

## **PANAFRICANISM**

SLAVE TRADE

REPARATIONS

RECONCILIATION

SOCIAL JUSTICE

INTRODUCTION THANKS TO ALL FOR INVITATION.....STORY  
OF THE LITTLE BOY GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO VISITOR TURN  
RIGHT ETC ENDING UP BUT IF I WERE YOU I WOULDN'T START  
FROM HERE.

I NOTE THAT THIS BICENTENNIAL DIALOGUE 2007 IS ABOUT  
THE SLAVE TRADE, RECONCILIATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE,  
BUT I AM NOT GOING TO START FROM THERE EITHER. I WOULD  
ASK YOU KINDLY TO ADD ANOTHER WORD REPARATIONS. BUT  
I AM NOT GOING TO START FROM THERE EITHER. I AM GOING  
TO TALK ABOUT PANAFRICANISM BECAUSE IN A SENSE IT  
RELATES TO ALL FOUR OF THESE WORDS.

LET ME EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT THAT WORD STANDS FOR, AND ITS RELEVANCE. PANAFRICANISM IS A SOCIO-POLITICAL MOVEMENT AFROCENTRIC IN NATURE, FIRMLY OPPOSED TO RACISM AND ENDEAVOURING BY BLACK EMPOWERMENT POLITICALLY, SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY, TECHNOLOGICALLY AND OTHERWISE TO ACCOMPLISH OUR DESTINY AS A PEOPLE, THE BLACK RENAISSANCE. WHICH WILL ACHIEVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW GLOBAL ORDER BASED ON JUSTICE AND EQUALITY. FOR ALL.

PANAFRICANISM IS THE MODERN NAME OF A BLACK UNIVERSAL MOVEMENT, ADDED TO THE POLITICAL DICTIONARY BY A BLACK TRINIDADIAN LAWYER SYLVESTER WILLIAMS IN 1900 WHEN HE LED A DELEGATION OF SOME 30 AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY IN LONDON TO ADVOCATE GREATER RESPECT FOR BLACK PEOPLE ALL OVER THE DIASPORA. THE 2 ELEMENTS NOTABLE WERE THE REQUEST FOR THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH EQUAL DIGNITY AND SECONDLY IT WAS ON BEHALF OF ALL BLACK PEOPLE OVER THE WORLD.

THIS MEETING SUPPLIANT IN NATURE WAS ATTENDED BY SUCH LEADERS AS Dr. W.E.B. Dubois, BENITO SYLVAIN OF ETHIOPIA, BISHOP JOHNSON OF LAGOS AND OTHERS. I WILL NOT WEARY YOU WITH THE SLOW PROGRESS THAT THE MOVEMENT TOOK THROUGH 4 SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCES AND OVER 45 YEARS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT DR DUBOIS 'S INTELLECTUAL CONTINUITY AND WRITINGS KEPT IT TOGETHER. INCREASING IN NUMBER ON EACH OF THE THREE SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

IN 1945 HOWEVER A MOST REMARKABLE EVENT TOOK PLACE IN THE HOLDING OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PANAFRICAN CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER ENGLAND. IT MARKED THE HIGH WATER MARK OF THE MOVEMENT. IT DIFFERED GREATLY FROM THE PREVIOUS ONES, IN THE FOLLOWING RESPECTS

1. IT HAD A MUCH GREATER ATTENDANCE AND WAS COMPOSED OF ACTIVISTS, INTELLECTUALS, TRADE UNIONISTS, STUDENTS WORKERS ETC.
2. IT WAS NO LONGER SUPPLIANT BUT MILITANT IN TONE AND DIRECTLY ATTACKED THE COLONIAL SYSTEM

3. IT NO LONGER INCLUDED WHITE SYMPATHIZERS WHO  
USUALLY ATTENDED. FROM NOW ON THE AFRICANS WERE  
DETERMINED TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS  
4. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY IT ISSUED A SINGLE MESSAGE, A  
UNITED CALL FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIAL STATUS.  
IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT OF THE HUNDREDS THAT ATTENDED  
ONLY 3 COUNTRIES WERE INDEPENDENT, ETHIOPIA, HAITI AND  
LIBERIA.

