

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING

By JAMES M. WATERS

Does the above title ring a bell? Well, at any rate, the American Government has for many years indoctrinated its people to a point where the mere mentioning of Russia would bring about a state of fear and mysterious bewilderment. People were taught that there is no "good" in Russia, and that her government is evil.

Only the unpleasant superficialities of Russian government, frequently called the Soviet Union, were displayed by American salesmen of capitalism. America was having such a "swell" time picking at Russia that she accidentally forgot to teach of her own inhuman and immoral acts on various ethnic groups, blacks in particular. However, I am not implying that Russia is a country with a "boy scout" mentality, and behavior.

Russia and America have constantly argued back and forth across the globe over various economic and political concerns; this arguing evolved from the "cold war", which had its origin back in the 1940's under Harry Truman's administration. These two opponents are always eager to divide the world between them. At their luncheons, the greedy hosts have repeatedly forgotten to invite Africa, although the richest and one of the most highly populated "guests" that exists.

The dark and ignored continent, Africa, has very little or no voice in world politics, except as a "floormat" for European countries. Until lately, South America seemed to have had no effect in world politics. Due to their large-scale kidnapping innovations, they are now noticed by the eyes of the world. I believe that the United States and Russia have somehow perceived something wrong. They seem to think that they can simply split up the world, rule it, and justify it with their political and social philosophies while "underdeveloped" countries stand on the sidelines and watch them fight.

Underdeveloped countries, as so defined by "developed" countries, are those in which the GNP is very low; countries that have no space program and have a high rate of illiteracy. In other words, they are not technologically advanced. Now, the role of the U.S. and Russia is to help these poor little ole' countries, but with said stipulations. The attitudes of the two main nations are ones of this nature: Russia said to a poor country, "If you buy my program, I will help you get on your feet," and the U.S. said, "If you pay back triple the amount I lend you this time, the next time, I will give you a discount."

When it comes to world politics, the U.S. and Russia have a vantage point over all other countries, and that point is POWER. They are the two most powerful countries in the universe, and who constantly "bluff" each other. They both threaten each other with nuclear power, but they both fear each other. Now, if these two children should ever stop playing and actually begin initiating the political implications behind their bluffs, then there will be a certain possibility of world destruction. The most startling thing about the above mentioned fact is it could happen without any consultation with the so-called underdeveloped countries, which include the black areas in America.

It would not be fair to omit the fact that America and Russia have been discussing the problem. For instance, they have been meeting quite often at Helsinki to converse about the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT). Herbert F. York, Pentagon researcher and engineer, has written in LIFE magazine, "During the last 25 years in the U.S. and the Soviet Union have spent hundreds of billions of dollars and rubles on the systematic development of more and more sophisticated and powerful arms," which is definitely no consolation. It just helps one understand a little more about "developed" countries' spend-

ing habits.

Though we do not see eye-to-eye, some acts of the operators of the Russian political machine have made my heart humble toward them. In the United States' and Russia's game of checkers, Russia has made some very warm moves in regard to black people.

As we know, the American Jews highly resented the hostile treatment that their brothers, the Russian Jews, were receiving from the Russian leaders. Thus, they organized and demanded the U. S. Government to ask and tell the Russian government to put an end to that treatment. In return, the Russian government gave the U.S. Government a telling blow by asking for Sister Angela Davis' amnesty!

Let us bear in mind that if the two "top-dogs" do not very quickly come to some mutual agreement of how the order of the universe should be, then America may need another Paul Revere to make a public announcement. Contrary to his former mode of transportation, he may be riding in a jeep and yelling, "The Russians are coming."

Equality for mankind

By NORMA L. GENTRY

Dr. King and his dream is far from being forgotten today, even though he has been from our midst for almost three years. To me Dr. King was not only a servant of man but also a true servant of God. He didn't push God aside in any of his endeavors; instead, he chose him to be his constant companion.

He believed in equality for all men regardless of race, creed, or color. Dr. King was a promoter of peace. He struggled day in and day out to better those who seemed less fortunate. No matter how fruitless his attempts seemed, not once did he give up. He was a fighter to the end. On the very day that he was felled by an assassin's bullet in Memphis Tennessee, he was assisting city garbage collectors on strike for higher wages.

If someone were to ask me today, who do I think is the greatest man that has been born in America? I would be forced to answer Dr. Martin Luther King. I think Dr. King was a man who saw a man as a man, not by the color of his skin. He saw no reason why some people should have all the comforts of life while others barely survived. He fought to change that, and in many instances, he succeeded.

Of course Dr. King met a great deal of opposition, not only from the Whites but Blacks as well. Black militants opposed him, but I learned through the works and accomplishments of Dr. King that, through non-violence, much more can be accomplished sometimes than through violent attempts. I don't know of any other man who had any kind of convictions and believed in them unto the bitter end as Dr. King did. He wasn't just a man of words; he was also a man of action.

Martin Luther King had a dream that all men should be free, but today, that dream is still not a reality. His people are still suffering from inadequate housing, jobs, etc. Will Martin Luther King's dream ever be realized fully? No, I don't think so, because the black man is afraid to really fight for what he knows is right. He loves life too much. Dr. King, I am sure, loved his life just as I do mine, but he loved mankind better, so he denied his own life for the betterment of men everywhere. He knew that biased America would take him away someday so each day that he lived was just a gamble. He did what he saw had to be done. He faced guns, bombs, dogs, firehose with only a small degree of fear. He believed strongly in what he was doing. To me, the world has not only lost a good leader but a man of wisdom, insight and determination.

TO THE DARKER PEOPLE

There is a joker in the street loving one brother and killing another. This has been going much too long. I like him, he hates me. You know me not and hate me not, but if I like him, I do not want to show love for you. The time for love for our people is now! For self-hate has kept us apart far too long. Self-hate will be the key to self-genocide. We must, they must, you must, he must, and I must take self-love as our main objective. For there

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