Reawakening the African Genius Mind
Presents
The Haitian Revolution:
A History that no White Institution wants you to learn
“The only successful slave revolution of world history and a Black one at that.”
-Baba Jacob Carruthers

Our children will never know who they really are until they learn about how we resisted and continue to resist becoming what we are not, slaves of the Europeans.

“Our has been… a tradition of resistance so secret that even we have been unaware of it. The Black man appearing so dumb that he couldn’t understand the simple job the white boss explained to him; the black man always breaking the hoe, broom, shovel and claiming surprise that he’d done it; the black man shuffling, murdering the time away; the black man speaking English upside down to keep from understanding, to block communication that would further enslave him; the black man discovering boll weevils and transplanting them from cotton patch; the black man blowing snot in the white folks’ tapioca and pissing in the tea and coffee and stirring spit into the roast beef and chicken gravy; black hands on tiny white hands, quick on little white bottoms.
-John Williams (Baruti. Asafo p. 226)

The small island called Saint Dominique(Haiti) produced more wealth for France then all of Brazil produced for Portugal. So much wealth was accumulated that France set up a system of working enslaved Africans to death in 6 years or less.

“The god of the white man inspires him to crime. But our God who is good to us orders to revenge our wrongs. He will direct our arms and aid us. Throw away the image of the white man’s god and listen to Liberty which speaks in all our hearts”
-Dutty Boukman, calling on Ogun before war, August 14, 1791

“We must take the unequivocal position that if the Black race is to perish, the world must perish with us. Blood debts must be repaid in blood. We must never accept money and privileges as repayment for the mistreatment of our people. The past Black generations who suffer for no other reason than the color of their skin must be avenged not because of hate but for justice.”
-Dutty Boukman, 1791

“Conquer or Die”
-Dutty Boukman

Africans being deceived by a false sense of freedom were being wiped out by the plan of the French government under the leadership of General Rochambeau.
Rochambeau had:
1. Brought man-eating dogs who devoured Blacks for the sport of whites.
2. Murdered and tortured thousands of Blacks of all ages and both sexes in cold blood
3. Vowed that when he got Jean-Jacques Dessalines he would not honor him by execution of firing squad or even hanging but would whip him to death as a slave deserves.
4. **Advocated and planned to exterminate all Blacks over the age of 10 and start slavery again with Black children.** (Carruthers p. 94)

“You must become like your natural enemies cruel and merciless”
- Jean-Jacques Dessalines leader of the Haitian Revolution

“It is necessary to deprive an inhuman government which has hitherto held our minds in a state of the most humiliating turpitude of every home of being enabled again to enslave us.” – Dessalines
(Rainsford p. 422)

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Dessalines “The Executioner”
Army of Independence
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The ultimate aspect of this concept of total warfare was in the ability of the Blacks to wage war with the same level of intensity that the enemy was waging it. It was not enough to demonstrate military superiority and gentlemanly conduct as to Toussaint always did. **A war of terror against the oppressors must be waged.** Rochambeau (White general of the French army after Napoleon) arbitrarily murdered and tortured Blacks and mulattoes throughout his tenure.

Dessalines returned tit for tat. **One morning after Rochambeau had brutally and savagely butchered 500 Black prisoners- of- war in frustration over losing a battle, Dessalines hung 500 French officers in plain sight of the French army.** When Rochambeau imported man-eating dogs to help exterminate the Blacks, Dessalines pledged that he would make the French eat the dogs. And indeed, Dessaline besieged the city where the dogs were kept and soon the French ran out of food and were forced to eat the dogs. (And they are mad at Micheal Vick)

Rochambeau had proclaimed that when he caught Dessalines he would not hang or shoot him as a man but would whip him to death as a slave. In the end, however, it was Rochambeau who trembled like a coward. (Carruthers p 82) According to one story Dessalines and six other warriors snuck into Rochambeau’s tent at night and removed his thumb, pointer finger, and tongue. Rochambeau was forced to return to France and had no way to explain what had been done to him. He could not write nor talk.
“As lovers of their own people (Africans), Boukman and Dessalines were courageous enough to grasp reality and embrace a course of action that was both necessary and sufficient for Black liberation. The spirit of vengeance was necessary to obtain liberty. Revenge in this sense combined the rational decision to destroy oppression by any means necessary with an affective commitment that mobilizes the courage and concentration with which to carry the program through.” (Carruthers p.83)

“Cast round your eyes on every part of this land! Seek there your wives, your husbands, your brothers, your sisters! What did I say? Seek your children – your children at the breast! What has become of them? I shudder to tell it – the prey of vultures. Instead of these… tigers still covered with their blood, and whose terrifying presence reproaches you for your insensibility, and your guilty tardiness to avenge them.” - Dessalines (Rainsford pp. 443-444)

“Swear then to live free and independent and to prefer death to everything that would lead to replace you under the yoke; swear then to pursue for everlasting, the traitors, and enemies of your independence.” - Dessalines (Carruthers p.80)

“Dessalines was explained by white people, his enemies, as someone who identified as an African and despite the fact he was born in Haiti he practiced African culture. Victor Schoeler wrote, “He (Dessalines) did not wish to borrow anything from the whites. He repelled all civilization; he would not consent to learn anything beyond rudely making some mark which represented his name. He affected to speak only Creole, (A mixture of French and African languages) and not to understand French; and although born in Saint Domingo (Haiti) he vaunted himself as being only “A savage African” (Colonies Etrangeres et Haiti, 1843 cited in Steward p. 231)

Toussaint and his armies beat the Spanish and Dessalines and his armies defeated 40,000 French troops. Haiti became a free Independent Nation January 4, 1804. Dessalines renamed the island called Saint Dominique back to what the Native people, The Chemes, of the island who had been annihilated called it, Haiti—“the high place”—and should stand as an example to all African people around the world that we can get free and only we can free ourselves. Dessallines put into law no white people would control the land of Haiti and this held true for 110 years until America attacked Haiti. European nations including America declared Haiti would be the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere. To this day Haiti has not been able to control its own government. The Duvalier’s Papa Doc and Baby Doc were put in power by America and Aristide who was elected democratically twice was overthrown by America through the CIA.

More names to research: Christophe, San Souci, LeClerc, Marie Jean Lamartiniere.

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