I WAS PRESENT AT THAT 5<sup>TH</sup> PANAFRICAN  
CONFERENCE IN 1945. I SAW KWAME NKRUMAH RISE  
FROM HIS SEAT 2 CHAIRS AWAY FROM ME AND  
DELIVERED A HEART STIRRING SPEECH THAT  
ELECTRIFIED THE AUDIENCE,  
“GO BACK TO YOUR COLONIES AND FIGHT FOR POLITICAL  
INDEPENDENCE BY ALL MEANS AT YOUR DISPOSAL” HIS VOICE  
RANG OUT. “SEEK YE FIRST THE POLITICAL KINGDOM AND ALL  
GOOD THINGS WILL FOLLOW,” THE ENTIRE MEETING WAS  
GALVANIZED IN SILENCE, I WAS THERE.  
I SAW THOSE LEADERS LEAVE THAT MEETING ALL SILENTLY  
THOUGHTFUL MEN, I SAW KEN HILL FROM JAMAICA,

GRANTLEY ADAMS FROM BARBADOS, JOMO KENYATTA FROM KENYA LEAVE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES WITH DETERMINATION IN THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS. WITHIN 2 SCORE YEARS OF THAT MEETING OVER 50 COUNTRIES GOT THEIR INDEPENDENCE. LEADERS LIKE SOLANKE AND NNAMDI AZIKIWE OF NIGERIA AND FIRST OF ALL KWAME NKRUMAH SUCCEEDED IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE. LITTLE DID I DREAM AS I SAW JOMO KENYATTA WALK OUT OF THAT MEETING NOR COULD I KNOW THAT IN LITTLE OVER 10 YEARS I WOULD BE HIS LAWYER DEFENDING HIM WITH OTHERS IN A COURT OF LAW AT KAPENGURIA CHARGED WITH LEADING THE MAU MAU, AN INSURRECTION WHICH EVENTUALLY BROUGHT FORTH KENYA'S INDEPEDENCE THAT MOVEMENT WHICH HAD STARTED LIKE A FLAME FOR FREEDOM IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR ANCESTORS WHEN THEY WERE CRUELLY WRENCHED FROM THE HEART OF AFRICA , THEIR HOMES AND THEIR FAMILIES, COULD NOT BE PUT OUT BY THE BLOODY WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC AS THEY WERE HORRIBLY CHAINED AND PACKED LIKE GOODS IN

THOSE FERRIES OF INFAMY THAT MADE THEM SLAVES FOR THE  
WHITE PLANTERS WHO WORKED THEM MERCILESSLY UNDER  
THE LASH .MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE SCATTERED  
THROUGHOUT THE DIASPORA. BARBADOS SUGAR PLANTERS  
GREW RICH OUT OF THEIR LABOUR AND BLOOD. THE COTTON  
FIELDS OF AMERICA, THE COFFEE PLANTATIONS AND MINES OF  
BRAZIL AND SOUTH AMERICA MADE THE WHITE SLAVERS  
WEALTHY WHILE OUR ANCESTORS REMAINED IN POVERTY.FOR  
GENERATIONS OUR ANCESTORS BUILT THE RICH CITIES AND  
UNIVERSITIES OF EUROPE AND AMERICA WHILE OUR WOMEN,  
CHILDREN AND MEN CHOPPED CANE ANF REAPED TOBACCO IN  
THE SUN UNTIL DARKNESS FELL UPON THEM.THEY GOT NOT A  
CENT FOR THEIR LAOUR, THIS WENT ON FOR YEARS, BUT IN  
THEIR SONG AND SUFFERING. THAT SPARK FOR FREEDOM  
THAT GOD PUT WITHIN THEM REFISED TO GO OUT,

A GREAT BLACK SLAVE WHO TAUGHT HIMSELF TO READ  
AND WHO ESCAPED TO BECOME A MOST

ELOQUENT LEADER FOR HIS PEOPLE.S FREEDOM  
FREDERICK DOUGLAS SAID, “NO ONE GIVES UP POWER  
WITHOUT A STRUGGLE,” OUR ANCESTORS STRUGGLED.

