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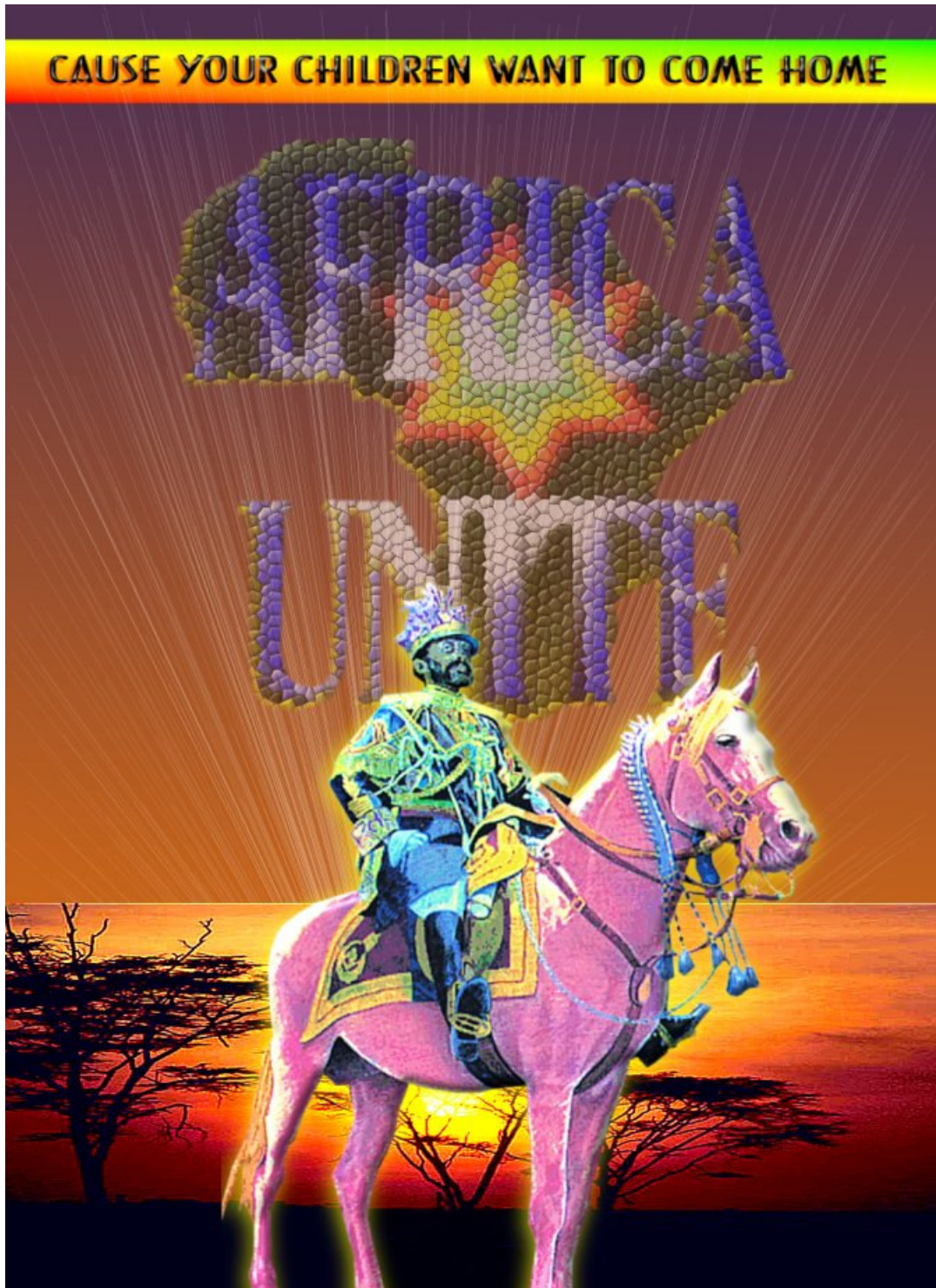
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THE INTERNET PLAGUE— By Ras Ravin-I

The appearance of the internet has allowed us the advantage of communication, which in and of itself is a very good thing. While websites and web pages allow I n I some visibility and the option to comment, to post our thoughts and literary works, it is not the end and the all of Rastafari development.

