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Struggle For Power Is Real Motive Behind Imari's Prosecution In Mississippi — Bond Blocked By State

JACKSON, MISS. (RNA) - Fifteen months after the Jackson, Mississippi, police department and the FBI suffered one dead and two wounded in a surprise attack on the Republic of New Africa's Government House here, RNA President Imari Abubakari Obadele, I, remains in jail un-tried. His parh to freedom by means of posting \$75,000 bond has three times been blocked by Mississippi state and federal courts and the FBI. Although Brother Imari was not at the scene of the August 1971 shootout and was arrested at the RNA's office several blocks

away, Hinds County Prosecutor Ed Peters and Circuit Judge Russell Moore are hoping to send the 42 year old political theorist activist to jail for life. They have already visited such sentences upon RNA Vice President Hekima Ana, Delta Interior Minister Offogga Quad-duss, and 16 year old Karim Njabafudi. In the meantime, harsh bail requirements and stringent prison regulations are being used illegally but purposefully to silence and isolate Imari. Why? RNA leaders say the stake is whether whites or blacks will

have political and economic control of a 25-county area in Western Mississippi named by the RNA the "Kush District." (Kush was the brilliant and powerful civilization that flourished in Africa 1,000 years before Christ and is referred to in the Bible's Old Testament as Ethiopia.) Mississippi Kush dominates the east bank of the Mississippi River for over 350 miles from just south of Memphis in the North to the Louisiana border in the South. It includes the soil-rich Delta and counts a majority population of 500,000 blacks. (It could

support ten-times that number). In excess of 15,000 square miles, Kush is twice the size of Israel. The RNA is working to hold a plebiscite - an independence vote - in this area to establish it as the heartland of an independent black nation. In pursuit of independence the RNA has carefully laid out the legal basis for black independence and submitted it to both the U.S. Congress and the United Nations. That legal basis has two essential ingredients. First, blacks are not legally citizens of the United States because the ex-slave should have

been asked if he wanted to be a U.S. citizen (or take some other course) but neither he nor his descendants ever were asked. Second, blacks are entitled to independent land and money and goods as preparations for slavery and for the unjust war waged against the U.S. during slavery, and because we have been the traditional majority population on the land of the Blackbelt. The aim is going to be the U.S. Congress and the United Nations is to force the United States to accept the results of the Kush Plebiscite in peace.

(There is already an important precedent: in 1967 the United States permitted the Puerto Ricans - who, like us, are classed as U.S. citizens - to hold an independence plebiscite.) However, Mississippi, Louisiana, and the United States government have all responded with a stepped-up campaign to "bury" the RNA before the United Nations or the Congressional Black Caucus acts. The killing of two students, and the wounding of others, at the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University. Continued on page 8A



MEET AT WHITE HOUSE - Pres. Nixon meets at the White House 12/12 with Jewel LaFontant, black Chicago lawyer, whom he has appointed to be deputy solicitor general. She is

Top Black At White House Will Return To His Firm

President Nixon was urged by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey to seize the responsibility for continued civil rights progress as he spoke at the Lyndon B. Johnson civil rights symposium in Austin, Texas. "Just as he confounded his critics with his dramatic trips to China and the Soviet Union, or his adoption of wage and price controls, Mr. Nixon could just as easily seize the initiative on the civil rights front," he said. Continuing, "I know, or at least I assume, that a second term President must begin to think seriously about the historical judgments of his administration. And I can imagine no more harsh indictment than his having failed to lead the U.S. in the most critical and urgent area of domestic concern."

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There is evidence that perhaps up to 70 percent of the nonwhite population in the United States may have an intolerance for lactose, or milk sugar. The difficulty is that much of the research which has turned up this intolerance, involved testing people by feeding them large amounts of lactose in one sitting -- amounts that far exceeded the lactose contained in recommended amounts of milk required for good nutrition. From this situation have come suggestions that perhaps milk should be eliminated from school lunch, food stamp and other food distribution programs affecting broad segments of the population, including nonwhites.

This is a classic case of jumping to conclusions on the basis of limited evidence. How the human body uses the chemicals and nutrients in food is a tremendously complex matter. Initiating sharp dietary changes for broad segments of the population can almost be guaranteed to produce grave errors. A new research study sponsored by the dairy industry, and being undertaken independently at Brwon University, is designed to evaluate the incidence of lactose intolerance and determine its meaning in relation to possible dietary changes. It may well prove that all segments of milk due to common need for the protein, calcium and other necessary nutrients which it contains. As in any other scientific endeavor, careful research, not snap judgements, will bring the answers required to improve the state of human nutrients.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The North Carolina Sickle Cell Disease Foundation wishes to announce that any club or organization presenting activities soliciting funds for the Foundation in advance of the type of activity, place, date and time. They should also bring or mail not less than ten tickets to the N.C. Sickle Cell Disease Office at 123 W. Main Street, Room 514, Durham, N.C., or telephone 682-2648. Organizations using the Foundation's name for fund raising without the Foundation's knowledge should seriously heed this notice.

