

The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION - DECEMBER 1980

WOMEN By Zindzi Mandela

My life is but a dirty penny
that is only valued because
it is the only one.

My life is but a ten rand note
that can be used only because
there may be change.

My life is but a faithful husband
who smiles alone only because
he thinks he knows.

My life is but a broken mirror
that still stands up only because
it has to act.

KWANZA

Matunda Ya Kwanza (Kiswahili for first fruit) was created by Dr. Ron Karenga 14 years ago as a celebration for Black Americans. Kwanza is symbolic for Black people celebrating their African heritage. It combines the belief of giving thanks to ancestors, respecting elders, reinforcing important values for children and observing the seven principles of the Black values system, the Nguzo Saba. The seven principles are: 1) UMOJA or unity, to strive for and maintain unity in the family community, nation and race; 2) KUJICHAGULIA - self determination - to define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves rather than allow others to do these things for us; 3) UJIMA - collective work and responsibility - to build and maintain our community together to make our sisters' and brothers' problems ours and to solve them together; 4) UJAMAA - cooperative economics - to build and

maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together; 5) NIA - purpose - to make our collective vocations the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness; 6) KUUMBA - Creativity - to do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it; 7) IMANI - faith - to believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

KWANZA begins December 26 and ends January 1st, with each successive day observing a different principle. If you have been seeking for an alternative to the regular holiday season, celebrate KWANZA.

KUUMBA

Third World Women will sponsor a multiple display in the Library, December 7-17, in recognition of the sixth principle of KWANZA, Kuumba, or creativity.

There will be a display of pictures by and for Third World women, a book display by and for Third World women and a display which features some of the items brought back from Nigeria by the students in the past "Africa and the West" program.

THIRD WORLD WOMEN POTLUCK

It is the first time that the Third World Women's organization have had an office, and some 'interior decorating' needs to be done! If you would like to help with suggestions of ideas or donations of items

to make the office more comfortable, please stop by. We are located in Library 3211 or call 866-6066. We would like to get things in order before December 8th, when Third World Women will hold an open house potluck at noon. The potluck will be to generate interest and support among women of color, and is held in conjunction with the first principle of KWANZA, Umoja or unity. All women of color are invited to bring something to munch on and get acquainted with our new space and with each other. For more information, contact Penny at 866-6066 or leave a message at 866-6034.

GOT THE BLUES?

Got those end of the quarter blues? Wondering how you are going to finish your academic work or write an evaluation? Looking for a new academic program?

Perhaps the Third World Coalition can be of some assistance in helping you go through this process. We also have a private study room and a library if what you need is a quiet, secluded place. We can also make an electric typewriter available to you for typing your papers and evaluations.

Stop by Library 3204 or 3208 or call 866-6034 for further information.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

A very special thanks is extended to all the students and community people that helped to make Indigenous People's Day a success. All reports and comments back have been very positive. It is estimated that approximately 500 people were in attendance throughout the day for the different events.

If you had the opportunity to attend, we would like to hear your comments about the day. It is important that when the dollars get tight, justification of money expended for such functions becomes imperative. Your letters of support or comments for improvement will aid us in our ability to provide for more of these

types of events. Please write the Third World Coalition, Library 3204, Olympia, Washington 98505.

IN MEMORY

Within the past month, the Third World community at TESC has had to bear the loss of two former students. Mario Alvarado, who was enrolled as a student last year - leaves behind Maria Anorga, also a TESC student and Raquel, their daughter. Services were held in Texas where Mario was originally from.

Alvina McQuire also recently passed away as a result of complications with her struggle against bone cancer. Alvina was a Native American alum of TESC and very active with the Native American radio programs on KAOS.

The Third World Coalition would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these two individuals.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066

December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day, the day Japan attacked the Hawaiian Islands. This day signifies many things to many people and stirs many memories. None, I'm sure, quite so painful as those of a Japanese-American who was on the west coast.

The attack on Pearl Harbor served to escalate the white American's fears and racism towards all Japanese. Allegations of espionage, sabotage, and disloyalty were lodged against all Japanese, aliens and U.S. citizens, although they were totally unfounded.

