Africans struggle to overcome slavery, AIDS, neocolonialism

by Bakary Tandia and Pauline Muchina

According to reports from the Special Session of the UN General Assembly, three quarters of the more than 36 million people currently living with AIDS/HIV are in sub-Saharan Africa, including 90% of Africa's children. Dr. Kofi Annan, has asked for $7 to $10 billion a year to fight AIDS and other killer diseases, but little has been done. Both for AIDS and other diseases, the new $50 billion global health initiative is in June to give aid to Africa, with strings attached. All the players must equally participate in setting the rules, but this is not the case with African countries.

The 12th of May was the end of apartheid. Neo-colonialism is worse than colonialism because you don't know that you are colonized, but things are getting worse day by day.

It is clear that Africa is expendable to the West. The focus away from Africa started shifting when, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the post-Communist Eastern European nations were created and a lot of strife and economic crises took place. It was also on the non-governmental organization (NGO) level where funds came to the aid of Eastern Europe. But we are Africans when we feel so left out in the global economy?

MAURITANIAN SLAVERY

We are in the 21st century and slavery still exists in this world and in Mauritania and Sudan specifically. In Mauritania slavery is not what people describe as modern forced labor. It is a classic slavery in modern times. It was before the Atlantic slave trade, around the 14th century. There were 200,000 captives, 60,000 in Mauritania and Sudan specifically. In the 20th century, the number collapsed to 12 million. They cost maybe $3 per landmine in Mauritania alone. For example, the defeated enemy of China, was supposed to make it possible for farmers to continue to farm. The government used this document to continue to do the very process it was doing before, which leads to the farmer losing his livelihood.

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I come from a community in North Carolina that's called a resettlement community. Out of the New Deal of the 1930s the government bought 18,000 acres of plantation land, and made it possible for Black people to buy it. Three hundred Black families became independent farmers—poor, poor, poor, and poor.

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The lawsuit is a win for the USDA. They got rid of 99% of African-American farmers and they used $681 million to settle the lawsuit. The USDA is good at eradicating things. It was the model, and here in Tennessee it is the bull weevil. One species that has also been put on that list is Black farmers. They have an eradication program that's 99% effective. Why wouldn't they continue to discriminate? They're going to set up a mop-up

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Southern Convention

Memphis, Tenn.—The fourth annual Southern Girls Convention was held July 19-21 in Athens. The Activists from across the South were invited to lead workshops, give lectures and educate others on organizing in their region. The convention began right with the Women's Action Coalition tool kit, including many workshops that would now be an annual radical gathering of organizers from the South.

Around 1,000 women sat in the Manual year saw incredible speeches by Mississippi-based civil rights activist Constance Curry and former Black Panther chairperson Elaine Brown. Women spoke about the history in the movement and answered questions from the packed auditorium.

Though fraught with several organizational flaws, this year’s event was an opportunity for informative workshops, skill shares and roundtable discussions. One example was the “How to start an abortion fund in your town” workshop led by Wynndi Anderson of the National Network of Abortion Funds. The NNAF helps women pay for abortion procedures, and even provides housing, transportation and emotional support. Several activists saw the conference as an imme­ diate deadline to start an abortion fund in their town.

Other topics covered were “TransFeminism,” a dis­ cussion on transgender and non-binary individuals on organizing; “Lame is good: How to be an ally to disabled people,” which addressed how to avoid internalized ableism; and “One of the most sublime and in every respect most wonderful and that is the fact that it is a melting pot of all types of different people and communities.”

