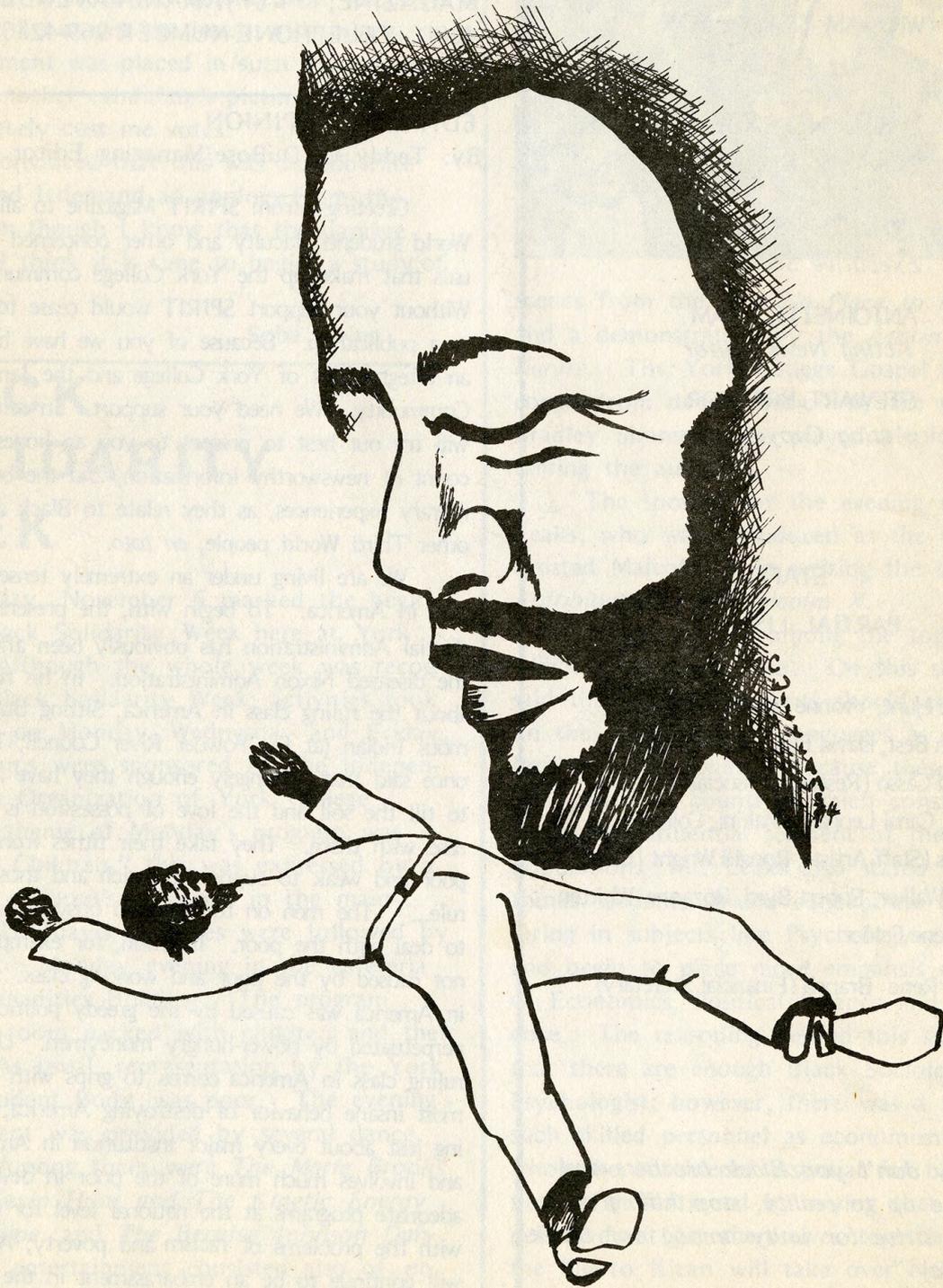


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NATION OF ISLAM AT YORK

By: Teddy C. DuBose

In his October 21st speech, Brother Minister Victor X (Lightburn), minister of the Nation of Islam, pointed out that the Nation of Islam was determined in its efforts to bring the Black family together. Together not only as a people, but together as a nation. Minister Victor X said that God's aim is to see that the Blacks become independent and are able to build for self. Minister Victor pointed out that the White man has always been an enemy of Blacks and that the White man never wanted the Black people free. From the slavships to plantations, Whites have treated the Black man "worst than beasts of the fields." Minister Victor pointed out that the White man has stripped Blacks of their knowledge of self "in order to destroy African Roots and in order to rule Blacks." Whites rationalized their conduct by saying that without roots Blacks would not have a motivating factor for progress. In fact, as minister Victor pointed out the sole reason why the Black family is the way it is today stems from or is a direct result of what went on, in slave plantations. Blacks have a *glorious* history. Because of Whites, who didn't even allow slaves to pray to their own gods, Blacks have been made to accept Christianity, White homes and other dehumanizing racist conditions. Minister Victor made it clear that there is no real difference between plantation life and today's ghetto life. He said that the Black man still has the same mentality. In plantation life breeding was the only way a male slave could prove his masculinity. In today's ghettos, Black men prove their masculinity by having more than one woman. In both situations Blacks have looked to whites to take care of children and Black women. Minister Victor referred to Whites as "European Freaks", who believe in "sex sex sex", ultimately making sex a filthy thing. He also pointed out that Whites have caused many Black men to become timid, but through constant building up of Black women, have

