

Intercontinent Press has the most extensive reporting from 1980 on on Maurice Bishop. ~~THE INTERVIEW~~ The interview with Bishop on Aug. 4, 1980 divides ~~THE~~ America's opposition to Latin America into 3 circles, the 1st of which is Cuba, as the vanguard; Nicaragua as central to all of Central America; and Grenada, both because of controlling the sea lanes and especially because of what it means to all the English-speaking Caribbean nations. In the 2nd circle he puts Jamaica, when Manley was the head, Guyana, Saint Lucia, Surinam and El Salvador. In the 3rd circle he puts in all progressive forces. One of the interesting parts of that interview was that, even though not raised by him but by Steve Clark of the IP was reference to Lenin about the imperialists often telling the truth in little ~~things~~ things so they can lie in the really big ones.

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The interesting talk and nearer to our period is the one copied from the British Socialist Action -- June 13, 1983 -- where Bishop tries to sum up what has happened these 3 crucial years since the last time he last spoke in London in 1980. Concluding that in the list of crises he had just mentioned "there is another even worse phenomenon facing the world. This new crisis is called Ronald Reagan -- the greatest disaster to hit mankind since Hitler. One of the reasons RR is so blue mad at Grenada... he has seen us go forward" and after mentioning many of the reforms they had achieved he says especially "5.5% economic growth rate in stark contrast to the period of backward and negative growth before the revolution." Then he lists the following: "At the present time there are 77 warships and over 300 aircraft

maneuvers off Grenada ... Our airspace is almost daily
ed; 5 unidentified warships have invaded our territorial

...".
The New Jewel Movement was ^{born} ~~here~~ in March 1973, resulting
merger of the Jewel Movement and MAP, that began demanding
independence, land reform and better conditions of labor
resulted in a General Strike in 1974. They continued the
for 6 long years, culminating in the overthrow of the
t and repressive
administration while Bairy was in the U.S. It occurred
ss than 12 hours." And in a week, 3/20, mass meetings
000 in each of the 2 major cities heard Bishop declare
to be the People's Revolutionary Government.

Village Voice

ly the best interview with Bishop appeared in the
Village Voice when Bishop was in the U.S. He was here May 31 to
10, had been invited by Trans-Africa and the Congressional
s who made a dinner for him which 1000 people attended.
also in Detroit with the Council for breakfast and in
he met with both the Secretary General of the OAS and the
cretary General and in Washington, D.C. he met with some
Administration. The most exciting, however, was on
5 at a rally at Hunter College attended by 2500, mostly
and 100s were turned away because the auditorium would
old more. They heard a 2 hour speech.

In written form, however, it is the interview in
Village Voice which is the most important and from which
I quote.

where he was in the US
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P: There is every prospect that this Administration could
to direct intervention ... it is true that they could
re the island, but they would discover that they also
to populate the island afterward ... He, however,
not think that was likely; but the more likely was a
f Pigs operation, use of counter-revolutionaries with
tical backing of the U.S. When he came to state what
evolution's goal's had been, he singled out as the most
tant: "People are now involved in running the country,
king decisions...in terms of our path ~~is~~ of socialist
tation, there is a political essence -- rule by the
ng people ...

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Paper

The most interesting part was the way he explained
consciousness and what to do when the mass media still
of just one national paper. But for all other things there
a "media Mafia." "So we have been trying to develop
ers at the level of organization. Women have their own
per called Scottilda, the youth have Right, the armed
have Raidon for a revolutionary hero who led the first
lave insurrection, 1795-1797..." He proceeded to
the farmers' paper, the media workers' paper, etc.
he got through naming them it turned out there were 14
compared to but one before the revolution. The
national newspaper is Free West India which I have
in its columns. We tried to tell the people to
own consciousness."

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b 401 // The vision & poet is not economics or politics, it is

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Q E. Louis (Sketches) // Césaire's Negritude, 1938
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"The W's: more & more Western-educated"

Arthur Andrew ... 1937- ... of old men - men

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May 17, 1984

Lou: Notes on points to be made to Tony Martin:

Whereas the acknowledgement of receipt of the Pan African Connection can be very friendly and contain a definite promise that you will review it sometime in the Fall, it should also the need for a more comprehensive view of CLR James. In fact, you can express surprise that, though JFT is mentioned, it is only J's and not F's position that is ever referred to and it depends upon incomplete material of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ that 15 year "connection" of J and F.