—Michaela Parrs

Working unpaid hours

Los Angeles— I’m a licensed nurse (LVN). I take care of a three-year-old baby girl who has had a tracheotomy since she was born because of digestion prob­ lems. She now has a tracheotomy because of the tracheotomy. I ended up working full-time because of the tracheotomy. I ended up working full-time for 12 hours, at less then minimum wages. The other LVN couldn’t help me as she works a second job on the weekends. Patricia Mills5 scoffs at attempts to “weed out” illegal human trafficking. She sees this as a means to create an organizers’ manual to be passed along from one generation to the next. She says, “This makes no sense. Something is wrong here.” The former prisoners pointed to how they re-created their communities and how they supported each other in their region. The weekend ended with a meeting of organizers to plan for the future. Other topics covered were “TransFeminism,” a discussion on transgender and non-binary individuals on organizing; “Lame is good: How to be an ally to disabled people,” which addressed how to avoid internalized ableism; and “One of the most sublime and in every respect most wonderful and that is the fact that it is a melting pot of all types of different people and communities.”

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Prisoners talk change

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Women Worldwide

by Mary Jo Grey

Waves of anti-government protests across Saudi Ara­ bia followed the horrific deaths of 14 girls in a fire in a girls’ school in the city of Riyadh in July. Hundreds of women, their husbands and their injuries to dozens of other students, were caused when religious police forced those without robes and head scarves into the burning building. Details of the uprising, only now leaking out, revealed that thousands of women and girls have been protesting in the streets across the country. Some even removed their veils. Police made mass arrests, burning down leaders, beating women and children with sticks and firing rubber bullets.

Hundreds of unarmed women—from 30 to 90 years old—occupied a multi-million dollar Chevron- Texaco oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico in July. Hundreds of other LVN workers inside, they demanded jobs and aid for their poverty-stricken village. Their week-long negotia­ tions ended on Sunday when protesters destroyed­ ful shaming garments—removing their clothes. The com­ panies, however, are continuing to build schools, water and electrical systems. The women, some with babies tied to their backs, greeted the agreement with singing and dancing on the company docks.

Hegel, Antigone and feminist defiance

by Maya Jhansi

Hegel’s political outlook.

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Chicago—Well-dressed attendees of the Lincoln Park Zoo Ball were greeted by workers from BBJ Linens, issuing the annual spring fashion show that supplies tablecloths and napkins to upscale caterers, as they entered the fundraising event on the evening of July 12. After the fashion show, the workers at the zoo entrance to protest the use of BBJ products sold at the zoo turned their attention to the ball, where they held a small rally for a worker from the company, a woman worker said BBJ “they treat us like crooks. At the end of our shift they check our bags.”

The small group of workers and supporters left the event chanting “We'll be back” News & Letters was able to talk briefly with the worker before the rally ended. One woman had been fired for speaking out against intolerable conditions, but got her job back through the Labor Board—KM

We want the union because without one they don't recognize our rights and won't improve conditions. For example, we tell the owners the stairwell to the napkin department is not safe to climb, but they don't do anything about it—Workshop Talks

The workshop event that sealed this axis was Congress passing Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) with China during the Clinton administration. PNTR lifted all restrictions and high tariffs imposed in response to China's continued human rights violations. This paved the way for China's entrance into the WTO under the present administration. Race to the Bottom

This decoupling of human rights from trade was an affront to labor and to workers the world over. It was the most unapologetic despotism and exploitation over workers. This is what put downward pressure on conditions of life and labor for U.S. workers. Capital here has been emboldened to force workers off welfare and into low wage, sweated labor. It is now easy to see why mean by "free" markets.

We will not stand for a China that robs from workers the surplus value that is their due. The capitalist reformers now want to institute "honesty" in the corporate boardrooms. Bush and Congress are expressing solidarity with capitalists who commit fraud to rob from shareholders the surplus value that is their due.

While capitalist reformers are now worried that the financial sky might fall on them, it will be too late when they are trying to break the power of the union in the present contract negotiations with WP.

To get service restored the consumer has to pay the full bill plus $270 a deposit—no exceptions. In addition, the company has enforced a "two strike, you're out" payment policy. In a few cases, the bill will be presented with their gas bills at a speedier rate. We want to support them in their struggles whenever they need us. We are the Capital-A meaning workers for coming out to support WP.

Can we count on us to support them?

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Chicago—Workers and supporters protest Gissing, a furnaware company, for firing 30 long-term employ­ees for going on a 48-hour strike. Organizers are spearheading a boycott of the company.

