

The Carolina Times
EDITORIALS

WHITE HOUSE REBUKES AGNEW

All blacks and other persons should know that the White House, through Ronald Zeigler, White House Press Secretary, has issued an unusual rebuke to Vice President Agnew for his slurring remarks that "black leaders" in the United States do not compare favorably with black officials in Africa. These are most insulting and damaging words when the black leadership of this nation has tried very hard to make this a decent and just society, at a time when blacks are fed up with the present cruel system of exploitation led by a repressive and reactionary Administration. Agnew has used the age-old methods of a bigot by his use of loose words as he described black leadership. Agnew has been the biggest complainer in America with his complaints about a free press, constitutional dissents, civil rights and basic freedoms.

It is well that Zeigler has pointed out that Nixon was accustomed to meeting with domestic and foreign black leaders and that he had "respect for both." Agnew, it would seem has truly arrogated himself further into

the position of being the ranting, rhetorical bigot for America as he travels on his so-called good-will tour. It could well be that he is already cognizant that his name will not be on the 1972 Republican ticket and he is behaving like a sulky child about it. For a man, whose ethnic background through many generations, have also been denied many opportunities, forces one to return to the old clinche'—perhaps the mere title he assumed has in his own little mind, made him too big for his breeches.

Agnew has said many times that black people should take constructive action. He is right. The most constructive action black people and any other minority or those who stand for basic freedoms, free press, constitutional dissent, civil rights and generally, a better quality for all people, should help remove from public office irresponsible, bigoted and irrational politicians such as Spiro Agnew.

Let us hope that he will give serious thought to utterances of such slurring remarks in the future as he continues on his tour.

CITADEL OF PROGRESS

The citadel of progress — our NAACP, throughout the years has demonstrated that it is and will remain the citadel for progress of all Americans and especially blacks and other minorities as it seeks to continue and maintain gains garnered through the years.

In the words of one of its great leaders, the NAACP "is one of the greatest demonstrations of togetherness the world has ever known: men and women, Protestants, Jews and Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Episcopalians and Pentecostals — all working together in freedom.

Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, sounded his call, for unity by all persons in a unified action to save mankind; a mankind that is threatened now by its own technology. Man's spirit according to Wilkins, has now become hardened, shriveled and dried up. Still others say the spirit has become bloated and evil with greed, full of itself, living by the rule, "the devil take the hindmost." Others point to the arrogance among men and nations which has enthroned might and calculated deception as measures of individual and national worth. Thus, we have the frightening realities and consequences

in mankind that are the sources of the spirit that will make men great and free."

The veteran NAACP leader warned that "in this last third of the twentieth century, man must practice togetherness or perish." The NAACP, he said, "especially wishes to foster a unity within our own racial community that will close whatever gaps may exist without erasing the difference that stimulate achievement. Our young people, who want the same rewards that are the goals of their elders, must become an integral part of the unity we seek. We can find good things in their 'bag' and they can, hopefully, discover that all wisdom, inventiveness, impatience and courage did not disappear in us when we reached the age of thirty."

Mal Goode, dean of the black TV correspondents, challenged the younger generation of blacks to "do your homework, not only in the history of the NAACP, but on the Civil Rights movement in this nation."

Now more than ever, is the time for this welcome saga of advise — Unity and Togetherness — to be resounded loud and clear among all groups and especially blacks for an improved equality of life for all people.

Things You Should Know

Anthony BURNS

RUNAWAY SLAVE FROM VA, HE

WAS ARRESTED IN BOSTON MAY 24, 1854.

THREE LAWYERS CAME TO HIS AID, INCLUDING R.H. DANA, JR., AUTHOR OF TWO YEARS BEFORE

THE MAST. AFTER A ONE-SIDED TRIAL, HE WAS SENTENCED TO RETURN TO SLAVERY AND THE

BOSTON POLICE, 1500 DRAGOONS, THE ENTIRE FIFTH ARTILLERY REGIMENT—22 MILITARY

UNITS WERE USED TO GUARD HIM!—AT A COST, TO THE GOVERNMENT, OF \$40,000.00!