Therefore, you're glad to tell him that RD Collection at WSU costs only \$60 and you are enclosing herewith a Guide and call attention to the fact that there are at least 4 different sections directly on the Black dimension, directly on CLRJ: p. 10, Section III, 1944-46 "The Negro Question and the Writings of Johnson and Forest" which makes you anxious to single out two debates that RD had with Ernest Rice McKinney (Comrade Coolidge),

Then there are pages 18 to 19, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, which include other matters of the RD Collection such as CD's IH, Koinange's People of Kenya..., plus RD's TW column.

(It is during the period of the JFT split.)

Thirdly, on p. 26, there is the whole record of the Africa Year 1962. (by the way, what was exciting to me was that one of the articles was presented in Presence Africaine which relates an interview she had with Senghor on Marxist-Humanism ~~XXX~~ which is quoted on p. 181 of the book called Leopold Sedar Senghor and the Politics of Negritude by Irving Leonard Markovitz.

Finally of interest in the Archives on the Black Dimension is the material on p. 32, where the Black/Red Conference of 1/12/69 contains both Denby and Raya.

There is plenty that is missing from that Collection which dates only from 1941 when they had a common point of view on state-capitalism, but in fact she has been an activist in Chicago in the Black world since her arrival in this country in the 1920s and was present ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ at the founding of the American ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Labor Conference in 1925.

Negro
and was a journalist for the Negro Champion. Whereas she herself has no documents of the period, a whiff of those young years can be gained from a fairly recent interview she had with Cedric Robinson at Santa Barbara UC, and which is available on videotape. You believe she may have a transcript of it.

Lou, I believe you could end that part of the letter with something like this: Frankly, Tony Martin, I'm amazed at all the specialists on Garvey and on ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Black Marxism have managed to make as much of an unperson of RD as have the official Stalinists ever since she was Trotsky's Secretary in Coyoacan.

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From: RACE FIRST (The Ideological and Organizational Struggles of Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association), by TONY MARTIN (Greenwood Press, Westport Conn. and London, England, 1976).

(p. 252) He (Garvey) explained that Lenin represented the class that comprised the majority of mankind. He continued,

Therefore Lenin stands out greater than all because he was the representative of a larger number of people. Not only the peasantry of ~~Russia~~ Russia mourn for Lenin at this hour, but the ~~peasantry~~ peasantry of all of Europe, the peasantry of the whole world mourn for Lenin, because he was their leader. And we also, as Negroes, mourn for Lenin. Not one but the four hundred millions of us should mourn over the death of this great man, because Russia promised great hope not only to Negroes but to the weaker peoples of the world. Russia through her social democratic system promised a revolution to the world that would truly and indeed emancipate the souls of men everywhere. Negroes have not yet gotten to realize the effect of certain world changes. We of the Universal Negro Improvement Association who lead have ~~studied~~ studied carefully and keenly the activities of Lenin and Trotsky. We have never before committed ourselves to any public opinion as touching the system of government now existing in Russia because we did not believe it wise. The social democratic soviet government of Russia is not yet recognised by all the other governments of the world. Only a few recognised governments have recognised Russia. The governments of the capitalist class, the governments of the privileged class have refused to recognise Russia as a government. They are still seeking and hoping that another revolution will be enacted in Russia that will take the power and control of government out of the hands

of the peasantry and pass it back into the hands of the privileged class. At that hour all the other governments not yet recognising Russia will recognise her government. But we of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, as I said, had our own opinion and our own idea in the matter of the new government of Russia. And it is without any hesitancy, without any reserve, we could not but favor the existence of a social democratic government in Russia or in any other part of the world, because we are of the class that rules in Russia and naturally our sympathy should be with the people who feel with us, who suffer with us. 107

ftn. 107: Negro World, February 2, 1924. Editor T. Thomas Fortune did not share Garvey's views. Ibid.

(It is noted in the para. before this quote that Garvey's lengthy speech at Liberty Hall on the occasion of Lenin's death in 1924, Jan. was entitled, "The Passing of Russia's Great Man.")