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# Dick Gregory Blasts CIA In Lecture At Villanova

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The startling claim that the top of the C.I.A. is controlled by former Nazis" who master-minded the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and George Lincoln Rockwell was made last Thursday by Dick Gregory, defeated presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom party.

Gregory explained his curious belief in a press conference preceding a speech on "Black Power and Civil Rights" at Villanova University.

The slightly built, bearded man said he was certain history will prove James Earl Ray was in on the conspiracy and that his life is in danger, as a result of having been caught and endangering the government's secrecy.

"They're gonna git him, too," he said. "The only reason Bobby Kennedy was killed was because he was on to them. He found out the truth about the other assassinations."

Asked how he thought the Nazis had gotten control of the C.I.A., Gregory theorized that "Dulles swallowed up the whole Nazi intelligence after World War II. He promised to leave them free from prosecution if they would go to work for us."

Gregory's hatred of Nazis may be particularly keen because his father was killed in action in 1942. In explaining his philosophy of non-violence, he said plaintively: "I've been all these years without no daddy because of war."

The 36-year-old pacifist was 10 when he lost his father. One of the measures that he favors is payment of a large sum of money to families which have lost a father, plus guaranteed continuing support for any surviving children.

Disappointed at not getting into the White House, Gregory said "I counted on Philadelphia to put me in office."

He received 7,821 votes in Pennsylvania.

Recently, he set himself up as "President-in-Exile" and had himself sworn in to the imaginary office. Plans are made for him to occupy a Black House in Washington. From this rather unusual executive mansion, he will direct a food crusade to end hunger in the United States.

Gregory said he believes hunger is the number one problem in America. He and his wife fast four days a week and give the food savings to a fund that will feed the poor. He has asked young people to join them in this effort.

Thin from fasting, Gregory's general appearance was striking. Some things about his dress are reminiscent of the Civil War period and, like his beard, seem Lincolnesque. He wore a long navy blue double breasted jacket with slanted, flapped pockets. Under it was a grey "body shirt" that emphasized his leanness. Instead of a necktie, he wore an oversized, flowing silk scarf fastened with a slide instead of a knot. His trousers were dove-grey velveteen bell-bottoms which almost hid his ten inch black kid boots. The total effect was neat and pleasing.

Speaking before a predominantly young audience of over 1200 in the Villanova Fieldhouse, Gregory held the students spell-bound for two hours and forty-five minutes and then lingered another half hour for a serious-minded question and answer period.

Gregory told them that next to hunger the country's most pressing internal problem was the American Indian.

"Get that Indian off the reservation," he urged. He said though, that if they tried, there would undoubtedly be some "Uncle Tom-Tom" type Indians (like Uncle Tom Negroes who hold back progress) who would say "Me like-um reservation. Problem come from young bucks."

He said, "We guarantee a foreigner a better way of life than the American Indian. When we become as ashamed of the injustices at home as we are aware of the injustices abroad, America will be truly beautiful."

A question strangers often ask him is "What progress is the NEEEE-gro making?" He said he wished they'd learn to say black instead of Negro.

"We got our first real progress recently down in Texas. We got our first Negro hurricane. They named it Beulah."

Emphasizing that the Negro would make no progress until every minority group made progress, he said he could not enjoy seeing black folks in South Carolina Appalachians getting food stamps "while my white hilly-billy brother stands by looking and he is hungry, too."

He expressed compassion for the Mexican-American and urged the young people present to boycott grapes, grape juice and raisins out of sympathy for the migrant workers in California who are having trouble with the grape industry.

He said that in addition to the ethnic groups mentioned, he wouldn't rest until his Puerto Rican brother, his Jewish brother, all his brothers were treated fairly and allowed to share in the American way of life.

"There's no point in taking democracy abroad when we still don't have it at home. If we did have it here, we wouldn't have to take it elsewhere. It would look so good other countries would want it. If you've got something good, people will steal it."

The most stirring moment in Gregory's lengthy talkathon came when, after asking the students to carry the Declaration of Independence in their pockets, he suddenly began to read from that document. He did not read it, he rang it.

In the high ceilinged fieldhouse, the historic words vibrated through air to the people. Gregory was never more dignified nor fervent. He received a standing ovation, as he did one other time during the evening.

The audience appeared to like and respect him. Afterward, many asked what they could do. He told them, "organize a national union of students" who could be instantly united to back an issue or fight one.

A Villanova student pointed out that they couldn't even unite the 6000 day students at Villanova on an issue, so how were they going to unite all the students in the country?

Gregory said that it might not be possible with the present group because they were learning as they went along; but that the group that was in high school now had already begun its education, and that when the next generation got to college they would already know how to achieve unity. Their common desire for humanitarian ends would unite them.

He said young people are the most morally dedicated and committed group in the country today, and "You've got a big job to do."