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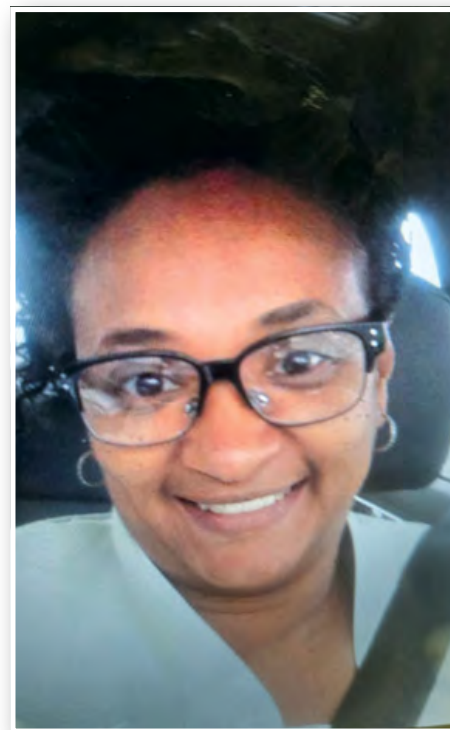
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Moral Decline

Deacon JB Bond

After the Great Exodus from Egypt, the 10 Commandments was given to the Hebrew people by Moses from God. These laws were given to them to show them how a community should conduct itself. At least 4 of the 10 Commandments dealt with morality. The Black community continues to navigate its way back to being the moral compass of the USA as it was during the Civil Rights movement. This is going to be an uphill battle to say the least.

People who would vote for Donald J Trump no matter what the facts say about him were described as deplorable by former Congresswoman Hilary Rodam Clinton, WHO HERSELF WAS NOT SO MORAL. She wasn't speaking of all Republicans, just the ones who saw the facts and said facts be damned. These are the ones who stormed the Capital on January 6, 2021. Their actions demonstrated that morality is a bridge too far and a mountain too high for them to even consider.

Let's look at what the word moral means. According to the Advanced Dictionary, (copyright 1973 - Printed in the USA.) The definition of the word moral is: ❶ to be good in character or conduct; ❷ capable of understanding right and wrong; ❸ Character or behavior in matters of right and wrong. Now that the definition of the word moral has been made clear, I can see why this could be a bridge to far and a mountain too high for some.

Morality starts in a person's own heart. Perseverance, quality standards and virtue are a few of the foundational pillars upon which morality stands. The decline of moral values starts at the top with those who oversee leadership. When leadership lacks moral values, oftentimes, the subordinates

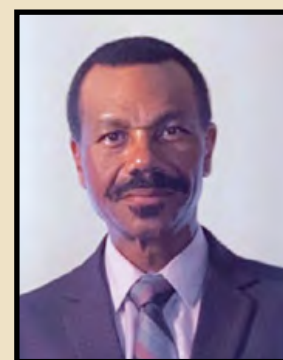
follow suit. George W. Bush, the second Bush president, opened the door for mediocrity. America described him as being a guy you could have a beer with. Mediocrity at the top levels of government creates an environment for mediocrity at the lower levels of government or business.

Ronald Wilson Reagan beat out incumbent President Jimmy Carter in the presidential race of 1980. President Reagan would not take the high road of negotiation for the release of the Iran hostages. He would rather go to war with Iran while President Carter preferred negotiations. Negotiation is far more moral than war will ever be.

It was around this time that the Evangelical White Nationalist Christian churches led by minister Jerry Falwell entered the political realm. And ironically, in 2004, named this political group the Moral Majority Coalition. Oh, how the mighty have fallen! How in the world can the Evangelical White Nationalist Christian churches square Proverbs 6:16 Donald J Trump with Jesus Christ the Savior? Gone are the days of taking the high road for the Evangelical White Nationalist Christian churches. As was mentioned previously, a person with morals understands right and wrong. With the insurrectionist sympathizers, moral values be damned! It's all about power for them!

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas refuses to recuse himself from Trumps full immunity trial while being married to a full-fledged insurrectionist supporter, Jenny Thomas. His moral values are questionable at best. Proverbs 6:16 Donald J Trump has said and demonstrated every immoral act a person can be charged with. And now is the time for every moral person to take a stand and speak boldly and unapologetically

about how mediocre and shallow Proverbs 6:16 Donald Trump and his cronies are. Let's boldly proclaim great people with moral standards and highlight their contributions. For example, shallow Georgia's Republican Representative Marjorie Taylor Green vs Texas Democratic Representative Jasmine Crockett who has sponsored bi-partisan bills. There is no question here about who has taken the moral high ground. Ms. Crockett is head and shoulders over Marjorie Taylor Green when it comes to legislating. This is why we must recalibrate the young hip-hop artists of the music industry to return to positive rap. It started off as conscious and positive rap lyrics about young people wanting to express themselves about themselves positively. They were portraying the best of us to the world. Remember the acronym, FuBu, For Us By Us. The deplorables of the music industry saw that genius and moved to take the morality from it and put it on an immoral trajectory, so now the world sees young African-American people as barbarians. We need once again to reward moral values openly, and publicly punish immoral acts. A referee is used in most sporting events to maintain the law and order of the games. They are the moral authority of the games, and the players are to conduct themselves morally or be thrown out by the referee. Corruption has entered every facet of business, politics, media, etc. and if the USA is to remain that city set upon a hill, we must light the moral torch, so that all may be able to see right from wrong and simply do the right thing! Ase'



— Deacon JB Bond

Backlash to Kick-Ass (Fighting to Stand Our Ground)

| written by **Amari Sneferu**, UAPO Minister of Pan-African Affairs



In the midst of a tumultuous 2024 election cycle, Pro-Palestinian protests on college campuses all across America, have disrupted the body politic and taken the country by storm. Meanwhile, Black issues muffled beneath the noise are trapped below the radar of popular concern. Convenient circumstances for the latest brand of White Nationalism, who resides in the moral basement of America; making policies and laws that chip away at the foundation of democracy and chip away at our so-called civil rights as Africans in America. For they know as well as we do; that proportionate political representation for Black folks can only exist through a progressive and just system of democracy.

Massive media coverage of Pro-Palestinian protest activities, albeit significant in their importance, they are nevertheless protest demonstrations that will last for only a season. In contrast, when it comes to the historic trauma of race relations between Blacks and Whites in the United States of America, the protraction of injustice has no rival. Like an endless battle; its wretched past will always be embedded in the politics of the present and the politics of the present will always be embedded in the wretchedness of the American past.