The internet has also given birth to much misconception and misguided elements. The thoughts of individuals and organizations, who seek to deliver it's personal beliefs upon the searching minds of I n I youths. Individuals who seek not to develop and strengthen I n I, but to confuse and disrupt with personal ramblings, which is tainted with Babylonian conceptions.

While they chant the name of Rastafari and with blatant disregard for the **divine livity** of His Imperial Majesty Qedamawi Haile I Selassie I Abbajanhoy, they do nothing but give misinformation, which will eventually be brought to bear upon their head and reveal them as traitors . Some of our people are innocently being drawn into this net of mental terror, perpetuated upon I n I by the contributors of satanic confusion, with it's foot planted in white Christian supremacy.

There are individuals and organizations that use the availability of the Internet to gossip, and also discredit the upfull and productive works of progressive individuals and organizations to a worldwide audience.

These individuals, web groups and forums do nothing but blaspheme to elevate their own personal ideology as being that of Ras Tafari. They create continued separation and dysfunctionality within the Rastafari nation, their discourses and deliberations do not carry the vision and the teachings of H.I.M, they are but stumbling blocks, **infiltrators** sent in by Christian Church network to confuse and disrupt.

There are individuals and organizations who do very positive and progressive works which fall on deaf ears. These individuals and organizations meet with harsh resistance from the so called "internet Rasta community" the " internet Rasta community" have done nothing but confuse and scandalized the progressive works of the Rastafari Nation.



On the road surrounding TTRU base camp

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RASTAFARI SPEAKS

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

"Let us take pride in the fact that as free men we attack and abhor racial discrimination on principle wherever it is found and in whatever guise."

"It is only natural for man to strive towards a better life. To wish to educate his children while he himself was uneducated. To desire to shelter and clothe them while he himself was naked and scourged by the elements. To strive to spare them from the cruel diseases by which he himself was ravaged. But when these ends are realized at the expense of others, at the cost of their degradation and poverty, these desires which are not intrinsically immoral or pernicious in themselves must be frustrated; and the means by which these otherwise legitimate ends are sought to be attained must be scorned and shunned."

"We seek that self-sufficiency which will enable us to play our rightful role in international affairs & live in full harmony with all men."



The African American Debacle By Bro. Lance Seunarine

In the name of My Father, Our Father Haile I, Selassie I, INI brings blessings and give thanks for this wonderful day. INI is only a messenger. I want to address a vexing problem that is creeping up and is fanned by *The New York Times*. Earlier this year it reported on a study that was undertaken at Harvard and which showed that the majority of students who were of African heritage and who were succeeding, had come from the motherland and the Caribbean. They claimed that those who had succeeded were able to do so at the expense of the African American who could trace their heritage from slavery times. I laughed off the study as trivial and paid no attention except to give a short lecture to my students in one of my classes. I had hoped that this would soon blow away and that we would once more concentrate on issues affecting all Blacks in the diaspora and on the Mother Land. This has not been the case. On August 28, 2004, *The New York Times* ran another rather extensive article entitled "African – American Becomes a Term for Quiet Debate." At the center of the Article is an Ethiopian Abdul Aziz Kamus who is also a naturalized US citizen. The article claimed he met with much opposition for referring to himself as an African American. The article goes on to explain only those who could claim this title, are those who can trace their heritage to slavery. As such, I find myself addressing this ludicrous situation. I had hoped that we would have overcome this dispersion and be ready to move to a higher phase of this struggle for complete freedom. I was also amused that we had an African who instead of seeking African unity, was seeking to become a confused bredren. The more I thought about this article, the more abrasive I became with my initial remarks.



Our history books has shown us that before we became Colored, Negro, Sambo, Nigger, negro, Quadroon, Mulatto, Octaroon and all those other derogatory names, we were proudly called African. In one of his most poignant statements, Michael Manley said that unless we come to peace with our African Ancestry we would remain colonized and I must add, be a slave. I am also reminded by Selassie I who once said, that unity is our best defense. Here the "tribes" must unite in this time of war, and must now address and defeat this simplistic strategy of divide and conquer. These so called Educated Zombies say that they must trace their ancestry to slavery. They are proud to be called an hyphenated something but shamed of being called an African. Did they think that Africans came from some alien planet?

