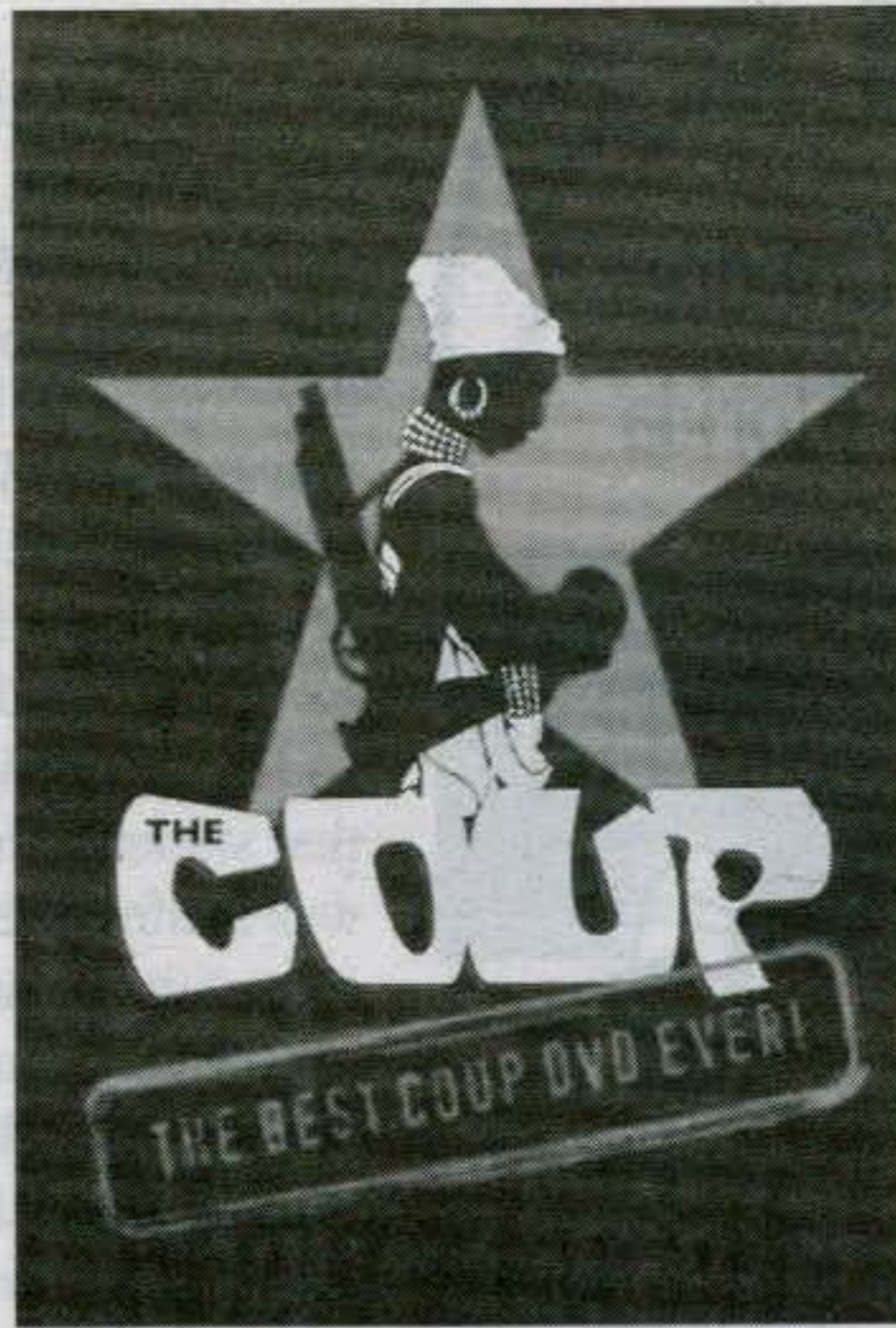


DVD REVIEW

The Best Coup DVD Ever!

By William Hernandez



This DVD is a compilation of all of The Coup's videos from the beginning of their careers with the 1993 album *Kill My Landlord*, with the video *Dig It* to the comical *Me and Jesus the Pimp in a '79 Granada Last Night*. The compilation also features the great videos to *Funk (remix)* and *Not Yet Free* in which there is a scene of an old man at a pawn shop rapping to Boots Riley - It will leave you laughing in stitches! The DVD also features extensive interviews with Boots and DJ Pam the Funkstress in which she shows off her wicked DJ skills. Also featured is a very thought provoking mini-documentary on the group's trip to South Africa. The only downside of the DVD is the quality of the earlier videos. It seemed as if they were just dubbed from VHS to DVD. If you're going to put out a DVD of this type, might as well do some cleaning up and make the quality of the video crystal clear. Besides that the DVD is great and entertaining. Clocking in at an hour exactly, it'll leave hardcore Coup fans wanting more. The DVD was released in time for The Coup's new album *Pick a Bigger Weapon*.

