

point of view

BY BILL NIXON

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Often, the best news does not appear on the front page of most papers or for that matter, even on the front page of a section of the paper.

Such was a recent story concerning a mural in a shopping mall in Greensboro. The mural, part of a large display of artifacts, photos and other murals showed blacks picking cotton.

You guessed it. Members of the Greensboro Human Relations Commission considered the mural offensive to blacks and called it "racist."

The building housing the mall was built in the 1800's as a cotton mill, and mall officials wanted to depict the history of the industry. As mentioned, a large number of other related artifacts and items were also included that gave the mall the air of a museum, shedding much light on life during that period.

The impression one received from the Commission's complaint was not so much that the blacks were shown picking cotton, but that the white man weighing the cotton was well-dressed while the blacks were not.

It's hard to see the reason for complaint here. Anyone who has ever worked in a cotton field, a tobacco field, a peanut field, or whatever, knows you don't dress as if you are going to an important board meeting. While the white man may have seemed overdressed for the task at hand, there can be nothing "racist" in the field dress of the black individuals.

A review of this nation's history or that of any nation will reveal periods that brought problems and shame. Such was the period of slavery in America. But to pretend it never happened does not make it go away. Slavery, with all its horrors, was a part of this nation's growing up. Few Americans are proud of this period in our history. But it was an important part of the economy of the southern states, and it did happen.

Ignoring parts of our history or attempting to believe that certain events never happened does not change the true course of history. The black population of this nation has every right to remember what their plight was then, and we should all be reminded to assure that such bondage of human beings will never occur in this country again. Complaining about a depiction of these events as they actually were is not the proper way of remembering the period.

At this writing, members of the Commission who first aired the complaint say they are now satisfied that the mural is not racist. And so

they should. Attempting to discount history as it really was is no way to remember. We need to be reminded of this period in our history, just as Germany is reminded of the days of Hitler by preserving the death camps. You can't change events by "dressing" them up.

There was no intent on the part of mall officials to demean blacks or their history. And, for those who have always wanted to know, there are 30,000 peanut-butter sandwiches in a acre of peanuts, and 540 peanuts in a 12-ounce jar of butter.

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Do you know how many Film On Drug Abuse Available

Parents should begin discussing the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse with their children when the youngsters are eight or nine years old.

So says Dr. William Pollin, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), in a new booklet prepared by NIDA and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

"Recent studies indicate that the parental influences that have the greatest effect on preventing drug and alcohol use are brought to bear before children reach adolescence," Dr. Pollin says in the booklet.

The 24-page illustrated booklet entitled "It's Up to You: What Parents Should Know and Do About Substance Abuse Among Children," is available to parents and schools in North Carolina from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Rapid and widespread substance abuse among young people began during the 1960s and today, according to NIDA statistics, 32 per cent of high school seniors use marijuana and 60 per cent have tried it.

About 20 per cent of 12- and 13-year-olds have been exposed to marijuana and eight per cent actually have tried it. Of the 12- to 17-year-olds who drink, 19 per cent are problem drinkers.

"It's Up to You" offers parents specific steps to deal with substance abuse; statistics and general information about common drugs; a drug chart; a quiz on substance abuse; and guidelines for recognizing the behavioral changes which may indicate drug usage among children.

The booklet also includes the personal story of a teenager who overcame drug and alcohol addiction and the

Holiday Inns there are in the world? If spaced around the equator, there would be one every 14 miles. And probably all looking the same.

You're given this bit of information to prepare you for a lesson on peanuts. If all the peanuts grown in the U.S. annually were lined up end to end, they would extend into space some 17.5 million miles. And, for those who have always wanted to know, there are 30,000 peanut-butter sandwiches in a acre of peanuts, and 540 peanuts in a 12-ounce jar of butter.

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questions asked the former addict by other teenagers.

These sections are based on remarks made at a one-day substance abuse conference sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Northeast Ohio in Cleveland.

The conference was attended by 350 editors and student leaders from 125 high schools in northeast Ohio. The focus was on the medical, social and legal consequences for young people who abuse drugs and alcohol.

Conference proceedings were filmed and edited into a 27-minute film entitled "It's Up to You." An especially dramatic point in the film is the testimonial of a former drug addict who became addicted when she was in the 8th grade. She describes the agony she and her family and friends experienced during her addiction and concludes her story by describing her successful rehabilitation and the major role her family and friends played.

The booklet and the film are available for community or school use from BCBSNC. For one free copy of the booklet, or to borrow the film, contact: Sandra Smith, Public Rela-

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CAREER CAMPERS—Tar Hell Computer Career Camp instructor John Hampton, standing, checks keyboard and terminal work of Laura Ayscue of Louisburg, as Terry Moose of Claremont looks on.