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STOKELY AT THE STOREFRONT MUSEUM

By: Annette Hunt and Wm. T. Atkinson

The seminar started out being late, (colored people's time) and the auditorium was not full, (colored people's time again)! That's what Blacks are now suffering from, cuz we ain't on-time.

When it finally did start, a film called "*Black Power: Future of the U. S. A.*" was shown. It featured various civil rights leaders, ranging from Martin Luther King, Jr. to Malcolm X. The film was basically about the Black struggle in America toward racism. Also, it enforced the idea of Black Power and keeping the ideology alive.

After the film, Stokely did a together lecture on his beliefs and told us what he was doing. He expressed his desire for some feedback from the audience, which he did receive to a large extent. The only problem that we, the writers, feel that he went so far, got the feedback, and got no farther, which was disappointing. This man has so much to offer, and we only got a cupful. It went something like this:

Stokely told us what he was doing now, in and out of Africa, but first he reflected on a little history, our history. Black history flows in two directions:

1. Immobilization-"blacks ain't doin' nothing" later changed to Inspiration- black consciousness that is spreading to all parts of the globe; the main reason being that blacks want to be free.
2. Oppression- a reality, solution - try to do best under the conditions instead of coping out.

His solution to the problem is a little more complex: It is the A. A. P. R. P. (All African People's Revolutionary Party), the organization for Pan-Africanism. The A. A. P. R. P.'s base is in Africa, but their ideology is widespread all over the world, (or is in the process of being spread), this in time will bring unity within our race.

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After whetting our minds with the taste of his organization, he led us back. Taking us to the 60's, he brought out the fact that a spontaneous revolution in that time would have been a good action. The country was politically and militarily unstable and would not have been able to deal with a revolution. Now in the 70's the country, (having pulled out of problems) is ready to deal with one. If a successful one is to come about, it must be carefully and scientifically planned. The time was there, we just missed the boat.

Bringing us back to ourselves, Stokely told us that it is necessary to have unity within, after all, that is what makes any kind of relationship. This Black unity would serve as a cohesive force, internally and externally.

We must, with unity, out it towards one purpose to achieve our goal. Our goal must be clear and specific in our minds. Therefore, we must be objective in our seeing, listening and analyzing of our goals. To sum this up, we must have a clear ideology.

Stokely asked for the audience's responses and questions on his lecture. The feedback was good, and we came up with this definition for our ideology:

1. A way of living
2. A systematic interpretation of reality
3. Eternal
4. Common Philosophy
5. A way of reaching goals
6. Scientific method
7. It must deal with economic, social history
8. Cultural
9. Dynamic
10. Perception of reality that allows us to change a reality

**In order to be a revolutionary, to have a revolution, you must not be afraid to sit down and study; you cannot be afraid.*

All of this information and ideas were permeating through our brains and we seemed to have gone off for a while into the beyond, so Stokely brought us back to the present, and tied up these ideas. The history of this group, and their goals ties in directly with this ideology, because it is the ideology of the A. A. P. R. P.

The A. A. P. R. P. wants to be a mass party, (they are in the process of accomplishing that at the present time). In order to let others know about themselves, they propagandize among the masses, (we were one of the masses). The cadres, (soldiers) are building up their numbers; their goal is Pan Africanism; their ideology Nkrumahism. They feel that they must gather energy through the masses of people and channel energies towards that particular goal. Africa has been and still is being exploited, if the goal is reached, the exploitation will be stopped.

QUESTION AND POINTS BROUGHT UP

1. Black people should be fighting against capitalism now in America.
2. The question of dialectic conflicts was brought up. Answer: The history of capitalism shows that because of slave trade, the need for capital made people very greedy, therefore, slave trade became very popular. Because we were separated from Africa, we must see ourselves as Africans first. One of his suggestions to this question of identity was that black people must have more dialogue/discussion among ourselves. We must have a proper understanding of ourselves.
3. Do black people have a common culture with the people in Africa, or are we separate from Africans?

Answer: Black people must not make a difference among the Black race, no matter where we are situated. We are all Africans

I AM A MAN / YOU ARE A MAN / WE ARE MEN!

