

# O Tempora, O Mores!

## Welcome Mat for Illegals

There is a section of Interstate 5, just north of the Mexican border, that is a common crossing point for illegal immigrants. It is eight lanes wide, and 100 illegals have been hit and killed trying to get across. Rather than stop the illegals at the source, the authorities have tried to make it easier for them to cross the highway. They have put up signs warning drivers to watch for sprinting Mexicans, and have installed special flood lights so that drivers can see illegals better at night (see *AR*, March 1991).

This summer, the California Department of Transportation decided to close off the passing lanes and funnel traffic into just two lanes going each way. The idea was that this would slow cars down, and illegals wouldn't have so many lanes to negotiate. The median strip is now flanked by two empty lanes on both sides, and once they make it that far, illegals can



take a siesta before they cross the rest of the way. The word quickly went south, and the number of people making the crossing doubled to 2,000 per day, and is still headed up.

The Border Patrol does not make arrests on the median strip for fear that illegals will run into traffic and be killed. The chief of the San Diego Border Patrol, Gustavo De La Viña suspects taco vendors and taxi drivers will soon set up business in the empty lanes.

## The Invasion Moves North

Once they make it into California and Texas, Hispanics are discovering that those parts of the United States have become rather

like home—too much crime and poverty, too many surly bureaucrats and bad schools. What do they do? They head north, where America still has a few pockets of white tranquility that have not yet been “culturally enriched.” In the last ten years, the Hispanic population of Midwest states has burgeoned. Minnesota saw a 68 percent increase; Illinois 42 percent, Kansas 48 percent, Wisconsin 48 percent, and Nebraska 32 percent.

As white people always do, these solid Midwesterners have welcomed the harbingers of cultural depredation. Last year, the Iowa legislature passed a law requiring companies to pay for interpreters if more than 10 percent of the work force speaks the same foreign language. City fathers have set up Anglo-Hispanic Welcome Committees, and police are taking Spanish lessons.

Some small towns are losing characteristics that may be generations old. Willmar (MN), for example, has always been strongly Scandinavian. In the last five years, its Hispanic population has grown from nothing to 2,000—11 percent of its population of 17,500. All over the Midwest, bumper crops of Hispanic children have forced schools that had never even heard of bilingual education to hire foreign teachers. In some communities, crime and welfare rates have shot up.



## Thanksgiving Greetings

Why is it that white people fail to see the obvious—that Hispanics, who have turned much of the Southwest into the image of their underdeveloped homelands, will only do the same to the Midwest?

## Justice is Blind

One night in 1987, New Jersey state troopers were making a routine check of a freeway service area. About mid-



night, they noticed someone asleep in a car parked in front of a Roy Rogers restaurant. One of the officers walked up to the car with a flashlight and saw a knife with a three-inch blade on the floor. When the driver woke up and rolled down the window, the trooper also noticed an open can of malt liquor. When the officer asked the man to step out of the car to take a balance test for drunkenness, the man fur- tively hid something in his back pocket. The officer discovered that it was cocaine, and brought the man in for illegal possession.

Another triumph for alert police officers? No, racial harassment. The man was a Jamaican, with his hair in dreadlocks. His lawyers argued that he would not have been approached if he had been white, and this summer a state appeals court upheld Judge Mathias Rodriguez' earlier ruling that the police acted out of racial prejudice. The discovery of the cocaine was therefore found to be improper, and the charges of possession were

ordered dropped. It doesn't matter that the trooper was right to think there might be something wrong. Since the man was black, the officer had no right to approach him. If he had found cocaine on a white man there would have been no problem.

A ruling like this is arrant nonsense. Police officers *always* make selective investigations. If they are looking for cocaine dealers, they stop young, black men with exotic hairdos rather than middle-aged white women in business suits. They would be fools not to. The New Jersey court of appeals is asking the police to disregard years of experience, ignore statistics, and set aside common sense. Ultimately, the court is saying that police must not approach *the most likely suspects* if they happen not to be white. As an astonished assistant prosecutor for New Jersey put it, "The judge is saying because the fellow sitting over there is a member of a minority he can't be approached because the officer recognizes him as a member of a minority."