CONTINENTAL FEATURES

"PERMISSIVENESS IS OVER"

"WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THIS? IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME," SAID A HOUSE WIFE.

N.Y. TIMES

"WHAT DO YOU DO IN A CASE LIKE THIS, ARREST THE WHOLE BLOCK — I MEAN, ASK A POLICEMAN."

NO ARRESTS TO DATE

ROSEDALE, QUEENS, N.Y.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Vice President Agnew attacked the leaders of American Negroes saying that they had taken on themselves the position of leaders. He also highly praised the leaders of several African states including Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia.

The Vice President revealed his own dictatorial mentality by praising Haile Selassie who is an absolute ruler and allows no democracy in his country. It also reveals the Vice President's lack of courage that he did not name the leaders of American Negroes whom he denounced as a group.

If he meant the black representatives in Congress who recently formed a caucus to press more effectively for demands for equal rights and opportunities, they are all in fact democratically elected. They are also all Democrats which may be why he wanted to discredit them. If he meant the leaders of "Snick and Core," I do not know how they are chosen but in both cases their organizations are small and dwindling and they "lead" very few people.

If he meant Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP, or Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood, Chairman of its Board of Directors, they are both elected by the Board of the NAACP who in turn are elected by delegates democratically chosen by the tranches to the annual conventions, except that a few board members are picked out by the Board itself to give a place on the board to well

supporters of civil rights but too busy to be active in the NAACP. Miss Dorothy Height, now or recently head of the National Council of Negro Women, is also democratically chosen. The heads of the predominantly Negro religious denominations are elected by delegates to the denominations' conventions who are democratically chosen by the congregations which are a part of that denomination.

The Vice President admires dictatorships, lacks political courage, is ignorant of how the leaders of American Negroes are chosen, and wrong on all three counts.

Sincerely,
Alfred Baker Lewis

Aid Given To Poor Students

BOSTON — Six years ago, Livaughn Chapman, a black, was a "street corner type." He was in high school and was advised not to try to go to college. The future didn't hold much prospect for him or for many others in similar circumstances.

Today Chapman, 23, is the director of one of two programs at the University of Massachusetts specifically designed to help those who, for social or economic reasons, would otherwise be prevented from gaining a higher education.

THE PROGRAM was the out-growth of a desire by university officials to carry out the original mandate laid down more than 100 years ago and pressures produced during the past decade by the growing civil rights movement.

The original mandate, spelled out in the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1860, specified that a public university is to educate students who could not, for economic or social reasons, normally attain any education beyond high school.

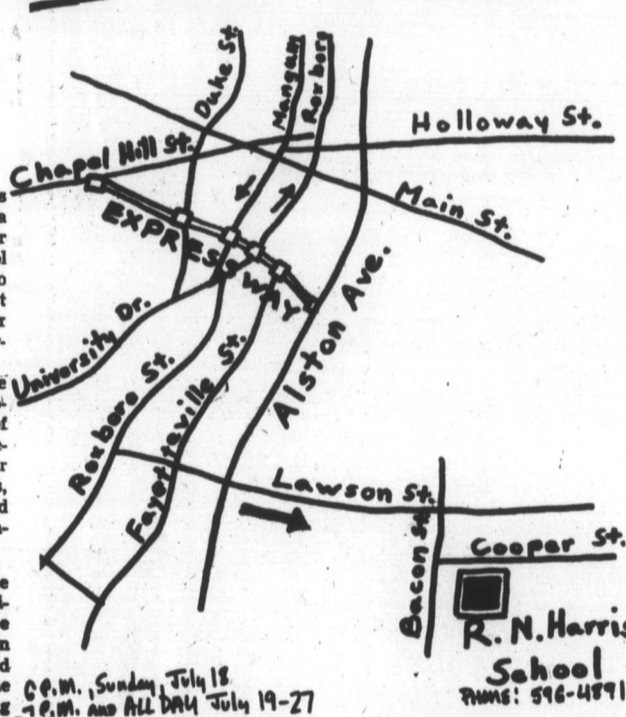
ROBERT C. WOOD, president of the university, said that since the civil rights push peaked several years ago, the "enthusiasm has sort of waned" in the legislature.