For with every injustice formed against Black people in this country, there has been and will always be a kick-ass fight to stand our ground in the pursuit of justice, progress and prosperity. As the pendulum swings back and forth, the reality becomes self-evident that for as long as Blacks and Whites share occupancy in America, it will always be a house-divided. For it is made clear to us in every way, that the right-wing party of today and of yesterday, has always taken a principle stance when it comes to African people: For every degree of progress achieved or imagined for people of African descent, a racist backlash policy will be created to set them back. The 2024 election cycle carries no exception to this principle.

Today we are witnessing a massive assault on Black voting rights in response to the critical role Black voters played in winning both the Whitehouse and the US senate in the 2020 elections. Since that time 47 states have introduced more than 360 bills with provisions that restrict voting access. These provisions primarily target Black voters. Every generation of Africans living in America are challenged by white nationalist over citizenship rights. The goal for the political right, is to undermine Black political power in 2024 and beyond.

As we look forward to the upcoming Juneteenth holiday, the celebration itself is a reminder to us; to look back at the history of our struggles for freedom and dignity. When we do so, we greatly appreciate the political triumphs and try to study and learn from the political setbacks.

159 years ago, the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln was a backlash response to the Emancipation Proclamation and the egalitarian pro-Black policies of Reconstruction. The Donald Trump cult followers of today, waving their confederate flags of hatred, are engaged in a backlash against President Joe Biden for choosing a Black woman as his VP, in addition to having difficulty accepting the presidency of a Black man seated in the Whitehouse for 8 years (Barack Obama). Similar was the hatred for President Abraham Lincoln from his assassin. A 26 year-old confederate white nationalist with extreme political convictions, angered by the surrender of the Confederate army, John Wilkes Booth **could not accept the outcome** of the civil war. So, on the evening of April 15, 1865 at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., John Wilkes Booth pointed a gun behind the left ear of Abraham Lincoln and fired one shot. History records that Lincoln took a fatal bullet that evening, but Booth's real beef was his hatred for Black people. It was the 200,000 Black soldiers that fought and turned the tide of the Civil War in favor of the Union.

Shortly after the Civil War during Reconstruction, 265 African-American delegates were elected, 16 Black men served in the US Congress, more than 600 more were elected to state legislatures and hundreds more held local offices across the south. Our beloved ancestors fought courageously and in many instances died for our right to vote and be respected as a human being. Between 1865 and 1870, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the US Constitution were passed; establishing so-called citizenship rights for Black people.

Elections will always have Backlash consequences if we as an African people don't covet the value of our vote. Black voter apathy or indifference in the 2016 general election, contributed to the appointments of rightwing federal judges throughout the country including 3 racist judges to the US Supreme court. Under George W. Bush, in 2003 and under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, the courts cut back, but still allowed the use of race diversity as a plus factor in university admissions criteria. At that time, this was a generational benefit for many Black students pursuing access to the best universities in the United States.

However, today's corrupt Supreme Court, aims to push our people out of higher education altogether. In a 6 to 3 majority vote, rightwing justices decimated the remaining elements of affirmative action. As a result, Black people took a backlash whipping from this current Supreme Court, meanwhile low-key black Trump supporters; like political drunks, continue to justify their betrayal by sipping on stale spirits from a Joe Biden crime bill of 30-years-ago.

A complicit son of a Ku-Klux-Klan member,

is no friend to Black voters and deserves no consideration from the Black community. Georgia Inmate, number PO1135809 also known as Donald Trump, launched his political career as a 'Birther' blowing the loudest dog whistle in modern political history. Take a cue from our beloved ancestor, Maya Angelou who once said, *"When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."*

African people in the United States are not prepared to undergo the trauma that a fascist authoritarian regime would impose, if Trump is elected in 2024. Despite the fact that terrorism and fascism under another name, is no stranger to the Black experience. States' Rights and Southern Redemption continues to echo perpetual violence and suppression under the same name (White Nationalism).

If you're pondering the question of what would fascism look like post-election 2024? Well, tragically, that question was partially answered when 6 white law enforcement officers in Mississippi were sentenced in March for violating our so-called Civil Rights. They kicked in the door of a home, punched, kicked, tortured, tased and assaulted two innocent Black men. Hurling racial slurs at both and shooting one in the mouth (breaking his jaw), they then proceeded outside to discuss a cover-up story, while the two Black men lay cuffed and bleeding on the floor. When law enforcement officers commit these types of heinous crimes however, with impunity; that's what fascism post-election 2024 would look like.

Being unconscious or unaware of the urgency of this political season, makes us vulnerable to the inevitable. I've never seen a reactionary army win a war. Failing to plan is planning to fail. Failure to turnout in massive numbers at the polls to defend our so-called rights, will embolden our historic enemies to move with conviction to essentially bring **Gaza-like violence** to Black America.

In the face of that kind of unwarranted violence, having a Kick-Ass approach to fighting back and standing our ground will be our only option politically, culturally, socially or militarily. If we fail to kick-ass at the polls in 2024, we will have to essentially mobilize ourselves to defend not only our civil rights but our breathing rights. If Gaza violence comes to Black America, aside from the trauma and chaos; we would have to (for the sake of our survival) be compelled to diversify our allies beyond the borders of the United States. So, in the spirit of Malcolm X, I ask the question: Which would you prefer brothers and sisters, **the Ballot or the Bullet?**

SEE YOU AT THE POLLS.



Eliminate Offensive Media Targeting Afrikan People

| written by Kwabena Rasuli



The Committee to Eliminate Media Offensive to Afrikan People (CEMOTAP) launched a campaign targeting Netflix and Executive Producer Seth MacFarlane for the release of the ratchet animated reboot of “Good Times.” The original Good Times based in Chicago debuted 50 years ago in 1974, depicted the lives of an Afrikan family struggling to survive in the Cabrini Green Project highrises of Chicago less than five years after the governmental assassination of Black Panther leaders Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton and Captain Mark Clark.

Originators screenwriter Eric Monte and actor/writer Mike Evans along with producer Norman Lear brought us into the project home of the Evans, which included husband and wife - James and Florida Evans and their three children - James Jr (JJ), Thelma and Michael. The show was extremely popular and beloved by most of the Afrikan masses.

When Netflix released the trailer of this new animated reboot in late March the outrage from the Black Community began right away. Podcast, pundits, newspaper outlets lit up the internet with harsh critiques that continue at the time of this writing. On-line petitions were started to stop the April 12, 2024 release, boycott the show and/or boycott Netflix.