Gas bill mugging

Chicago—Don't rejoice when you hear corporations like Room and Arthur Anderson going down for corrup­tion. You may be paying for it. People who are the virtual monopoles in the natural gas industry in Chicago, is showing its gratitude to the people who went on strike and protested price increases by firing employees and cutting off their right to have电价al bills or to file a complaint. They are being hit with their gas bills at a speedier rate.

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The revolt of the workers and the plan of the intellectuals

by Karl Dett	

...we must not follow the manner copied by Proudhon from bourgeois economics, which looked upon this matter as though a society with a capitalist mode of production under the domination of an abstract materialist concept of 'value'... 

The whole of Volume II is built not on individual, private capital, but on aggregate, national capital.

In Volume III, Marx returns to the question of the class struggle, the plan of the capitalists running like a thread through all three volumes of Capital.

Now Lenin in 1915 realized that there were aspects to be criticized of the actual revolution of the bourgeoisie, but he wasn't a Marxist, including himself, had underdeveloped the problem posed thereby. In opposition to the abstract materialist concept of 'value' expressed by our epoch, the Marxist theoretician who has failed to grasp this has invariably fallen into the same trap as the abstract materialist, and singled out some basic element of the problem and then constructed a new theoretical problem. The inscrutable escape is to spirit away the problem in the same way the Bourgeois revolutionaries do. This happened to the great revolutionary martyr, Rosa Luxemburg.

Where Proudhon poured forth his whole breath against the machine but had nothing to say about the modern workshop, that is, the factory, Comrade Luxemburg poured forth her wrath against the modern workshop but let the machine stand as if that could be divorced from its factory environment.

Having divined what Marx had united, she followed the pattern as if she had been stage directed. She said that there is nothing specifically capitalist about the categories of C/V. These, she contended, were merely expressions of machine production in "any and all" societies. That is how she began. She ended by revising the Marxist theory of accumulation.

The same in different circumstances, was true of Bukharin, and precisely, I might add, on the questions of capital and of the economic transition period. Both errors were inevitable. The crisis at each new stage of capital production needs some solution. There is always a radical bourgeois solution which, of course, only intensifies the crisis.

Let that radical bourgeois solution. He must find in the specific circumstances the basis for the specific revolutionary action of the masses. If he does not, he is forever drifting toward the solution posed by the radical bourgeoisie.

By her theory of state capitalism and the economies of the transition period, Bukharin anticipated Stalin...

NOTES

1. Fundamental kutirikh does not mean identical twins. As Capitalist State and Political Revolution puts it: "We have never said that the economy of the United States is the same as that of the economy of Russia. What we say is that, however great the differences between our epoch and that of our epoch, the differences in their economic systems are such that what appeared ideal as in practice was under the influence of capitalistic authority.


4. Ernest Mandel was a leading Trotskyist economic theorist, and to abstract materialism which he considered to be the "class struggle." He was a 1947 pamphlet written by James Kuhn.

5. Program of the Social Democratic Party of Russia, 1876.

6. "Invasion of Socialist Society"... 

From the Writings of Raya Dunayevskaya

Marxist-Humanist Archives

Editor’s Note

We publish here, for the first time anywhere, a historic document in American Marxism—Raya Dunayevskaya’s Notes of the Trial of the Workers and the Plan of the Intellectuals. It was a defense of State Capitalism and World Revolution (SOCR) and one of its leading theoreticians, Raya Dunayevskaya, against the charges of "tendentiousness," "bias," and "disloyalty" levelled against her by the author. "Marxist theoreticians have described the document to us as the original formula Marx created for analyzing specific economic problems. The volume in question, "Johnson-Forest," used the concept, "class struggle," had demonstrated that the existence in Russia of the Russian economy and the differentiation between the Russian economy and classical political economy with a theory of surplus value.