They should know that the so-called slaves (enslaved Africans) also had a striving civilization that stretched some 5,000 years. According to Eric Williams (1944:112) he makes note as to how slaves first came to South Carolina. According to him, they came from Barbados. (Higginbottoms confirmed this in his book *In a Matter of Color*). Africans went first to the Caribbean before they arrived in continental US.

While the article was complaining about the role Blacks play in education, the issue is really beyond that. According to the late Dr. John Hendrik Clarke "...no matter where you are ...no matter what schooling you have gone through you are distinctly an African." (Clarke 1986:31) Peter Tosh would say whether you are from Westmoreland, Brooklyn or Trinidad, you are an African. I am amazed and bamboozled that the African did not say he wanted to be called African but African American. But, then again, the Ethiopians of today don't want to be called African; they want to be associated with the Arab league. Look also at the Sudan who have been fighting each other for two decades and have killed over 2 million of their fellow Sudanese. They refused the assistance of Africans coming to quell this wanton killing that have claimed the lives of 50,000 Africans in eighteen months and have millions scattered through the region foraging food from the mountain tops while they seek to protect whatever they have from the jangaweed and other Arab marauders. In this battle of Islam v Christianity, they forget that they are first Africans. They, too, are confused because the war in the Sudan is really about the oil in the Nubian region.

The African American Debacle By Bro. Lance Seunarine

Is the African American ashamed of the useless killings that are taking place in Africa? While we can share this concern, this does not give the African American the right to deny themselves their birth-right. Do you see the Europeans denying the Germans their rightful place among the Caucasians? They were forgiven and were given \$25 billion to rebuild Germany after the second European war (WWII).

Insults cannot be farfetched. There is Dr. Alan Keynes a Harvard Graduate, and a former presidential candidate who lives in Virginia and who was commissioned by his massa to go to Illinois and challenged another Black man. He, too, is gassed up with that Harvard nonsense. He pronounces that Africans like Barak Obama should not be considered African American. He states that "we claim the same race but we are not of the same heritage" *NYT* 8/28/04.,20. (Barak's father was Kenyan and his mother a Caucasian from Kansas). What a confused dunce! Then there is another who claims he has traced his ancestry to slavery. His argument is that he would have to climb over these immigrants to get his dream. Please understand, he does not refer to us as Africans. This too, is another educated dodo head. Instead of seeking more for all, he now plays into the trickology of wanting less at the mercy of all of us. These educated zombies are so confused that they have put another huddle in front of us to climb.

Let me asked these dunces: If they have defined themselves as African Americans, does this not include South America? Are they too not part of the Americas? (This was also the term that Professor Nascimento formerly from Buffalo State University used to include all Africans in both North and South America). And if they did, they would be proud to learn that the first republic in this hemisphere was the Republic of Palmares in Brazil and that it lasted for 110years.

This was BEFORE the American Republic. In Guyana, there is the Bush Negro or Buc who so proudly resisted the British and set up their own nations in South America. There was also the Djukas in Suriname. Then again what constitutes African American History? The mere fact to discuss "African American history" and not include the Caribbean is foolhardy for several of the enslaved Africans came from Jamaica, St. Kitts Montserrat and these islands are all in the Caribbean. Do you claim Malcolm X? Well his grand father was from Carriacou , the Grenadines, West Indies. Better yet, you claim Prince Hall. He too is from Barbados and it was he who started the African Lodge (Masons). As for your noted Scholar WEB Dubois, his parents were also from the West Indies—Bahamas and Haiti. This would disqualify him because he would also be considered an immigrant. You claimed the Schomburg Library as a repository of your heritage but did you know that Arthur Schomburg was a Puerto Rican and a West Indian? He was brave enough to study us and leave all that history for us to follow and not remain confused and foolish as the idrens in Harvard.

of the so- called African Americans speak about Pan- Africanism. Well, it was West Indians who put that concept together. In fact Sylvester Williams, its FATHER came from Trinidad; George Padmore and CLR James (both Trinidadians) coordinated the 5th Pan African conference. The former was commissioned by Haile Selassie I and Kwame Nkrumah to coordinate the Liberation struggle of Africa. We continue to study the works of CLR James and Walter Rodney, a Guyanese both of whom had a considerable impact on the history of the African American.



Spearheading the Neem Revolution.

