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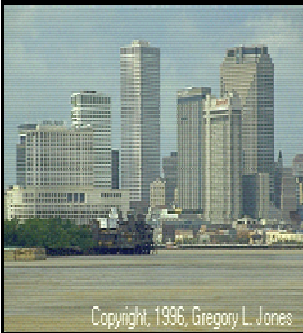
AAA NEW ORLEANS SPLASH 2003 CONVENTION MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 21-26.

WHEN AFRICA BLEEDS, WHO SUPPLIES THE BANDAGES?

“We must choose in this century whether Africa will remain crippled and stagnant or move to participate in its healing.”



NEW ORLEANS- A CITY WITH A HISTORY



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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois predicted that the dividing elements in Western Society would be the color line and the talented 10 percent. The color line is a social phenomena which continues to shape the way Westerners view Africans. The talented 10 percent refers to a percentage of the African American population who would have the economic means to shape the welfare of all Africans. The prediction has been nothing but an economic nightmare as the talented 10 percent have amassed riches to themselves without reaching out to the rest of the masses. Du Bois's prediction of the talented 10 percent has played out not only in the USA but more so in Africa.

The African American Community boasts a GNP of almost \$400 billion for a population of a little over 30 million. Du Bois hoped that the talented 10 percent would succeed in harnessing resources to economically emancipate the rest of the community. This has not happened. The Africans of the first generation have not fared differently. In the sixties, there were less than 100,000 newly arrived Africans in the USA. Forty years later, the number has soared to a population of almost 6.5 million with a GNP of \$4.5 billion. The phenomenon here is that the community boasts a talented 80 percent, the reason being that most of them hail from aristocratic and plutocratic homes in Africa driven to success without community responsibility. Having learned how to navigate the colonial systems in Africa, they have found success in the USA, an easy task. By amassing degrees to their names, they have managed to forge acceptance into the "main system." Compare this to Sub-Saharan Africa whose combined GNP is a little over \$720 billion with a population of almost 850 million. It is here that the talented 10 percent has dwindled to 5 percent who control and accrue benefits from the resources of the \$720 billion, leaving the remaining 95 percent so-

cially destitute and living under economic and political misery.

Given this scenario, two things must happen simultaneously. Africa is better off united under one government than existing under the present colonial borders and political structures; and Africans of the Diaspora must unite in order to harness their resources for the Motherland. We are convinced that herein lies "salvation" for our people.

The Association for the Advancement of Africa is ushering a call for social solidarity among people of African origin and men and women of good will for the purpose of influencing true liberty for our people. We have had enough rhetoric and coercion. We must choose in this century whether Africa will remain crippled and stagnant or move to participate in its healing. It is imperative that we unify to emancipate the helpless nations and people in Africa. The future of our children depends on our renewed commitment. We are proposing not just an African Union but the Federation of African States. This move is precipitated by the following facts:

- The present chunks of lands are still wards of Europe and the West.*
- The divisions of Africa into borders that reflect a people with a common language, customs, values, norms, and ancestry would lessen the level of conflict and instability that have rendered productive lands economically barren.*
- With stability created by the new paradigm, Africa is capable of tripling its GNP within 10 years of the Union just as South Korea has done.*
- Foreign aid has crippled Africa and can no longer be a sound economic model for a continent that is capable of feeding the rest of the world for over 1,000 years. Foreign aid has always ended in the bank accounts of "Kleptocrats." Without creating paradigms that restructure Africa, Africa will continue to bleed.*

e) The Africans of the Diaspora have more clout and sophistication than they did in the 60s. With almost 200 million Africans in the Diaspora, Africa has more support for its total emancipation than before. For the talented 10 percent of the African American, Caribbean African, Canadian African, Brazilian African, European African, and the 80 percent talented aristocrats and plutocrats of first-generation Africans, the time has come to bind the wounds of the bleeding brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers in Africa. When Europe itches, all European Americans scratch. When Japan itches, all Japanese Americans scratch. Will the Africans of the Diaspora scratch when Africa itches?

f) The Diaspora has resources and knows how to give back to Africa to assist our brothers and sisters who are in the trenches concerned about the welfare of the masses they serve under very merger means. We have spent 40 years blaming and plotting. It is time now to plan and build together for the sake of our posterity. This is even more urgent given the fact that Africa's 65% population is under 25 years.