Two Hillsborough Youths Get 20 - Year Terms

Alphonso Clark and Archie Parker, 18 year old youths, were given the maximum sentences of 20 years each in the voluntary manslaughter stabbing death of Donnie Riddle, a student at Orange High School on February 1. The sentence was set by Judge Thomas D. Cooper. Notice of appeal has been filed and both youths were given bonds of \$20,000 each, set by Cooper.

Miss Pamela Grier - Tarheel Success Story

When lovely, brown-eyed Pamela Grier enrolled in Colorado's Metropolitan State College a couple of years ago, she had every intention of becoming a doctor. She gave up that idea, however, possibly because she made pulses throb too rapidly, and became one of Hollywood's most popular new actresses currently starring opposite Bernie Casey in Metro-Goldwyn-

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Black Caucus Mourns Death Of George Collins

Congressman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, announced today that the members of the Caucus had passed a memorial resolution in honor of their late colleague, Congressman George W. Collins of Chicago, Illinois. In presenting the resolution Rep. Stokes said, "The tragic and untimely death of our friend and colleague George Collins leaves a terrible void in the political life of this nation. It is a void that shall remain empty for all time. Our hearts to the family, friends and constituents of this great and good man."

Non-Whites Unable To Digest Sugar

The School of Nursing of Winston-Salem State University received notice this week that it has been granted national accreditation by the National League for Nursing which is the national accrediting agency for schools of nursing. The announcement was Continued on page 8A



BLACK AND WHITE ATTITUDES toward policemen discussed. Left: Dr. Jacqueline Jackson, associate professor, department of psychiatry, Duke

University, is discussing the topic "Black and White Attitudes Toward Policemen." Others on the picture are Sgt. Larry V. Marshburn, Alfonza

Redmond, patrolman trainee, Thomas R. Goodwin, patrolman trainee, Sgt. Ira B. Newton; and Christopher C. Gray,

director of the Policemen's Institute in Individual and Group Psychology, conducted recently at Saint Augustine's College.

Scholars Scrutinize Santa Claus, 1972

CHAPEL HILL -- Santa Claus, 1972, has survived the scrutiny of scholars. While there isn't a "Claireologist" at the University of North Carolina here, there are scholars who can contribute opinions, observations and facts about the subject. And these professors, from fields as diverse as art, psychology, anthropology and business administration, want and expect the jolly old elf to continue to be an American folk hero. They do not find him faultless but you -- not Santa -- are to blame for that.

Dr. Joseph Sparling, an educator at UNC's Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, feels Santa helps children learn how to receive, then give graciously. "One of our major aspirations or hopes for our children is that they learn to give," he said. "The other half of giving is receiving. A child learns how to give love and be loving by receiving love from parents. Giving and receiving are a fairly direct parallel. You have to learn one to learn the other."

He rejects the idea that Santa should reward only good children. "To me, Santa Claus gives regardless. He should not be someone who innuendates you with presents or someone who withholds. He's simply a person who gives at a level that is appropriate for the child." Psychologist Earl Baughman also says the "be a good boy and Santa will do this" practice can be harmful. "For the

child who hasn't consolidated a positive or negative concept of self and doesn't get what he is hoping for, the interpretation can be bad," he says. Noting that Santa creates a great deal of joy, Dr. Baughman suggests he also may bring "some very real tears. You have to wonder about all of the children from families who can't begin to bring into reality the wishes and desires that their children might have," he says. "At the other end, for the

wealthy who perhaps can you wonder how this begins to define life for their children. You have to ask whether in the long run this is developmentally beneficial to the child. "So, there are some problems, it is that we don't usually look for," says Dr. Baughman, a personality psychologist. "However, I'd be very hesitant to abolish the tradition of Santa Claus." Does Santa Claus cause any serious emotional upheavals for

children? "I personally don't know of any serious personal upheavals among children I've worked with or have known," says Dr. Raymond Schmitt, a child psychiatrist. Even those children who may be disappointed with their presents are getting the Christmas message, he feels. "The parents of children I've seen or personally known, even in deprived families, have made some effort to give them some of the feeling of Christmas. The children have usually gotten that message," Dr. Schmitt says. "Even if they were disappointed about not having some of the material things, they did get some of the feeling of Christmas."

Santa is good for adults, too, says the psychiatrist. He feels Christmas and Santa Claus "symbolize a lot of the spirit of giving and helping one another and provide a sort of focus for this. In many ways, it's too bad it can't go on all year long," he said. "I'm pretty positive about the whole thing." Experimental psychologist Marcus Waller suggests other positive and negative effects of Santa Claus custom. "The negative side has to do with parents who perpetuate the myth and when they are found out by the child have to explain their 'lie'. In a sense, the child then doubts the credibility of the parent. But this is something you can't avoid anyway. After all, initially your Continued on page 8A