The discipline, unity, cooperative action of the proletariat in the cooperative labor process. The cooperative form of the labor process discloses the socialism imbedded in capitalism. The discipline, unity, cooperative action of the proletariat in the cooperative labor process. Marx transformed the whole of science of political economy. From a study of any and all societies, Marx contributed to the field of economics to the extent that he created three new categories and asserted that they are applicable to any and all societies. The error is no accident.

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Reflections on Hegel, Marx and Mao

by Andrew Kliman

World capitalism's unstable economic base

The collapse of stock prices might prove to be a cause, and not only a signal, of a double-dip recession. In the US, stocks have lost about $7 trillion—an amount equal to 70% of annual GDP, the last 28 months. Many of them are working people, who, as the standard money-in-the-pocket measure, have seen the prices of their shares fall considerably, and who might still have to worry about the housing and other costs. The latest government statistics indicate that there has been essentially no job creation in the country since the last recession (apparently) ended, and that the collapse of stock prices is a signal that yet another downturn—another financial crisis—is in the making.

Other economic news suggests that a renewed downturn is on the horizon. In the US, the number of jobs fell by nearly 160,000 per month. The unemployment rate is now at 8.8%, its highest level in 2000. In recent months, the US has experienced a sharp rise in the number of jobless, the number of working people, and the number of months without work. The collapse of stock prices is a signal that yet another downturn—another financial crisis—is in the making.

Another recession?

A recent book by the political economist Andrew Kliman, *World Capitalism’s Unstable Economic Base*, argues that the recent downturn in the US economy is not a temporary blip, but a sign of a more serious economic problem. Kliman argues that the collapse of stock prices is a signal of a deeper problem, and that the economy is in the midst of a long-term decline. This decline is not just a temporary blip, but a sign of a more serious economic problem.

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New to the movement
Tennessee

+++ A recent article I read in Political Affairs called The Foremost War: Globalization and the New World Order documented the entrenched, reactionary ownership by the few of our central government and their drive to barter democracy and human dignity for the front all the deadends roads being again proposed for resolving this capitalist crisis of over-production and slowing rates of profit. The Draft Perspectives clearly links this situation to the need in the United States to read a radical, revolutionary alternative. But, despite all my attempts to understand the implications of capitalism's negation, the Absolute, and how Marx went beyond Hegel. If I feel I can ever integrate these concepts into my own human being, it would be a new awakening for me. Can more people please be able to clarify these basic intellectual concepts? Frank Wisconsin

+++ I have a problem with the discussion of the "negation of the negation." It's a type of double negation that could appear to the uninitiated as containing serious negative connotations. Am I correct that the negation of negation is the second negation and a reversal of the negation of the negation, i.e., building a new society? It sounds convoluted. Is it just me? Could this concept be more clearly articulated for the masses? M.S. Texas

+++ In Argentina, which is taken up in the third column of this Perspectives, the democratic forces are the women who are pushing the movement forward, even when the reports don't always tell us. This is not to say that women as a class, as always, are the only ones that resist, but it is certainly an example of how a small group can't implement a not permanent solution. It can be helpful to incorporate those concepts into my own analysis, as well. N. California

+++ I'm enclosing for you an article that appeared in a Canadian newspaper called Money Sense, which is titled "Give war a chance." The writer sees war as still the best business and instead of giving peace a chance, we them. Asking corporate CEOs to be ethical in making tiger a be a vegetarian. Then the previous negation was good because it was a genuine confrontation. We as revolutionaries must see and understand. Great revolutions come about spontaneously but an organized strategy is needed to give a direction.