How can we say we are a man if we continue to let our women and children suffer. If we continue to let the system dehumanize our women and children. How can we be mad at our women if they marry a Whitey or what we call the Devil, when all they are saying by their actions is we are not acting as a man should. If we cannot offer our women protection, then our women must go where protection is to be obtained. If we continue to put our women in the street and on the corner instead of providing a house and place to live, then she must go where these things exist. If we cannot give Our children clothes and an education of themselves. if we cannot make them smile because they are alive. if we cannot give Our Children a Pride in themselves and in Us as Black Men, form the knowledge they obtain of Our African Past and Our present actions as their providers. if we cannot give these things to Our women and children, then we are not acting as a Man should act. It is time that the Black MEN on this earth start fighting for their Black MANHOOD, his or Our women and children lives depend on it.

There is no more MAN on the face of the earth, than the Black MAN. There are only a few now that will put their lives on the line, to protect the Black women and children of this world. I say few, because the people of this white system have killed or jailed most of them. This is not to say that we are not Men, but to say that we are not acting like or being Black Men. If we are, how come there are so many Black Children living in the street, with no home

RACISM AT YORK

In light of the apparent racism in hiring at York College, and the ongoing investigations to that effect, both federal and local, SPIRIT Magazine has begun its own investigations, the findings of which will be published in the next issue of SPIRIT Magazine.

to go to. There is, because there is not enough done by the Black Man to prevent it! If words can not do it, then we must stop putting it into words, and start putting it into action; whatever action may be needed.

It is time that we not only stand and walk tall, but make Our actions as Strong as Our walk. Yes I Am A Man / You Are A Man / WE ARE MEN, or we are nothing and we're tired of being nothing. Let Us show Our women that we are ready to provide for them and Our children, and are ready to fight to Our death if we must to assure what we know they deserve. That we are ready to give them LOVE, and RESPECT and LOVE they give back in return. The Black Woman has earned the easy life, but are we Man enough to give it to them. YES! I am a man/ You are a man/WE ARE MEN! So let Us now do what we know is needed to give Our Black Women and Children what they have coming to them.

Until we can smile in freedom
peace
and
liberation

To
the
People
of
African
Decent
Power

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caused Black women to become aggressive. The result of this can be seen in children, who in many situations, grow up without a male image. Minister Victor pointed out that the Nation of Islam is the Most economically stable Black organization in America, which is due to the strict adherence to the laws of God, which are "natural laws." Finally, minister Victor pointed out that marriage in the Nation of Islam is beautiful, because it is based on religious and spiritual attractions rather than physical or lustful attractions, and because the marital relationship is governed by a strong belief in God.

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4. What is one main common thing in Black American Culture?

Answer: We are all struggling for the same thing.

5. What are the cadres in America to do with their knowledge, after having studied?

Answer: They must obtain as much political power in America, then channel these influences for Africa -(he made a comparison to the Jewish Peoples, and the power that they hold). The main goal of these cadres is the freedom of Africa. Their struggle is against imperialism. He feels that the Black man must be motivated to get back what is rightfully his (Africa). This will be a lifetime struggle not something that will soon be over. So don't expect a romantic death if you really plan to be involved in this revolution the brother is serious!

FRESHMEN ONLY

By: Geneva Scott

The Independent Black Organization, consisting of Black students, is attempting to revitalize it's programs and goals. There are many students in this school who have something to offer the college. It can only be a better school if you are willing to do your part. We are not in competition with other minority clubs and/or organizations. We only hope that we can inspire the kind of thinking and doing that will enhance your daily struggle. Stand up and be counted. Check your bulletin boards for forthcoming meetings.

We encourage you to come to I. B. O. meetings every Wednesday in room 111M from 11 to 1. You will be surprised how much can be accomplished in one hour be interested individuals. Your constructive criticisms are welcomed.

By the way, where were you on Club Day? I. B. O. wants to know.



IDENTITY CRISIS!!!

Once upon a time,
about 400 years ago, some-
one, namely WESTERN CIVILIZATION,
for the lack of better terminology
-for the good that this explort-
ation did discovered that it could
have whatever it wanted- another
world of people. Since his tribulation
has been many, this species of man has
a mind thought unbecoming of any other.
He has the experience of all men, many
times achieving success only to be put
back, reverted to his original being.

IDENTITY

CRISIS!!!!!!

I SAY BLACKMAN!!!

Identify yourselves with your family and future, learn
your past and deal with it objectively. While in the
process never forgetting your roots to keep you stable.
The Mother Land Is Calling You!

.....AFRICA.....

How long have niggers been on the bottom- remembering
they were once on the top? Answer: Too Looooong.
Whatever happened to the revolution? It's now STUPID!!!!!!

I am not stupid,

DUMIE.

Atkinson.