

Guatemala



Class Black Philosophies
30 April 1969

Guatemala → City: 1/2 million
over half in slums

4 1/2 million {
60% Indian, mostly not Spanish speaking
20% Ladinos: Indians, westernized
Indians mixed with whites
12% Caucasians: sp. speaking
2% Chinese, blacks } literate
sp. speaking
70% illiterate

Army: 90% pure Indian, 10% officers: pure whites
Alliance for Progress

to keep L.Am. as consumers
to keep US as producers

Guatemala coffee, banana, cattle, cotton
by families export it

how gov't controls masses:
terror of leaders
draft by kidnap

townworkers
unions equated
with Communist

Political parties all formed toward maintaining middle class

Catholic Church: growing strength
Missionary - soldiers

many
Spaniards & American support

Church as landowner

Superstition encouraged

Church keeps Indians
lottery at church
tells 'em it's God's gov't



1823

Monroe Doctrine

no bar to U.S. ambitions

1824 Cuba, Puerto Rico

1833 Falkland Is. off Argentina }
British took over - US helps } forgot Monroe Doctrine

1836 British took over Honduras, Guatemala
US help

US attacked Mexico & took "Texas" to Calif.
1/2 territory, richest part

~~1840-1860 American in Mexico, Nicaragua, etc.~~

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=> attack by marines, etc.

1901

Annex Puerto Rico

intervention in Cuba: set up as "repub."

Guantanamo Bay \$2000/yr. forever

Teddy Roosevelt fomented a revol'n in Colombia:
Panama, promise, succeeded & US recognize
it & watches canal built

American enterprise controls local & nat'l govt....
American govt protects American investments

eg United Fruit Company gets US to do
off Arbenz; who U.F.C.

buy their way into everything
Days is Communist

Nationalist feelings are so low;

1) Janon

- ✓ colonies start out as places for raw materials
- ✓ surplus goods in US production need to be consumed so I will more growth in U.S.

decided 2nd purpose more important $\Rightarrow$ neo-colonialism
 & polit. "indep."

{ develop "needs" for items really not needed; $\Rightarrow$ market
 { keep countries unable to produce consumer items

2) Black Bourgeoisie: black capitalism

Crisis of Hg Intel.
Bd Protest

individualism $\neq$ group action

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majority of people in ghettos can gradually integrate out
businessmen (hookies) will give \$ to do this, since they're
not entirely profit-motivated - more
long-term profit-oriented

- Constitution will protect blacks from total exploitation

Con: sps who've made it: Indie Jews Mafia } must be sps

3) Neo Marxist: Baran & Sweezy

- position of blks as a group has worsened w/rt standard of living + moving to N. with worse conditions in blks
- decrease in blk skilled workers in last 100 yrs:
 - with strong unions + fewer blks in S.
- co-optation: of blks, tokenism
- leave out value system of blks
 - full human rights; workers; one culture

4. Du Bois

capitalism failed

- blacks buy a lot of US produce
- { Countervailing power * build up a big consumer union + buy at lower prices
- *** set up cooperatives
- pool funds made thus $\Rightarrow$ production
- saw diff'ce betw. production cost + selling price as exploitation of labor

Bl. Eco. Dev. Conf. cooperatives help nationalism

but do not challenge fundamental contradictions of capitalism

levers to power structure: honkies use these

1. accumulated assets
 2. Corporate assets
 3. Milit. investm'ts
 4. State, local, nat'l gov't
 5. organized labor
 6. Organized crime syndicate
- use this to mollify honkies
- mass media
 - racist ideology

Cities too disparate for blacks to use for cooperative ventures
too vulnerable
" impoverished }

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Colonialism
culture depressed → ^{but} can't do a thorough job
make people live only for today: not past, future
all alone - each indiv., generation

To rebuild culture

find past
reintegrate it to fit into present situation
New synthesis: for ourselves

fight for a nation is deepest expression of nat'l culture
Fanon →

{ = this nat'listic fight look out
for neo-colonialism: West Africa
elsewhere

