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**EDITORIALS**

**Commitment And Awareness Time Is Now**

The challenges given to the North Carolina Central University community by Rev. Jesse Jackson on the occasion of its Founder's Day Convocation should sound the call for all persons to assess and reassess the sort of intellectual elitism and malaise that does not lead to true black progress and even possibly could reduce the value of our campuses in the leadership role training toward black economic, intellectual, social and spiritual development.

Black students must and should not allow themselves to be diverted from their primary mission, the acquisition of knowledge and the development of the best possible articulative skills. This philosophy must become the guiding light of all black students if they are to carry on black progress in the years to come. For in the economic and intellectual market places, all groups seek power; and here is where the use of the best available intellectual skills and communication arts still determine who will hold the power. You must be able to sell yourself through effective communication arts.

It is just as true today, as ever, that one must seek as much information as possible to make one's enemies his foot-stool and my brother—my brother. Minority and black students must recognize now that black Americans are conceded to be tops in motor skills and entertainment. Our cognitive and intellectual skills are often questioned by the world, despite the outstanding legal, medical and scientific advances produced by black minds. Black students must let go of the fads and faddisms, the false mannerism and other gimmicks that many of us eagerly pick up and latch onto and proceed to get busy with the real tasks of learning. Stop putting the blame on faculties, teachers, and administrators; for the libraries are always open for inquisitive minds and will continue to be open for the development of intellectual stimulation. It is well to remember as Rev. Jackson said, "that you can't teach what you don't know; and you can't lead where you don't go." Discipline your mind to enjoy and learn about the wealth of available vicarious information in all libraries as well as other media. Develop

op the intensity for academic stimulation that many of us have for the latest fashions, records or dances. Become trained for power by being trained intellectually and spiritually to respect yourself and the people who respect you. That is to learn and act upon those necessary emotions and intellect that will grant you more control over your life.

In the words of Frederick Douglass, "if there is no struggle, there can be no progress." For in the economic and intellectual struggles, dedication to the task on our campuses today means dedication to the task yes—even the duty, to acquire all the information possible and to develop the best communication skills for your future leadership role in black economic and intellectual development.

Freedom can't come, that is true freedom for any minority without agitation; but let some of this agitation on campuses be mental agitation instead of educational malaise—a deadly enemy of progress. Black progress needs more than unkempt appearances, utter disrespect for the rights of our fellowmen, and the constant you know what I mean"—which as we see it is nothing more than poor articulative skills.

One must seek each opportunity to become aware of the need, concern and commitment for both intellectual and spiritual involvement stimulation by spending more hours in the libraries and less time on the corners, the plaza and even the union.

You, the young women and men on our campuses are the intellectual elite and you must seek every opportunity to advance black progress. Intellectual and economic power can lead us to real black progress, increased pride and power if we can effectively compete in the market place of ideas, intellectually, economically, spiritually and morally.

Yes, nation time is now. Move into the power stream with the best possible "know how," which can only come from well developed and well disciplined minds. Decision making time is now. Commitment and awareness time is now. What will your decision and commitment be—intellectual agitation now or educational malaise?

**Updating the Price Index**

If you are anywhere near a typical American family with a typical household budget, you are now spending a significantly higher proportion of your budget on medical care than just a few years ago. This one item in your budget is grabbing almost 6½ cents out of every spending dollar today.

Yet, the extent of this squeeze on your cost of living is not fully reflected in the closely watched Consumer Price Index simply because the "weight" given to the factor in your budget has not been changed in almost a decade. And the most dramatic upsurge in your use of medical care has occurred in recent years.

If you are anywhere near typical too, your overall housing costs have been soaring — with key factors in this trend including skyrocketing property taxes, astronomical costs of buying and repairing houses, rising costs of furnishing and maintaining the contents of our homes, higher mortgage rates, etc.

Yet, the extent of this squeeze, due strictly to the changing pattern of spending on shelter in recent years, has also not been fully reflected in the CPI. The weights in this broad field of living costs haven't been altered either.