The major newspapers in California began a campaign of racist hysteria, with such articles as was written January 29, 1942 by Henry McLemore, "I am for the immediate removal of every Japanese in the west coast in a point deep in the interior. Herd 'em up, pack 'em off and give 'em the inside room in the badlands. Let 'em be pinched, hurt, hungry, and dead up against it--let us have no patience with the

enemy or with anyone whose veins carry his blood--personally, I hate the Japanese."

Public officials helped to fan the flames. On February 21, 1942, California State Attorney General, Earl Warren (later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court) said: "I am afraid many of our people in other parts of the country are of the opinion that because we have had no sabotage and no fifth column activities in this state since the beginning of the war, that means that none have been planned for us. But I take the view that this is the most ominous sign in our whole situation. It convinces me more than perhaps any other factor that the sabotage that we are to get, the fifth column activities that we are to get, are timed just like Pearl Harbor was timed... I believe the only reason we haven't had disaster in California is because it has been timed for a different date, and that when that time comes, if we don't do something about it, it is going to mean disaster both to California and our nation. I want to say that the consensus of opinion among the law enforcement officers in this state is that there is more potential danger among the group of Japanese who were born in this country than from the alien Japanese who were born in Japan."

Warren provided the most single persuasive testimonial which led to the Presidential Executive Order 9066 allowing the War Department to have the authority to evacuate aliens and citizens alike. This executive order did not specifically state Japanese or Japanese-Americans for it was to include all "enemy" aliens and citizens, including the Germans and Italians, though no such evacuation of them took place - which only deepens the point of white racism against people of color.

Beginning March 24 - November 3, 1942, four months after Pearl Harbor, all persons of Japanese ancestry on the west coast, were indeed herded up, given numbered identification tags like animals, allowed only to take the necessity items, and only those which they could carry.

They left homes, property and businesses which were sold at a dramatic loss or later vandalised. They were railed into the interior to "camps" which had been hastily built. The majority did not meet building code standards for protection from the elements, sanitation, or size. They were approximately 115,000 who were incarcerated for no other reason other than being Japanese.

Many stayed incarcerated for three years until the Supreme Court ruled in 1944 that the detaining of a U.S. citizen against whom there was no evidence of disloyalty, was unconstitutional. The order was given that all the "camps" be closed by the end of 1945. The Japanese were "free" to return "home" where their home no longer existed, or where they were no longer accepted. "Free" to work, when their jobs no longer existed and people did not want to hire them, "free" to buy or lease property and become established again with funds that no longer existed.

The economic losses of the Japanese who were imprisoned is conservatively estimated at 400 million dollars. This does not consider wages, interest or property appreciation lost during their incarceration. Nor does it include the severe psychological and long-term emotional toll taken on all those who were incarcerated.

It took the U.S. two years to admit to its crime against the Japanese and yet to this day, has not adequately compensated those that are still living for their losses. The "camps" are now gone but there are people who were incarcerated who are still living and still remembering.

*Quotes taken from the book "The Bamboo People" by Frank Chuman, Pages 148, 150.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for an internship for winter quarter? Below is a listing of several which are available.

Editorial Assistant

The Employment and Training division of the Olympia Employment Security office is offering a six month internship entitled, 'Editorial Assistant'. This intern will be required to assist the Public Information Officer in gathering information for publications such as newsletters, brochures, preparing news releases and public service announcements and producing slide and video tape presentations about specific programs and projects. It is a 20-hour a week volunteer position with compensation for travel and per diem.

Production Engineer Assistant

There is one intership available in Tacoma for a student who can do some typing, camera work, audio, dubbing film to tape, commercial production, script writing, announcing, master control switching, newspaper ad layouts, art work and on-location productions for television location. This is a volunteer 40 hours per week position.

Radio/TV Interns

Several internships are open with a radio/TV station in a variety of areas. Assignments are available in such areas as program production, TV news, AM radio news, and AM sales. These positions are volunteer, 40 hours per week.

