

Roy Wood On "Strengthening the Black Media"

You don't have to be Black to learn and know...beyond a shadow of doubt that "Establishment Values" are the foundation of this nation's mass media...but it certainly does help! As an African American who is a long time member of the "Working Press", I have found and know the mass media to be "Very Powerful", Biased, and Elitist! More often than not it is wrong with the facts and perhaps without malice or aforethought, it sometimes even advances radical causes. The civil rights movement and the Black Panther Party are but two such examples.

All in all I think this nation's mass media...print and electronic...is manipulated to a greater, rather than lesser degree by those in power and therefore serves the "Establishment" by defending it rather than attacking it. Remember Watergate? That was but the "tip" of a very dirty iceberg and the resignation of President Nixon should have been the beginning of its destruction! However, it did not happen because the media did not make the people demand more action! In the all important to the people arena of politics, I think the mass media can be blamed for the fact that "We the People" are turned off, rather than turned "on" to politics. If you doubt me...check out the voter turnout in your neighborhood during the last election. If we the people [the Black

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Is Reagan embracing apartheid?

The following "Guest Editorial" was provided by John Procope publisher of New York's Amsterdam News.

After Ambassador Andrew J. Young secretly met with the PLO spokesman to the United Nations, contrary to official U.S. policy, he felt he had not served his President well and he resigned. Ambassador Young was and remains a clergyman — dedicated to the pursuit of peace, even at the cost of his Cabinet-level position. Some of Ambassador Young's critics (of which there were legion by the time he departed) claimed that his usefulness had ended because his early remarks had led the State Department to issue an untrue statement.

We have now learned that on Sunday, March 15th, the current U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick met secretly here in New York with Lt. Gen P.W. Van Der Westerhuizen, the head of South African military intelligence. The General was one of five South African military officers who obtained visas from our Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa by inadvertently "omitting their military status in the letter requesting the visas.

State Department spokesman William Dyess last week assured the public that five South African military officers had

met only with a "low-ranking" member of the National Security Council staff, and that one South African officer paid a social call on an American friend on duty with the Defense Intelligence Agency in the Pentagon.

Tuesday's explanation by White House News Secretary James S. Brady that Ambassador Kirkpatrick was not "aware that the people she was meeting with were military," is outrageously ludicrous. It clearly suggests that the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations casually sits down and discusses grave and vital international issues without knowing the true identity of her visitors. If you can believe that, then you may also believe that the sun rises in the west.

The fact of the matter is that official U.S. policy forbids official visits to this country by members of the South African military!

The fact of the matter also is that either someone is pulling a massive scam, or that our Defense Attache and our entire visa section at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria should be replaced with extreme suddenness! If the issuance of visas to five high-ranking South African army officers is an example of how well our Embassy personnel in Pretoria follow U.S. policy, then may God help us all. But perhaps, our Embassy people were, in fact, following a new policy that has gone into effect *unannounced to the American people!* That is something that both President Reagan and Secretary of State Haig must answer, and answer precisely and unambiguously.

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This month's cover feature **Taking Charge of Your Health**, is a provocative, candid interview with Dr. John Chissell. Dr. Chissell, a graduate of MeHarry Medical College offers the reader an enlightened approach to health care which, although non-conventional, has roots in antiquity. The most striking element of Dr. Chissell's concept of Optimal Health is that it encourages us to be responsible for our own well-being. We trust that our readers will find this interview extremely interesting and motivating.

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