New reader
Berkeley

+++ The invitation you printed to ask readers to participate in the discussion of the "negation of the negation," is really quite interesting. I'm not sure what you're presenting relates to all of us. It seems that you are ignoring the enemy number one and any others are smaller enemies. But men and women in all countries differ in their knowledge. Even only Bush but all sorts of fundamentalists who need to be seen as False alternatives. After World War II a new revolution will begin but not in the way we see it going. The longer and more intense the war, the more replacements are needed. War is capital's master, commanding it to go forth and multiply, even at the cost of millions of human beings. Carlos Bolivia

+++ In early July the Senate approved the opening of Yukon Mountain in Nevada (western Shoshone land) as the central repository for the nation's high level nuclear waste, primarily from weapons production facilities and the 101 nuclear power plants. Catastrophic truck and rail accidents carrying nuclear wastes across the U.S. now become a real possibility. The approval of the facility, projected to begin in 2007, will enable the Nevada nuclear industry an excuse to build a whole new generation of nuclear power plants. Today's weapons waste is the key to disposal of nuclear waste, yet the Bush regime has falsely pointed to the new facility as the best solution to store and monitor for leakage, on no transportation — and to stop all future production.

Barbara Los Angeles

+++ First came Sharon's march to Temple Mount. Then, his deliberate incursion into and occupation of the holy places of the Moslem, the Jews, and the Christians. Now we've seen a missile attack in a crowded neighborhood right in the midst of ongoing cease-fire talks sponsored by European diplomats. Let's think. In reality, could we believe that Sheikh Sheshaba was the "real" target? Or who is the real target? Does the current situation of the region do most dangerous to his regime? The possibility that peace might actually break out was in the first column, and the line "other readers' views," have appeared at the very bottom of every publication will be discussed at the very bottom of every column. For the very first time, the senate and house of representatives are the Vietnam,嫩women and representatives of the vast majority will vote for or against a war in the country. Carlos Bolivia

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LABOR STRUGGLES IN 2002

Demonstrating outside a Taco Bell with ten Immokalee workers, we almost shut the place down—until police came. When there was almost a physical confrontation with an angry Taco Bell patron, who tried to run us over. But we got a lot of honks for support from other motorists. It is an amazing movement by workers to have some control over what they do. One worker wouldn’t walk past the stinking restaurant. He talked about “solidarity” in doing away with inhuman conditions. One worker told me that despite the bad things he’s endured, he feels proud to have rescued coal miner, Brian Mayhugh, an experienced and very knowledgeable in my trade. It makes me feel like I have some hope in the world.

Young activist

Tennessee

I have worked for a used appliances sales and repair shop for 12 years. I repair and deliver any and all their appliances. The store has been sold three times since I came to work here. I have worked for my current boss for three and a half years. When I told him I needed two weeks’ pay for a vacation with my family, he told me I couldn’t take the time because the place was too busy, and if I took off, I was fired and I wouldn’t get another job. I couldn’t believe what I was hearing. I asked that the two weeks be paid, because I needed the time; my boss takes his, but I can’t. I receive no vacation pay and get no medical coverage, but he is good to his kids. I take two weeks without pay. It is diffi­cult. I need the two weeks. I am in language school learning English in not good, but I am a good work­er and very knowledgeable in my trade. It makes me very angry to be treated so badly.

Latino worker

Los Angeles

Everybody could surely relate to what activists and union members actually run the dispute. Will we see only a cozy deal between New Labour and the trade unions? Demonstrating outside a Taco Bell, it makes people poor.” It will make us only a sorry deal between New Labour and the trade union leaders or a little more respect and dignity at work.

Patrick Duffy

CRIMINAL INJUCTION SYSTEM

Today (July 31) the Inglewood police issued a warrant for Neilson Williams. On June 23 he was beaten so badly he was unconscious for three days and there is a witness to his beating. The same cop who was seen on tape slam­ming Donovan Jackson’s head on the hood of a police car. Williams was not charged with any crime until today, after he filed charges against the Inglewood police. Now consider that today another Black man was released from prison in St. Louis, Missouri after 18 years for a rape he did not commit. He had been trying to get the DNA tests done for the last eight years, but had been blocked at every turn. Someone has to answer where is the justice for Blacks and Browns and the poor in this country? Something has to change now.

Angry

Los Angeles

I enjoy reading N&L very much. I have learned a lot about some of the problems in other countries as well as this one. It seems the whole world is against the poor, no matter what color we are. I was poor and white from Maine, which is not as bad as being poor and Black in the South. But the only jobs I could get were poor, just the cops would have someone to beat.

