

TOMMERS

The greatest menace to the black freedom struggle of our day is the "Uncle Tom." Historically these no good black traitors have hindered our struggle, worked for the white man, spread ignorance and confusion amongst our ranks, and generally made a nuisance of themselves. Today, the Uncle Tom is as active as ever, and one of the first tasks of our struggle, is that of identifying these malicious rats and destroying their influence.

In the old days it was easy to spot a Tom. He was the fellow who was always shuffling around behind Charlie, dancing and scratching his head. Whenever, Charlie called, "boy!" Tom came running. He would throw a "sixty four" tooth grin, into Charlie's face and say, "Yessuh boss, what kin ah do fo you boss? Tom was the one who always told black militants, "Y'all better leave Mistah Charlie alone. He's treating us real nice "And whenever a mob of drink crazed white racists lynched one of our brothers, Tom always had something to do with it.

There aren't too many of the old style Toms around, grinning and shuffling, dancing and playing the jute harp any more. The grinning Tom of the past is gone forever. He doesn't fool anybody anymore, and they don't seem to live very long nowadays --for some reason or other. Therefore, the white man has no use for the old style Uncle Tom.

But this doesn't mean that all Uncle Toms have gone out of existence. Charlie has just cleaned Tom up. Big Charlie took Tom, washed him up, put him in a Brooks Brother's suit, put a few big words in his mouth, gave him a college education and turned him loose in the ghetto and told him to "lead" the rest of us black folks. So nowadays we got a whole bunch of so-called "educated" Toms running around calling themselves responsible leaders." We all know that in reality most of these "leaders" are really just old Toms in new shoes.

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Just as the world has grown more complicated. Toms have gotten more complicated and confusing. Instead of one type of Tom grinning and dancing, we got a whole slew of different kinds of Toms. We got so many different Toms, that it's hard to keep track of them all. We got "Toms" here and "Toms" there. We got some fools "Tomin" in the white house. We got others "Tomin" in the State Department, and white says he is going to get some big time "NIGGA" to start Tomin on the presidents cabinet. We got Toms all over the place -- big Toms, little Toms, smart Alec Toms, super dumb Toms--there don't seem to be no end to the different bags Toms are coming out of nowadays. Toms are getting so high faulting and complicated nowadays, that it has become necessary to develop a system to classify them so that when a brother meets a Tom coming out of some funny time bag, he will know right away just what kind of Tom this fool is.

There are three basic types of Toms that we have to deal with. First of all, there are "out of sight." Uncle Toms. There are super Toms. A good example of an out of sight Uncle Tom is Moise Tshombe of the Congo. This is a "Tom" so out of sight that he hired white racist thug mercenary crooks from Rhodesia and South Africa to beat, shoot and murder his own people. This is a "Tom" who seeks to have freedom stripped from the Congo and who wishes to see the Congolese people put under the iron heel of Belgium and America white imperialist slavery. This is a Tom who ordered the murder of the Congo's greatest patriot and leader, the late Patrice Lumumba. Moise Tshombe an "Out of Sight" Uncle Tom! WE got another out of sight Tom right here in Detroit. His name is Rev. Ray Shoulders. Shoulders is the traitor who led a bunch of his deluded followers over to the Azzam Market when black freedom fighters were picketing the establishment because Azzam had shot and killed a 21 year old black youth--for nothing: Shoulders did not come join the picket line. He came to break it! He led his followers through the line, went into the store and started shopping!!! More recently Shoulders called for a moratorium on all Civil Rights demonstrations, and then called for the Detroit Police to "stop using kid gloves," on black brothers and sisters (like they ever have) and to start cracking more heads. Ray Shoulders is an "Out of Sight" Uncle Tom!! The out of sight, Uncle Toms are so super bold, that it's hard to "see" how anybody could possibly be so foul. That's why we call them out of sight.

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The next kind of Tom is the "off the wall" Tom. These Toms aren't quite as bad as the "out of sight" Toms, but they are still pretty bad. These Toms usually come up with some kind of ridiculous, illogical, nonsensical, no-sense-making off the wall philosophy which is supposed to bring freedom to the black man. Martin Luther King is a "off the wall" Tom, and that non-violence stuff is his "off the wall" philosophy. Any fool can plainly see that being non-violent in the face of these brutal, racist Nazi minded white recists won't bring you anything except lumps and cuts. In fact, that's all any of us got from it--- except King. King got rich and famous off of our INJURIES. The white man showers King with prestige and prizes, not because King is leading us toward freedom, but because he got Black folks believing in this non-violence, "turn the other cheek-ism". While white racist thugs beat up on our women and children. That was quite an accomplishment for King, but it didn't do a damn thing for us except get us hurt. King is our biggest off the wall Tom and that "non-violence" junk is some "off the wall" double talking garbage.

