

TONY BROWN'S COMMENTS

Brown Set to Finish Manuscript for First Book

By Tony Brown

This column is a hello to 1994 and a goodbye for a short time to the readers who respond to it each week. Of course, I hope you will keep up with me on public television (PBS) each week.

I have had to make a number of changes in order to finish the manuscript for my first book. The title is "No White Lies, No Black Lies, Only The Truth" and my publisher and I hope to have it in the book stores by February of 1995.

That's why I must finish it by April (or May?) and I am now going around the clock—thinking, researching, writing, etc.

When I resume the column, I'll tell you all about the contents. Be assured that the readers of this column will know firsthand the who's and what's of the book and why time is running out on all of us.

I leave you at a time when another of President Clinton's sexual escapades is on the front pages of the nation's newspapers and on the lips of

voters who once again are forced to question his character and integrity.

What might really get him in legal trouble, however, is not his sex life, which to some extent is his own business, but the Whitewater S&L scandal.

The suspicion, of course, is that "in return for campaign contributions and other financial favors, Clinton used political influence to keep a shaky savings and loan afloat while it was milked of money, sticking taxpayers with the tab through federal deposit insurance," *The Wall Street Journal* reported. We're talking about a \$60 million "tab"—a heist of federal money.

Of course, Bill and Hillary's actions back in Arkansas will be closely scrutinized to find out if they are the crooks it is being whispered they are. On the sex front, *The American Spectator* magazine and *The Los Angeles Times* are not leaving much to our imagination—especially the *Spectator*.

By now you've heard the salacious details of oral car sex and around the clock sex with

judge's wives, singers, television reporters and department store clerks in David Brock's story.

But a couple of items from the story never repeated in the media deal with Clinton's alleged comments on Blacks.

According to the story, Clinton bragged to his Arkansas state trooper security guard that it was simple to get elected and reelected governor. His strategy, Clinton is reported to have said, was simply to keep the Blacks on the plantation. The rest would take care of itself.

Blacks gave him all of

their votes, that amounts to 18 percent in an Arkansas state election. That automatically seals the election because "that means his (Clinton's) opponent had to get his 51 percent out of 82 percent of the White vote, the state trooper said.

Clinton learned well because he manipulated the Black vote nationally and it put him into The White House.

For the more rabid details, you can write *The American Spectator*, P.O. Box 549, Arlington, VA 22216-0549 for reprints of "Living With The Clinton's" (\$5 each).

There is a section on Hillary's alleged extramarital activities that I won't comment on here.

Well, that's the last of my comments for a few months. Be well and take care. I'll miss you whether you agree with me or not.

And continue to support our press. I may be back on these pages before April on a temporary basis, time permitting.

Tony Brown's Journal television series can be seen on your local public television station, (PBS).

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MLK Holiday: A Time for Sharing

By Bernice Powell-Jackson

I sometimes refer to myself as a Brown vs Board of Education baby, to remind myself of the changes I have seen in my lifetime. Growing up in the Nation's Capital, I was scheduled to attend one of the segregated kindergartens of that city.

But during the summer before school began, the Brown decision changed all of that. Those of us over the age of 30 are intensely aware of the changes we have seen in our lifetime.

We know first-hand what the segregated world was like. We remember what it felt like not to be able to stop at a restaurant or a rest room on a long automobile trip. We know what it meant not to be able to get any job we wanted, despite our education or background.

We remember when there was no Congressional Black Caucus, when no major cities had African American mayors, indeed when many African Americans were denied the right even to vote.

But for young people that world is history. It is difficult for many of them to understand the emotional and physical toll that living in that world took on African Americans.

It is hard for them to imagine what it felt like not to be hired for a job or to be paid at a lower wage. They cannot understand easily the significance of the historically black colleges which were the only higher education option for most.

They cannot imagine what it was like not being able to try on clothes you wanted to purchase or not being able to get a cool drink of water on a

hot day.

That is the real significance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. It is a time for remembering and for sharing that memory with our young people and our children.

In order for them not to take for granted living wherever they want, attending whatever school they have the ability and funds to attend or working at whatever job they are qualified for, they must understand their not-so-distant history.

If they are to understand the importance of voting, they must understand what it was like when we couldn't.

But the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday must be more than memories. It must become a time of rededication and revisioning because the times we are living in are more dangerous to our survival than any time since we arrived unwillingly on these shores.

Our children are killing each other. Our men and women, our babies are dying of AIDS. Children 10 and 11 years old are planning their funerals. Children are having children.

Mothers, hooked on crack, are abandoning their babies. Fathers have given up any hope of jobs in their lifetime. Our ancestors, who survived the Middle Passage, who survived the horrors of slavery, who survived lynchings and Jim Crow laws, cry out to us. Martin Luther King, Jr., the champion of peace, cries out to us.

We in the Commission for Racial Justice use this occasion, after more than a quarter-century of work, to rededicate ourselves to continuing the

struggle for racial justice in this country and the world.

My predecessors, Dr. Charles E. Cobb, Sr. and Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. have left a rich legacy for me as I take over the helm of the Commission and for our staff as we begin our new journey together. We thank them for that.

We rededicated ourselves to work tirelessly to help end the violence which is destroying our communities. We say enough. We say enough of the violence which is killing innocent children, which is destroying a generation of our young men.

We want to find ways to enable churches and community organizations to take back our children, to steal them from death's grasp and to give them life and hope—hope for a future which includes them, hope for the world which Martin Luther King, Jr. dared to dream.

We rededicated ourselves to work tirelessly around upbuilding the health and wellness of our communities. Our health care needs parallel those of undeveloped countries. If our young men survive the violence, they face higher mortality rates in adulthood.

We face higher incidences of cancer, heart disease, hypertension, alcoholism and drug addiction. Our babies are more likely to die.

AIDS is rampaging through our communities. Toxic wastes continue to be dumped on our communities and we are unhealthy from living next to these deadly chemicals. The Commission for Racial Justice will work harder than ever on health and wellness issues.

As we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., we in the Commission for Racial Justice rededicate ourselves. And we ask you to join with us in the struggle. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks would demand no less.



Ranger, the first U.S. aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Virginia in 1933.

Words of Life

You grow up the day you have the first real laugh—at yourself.

—Ethel Barrymore

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