



Rastafari Quarterly

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**Editorial****HAILE SELASSIE I RATION**

His face is like the morning Sun; his authority is that of life. Hail the Most High, Haile Sellassie I who lives and reigns; King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, I-lect of HIMself, Light of the Inlverse, Defender of the Faith.

Give yanks the Most High lives. Despite the struggles, Inl forward to the third issue trodding strong - give yanks & lses. Rastafari is a Nation, and until Inl pay closer attention to the teachings of His Majesty and bring words in harmony with works, Inl will never actualize Inl authority within the Earth. Material and spiritual progress are imperative for any group of people to coexist in harmony and greatness. The basis of material (and Iritical) progress is education, and for Rastafari to move forward it must be through the blending in of quality education within the trod; embracing modern knowledge while holding firm to ancient traditions. Until Inl leadership acknowledges the importance of education, and administrates towards its active inclusion in Inl culture, Inl will remain wanting of Haile Sellassie I’s ultimate blessings.

“Education. work and diligence are the main foundation of our national existence.”

**Haile Speaks...**

In all the countries we have visited, we have noted that education is the basis for the greatness, the power, the pride and prosperity of a nation. This impression, together with the satisfaction that we have had from the students of our own educational institutions, whom we consider the principal instruments for the progress and well-being of Ethiopia, renews and strengthens our belief in education. If, therefore, education is the factor of everlasting significance in the greatness of a nation, it becomes the duty of every Ethiopian to strive for education and progress. What we have seen wherever we went has convinced us that education is as vital as life itself.

The foreign technicians and specialists are only employed to provide us with temporary assistance and training. It is the duty of everyone to strive for self-sufficiency by acquiring knowledge and experience. To live always in dependence upon the assistance of others not only prevents a people from attaining its ideal, but also deprives life of its true significance and achievement.

We have seen again during our visit that God has not been partial in His divine creation. The difference of colour is a notion which has no significance and the futility of asserting a difference has now become obvious. The way in which Ethiopian youth has assimilated the knowledge of modern art and science, and the high academic achievements of the young men and women we have sent for higher education abroad, justifies our efforts and expectations. Our whole history testifies to the heroic deeds of our gallant people.

The fact that we have sown on fertile ground strengthens our hope that we shall realize the plans we have prepared in order to achieve our high ideals. After all, Ethiopia is second to none in her agricultural tradition. We are proud to say that our plans and achievements compare favorably with those of others. If we have been able to accomplish what we had in mind to do, it is because the love and prayers of our people have always sustained us.

In conclusion, we would leave with you the thought that Ethiopia belongs equally to each and every Ethiopian, and we rely on you all, young and old alike, to play your proper constructive part in the great common task of fructifying in Ethiopia the results of our visits abroad. Nor will you fail in furthering the success of the program of modernization and development that we have outlined for our beloved country.

The thing that harms a nation most and cripples its strength is lack of enthusiasm and zeal to strive through education to raise itself to the level that other nations have attained. There is nothing we desire more than to see the full development of the natural resources of our Empire and the raising of the standard of living of our people. May the Almighty and Everlasting God continue to protect our people and bless our efforts, so that in His good time we may see the fruits of our endeavours.”

- Emperor Haile Sellassie I on “Education”

## Alkebulan Vibrations... [News Afrika]

[Source:<http://www.allafrica.com>]

### MUGABE SEEKS TO BUILD BLACK INDUSTRY

Harare

PRESIDENT Robert Mugabe's government yesterday tabled a bill that seeks to transfer majority control of "public companies and any other business" to black Zimbabweans, a move critics say could deepen the country's economic crisis.

A bill the government made public yesterday will be presented to parliament proposing indigenous black Zimbabweans receive at least a 51% share of those companies.

Although it is not clear how private companies will be affected, analysts say the move is likely to further damage investor confidence in Zimbabwe, which is suffering from the world's highest inflation rate and severe food, fuel and foreign currency shortages. Parliament is expected to approve the Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Bill, which stipulates that no company restructuring, merger or acquisition would be approved unless 51% of the business went to indigenous Zimbabweans.

"For a start, it's not very clear how they are going to implement this, but going by their record it could be another chaotic and disastrous exercise," said leading Zimbabwean economic consultant John Robertson.