Netflix obviously ignored the peoples’ disdain as they unleashed 10 episodes of what many are calling the worst depiction of an Afrikan American family in the history of Hollywood.

These modern-day ‘Black Again’ Evans are shown living in the same apartment in the same Cabrini Green Project highrises that no longer exist. The area situated just Northwest of downtown Chicago has been gentrified.

The show is filled with so many derogatory, debasing and dangerous stereotypes offensive to the masses that even the You-tube trailers approval ratings showed a couple weeks after its release indicated close to 70k thumbs down with 7k thumbs up. A damn near 10-1 ratio of the people viewing the trailer disapproved of this vile animated minstrel show. Here are some of the lowlights of this series:

- The two-year old Evans baby has been kicked out of the house because he is depicted as a drug dealer. The trailer shows the two-year old getting shot at by three “baby” rappers: da baby, lil baby and ‘birdman baby.
- The baby gets armed by his mama with a glock before abruptly leaving the project residence of the family before his father gets to the house where he is not allowed.

- The mother starts to lactaid every time the baby is near with visible moisture shown on her shirt at each nipple, depending on which direction the baby is located.
- A comfort dog that saves the father during a medical emergency is brought to the apartment. The mother becomes jealous - stating that there is only one bi*ch in this house. They claim they don’t need a pet as the roaches are their pets.
- The show kicks off with the father singing the classic “Good Times” theme song in the shower doing a duet with a roach.
- Roaches are depicted floating on an empty beer can during an episode where their apartment floods.
- The son can’t pass the 10th grade after three tries. His parents take him to get hood medication from a dealer depicted as Drill (kill Black people) rap pioneer Chief Keef. While Keef is preparing the drugs - he has a shootout through the window - then continues to service the Evans family.
- The children have a contest between them to see who will get the better grade. The loser has to pick roaches out of the cereal.
- The 12 yr. old daughter has her cycle for the 1st time at school. They have her writing her school work with her menses. She is depicted flowing through a river of blood on a sanitary napkin.
- Cursing including dehumanizing N-bombs are dropped constantly during these episodes. Twerking is also practically in every episode.



During a conversation on WBAI in New York and during the subsequent emergency forum held by CEMOTAP on April 27, 2024 - CEMOTAP Co-chair James McIntosh and brother Bernet Gorman, discussed the concept of “Learned Helplessness.” When you lose so much that you give up fighting. Netflix, Sony Pictures, Seth MacFarlane and the ghost of Norman Lear are obviously counting on this concept being ingrained in the psyche and that we would take this sitting down. Current NBA superstar Stephen Curry who is considered the best shooter in league history and the other confused Afrikans who participated in the embarrassment have obviously went beyond this feeling of ‘Learned Helplessness’ to a point of ‘if you can’t beat them join them,’ by signing on and participating in this minstrel show. Curry

shot an airball in his response to a reporter who questioned his high level involvement in the debacle. He shared the pinnacle of sitcom history of the original show - then shared that he would not be watching it with “his” kids. Well, what about ours? Curry has also not publically addressed the open letter sent to him by Kafre Jay, asking him to reject the racist good times reboot and Seth McFarlane.

It is interesting that one of Steph Curry’s contemporaries, NBA Superstar Kyrie Irving shared the link for a documentary that he considered interesting, yet offended a group of people [Jews and Zionists]. Irving was suspended by the NBA, ordered to meet with leaders of the offended groups for sensitivity training, apologize and even ordered to provide monetary compensation to the ADL.

In the winter 2022 edition of Afrikan Newsworld, we pointed out that because the NBA players and arenas constantly play songs that use the dangerous racial epithet Ni**er(a), we demanded that the league immediately outlaw the use of the word due to it’s offensive current usage and dangerous history. We pointed out that the NBA must make the players who are sanctioned for saying ni**er(a) meet with our leaders for historical context and sensitivity training.

Had the NBA adopted these standards we perhaps would not have to endure n-bombs constantly coming out of the mouths of NBA pundits like, Kevin Garnett, Gilbert Arenas, Kwame Brown, etc.. Pablo Pancho and Anthony Edwards may not be spewing this horrific word when angered during games and as heard on NBA broadcasts. Tyrese Halliburton may not have even been called a ni**er(a) so loudly when playing the Bucks in Milwaukee near his hometown during this year’s playoffs. Maybe Stephen Curry would have thought twice about using part of his league-leading \$50+ million dollar salary to demean and degrade the masses of his own people by producing what many are calling the worst depiction of Afrikan-Americans in the history of television.

The mass outrage leveled at Netflix - Good Times Black Again animated minstrel show and CEMOTAP organizing direct action is pushing back against the level of demoralized “Learned Helplessness” shown by so many in recent times especially via our response to vile, vulgar and violent pornographic rap music.

CEMOTAP is asking those outraged to:

1. CANCEL YOUR NETFLIX SUBSCRIPTION
2. WRITE AND TELL THEM WHY
3. DO NOT WATCH UNLESS IT IS BOOTLEGGED
4. SIGN THE PETITION: <https://chnng.it/F6XpsDcNtf>



The Task Ahead

Zaki Baruti | President/General UAPO



The UAPO Celebrates 35 Years of Service to Our People

As head of the Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO), I'm extremely grateful to the Creator for allowing our movement to have the fortitude and determination to stay the course and commitment in our righteous struggle for justice, equality and liberty. My many, many thanks to our members who have consistently supported our various actions with both their time and finances. It is through the will of the masses that we have faced good and difficult times and accordingly we celebrate 35 years of service to our people. On April 4th, 1989, that service started with our passionate commitment to "Speak Truth to Power." Beyond our advocacy as a grass-roots movement, I'm most proud of our concrete work to uplift our people internationally, nationally and locally. Accordingly, listed below are examples of our philosophy and work.

1. Internationally: In 1989, the year of our

founding, we shipped over 70 boxes of new clothing to our people in Namibia in support of their liberation movement. 2003, we shipped over 450 boxes of medical supplies and clothing to Zimbabwe, which the government placed the value of the donation at 3 million dollars. 2004, in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan that devastated Haiti, we shipped over 540 boxes of food, medical supplies, educational materials and clothing to the Haitian community. 2006, we donated 9,000 books to a nonprofit organization in Ethiopia in their effort to eradicate illiteracy. 2011, we were able to donate \$5,000 dollars to another nonprofit organization in Haiti which suffered another natural disaster per an earthquake.