Neem in Indian culture has been ranked higher than 'Kalpavriksha', the mythological wish-fulfilling tree. In 'Sharh-e-Mufridat Al-Qanoon, neem has been named as 'Shajar-e-Mubarak', 'the blessed tree', because of its highly beneficial properties. Although scientific studies are wanting, neem is reputed to purify air and the environment of noxious elements. Its shade not only cools but prevents the occurrence of many diseases. During hot summer months in northern parts of the sub-continent, the temperature under the neem tree is ~10° C less than the surrounding temperature; 10 air conditioners operated together may not do the job as efficiently and economically as a full grown neem. Restoration of the health of degraded soils and ultimate use of such reclaimed wastelands lands through neem is another example of its value to humans. About a decade ago, some 50,000 neem trees were planted over 10 km² on the Plains of Arafat to provide shade for Muslim pilgrims during hajj. The neem plantation has had a marked impact on the area's microclimate, micro flora, micro fauna, sand soil properties, and when full grown could provide shade to 2 million pilgrims (Ahmed 1995). It is an ancient belief that neem growing inside the house can keep the surrounding air clean of impurities and thereby control environmental pollution. Also, hanging neem twigs on the door of a house is said to offer protection against pollution. The tree is not only beautiful to look at, providing grandeur and serenity, but also serves as a refugia to many beneficial organisms, bats, birds, honey bees, spiders, etc. Honeycombs established on the neem tree are singularly free from the galleria wax moth infestation. Many species of birds and fruit-eating bats subsist on the sweet flesh of ripe fruits, while certain rodents selectively feed on the kernel, confirming neem's safety to warm-blooded animals. The litter of falling leaves improves soil fertility and the organic content. Presently, little is known about the mycorrhizal associations between neem and bacterial and fungal endophytes, but the tree seems to be a living microcosm. The evergreen, perennial tree can survive up to from 200 to 300 years, if not cut down. Even a highly conservative estimate of the 'environmental service' rendered by the tree @ US \$ 10 per month, would give an astonishing value of US \$ 24,000 to 36,000 in its life time. Other economic uses of neem and the benefits derived, such as biomass production, timber, seed and honey are more tangible and quantifiable.

Neem in Reforestation and Agro forestry. Neem is a very valuable forestry species in India and Africa and is also becoming popular in Tropical America, the middle east countries and in Australia. Being a hardy, multipurpose tree, it is ideal for reforestation programs and for rehabilitating degraded, semiarid and arid lands. in coastal Kenya. Large scale planting of neem has been initiated in the Kwimba Afforestation Scheme in Tanzania. In countries from Somalia to Mauritania, neem has been used for halting the spread of the Sahara desert. neem cannot be grown among agricultural crops due to its aggressive nature.



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The African American Debacle By Bro. Lance Seunarine

Now let us look at another Jamaican and West Indian who shaped your history -- Marcus Garvey. He laid the groundwork for nationalism and gave Blacks a hope to follow. In Garveyism, he outlined its concepts of racial pride, self-reliance, nationhood and spoke of a military. He gave us the flag - the red, black and green - that you so proudly claim as your own, and fly in front of your shops. He was the only one who put the three together for our liberation. As for the saying "Africa for the Africans" look to the West Indies for that. (Marcus Garvey would later add at home and abroad). The bredren is Edward Blyden and he came from the Caribbean - Virgin Islands. As for Black Power when the White fathers were denying his Black children their handouts, it was another Trini named Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Toure) who stood up for all your rights. Black Power became the focus for the struggle and a message to know that we Black people were tired of the "crap" and we would go to war if we have to get what is rightly ours. The present Secretary of State is of Jamaican heritage and according to your logic, he too would not qualify for being called an African American. And so would be the leader of the Nation of Islam, Minister Farrakhan for he too claims a Jamaican Heritage. You claim the African Blood Brotherhood is yours. Nah man, that was started by Cyril Briggs, another West Indian from St. Kitts. But it took an African American to do the dirty work of his massa. For example, Proposition 13 which dismantled Affirmative Action, was spearheaded by Brother Connally in California.

The problem with these NEW African Americans is that they are no better off than intellectual beggars. Now that the funds are limited because of the money is needed for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have turned inwardly to attack themselves and to implode. They are acting like crabs in a barrel. In other words, they chose to be beggars in this nation as opposed to creating an environment where they could enjoy the benefit of freedom for all Africans in the Diaspora.

