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INTERVIEW WITH STANLEY PENNYCOOKE

Stanley was one of a crowd of about 150 men gathered at Miss Judes shooting match held behind the Early Bird. He was one of a number of people who were having drinks behind the E. B. under a shed made of sticks and covered with a large trapauling ~~xxx~~-thick canvas sheet.

He was anxious to talk; I invited him to sit with me outside so we could talk. He readily agreed, and we went to sit aside, facing the crowd, and the E.B. and with our backs to a missive mound of rock standing high out of the earth. The place was semi-shaded.

-On the curtsilment of Jamaican's Intellectuality:

"Why have we never got any intellectuality advancement in Jamaica? -Because Hawkins and Drake, the first slave traders, go to Africa, and bring our forefathers here, and sell them by action; Mothers did not know their sons, sons their parents, or even husbands their wives; they were all sold by action sale. There were a few men in the 18th century who did not agree with the slave trade; Wilberforce was one of them. Still, our forefathers were sold by action sale by these criminals. If the black to the land had not been sold by action sale, we would be better off intellectually; we have to trace where our parental origin come from: they kept up an action where wife didn't know husband, brother, brother, and so on."

"That criminal Morgan he was the first military governor of Jamaica. He come from Wales to Barbadoes, as a hired servant. He pay his way from Barbadoes to Jamaica; come out here ~~come~~ join the buccannars in Port Royal; ~~he~~ sacked Cartagena. Sacked Havanna, Cuba, first, and became a criminal, and was taken to England, tried and sent back to Jamaica as a Governor."

Asked what did Morgan do then, he said -"I will be frank with you. I have the record. I will have to read it up again."

What record? -"The History of the U.S.A. and the history of the West Indian Islands."

What did Morgan do after that? -"I don't exactly know what he do after that, but if you or I want to know the history of America Morgan, we have to go to America."

"In the Western Hemisphere, Santo Domingo which is near Jamaica, was the chief place of bartering of slaves. You are of the knowledge that Santo Domingo was ruled by Spain? The chief trade from Africa was coupled with that. You must emphasize that! -the chief trade was sugar. That is why they imported slaves from Africa to work on sugar plantations. If there were no sugar, there would have been no slaves! -And from slaves derive all the misery of the coloured race, that was being exported from Africa."

"We are a nation growing, but there is a conjunction growing ~~between-the~~ concerning the proceeding of the intellectual proceeding between the black man and the white man." ~~ix~~

"It is left to you to diagnose whether the white man is intellectually superior to the coloured man -and you, if you was to take the two sides ~~of~~ and analyse, you would find that the white man is ~~xxx~~ 100% ahead of the black man: why?"

He paused dramatically at "why" before he continued -"The subject is before you! Its in the first part of my talk."

"What is happening is that you believe you know more than I, and I more than you. Take Hitler, him believe him know everything. He was chancellor etc., ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~....."

"Human nature had a lot to play with other ~~xx~~ nature. You might have a lot to ~~doxx~~ with a girl. Human nature has a lot to do with the nature coming right from God. The way of God is accurately designed by the accuracy of his imperial power. The way of man is designed by his selfish feeling towards God that's above him." Touching his feet he then said "Why is man like that? If I come on here and say this is a pair of legs, man will ~~xxxx~~-agree argue and say it is a pair of foot, but God would say it is a pair of legs, and that ~~sis~~ more appropriate."

"There is a 'but' between man and Almighty God. There is no need man is going to try to bring this his own way: it can't come."

"The white man humbugs-up the life of the coloured ~~man;--we-don't-want-him-around-here.~~ because they believe that they ~~should~~ be the head all the time, but as time goes on they shall find they shall not be." We don't want him around here; there are no properties where him can raise him mules and cows. He humbugs up things."

Asked to what race would he say he belongs he said ~~xxxx~~ -"That's hard to say; I am belonging to Europe and ~~xx~~ Africans mixed." He feels that he ought to "associate himself" with anyone out

of the two." However he would describe himself as a "black man," because "there is only two races -black and white. (He is quite obviously coloured).

His family

He has a family of five, constituting his household, members of which are as follows:

- 1. Himself. -informant.
- 2. Imogene Pennycooke, wife.
- 3. Herbert Pennycooke 16, son.
- 4. Mavis Pennycooke 12 Dau.
- 5. Mildred " 11 "
- 6. Glandene " 4.