"Those (companies) already here are likely to hold back on any expansion programmes, while possible new foreign investors are likely to also hold back to watch how this is "going to work."

The empowerment bill defines indigenous Zimbabweans as any person who was disadvantaged by unfair discrimination on the grounds of race before independence in 1980.

### ZIMBABWE: STATE ORDERS PRICE SLASH

The Herald (Harare)  
Harare

GOVERNMENT has directed manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers to reduce prices of basic commodities, including transport and newspapers, by up to 50 percent with immediate effect as it takes measures against the wave of unjustified price increases over the past few weeks.

Chairman of the Cabinet Taskforce on Price Monitoring and Stabilisation Cde Obert Mpofu, who is also the Minister of Industry and International Trade, announced the measures at a Press conference in Harare last night.

He said the business sector should revert to the prices as at June 18 2007 while its justifications for increases are being looked into by the National Incomes and Pricing Commission.

Cde Mpofu said the Government had noted with concern that manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers had unjustifiably increased their prices over the past few weeks without proper justification.

"Government is aware that these escalating price increases are a political ploy engineered by our detractors to effect an illegal regime change against the ruling party, Zanu-PF, and the Government following the failure of illegal economic sanctions. As a Government, we cannot stand idly while this situation continues.

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*Let us not recoil in hatred against those who, even while protesting their freedom from bias and prejudice, reveal by their actions that the poison of discrimination has left its lasting effects, and by this reaction reveal that we, no less than they, are susceptible to that virus which is called intolerance"*

- Emperor Haile Selassie I

## Inl Story...

### MERCY PROCLAMATION

On Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 1940, Emperor Haile Sellassie I ordered the release of what was called the 'Mercy Proclamation'. This was a proclamation to the Ethiopian warriors to show mercy unto the Italian aggressors who had now been defeated and fleeing in retreat. His Majesty, in His perfect nature, encouraged the Ethiopian warriors to follow the high example set by Emperor Menelik II in the Battle of Adowa, when he declared that all Italians soldiers were to be returned to their homeland without being harmed. Noting clearly, however, that they should leave with nothing; not even the dust of Ethiopian soil. A part of the courtesy His Majesty chose to ignore.

This notion declared to the world that "the Ethiopian people are not a people unfair to any other civilized people in their respect for the laws of war."

In every aspect of human integration, His Majesty displayed His superiority of intelligence and consciousness, by rising time and time again above the ego of mortal men.

We may also recall His son, Crown Prince Asfa, who had betrayed the King of Kings and was forgiven by the Emperor and from thereon remained loyal to HIM.

## Know Thyself...

RASTAFARI EDUCATION (Written By Sékou-Ajene Tafari)

Haile Sellassie I has always stressed the importance of education. It is his focal topic. He had noted that man couldn't be expected to cope with or contribute to the modern world unless he has been taught about it. "Modern" here meaning not necessarily a place of fast pace computers and quality digital cameras, but instead, it simply refers to a world newer than the world yesterday. As time progresses, man evolves - mentally, physically and Iritically. Men must be educated in accordance with this 'evolution' so he won't be left behind by the van of modern living. Left behind to suffer and die; to be slaves to the educated.

Though The Emperor declared time and again, the importance of education (making it a mandatory pursuit for any who is to consider themselves an Ethiopian national), he stressed that this education must be founded on a strong cultural background to be of any tangible use to Ethiopia. Clearly, mere knowledge, unless guided by good moral principles and national pride, can only serve to further downpress a widely uneducated nation. This brings I to I point of interest, a matter of great concern to I - the education of Rastafari sons and dawtas.

I-man being a lover of music, there are two songs/renditions that come to mind whenever I ponder upon this important topic. The first recording, "They Schools", is a song of the hip-hop genre done by the dreadlocked duo Dead Prez. The song speaks to the inability of American schools to adequately or perhaps, properly educate black children. The lyricists maintain that American schools "teach blacks how to be hard workers for white people", but not how to solve the problems affecting our race and communities; problems such as unemployment, drugs, guns, poverty and disease. The introduction of the song - by memory - goes something like this: "Man, this school system is a joke. The same people that control the school system control the prison system, ever since slavery." A sad reality it is. John Henrik Clarke had also noted that a powerful people will never educate a powerless people in what it means to take that power away (or even share it - for this is what gives them their 'power'). Do InI really believe schools in the West to be sufficient for educating InI youth for the betterment of Rastafari? Haven't InI seen that many of whom have been educated inside Western walls of academic knowledge have become just as the emcee mentioned, *hard workers for white people?*

