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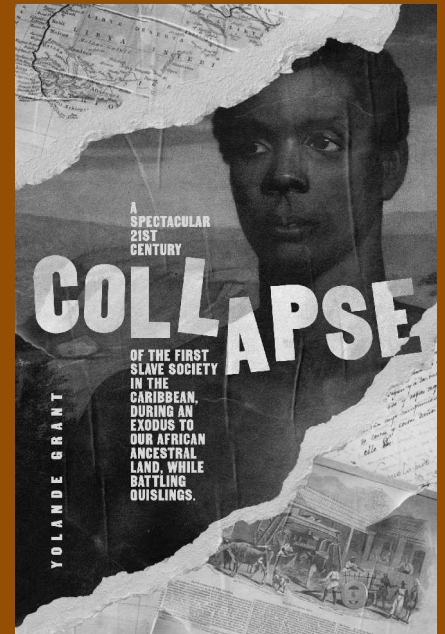
By Yolande Grant



"When you organize the intelligence of Black children in terms of the interest of another people, you are making Black children traitors to their own cause and eventually traitors to the Black race. "

-Okokuroko Seba Nana Amos N. Wilson

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Sorrel (*Rumex Acetosa*)

Editorial

By Yolande Grant

Enslavement, Addiction, Sickness & Death by Sugar Plantation

The unbelievable madness and unabashed inhumanity people at the management level flaunt is a continuum of ruination for melanated people. In this age, and circumstances there is a recent plea for descents to make themselves available for sugar plantation work at world famous slave outlets built for the purpose of Afrikan human life reduction, that are centuries old and controversial was shown, in all its gruesomeness. The life expectancies of the kidnapped, involuntarily forced to work in killing fields were a mere 18 years old in times of enslavement. The deplorable structures still stand as testimony and horrific silent reminder of what our ancestors braved. One would not believe any of it when hearing so called experts expounding on the “glorious past” of our ancestor’s misery and torture in feel good articles of dismay. Despite our rotating out of the 16th and 18th points in history so long ago into modern times, the idea that this cruelty is thought of as reformed and determinedly reintroduced again in 2022 to enrich private investors who fancy themselves slave masters, given the track records of those who infest the island, is a bitter pill to swallow: where it appears some have not moved on and now enticing our people to revert to humiliation instead of switching up the people dynamic if they see people as slaves in the 21st century: why revert to those who are descended from the enslaved, while there are others available within minority groups who are also quite capable of performing the same tasks of

sugarcane and working acreage to plant food. The lack of care and disregard attached angered those who know instinctively this does not bode well for another generation of Afrikans seen as only fit for lifelong servitude and inflating the bank accounts of lazy and greedy nonblacks. There is insult and ancestral injury associated with using the tax money of descendants of the enslaved to subsidize and boast about a slavery sugar industry over the last 50 years. The backward thinking prompted a response and reasonable suggestion from the Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies in April: advising the government to instead use the available plantation lands for agriculture forthwith as a national emergency. There were at least 1,000 such estates in existence over a 400-year timeline that has since halved, so the nonavailability of land is not the issue. A process of food security which everyone, except the elected, knows once adopted is instrumental in staving off approaching crisis’s that already placed the people of many countries on the road to poverty, starvation and under extreme economic stress, due to external shocks, and that is just the beginning. This demeaning plot and callous behavior does not begin to describe how ignoring the fact: food production and distribution are much more important and healthier than cultivating and harvesting sugarcane for addictive consumption. Evidence is available outlining the sugar fixation introduced to the population over multiple epochs that has medically devastated Black families. The end result is reportedly half the senior citizens 60 years and older grapple with high incidences of hypertension, diabetes, and additional myriad non-communicable lifestyle diseases (NCDs). With the ages for diabetics and hypertensives dropping lower, impacting younger people when passed on

generationally as a legacy and unnecessarily burdening the healthcare system. In June of 2022, a well-known pediatrician on the island asked for legislative action to control “the escalating childhood obesity epidemic affecting the island” and further asserted that as reported 31 per cent of the children in Barbados are considered overweight and obese, and 8 in 10 deaths related to this disease signifies, while stressing that “NCDs are killing us early.” Therefore, ending unhealthy practices is of great imperative. The island has the unenviable acclaim as the largest group with ailments found anywhere, often referred to as the number one “amputation capital” due to its astronomical percentages, out of all the others found around the earth: and mentioned by the Vice Chancellor as the “sickest people in the world.”