There are a lot of "off the wall" Toms around. Most of our well known "respectable" civil rights "leaders" are "off the wall" Toms. James Farmer, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Jr. and all those other guys that the white man call "responsible Negro leaders" are really "responsible" to the white power structure instead of the black masses. It is obvious that they are really nothing but a bunch of "Off The Wall Uncle Toms!!!"

The third group of Uncle Toms is the "sneaky" group. In many ways these Toms are the most dangerous of all. It's not as easy to spot a "sneaky" Tom. They don't come up with those "off the wall" and "out of sight" positions like those other "Negro leaders." These sneaky Negroes talk about the Black Revolution; and that's what makes them so dangerous! The sneaky Tom is full of good talk, but he'll stab you in the back in a minute. These Toms always want to get Negroes involved in fabulous plans, "black businesses", and the like, but they never get anything done. They never have a program that makes sense. They never sit themselves to really working hard to build a really strong and militant organization. They shout about "black" this and "black" that, but they are really just out to push for themselves. They do a lot of big talking about what they are going

to do, but if they get a chance to make a little money, or to get a little publicity, they will negate all the principles they once expoused, and they will sell their followers down the drain in a minute. They are adventurist opportunists. They confuse issues, they alienate good brothers, and in the final analysis, they turn out to be the most malicious enemies, the most treacherous traitors to the struggle.

There are a bunch of sneaky Toms out on the West Coast. These sneaks ran around talking about "going back to Africa," about how bad the white man is, etc. Come election time, these no good sneaky Toms went into the black ghetto and campaigned FOR Barry Goldwater!!! Now we had some "out of sight" Toms" campaigning for that hillbilly Johnson, but.....Barry Goldwater!!! ? Now those are some no good sneaky Toms!!!

We got a bunch of no good opportunistic sneaky Toms right here in Detroit. Most of them were in the Freedom Now Party last year. They did a lot of talking about black political power, but they spent most of their time trying to prevent black workers from having any power inside the F.N.P. They consistently refused to except any half-way radical program in their party platform and finally ended up capitulating to the white power structure by calling themselves the "Freedom Democratic Party" in the election campaign. They turned out to be a bunch of opportunistic adventurists. Some of them are running for common council in this election on the same kind of stupid meaningless platforms they pushed in F.N.P....the no good sneaky Toms!!

Most Uncle Toms are petty bourgeois finks who don't even work for a living. You find that there are a lot of Uncle Tom preachers, doctors, lawyers, schoolteachers and the like. These "educated" Negroes (most of whom got "educated" because they are Toms) feel that the white man hasn't given them a big enough slice of the sweet pie of black exploitation. Therefore, when they talk about "freedom" they mean they want to be free to exploit us as ruthlessly as big Charlie does.

Besides coming in three basic types, Uncle Toms are found to exist (geographically) in three basic scopes. Some of them do their Tom in their local cities and states. These are "local" Toms. Of course, you find all three types of local Toms. You got local "out of sight" Toms, local "off the wall" Toms, etc. Next there are the national Toms. These characters

'TOM' CHART

	"OUT OF SIGHT"	"OFF THE WALL"	"SNEAKY"
INTERNATIONAL	TSHOMBE KARL ROWAN	REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING	WILLIAM WORTHY
NATIONAL	JACKIE ROBINSON SLAMMY DAVIS	ROY WILKINS JAMES FARMER JAMES FOAMEN R. PHILIP RUDOLPH	LEROI JONES DANIEL WATTS
LOCAL	RAY SHOULDERS	NICK "THE HOOD"	REV. ELBERT CLEGG HENRY RICHARD GEORGE CROOKIT MADAM NHU

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practice their evil trade from coast to coast. Finally, we have some international Toms. These Toms go around "Tomin" all over the whole world. There are "out of sight national" Toms, and "sneaky international" Toms and "off the wall local" Toms, etc. Obviously, it can get pretty complicated trying to keep track of all these different kinds of Uncle Toms. To expediate matters, we have prepared a sample "Tom Chart" (shown on the next page) which makes it quite easy to put all Toms in their proper category.

Besides the regular types of Toms, there is a small box in the left hand corner for all miscellaneous, hard to define Toms. This is where the "honest intention Toms", the "ultra decadent Toms", the "faggot Toms", the "no damn good Toms," and the other "misfit Toms" go. We suggest that all the brothers and sisters prepare a blank "Tom chart" and pin it up on your (basement) wall. That way, whenever you meet or hear about some new kind of Tom you can just write him up in his proper square on the chart. Then when our day finally comes, and we get ourselves free from this no good white beast, we will have our day on some of these modern day Uncle Toms.

