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Dear Folks:

As a black journalist who has just recently relocated in San Francisco from Detroit, I was happy to discover your publication, "Ball & Chain" and was wondering what I could do for you or vice versa. I'm working on the Chronicle's "This World" section now. In Detroit I wrote for the Detroit News for three years. At any rate I'm interested in establishing contact with ~~an~~ other b.j.'s in the area and would appreciate it if you'd get in touch. I'm kind of in the process of moving right now but you can probably reach me at: P.O. Box 760, Mill Valley, Calif. or at the Chronicle.

Sincerely,

Alice Beasley

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MAY 27, 1970

Mr Luck Greenlee
Ball + Chain Review
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P. O. Box 6337
Albany Calif

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Dear Sir:

I had the opportunity to attend
your benefit champagne party in honor
of Mr Carl Caldwell.

I hope you can recall our conversation
in regards to back issues of the Ball+Chain
Review, starting from the first issue to
now. From our last conversation you
said that there were at least 7 back
issues.

Could you please send me the 7 back
issues.

Thanking you in advance for your
kind consideration.

Yours Truly
John Corina

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Since this publication is certain to interest both faculty and
students here, and in view of our limited resources, kindly
advise if we may be placed on your free-distribution list. It
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Dear People,

I have just read an account of the Ball and Chain Review in a LNS Broadsheet. Could you possibly send us a couple of sample copies and any information about any other work that you are involved in.

Peace,

Roger Lewis

Roger Lewis

Black Journalists,
Ball and Chain Review,
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*Answered
6/6/70*

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May 16, 1970

Editor
Balb & Chaim
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Dear Editor

Our government's recent refusal to allow Shirley Graham DuBois to enter the United States from her home in Africa is an unconscionable act fraught with grave implications to American freedom.

Mrs. DuBois, widow of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, is a distinguished writer of children's literature as well as a keen student of African affairs. She was invited here to participate in a Black Writers Workshop at Fisk University, Dr. DuBois' alma mater. By training, experience and performance, Mrs. DuBois--a former college professor --was an excellent workshop choice.

Because of her alleged "affiliation with subversive organizations" Mrs. DuBois was not allowed to return to the land of her birth. How absurd and illogical! If our government equates "subversive" with communism, then communists freely enter and travel throughout America every day and lecture to college students besides. Presently, the Soviet Union, with the approval of our government, is establishing permanent consulates in New York and San Francisco. But, of course these "subversives" are white.

This abuse of power is intolerable because Mrs. DuBois has never been convicted of any crime, not even a traffic offense. Moreover, she is not even accused of having committed one single act detrimental to anyone. Simply because a faceless bureaucrat has

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decreed an organization as subversive (whatever that means) this wonderful woman may not visit America. And, upon such flimsy grounds Black students and writers are deprived of the opportunity to exchange ideas with the learned widow of the most profound and important thinker and scholar in the history of Black people.

Thus, the American government has decided which ideas and speakers Black students may hear. In clear, naked violation of the Constitution our government has appointed itself a censor to screen ideas that may be presented to Black people.

There is grave danger in the government's action to everyone who believes that our country may be improved. For if the government has the right to prevent Mrs. DuBois from entering America because of her affiliations, may it not prevent any American from traveling outside or inside the country for the same reason! May not other rights--employment and education--be denied because of affiliations!

The real victims of the government's action are the Fisk students and society, not Mrs. DuBois. Society's right to hear and know different ideas transcends one individual's right to express his ideas. For the free exchange of ideas is the key to social progress. Such impediments deprive Black folk of first-hand knowledge about Africa which is vital in our freedom struggle.

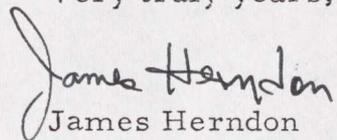
Our government's action is not an isolated incident. It can only be understood in perspective, as part of a world-wide plan to arrest and turn back the struggle by people of African descent to regain their freedom through a unified attack on racism and exploitation.

The act against Mrs. DuBois is merely one aspect of that campaign in America, led by the Nixon Administration, to defeat our struggle and reverse history. It is reflected in the Nixon Administration's attempt to place two racists on the Supreme Court, men who would approve a continuation of American racism, sanction the effort to purge black voters in the South, persecution of black reporters who refuse to

become informers against black activists, the killing and jailing of members of the Black Panther Party, and the denial of freedom of speech to our leaders and thinkers.

The black community must speak out loud and clear against all forms of government censorship before it is too late.

Very truly yours,


James Herndon

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