

African Spotlight

Unity Among Black

Africans & ArabAfricans

Unity for unity sake can often cause greater ills... organizations and format leading to greater causes for suspicion and hatred. Unfortunately in Black & Arab Africa because of religious differents and hard geographical situations, togetherness has been hard to maintain.

Even more, African and Arab are looked upon as mutually exclusive even through African-Arab countries of Egypt, Sudan, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania do exist. Therefore any attempt by the Arab world to exclude itself from Africa, thereby reduces its potential geopolitical impact by three quarters, while exclusion of Arab Africa from the rest of the continent reduces Africa's potential impact by a fourth.

Still, there are further attempts to exclude Black Africa from Arab part by using the Sahara desert as a type of mason-dixon line. Then there is racial terminology, which you note that I have used, to divide Black Africa and Arab Africa inspite of the fact that some of the blackest members of the continent are found among the Arab inhabitants of Libya and the Sudan.

The use of the Sahara Desert as a barrier is interesting. Before colonial rule, the sub-saharan states of Ghana, Songhai, Mali, Borno and Sokota had fruitful and reciprocal economic, political, social, and cultural links with the Arab states in and across the Sahara desert. In fact the territory of many of these "Sub-saharan" states extended well into the Sahara itself. All the people in question here had their historical development interrupted by colonialism. Thus any aim toward unity must direct itself towards restoring the people to the path of their own historical development, whether at first material or not. Such an organization as OPEC is serving as a means to pool political, social, and economic strengths together. Of the OPEC countries only three, (Iran, Venezuela, and Indonesia) are not members of the Afro-Arab group. Among the biggest oil producers in the world only three (Soviet Union, the United States, and China) are not members of OPEC. OPEC controls over 95% of world exports, over 90% of proven oil reserves and over 60% of current oil production. The developed nations of the world are heavily dependent upon these resources.

The developed nations of the world are also dependent upon this area of the world for a lot of strategic raw materials; for example, for over 90% of their gold and industrial diamonds, 80% of their uranium, 70% of their copper, cobalt and chrome, vast quantities of their iron ore and phosphates, plus almost all their supplies for rare metals such as molybdenum, vanadium, and beryllium. Many experts are pointing out that the basis of the wealth of the "rich nations" is built upon obtaining raw materials from the "poor nations".

It is also pointed out that within the neo-colonial structure of power, the strength of the West consists in its superior technological knowledge as opposed to the Afro-Arab bloc. While this bloc can acquire technological knowledge through the natural process of learning, there is no equivalent manner in which the West can acquire oil, iron cobalt, tungsten, etc. All these figure to give the Afro-Arab bloc an edge in the future if unity is focused upon.

Robena Egemonye

Lunar Solar Eclipse

Visable Sept. 27, Oct. 12

Chapel Hill-- A lunar and solar eclipse can be seen in North Carolina on Sept. 27 and Oct. 12, respectively.

On Tuesday (Sept. 27), the Harvest Moon in the early morning will be lightly shrouded by the edge of the earth's shadow and two weeks later the sun will be eclipsed as the new moon moves between the earth and the sun, reports Jim Manning, assistant director of the Morehead Planetarium at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The lunar eclipse will be penumbral, which means the moon passes through the lighter part of the earth's shadow known as the penumbra. The result is a gray or brownish-looking moon that easily might pass unnoticed, he said. The moon should touch the penumbra around 2:19 a.m., but Manning indicated visible darkening probably would not be detectable until near mid-eclipse at 4:30 a.m. The eclipse will end just before the moon sets at 7 a.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, North Carolinians will witness a partial eclipse of the sun beginning at 4:30 p.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. Manning warned against looking directly at the sun to view the eclipse because the risk of eye damage. The total eclipse will be visible only in a thin band across the Pacific Ocean and north-eastern South America, he said.

"When we include the lunar penumbral type, eclipses almost always occur in pairs consisting of a solar and lunar eclipse separated by two weeks," Manning said. "This is because of the geometry and the time factors involved."

Solar eclipses occur at the time of the new moon, when the moon is between the earth and the sun. Lunar eclipses occur during the full moon, when the earth lies between the sun and the moon.

"The phenomenon does

not occur at every full and new moon," he said, "because the moon's orbit is tilted with respect to the plane of the earth's orbit. Therefore, the moon does not usually form an exact enough line with the sun and earth to produce an eclipse."

There are, he said, two points of intersection between the moon's orbit and the earth's orbital plane. These points are called nodes and are located on opposite sides of the earth.

The sun, moon and nodes line up twice a year at six month intervals. These two periods are known as "eclipse seasons" because when the moon passes through a node, the three bodies form an exact or nearly exact line and an eclipse takes place.

Eclipses happen in pairs at these times because it takes the moon only two weeks to travel from one node to the other, Manning said.

"For example, if the moon is at the node between the earth and

sun, a solar eclipse occurs. In two weeks the moon will be at the opposite node, and if the alignment is still good enough, the moon will pass through the earth's shadow in lunar eclipse."

The eclipses in a pair can occur in either order. This autumn, the lunar eclipse precedes the solar by two weeks. Last October and November the reverse was true.



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David H. Wagner

for Alderman of the Northeast Ward



Platform

My efforts if elected will be directed toward accomplishing the following goals:

1. To develop a functional Human Relations Committee to foster better understanding among our citizens.
2. To develop additional programs for the elderly and to form a Council for the Aged.
3. To increase black representation in the justice system of Forsyth County.
4. To eliminate all vestiges of police brutality within the Winston-Salem Police Department.
5. To establish a police review process including a review board to review all complaints concerning the Police Department.
6. To reduce crime in our city through more adequate police protection and the development of a functional community catch system.
7. To develop an awareness program sponsored by the city police Department making every citizen completely aware of their legal rights and procedures in the event of arrest or other contact with the police.
8. To develop one or more additional community centers in the Northeast Ward.
9. To bring about equal employment opportunities within the city and county governments with special emphasis on higher level and managerial type positions.
10. To develop a meaningful program of citizens participation including a monitoring system for all federal funds received by the city of Winston-Salem.

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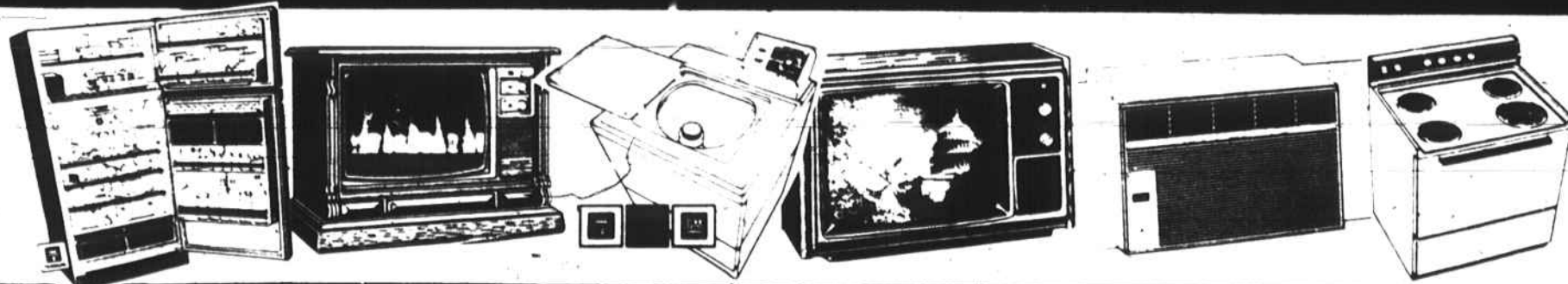
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