Again, it's a virtual certainty that your spending for services has been rising across the board while your spending for goods has been dropping proportionately. Behind the upward spiral in your spending for services has been the relentless climb in the costs of all household services, transportation service, medical care services. Simultaneously contributing to the decline in your spending for things has been the downward price trend in many household durables.

An updating of the CPI is more than due — and to lay the groundwork for it, the Census Bureau will next year launch the first major study of our spending patterns in more than a decade. Although final plans for this massive survey are still being worked out between Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the objective as of now is to go far beyond the impact of rising and falling prices for various items on our overall spending pat-

terns. The aim is to find out in addition how our spending patterns are influenced by our income levels, the size of our families, the locations of our homes, the climates in which we live, our changing personal preferences, our priorities, the availability of the enormous variety of goods and services in the U. S. marketplace.

Then out of this unprecedented exploration of the basic factors determining our spending patterns will come an entirely new set of weights for all the items in today's price index. And at that point, the CPI — the only index we have to measure changes in living costs, and indisputably the single most influential economic index in the U. S. today — will be up to date again.

When? Almost surely, not until 1976 — for the results of 1972's census survey will be too complex to permit much earlier updating. The results of the 1960-61 census did not appear in the CPI until 1963. This revision will be much, much tougher.

It's a long time to wait for specifics — but you can guess the most significant changes. We have enough clues to know that the weight for medical care will be way, way up; for housing, moderately up; for food, moderately down; for personal care and reading and recreation, down too. And from analysis of the impact of price changes over the past seven years, here are six startling ups and six downs to telegraph how some weights might change:

| ITEM                 | PCT. RISE SINCE '63    |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Doctors' in-hospital | 66.6                   |
| Mortgage interest    | 47.4                   |
| Hospital services    | 45.5                   |
| Property insurance   | 39.0                   |
| Indoor movies        | 36.8                   |
| Household help       | 30.8                   |
| ITEM                 | PCT. DECLINE SINCE '63 |
| TV sets              | 33.3                   |
| Coal                 | 33.3                   |
| Nylon hose           | 28.2                   |
| Prescriptions        | 25.0                   |
| Recreation goods     | 22.3                   |
| Telephone            | 21.7                   |

**"The World Will Be Watching"**

71% OF WHITES HAVE ALREADY FOUND ANGELA DAVIS GUILTY, ACCORDING TO A RECENT HARRIS POLL.

"WE ARE APPALLED AT THE OBVIOUS EFFORT TO DENY THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE AND HEREBY CONVICT MISS DAVIS OF MURDER LONG BEFORE THE FIRST WITNESS HAS BEEN CALLED. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED."

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**Ill Breeding at U.N.**

By Russell Baker  
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON Following is the transcript of White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler's press briefing today:

Mr. Ziegler: I'm sorry, I'm late this morning, but my conference with Miss Cornelia De Rigor, the internationally famous authority on etiquette, ran longer than I anticipated. As you know, I had to call in Miss De Rigor to help answer your questions on United Nations etiquette, and I think I am pretty well informed now if anybody still has any of those questions to ask.

Q. Ron, you said Wednesday that the handclapping and dancing in the aisles of the U.N. following the vote to admit Communist China was a "shocking demonstration" of behavior which the President found offensive and undignified. Is there any thought being given to appointing a blue-ribbon commission to draw up a code of etiquette for the U.N., so members will know how to behave properly when the United States loses a vote?

A. Any country big enough to go to the U.N. ought to know how to act under such circumstances. Dan. Any country that doesn't can always find out simply by calling on the U.S. ambassador at the Waldorf and promising to vote with our side.

Q. Is there any truth in these stories, Ron, that the President has taken down the names of the countries whose delegates applauded, cheered or danced, and that he will give all these countries an F in conduct for this semester?