I believe the time is now for Rastafari to throw off the shackles of fear, and conquer that life threatening weakness of mind that promotes InI sending InI children to Western governmental schools, which have no understanding (nor interest in sustaining) InI culture, and no curriculum geared towards academic preparation for Ethiopian development. There are no provisions in Western schools for Rastafari children; this place where InI send InI young and impressionable children for five days per week; eight to nine hours per day, for three-quarters of the year. Clearly one can see how much of a child's developmental time is enveloped in the education system. And rightly so, its purpose is to perpetuate the society and culture it springs from, and carry on with marked progress.

This brings me to my next song, Mutabaruka's "Revolt Ain't No Revolution". Simply as the title states, a revolt isn't a revolution. Growing neat dreadlocks to work in colonial industries and employment - revolt. Natural livity and building industries of our own - revolution. Buying InI sons nice khaki tams and sending them to Munro College (or any other "prestigious" school here in the West), so their friends can share their box drinks and bubblegum - revolt. Home educating InI youth, centering education around Rastafari, around Repatriation, around Black Nationalism, on the culture InI live, still maintaining good balance with the imperatives of education, science, arts and language, life skills, etc., until there is some collective effort to build a Rastafari school (or schools - we've also been to universities) for educating InI Ivine offsprings - REVOLUTION.

In an age of open information, when everything (or most things) written under the sun can be found via Internet, published books, etc, one can hardly be frightened by the idea of education outside of Western school systems. Everything the educated knows he reads from a book. His brain is no more potent than your own, so you too can read it. And if you need help to understand it, the best way to find answers to questions is to ask. Yes, I agree, structured school settings make for an easier and more efficient teacher/student process, but 'sometime, especially when yuh deh 'far out' - if yuh don't have the pot, just gwaan sip itral. But don't bow!' So are we ready for revolution?

I suppose as long as there is comfort there will be mass inertia; a resistance, tardiness or slowness to move or act. So since InI have been "educated" so well, and are prepared to 'work hard for white people', we can afford to send InI children to the best of Western schools, so they can get the "best education", then come out and work even harder for the colonial industries than we did. He or she who is not strengthening Ethiopia's cause is fighting against it, and is an enemy to Haile Sellassie I's nation. Don't be a traitor to yourself nor to your nation. Don't be a careless Ethiopian. Rasta education for Rastafari youth!

Here again InI can see the need for collective effort and Inity. InI are duly prepared. What then perpetuates the wait?



*A university is the fountain of learning; seek knowledge, and there you shall find it. A fundamental objective of the university must be the safeguarding and the developing of the culture of the people which it serves.*

- Emperor Haile Sellassie I

## One Two Order [InI Tradition...]

### MAINTAIN ITAL TROD

Two of the most prevalent things that weaken InI irits, is sadly, food and medicine. Although it is InI trod-ition to respect the temple (body) through ital livity, many of InI, with various excuses and personal reasons, neglect this important aspect of Rastafari trod and succumb to Babylon's provisions for sake of convenience and comfort.

We no longer plant food and feed our families; now we are running to the supermarkets and markets. And although the market may at times be an appropriate source of food, with the current "run-for-cash" in the world, you can't be too sure if what you're getting at the market is quality food. Supermarket? Rasta should never be in supermarket from morning. That is a place I try to avoid.

When we plant our own foods we can be more certain of what we are getting, of what we fueling the body with. We put the best of gas in our cars and put the greatest of efforts in the work we do, so let InI spend some time and take care of the temple.

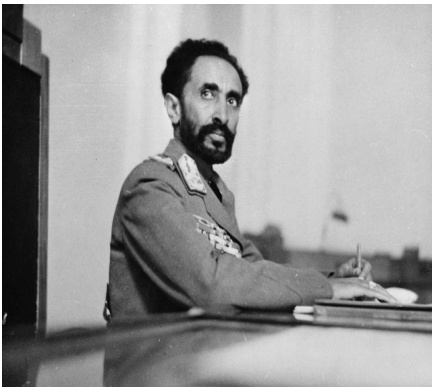
Medication should never be a problem for InI. There are so many Rastafari herbalists that InI should be able to find one, whether by phone or person, without running to 'pill and capsule doctors'.