## Rising Black Star

Cornell West is one of those hot, young, black professors that stylish universities are dying to hire. At age 37, he already has tenure at Princeton, and virtually every other university in the country would kill to get him. A recent *New York Times Magazine* article about him says this: "Harvard is determined to hire him; Yale can't believe it lost him; Columbia offered him a tenured position in its history department while he was trying to decide about Princeton."

We were not familiar with the work of this paragon, so we have been on the lookout for something he had written. This is the first thing we found (*Voice*, 9/17/91, p. 35.):

"The 60s was a watershed period because black rage came out of the closet. As white institutional terrorism was challenged, black rage surfaced with a power and a potency never seen in American history. In fact, it threatened the very social order and stability of the country. The major American-elite response to this threat was to reduce tragic black persons into pathetic black

victims and to redirect the channels of black rage in and to black working-class and poor communities. The reduction was done by making black poor people clients of a welfare system that both sustained and degraded them; by viewing black middle-class people as questionable and stigmatized beneficiaries of affirmative-action programs that fueled their identity crisis . . ."

Thus saith the new darling of the Ivy League.

## Through the Looking Glass

The Houston Fire Department has been under the usual pressures to hire and promote more non-whites. Promotion to most positions is on the basis of written examinations. Firemen who are serious about advancement buy a shelf of books and study for months to pass the tests.

Recently, 815 Houston firemen took a 100-question exam for a promotion. As usual, there weren't enough non-whites among the 308 who passed. The only acceptable explanation for this, of course, was that the test was biased. What to do? Acting under a federal judge's order, the department *decided that questions that were gotten wrong more often by non-whites than by whites, were discriminatory and would be thrown out.* This was duly done and 28 questions were eliminated.

As a result, 32 people who originally passed were now declared to have failed: 22 whites, six blacks, three

Hispanics, and one Asian. On the other hand, 13 people who had originally flunked were now found to have passed: five whites, four Hispanics, and four blacks. With a little more jiggling of the scores, the department managed to produce a net gain of one non-white promotion and declared the exercise a success.

The firemen who were knocked off the promotion list are hopping mad. Several are considering filing a discrimination suit against the city.

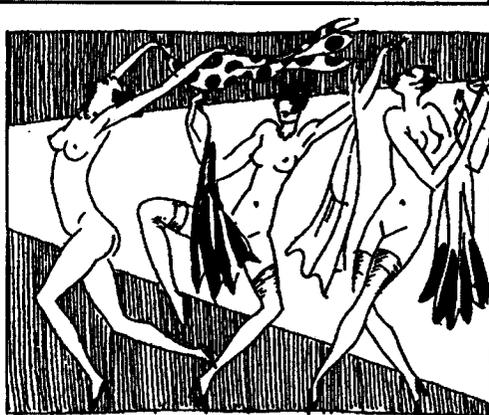
## Liberal Bigotry

Kathleen Blee has written a book called *Women of the Klan*, about women who were active in the Ku Klux Klan during the 1920s. As part of her research for the book, Miss Blee interviewed a number of these women, all of whom are now quite elderly.

In our current era of enforced "tolerance" and "sensitivity," it is always instructive to observe the implacable prejudices of the liberal. This is how Miss Blee describes her feelings about the women she interviewed: "[I] was prepared to hate and fear my informants. My own commitment to progressive politics prepared me to find these people strange, even repellent. I expected no rapport, no shared assumptions, no commonality of thought or experience. What I found was more disturbing. Many of the people I interviewed were interesting, intelligent and well-informed."

Miss Blee's "commitment to progressive politics" had brought with it the conviction that anyone without that commitment must be "strange" and "repellent." Any white woman with a sense of her own racial destiny is bound to be such an alien, loathesome thing that Miss Blee expected to find "no commonality of thought or experience." That these women should be intelligent and interesting was "*more disturbing*" than that they be loathesome. No doubt this is because the discovery shook Miss Blee's unconscious conviction that anyone not like herself was a moral inferior. The liberal mind is a fearful thing indeed.

Later, Miss Blee goes on to say, "They just had a world, and they wanted to maintain it." How strange. How repellent. ●



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