

From Darkness To Light

Have you ever noticed that a light bulb glows brightest just before it "blows"? You may also recall that after it "blows" it may relight if it is juggled, when the filament momentarily reconnects, causing it to glow once again for only an instant. This phenomenon reminds me of America today, in the unprecedented activities of Wall Street, and in the renewed "Black" interest in reforming the social ills of this nation. In regards to the light bulb, once it glows brightest, its life expectancy is already past, and only the unknowing need wait the darkness for proof. And what we see occurring on "the street," which is the real heartbeat of America, is the last glow, lighting the ultimate plundering of the economic body of the nation by a certain class of the elite, in preparation for their abandoning the ship of state. They intend to leave with everything they possibly can take with them, in cash.

The important question for us is why should we again attempt to juggle America back to life with the tired philosophy and tactics of integration, which, even if suc-

Blacks Now Face

Even Greater Issue

Dear Editor:

Our black race has made much progress since the 1950s and 1960s. We have broken the barriers of segregated schools and public places where blacks were dared to set foot. Some of our great achievers are now doctors, lawyers, educators, administrators, politicians, etc.

During the great struggle of the '60s, blacks united as a family and marched the streets of Selma, Montgomery, Birmingham, Atlanta, and many other cities. Many of our fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, and relatives lost their lives, all because they believed in justice and equality. They knew that they wouldn't live to see another decade, but they foresaw a better life for the next generation, a generation that would have freedom.

Even though we have made a tremendous amount of progress, we now face an even greater issue. This issue pits black parties against other black parties; in fact, "Uncle Tom" is back on the streets. The major reason this trauma has occurred is that some blacks have forgotten the sweat, the tears, and the struggles of the last decade. We no longer emphasize unity and how one black man's success is another black man's success. Instead, we now envy and blaspheme our black brothers when they progress, rather than rejoicing with them.

Furthermore, a great number of our black men and women have segregated themselves from the united family and continue to struggle for power. Meanwhile, they trample over others while disregarding values, morals, feeling, brotherhood and even Dr. King's "Dream." This is the same thing that was done to our race during the past decade. If we don't descend from our pedestal and realize that all blacks are black, we will soon lose our identity.

Nevertheless, we must continue to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and what his death was all about. Was it worth his life? We must continue to observe Dr. King's dream not only on one particular day or during one month, but we should observe "The Dream" throughout our lives.

Sincerely,
Mr. Jackie Thomas

Walton Still Has Support Of District II

Dear Editor,

As a registered voter in District 2 I feel that Bob Walton has served the community well. If God has forgiven Bob Walton who are we to judge? I do not believe in putting a question mark where God has put a period.

Bob Walton paid the price for his mistake and I feel that this has made him a stronger person; after all by law he has the right to re-



By Abu Hassan

cessful, the victory would be short lived, and, in fact will not succeed. Integration failed in the sixties, and it will fail in the eighties. Some of us pursue this folly because we blindly follow leaders whose loyalties are to the system, not to the people, and the American system requires racism and oppression, and has done so from the beginning. In the final hour of darkness, these leaders will receive nothing from their masters, they will be left in the lurch, and so will those who continue to follow them.

The sensible alternative is for us to abandon them now and pursue our divine destiny of a separate reality. That destiny is to establish our independence, territory, sovereignty, and reparations. This is the only goal that we can achieve which will solve the problem of racism, white supremacy, once and for all.

If you are a reasonably intelli-

gent person, and you must be, since you are reading TNY, you are asking yourself "How do we pursue our destiny?" The answer is to join an organization, any organization, that advocates independence, territory, sovereignty, and reparations. If you are already a member of an organization, then challenge the leadership to adopt and advocate these principles. If they fail to do so, resign, and join with those that do. It is really that simple at this stage. The leadership of such nationalist organizations will provide guidance to the next stage in achieving our highest aspirations, the establishment of our total liberation.

So as America's light glows brightest, before it goes out, our light must begin to glow with a steady illumination, and light the way for our children to a future blessed with the brightness of liberty, justice, and real peace.

One-On-One

Egypt: Our Neglected Friend

What is the oldest country in the world?

Where did the U.S. win its greatest "turn around" diplomatic victory over the Soviet Union?

What country, after Israel, gets the most U.S. foreign aid?

What is the forgotten country of U.S. foreign policy in the 1980s?

What country is the subject of the Great Decisions lecture and Cable TV programs next week?

Egypt. An organized state for 5,000 years.

A strong ally of the Soviet Union in the 1960s and early 1970s, it accepted Russian arms and advisors. It led the movement of Arab countries that opposed U.S. interests all over the Middle East. Then it threw the Russians out. Now Egypt is regarded as a close friend of the U.S. We give it about \$2.5 billion in aid each year.

But with all our concern focused on Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, and other hot spots we might be gradually losing the opportunity to build a solid, supportive relationship with Egypt.

Egypt's tilt to the U.S. and peace with Israel has not been accepted by everybody then. With a change in government, Egypt could again become the leader of the radical Arab countries--and throw out the Americans just as it did the Soviets 10 years ago.

What holds the U.S. and Egypt together?

Economics. The hope that U.S.-sponsored economic support and growth will bring a better life for the Egyptian people is the glue.

But it may not be working.

The \$2.5 billion annual aid package has not brought economic growth or real economic progress. There is no real economic reform. Unless something changes there will be an economic crisis.

Failure of Egypt's economy could break the back of the pro-American government and give power to an Iranian type of radical group or push Egypt back into the arms of the Soviet Union.

The loss of our Egyptian part-



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nership would hurt. Just as it hurts when Russian defectors decide to go back to Moscow after two or three years in the U.S.

But the loss of Egypt would hurt more. It would mean the loss of the Suez Canal and no possibility of Middle East peace.

Maintaining Egypt as a partner and building its strength is a tough challenge. It won't happen unless this country makes it a high priority again.

Egypt is a topic of next week's Great Decision lecture program sponsored by UNCC at the Jewish Community Center. Call 704-547-2407 for details. Egypt will be the topic of my "One on One" Cable TV show next week. Senator Terry Sanford is scheduled to be a guest. You can watch on Vision-cable Channel 13, Mondays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Cablevision Channel 3, and Lakeside Cable Fridays at 7 p.m.

I'll be writing my column on other Great Decisions topics during the next few weeks.

Let's Move Forward

Dear Editor:

It's been too much about Walton's case; he served his time - he confessed. He asks the community for mercy and forgiveness. What more do you want this man to do? No matter what, he's still a child of God.

Melvin, what is your purpose in wanting Bob to step down? Quit your job! If no one cares to be in meetings with Bob they should quit their job. It appears that you have a problem. Why should Bob quit his job because you and a few others want him to quit?

You (Melvin) need to quit talking so much. If you want the position - wait until his term's up, and then your friends will vote for you. But no one will vote for a troublemaker.

If you're not able to make peace, why break peace?

Let's put that in the back and move forward. All of this lip service is only pulling the community down.

Put something in the community. Let's keep it "KISS" (keep it simple & sweet).

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