

THE BLACK EYE



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Black Nationalism is the only practical answer for Black People in the United States of America.

Let's Get Busy!

A WORD OR TWO REAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Recently, I sent out a Black Eye News Item entitled "No Fringe Benefits." It demonstrated how much of a non-factor Black People are in the economic reality of the United States of America. We not only do not receive any fringe benefits as so-called citizens of the United States, We receive less than We are due in direct compensation (otherwise known as salary).

The people of Cuba, on the other hand, receive a host of fringe benefits because they support a Cuban socialist economy. In addition to being compensated (there is very little difference between the top of the pay scale and bottom of the pay scale because those who dump the trash are performing a service that is just as important as those who run businesses and the government), Cubans are educated free of charge, receive medical attention free of charge, and are provided with basic food, clothing and shelter needs free of charge. Additionally, Cubans don't have to worry about crime, don't have to deal with generation issues (very few childhood brats, very few rebellious teenagers), don't have to worry about how they are going to make it when old age comes, don't have to worry about this kind of insurance and that kind of insurance, etc. When it comes to what is important, the Cuban people have peace of mind. That might possibly be the greatest fringe benefit anyone could hope for.

But the fringe benefits do not stop

there. The Cuban people have representatives at the United Nations, and Cuba was elected as one of the founding members of the Human Rights Council. 135 nations supported Cuba's election, because those nations know how much good Cuba has contributed to people throughout the world. To appreciate what Cuba has done is to show esteem for the Cuban people. What a valuable fringe benefit that is.

Because they have an economy that values them, the Cuban people are able to send 30,000 doctors to more than 70 countries- where they perform medical services free of charge. The Cuban people were able to send eye specialists to 26 countries in the Caribbean and Latin America, where they performed eye surgery on 300,000 patients free of charge. The Cuban people have provided free college and university educations for more than 25,000 young people from more than 120 "Third World" countries free of charge, sent rescue missions to victims of natural disasters based on their assessment of what needs to be done, and defended the rights of oppressed people throughout the world (like those in Palestine, Iraq, Africa, etc.). Yes, as a fringe benefit of supporting an economy that cares about them, the Cuban people have been able to resist the warped world concept that countries like the United States thrive on, and have been able to promote a world order based on justice and the recognition of every body's basic

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human rights.

It pains me when I think about how trivial Black People in the United States have become. White power America has always treated Us like shit, but We refuse to cut white power America loose. We need to stop thinking in terms of how much money We can make an hour, and start thinking in terms of how much Our blood, sweat and tears will benefit all of Us decades and decades later. We need to think about getting the world's respect, becoming a member of the Human Rights Council and similar bodies, guaranteeing Ourselves peace of mind, supporting the forces of progress throughout the world and sending doctors, educators and relief missions to those who are in need. In short, We need to start thinking and acting like politically mature individuals think and act.

We can't do anything worthwhile that We need to do as long as We act like supporters of white power America. We need the freedom the people of Cuba have, and We can only get that by fighting for a Nation of Our own.

Peace be with you, Brothers and Sisters, if you are willing to do what is necessary to get it.

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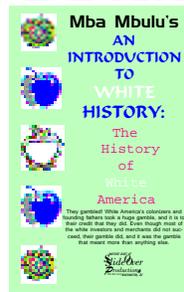
“A Black Power economy is impossible outside of the context of a Black Power political reality. As We seek political independence, a Black Power economy will evolve and grow into itself.”

“To be the best that We can be, We have to take on tasks that bring out the best in Us.”

“Everybody realizes that black pepper cannot serve the purpose salt was intended to serve. The two are entirely different food additives, even as they contribute to a common dish. Each has a unique role to play, a distinct flavor and chemistry to generate; and each must either play its intended role or ruin the dish.”

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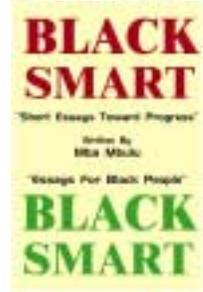
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