SOME RAN AWAY TO THE HILLS OF JAMAICA AND BUILT UP FREE VILLAGES THERE. THEY WERE THE MAROONS. THE SLAVES OF BRAZIL FOUGHT THEIR MASTERS AND ESCAPED TO FORM THE FREE QUILOMBOS OF BRAZIL, IN HAITI THE BLACK SLAVES UTTERLY DESTROYED THE BEST FRENCH ARMIES OF NAPOLEON TO MAKE THEIR COUNTRY THE FIRST FREE BLACK REPUBLIC. THE FIRE OF FREEDOM FLAMED IN THE HEARTS OF THE SLAVES WHO RIOTED IN GUYANA, TRINIDAD AND IN THE UNITED STATES BRAVE WOMEN LIKE HARRIET TUBMAN WITH A PRICE ON HER HEAD BRAVELY MADE SEVERAL TRIPS ACROSS THE BATTLE LINES ON WHAT WE CALL THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY AS SHE LEAD HER PEOPLE TO FREEDOM IN THE NORTH. AS THE CANE PIECE FIRES AND RIOTS AND DISTURBANCES GREW WORSE THE WHITE PLANTERS FOUND IT MORE EXPENSIVE TO USE HUMAN SLAVES AND TURNED TO THE MACHINES TO DO THE WORK, THE STRUGGLE OF OUR ANCESTORS FOLLOWING THE IR OWN FLAMES OF FREEDOM BROUGHT THEM THEIR FREEDOM, THEIR INDEPENDENCE AFTER 4 CENTURIES AS VICTIMS OF THE GREATEST CRIME IN HISTORY DURING WHICH SOME WICKED HUMAN BEINGS TRIED

TO DEHUMANISE OTHER HUMANS AND EXPLOIT THEM . OUR ANCESTORS WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE NOW FREE TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD UNEDUCATED AND UNEQUIPPED WITHOUT A CENT OF RECOMPENSE. THE SLAVE MASTERS ON THE OTHER HAND HOWEVER DEMANDED AND GOT MILLIONS OF POUNDS STERLING AS REPARATION FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR RIGHTS OVER THE FREED SLAVES, YOUR ANCESTORS GOT NOTHING FOR THE WRONGS IMPOSED UPON THEM, OH NO.

THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE WESTERN POWERS OWE US SOMETHING FOR ABUSING US TO ENRICH THEMSELVES WHILE OUR ANCESTORS REMAINED POOR.THEY SHOULD WITHOUT HESITATION ACKNOWLEDGE AND APOLOGISE FOR THE DAMAGE AND HARM DONE TO US. THEY MUST CONFESS AND AFTER CONFESSION COMES ATONEMENT AND AMENDMENT; THAT IS REPARATIONS. THE DEBTS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID.THE DAMAGE DONE TO OUR PEOPLE IS INCALCULABLE,NOT ONLY WERE THEIR BODIES ABUSED BUT THEY WERE DAMAGED MENTALLY IN THE PROCESS, THEIR MINDS MUST HAVE BEEN DAMAGED GROWING UP FOR GENERATIONS IN A POSITION OF CONSTANTLY IMPOSED

INFERIORITY.HAVING LOST ALL THEIR RESERVES OF HISTORY  
FAMILY SUPPORT AND MEMORIES OF LONG AGO WHEN THEY  
LIVED AS FREE COMMUNITIES, THEY KNEW NOTHING OF  
AFRICA OR THEIR PAST.THEY ONLY KNEW WHAT THEIR  
MASTERS TOLD THEM. AND THEY TOLD THEM LIES.THE  
CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN GREW FURTHER  
AND FURTHER FROM THEIR PAST.THEIR MASTERS MADE THEM  
BELIEVE THAT BEFORE THE WHITE MEN CAME TO AFRICA  
THAT THEIR ANCESTORS WERE IN THE DARKNESS WAITING  
FOR THE WHITE MAN TO DELIVER THEM. THEY WERE TOLD  
TJAT THEY HAD NO RELIGION AND NO GOD UNTIL THEN.THEY  
WERE KEPT AWAY FROM THE TRUTH BY DUPLICITY. FOR  
EXAMPLE THE THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THOMAS JEFFERSON WROTE THAT THE BLACK MAN DID NOT  
EXCRETE FROM HIS BODY LIKE THE WHITE MAN BUT THROUGH  
THE PORES OF HIS SKIN AND THAT IS WHY THEY ALL SMELLED  
VERY NOXIOUS. YET HE WAS SECRETLY COHABITING WITH HIS  
OWN LITTLE 14 YEAR OLD SLAVE GIRL SALLY HEMMINGS AND  
OVER THE YEARS SHE BORE HIS CHILDREN. HE, ONE OF THE  
GLORIOUS FATHERS OF LIBERTY DID NOT GIVE LIBERTY TO HIS