Finally, once more Dr. Clarke said "powerful people never train you to take power from them and that your oppressor (downpressor) cannot afford the luxury of educating you and asking you to become his oppressor."
Misgana Brother Lance

Ethiopia was the only African country that was still completely free from European domination at the end of the 19th Century. This does not mean that no European country had tried to take over Ethiopia. The country remained free owing to a decisive defeat of Italian invaders at Adowa (or Adwa) on March 1st 1896. This was the biggest defeat suffered by the Europeans since Hannibal and it signaled the beginning of the end of European colonialism.

**NOTES FROM A BROTHER IN INDIA:
HISTORY AND HERITAGE THE GLOBAL AFRICAN COMMUNITY
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Edited by RUNOKO RASHIDI**

The first thing those who enslaved the Black people did was to erase all records and memories of our great heritage and history. This is because a rootless people will always wallow in self-pity and self-destruction. For example, the first thing that was done by the Sinhalese (the majority people in Sri Lanka who find kinship with the North Indian Hindus, Sanskrit language and their Aryan heritage), when they started a civil war with Sri Lanka's minority Tamil people two decades ago, was to burn down the centuries old library in a city called Jaffna which housed priceless Tamil books which were hundreds of years old. The civil war still wages in Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tigers, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), are fighting for "Tamil Eelam", a separate Tamil homeland for Tamils in Sri Lanka.

So that is why I consider it very important to make our people very proud of themselves again because we are the owners of the richest and the oldest civilization and culture. We were civilized, cultured and humane when the Aryan hordes were plundering, killing and amusing themselves in barbarism all over Europe and Central Asia.

I think you know about the erstwhile "Lemuria" continent which bridged the Indian sub-continent and Australia, where the pre-historic Tamil (Black) people lived. Much of Lemuria was lost to the sea during a massive oceanic upheaval. But the aborigines of Australia are supposed to be the descendants of the pre-historic Tamils. Much of the customs and the language of the aborigines of Australia is similar to those of the rural Tamil folk. Even the facial features of the Australian aborigines and the Melanesian people is very similar to that of Tamil "Pariah" (Dalit) people.

I am very interested in the visual media. When I was in the USA I studied film for a short time at the Los Angeles City College. I feel the global visual media, including American cinema, is extremely Eurocentric" culturally.

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Movies are modern day cultural icons and we don't have any motion pictures to preserve the glory of the global Black history and culture. Even disaster movies like the Titanic showcased European culture and manners. Even movies made with Black stars such as Wesley Snipes, Denzel Washington or Will Smith are made for the consumption of White audiences and never deal with Black history or culture. Even Spike Lee is too obsessed with the negative side of the Black experience in America and never bothers about showcasing Black history and culture, with the possible exception of the motion picture Malcolm X. I have a dream of making films that will be widely seen by people all over the world which will deal with the positive side of Black life. Even the media madness over the end of this millennium (as counted from the birth of Jesus Christ) is being celebrated with European artistic and cultural flair with the total exclusion of Black arts and culture. I have formed a troupe to perform Dalit arts, folk music and street theatre to keep the arts of the Indian Black people alive. In India the arts and music of the Hindus is passed off as the culture of India by totally excluding the native music and performing arts of the Dalit people.

In America people usually associate "Black" with Africa while being oblivious to the fact that Black people live in very large numbers in South Asia and Southeast Asia. Gautama Buddha, the Black revolutionary who founded the egalitarian religion of Buddhism to counter and destroy the bigotry of Hinduism, was a Black prince. But the Hindus hijacked Buddhism and killed Buddhists in large numbers.

The Buddhist missionaries fled to other parts of Asia and spread the message of the Buddha in China and other parts of Asia. Those indigenous Dravidians who were loyal to Buddha and resisted the caste system became the untouchable outcasts (Dalits).

That is why Dr. Ambedkar called upon his people to embrace Buddhism. But unfortunately, the brand of Buddhism that is practiced by the Dalai Lama and other Asians such as the Chinese, Japanese and Sinhalese are all corrupted forms of the real Buddhism. Let us make the new millennium the millennium of the Black human beings of this World! Let us work towards that earnestly, intelligently and with unity. Let peace and prosperity rule over our people. With love.