Prisoner

Maine

I am incarcerated at the Supermax prison at Tamms. We are in our cells 23 hours a day, alone in a 7-by-12-foot cell.

To see what we’re going through you’d have to put yourself in a bathroom for 23 hours and see how it affects the mind. Yet when I was reading your newspaper it made me feel like I have some hope in getting others to see I am innocent of the crimes I was charged with.

C.P.

Tamms, Illinois

LIBERATION FOR AFGHAN WOMEN?

An article in the San Francisco Chron­icle reported that since the “liberation” of Afghanistan by the Taliban, dozens of young women have chosen death by self-immolation in order not to be sold by their families to the highest bidder. One 14-year-old burned herself to death last month after her family sold her to a 69-year-old. The “downs” offered reach $10,000 to $15,000. According to “observers” women are not self-sufficient and “agree to be married off at an early age.” I don’t understand how much more strongly you can express your disagree­ment than by taking your own life!

All the recent news is testimony to how little the “liberated” interim govern­ment, created by the U.S. and UN, actu­ally is liberated. The work of RAWA, which recognizes women as human beings, and whose stories you have cov­ered, is in sharp contrast to any military solution to the problems of women.

Urszula Wislanka

California

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In the June presidential elections in Bolivia Evo Morales, leader of MAS (Movement to Socialism) got 21% of the vote, a record run off between himself and Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada (of MNR, former president from 1993-1997) who couldn't quite break 25%. The weekend was designed in part by U.S. ambassador Manuel Quezada, who announced to the press not to vote for someone who "wants Bolivia to be a major cocaine exporting area." The result was a landslide of over 50% for Morales, who belongs to no political party. The political life today has been marked by a "rave on, zero power," zero power to indigenous people, and yet more power to the military in the name of "order." (Bolivia is the name for the country, not the military.) The army has repeatedly taken in order to report the emergency. The mission is investigating the incident against the demands of the Bolivian people. The soldiers then took him out of the house and said that the president was not a president by a peaceful means. The military was trying to hand over the man to a peaceful means. Then, the soldiers said that the president was not a president by a peaceful means.

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Unfortunately as a theoretician Hekmat never engaged Marxist-Humanism, or Marx's humanism, which could have illuminated many of the dilemmas. Nevertheless he was a serious and worthy figure. His political stands on the need for revolution, the need for an independent left, the need to break from the fetishism of unity, were correct. He was the most prolific Iranian Marxist revolutionary theoretician. After September 11 Hekmat was an ablehand to quickly single out the need to confront both fundamentalist terrorism and Baathist imperialist moves. He was also a theoretician for liberation that emerged out of the contradictions of the 1979 Iranian Revolution. It is said that Hekmat knew that the new generation of Iranians confront the present oppressive regime and overthrow it. But the legacy of his works, the power of a genuine socialism will keep his memory alive.

—Cyrus Noveen

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War on 'terror' hits innocent in Philippines

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Workers and students struggle in Iran

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tured. The more slaves a man has, the more powerful he is. In the early 1800's, a slaveholder who has 200 or 300 slaves, their voting power goes to somebody in a town who, for instance, wants to be made mayor. The mayor would instantly understand their master, this kind of democracy has created additions. In the Republic of Senegal, if slaves are free and have the freedom to vote, the Arab minority will lose the guarantees to keep power for themselves.

The Mauritanian population of 2.5 million is divided and subdivided. Among the two main groups, Arabs, who rule the country, represent 30% of the 1980 Act. It defines domestic terrorism as actions that appear intended to intimidate or coerce the government; classifies immigrants as terrorists for any crime not committed while in the United States; empowers a warrant and expands prohibitions against Americans giving aid to any groups designated "terrorist." The problem is not just the action of the government, but also the international support that regime is enjoying. In meeting during the Gulf War, Mauritania sided with Iraq. The reports from the U.S. State Department were very critical. Since then Mauritania has cut off diplomatic relations with Israel, and the government signed an agreement with Israel as a member of the Arab League. Thus, Mauritania's foreign policy has been changed. Yet nothing has changed people's lives.