In 2015, we donated 10,000 books to a Library in Ghana. Also, we have organized protests and taken public positions against US international terrorist acts that targeted countries such as Haiti, Iraq, Cuba, Somalia, Libya and Gaza.

2. Nationally: On the political side, in our humble opinion, we have introduced the most progressive political thought/concept of the 21st century. That concept is "Proportionate Political Representation" which simply means that whatever percentage we are as a people on the national, state or local levels of government, then we should have that percentage of political representation/power. Because of our advocacy of this

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Malcolm X

and Global Black Struggle

By Abayomi Azikiwe



In March 1964, Malcolm X announced his official departure from the Nation of Islam. He had spent 12 years working on behalf of the organization led by Elijah Muhammad. Malcolm had been suspended and silenced for 90 days after he delivered an address at the Manhattan Center on Dec. 1, 1963, entitled “God’s Judgment of White America.”

This rally, organized by the NOI, was planned well in advance of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22 in Dallas. Muhammad had ordered all his ministers not to speak directly about the assassination since the country was still in a state of shock and mourning.

When Malcolm X was asked about the assassination, he noted that the U.S. government and its leaders had engaged in targeted assassinations of foreign leaders, specifically pointing to the murder of Congolese Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba. The U.S. played a prominent role in the destabilization of Lumumba’s government in 1960, as well as his kidnapping, torture and execution in January 1961.

Malcolm said the Kennedy assassination was a “case of the chickens coming home to roost,” a common phrase in the African-American community suggesting that deeds committed against others will come back to haunt the perpetrators. At the conclusion of the 90-day suspension, the national headquarters of the NOI in Chicago sent word that the punishment for ostensibly violating discipline would be extended indefinitely.

Malcolm X called a press conference where he announced not only his departure from the NOI but also the establishment of another organization, the Muslim Mosque Inc. This religious group would also involve itself in electoral politics and community organizing.

For several years before his split with Muhammad and the NOI, Malcolm X had sought to build alliances among African Americans, Africans from the continent, and Muslim nations and communities outside the U.S. At his “Message to the Grassroots” speech in Detroit on Nov. 10, 1963, just three weeks prior to his suspension from the NOI, he said that genuine independence struggles were bloody and that the people of Algeria, Kenya, China and other countries only gained their independence and sovereignty, because they were willing to engage in armed struggle. (Recording by the Afro-American Broadcasting Corporation in Detroit)

Malcolm X returned to Detroit in April 1964 to deliver his legendary “Ballot or Bullets” speech. “It’s freedom for everybody or freedom for nobody,” Malcolm X declared. He said that if African Americans were willing to fight on behalf of U.S. imperialism against armed revolutionaries in Vietnam and Korea, then there should be no problem with them taking up guns to defend themselves against the Ku Klux Klan and other racists in this country.

Travels to Mecca, African states

In May 1964 Malcolm X embarked upon the hajj, the religious pilgrimage that Muslims strive to have in their lifetime. Under the NOI, the hajj was not mandatory, and therefore the organization lacked what was perceived as authenticity in Islamic communities in the East.

After making his religious pilgrimage, he added El-Hajj to his existing Muslim name, Malik Shabazz, stressing his acceptance within the orthodox Muslim faith. During this trip Malcolm also traveled to several African states, including Egypt, Nigeria and Ghana.

He returned to the U.S. in June and founded a new political group, the Organization of Afro-American Unity. The group was patterned on the Organization of African Unity, the continental organization of independent states formed the year before in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Malcolm set out for the Second Annual Summit of the OAU in Cairo, Egypt, in July 1964 to make a direct appeal to African leaders for solidarity and support in resolving the plight of African-Americans under U.S. national oppression.

In an eight-page memorandum to

the African heads of state in Cairo, Malcolm X, writing on behalf of the OAAU, wrote: “Our problem is your problem. No matter how much independence Africans get here on the mother continent, unless you wear your national dress at all times when you visit America, you may be mistaken for one of us and suffer the same psychological and physical mutilation that is an everyday occurrence in our lives.”

He continued, “Our problem is your problem. It is not a Negro problem, nor an American problem. This is a world problem, a problem for humanity. It is not a problem of civil rights but a problem of human rights.”

Malcolm went even further, saying that the racist apartheid regime of South Africa at that time was less of a threat than the racist U.S. regime. He wrote, “America is worse than South Africa, because not only is America racist, but she is also deceitful and hypocritical. South Africa preaches segregation and practices segregation. She, at least, practices what she preaches. America preaches integration and practices segregation. She preaches one thing while deceitfully practicing another.”

Lessons from Malcolm X’s legacy

On his second visit to Africa and the Middle East in 1964, Malcolm X stayed outside the U.S. for four months, stopping over in France and England on his way back to enhance relations between African Americans and the African Diaspora in Western Europe.

After returning to the U.S., his speeches during rallies for the OAAU were often held at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem, N.Y. He shared platforms with members of the Pan-African Students Organization of the Americas and other African leaders such as Tanzanian revolutionary Abdul Rahman Mohamed Babu, a Marxist and Pan-Africanist who advocated socialism as the only solution for the continent.

Malcolm X met with Che Guevara during his visit to the United Nations in December 1964. Guevara sent a statement of solidarity to an OAAU meeting that was read by Malcolm X.

On the eve of his assassination in February 1965, Malcolm attempted to enter France again, but was denied entry. The French government would not provide a specific answer about why he was being denied admission.

Upon returning to the U.S., Malcolm’s home was bombed in the early morning hours of Feb. 14. He subsequently traveled to Detroit and delivered a speech encompassing themes of Pan-Africanism and internationalism.

In one of his final addresses, delivered at the Corn Hill Methodist Church in Rochester, N.Y., on Feb. 16, Malcolm said that “in no time can you understand the problems between Black and white people here in Rochester or Black and white people in Mississippi or Black and white people in California, unless you understand the basic problem that exists between Black and white people — not confined to the local level, but confined to the international, global level on this earth today.”

Malcolm X was assassinated on Feb. 21 before he was able to address an OAAU audience at the Audubon Ballroom. Although his assassination had been attributed to members of the NOI, many since then believe that the federal government was behind his death in response to his uncompromising militancy and his political evolution toward revolutionary Pan-Africanism and internationalism.

In addition to seeking the assistance of African governments and national liberation movements in the struggle of African-Americans, Malcolm X, like William Patterson, Paul Robeson and W.E.B. Du Bois of the Civil Rights Congress in 1951, sought to take the plight of African Americans before the United Nations, seeking sanctions against the U.S. for crimes against humanity. Malcolm X also said that through his travels he keenly observed that the countries making the most progress were moving toward socialism and the liberation of women.