Seminar On "Changing Adolescent"

On Tuesday night, April 19, 1983 from 7:00 until 10:00 at Swain School, the Chowan Junior High P.T.A. and the Swain School P.T.A. will sponsor a seminar on the "Changing Adolescent." This seminar is designed for you, the parents, in an effort to help you deal with you adolescent in the complex society of today. Topics to be covered and discussed will be:

1. Dealing with the Changing Adolescent and His Emotions,
2. Communicating with the Early Adolescent,
3. Motivating the Early Adolescent to Develop Good Study Habits, and
4. Building Self-Esteem and Self-Discipline.

Each parent will be allowed to attend two sessions on the above subjects during the evening. Babysitting services will be provided by the Student Government for children up to the age of nine.

We hope that you will put this date on your calendar and

that you will support this endeavor! Let's work together as teachers and parents to improve our understanding of our children during these most important years of their development. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday night, April 19, 1983 at Swain School.

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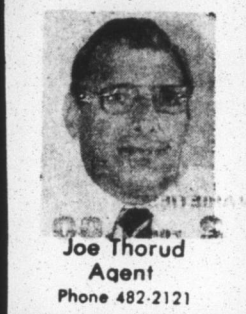
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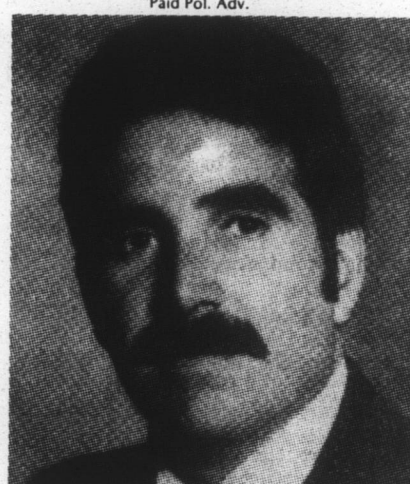
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The JIM HUNT Record

Subject: Out-of-State Campaign contributions

Jim Hunt Said: Out-of-state campaign contributions "create obligations you ought not to have,"

Jim Hunt Did: Sought out-of-state political donations from unions at an Atlanta fundraiser, where Herb Mabry, AFL-CIO Union Boss, said "... the labor movement all over the country will give all it can to his (Hunt's) campaign."



Victor Kamber, Director of PROPAC "Strong ties to organized labor"

What "Obligations" Does Politician Jim Hunt Now Have To This and Other Out-Of-State Liberal Special Interests? PROPAC, the Most Prominent of the Union PACs, has said it intends to spend over \$100,000 to finance a negative ad campaign against Jesse Helms. 3-4

Why?

Is it because Jesse Helms opposed the Union Bosses' so-called Labor Reform Act?

The Greensboro Record said:

"The only known beneficiaries of the proposed revision in the National Labor Relations Act will be the big labor bosses and the machine politicians they carry about in their pockets. The working stiff stands to lose yet another measure of his individual liberty, and the Sunbelt region, ... especially in the Carolinas ... stands to suffer a massive assault on its economy." (Editorial, 1/17/78)

Ask yourself?

Why are these out-of-state PROPAC donors planning to spend \$100,000 in "independent expenditures" to elect Jim Hunt? 3-4

UFCW - AFL-CIO	\$500.00	Bakery Workers AFL-CIO	1,000.00
International Molders AFL-CIO	500.00	CWA AFL-CIO	1,000.00
ATU Cope AFL-CIO	500.00	Bricklayers AFL-CIO	500.00
IUD - AFL-CIO	500.00	AFL-CIO COPE	1,000.00
Graphic Arts International Union	500.00	Int. Auto Union AFL-CIO	500.00
Int. Union of Electrical, Radio			
Machinists AFL-CIO	1,000.00	Total (From PROPAC FEC Report)	\$7,500.00

Is this why Jim Hunt won't debate Senator Helms?

1. Asheville Citizen 10/6/82
2. Atlanta Constitution 3/13/83
3. Raleigh Times 2/9/83
4. Campaigns and Elections, Spring 1982