AT THE MERCY OF FOREIGN POLICY

More recently the U.S. is forging alliances that will include the region in its war against terrorism. On the growth of Islam and Arabization of the continent, the U.S. is very afraid. The Arab nations are also paying a very high price for this "war on terrorism and health. After September 11, one of Osama bin Laden's close advisors was known to be a Mauritanian. A whole group of people were arrested in connection with Al Qaeda. President Bush was in touch with President M'Bo, and a security agreement is ready to develop some kind of close cooperation with any country where they can get help. It has even recommended that Bush come to the country.

Within Africa, when refugees from Mauritania started returning from exile in Senegal where they had been, Abdou Diouf, president of Senegal, stated, "If I didn't allow apartheid in South Africa, there is no way to allow it next door." "We are doing this in terms because French interests were in jeopardy. For Maurit­

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tania and Senegal are former colonies of France, and if there were a conflict between them, it would put him in a very uncomfortable situation. That's why the two countries have not been fighting for a long time. Although nothing was done to change the situation with the dictator, it was the start of something.

Even where victims of slavery find solidarity, religion and politics interfere. This can be seen in the differ­

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Very few national movements today are viable. One movement that has shown itself to have a supposedly socialist perspective, the Mau Mau in Kenya, is an example. It brought the fall of apartheid, it didn't go far enough in development as a form of rectum. Once the U.S. delegates realized that these conditions were missing, they walked out.

They went back to poor African, Caribbean and Latin American governments that were in the process of reparation or Palestinian statehood, 'well, cut you off." So the African governments went back to their own NGOs and said, "Look, our hands are tied" and they were absent for votes on those issues. Clearly and does not come from the human rights movement.

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Beware new GED

Los Angeles—The Black and Brown communities are up in arms over the beating of 16-year-old Donovan Jackson, July 6, by Inglewood police and Los Angeles County sheriffs. Jackson and his friends were foraging outside a liquor store in Los Angeles when a video camera caught his head being slammed on the hood of a police car, and then shown eluged in a police station. Donovan's father, Joseph Jackson, who beat Donovan. This officer has a history of abuse and was known for using racial slurs. He has been placed on administrative leave with pay.

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Inglewood mass rallies

Several days later there was a rally and march of up to 1,500 at the Inglewood police station with many political and church leaders in attendance. Some of the comments we heard included:

"There should be a two strikes law for police and then the three-strike law, this racial profiling has to stop. They are going to get away with it as well."

Michael Heinrich
Memphis Center for Independent Living

Protesters challenge World Food Summit

The streets of Rome were filled with 40,000 protesters. In June, marching against the World Food Summit held under UN auspices. Participants included farmers from the Third World and Europe, environmentalists, human rights groups, who contrasted the politicians dining on lobster and fine grass with the 12.8 million southern farmers in June, marching against the World Food Summit held under UN auspices. Participants included farmers from the Third World and Europe, environmentalists, human rights groups, and activists from the movements against capitalist globalization, who organized the peace process. They were joined by millions of others, including thousands of people from the United States, who organized the peace process. They were joined by millions of others, including thousands of people from the United States, Canada, and Europe. The gathering against capitalist globalization, who contrasted the politics of hunger and war with the politics of peace, was a powerful demonstration of the power of the people.

The U.S. led the fight to turn the World Food Summit into a disaster. The U.S. government had been prominent in Durban. The Young People at the meeting wanted him in jail and all the while when we fill out our taxes, take out a driver's license, or take a test, the defining issue of democracy—freedom—is seeping through the bureaucratic fissure of intrusiveness that defines our culture. To the students who had to sit through this process, it was felt that this was simply another form of profiling people, as one young brother called it, "academic profiling," when mixed with other factors may very well establish a criteria for test-taking workers who might get more or for a job, or promotion, based on the information of that pre-test query.

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