These words hold true today. The African and Middle Eastern communities in Europe have exploded in urban rebellions in the same way they developed inside the U.S. after 1963.

Until the system of international racism and economic exploitation is confronted by oppressed peoples collectively, on a global level, there will not be a solution to the crisis. Youth today must study the works of Malcolm X and apply the lessons of his life and struggles to the monumental challenges facing the workers and oppressed in the 21st century.

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concept, there has been a tremendous increase of Blacks seeking various positions of political power.

3. Policing: As an organization we have consistently been on the frontline in combating police murders and violence. For many years, we were an integral part of the Coalition Against Police Crimes and Repression. In our call for police reform, we advocate for Community Control of Police Departments. This means that (1) the Administrative apparatus of police departments must be in the hands of the local people and reflect the ethnic and racial composition of each community (2) the entire police personnel of a department must also reflect the ethnic and racial composition of each community (3) each officer must live in the community they work (4) there must be an effective civilian review board with subpoena power.
4. Additional Humanitarian Efforts: In 2022 we led the way with support of other organizations and individuals to donate over 2,000 cases of water to the residents of Jackson, MS in response to the massive water crisis they were facing. The year before in 2021, the UAPO in conjunction with the

Mayor Terry Epps of Pine Lawn, MO was able to donate over \$144,000 worth of food products to the residents of Pine Lawn and St. Louis during the Covid epidemic.

5. Educational Outreach: In 2017 our organization adopted Walbridge elementary school located in st. Louis, MO and each year since we have donated educational materials and needed personal items such as socks, underwear, caps, gloves toiletries, etc. to the students. This year, we also with the support of the Vivian Whitney Foundation, donated over 146 free copies of the Autobiography of Malcolm X to the senior class of Normandy High School located in Normandy, MO, a suburb of St. Louis.
6. Housing: In 2023, we helped organize a tenant movement at the Heritage House, a 200-unit complex composed of elderly and disabled residents who were dealing with a major slumlord owner and management team. Eventually, on January 15, 2024 a major water burst caused flooding and loss of heat at the complex which led to the building being condemned, but we were there for our people. UAPO organized an evening of giving per different organizations and churches of needed supplies for

the residents, who many had to leave the building with only the clothes on their back. We also were able to secure an attorney for the residents in order to file a class action suit against the slumlords and their management team which is in litigation today.

7. Media: We proudly proclaim that our quarterly newspaper, the African NewsWorld has been in production since 1989. The other form of our media is “Conversation with Zaki Baruti” which can be viewed on our You Tube station, UAPO NewsWorld.

In conclusion, as mentioned before, the above philosophy and works are a small sampling of the Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) love and commitment to the upliftment of our people throughout the world in our 35 years of existence. However, we feel we can reshape the world when we fulfill our vision of building a force of 144,000 plus strong and dedicated members. We look forward to you, the reader, becoming one of the 144,000 plus. Please review our platform and let’s please the almighty Creator by *seriously* organizing.

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Queen Safiyah Chauvin being Recognized for her service in the community



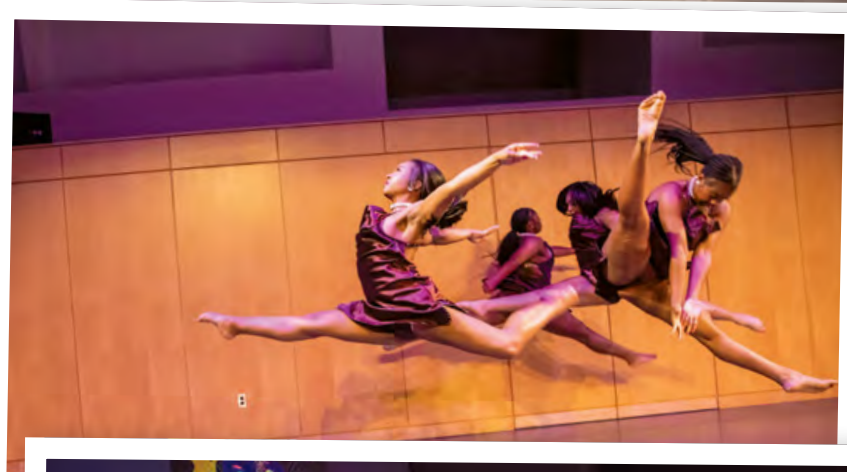
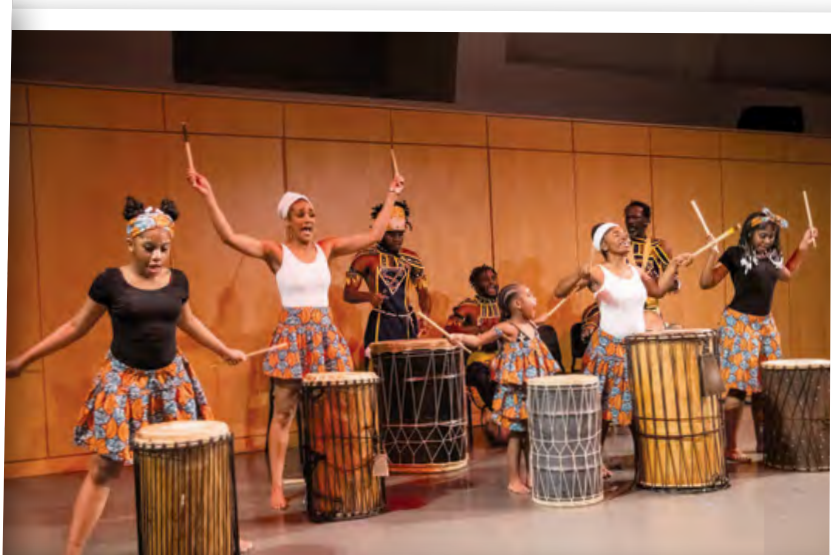
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Homer G. Phillips Hospital Nurses Alumni Rally Calling for a 3 Bed Clinic Owned By Racist Developer Paul Mc Kee to “Change The Name” of the Clinic May 11, 2024



(L-R) Pam Talley, Safiyah Chauvin, and Coffee Wright Homer G. Phillip “Change the Name Rally



↑ UAPO Members and Supporters at Town Hall Meeting November 2023



Black Men for Cori Bush [MO 1st Congressional District]



UAPO Members with Presidential Candidate Jill Stein



(L-R) George Moore UAPO Member and Childhood Friend of Zaki Baruti, Brady Baruti, Zaki, Safiyah Chauvin UAPO Vice President and GG Owens UAPO Kansas City, MO Chairperson

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Niger Declares American Military Presence ‘Illegal’ – Kicks Out U.S. Troops

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Nigerien Armed Forces conduct a convoy movement, key leader engagement and ambush exercise during Flintlock 18 in Niger, Africa on April 15, 2018. These soldiers trained with partner forces to share experiences and increase interoperability for regional security and stability. U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Runser

Earlier this month, Niger, the largest country in West Africa, terminated its longstanding military agreement with the United States, declaring the presence of all 1,000 U.S. troops and contractors “illegal.”

