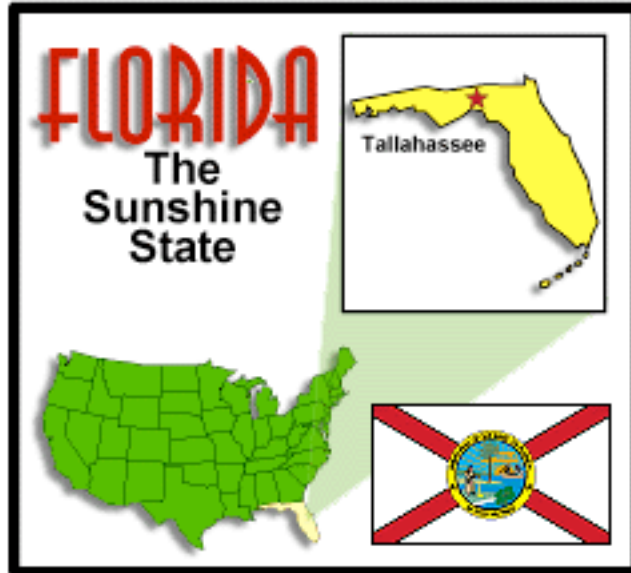


Two Explosions Rock Black Campus
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Reportedly the Black campus of Florida A&M has been under terrorist attacks by an “unknown enemy.” Two bombings have left the campus under a cowardly siege as the 20th century ends as it started. Images of the official terror meted out at Southern and Jackson State jumps in my head as I remember the death, the pain, the hate!

A local radio station has received several phone calls from a caller or callers spewing hatred of Black students, Black faculty, Black people. My folks are from Florida and maybe its just me but I never thought of Florida as the racist state that it was/is when I was coming up. Because it is a tourist trap most negative mention of it has been some what suppressed. It was/is a violent place and it has our blood nurturing its palm trees.

Before war broke out in Rosewood, Florida was a hell hole of race hatred. Let me summarize from a report submitted to the “Florida Board of Regents dated December 22, 1993” it went something like this:

8/5/20... In McClenny, four Black men were removed from jail and lynched. They were charged with, what else, the rape of a white woman.

11/2/20... In Ocoee, Two whites and five Blacks were killed in a dispute over voting rights. The Black community is destroyed by fire.

2/12/21... In Wauchula, a Black man is lynched for an alleged attack on a white woman.

12/09/22... In Perry, a Black man is burned at the stake. He was accused of the murder of a white school teacher. To make their point whites burned a church, a Masonic Lodge and a meeting hall in the 'Hood.

12/31/22... In Gainesville, the KKK held a huge New Year's Eve Parade through town to recruit and intimidate.

1/1/23... Rosewood, Fannie Taylor claims a Blackman attacked her. That afternoon Aaron Carrier is apprehended by a posse and Sheriff Walker takes suspect out of the area. By that afternoon a white mob kidnapped a Black man.

The next day whites gather in Sumner. Two days later mob attacks the Carrier house. Two whites were killed and those in the house are either killed or injured. The burning begins.

The whole community begins to flee as an overwhelming white force of hate attacks and they were killing everyone Black. Children, women and men are killed butchered, lynched, shot, destroyed. Whites from outta town had joined the killing spree.

Blacks flee. Terror travels after them in the damp cold swamp. Some people are evacuated by train, some are being hunted and killed in the swamp as whites burn down the town. Naturally afterward, the lynchings continued in the state as a Grand Jury convened in Bronson. Of course, Florida whites found "insufficient evidence" to prosecute Florida whites.

Today our people are locked in the sunshine and in the humid air is a dense persecution of our people. Hated by everyone, we are presently caught in between the deadly state and local governments, their federal big-brother and reactionary Cubans, who are mere running dogs for the CIA.

It doesn't help that Florida is a port of entry for the importation of deadly

illegal drugs that are used for genocidal purposes against us. But all of this is not enough, the red necks want to personally handle their business as they misread our young.

We will not be pushed off the face of the earth, they can take that however they want to. Their agent Jesse Jackson and other apologists will not be able to stop a repeat of the race wars this country have experienced.

At the same time, the his-story of this nation demonstrates that the government not only allows our victimization but leave the perpetrators unpunished most of the time.

Several years ago I was an adviser to a Black Organization on FAMU and along with Dr. Dana Dennard former head of the Association of Black Psychologists and others we worked hard to prepare these students for the world that is surrounding them. I say this to say that we as a people must take note to where we are, who we're surrounded by and put on our game face and go to work.

I meet thousands of positive people every year (community folk, students, educators, professionals and so-called famous people) and I know as a race we have more than enough talent to make the 21st century a time of "progress not Pain."

Yesterday it was Black Churches that felt their pale destructive anger, now maybe the new fad is going to be our educational institutions. Maybe! But remember we are always their target and we must defend ourselves and our families.

Black people must prepare to defend themselves from internal and external enemies. But how do we do that if we continue on in this tragic state of disorganization?

**It is a Privilege to be Afrikan,
but Afrikans must Unite!**