With no innovative leadership in place, descendants remain at a distinct disadvantage and must exercise vigilance for those who carry oppressive tendencies and the dishonesty of their willing helpers who have no scruples, ethics, or loyalty to our ancestry. The injustice cannot continue or revive through stealth and sleight of hand, and if this latest episode from the visionless is miraculously retracted, because of the outrage and backlash that is likely to occur, the damage is already done. The shiftless investors, with fantasies of grandeur of Afrikans as their underlings feeding, enriching them with free labor, for little pay, and no accrued benefits; while they busily weaponize false promises for another hundred years to achieve an inheritance for their equally feckless descents, are due for a well-deserved and pronounced rude awakening with worldwide exposure. Concretized in place, are many instances of alleged employer discrimination and unfair practices in every sector that carries its own endowment: but treacherously

including the contemptuous discourtesy of resuscitating the sugar industry as a back-breaking, low paying profession for Afrikan people only, and attempting to advertise it as a miracle to save the economy, is a crime worthy of prison time and attributed to the subterranean level thought processes oozing out of wild beasts. More horrifying to imagine, that aged workers from plantations are allegedly denied pensions, although armed with a court judgement in hand for interim payments and ignored for many years by civil servants responsible for paying salaries and social security. The majority group, for their security, health, and financial wellbeing of families, should at all times avoid, at all costs, slave plantations aligned with the manufacturing of sugar.

Decolonization of the Entire Caribbean Region

By Yolande Grant

The British couple acting as representatives for the palace, in March of 2022, while on a tour to Caribbean and Latin American countries, boldly highlighted the evolution of “relationships.” Needless to say, there has been a shift over the last five centuries from one of direct dehumanization of Afrikans and other groups, to one of commonwealth “partnerships,” for upwards of the last six decades, and consequently the most recent upgrade by the royal relative to everyone now on an equal “friends” footing.

This declaration comes with concrete attachments just in case the Prince was not aware and at the time desperately seeking to escape from an unexpectedly sticky situation: but instead, successfully issued in a fascinating and most welcome change in dialogue, after Jamaica voiced their displeasure stemming from the kidnapping and enslavement of 600,000 Afrikans over prolonged periods. While activists were well prepared for the occasion.

The open-ended invitation of “friendship” came about after a backlash and resistance from some countries showing disgust at the presence to celebrate the monarchy’s 70th jubilee; seen as an intrusion without apology or reparatory justice, and as new friendships go, should naturally usher in the next logical step and debut the long sought-after decolonization of the entire region: started so long ago by likeminded Pan Afrikanists, activists, singers, and writers in the last hundred years. Thus far, the only country showing an appetite to not only shed monarchical rule but advance to a republic and simultaneously decolonize their people through engagement and ideas from the populace on the best way to proceed, since the enlightening visit, is Belize. No other country has shown the smallest desire, interest, or intestinal fortitude, for whatever reason,

to follow-up beyond the over two centuries of political republicanism rigorously fought for from the French and won by Haiti’s General and leader Francois-Dominique Toussaint Louverture and his lieutenant Jean Jacques Dessalines, beginning in 1791 and ending with independence for the country in 1804. While seeking liberation from the tyrants of the day, as the world’s first independent state, that resulted in eventual freedom from shackles and chains for captured Afrikans across the isles.

There have been multiple republics throughout the Americas implemented afterward, such as Simon Bolivar’s independence movement to free South American countries from the yoke of Spanish rule starting in 1819, to various other islands gaining political independence later, with a few countries along the chain opting for republics from the 1970s and coming forward. History shows that nothing much changed for Caribbean people since that daringly, brave feat by Haiti that resulted in more oppression, subjugation and suppression from colonizers who back then saw our ancestors as less than human, with no rights, who dared have the audacity to want freedom from enslavement in all its sickening, dehumanizing forms: and a steep price was paid for their determination, that still echoes today, since there appeared immediately after that, the more subtle and barely visible commonwealth “partnership” phase.

In direct contrast to prior machinations, the next in line to the throne gushed glowingly about the equivalent to rapports and solidarity. Powerful words if applied to start the new journey of letting go of and getting over all intent to reorganize any perceived remaining tentacles and thoughts of ownership of people to redesign their lives and that of their incoming future generations. Which is morally wrong. out of line and in these new beginnings, unwelcome.