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- 4 BEDROOM COUNTRY HOME — 1800' sq. ft., 1 1/2 story, 12% Annual Percentage Rate. \$46,000.
- CAPE COLONY — Home on canal. Two bedrooms, Great Room with fireplace - price negotiable.
- PEA RIDGE—Restored home in excellent condition, 3 BR, Large L.R., on 1.5 ACS, priced to sell at \$30,000.
- MACEDONIA AREA — Attractive 3 bedroom home with large deck, vinyl siding, furniture included \$35,000.
- 7.75 ACRES—On the Perquimans River. Super Buy at \$45,000. Can buy all or part.
- NICE 4 BEDROOM HOME—2 baths, L.R., water access, pool and club house privileges. \$42,000.
- CAPE COLONY—Pleasant with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, screened porch, stove, on 2 lots.
- COLONY DRIVE — Delightful 3 bedroom home, includes 2 baths, den, living room, a large kitchen, extras and a large lot.
- MOBILE HOME—On 3 lots, 3 BR, two car garage, excellent condition. \$25,000.
- IN TOWN Brick ranch, 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Baths, and garage. \$55,000.
- 105 ACRE FARM — w/Long Grain Bin, drying unit, and two shelters. \$105,000.
- SNUG HARBOR—3 bedroom ranch home. 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, 2 car garage, view & access. A good buy at \$45,000.
- MOBILE HOME—On approx. 1 acre. 2 bedroom, 60 x 12 with enlarged living area 17' x 18'. \$14,500.
- BELLA VISTA DRIVE — Waterfront brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, L.R., D.R., Family room w/fireplace, screened porch, 1 acre lot, 2 car garage.
- WATERFRONT — 3 bedroom brick ranch, L.R. w/fireplace, 2 baths, utility room, gorgeous beach, priced to sell. \$65,000.
- TWO MOBILE HOMES—On two lots. \$10,500.
- THREE BEDROOM—House located one mile from town. \$35,000.
- BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY — Building on a main artery to Edenton. Ideal for a retail business. \$35,000.

- 2 BEDROOM HOME — In town, L.R. w/fireplace, bath, eat-in-kitchen, screened porch, fenced in back yard.
- INVESTMENT PROPERTY—3 Lots, 2 mobile homes, partially furnished. \$16,500.
- MEXICO RD. — Lovely 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2 baths, 2 bay carport, central air. \$49,900.
- ARROWHEAD BEACH—New 2 bedroom house on 2 lots. \$27,500.
- HISTORIC DISTRICT—Lovely 2-story frame house. Large country kitchen, dining room, 3 BR., 2 baths, 2 fireplaces.
- WATERFRONT — Albemarle Sound, 1/2 acre lot on Bella Vista Drive. \$26,500.
- SPACIOUS COUNTRY HOME—Lovely 1 1/2 story with privacy, 4 Bedrooms, 4 baths, L.R., Great Room w/fireplace, util. Rm., recreation room, 2 car Garage dual heat pumps. \$60,000.
- IN THE COUNTRY—2 bedroom home on an acre of land, workshop. Central heat & air. Reduced to \$30,000.
- NEAR HANCOCK STATION—Home or mobile home site. 6 acre tract. \$5,000.
- ARROWHEAD BEACH—Attractive 3 bedroom home, living room, dining room, kitchen and bath. Situated on 3 wooded lots. \$19,500.
- HICKORY LANE—Great Room, Kitchen with convenient dining room, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, game room and large yard. \$60,000.
- HOME ON THE ALBEMARLE SOUND—Cape Colony, 2 story brick, 3 or 4 Bedrooms, L.R. with fireplace, Family Room with fireplace, large deck, workshop. Central heat and air.
- FANTASTIC BUY!—Country Club area. Owner must sell. 4 BR, brick ranch. Over 2000 sq. ft., 1/2 acre fenced lot. Garage, family room with fireplace, 9 1/2% Annual Percentage Rate.
- COMMERCIAL BUILDING—2.6 acres with 35' of highway frontage - \$49,500.
- MORGAN PARK — Lovely 3 BR brick ranch in excellent condition, central heat and air, built-ins.
- NEAR TOWN—Attractive brick veneer home on 1/2 acre wooded lot, 3 BR, LR, den, dining area, 1 1/2 baths. Reduced to \$36,500.
- 4 BEDROOM HOME — On 2 acre lot. Convenient to town, 2 full baths, LR, family room w-woodstove, central air and oil furnace, 3 yrs. old, outbuildings. Reduced to \$39,500.
- BRICK HOME — Three BD, 2 baths, large livingroom with fireplace, dining room, kitchen. Well insulated. Central heat and air. Two car garage and workshop. \$49,500.
- SMALL HOUSE IN COUNTRY—1 year old. Price reduced to \$12,900.
- APARTMENT HOUSE — Good location in town, 5 apartments, 3 lots. \$39,500.
- ALBEMARLE SOUND — Beautiful wooded lots over one acre in size on the water. Prices starting at an unbelievable \$24,500.
- INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY — Apartment house with eight apartments. Excellent income in prime location. 9 1/4% Annual Percentage Rate.
- WATERFRONT — Elegant home in a spectacular setting on the Albemarle featuring, foyer, great room, 3 or 4 bedroom, living room, 2 full baths and 2 half baths. Plus 3 bd., guest house. 1.1 acres with sandy beach.
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