"And the whole earth, the heavens and the ends of the world, the sea and the dry land are the kingdom of God. He judgeth. And He hath given the earth to the King to be subject unto him, that he may judge those who do evil, and those who do good he may reward them with good. For the Spirit of God resteth in the heart of the king, and His hands are in his mind, and His knowledge is in his understanding."

(From the Kebra Negast translated by Miguel Brooks, Red Sea Press, 1995.)



Idren @ Point Fortin, Trinidad



Ras Jahaziel The Revelator

HISTORICAL CONSCIOUSNESS is the faculty that causes one's eyes to truly see. Without it one is virtually blind, and so, it is true to say that ...
WORTHWHILE OPINIONS CAN ONLY BE FORMED BY AN INFORMED PEOPLE

TO KNOW GOD YOU MUST KNOW YOUR SELF

TO KNOW YOUR SELF YOU MUST KNOW YOUR HISTORY, for therein lie the seeds of **ACUTE NEGRO PSYCHOSIS**, the now widespread disease that prevents knowledge of self.

Some would ask, "But why do you have to draw so many analogies with **THE PLANTATION, THE FIELD NEGRO, THE HOUSE NEGRO, THE SLAVE MASTER, AND THE SLAVE ?**"

The answer is, that in Black life today there are too many similarities, and too many unchanged realities which indicate clearly that the names have changed but the drama remains the same.

One can only deny this if one has made a stubborn commitment not to see the slave master's ghost that hovers menacingly over every institutional arrangement that governs Black life today ...or if one has become so accustomed to the way of the plantation, that long familiarity and long internalization have made it invisible to one's eyes.

When we begin to understand that psychological phenomena can sometimes span many generations, it becomes less difficult to comprehend the relationship between past experiences and present behavioral manifestations. Therefore, true healing of ourselves can only come after a thorough examination of our slave history.

This is what **KNOWING YOURSELF** is all about. It necessarily involves knowing the source of one's thinking and one's actions, so that one can be better able to correct them. With such knowledge of our history one would be less apt to collaborate with **THE RAPIST**, and less likely to embrace the corruption that comes from long subjection under the weight of degenerate Greco-Roman pirates.

KNOWING OURSELVES must therefore involve the recognition that violent **RAPE** on a day to day basis is the main factor that helped to make many of us look less like our African ancestors, and therefore when we show an inordinate preference for the slave master's race in any form whatsoever we are actually giving our back-dated consent to the rape of our fore-mothers

KNOWING must involve having an intimate knowledge of the historical circumstances that triggered our present-day **MENTAL DISORDERS**. With such knowledge, one would be able to look at a blonde haired black woman or a "PERMED" Black woman and make the connection with the days when Black people were forcibly made to believe that their lack of **STRAIGHT HAIR AND WHITE SKIN** is a curse from God. One would be able to trace the long ongoing psychosis that resulted from this belief, and one would understand why Blacks have struggled for so long to escape **THEIR REAL HAIR AND THEIR REAL SKIN COLOR**.

His Majesty speaks on leadership

"We all know that the need for good leadership in every walk of life is much greater today than ever before. Every aspect of living demands guiding hands, business, the professions, fine arts, the mechanical arts. And all of you young people who have been given the opportunity of an advanced education will in the future be called upon to shoulder, in varying degrees, the responsibilities to leading and serving the nation.

"It is important however to remember that leadership does not mean domination. The world is always well supplied with people who wish to rule and dominate others. The true leader is of a different sort. He seeks effective activity which has a truly beneficent purpose. He inspires others to follow in his wake, and holding aloft the torch of wisdom leads the way for society to realize its genuinely great aspirations.

"You have learnt from your study of history that the story of nations is often told in terms of the accomplishment of individuals. In every significant event in history you will find a courageous and determined leader, an inspiring goal or objective, and an adversary who sought to spoil his efforts.

"In any normal society everyone has some opportunity to show himself as a leader, Even the mechanic or clerk who has an assistant assigned to him, not to speak of the doctor with all his helpers the officer who commands his troops, is a leader. Within his own sphere each has the same opportunity for showing ability and the same potential satisfactions as has the leader of a Government. The leader is marked out by his individual craftsmanship, his sensibility and insight, his initiative and energy.