His house and land

He lives with the above family, in^a three-roomed house with a verandah attached. The house is built on 16 acres of land. He bought this piece of land in 1925. He did not inherit any land from his parents Charles and Alice Pennycooke, because -"A didn't want none." He wanted none of his parents land because Charles and Alice had altogether 10 children "and if I as a heir should claim the property the rest wouldn't have none. His parents land consists of 6 1/2 acres. It has been taken over and is worked by a number of the other children yet alive.

"Today I have 16 acres of mi own around the house, and 5 and 2 1/2 acres outside." The five acre plot is at Duff House, the 2 1/2 acres is a piece on the other side of the road passing his house.

His cultivations

He planted this season 1/2 acre of to matoes. The profit made after he had cleared all expenses amounted to \$60. He used "hired" labour to plant the crop. He will not give the names of his hired labourers "because those labourers would never like their names published." I say I have used hired labourers to bring my cultivation to materialization; I done dey!" -that is I have no more to say on the matter. ~~xxx~~

The labourers he employed are from "idge. He did not cultivate anything else while his tomato crop was growing. Cassava and other crops are only planted after tomato.

His parents children -alive:

Of his parents 10 children 6 are alive; they are:-

- 1. Mrs Jimmah Sutherland. She lives in the U.S.A. for which she left Jaica in 1916. She has married there Sutherland a man who lived

who was born in Jamaica, and lived at H.W.Tree before he left for America.

2. Myself -informant.
3. Stephen Pennycooke. He lives in Warminster; has married Maud Palmer of Dalton. They have many children.
4. Mrs. Leliah Mulls ; she is in America where she married Joseph Mulls. She left for America in 1921; has many children now; she was sent for by her sister Mrs. Sutherland. Mrs. Sutherland had been sent for by another relative.
5. Terrie Pennycooke also in America. She was sent for by Mrs. Sutherland.
6. Record Pennycooke; he lives at Munroe; has married Rosa Banton of Round Hill.

The above children's mother is dead; ~~xxx~~ their father yet alive lives in Warminster. All his parents children were born in Warminster.

Career

School: Stanley went to the Hopeton elementary school near Warminster from he was 6 till he was 14. He left school in the 5th book.

After school: -"I propose to learn carpenter trade, but what I did like mi father would not give it to me. "

Asked why, he said -"I don't know. He said I must learn shoemaking trade instead of carpentry." Asked, did you go to the shoemaking trade? he said -"Of course! " He remained at this trade for about 4 years. When he left he was a competent shoemaker -"but a still ~~xxxxx~~ didn't like ~~it~~ the trade!" (He did not say why.)

He worked at the shoemaking trade for "a little time -a few years.

In the Army: He joined the Army in ~~19~~ the "1914 war; the British Army -West India Contingent." He wasame a corporal, went to Gibraltar with his unit and then returned by way of Barbadoes to Jamaica where ~~after-18-months~~ he was discharged. ~~and~~ He received a pension ~~of~~ for 18 months after his demobilization.

In Cuba: Afterdemobilization he went to Cuba

where he worked on sugar plantations.

His our look ..

"I am a one way danyer: if a go with one woman, a can't go with another. Whatever is fi (fi=for) mi it must be straight; I am a man don't like any cross deal." We in Jamaica have to tek (tek=take) what wi get till we get what we want."

His appearance

Mr. Stanley wore a serge type ~~xi~~ pair of trousers and a shirt of the same kind of material. This appeared to be some kind of a military issue. The clothes were clean and well pressed. He was shod in a pair of Black boots worn with a pair of ~~dark~~ green silk socks.

In the course of the interview Mr. Stanley, then under the influence of drink, wanted to urinate. To do that he turned his back to the crowd, and asking to be excused unbuttoned his trousers and then ~~xxxxxxxx~~ kneeling down close to the rock proceeded to urinate.

Asked why he had ~~not~~ gone to live in Bull Savannah instead of returning to Warminster his birthplace he said -"A marry mi wife in ~~Americe~~ the United States, of America, bought mi house and land ~~here~~ in Bull Savannah, and came and settled down here."