I suppose networking is a problem to be addressed amongst InI as well. But it is good for InI to learn the sciences within the medications InI-selves as well, for to take care of the body is the primary responsibility of every manifestation of Iration. One must be able to select and prepare proper nutrients and medicines for the body. Say no to convenience.

So next time InI have running belly, instead going out and buying 'Pepto-Bismol' or any such thing, use some young fever grass and make some tea. Natural rehabilitation.

No carnal mind!

## Word Sound Is Power



Call I no lion  
or nothing like that  
Call I no Jah  
or nothing like that  
Call I no God,  
call I no Christ  
or nothing like that  
Call I HAILE SELASSIE II

And let I name thunder throughout  
the Earth

Let your roar awaken them  
that slumber in the venomous pits of  
discrimination, disunity, disloyalty

Those that call I name in vain  
let them SCATTER at the sound  
Let them hide their faces in shame  
at the sounding of I name

HAILE SELASSIE I  
HAILE SELASSIE I  
Emperor Haile Sellassie I

"Declare"  
By Sékou-Ajene Tafari

Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet menace of the years  
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am master of my fate:  
I am captain of my soul

"Invictus"  
By William Ernest Henley  
(1849 - 1903)



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### Wisdom Word

*"The most worthwhile type of life  
is one of service."*

*Emperor Haile Sellassie I*

*"One is not respected because  
one has become gray - sticks and  
stones also go gray; it is the good  
character that graces the gray  
hair that merits respect."*

*Ethiopian Proverb*

*"A man who knows from whence  
he comes and where he is going  
will cooperate with his fellow  
human beings. He will not be  
satisfied with merely doing his  
ordinary duties but will inspire  
others by his good example."*

*Emperor Haile Sellassie I*

*"I learnt that courage was not  
the absence of fear, but the  
triumph over it"*

*Nelson Mandela*

*"A thing to impress the world  
with is your own personality.  
Your make-up as a man or woman  
must be so clean cut as to leave  
nothing to suggest the  
incompleteness of a perfect  
person."*

*Marcus Garvey*

## Nation Sounds... [Nyahbinghi News & Views]

### MALVERN TABERNACLE

Following the sealing of the seven seal Black Liberation Ises at the Malvern Tabernacle, it was reasoned and agreed upon, that the Tabernacle is to be relocated before future Ises can be chanted there. The location of the Tabernacle has long been a grieving issue, with mixed views as to the problem and even solutions. The conflict arose when it was noted that the Tabernacle had been built on the (Rosebury District) Community Centre grounds, and its existence had begun to hamper the activities of the community youth; being government property, and an entity belonging to the community, maintaining the Order of the grounds is sometimes a difficult task. The grounds however, prior to the rising of the Tabernacle, was abandoned and overcome with bushes and shrubs.

All in all, and with good reasoning from the High Priest (George Irons), the Tabernacle must be moved. A conclusion has yet to be made as to the new location, but there is some land that had been earmarked earlier when the issue was raised. With a little under a year before the next Ises, the Tabernacle should be comfortably relocated and renovated in time for the 2008 Black Liberation Ises. Those interested in strengthening the relocation of the Tabernacle may contact Ras Earthquake (342-4132) or by I-mail at [nyahbinghi.malvern@gmail.com](mailto:nyahbinghi.malvern@gmail.com).

### HAILE SELASSIE EARTHDAY ISES

The annual Nyahbinghi Ises for His Majesty's Earthday anniversary will be chanted at the Scott's Pass Nyahbinghi Grounds. The Ises goes up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and seals on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> - 7 lights. July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007 will mark 115 years since the birth of Tafari Makonnen - Emperor Haile Sellassie I.

For more information about the Ises, or to give a strength towards the I-parations, ones may contact Ras Sessie at 379-6084 or by I-mail by at [nyahbinghiancientorder@yahoo.com](mailto:nyahbinghiancientorder@yahoo.com).