We are mobilizing and inviting everyone to join us in New Orleans during the Memorial Day weekend to dialogue with the African Presidents and leaders who are coming to the convention. Our Think Tank Forum will feature discussions in the areas of ethics, political processes, military systems, education, health, women's issues, immigration, youth, and culture. It will be a very exciting time. We have invited the leaders of countries around the world to be a part of this convention or to send their best delegates to dialogue with us about the future of Africa. This convention promises to be history in the making. Register early and make plans to join us May 21-26, 2003.

MEET THE TEAM

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Reigning Miss Africa Beauty Queen

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Registration Notes

Registration for the Fourth Annual Convention begins immediately. Complete the registration form enclosed with this newsletter and send it with your check or money order to AAA, P. O. Box 3691, Hayward, CA 94540-3691. Or you may phone in your registration

to (510) 784-2337 or fax your registration form to (510) 784-2326. You may also charge your registration using Visa or MasterCard.

Make your hotel reservations directly with the Hotel Inter-Continental at the special negotiated rate for AAA convention

participants. Make sure that you mention the AAA convention to be held May 21-26, 2003, in order to receive the special rate. If you need to contact the Registration Coordinator directly to discuss issues related to registration, please call (561) 889-7909.

The Africa Queen Beauty Pageant

The Miss Africa Queen Beauty Pageant is an opportunity for our young African women to achieve their dream. It is a scholarship opportunity as well as a chance to be heard and seen by the people who know and understand them better than anyone else, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters from Africa. Becoming the next African Queen could be your first step toward achieving your goals. It requires a lot of hard work, but the contestants will be working with the best in the industry.

To contest in the pageant, you must be at least eighteen years of age and have traceable roots in Africa. A high school diploma is the required minimum educational qualification. The participant must be an immigrant to the USA from Africa either as a student in any of the colleges and universities here in the USA, Canada, or Europe; or the contestant must be a permanent resident or a citizen of first generation African ancestry.

The next African Queen Beauty Pageant will be held at the Hotel Inter-

Continental, May 21-26, 2003, in the city of New Orleans. The application forms will be posted on the following websites: www.aauainc.com and www.ausainc.org. Complete the registration form and click on the submit button to send the information to our Pageant Coordinator. You will be contacted about your application. Or e-mail Ms. Nnene Nwoko at deltanene@yahoo.com.

Pageant participants will have a special registration rate for the convention. Please contact the Registration Coordinator, Carol Otengho, at crotengho@earthlink.net for details.



*Ms Nakku Kiwanuka
Miss Africa Queen 2001*



*Ms Ismail Chineme Former
Miss Africa Queen 2000*



*2000 Pageant Participants
Dallas, Texas*

ENTERTAINMENT

When AAA was formed, we promised our people that we were about a new way of doing things with an attitude that had Africans of first generation at heart. The last three conventions have been about quality and professionalism, two areas in which AAA refuses to cut corners. The New Orleans Splash 2003 promises to be another well-organized and well-planned event, this time during the spring and away from the heat of summer. This will mean a more pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere for convention participants.



The **Hotel-Inter-Continental New Orleans** is a self-contained hotel with everything to offer its guests. The hotel combines hospitality with the glamour and excitement of the city. There are a limited number of rooms available for this convention, and they are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. In order to reserve a room, please contact the Hotel Inter-Continental Reservations Desk at (504) 525-5566 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. seven (7) days a week. Regular room rates are \$105 per night for May 19-30.

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

As soon as our contract with Delta Airlines is finalized, we will publish the booking number. Information concerning AAA's appropriate travel agent will be posted on our website in the near future. Meanwhile, there are a number of special offers for New Orleans that you might check out. Don't wait until the last minute to book because holidays are frequently sold out early. Since 2003 represents New Orleans' Bicentennial, expect an early sellout. It never pays to delay!

We had a great time in Las Vegas at the Flamingo with DJ Mondy, AAA's Vice-President and Entertainment Director. For New Orleans we are planning a program of music and entertainment that is sure to delight every convention participant and will be second to none. Negotiations are under way with renowned African music artists who will bring the live sounds of the 21st century to the Hotel Inter-Continental. The featured artist will be announced at a later date once the negotiations have been finalized. New Orleans will be the dream of a life time!

Think Tank Forum

This committee is chaired by Mr. Samuel Omwenga, Esq. The main purpose of the Think Tank is to assist AAA in *delivering* or *facilitating the delivery of* services that address specific needs of the African community in the Diaspora and in Africa. A secondary and concurrent purpose is to contribute to the efforts aimed at improving the quality of life for all minorities.