OWN SLAVE WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING. TO THOSE WHO SAY SALLY CONSENTED REMEMBER THAT AS A SLAVE SHE COULD NOT REFUSE HIM SO IT WAS RAPE OVER AND OVER. WE WERE ALWAYS TAUGHT THAT WE DESCENDED FROM SLAVES. AND THAT BEFORE THAT WE HAD NO HISTORY.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT EVEN VITAL TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN THE TRUTH. THAT SLAVERY DID NOT BEGIN OUR HISTORY IT INTERRUPTED OUR HISTORY WHICH BEGAN BEFORE THEIRS. SCIENCE AND ANTHROPOLOGY HAVE PROVEN THAT CIVILIZATION WAS BROUGHT IN TO THIS WORLD BY AFRICANS . THAT Black AFRICAN KINGS AND QUEENS RULED OVER VAST COUNTRIES AND EMPIRES LIKE GHANA, SONGHAI AND MALI.. SHOW THEM THE PYRAMIDS AND STATUES OF EGYPT BUILT THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE EUROPE COULD BUILD HOUSES. THESE UNTRUTHS HAVE DONE GREAT DAMAGE TO OUR PEOPLE. IT MISLEADS MANY OF US TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE INFERIOR AND THAT THE WHITE MAN WAS ALWAYS SUPERIOR TO US. IT CAUSES US TO HATE OURSELVES AND TO HATE ONE ANOTHER . BECAUSE OF THIS WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNITE AS AN EQUAL HUMAN BEING.

THIS IS A MENTAL CONDITION CALLED NECROPHOBIA. IT IS THAT CRAB-IN-THE-BARREL SYNDROME WHERE WE FIGHT AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. MARCUS GARVEY AND BOB MARLEY TELLS US TO LIBERATE OURSELVES FROM MENTAL SLAVERY. NONE BUT WE CAN FREE OUR OWN MINDS MARCUS GARVEY DID MUCH AS HE SPREAD HIS DOCTRINE AND HIS UNITED NEGRO IMPROVEMENT ALL OVER THE WORLD TO INSTILL A PRIDE AND SELF IMPROVEMENT IN OUR PEOPLE. HE AWAKENED THEIR FLAME AND TAUGHT US OF AFRICA AS OUR HOMELAND.. WE BEGAN TO CURE THIS NECROPHOBIA AND TO LIBERATE OUR MINDS BY LEARNING OUR TRUE HISTORY AND TO FORGO THE LIES AND READ WHAT OUR OWN BLACK WRITERS HAVE WRITTEN. THERE ARE MANY TODAY SUCH AS TONY MARTIN AND DR WILLIAMS OF TRINIDAD, RUPERT LEWIS OR DR. HILL FROM JAMAICA, PROFESSOR AJAYI FROM NIGERIA, DR. WEB DUBOIS OR JOHN HENRIK CLARKE OF THE U.S.A. AND MANY MORE