Requests for funding "have not met with the same kind of sympathies it originally did four or five years ago," he said. "One of our problems this year is making clear to all our sponsors that this is a four year effort — at a minimum — and if you suddenly stop the program when the most advanced students were juniors, you must leave them worse off than never starting them at all."

THE PROGRAMS are designed to attack an acute social and human problem by providing a way out of the self-perpetuating cycle of poverty and cultural deprivation.

Wood and Chapman said there is a wrong impression of the program, that it is only for black students.

How TO GET TO S.O.S.!



The Time Is Now

The building of better school attitudes in the Durham Community through the cooperative efforts of all its citizens is being projected and offered in the daily meetings of the SOS Charettes being held at R. N. Harris Elementary School, Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

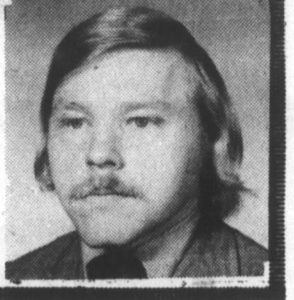
Many problems have been identified through rapping or just plain communicating, to use the common terms these days. Problems solving time is now when all citizens, parents and interested patrons can have a voice in the decision making plans. We are urging that all persons take time out to come and hear — fact from fantasy, as we seek to build better community school spirit and attitudes at the SOS Charettes.

Monday, July 26, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. presentations on solutions to the many problems will be explored by consultants in various areas. Free child care during sessions hours as well as free transportation to the R.N. Harris School may be secured by calling 596-4891.

Parents, patrons and interested citizens — THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW. COME TO SESSIONS OF THE CHARETTE — SOS — SO THAT YOU CAN BE BETTER INFORMED.

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

By JOHN MYERS



Every city in America, speaking collectively, has its street corner, alley-way, or store front, where at any time, day or night, you can find information, cheap labor, or illicit whiskey.

Durham is no exception, five points downtown, the corner of Ramsey and Pettigrew Streets, The Casual Employment Center, and the 200 block of E. Main are only some of the places you see groups of men who appear to be living in the last days of the earth. What happened to these men?

This reporter interviewed men from different spots previously mentioned and received basically the same story, with an occasional variation.

One young man, asking for 35 cents for a can of beans, told of his wife's death eight years ago. She had left him with three children who now live with his mother. He bragged of his intelligence and quoted Emerson, Frost, Browning, and the Bible.

When his wife died, he could not go on so he took to a life of drink. He spends his days begging or doing odd jobs to get enough money for booze. As he talked, his emotions became stronger and was, as last, forced to draw from a tattered wallet, a picture of his deceased wife. Truly, she was a beautiful woman and the loss of her had meant a great deal to him. So he tries to forget.

Another gentleman, to enliterated to stand straight made it quite clear that he wished no money from me, but rather, four cigarettes to last him until the morning. Between coughs, swaying, and incomprehensible mumbblings, he told me of the fantastic job he had once had with a trucking firm. He was soon to be made foreman of his department and a raise was due. However, his daughter had become very ill, eventually to die, and had financially destroyed him. He could not recover after her death. He tries to drown his memory.

These two men are the classic examples of the stories these men tell on every street corner in the world. If they are true or not is unimportant. The important thing is that they probably believe them. They have probably told them so long and so many times that they have actually grown into fact.

What happened to these men? Are their stories true? Did they make them up? Their reasons are unimportant. The fact remains that in every city in the world including Durham, corners are stagnated with bodies of men who died long ago.

The Casual Employment Center is a picture of this situation. Daily, men come and sit and wait. For odd jobs, for favors, for bribes, for anything that will give them a purpose. If my readers ever feel depressed because your television is on the blink, a bill is due which you can't pay, or you and your wife have had an argument, go by one of these spots and look at the men there. I do. No matter what drives you to take an interest in them, they're waiting.

Man Topics



OF COURSE, DEAR, I'M A ONE-MAN WOMAN — BUT YOU'RE JUST NOT THE ONE MAN!

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