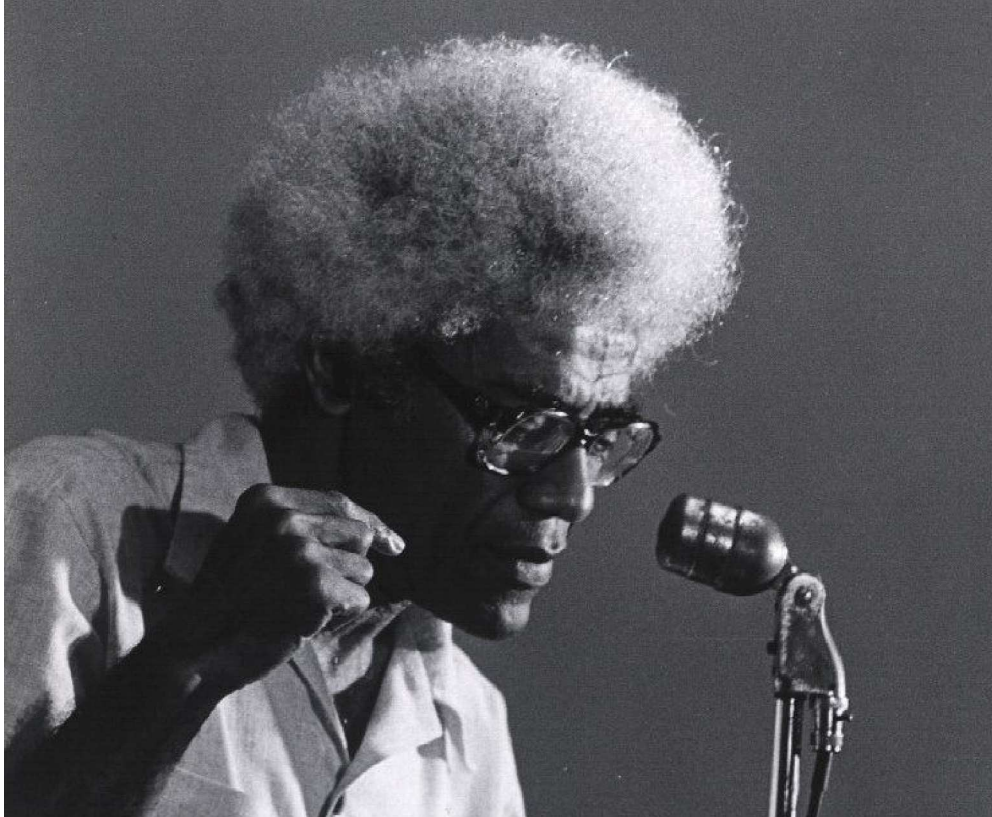
This extended encouragement should not revolute to a wasted opportunity to finally strip centuries of ugliness that doggedly follows everyone like the Royal curse it has become. Our children of Afrikan ancestry trapped on pauperized islands are not tools useful only for photo ops while standing behind chain linked fences, similar to petting zoos waiting to be touched and petted. This disrespect and demeaning practice should immediately end and never seen anywhere descents reside again in the spirit of cooperation as new friends.

A revelation of a tour for the islands inhabitants to mull and analyze, that in most people's opinion was replete with demoralizing optics. While giving off a sense of an attempt to reboot by assessing the waters. There is every right to push back against presumptuousness, given that the now famously divulged delicate balance, a precursor to the over 60-year-old recalibrating: but never transforming to full economic and social freedom for the Caribbean's people, is seen in all its revealing facets. By March 29, 2022, very shortly after the embarrassing debacle, a "royal expert" opined in the UK's Daily Express that the palace representatives were "ill-advised" by close aides. Since the help has to absorb the blame for their shortsightedness, why not hire advisors who are less pregnant with and high on colonialism, which was interpreted by those who were looking on, as having severe "1950s styled undertones" and expressed complete horror and dismay at the affront.