A New Dawn in First Woman Prime

By Christopher Daley

Jamaica finally shed its cast this February when the members of the ruling People's Party agreed to nominate the nation's first female Prime Minister, Portia Simpson-Miller. She succeeds the embattled Minister P. J. Patterson, who decided to seek re-election to the coveted

This historic moment was recorded in the history books of Jamaica. Simpson-Miller is the first woman Prime Minister to succeed former Prime Minister Patterson, who served as prime minister. He helped Jamaica gain independence from England.

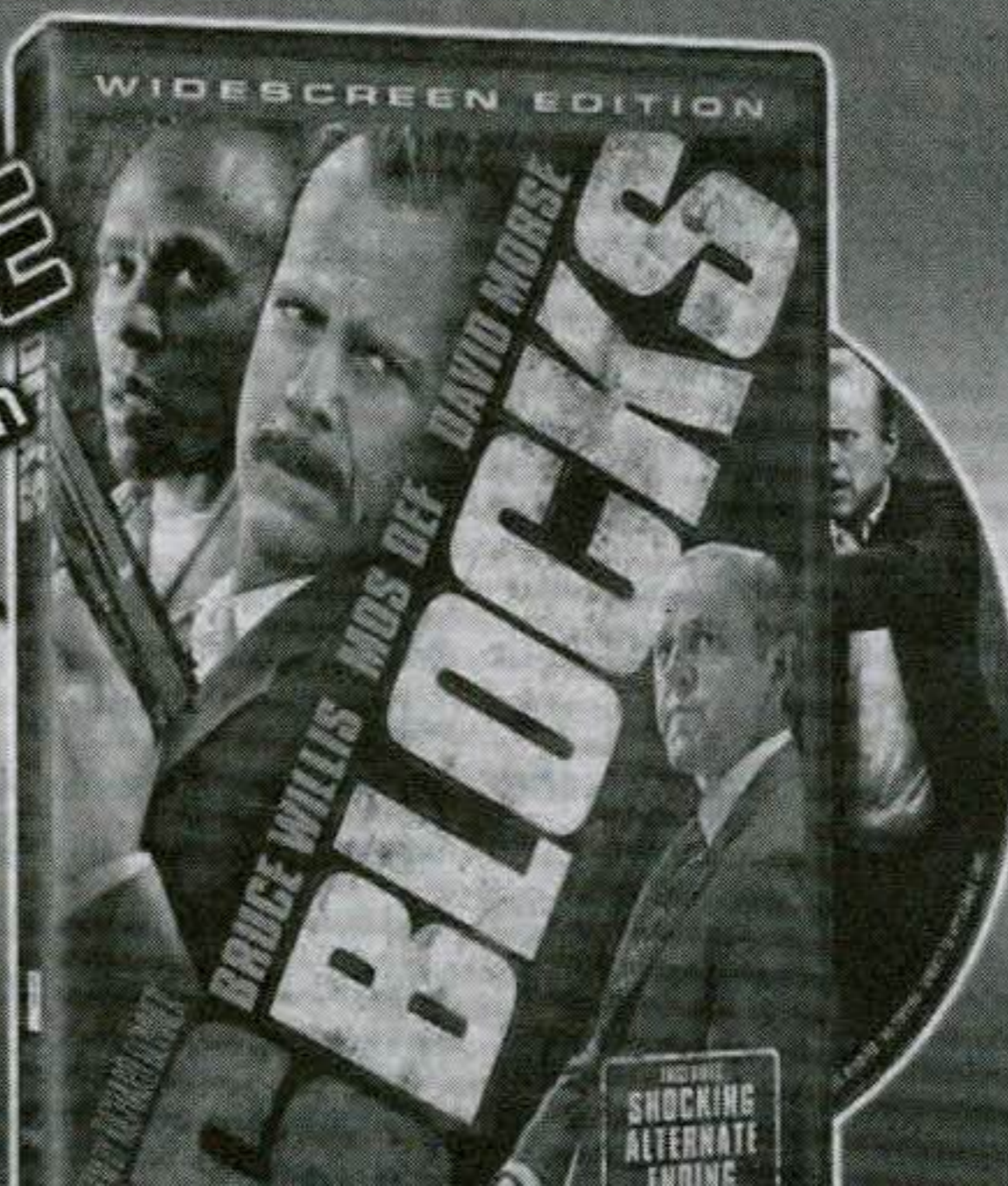
Simpson-Miller's appointment was announced as the winner of the conference on February 25, though she had a rather harsh rant from some of the opposition who thought she ought to be more qualified. Simpson-Miller, a former Union Institute and University of the West Indies, affectionately known as "Mommy", has her poor constituents of South West Jamaica plagued by gang violence, drugs, and corruption. She has done little to improve her own constituency since she took the head of the island. As a result, her name was mentioned to the parliament but she was shrugged off by the opposition.

On March 31, Simpson-Miller became the new Jamaican Prime Minister, 32 years old. She now inherits a country which has been plagued by extortion practiced by criminals on the island that is one of the world's poorest meccas.

If Simpson-Miller is to be a true leader, she must go beyond party politics and political bickering, poverty, corruption, and the great Bob Marley once sang, *Ti*

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