THAT FLAME OF FREEDOM WITHIN US WAS THE DRIVING FORCE IN THE EARLY PANAFRICANISTS ,SYLVESTER WILLIAMS, GEORGE PADMORE OF

TRINIDAD, WEB DUBOIS OF THE USA. AND KWAME  
NKRUMAH WHEN HE SPOKE AT THAT 5<sup>TH</sup> PAN AFRICAN  
CONFERENCE, THE FLAME CONTINUED ALSO AND DROVE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WHEN HE LED THE CIVIL  
RIGHTS MOVEMENT .IT GALVANIZED THE DIASPORA AND  
SPREAD BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS TO OPPOSE WHITE  
HEGEMONY.. THIS BROUGHT US POLITICAL FREEDOM AND  
MANY HUMAN RIGHTS. WE SOON DISCOVERED HOWEVER  
THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS WAS NOT  
ENOUGH. OUR OPPRESSORS GAVE US OUR OWN  
GOVERNMENT OUR ANTHEMS AND FLAGS.THEY GAVE US  
THE CROWN BUT THEY KEPT THE JEWELS. THEY KEPT THE  
REINS OF THE ECONOMY IN THEIR HANDS AS THEY DO  
TODAY IN SOUTH AFRICA.. NO COUNTRY CAN BE FREE IF  
IT S ECONOMY DOES NOT ALLOW THE FREE GOVERNMENT  
TO FEED, PROTECT,OR EDUCATE ITS PEOPLE. A FREE  
GOVERNMENT NEEDS A VIABLE ECONOMIC BASE IF IS TO  
RETAIN AND ENJOY ITS FREEDOM.THE PANAFRICAN  
FLAME THAT SURVIVED SLAVERY AND COLONIALISM  
AND SAW POLITICAL MOVEMENT BEGAN TO REVEAL

THAT FREEDOM IS A MIRAGE WITHOUT THE FIRM  
UNDERPINNINGS OF A SOUND ECONOMY.

IN THE LATE 1900S A VERY WEALTHY AND DEDICATED  
NIGERIAN BEGAN TO RAISE THE CRY FOR REPARATIONS. HE  
STARTED A CRUSADE TO REMIND THE WORLD THAT THE  
DEBTS OF SLAVERY HAVE NOT BEEN PAID. HE CALLED FOR  
REPARATIONS. THE FIRST PANAFRICAN MEETING ON  
REPARATIONS WAS HELD IN NIGERIA IN 1993 THE CONVENER  
OF THAT MEETING WAS BASHORUN M.K.O. ABIOLA, FROM  
NIGERIA, WHO SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AS THE FLAG-  
BEARER OF THE REPARATION CAMPAIGN. I ACTED AS  
CHAIRMAN OF THAT MEETING WHICH WAS WIDELY ATTENDED  
BY DIGNITARIES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, SOME 25  
COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED EITHER BY HEADS OF  
GOVERNMENT OR MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.  
UNIVERSITIES, COUNCIL OF CHIEFS, INTERNATIONAL BODIES  
LIKE THE OAU. WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATIONS THE WORLD  
PRESS, AND NUMEROUS BODIES TOOK ACTIVE PART. THERE  
WAS A FULL TURN-OUT OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THE  
MEETING NEXT WENT FROM LAGOS TO ABUJA THE CAPITAL

WHERE SEVERAL IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS TOOK PLACE. THE ABUJA DECLARATION WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED. THIS IS ANOTHER GREAT MILESTONE IN BLACK HISTORY. IT IS NOT WITHOUT REASON THAT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAS BEEN ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY SILENT ABOUT THIS ABUJA DECLARATION. THE ABUJA DECLARATION OF 1993 IS A SEMINAL DOCUMENT. IT OUTLINES NOT ONLY THE JUSTIFICATION OF THE CLAIM BUT WHAT THE PROponents ARE DEMANDING AS REPARATION. THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED UP TO THE SUMMIT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY WHERE IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES. FURTHER A SELECT GROUP OF TWELVE INDIVIDUALS ALL MEN OF INTEGRITY AND WITH WELL KNOWN AFRICAN TRACK RECORDS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND DEDICATED TO HER SERVICE WERE SELECTED. THEY WERE NOMINATED THE GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS (GEP) MANDATED TO WORK OUT THE STRATEGIES FOR PURSUING THE CLAIMS FOR REPARATION ON BEHALF OF AFRICA AND PEOPLES OF AFRICAN DESCENT WHO SUFFERED