Political Ambitions & Greed, 90 Years of Black-on-Black Crimes

The 1930s saw the rise of the politically bent Black descents' limited ascension to the house of assembly, but with parliament still entirely slave master supervised. The shallowest minds drawn by instinct, with the burden of the traitor bloodlines of those who sold our ancestors, and by extension themselves, into perpetual bondage are the ones who rush to the fore in the performance of treachery for the slothful apathetic minority class who never stopped fancying themselves superior slave masters, in the reckless and unwavering pursuit of Afrikan disenfranchisement for personal gain by both sides. The morals lacking imps had, and still do, an uncanny ability to deceive the poorest in oppressed communities, gain their trust as potential voters, expansively make false promises of aiding in the acquisition of land and housing, a property requirement of qualification to register for the voter's list back then. A well-defined scam of fabricated care and concern, still in force today, as it seldom fails and suits purposes of bad intent. The sophisticated class and status hungry thieves allegedly opened fraudulent banks and over time proceeded to relieve the least educated of all monies deposited in good faith for the future benefit of families. It is revealed in writings that the unprincipled availed themselves of property owners' estates, and evicted families from rented areas to resell to the gullible "two and three times." After an accumulation of swindled multimillions, the money bought lands originally set out by planters to lure the poor but misused and kept by the selfish with nefarious motives. In exchange for material things, and competency in selling out, Afrikan children and young people were allegedly sold to the planter class and wealthy gamblers as sexual playthings. Donations from plantations to the unethical who were "offered seats on committees" in return for Judas duties, allegedly went toward bribing vulnerable Afrikan inhabitants as an enticement to join a local white political party to thwart the rise of any others, and "victimize" those who refused to comply in joining the political circus. A horribly cruel doctrine that causes estate owners and beneficiaries to cry out from then until present day over lost inheritances, estates and bank accounts valued at billions of dollars that mysteriously disappear at an alarming rate, and though extensive investigations by owners and others ensue, are impossible to trace and unrecoverable. An overused playbook from hell, ensuring Afrikan poverty remains alive and well, and after long term usage, extended to include all other prospective targets because of small population size and land mass. After nine decenniums, and three generations of these types engaging in covert operations throughout the diaspora, things have reached a head. With the bar association established in 1940, as a backdrop for uninterrupted continuation and legal protection, shareholders in the discriminatory enterprise were bound to run out of Afrikan victims at some point. The introduction of widespread information sharing guaranteed that the original engineer's progeny is finding it much more difficult to conceal well planned conspiracies against the populace or maneuver effectively with near invisibility as done before and for so long a timespan but are not deterred from trying. The charlatans closely connected and attached to the law firms of the day "touted" or pimped politically for recognition, prestige and nothing was beneath them to meet wretched goals. "Wayside Sketches" from the 1930s described such louts as: "Our touts usually attach himself to one (and sometimes more than one) of our barristers and plays the role which the pilot fish takes the shark to its victims. He may often be seen browsing in the courtyard and with a vast army of people always eager to "ha up!" somebody. Blessed with a conniving manner, very often, he supplements his income by making out documents and complaints." No doubt this grandiose camouflaging survived the passage of time and is just as

injurious. With the lawyers of today currently but very slowly facing arrests, convictions and going to prison for alleged thefts of money and estates, after having an invincible and untouchable status for far longer than they should. There are hundreds more deserving of the same process and distinction. In George Lamming's (1953) novel titled "In the Castle of My Skin," where the real-life characters and original creators of black-on-black atrocities are found in all their hideousness. Mr. Lamming, having raised up in one such targeted enclave "hinted that he overheard the organizers of the land swindle plotting the murder of an elderly resident who refused to move." Modern day documentation showcases that these alleged self-defeating crimes never went away, nearly one hundred years later.



In Tribute to George Lamming 1928-2022, RIP.

Wonderful Ethiopians of the Ancient Cushite Empire: Chapter II. Old Ethiopia--Its People Cont'd



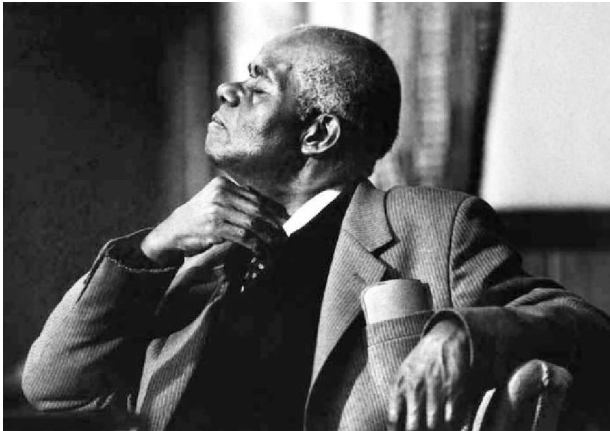
Drusilla Dunjee Houston (1876-1941)

