

Dick Gregory continues his talk

"The fall of democracy is right on schedule"

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This is the third of a series of articles dealing with black activist Dick Gregory's recent speech in Toronto.

"We're in a lot of trouble in America," said Gregory. "You might be in some trouble here. We know we can't keep our banks open past February; how long can yours last after we fall? This time next year in America, we will have over 20 million people unemployed."

"In 1976, we're supposed to celebrate the 200th anniversary. If we live to see in America a free democratic society, it's going to be because the young kids have come together with their moral force, and turned that entire nation around."

SUDDEN DEATH

"Are you aware of the fact that never before in the history of this planet earth has a democracy survived 200 years? Do you think it's just a coincidence that two years before we make 200, we've got a president and a vice-president in office, neither of whom has been elected by the people? If that happened any place other than the United States, we would refer to that as a coup."

Gregory predicted that Rockefeller is going to be the next president of the U.S., and that "he will be there before 1976, because Gerry Ford ain't nothing but a stand-in for Rockefeller. And if you're as simple as we were in America to believe that Rockefeller spent \$25 million this last time to get elected to the governorship again, and then walked away from it and quit it without knowing where he was going, you're in trouble just like we are. They have been stacking that deck against us for damn near 30 years."

He compare the U.S. today to the Weimar Republic just before Hitler's takeover.

"All them Germans were interested in was money, intellectuality, sunbans and living in the right neighbourhoods. Hitler created violence from one end of Nazi Germany to the other, and them Germans were so out of it they ran to the same freak that was creating the violence, and said, 'Save us, Hitler', and he said 'I sho' will'."

SOUND FAMILIAR?

Gregory suggested that the same pattern is emerging in America. "We're not interested in America, in

liberty and justice, we're not interested in the Constitution — we'd rather wave the flag than wave the Constitution."

"If we're not very careful, that government of ours is going to create violence from one end of the country to the other. And if we're not very careful we're going to run back to them and say 'save us', and they'll say we're going to save you, but to do that we'll have to suspend the Constitution, dissolve Senate and the Congress, and set up martial law until further notice."

That action, he warned, may occur in about six months.

"Next time you go through that damned freeway system we've built over there in the last 25 years — it's nothing but autobahns (the highway system Hitler built in Germany for transporting military supplies) — get a good look at it. Our freeway system runs from one end of America to the other."

"There are no electrical cables going over, there are no bridges going over, and those highways don't make no dips; they are even and straight, just like the decks of aircraft carriers, so we can land planes on them and put tanks on them. That's what they're fixing to do, baby."

THE FUN SPREADS

"And if you want to know what happens when those monsters take over, go and see what happened to those countries that were surrounding Germany when that freak came to power."

Gregory cited such scare tactics as the recent government "leaks" about the existence of flying saucers.

"Why in the hell, after lying to the

American people and telling them for so many years that UFOs don't even exist, why are we now fixin' to tell them that they have existed, fixin' to lay a biggie on them? Do you know how much confusion that could create?"

"We in America think we're the most educated, the most sophisticated, the most informed group of people on this planet — we ain't nothing but fools."

"We're stupid enough in America to believe that the CIA was set up under Harry Truman — which it was, but it was under the direction of Rockefeller and those East-coast rich-rich aristocrats, and it wasn't there to preserve liberty and justice."

"The CIA was set up to go round the world and see to it that the business interests of those rich-rich aristocrats would always be looked after. Any time any nation's politics became a threat to them, the CIA's job was to overthrow governments, assassinate leaders, and fix elections."

INVESTIGATION

"We all got wrapped up in Dick Nixon and the Watergate cover-up. I have no doubt Nixon was in on the cover-up, but I don't want to know who covered up the body — I want to know who committed the murder."

"And one day, if we ever get interested in Watergate, we'll find out Watergate's bigger than Dick Nixon. If we investigate Watergate, Watergate leads right into the CIA, and if we keep pushing it, we're going to find that it leads all the way down to Dallas, Texas, the day JFK got shot."

There is documented evidence,

said Gregory, that over half of those caught in the Watergate that night — all ex-CIA agents — were in Dallas, Texas on the morning of John Kennedy's assassination.

"One day, when the truth comes out, you're going to find out that J. Edgar Hoover did not die from natural causes. You're going to find out that LBJ made a statement and 10 days later he was dead — he said to Walter Cronkite in an interview, and this part was deleted, that he did not believe that Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone assailant, that he believed it was a conspiracy."

GET READY

"Now I don't tell you all these things to shock you, 'cause my ethics and my integrity are too strong to walk around scaring people, especially fools. I'm telling you all this to tell you to get your thing together, 'cause what happens to us over there will have a whole lot of effects on you over here."

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