yellow Cake—the highest grade of uranium known to man.

Ignoring the 1986 US Anti-Apartheid Act, made law-of-the-land by pressure from the American People, the US government continues to buy over half of South Africa’s supply of chrome ore, over 61 percent of its ferrochrome and virtually all of South Africa’s maganese metal. The US buys over 85 percent of South Africa’s platinum group of metals. Viet Nam’s platinum is the real reason behind the Viet Nam War.

The primary fear of the White Global Power structure, which you can see now includes Russia (though Russia has its own domestic platinum, gold, etc.), is: that the 10 most wanted minerals will no longer be available at the bargain basement rates presently made possible by the fact of South Africa’s modern day slavery system, if the Blacks take over.

Mobutu’s Zaire is frequently held up as the classic example of how bad government can get if you let the Africans rule. We are supposed to forget all about the fact that Mobutu was placed into power by the CIA, following the CIA orchestrated assassination of Patrice Lumumba. Now, Zaire is the headquarters for CIA operations on the continent of Africa.

It has been said that the entire Western air transport industry could be grounded if Mobutu refused to supply them with cobalt.

One thing is clear. The extent of Western space exploration and success, is made possible only by the continued subjugation of the oppressed people of South Africa and the resulting control over their natural resources.

The African American feels less inferior upon noting a couple of Black astronauts, including a Black woman. Little do we know that those few have been given visibility, but that Black astrophysicists are, and have long been in the very forefront of space innovation (see Ivan Van Sertima’s, Blacks in Science: Ancient and Modern, 1986). Black dominance in space innovations must be kept quiet in order to maintain the myth of white supremacy. Blacks are shown a couple of Black astronauts, to provide a rationale for the continued exploitation of Black South Africans and their mineral resources. How many African Americans are able to choose African Liberation over and against the White Power Structure’s need to maintain dominance in space?

Worldwide, the White Power Structure utilizes Black genius. Africa suffers from its own brain drain, as its brightest scientific minds often opt for employment with White and Asian engineering firms. It is a question of values. UNTIL WE CONTROL THE IDEAS THAT GO INTO THE MINDS OF OUR CHILDREN, AFRICAN GENIUS WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED BY WHITE PEOPLE.
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world’s largest chopstick factory, located in the Transkei ‘homeland’ is owned by a number of Japanese enterprises with subsidiaries in Taiwan (Far Eastern Economic Review, Hong Kong, 9/15/88).

CHINA’S TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

The progression of Taiwan/South Africa relations has brought “honorary white” status to South African Chinese as of 1985, though they still cannot vote. Japan had become “honorary white” in 1961, upon filling South Africa’s trade gap created by the early ‘pull-outs’ of some US and European companies. Ordinary trade between Hong Kong and South Africa has increased steadily since 1982, now totalling well over $580 million. China has become South Africa’s third largest Asian trader, after Japan and Taiwan.

Hong Kong imports coal, coke briquettes, iron and steel from South Africa, which is thrice its South African exports. Hong Kong has become an important port of transit for South African coal in East Asia (South Africa Report, 9/6/89). Hong Kong enterprises have also been advancing into South Africa’s ‘homelands’ to get that cheap Black labor. This includes the constructing of electronic equipment, making cutlery and the South African market and manufacturing textile products.

But Hong Kong has also assisted the South African Military/Police machinery in an area of its greatest vulnerability. South Africa does not have its own domestic oil. During the period of 10/86 to 8/88, Hong Kong’s marine transportation enterprise, World Wide Shipping Group, provided South Africa with at least 4.7 million tons of oil, thus satisfying 14% of South Africa’s oil needs, but an actual volume that may have been as much as 7.6 million tons (Indian Ocean News, France 8/4/89). A recent United Nations study relating to the international Oil Embargo against South Africa, estimated that, if the six major Western oil companies servicing South Africa actually honored the embargo, and the oil gap was not also filled in by Asian suppliers, that the South African Military/Police machinery would be on its knees in less than six months.

SOUTH KOREANS TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

Lucky Goldstar video players and electronics equipment are common on the US market, and usually sell at cheaper prices. This equipment is made in South Africa by Korean Edward Kim. Though South Korea announced in the 70’s that there would be no official contact with South Africa, International Monetary Fund statistics indicate that Korean trade with South Africa has increased yearly. South Korea’s trade with South Africa increased from $153 million in 1981, to an estimated $317 million in 1986. South Korea has since stopped publication of its trade statistics. South Korea sends technical experts to South Africa. More than a thousand such experts, welders for example, were sent from the late 70’s to the early 80’s.

IN SUMMARY

We are beginning to see that sanctions work, as limited as they have been. But this is only due to the great vulnerability of the South African economy, which is 60% dependent upon its international trade. So, it is now time, as Nelson Mandela has said, to increase the pressure.

However, South Africa is seeking, and has historically sought to counterbalance economic pressure from the West, through an increased collaboration with the East.

We have now seen that sanctions do work. Mandela has travelled the world to acknowledge this fact and press for the continued implementation of sanctions against South Africa. In the US and Europe we know that the institution of sanctions by respective governments, was a direct result of continued public pressure, advocating sanctions against the South African apartheid regime.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME WILL FALL AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIVISM OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE. IT WILL FALL EVEN SOONER AS WE COME TO UNDERSTAND AND ACT AGAINST OUR OWN APARTHEID AND IGNORANCE.

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