Cushites were the backbone of the armies in the earliest ages. The Egyptian has no warlike qualities. It was the Cushite p. 37 who was the head and brains of the foreign conquests. It was the Cushite element of the Old Empire that extended itself in foreign colonization eastward and westward around the world. Across Arabia and southwestern Asia, even to the central highlands, inscriptions and massive images in stone stand as voiceless witnesses that they were the commanders of the Egyptian armies and that the Ethiopian masses accompanied the soldiers as trusted allies and not as driven slaves. We must remember that in the early ages they were not a subject race but that their power as a great empire was at its zenith. The Egyptian of today much changed from the ancient whom Herodotus called black, is content to live in a mud hut beside his beloved Nile. He is despised by the prouder Nubian, who saves his earnings to buy a home and piece of ground in his native Ethiopia. Reclus tells us that the dislike between Egyptians and Nubians is carried to such a great extent that the Nubians even in Egypt will not marry an Egyptian woman and that he refuses his daughter in marriage to the Egyptian and Arab. This could have come down alone from an age-old

consciousness of superiority. He knows the proud traditions of his race. In books careless of ethnography, we find the Nubian classed with Semitic stock. They have no affinities at all with this race. Nubians are never able to speak the Arabic tongues grammatically. Nubian women are seldom seen in Egypt. They are the most faithful to the manners and customs of the Old Race. The Egyptian of today makes p. 38 little showings of ambition or the spirit for great deeds. He squanders his earnings upon trinkets and seems content in the same mud hovel in which the masses of Egyptians primitively lived. Prichard recognizes two branches of the Nubians, the Nubians of the Nile and those of the Red Sea. In the age of Herodotus, the countries known as Nubia and Senaar were occupied by two different races, one of which he includes under the name Ethiopian; the other was a pastoral race of Semitic descent which led a migratory life. This distinction continues to the present day. The Red Sea nomadic tribes are extremely savage and inhospitable. The Nile Nubas or Barabra are the original Ethiopians. They are agricultural and have the old Hamitic traits. They plant date trees and set up wheels for irrigation. These are the Ethiopians mentioned in chronicles as possessing war chariots. Their allies were the Libyans. Semites at that age of the world had no possession of iron vehicles. Heeren says "that the ancestors of these Ethiopians had long lived in cities and had erected magnificent temples and edifices, that they possessed law and government, and that the fame of their progress in knowledge and the social arts had spread in the earliest ages to a considerable part of the world."

Maurice, that reliable authority on ancient

remains, declares, "The ancient Ethiopians were the architectural giants of the past. When the daring Cushite genius was in the full career of its glory, it was the peculiar delight of this enterprising race to erect stupendous edifices, excavate p. 39 long subterranean passages in the living rock, form vast lakes and extend over the hollows of adjoining mountains magnificent arches for aqueducts and bridges. It was they who built the tower of Babel or Belus and raised the pyramids of Egypt; it was they who formed the grottoes near the Nile and scooped the caverns of Salsette and Elephante. (These latter are wonders of Hindu architecture.) Their skill in mechanical powers astonishes posterity, who are unable to conceive by what means stones thirty, forty and even sixty feet in length from twelve to twenty in depth could ever be raised to the point of elevation at which they are seen in the ruined temples of Belbec and Thebais. Those comprising the pagodas of India are scarcely less wonderful in point of elevation and magnitude." (Maurice's Ancient History of Hindustan.)



Baba John Henrik Clarke

"We should produce a calibre of young people who can take on the loneliness of struggle. (Traditional Afrikans) did not do as we do today - leave things to chance. They planned them. (Afrikan warrior scholars) came out of a society that we need to reproduce today in order to bring about our revolution. Our children should be picked out and trained for leadership from birth. You can watch how that child handles a fork; watch that child's ability to share with the group; watch that child's ability to protect the group and to accept the training that will make that child improve. We should spot leaders early and begin to train them. We should make a priesthood of this effort."



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"As long as you are dependent on other people solely for your jobs, your house, the cleaning of your streets, the education of your children, the image you see on television, or the image of God in your Church, you can cut it any way you want to, you are a slave."

John Henrik Clarke

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