

# Kwame Nkrumah: A Close Look At A Fallen Messiah

## Magazine Tells Much On Ghanaian

Like a beautiful butterfly that reverses nature and metamorphoses into a caterpillar, Kwame Nkrumah - "His Messianic Dedication," "The National Fount of Honour," Ghana's "Showboy" and "Africa's Guiding Light" -- is now just a man despised, says the current issue of EBONY Magazine in a close-up on-the-scene appraisal by its Paris editor, Charles L. Sanders. Citizens of Ghana now parade with signs reading, "Kwame Nkrumah Must Be Hanged!" and "Kwame Nkrumah--Africa's Number One Traitor!" and "Kwame Nkrumah's a Bastard Child!"

On many Sunday nights at eight o'clock any Ghanaian who wants to listen can hear another of the three-hour "fatherly chats" Nkrumah has beamed southward over Radio Guinea's "Voice of the African Revolution" several times a month since the coup. From his refuge in Guinea farther up the African coast, Nkrumah has, as "Osagyefo, your Constitutional President," imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Accra. He has, as "your Commander-in-Chief," ordered the Army to return to its barracks and the National Police Corps back to routine beats, and he has, as "one who will return to you very soon" urged Ghana's 7 1/2 million people to revolt against the National Liberation Council the eight-man Army-Police junta that now rules the country by decree.

"There is, of course," Sanders reports, "no curfew in Accra. High Life dancers still crowd the barn-like Lido Club; the Beachcomber Lounge continues to serve its highly-priced badly-cooked 'authentic Polynesian cuisine,' and the well-known little pimp with Ashanti tribal marks on his face who hangs around the Ambassador Hotel parking lot still appears every night, grins very stupidly, and offers 'my nice sister for your pleasure, please.' The Army still has anti-aircraft batteries at all airports and the National Police still maintains checkpoints on all major roads -- in case Nkrumah tries to keep his shortwave promise to 'return to you very soon.'"

Ghanaians' only "disorders" have been the endless burials and burnings of effigies of the man who persists in his broadcasting. Rag dummies have shown Nkrumah nude and the crowds have in turn spat on these symbols of their former "Messiah," beaten them with sticks and fists, mocked their ingeniously constructed genitals, then poured on kerosene and set them ablaze.

Of the panoply that represented Nkrumah, little remains, says Sanders, but a few furry creatures kept in the private zoo he had built near his house. All else is gone: his crimson-suited Presidential Own Guard Regiment; private army of a thousand Russian-trained men; his East German-tutored secret police; his all-powerful Convention People's Party; his teen-age school spies; the Young Pioneers; underground stores of ammunition and heavy arms; and streets named after him. Smashed are his Osagyefo statues with upraised hand and his portrait-in-light neon signs.

Nkrumah's office has been ransacked; file drawers pried open and library books flipped from page to page, the carpet rolled back and even the giant wall maps of Africa removed from their frames lest something conceals evidence that might help, eventually, to send him to jail.

EBONY's article carefully reconstructs the anatomy of the rise and fall of this black African "lover of light-colored women," traces the structure of the organized layer upon layer of his Convention People's Party at the pinnacle of which Nkrumah stood. Sanders recites in meticulous detail the huge percentages, kickbacks and "donations" Ghana's "Messiah" demanded from foreign firms who needed his approval before vast development contracts were signed.

## 12 Counties In NC Said Disaster Areas

CHARLOTTE-- Fred A. Dow, Charlotte Regional Director, Small Business Administration, announced last week the following counties in North Carolina have been declared disaster areas by the Department of Agriculture, due to drought in June and July except for Brunswick and Onslow Counties where excessive rainfall and hailstorms caused extensive damage. Alamance, Macon, Alexander, Martin, Brunswick, Northampton, Guilford, Onslow,



"HO-HUM, I'M STILL SLEEPY" -- Memphis, Tenn.: Even if you're doing it for the first time, going to school can be mighty tiresome--as evidenced in the big yawn on Michael Webb's face. The casually attired gentleman behind the bored Webb is Jim Lane, son of a city commissioner. (UPI PHOTO).