This represents a monumental setback for Washington, which until recently considered Niger the centerpiece of its military operations in all of North and West Africa. A chain of U.S. military bases and outposts cuts across the Sahel aimed at standing in the way of Africa’s growing relations with alternative trading partners like China and Russia.

Niger’s popularly supported transitional military government – the National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland (CNSP) – which came to power in July 2023 after ousting the pro-Western puppet Mohamad Bazoum, revoked the military agreement “with immediate effect” after a high-level delegation of senior Pentagon and State Department officials traveled to Niger’s capital, Niamey and threatened the CNSP over its growing ties with Russia and Iran.

“Niger regrets the intention of the American delegation to deny the sovereign Nigerian people the right to choose their partners,” a government spokesperson said in a televised address, canceling the military agreement and denouncing the “condescending attitude” of U.S. diplomats.

The United States now faces the prospect of losing three military bases — including one of the world’s largest drone facilities located in the city of Agadez — and more generally, its major strategic foothold in the vast Sahel region. U.S. officials are currently scrambling to find diplomatic ways to salvage some military presence.

Unless Niger reverses course, the United States stands to lose more than just a launching pad for its drone assassination and surveillance spy programs. These bases are also anti-immigration hubs designed to clamp down on African migration northward toward Europe, and are platforms that project U.S. power

southward toward the Gulf of Guinea where 60% of Africa’s oil production is concentrated.

‘We can’t let China or Russia become the preferred security or business partner’

Days after returning from the United States’ diplomatic debacle, two senior officials from the failed delegation — including the commander of the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), General Michael Langley — testified before the House Armed Services Committee, where they bemoaned the likelihood of being booted out of Niger.

U.S. Representative Jimmy Panetta, a Democrat from California, complained to Langley, “Focusing on Niger, clearly we bet big, ok. We bet big on Niger,” in reference to hundreds of millions of dollars the U.S. government invested in bases there.

“Right now, we’re at a point in which we either want to doubledown or we want to fold, unfortunately,” Panetta continued. “And look, I get the bet. As I called it in my visits there, it was the Alamo.”

In the mind of Panetta, “the Alamo” of 1836 figures as a perfect metaphor for the besieged U.S. presence in Niger. After all, the Alamo was a military outpost, albeit one made up of pro-slavery Americans positioned in northern Mexico — where slavery was illegal — who then used the Alamo compound as a staging ground for a pro-slavery revolt that ultimately achieved the goal of amputating Texas from Mexico to create a slaveholders’ republic.

Panetta lamented, “Now, we’re dealing in Niger with a military junta, a military junta that is basically kicking out our partners. It kicked out France. It revoked a security pact with the EU... And then... they ended the security pact with the United States.”

After some hand wringing over whether he felt called upon to support “democracy and our values” or to “be friendly with this junta,” Panetta beseeched Langley: “What we don’t want is to leave with nothing, because we know that nothing will be filled by China, by Russia, by Iran.”

Representative Mike Rogers added his two cents: “At the end of the day, it is critical for the U.S. to have a [military] footprint on the continent. Even a little goes a long way ... Africa is of vital strategic importance to the United States. We can’t let China or Russia become the preferred security or business partner.”

As if reading from the same script, Rogers asked Langley, “How concerned should we be about China and Russia’s growing footprint in Africa,” to which Langley responded stiffly, “Chairman, we should be extremely concerned... They’re trying to get what they want, they’re trying to replace the West and, moreover, the United States and our access and influence across this crucial continent.”

U.S. imperialism losing its grip on Africa

The theme of the entire House Armed Services committee hearing — an annual exercise which happened to coincide with Niger’s announcement this year — was of great concern about “being replaced” in Africa, to which there was a bipartisan delirium to double down on militarization as U.S. imperialism’s main strategic lever on the continent.

This represents continuity more than anything else. Since 2001, every U.S. administration has been keenly focused on building up America’s “military footprint” across Africa. It’s no accident that the United States unveiled AFRICOM in 2008 as the Department of Defense’s newest “unified combatant command.” China, on the other hand, has been focused on building much needed infrastructure. Since 2000, for example, China has built 100 ports across the whole of Africa. That means China helped Africa build about five new ports per year for the last 20 years to expand its maritime capabilities.

During the congressional hearing, Representative Cory Mills grew visibly frustrated as he recounted how China “continues to promise railways like they did between Djibouti and other areas to try and link trade, they promise electrical terminal capabilities with hundred-year leases to try to create these reliances that has weakened America’s ability to be able to compete with them in the non-kinetic [non-military] influence capabilities,” to which Langley robotically admitted, “We know that we can’t keep up with the Belt and Road Initiative of billions of dollars in infrastructure.”

It is clear that Niger and a growing number of other African states view China and Russia as an important counterweight to Western imperialism that increases their own leverage in relation to the United States, and opens up new development possibilities. These African states are increasingly looking to China and Russia as business partners, while U.S. imperialism is quickly losing its grip on the continent.

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL WALL OF RESPECT

Below is a thumbnail sketch of international and national historic individuals who fought against the injustices by the rich and a culture of racism and oppression. These historic individuals strove to create a better world from their particular perspectives. Many sacrificed their lives, served prison time, or were threatened with imprisonment or often times demonized by the oppressive forces. Their lives were exciting and a testament to their determination and courage. We strongly encourage you to further your knowledge of these extraordinary men and women. One great and beginning source is Wikipedia. The Free Encyclopedia, per google/internet. There are fifty individuals listed, of those named, how many were you familiar with? The names listed are only a partial listing of those who could be cited in our International and National Wall of Respect.

| **Zaki Baruti**

Nat Turner (Oct. 2, 1800 – Nov. 11, 1831)

Led slave revolt in Virginia (1831) killed 56 white slavers before being captured and executed.