Media Technician

There is one internship available in Olympia for a student who will be responsible for all the technical work involved with the development of a 9-10 minute color slide/tape show on women in the Washington state legislature. The intern will work with the project director in the development of the script. The intern will also develop a traveling display. This position is a 40 hour per week, one quarter long at \$960.00 for the quarter.

Summer Journalist

A major Seattle newspaper is looking for an intern summer quarter that has an interest in: general assignment reporting, a copy editor or sports editor. This position is 40 hours per week at \$275 a week.

WICHE Intern Program

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education provides work experience for upper division undergraduates, graduates and professional students. Students must be a resident of the west coast or attending college in a western state, as well as be a U.S. citizen. WICHE has available Ethnic Studies internships which generally cover such disciplines as education, curriculum design, history/public history, bilingual education, Black, Chicano, Asian, Native American studies, sociology, anthropology, linguistics, etc. WICHE students are placed in professional organizations and agencies and receive a tax free stipend of \$125 per week as well as compensation for travel.

For more information regarding any of the internships, call the Coop-Ed Office at 866-6391.

JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP

The Allied Daily Newspaper Foundation is offering a \$750 scholarship to a student who is a resident of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, or Washington and attending a school in one of those states in the area of journalism. Students must also have at least three quarters of undergraduate study remaining prior to graduation.

There is also another \$750 scholarship they offer to Third World students studying in the area of journalism.

Other qualifying criteria for both scholarships include students' potential contribution to print media journalism as evidenced by academic achievement, practicum

experience and extra curricular activities, as well as financial need. To apply, write Allied Daily Newspaper Foundation, PO Box 11410, Tacoma, Washington 98411.

STUDENT-SECRETARY CONFERENCE

The Department of Education is sponsoring a conference on student peer counseling as well as allow student leaders the opportunity to assist the department policymakers in designing its student involvement plan.

The Department of Education will cover the majority of the expenses for 85 student leaders to participate. The selection committee will be looking for these qualifications: 1) substantial experience in student counseling and information programs, 2) a clear plan of action for using the experience gained at the conference to strengthen existing peer counseling and information programs, 3) ability to present conference recommendations to their campus, state or national organizations and to follow up those recommendations. There will also be selection to reflect a cross section of students, taking into account age, sex, ethnic background, type of institution attending and geographic location.

The conference will be in Washington, DC, February 19-21. The application deadline is December 12, 1980. Several applications are available in the Third World Coalition office, Library 3208.

ALL THE HOOPLA ABOUT ENROLLMENT

There has been much optimistic talk in regards to the increased enrollment at this institution. However, what people have been overlooking is the fact that, while white enrollment has gone up, Third World enrollment has continued to decrease. In the fall of 1977-78, we had 291 Third World students. We have decreased every year since then, down to a record low this fall of 189.

Recently, Third World people on this campus have been meeting in regards to the whole area of Admissions and recruitment. Much of the discussion was generated due to the recent termination of the Admissions Counselor/Minority Recruiter. A lot of issues have once again been raised and a statement has been written which addresses these issues. We are seeking your support and endorsement of this effort. Therefore, copies of the statement will be made available for your review and endorsement. If you are a faculty member, contact LeRoi Smith in Library 1405 at 866-6605. If you are staff, contact Bettye Spicer in Library 1414 at 866-6605. If you are a student, please contact one of the Third World student groups - Ujamaa, Library 3207; NASA, Library 3217; Asian/Pacific Coalition, Library 3209; MEChA, Library 3206; and Third World Women, Library 3211.

Please make the effort to stop by and review what has been written before the Winter break.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 12/3,10 MEChA meeting, noon, L-3206.
- 3,5 Third World Women exercise 2-4p.m.
- 5 Third World Coalition meeting, noon, L-3205.
- 7 PEARL HARBOR DAY
- 8 Third World Women open house potluck noon, L-3211.
- 8-17 Third World Women's display in celebration of KWANZA.
- 10 Winter quarter academic fair.
- 17 Fall quarter ends, evaluations due.
- 18-1/4 Winter Break
- 1/5 Winter quarter begins



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