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<i>John Lewis</i>: ...Anybody in here can almost run it.

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Don't let em tell you they all them secrets there and how they stole the land.

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Thats why they don't want you down there.

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How they stole all this land from you!

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See cause the Negroes use to own a whole lot of land around here.

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Don't let anybody fool you.

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They ex my grandfather out of his land up there in Marshall County.

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That's right, due some document in court said he made an ex for gambling debt

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so he lost five hundred acres of land. The man never gambled in his life.

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But it was choice land, and he didn't have any recourse

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All those things go on, then along came World War Two

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and the African nations began to rise up.

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See, history is catching up with the white man.

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From the very shores that he reaped, and raped us,

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and take, and captured us.

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The West Africans of Ivoire, they have their freedom now.

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Rising up in 47' up in Ghana and Guinea,

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and we have to understand this.

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White man doesn't want us to think about Africa.

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He wants to think that we are just pure blooded Americans

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when he knows that's a living lie.

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It's true we are Americans, but he talks about America

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for white America. Otherwise why can't we vote

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come Tuesday.

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See, the bible says you shall know them by their deeds

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and not by their words.

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But the devils got a slippery tongue.

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That's right.

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So the African nations began to get their freedom

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and that had an effect on all of us.

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Sometimes we don't know it,

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but sitting in the United Nations they had black men and black women

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with all sorts of robes as heads of state.

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See, the white man couldn't say anymore

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that the Negro was dirty, was uneducated,

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cause they had Negroes running governments,

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we can run these governments.

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Along came the nineteen fifty four supreme court decision

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and the tremendous effect that that had all across this land.

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Then, lo and behold, came February the first, nineteen sixty.



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