"Leaders are people who raise the standards by which they judge themselves, and by which they are willing to be judged. The goal chosen, the objective selected, the requirements imposed are not merely for their followers alone. They develop with consummate energy and devotion their own skill and knowledge in order to reach the standards they themselves have set. This wholehearted acceptance of the demands imposed by ever-higher standards is the basis of all human progress. A love of high quality we must remember is essential in a leader.

"Dependability is another requirement in a leader. To be dependable is to be willing to accept the responsibility and to carry it out faithfully. A leader will always be willing to take counsel from his people. But will have to often act on what his own mind tells him is right. This demands that the leader has trained himself out of any inordinate fear of making mistakes.

"To embark successfully in a career involving leadership demands a courageous and determined spirit. Once a person has decided upon his life's work and is assured that in doing the work for which he is best endowed and equipped he is filling a vital need, what he then needs is faith and integrity, coupled with a courageous spirit so that no longer preferring himself to the fulfillment of his task he may address himself to the problems he must solve in order to be effective. "One mark of the great leader is that he feels sufficiently secure to devote his thought and attention to the well being of his subordinates and the perfection of his task, rather than being constantly worried about the approval of disapproval of others.



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**Sylvia Pankhurst's Interviews, and Correspondence, with
Emperor Haile Sellassie, 1936-40, Part 2**

By Richard Pankhurst

Haile Sellassie in Bath: A First Interview

Soon after the Haile Sellassie's arrival in Britain, my mother was accorded a more official interview for her newspaper. Based on written questions, it was one of the Ethiopian leader's first public utterances in Britain, and appeared in New Times and Ethiopia News on 13 June 1936.

Her first question was what were "the most important" points for friends of Ethiopia to emphasize in the "struggle to defeat the Fascist aggression and to vindicate international justice and the Covenant of the League".

"Unanimously Condemned"

Haile Sellassie replied that the invasion of Ethiopia had been "unanimously condemned", and that the "violation of international conventions regulating warfare" was "important not to Ethiopia alone but to all the countries of the world." "World opinion", he added, "cannot remain indifferent before the use of poison gas, the bombardment of Red Cross Ambulances and of open towns, and the destruction of civilian populations".

Asked by Sylvia what he was going to request of the League, he answered, "We shall demand the application of the Covenant by all the means which are at the disposal of the Member States".

"The Most Important Achievements"

In reply to a question as to what he considered "the most important achievements" of his reign, he declared, "The construction of schools, hospitals, roads; financial reforms; the purchase of the Bank of Abyssinia and its transformation into a State bank; the fight against slavery and establishment of schools for freed slaves".

Asked what he intended to do on returning to Ethiopia after the defeat of the Italian aggression, he replied, "To continue the above programme in the hope of receiving disinterested international assistance".

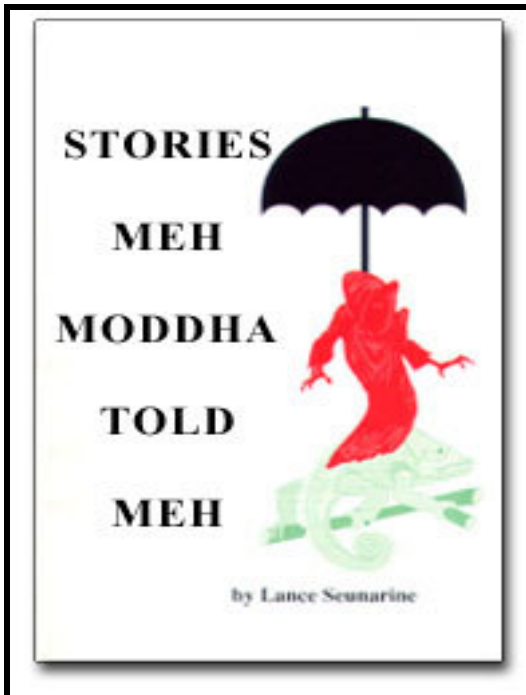
A Compromise Peace, or No Compromise with the Invader?