AS A RESULT OF SLAVERY, COLONIALISM AND SUBSEQUENT  
EVENTS.THE GEP WAS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE OAU AND  
IS STILL ALIVE TODAY. SOME OF THE MEMBERS NOMINATED  
INCLUDED M.K.O.ABIOLA CHAIRMAN, , AMBASSADOR M'BOW A  
PAST PRESIDENT OF UNESCO, AMBASSADOR DUDLEY  
THOMPSON ,MYSELF AS RAPPORTEUR, DIRECTOR ALI MAZRUI,  
INTERNATIONAL LECTURER AND PROLIFIC WRITER, PROFESSOR  
ADE AJAYI PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF IBADAN AND  
INTERNATIONALLY REKNOWNED HISTORIAN,,EX-PRESIDENT  
PERREIRA OF CAPE VERDE AND OTHERS  
THE LEGAL BASIS OF THE CLAIM FOR REPARATIONS WRITTEN  
BY LORD ANTHONY GIFFORD Q C, THAT GREAT  
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION FOR JUSTICE AND THE  
PASSIONATE ADVOCATE CAN BE REACHED ON THE  
INTERNET,SUFFICIENT TO SAY THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL  
IMPEDIMENT TO DENY THIS CLAIM OF UNJUST ENRICHMENT IN  
THE MOST NOTORIOUS CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY. LORD  
GIFFORD Q.C.TOOK THIS CLAIM BEFORE THE HOUSE OF LORDS  
WHERE IT WAS DISMISSED PERFUNCTORILY IN A MOST  
SPECIOUS RESPONSE .

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY OWE US, THAT THE DEBT HAS NOT BEEN PAID. THE DECLARATION MADE REFERENCE DIRECTLY TO “ THE DAMAGED ECONOMIES OF THE BLACK WORLD FROM GUINEA TO GUYANA ,FROM SOMALIA TO SURINAM.” I WISH TO MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR HOWEVER THAT REPARATION IS NOT MERELY FOR THE PAYMENT OF MONEY. IT IS NOT A PENALTY FOR ILL TREATMENT, ALTHOUGH TO A CERTAIN EXTENT MONEY IS INVOLVED. ,YOU CAN NOT PAY ME FOR RAPING MY GRANDMOTHER OR MURDERING MY ANCESTOR. REPARATION IS A DEMAND FOR JUSTICE. THE LAW AS WELL AS JUSTICE DICTATES THAT AS FAR AS IT IS POSSIBLE THE GUILTY PARTY IN THIS CASE THE PREDATORS MUST REPAIR THE DAMAGE THAT THEY HAVE DONE TO THE VICTIM ..THERE ARE VERY WELL ESTABLISHED PRECEDENTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR THIS.

THE UNITED STATES APOLOGISED FOR THE BLATANT RACISM WHEREBY THEY FORCIBLY REMOVED 120,000 JAPANESE-AMERICANS FROM THEIR HOMES DURING THE WAR. THEY PAID THE JAPANESE \$1.3 BILLION TO RESETTLE THEM.

THE JEWS RECEIVED over\$10 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE GERMANS WHO INFLICTED THE HORRIBLE HOLOCAUST ON FAR LESS PEOPLE THAN THE AFRICANS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED IN THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE.

THE POLES RECEIVED MUCH LAND AND CLAIMED\$294 MILLION ,RECOMPENSE FOR 14 MILLION POLISH SOLDIERS WHO WERE FORCED TO DO SLAVE LABOUR FOR THE NAZIS AND THERE ARE MANY MORE CASES.BUT FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THESE PAYMENTS,ALL JUSTIFIED IS THE NECESSITY TO REPAIR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL , MENTAL SOCIALAND OTHER BEHAVIOURAL AND IDENTITY DAMAGE SUCH AS THAT WHICH INFLICTED US WITH THE SCARS OF NECROPHOBIA AND WHICH WE STILL BEAR .THIS IS OUR TASK.REPARATION IS NOT A HAND OUT .IT IS TRUE WE ARE DEMANDING SUCH REMEDIES AS A RETURN OF THE HUNDREDS OF ARTIFACTS STOLEN FROM AFRICA THROUGH THE YEARS. WE ARE CERTAINLY ASKING FOR A CLEAR CONFESSION FROM THOSE WHO BENEFITTED FROM THE CRIME. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST MADE OUT OF MERE PIQUE OR VANITY . IT IS A TEST

OF THEIR SINCERITY. THEIR NATIONAL CONSCIENCE WILL OTHERWISE NEVER BE FREE FROM GUILT .

