I have noticed an increase in the number of conservative Uncle Tom African Americans lately. It seem that they began to sprout like weeds ever since the Republican Party started passing out bucks to the folks they wanted to buy. First there was the so-called “faith based” ploy, whereby African American churches were politically played for dollars. This has been only partly successful from a brainwash point of view. The Republican Party has really played the “good Christian” role, suckering in thousands for a right-wing agenda that is anything but Christian.

Then we have a new bred on the block. This new bred of Uncle Toms replaced many of the older “Tom” leadership (old school Toms) by being more right wing than their racist white bosses. This includes Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson, Condoleezza Rice, Armstrong Williams, and other babbling buffoons. It includes Uncle Tom organizations like Project 21, and the National Association of Conservative African Americans. There are even a few Uncle Tom websites. One such website is called Black Conservatives.com. You should check it out. Most of it is really sick, and it will make you sick. Today’s Uncle Tom is different from the one I grew up with. Old school Toms were usually quiet until some racist needed them. They would jump out of the woodwork like a jack-in-the-box, collect some money for blasting black radicals, and then disappear. Nowadays, these Toms are radical!

A former San Antonio SNCC-Panther member, Carlos Richardson, coined the term “Radical Uncle Tom.” He was referring to almost daily presence of this new bred of
Toms that don’t mind taking Republican dollars and making up any and every lie imaginable to discredit the Civil Rights movement for the racist white elite. They are even going so far as to claim Martin Luther King was a Republican! Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson even appeared at a KKK front organization convention as one of the main speakers! This same TOM picketed the offices of Rev. Jesse Jackson with his bogus organization called BOND. No longer do they just pop up and then disappear, but hang around looking for some money and status. They are often so radical, in the worst sort of way, that they will set up camp in order to carry on a campaign for the racist elite.

Generally these new Toms support the Iraq War, support Bush and “Conde,” support pseudo, pro- (Roman) Empire Christians like Pat Robertson and John Hagee, and a host of issues that are squarely against their own self-interests.

You can hear these new Toms on right wing radio talk shows claiming to represent the black community. Some are “permanent call in radio talk-show clowns” that right-wing radio uses to discredit blacks. When they are on the air white racists applaud their words, especially when they make themselves available to be used against another African American or minority. You can find these new Toms clamoring against “illegal immigration” and in support of “English only” racist movements, when Africans had their language stolen from them.

These new radical Uncle Toms must be blasted for selling out, not only the African American community, but humanity as well. They are like the Jews that told the Nazis on other Jews, or the Native Americans that scouted for a genocidal campaign conducted against their own people in the United States. We must educate our community about these radical Uncle Toms or the racist model of domination will succeed. I say that when
these TOM leaders appear we should demonstrate with hundreds on their offices and hold them accountable for their despicable actions.