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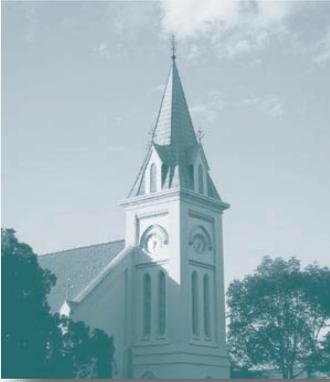
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EDITOR'S NOTE

WILMOT ROBERTSON

SCHOLAR, EDITOR, SAGE — AN APPRECIATION

What is commonly described as racial or religious prejudices is sometimes only a reasonable prudence. At the bottom of it there is nothing more wicked than a desire to prevent dominance by a strange and more or less hostile minority.

— H. L. Mencken

The most truly disadvantaged are those who are hated for their virtues, not their vices, who insist on playing the game of life with opponents who have long ago abandoned the rules, who stubbornly go on believing that a set of highly sophisticated institutions developed by and for a particular people at a particular point in time and space is operational for all peoples under all circumstances.

— Wilmot Robertson

Now and then an individual with the rarest of qualities — a genuine free-thinker, visionary, genius, and maverick social critic — has a firm grasp of the cultural, political, and social plight that confronts his fellow kinsmen. Such an individual takes the initiative, rises to the occasion, and produces a landmark opus — an unprecedented masterpiece that captures in comprehensive detail the deteriorating predicament of his race and nation. Wilmot Robertson, who died July 8, 2005, falls indisputably into this category.

The publication of *The Dispossessed Majority* in 1972, and then in several revised editions, established Robertson as a clear-sighted visionary who accurately described the forces that were menacing his racial and national heritage at a time when few observers were willing to confront the threat to American, and Western, civilization. Robertson's intellectual achievement during the twilight of Anglo-Saxon America — writing *The Dispossessed Majority* and publishing the monthly *Instauration* (for over a quarter of a century) — is an unrivaled achievement, especially under the constraints of those years, including the blackout on frank discussions of race, and above all the advocacy of America's old Majority

stock. He not only found himself swimming upstream, but headfirst into a tsunami of adversarial reaction and criticism.

One reliable source has estimated that the total number of printed copies of *The Dispossessed Majority* is somewhere close to 200,000, despite the fact that major newspapers refused to publicize the book. Popular magazines also declined to review the book and some publications rejected ads by the publisher, Howard Allen Enterprises.

The editor of the *Charleston News and Courier*, Thomas R. Waring, described the censorship that Robertson encountered in the media. The headline on Waring's op-ed ad, which ran in local, small-town papers, proclaimed, "Silent Treatment Is Given Book Defending U.S. Racial Majority." Despite this "silent treatment" and peculiar suppression, *The Dispossessed Majority* became an underground best-seller—arguably *the* underground nonfiction best-seller across the nation. Robertson once asked a Florida bookstore owner why he wouldn't stock the book in his store, since he had placed numerous individual orders for it over the years. The owner simply replied that he couldn't stock it. Book distributors would cut him off and he would be driven out of business.

As an example of just how far into the upper echelons of society the book reached, a used copy that the editor found three years ago in a bookshop in Richmond, Virginia, contained a letter from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., dated May 8, 1972, addressed to the book's former owner, a Richmond-based attorney, who had lent his copy to Powell to read.

Thank you for the book, which I hope to have an opportunity to read this summer.

Until we recess for the summer, I am totally committed to the work of this overburdened Court. While you would find it fascinating (as I do), my preference still would be the private practice of law.

With appreciation and warm best wishes,

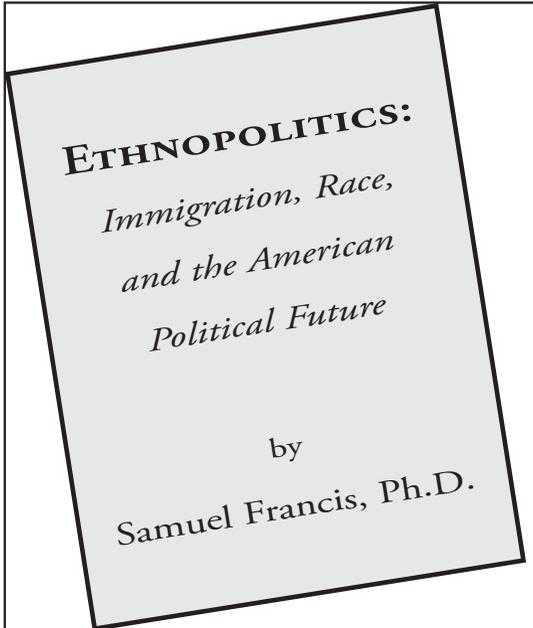
Sincerely,

Lewis

Our best wishes are with Wilmot Robertson's family as we honor a highly talented and deeply committed man, one devoted to renewing the racial substrate that created and sustains Western civilization and to reawakening the ancestral spirit of determination to persevere against the forces arrayed against his people and nation.

This issue contains the introduction, completed by the late Samuel T. Francis shortly before his death, to *Race and the American Prospect*, a collection of studies that Dr. Francis and the other contributors, including Jared Taylor, Richard Lynn, and Kevin MacDonald, conceived as the contemporary equivalent of *The Dispossessed Majority*. *Race and the American Prospect*, which will be

published early next year, addresses racial issues that are critical for America's dwindling majority population. The Francis introduction to this key work is complemented in this issue by an exceptional slate of articles, including an in-depth interview with Alain de Benoist, one of Europe's leading anti-liberal intellectuals, and a critique of de Benoist by Michael O'Meara, an authority on the New Right who has become a valued contributor to these pages.



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