

African Spotlight

President's Trip to Nigeria



After President Carter's historic visit to Nigeria, his major policy pronouncements on Africa, upon reflection appear to have raised some questions, according to some Nigerians, when they attempted to answer them.

In his Nigerian major address, the President re-iterated the American commitment to a process of peaceful change in the white-ruled territories in southern Africa. He also called for an end to military intervention by outside powers in African disputes. It is believed by some Nigerians that President Carter should be commended for proclaiming his country's commitment to majority rule and individual human rights in southern Africa. But by seeking to achieve these through peaceful means, he almost for-

got that Africans under the white regimes are men in a hurry who will not choose a longer course to their destination.

Colonialism by its very nature breeds violence, while de-colonization is inevitably a violent process. This is true wherever colonialism gave way to genuine independence as in Angola, Mozambique, Algeria, India, Kenya, and several other examples. Even where colonial administration initially transferred power peacefully to the people, it has often been a case of postponing the evil day

because the seeds of dissension have frequently erupted by way of post-independent conflicts and civil wars as in Nigeria, the former Congo, Sudan, among others.

So there is nothing like peaceful change from colonial white-rule and domination to genuine independence and black rule. The process of achieving majority rule and freedom from colonialism involves struggle and the result achieved is not mere political independence but national liberation. Even President Carter

himself alluded to this inevitable process when he observed in his address that nothing could make him doubt that the African continent would win its "struggle for freedom," and at another point he talked of the continent enjoying the liberation that could come to those who eschew racial division and injustice.

It should be made very clear that the colonial struggle for freedom and the liberation that results from it is simply anti-ethical to any nation of peaceful change. The fight for freedom cannot co-exist with yearning for peaceful change, and the United States that took an exemplary step to violently overthrow the British colonialism in 1776 should not be the best preacher on the merits of peaceful change from colonialism.

Vision

By Naomi C. McLean
Business Writer



If there is one characteristic that marks the outstanding business man or woman, it is the quality of vision. That vision is based on genuine interest in and enthusiasm for employees who, year by year, come under the influence of the business manager or employer.

Please pardon personal reference, but this writer recalls how much she learned from her students -- how they provided a constant stimulus for better teaching -- how their eager minds and spirits responded to guidance and direction.

There are times, of course, when we meet with disappointments, to the teacher, teaching seems but drudgery, to the business employer, business almost a failure, to the minister, members not cooperative, and the response from students, employees and church members we had hoped to get, whatever the case may be, you are learning at a slow pace. (People in general, at one time or another become per-

When such times come, we should "lift our heads and stand erect, by visions

led, "remembering the classroom, the business and the church can only be what the teacher, business employer and minister does to keep things together. If either allows himself to become down-cast by "the petty round, the humble sphere," he loses that inner satisfaction.

You are a Bearer of Light. Every day and Sunday you light candles which bring some rays into the darkness of mind and spirit. Let us therefore, whatever position we hold, cultivate vision, knowing that "where

there is no vision, the people perish."

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Letters to the Editor

BAL Update

Dear Sir:

On a previous letter, your editing pretty well destroyed my intent. I respect your right as Editor to cut, delete, condense or whatever, and I appreciate the opportunity you provide for readers to express their views. But I do feel the need to write one more time to try to clarify what was and was not said last week.

The points I was trying to make are these: (1) While ridiculing the Business Action League and the community development dreams of Mr. Johnny X Williamson, the local press, through its influence on public opinion, contributed to the defeat

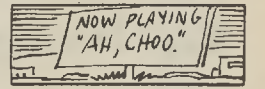
of his proposal for financing. (2) There really is good sound reason behind these dreams and their potential for fruition is good. (3) Any of his and other dreams for economic development in depressed areas stand a good chance of strong federal grant support through the CDC program. (4) Millions of dollars for development of jobs and feasible business

enterprises can be raised in this way. (5) The key that can raise these dreams to meaningful, productive projects -- is community support, involvement and cooperation.

Now that the League has regrouped and has come back for help from the community again, I hope a more open-minded, truth-seeking atmos-

phere will be encountered.

Thanks again,
Le Roy Meek
Board Member
Business Action League



The first motion picture copyrighted in the U.S. was of a man sneezing. The year was 1894.

WOWs Angers Winston Women

Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

The Mayor's Women of the Status of Women Committee has taken fire from members of the Council on the Status of Women, who charge that the new group creates a conflict of interests.

Corpening has also accused of creating a woman committee to avoid appointing women to already-existing committees. The mission of the Women of the Status of Women is to come up with ideas of revitalizing downtown and ways to implement these ideas. Women had their first meeting last week and in their strategy to out Mayor Corpening's plan.

Mayor Corpening appointed the 20 female members to receive information from women's organizations in the com-

munity about the improvements needed downtown.

In addressing the committee, Corpening said that he wanted the women to "contact every woman's organization in Winston-Salem, go over with them what we're trying to do and pin it down so that every person will have an input."

LaDonna Hopkins, president of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Council on the Status of Women and a member of the committee told Corpening that she felt that WOW was a conflict of interest with the Status of Women.

"The concern I am raising is the hope that we as the Women of Winston Committee will not duplicate the services of the council, which has already been established by the city," Hopkins stated.

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Corpening said that he did not feel that WOW was in conflict with the Status of Women or any club.

"People are trying to read something into it," Corpening said. "We're trying to make downtown as efficient as we can and we're just trying to get some good ideas."

The Council on the Status of Women, was started in 1971 by Mayor Franklin Shirley. Since 1975, the city of Winston-Salem has financially supported one-half of the Council's budget.

Other companies concerning the committee has been levied at the committee members themselves. Many of the women seem to have been chosen, based on the achievements of their husbands.

The committee members include the wife of the president of Salem College and the wife of the Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, the wife of Alderman Eugene Groce, the wife of Corpening's former campaign manager and the wife of the Chairman of the Human Relations Committee, Kelly Goodwin. The Mayor has promised to add more qualified women to serve.

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La Rochefoucauld

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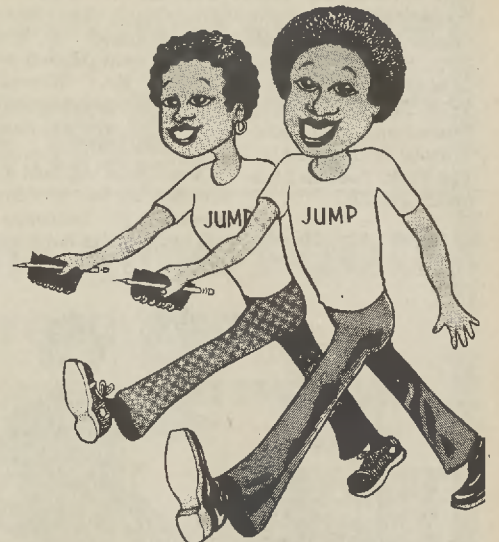
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