Gabriel Prosser (1776 – Oct. 10, 1800)

Was an enslaved blacksmith who planned a massive rebellion in Richmond, Virginia. He and his Followers were betrayed by a House slave. They were captured and executed.

Denmark Vesey (1767 – July 2, 1822)

Planned a massive rebellion in Charleston, South Carolina. He, too was betrayed and executed.

Harriet Tubman (March 1822 – March 10, 1913)

Former ex-slave Abolitionist, who led hundreds of enslaved Blacks to freedom by way of the Underground Railroad. During the Civil War, she served as a spy for the North. She became known as “Black Moses”.

Marcus Mosiah Garvey (Aug. 17, 1887 – June 10, 1940)

Founder of the largest Black mass movement in America, the Universal Negro Improvement Association, Publisher of “The Negro World”, founder of Black Star Lines and Pan Africanist Visionary.

Carter G. Woodson (Dec. 19, 1875 – April 13, 1950)

Educator, Author of “The Miseducation of the Negro”, founder of Negro History Week, which is now Black History Month (February).

Elijah Muhammad (Oct. 7, 1897 – Feb. 25, 1975)

Founder of the Nation of Islam. He created many Black owned businesses and advocated for Black self-sufficiency.

A. Phillip Randolph (April 15, 1889 – May 16, 1979)

Founder of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and both Marches on Washington Movement.

Sojourner Truth (1797 – November 26, 1883)

Former Slave Abolitionist, preacher and advocate of women’s rights. She was the mother of 13 children, unfortunately she saw them all sold into slavery.

Paul Robeson (April 9, 1898 – Jan. 23, 1976)

Concert singer. Recording artist, athlete, actor and outspoken human right activist.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett (July 16, 1862 – March 25, 1931)

Teacher, Civil Rights Activist, Journalist, Publisher of Anti Lynching Newspaper In Memphis, Tenn. Women Rights Advocate. Forced to move to Chicago Because of racial hatred. Co-founder of the NAACP.

Rosa Parks (Feb. 4, 1913 – Oct. 24, 2005)

Refused to give up her bus seat to a racist in segregated Montgomery, Alabama and was arrested. This event led to her becoming known as the “Mother of the Civil Rights Movement.”

John Brown (May 9, 1800 – Dec. 2, 1852)

White Revolutionary abolitionist who Advocated and practiced armed Insurrection to end slavery. Led an Attack on Harpers Ferry, Virginia to Create a slave rebellion. Captured by US soldiers and was executed.

Frederick Douglass (Feb. 1818 – Feb. 20, 1895)

Former slave, Abolitionist, Orator, Publisher of the “North Star” Newspaper, author and Ambassador to Haiti.

Martin Delaney (May 6, 1812 – June 24, 1885)

Abolitionist, Journalist, Physician, Writer, Early proponent of Black Nationalism and back to Africa Advocate.

Geronimo (June 16, 1829 – Feb. 17, 1809)

Native American leader of the Apaches who fought white settlers and the US Government.

Fannie Lou Hammer (Oct. 6, 1917 – March 14, 1977)

Voting rights and Civil Rights Activist in Mississippi. Because of her outrage at the Racism of her time, her statement in response “I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired,” became very popular.

Medgar Evers (July 2, 1923 – June 12, 1962)

Voting and Civil Rights Activist in Mississippi-Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He was cowardly shot in the back and killed in the driveway of his home by a racist.

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. (Jan. 15, 1929 – April 14, 1968)

Led 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, founding member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference SCLC) Civil, human and anti-war activist (Vietnam) author of five books. Assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Shirley Chisholm (Nov. 30, 1924 – Jan. 1, 2005)

Educator, Author, first Black woman elected to Congress (New York) and First Major political Party (Democrat) Black candidate for President of the United States.

Red Cloud (1822 – Dec. 10, 1909)

Native American Chief of the Sioux Tribe. For many years fought successfully against the US Army and White settlers to protect his native homeland.

Sitting Bull (1831 – Dec. 15, 1890)

Native American leader of the Sioux Tribe who defeated US General, George Custer at Little Big Horn, Montana 1876.

Booker T. Washington (April 5, 1856 – Nov. 14, 1915)

Educator, Founder of Tuskegee Institute In Alabama and Author.

Malcolm X [EL Hajj Malik EL Shabazz] (May 19, 1925 – Feb. 21, 1965)

Former National Spokesman for Nation of Islam, founder of the Organization of Afro-American Unity and Muslim Mosque INC., outspoken critic of US domestic and foreign policies.

Toussaint L. Overture (May 20, 1743 – April 7, 1803)

Began only successful slave rebellion In North America (Haiti) and later acknowledged as a military genius.

Jean-Jacques Dessalines (Sept. 20, 1758 – Oct. 17, 1806)

Continued Overture rebellion and defeated the French army led by Napoleon. Thereafter, Haiti, Declared its independence in 1804.

Simon Bolivar (July 24, 1783 – Dec. 17, 1806)

A Hispanic hero Visionary, Revolutionary and Liberator. He led Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Panama and Bolivia to independence.

Kwame Ture [Stokely Carmichael] (June 29, 1941 – Nov. 15, 1998)

Leader of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Honorary Prim Minister of the Black Panther Party, popularized the term “Black Power,” major organizer for the All African People’s Revolutionary Party (AAPRP), fierce critic of the Vietnam War and Pan Africanist.

Huey P. Newton (Feb. 17, 1942 – Aug. 22, 1989)

Founder of the Black Panther Party in 1966 and its Minister of Defense. The National headquarters was Oakland, California.

W.E.B. Dubois (Feb. 23, 1868 – Aug. 27, 1963)

College Professor, Intellectual leader, sociologist, Historian, civil rights activist, author, editor and Pan-Africanist. Co-founder of the NAACP.

Bob Marley (Feb. 6, 1945 – May 11, 1981)

A Jamaican singer, song writer and musician. Remains one of the most widely known reggae Musicians who is credited with helping to spread both Jamaican music and Rastafarian movement to a worldwide audience.

Peter Tosh (Oct. 19, 1944 – Sept. 11, 1987)

Jamaican reggae Musician who was an outspoken supporter of the Rastafarian Movement,

Che Guevara (Jan. 14, 1928 – Oct. 9, 1967)

Was an Argentine Marxist Revolutionary, physician. Author, intellectual, guerilla leader, Diplomat and military theorist-a major figure In the Cuban Revolution.

Pancho Villa (June 5, 1878 – July 20, 1923)

A prominent Mexican Revolutionary General who strove to redistribute the wealth to the poor in Mexico.