Think Tank Forum topics will be led by a number of experts and researchers who will bring to us data that will help the participants to support the proposition that **the federating of African countries into one democratic government is the only framework for providing meaningful existence for the almost 850 million Africans.**

During the convention, the Forum will feature debates and dialogue on the following topics:

1. Governance and Political Process in Africa
2. Relevant Education Systems in Africa
3. Ethics and the Rule of Law
4. Economic Systems and Poverty in Africa
5. Defense/Military System and Protection of Civilians
6. The Framework for One African Democratic Government
7. Immigration/Culture/Affordable Legal Counsel
8. Women and Their Role in Governance
9. A Relevant Health System
10. Management of Resources/Technology
11. Public Education and the Instruction of Immigrant Communities in the USA.
12. Growing Up in America Under Immigrant Parents

If you would like to present on any of the above topics, please send an electronic abstract to us, preferably by e-mail no later than **January 30, 2003**. You must be registered for the convention in order to present. Your paper must be researched and based on valid data. It must also be practical, factual and related to providing strategies and effective practices for the unification and emancipation of Africa. It must be non-confrontational but academically and philosophically engaging and you must formulate a position. Find more information at www.aauainc.com.

The Fashion Show

If you love styles that can tease any figure to its best, the AAA Fashion Show is going to be a real tease and treat all in one! For you who were in Las Vegas remember the elegance of the African wear; this time all of Africa will be on display. With the support of AUSA, Inc., the show will be a sellout. After the show, you will "end your endless searches in the malls..." We're going to display fashions with sass, talent and skills. Included will be the Men's Suits for the "dressed-to-impress" man and the "cool-and-conservative" man as well as evening attire made from our own exotic African materials. We have men's and women's attire made in lubugo materials, corduroy, and denim. Styles for all seasons for the northern hemisphere as well as winter jackets of different lengths. For those in the southern hemisphere, we will have swim wear with an African appeal. The rest will be a marvelous surprise to see. All catwalks lead to New Orleans. If you want to have your materials displayed, now is the time to contact Eddie Namugerwa at 24 Berkeley Street, Newton, MA 02465. Or call Eddie at (617) 407-5713.

SUNDAY POOLSIDE PARTY

On Sunday, May 25, AAA will hold a poolside party for all AAA convention attendees. If the sun is hot, you can cool down by the water. Don't forget to pack your smartest swimsuit! And how does a cash bar sound? It will be a wet and wild afternoon for all come May 25!

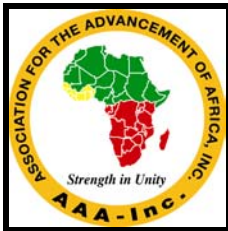
We are negotiating with a Cruise Line for a special time in the New Orleans' cool waters. Only time will tell as we make plans that will give you the best and long lasting memories! For those of you who were in Miami, this could be another calm sail.

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OF ALL AFRICANS**



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2003

- Registration 8:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.
- Reception 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2003

- Registration 8:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.
- Think Tank Breakfast 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
- Think Tank Forums 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Vending Opens 9:00 a.m.—12:00 midnight
- Think Tank Lunch 12:30 p.m.—1:15 p.m.
- Art Exhibit 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
- Think Tank Dinner 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
- All-Night Entertainment 9:00 p.m.—4:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2003

- Registration 8:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.
- Vending Continues 9:00 a.m.—12:00 midnight
- Opening Assembly 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Fashion Show 8:15 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
- Beauty Pageant (Round 1) 9:45 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
- All-Night Entertainment 11:00 p.m.—4:00 a.m.

CHILD CARE DURING CONVENTION

Convention attendees who wish to bring children to the convention will be responsible for arranging their own child care. Parents will negotiate babysitting times and prices directly with their chosen child care worker.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2003

- Registration 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Breakfast 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
- Workshops/Seminars 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- Lunch 12:30 p.m.—1:15 p.m.
- Featured Music Artist 7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
- All-Night Entertainment 11:00 p.m.—4:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2003

- Breakfast 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
- Special Interest Groups 9:00 a.m.—11:00 midnight
- Poolside Party 11:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Formal Banquet 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Beauty Pageant (Round 2) 8:15 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
- All-Night Entertainment 10:00 p.m.—4:00 a.m.

VENDING OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to set up a vending booth during the convention, please call Carol Otengho at (510) 784-2337 for a vending application. Or visit our web site to print the vending application and mail it with your check, money order, or Visa/MasterCard information to AAA, Inc., c/o Registration Coordinator, P. O. Box 3691, Hayward, CA 94540-3691. Availability limited to first-come, first-served. No booths will be reserved until payment has been received in full.