In one of her early letters, written to the exiled Emperor on 20 July 1936, she passed on a proposal for a compromise peace between Ethiopia and Italy, at the request of Mr R.C. Hawkin, a then prominent British Liberal politician, who had come to the fore at that time. In her letter she explains that this did this "purely because I wanted Your Majesty to be informed of any ideas being thrown about which were brought to me in case you might find value in them"



HIM with Sylvia Pankhurst





These stories are from Trinidad and Tobago, they were told to us as children.

Stories Meh Moddha Told Meh is a valuable document. The author has given these stories a colloquial texture... I am convinced that everyone exploring these pages will hear his/her own mother's voice relating these stories.

Rev, G. Modele Clark.

What a delight ! From start to finish. I felt the need (or beauty) of the pictures you paint.

Karen Loughran, Teacher

STORIES MEH MODDHA TOLD MEH
By Lance Seunarine

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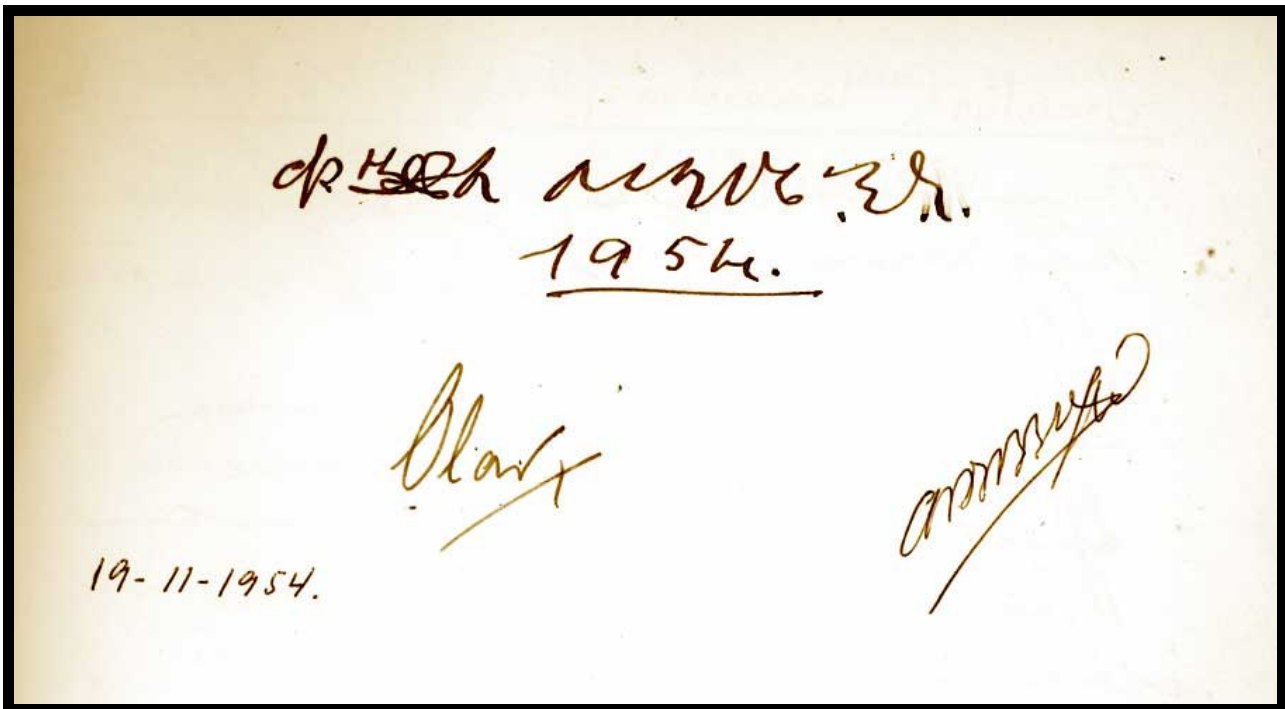
Part of the local community that participated in the TTRU health clinic, local villagers were treated to free health care performed by 3 Cuban doctors, brought on site by the Trinidad and Tobago Cuba Solidarity organization.

“Be it understood that while we Ethiopians are justly proud of our national heritage, we do not look backwards to find our national purpose but forward to the full realization of Our national goals.”

H.I.M. Haile Selassie I, May 7, 1965.

"Every race has a soul, and the soul of that race finds expression in its institutions, and to kill these institutions is to kill the soul...No people can profit or be helped under institutions which are not the outcome of their own character."

Edward Blyden (1903)



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