THIS UNIQUE AND HEINOUS CRIME IS SUCH AS TO LEAVE ITS SCARS ON BOTH THE PREDATOR AND HIS VICTIM. IT PRESENTS BOTH SIDES WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL TASKS TO PERFORM..IT DEMANDS OF THE PREDATOR THAT HE SHOULD RID HIMSELF OF BIGOTRY AND ARROGANCE WHILE HE ATONES FOR HIS WRONGS .ON THE OTHER HAND THE DUTY OF THE VICTIM IS THAT HE SHOULD RID HIMSELF OF NECROPHOBIA AND HATRED.

REPARATION IS NOT A PENALTY. IT IS A RECONCILIATION A HEALING PROCESS NOT A CONFRONTAION.

THE HEADS OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS MUST CONFESS ON BEHALF OF THEIR PEOPLE .AFTER CONFESSION NATURALLY COMES ATONEMENT AND AMENDS. BECAUSE WE HAVE BECOME IMPOVERISHED BY THE DOMINATION OF GOVERNMENTS THEY COULD AS A TOKEN OF SINCERITY ABOLISH ALL OUR FOREIGN DEBTS, INCIDENTALLY THAT EXERCISE WOULD COST FAR LESS THAN MODERN WAR..THEY COULD ALSO IMPROVE GREATLY OUR EDUCATIONAL AND

HEALTH SYSTEMS.WE ON THE OTHER HAND SHOULD  
REEDUCATE OUR PEOPLE UNDER A REVISED HISTORICAL  
CURRICULUM, WE COULD BUILD MONUMENTS OF SLAVERY IN  
OUR COUNTRIES SUCH AS THAT IN THE ISLE OF GOREE WHERE  
OUR PEOPLE WOULD COMEMORATE THE HARDSHIPS  
OVERCOME AND NEVER AGAIN PERMIT A RECURRENCE..WE  
SHOULD REWRITE OUR HISTORY AND REVERE OUR OWN  
HEROES LIVING AND DEAD LIKE MARCUS GARVEY. FREDERICK  
DOUGLAS, PAUL ROBESON, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THOSE  
LIVING HEROES WHO IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF PANAFRICANISM  
HAVE KEPT THE FLAME ALIVE WE SHOULD UNITE THE  
MILLIONS OF US IN THE DIASPORA AND ADVERTISE OUR  
SUCCESSES OF GARVEYS AFRICANS AT HOME AND ABROAD.IN  
A UNITED AFRICA.GOVERNMENT.LET US SUPPORT THESE  
PANAFRICANISTS OF TODAY PROUD TO BE DESCENDANTS OF  
THOSE BRAVE ANCESTORS. MEN SUCH AS NELSON MANDELA,  
HARRY BELAFONTE, ,DANNY GLOVER WOLE SOYINKA AND  
MOHAMMED ALI STILLWAVING THE PANAFRICAN BANNER  
ACROSS THE SKY' EMBLAZONED WITH THE WORDS, "" DEATH  
TO BIGOTRY, LONG LIVE JUSTICE AND EQUALITY""./

THERE ARE MILLIONS OF US IN THE CARIBBEAN,,MILLIONS MORE LIVE IN NORTH AMERICA AND CANADA, MILLIONS IN BRAZIL AND OTHER PARTS OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.AND OTHER PARTS OF THE DIASPORA.. TODAY THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS HAS GIVEN EVERY ONE HERE TODAY A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE DIASPORA.BARBADOS GIVES YOU THIS OPPORTUNITY TO USE THIS PLATFORM TO ENSURE THATTHEY FORGE THAT INVINCIBLE CHAIN OF MILLIONS TO GIVE US THAT STRENGTH OF UNITY WHICH WOULD ENABLE US AS A MOST POWERFUL FAMILY IN WORLD AFFAIRS. TO SOLVE OUR OWN CHALLENGES..EACH OF YOU HERE AND BEYOND MUST DROP OUR HABIT OF DEPENDENCE THIS IS A TIME OF MANY DANGERS. AMONG THEM IS THE GROWING SPECTRE OF GLOBALISATION. DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO ,LEAVING US AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TOTEM POLE. ARE WE TRAINING OUR YOUTH TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, TO KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE, BY CREATING A CONSCIOUSNESS OF SOLIDARITY? WHERE IS THE VOICE OF PANAFRICANISM TODAY?ARE THEY RESPONDING TO THE FIRE OF FREEDOM IN