BUBBLING WITH ENTHUSIASM -- Albuquerque, N. M.: Top bubble-blowing technique is demonstrated by Suzanne Brown, 6, during an after-school contest here Sept. 7th. Several first graders participated in the contest at an Albuquerque school, but Suzanne's technique proved the most popular. (UP)

## White Girl Tries The Southern Negro Life

"I am aware of a difference between Negro and white that I create myself," wrote college student Susan Bady of Oakhurst, N. J., as the first entry in her journal. On a southbound train to Atlanta, she was enroute to a new experience, that of a white girl living and working in a Southern Negro community.

"My decision was a challenge to myself," Susan says in the current issue of EBONY Magazine. "I wanted to overcome the

many contradictions in my attitude toward Negroes." Her account is titled: "What I Learned from Negroes." She lived in Negro homes, worked as a waitress in a Negro restaurant, helped out in a Negro's political campaign, tutored Negro children and dated interracially.

"I went to Atlanta to learn and to change," she says. "It was a beautiful and disturbing experience."

## THE VETERAN'S CORNER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q -- As a widow and parent who is partially dependent on her son's compensation check I would like to know if the veteran should die would that monthly check be stopped?

A -- If your son dies from the disease or injury which has been rated as service connected by the VA you would be entitled to dependency and indemnity compensation from the VA as a dependent parent if your income is under the maximum set by law.

Q -- I am service connected for a disability, but am being treated in a VA Hospital for a

non-service connected ailment. Will my compensation be increased to 100 percent during hospitalization?

A -- Compensation is increased only if treatment is given for service-connected disabilities.

Q -- Is it necessary to know definitely what school I will attend before applying under the new G. I. Bill?

A -- Yes, because it must be one on the list of approved training institutions. Furthermore, you should obtain assurance of acceptance to the school of your choice or you will face the delay of submitting another application. Schools are crowded, so you should contact the school of your choice immediately to assure attendance in the fall semester.

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NURSING HOMES  
WASHINGTON - The U.S. Public Health Service has told the nation's nursing homes that they must desegregate or be denied federal Medicare funds. Robert M. Nash, chief of the Office of Equal Health Opportunities, said his office would send representatives throughout the nation in the next few months to determine which homes were in compliance with the guidelines.

## CSC Urges Federal Agencies To Support "Stay-In-School" Drive

Washington, D. C. - The Civil Service Commission has called on Federal agencies to support the President's "Stay-In-School" Campaign by counseling summer workers to continue their education and, where possible, by providing the youngsters with part-time employment.

CSC Chairman John W. Macy, Jr., has told Federal managers: "We have had some indication that some of these youths, who for the first time in their lives experienced the satisfaction of meaningful employment and a steady income this summer, want to continue working at the expense of their education."

He said that any action on the part of Federal agencies which could be construed as encouraging youth to leave school would be unwise and should be

"carefully avoided."

However, the Commission said agencies should consider using part-time employment to meet the objectives of the Stay-In-School Campaign to ease problems related to current labor shortages, and to enhance the Government's long-range recruiting program.

Chairman Macy commended Federal employers for exceeding the national goal of hiring one extra youth for each 100 employees on the rolls this summer.

A survey showed that as of June 30, 47,917 disadvantaged youths had been hired by Federal agencies for full-time work this summer, in addition to the students who obtained summer jobs through competitive examination.

Federal managers estimated that an additional 5,028 youths would be hired under the Youth Opportunity Campaign between June 30 and the end of the summer.

More than 16,000 disadvantaged youths who worked part-time during the past school year continued as part-time summer employees in Federal Installations.

Federal agencies in each of the 50 States except one exceeded the goal of one extra hire for each 100 employees on the payroll. To meet the special goal of three extra hires for each 100 Federal employees in the Washington, D. C., metropolitan area, 7690 appointments were needed. More than 8,200 appointments had been made by June 30.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND DEMONSTRATION - Civil rights marchers march into this all-white neighborhood, Sept. 4, under the watchful eyes of County policemen carrying night sticks. About 200 marchers participated in the march. About 2,000 National Guardsmen are standing by in case of trouble. (UPI PHOTO).

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