Halle Selassie (July 23, 1892 – August 27, 1975)

Emperor of Ethiopia from 1930-1974. At the League of Nations in 1936 he condemned Italy for its use of chemical weapons against his people. Led Ethiopia to become Charter Member of the United Nations. He is revered as the Messiah among the Rastafarian Movement.

Kwame Nkrumah (Sept. 21, 1909 – April 27, 1972)

First Black President of Ghana (1957), advocate of Pan-Africanism, Founding member of the Organization of African Unity and winner of the Lenin Peace Prize, author of several books. Founded All African People’s Revolutionary Party (AAPRP)

Karl Marx (May 5, 1818 – March 14, 1883)

A German philosopher, sociologist, economic historian, journalist and revolutionary socialist who wrote the Communist Manifesto (1848).

Vladimir Ilyich Lenin (April 22, 1870 – Jan. 21, 1924)

A Russian Revolutionary author, economic theorist, Political philosopher, creator of the Soviet Communist Party and led the successful Russian Revolution of October, 1917.

Nelson Mandela (July 18, 1918 – Dec. 5, 2013)

Was the first Black President of South Africa 1994-1998. He was fierce anti-apartheid activist, Leader of the Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress (ANC).

Robert Mugabe (Feb. 21, 1924 – Sept. 6, 2017)

One of the major leaders of the Liberation Movement against the white settler nation of Rhodesia. Secretary/General of the Zimbabwe African National Union. Upon their independence, Mugabe became President/Prime Minister of Zimbabwe (Name replaced Rhodesia).

Fidel Castro (August 13, 1926 – Nov. 25, 2016)

Led a successful Cuban Revolution in 1959. A Cuban Revolutionary, politician and Prime Minister of Cuba from 1959-1976 and President 1976-2008. Fierce Anti-Capitalist/Imperialist. Under his leadership Cuba has accomplished One of the best educational and health system In Latin America. Also, he supported many of the African Liberation struggles.

Hugo Chavez (July 28, 1954 – March 5, 2023)

President of Venezuela-A firm anti-imperialist and vocal critic of neo-liberalism and capitalism and an opponent of the United States foreign policy.

Muammar Qathafi (June 7, 1942 – Oct. 20, 2011)

Seized power in Libya in a bloodless coup September 1, 1969. Advocate of the Third International Theory, author of the Green Book, Advocate for an United States of Africa former Chair of the African Union, raised the standards of living in Libya from being one of the poorest in Africa to one of the highest. Supported the Nation of Islam and other Black movements. Unjustly demonized by the white media and US/NATO forces.

Mao Tse Tung (Dec. 26, 1893 – Sept. 9, 1976)

A Chinese Communist Revolutionary, guerilla Warfare strategist, Marxist, political philosopher and leader of the Chinese Revolution. He was founding father of the People Republic of China in 1949.

Ahmed Sekou Toure (Jan. 9, 1922 – March 26, 1984)

African Political Leader involved in gaining Guinea’s Independence from France. He was president of Guinea from 1958-1984. A Marxist, Pan Africanist Who befriended Malcolm X and Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael).

Ho Chi Minh (May 19, 1890 – Sept. 2, 1968)

A Vietnamese Marxist Leninist revolutionary leader who was Prime Minister(1945-1968) of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Successfully fought against French and US Imperialism.

Patrice Lumumba (July 2, 1925 – Jan. 17, 1961)

A Congolese independence leader and elected Prime Minister of the Republic of Congo after winning its independence from Belgium. He was overthrown with the help of the CIA and later Assassinated.

Amilkar Cabral (Sept. 12, 1924 – Jan. 20, 1973)

Was a Guinea Bissau and Cape Verdean agricultural engineer, writer, Pan Africanist thinker and politician.

Ayattollah Khomeini (Sept. 24, 1902 – June 3, 1990)

Was an Iranian spiritual leader and politician and leader of the Iranian Revolution which overthrew the Shah of Iraq in 1979 and author of more than 40 books.

Winnie Madikezela Mandela (Sept. 26, 1936 – April 2, 2018)

Among her many followers Winnie is known as the “Mother of South Africa.” The former wife of Nelson Mandela was a fierce opponent of the past racist apartheid system of /South /Africa. She was always in the forefront of the struggle to free Nelson Mandela. She was an influential South African political leader who headed the African National Congress Women’s League. Winnie was also a member of the African National Congress Executive Committee.

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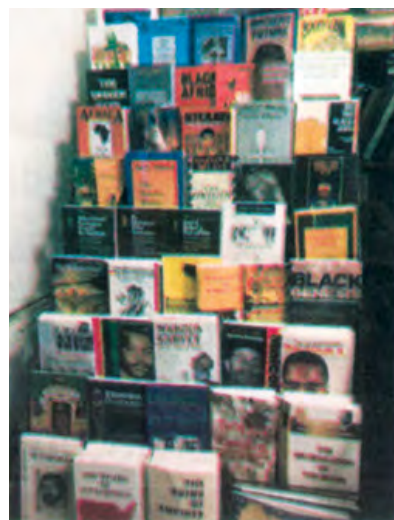
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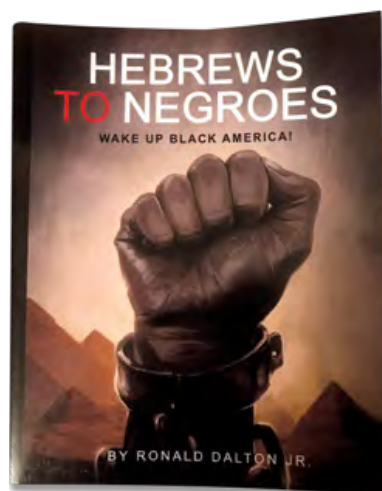
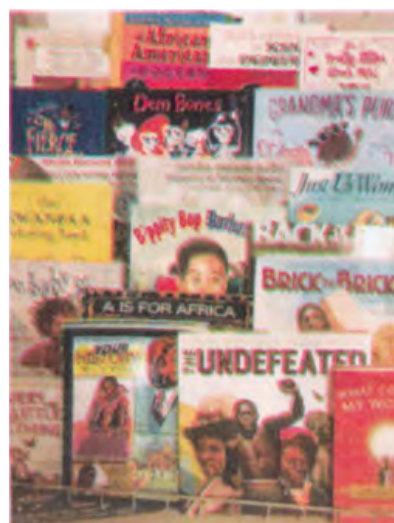
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- Employment@stlmsd.com
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