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**“YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE
OR**

YOU DESERVE WHAT YOU GET.”

The removal of the historical WTMP 1150 AM Radio Station as an important resource for the Americans of African lineage “Blacks” speaks volumes as to why black people “politically” and “economically” aren’t respected or feared by Whites and others in the Hillsborough-Tampa Florida areas. This poor or lack of effective black leadership who are deemed worthy by the White Establishment to speak for Black people has led to Whites and others having very paternalistic and arrogant or cavalier attitudes toward black issues and concerns.

Part of the arrogant and cavalier attitudes of Whites and others toward black people in Tampa-Hillsborough is because Whites and others recognize that the Black Community and “Black People” are “Leaderless.” White people and others as a whole recognizes that so-called black leadership is bossed by them, because black leadership has been and is still being bought by them.

As a result of this internal and external crisis contradiction facing African people “Blacks” locally, -- many local Blacks and poor people has resigned themselves to non-participation in a useless process as a result of being tired, frustrated and feeling constantly betrayed by elected black officials.

Also, as a result of such internal and external contradictions facing black people in general, -- many blacks have become absentees from the political and economic struggle of self empowerment and the empowerment of their offspring. Many wannabe petit bourgeoisies or Boule educated blacks tend to ignore or have not recognized how many of our forefathers sacrificed a great deal of themselves for such empowerment of black people by working and struggling against all odds in “Racist America.”

Historical facts clearly shows that most of our Black forefathers engaged in self empowerment by investing in businesses and education opportunities for “US” today. We, the most fortunate blacks are the recipients of their sacrifices and hope for the kind of leadership that would be effective, competent and unbought and unbossed.

The Italian philosophy Nicholas Machiavelli once said, “That in times of War if there is a choice that must be made it is better to be feared than it is to be loved.” This belief and philosophy has served and still serves Whites and other groups quite well when it comes to Americans of African lineage.

Many, if not most black people in Hillsborough-Tampa Florida either seem not to care or do not recognize that the issues of the 1860’s Civil War are very much alive in 2011. Many Black people seem to ignore the facts that black people in general has been and are still part of a “protracted war” that has been and is still being waged against the human rights, civil rights, aspirations and empowerment of Americans of African lineage.

Many blacks in general seem not to recognize or care about how Hillsborough-Tampa Florida is set up as a Plantation System with various small and large plantations. These plantations are the local governments; School District of Hillsborough County; various higher education institutions; various public and private businesses and organizations; local, statewide and federal law enforcement agencies and other judicial agreements that unusually criminalize blacks and turn blacks, especially black children into legalized slaves.

Many blacks, especially black leadership tend to ignore the protracted war being waged against them and against black people as evidenced by various bias laws; a very prejudice judicial process; a very hostile prison industrial complex and racist prison system that is designed to legally re-enslave and further dehumanize black people. The United States Constitution as ratified December 6, 1865 had within its language the “Trojan Horse” for legally re-enslaving black people.

**Section 1. “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude,
Except as a punishment for crime *whereof the*
Party shall have been duly convicted, shall
Exist within the United States,
Or any place subject
*To their jurisdiction.”***

**Section 2. “Congress shall have the power to enforce
*This article by appropriate legislation.”***

During my early years as a Civil Rights Activist I participated in many, many marches and protests all over the country. During these marches and protests it was inevitable that we would sing the song “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

I can remember some of the very important words to me that have stuck with me for over fifty plus years in the struggle for empowerment of our people. The words of “Lift every voice and sing till Earth and Heaven ring, ring with harmony of Victory.”

To me it was this “Victory” of Liberty and self empowerment with the empowerment of the poor and oppressed in our society that my father Willie Earl Warren always taught my brothers and me what our responsibilities and obligations must be.

My father taught us what were our responsibilities of self empowerment and doing whatever was necessary to help to empower our black people and other poor and disenfranchised people. My father demanded that we always be an intelligent “sounding board” or Voice for black and disaffected poor people.

The elimination of WTMP as an opportunist VOICE of the BAY for the oppressed, disenfranchised and poor people further restrain and restrict local black voices, and forces existing and future black leadership and business entrepreneurs into the communication systems of the oppressors who can and will determine what is appropriate to be voiced to black people.

The elimination of WTMP as an effective and accessible VOICE for black people places the black communities in Tampa-Hillsborough Florida further at risk. It is sad that those blacks who could have financially afford to invest in saving the station only sat back as they have sat back during the destruction of many other black organizations and institutions in Tampa-Hillsborough. Let’s not forget Marshall High School in Plant City; Black High School and Middleton High School in Tampa.