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#### UGANDA PLASTIC BAG BAN

Gerald Tenywa  
Kampala, Uganda

THE ban on polythene bags, popularly known as buveera, takes effect this Sunday, to the delight of environmentalists.

Environment state minister Jessica Eriyo announced yesterday that importation and production of small polythene bags, commonly used for packing light items which weigh less than a kilogramme, ceases July 31.

"I would not expect someone coming into the country with items packed in a plastic bag to be affected," she said. "But those who smuggle the bags into the country will be dealt with under the relevant laws."

A heavy tax of 120%, the minister added, has been imposed on the manufacture of thicker polythene materials in an attempt to restrict their use to the few people who will not throw them away carelessly after use. "The waste is littered all around and many places look filthy."

Law agencies, Eriyo added, are expected to enforce the ban, but manufacturers have two months within which to clear their stock.

A relevant law to support the ban and to spell out penalties for offenders is to be enacted, the minister stated. In the meantime, the new measures will be enforced under the laws that govern the finance ministry, which announced the kaveera ban in the national budget a fortnight ago.

Eriyo added that the finance ministers of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania had announced measures to deal with plastic bags before passing specific laws for their enforcement.

Dr. Aryamanya Mugisha, the head of NEMA, the national environment watchdog, said in Uganda, the Police, the revenue authority and environment officials would implement the ban.

The minister and Aryamanya Mugisha were speaking at NEMA's monthly press briefing at the organisation's offices in Kampala.

The Government, Eriyo said, took the "drastic steps" on the bags because "people out there do not know how to manage them properly" and warned that the enforcement of the law would not be easy.

"Habits are difficult to change and we need a lot of sensitisation."

Justifying the ban, Eriyo said the plastics block channels, compromise water quality and degrade soil, which is important for agriculture.

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## Inna Di Iwa...

- July 1 <sup>st</sup>	General Reasoning	S/Pass
- July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Emperor Haile Sellassie I Day	
- July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nyahbinghi Ises	S/Pass
- August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Marcus Garvey Day	
- September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ethiopian New Years Day (Maskaram)	
- September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nyahbinghi Ises	Ocho Rios

## Palace Library... [Suggested reads]

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
+ How Europe Underdeveloped Africa	Walter Rodney
+ Stolen Legacy	George James
+ Negus	Miguel Brooks
+ Selected Writings and Speeches of Marcus Garvey	Bob Blaisdell (Editor)
+ Book of Memory	Prince Elijah Williams

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## Hol' Di Meditation...

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1892

Though all eyes and 'hearts' are turned towards the upcoming Ethiopian Millennium, the joys of the millennial change could never overshadow the Earthday of His Majesty, Emperor Haile Sellassie - born to mother, Yeshimabeth and father, Ras Makonnen, later to be crowned King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Earth's Rightful Ruler.



*Lidj Tafari*

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007 will mark 115 years since the birth of the Emperor. His birth was highly anticipated throughout Ethiopia, and be it then known or not, would go on to be a most significant genesis. Tafari Makonnen, later to be renamed Haile Sellassie I at His historic coronation as Emperor, would live to become one of Ethiopia's most influential rulers, and a legend of the Inverse. The progress and development he brought to His country, in the short time He did, and with the little resources He had, remains a mystery to most. With education and agriculture as His prescribed bases for national development, Haile Sellassie in his early years laid the foundations of post-colonial Afrikan redevelopment and pride. He was seen as a father figure for Afrika, and is many times referred to as the 'Father of Afrikan Unity'. His voice commanded respect in the assemblies of Afrikan leaders and he was a mediator for many a continental conflicts.

He was the first black/Afrikan ruler to command such widespread white/European respect and admiration in over 2000 years. Throughout His political career, he remained a beacon to other Afrikan leaders and black revolutionists, as well as to Afrikans worldwide - demonstrating perfectly, the divinity and eminence manifested by Inl forefathers and mothers; that which will forever remain a source of black pride and inspiration.

"The astrologers prophesied the planets of Neptune and Pluto, which had begun moving towards each other in 1399, would influence the constellation of Leo, which represents the house of Judah. Born on the first day of the zodiac sign of Leo, Young Tafari ushers in this cosmic change." The great drought that had started in Ethiopia in 1889 was then broken - July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1892.

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