THE STRIDENT CALL FOR UNITY FROM THAT GREAT  
PANAFRICANIST AS HE BROUGHT HIS COUNTRY INTO  
INDEPENDENCE, IN MARCH 1957”THE INDEPENDENCE OF GHANA  
IS MEANINGLESS IF IT IS NOT LINKED WITH THE FREEDOM OF A  
UNITED AFRICA”. . HAS THE BLOOD OF OUR ANCESTORS  
TURNED TO WATER IN OUR VEINS..THE TRUTH IS THAT OUR  
SCATTERED MILLIONS CONSIST OF SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS  
PROMOTING INCONGRUOUS IDEAS..SEEMINGLY DETERMINED  
TO REMAIN THE VICTIMS OF DIVISION AND NECROPHOBIA. ONE  
HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCUS GARVEY CALLED UPON US TO  
UNITE UNDER MOTHER AFRICA. IT IS YOUR INDIVIDUAL DUTY  
TO FAN THE FLAMES OF YOUR ANCESTORS WITHIN YOU FOR  
YOUR CHILDREN’S SAKE..ORGANIZE IN THE DIASPORA  
WHEREVER YOU ARE..IN CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS IN CHURCHES,  
LODGES AND ANY ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL MAKE THIS  
DIASPORA STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE CASE FOR A  
SINGLE GOVERNMENT OF AFRICA. IT IS OUR ONLY HOPE.  
ASK YOURSELF TODAY, EACH OF YOU..WHAT CAN I DO TO RAISE  
THE AWARENESS OF OUR RACE? HOW CAN I ORGANIZE AND  
BUILD THE SOLIDARITY OF OUR PEOPLE.? HOW CAN I MAKE

THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR MY CHILDREN AND THEIR  
CHILDREN TO COME?

THERE IS AT LAST A GLEAM OF HOPE IN THE RECENT  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIASPORA AFRICAN FOUNDATION IN  
ACCRA, (DAF.) UNDER THE ABLE DIRECTORATE OF DR,ERIKA  
BENNET,A LADY OF PROVEN AFRICAN TRACK RECORD..JOIN  
HER TODAY DAF WELCOMES US FROM THIS MEETING IN A  
SINCERE EFFORT TO DO SOMETHING IN OUR LIFE TIME..WE  
NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE OUR CLAIM THAT BARBADOS MAY  
BE IDENTIFIED AS A RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY .TO ACT AND  
SPEAK FOR US. OTHERS IN THE DIASPORA WILL FOLLOW..IT IS  
NOT SUFFICIENT TO GIVE OVATIONS AT MEETINGS,WE NEED  
IMMEDIATE COMMITMENTS AND ACTION NOW.. THE DURBAN  
CONFERENCE SUCCEEDED IN PLACING REPARATIONS ON THE  
MAIN AGENDA.IT IS NO LONGER A FOOTNOTE.FOR  
HISTORY.THAT CONFERENCE FURTHER PRODUCED A PLAN OF  
ACTION. IT APPEALED TO US TO MOBILIZE AND UNITE  
OTHERWISE WE SHALL REMAIN FOR THE MOST PART A MERE  
SENTIMENTAL POOL. ^.

I AM APPROACHING THE NINETY FIRST YEAR OF MY LIFE..

AS A VETERAN PANAFRICANIST I IMPLORE YOU IN  
THE LAST YEARS OF MY LIFE TO UNITE THE DIASPORA.  
AND MAKE YOURSELF WORTHY OF BECOMING THE SIXTH  
PROVINCE OF THE AFRICAN UNION.

. I LONG FOR THE DAY WHEN I SHALL OBTAIN  
MY UNITED,.AFRICAN PASSPORT.

I LONG FOR THE DAY WHEN WE SHALL HAVE OUR  
OWN AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

I LONG FOR THE DAY WHEN OUR WOMEN WILL BE  
TREATED AS EQUALS IN ALL RESPECTS AND WITH FULL  
DIGNITY.

I LONG FOR THE DAY WHEN OUR BLACK MOTHERS  
ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL SMILE UPON THE BLACK  
BABIES IN THEIR ARMS, HAPPY AND CONFIDENT THAT  
THEY WILL NEVER AGAIN GROW UP IN THE SHADOWS OF  
INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.