I believe the primary legacy for many so-called blacks’ bourgeoisies or middle class blacks, especially, black leaders in Tampa-Hillsborough Florida is that “*they sold themselves and sold their black people and poor people out for literally nothing*”. They will eventually be recognized for who and what they truly are and have been in undermining the aspirations of black people in Hillsborough-Tampa Florida.

Black bourgeoisies gatekeepers leadership legacies will show how they failed themselves and betrayed black people because of them being handpicked, anointed, appointed, and white supported marginalized incompetent cowards. Their legacies will show that they are and were merely self serving puppets for whites and others.

Their legacies will show that some of them were self inflicted captured pawns of the white establishment, because of them having very “bad drug habits”; “out of control gambling problems”; or immoral habits, and legal issues they are or were afraid of being exposed.

I believe this crisis of black leadership self inflicted codependency on white people resources keep them in a limbo state of easily being or becoming paid secret community informants, or being agent’s provocateurs, and, or being part of silent complicities that hurt and undermine the inspirations and aspirations of black people in becoming self empowered.

WTMP is another “self inflicted” victim as a result of black people failures, especially black leadership failures to hold themselves and each other responsible and accountable for counterproductive behavior that betray the aspirations of their black constituents.

This failure of effective black leadership in Hillsborough-Tampa Florida is highlighted when efforts are made by black leaders to defend those persons most of us know are not doing anything other than “feathering their own caps”.

The position of many blacks, especially, black leadership ignoring such conduct that utilizes black resources only for themselves, or are used for feathering the caps of a few “friends with benefits” who are not their mate; or supporting “paid johns or paid whores”, supporting “secret lovers”, or “gay partners they are afraid to be associated with in public”;

“family members”; “friends” or business “cohorts” help to maintain their impotency in ever being able to carry the water for their constituents.

I strongly believe that one of the weakest position of local political motivated and political activist blacks and black leadership is how “they” individually and collectively “sit back and don’t say anything” but, privately complain; or “sit back and don’t do anything” until the “*house is on fire*” and only then it seems local blacks and black leaders can or will respond to real or imaginary threats. I have observed that many blacks locally, especially, black leader’s responses to threats or danger are usually done in a very short and “emergency” reactionary way, with little to any effective diligence, vigilance or monitoring follow-ups.

I have observed that local black leadership tend to “*not watch the store*” nor are they readily predisposed to “*carry the water*” for their black constituents, and are always in a crisis reactionary uninformed mode which tend to always put them in positions of trying to catch up on things which keep them and their constituents at serious disadvantages in accessing and competing for available opportunities and resources in black communities.

I believe that one of the weakest linkages in local black communities which prevent or interfere with local blacks from achieving self empowerment and the empowerment of black people is found in very poor and ineffective black pastoral leadership.

I believe this lack of effective pastoral leadership as magnified from the clear deficits of pastoral sinfulness is the result of the lack proper teaching and good and moral role modeling in the local religious organizations. These moral and spiritual leadership deficits have produced and is continuing to produce the obvious lack of competent and qualified *committed leadership* by the so-called black religious institutions commonly referred to as “churches” or presently being portrayed as 501.c. 3 private non-profit religious organizations or religious cultural institutions.

There are enough religious institutions leaders in Hillsborough-Tampa community that could have and should have come together and committed their church resources in a way that even they could have has a broader forum to preach and teach their theology.

There are enough businesspersons in our local Hillsborough-Tampa community who could have and should have “stepped up to the plate” and invest in one of Tampa historical institution in an effective manner that would have allowed WTMP to operate in serving the black communities in the Tampa Bay areas.

This failure is a reflection of an ongoing failure of local black elected officials being able to come together regularly and discuss such issues and concerns in the community that affect their black constituents. I have noticed that some of our elected black officials are very skillful in finding time to get photo opts. for themselves, but, they can’t find time to take care of business for their black constituents, and yet they are continually being supported and elected by blacks who are being betrayed by them.

I think that “not until” local blacks voters, especially black grassroots leadership and black voters come together and address the ineffective leadership blacks have had to suffer under, -- the few other historical black institutions that are teetering on the ledges of economic challenges will too be at risk of being destroyed.

Also, the question begs to be asked and answered “Where were the local black leadership of those existing historical institutions when WTMP initially came under attack” and went into receivership? “Who will be there for the existing historical institution when ‘they’ come for their institution?”

Finally, I very strongly believe when anyone sit back and remain silent when they possibly could have made a positive difference and things adversely happen when they might have made a difference in the outcome if they would have only got involved “*deserve what they get*” and “*get what they deserve.*”

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