A. Those rumors are ridiculous, Herb. The President, of course, is not empowered by the U.N. charter to grade other countries in conduct, and wouldn't use such power if he had it. He would favor more subtle responses to countries that behaved rudely. In the present case, for example, he is merely sending notes home to their mothers.

Q. Does Miss De Rigor, the internationally famous authority on etiquette, agree with the President that handclapping, cheering and dancing in the aisles are offensive and undignified, Ron?

A. Miss De Rigor informs me that cheering and applauding a defeat for the U.S. is almost as unseemly as eating peas with a knife, while dancing in the aisles on such an occasion is regarded in well-bred circles as even more distasteful than going to a full-dress dinner barefooted.

Q. What is the correct way for well-

bred nations to react to a defeat for our side at the U.N., Ron?

A. I don't think there's any disagreement on that point, Bob. The first thing would be for the countries who had voted against us to expunge the vote by unanimous acclamation. After that, apologies would be in order. Then, three weeks of mourning.

Q. Ron, since none of the countries who voted against us on the China issue was aware that good manners required them to rise unanimously and expunge the vote, are we to take it that the President will accept the situation created by this breach of etiquette, and not make further efforts to keep the Chinese Communists out of the U.N.?

A. Our best advice is that it would be very bad manners for the President to re-open the issue in any substantive way, once he has scored his domestic political points by professing outrage with the ill-mannered behavior of the countries that voted against us.

Q. Does the White House expect the countries which voted against us to go ahead with apologies, in accordance with the rules of U.N. etiquette?

A. At the moment, Carroll, we would like to see a lot of these countries doing the correct thing—that is, apologizing pretty abjectly and promising never to let it happen again.

Q. What does Miss De Rigor say about the form in which the apologies have to be made? Do the nations that committed the faux pas have to come in on hands and knees in order to satisfy the canons of civilized U.N. behavior?

A. The President has no desire to see any of these ill-bred nations on hand and knees, Pete. Some of them are great nations — nations that might some day be number two or number three, if they learn a little something about U.N. etiquette. So for his part, the President will not insist on hands-and-knees. We cannot speak for how Congress will want them to apologize, however. Yes, Bob?

Q. Ron, does this sudden interest in U.N. etiquette mean that the U.S., after ignoring the U.N. for the past 10 years, is once again going to let the U.N. become involved in our foreign policy?

A. If Professor Kissinger doesn't let the State Department get involved in our foreign policy, he's hardly likely to let the U.N. get mixed up in it, is he? That's off the record, and quoting me would be offensive and undignified. I have it straight from Miss De Rigor.

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**Things You Should Know 300 B.C.**

**KING CLITUS**

FOSTER BROTHER OF ALEXANDER

THE GREAT, AND GENERAL OF HIS CAVALRY,

CLITUS' BRAVERY AND BRILLIANCE WERE CIT-

ED BY PLUTARCH / ON MORE THAN ONE OC-

CASION HE SAVED ALEXANDER'S LIFE / BUT

WHEN CLITUS REPROACHED HIM LOVINGLY

FOR HIS ARROGANCE, ALEXANDER SLEW

HIS FRIEND IN A FIT OF RAGE / REPENTING

LATER, ALEXANDER TRIED SUICIDE, FASTED

AND WEPT FOR THREE DAYS — DYING IN

DRUNKEN REMORSE!



**To Be Equal**

**Black Ballot Power**

By VERNON E. JORDAN JR.

IF BLACK PEOPLE ARE NOT to end this decade as disadvantaged as we began it, there has to be a strong grass-roots movement to influence the political institutions of the country. Black people have the numbers and the know-how to help bring about the political "browning of America" that will at long last result in the total inclusion of blacks in the democratic political process.

Some people think that if a black man is elected mayor of a city, that proves the existence of black political power. To a degree it does, but that mayor is going to have to deal with regional authorities, governors, planning boards, councilmen and legislators, not to mention federal officials, and his power to benefit his black constituents is partially dependent upon these outside forces.

So black political power must come to mean more than electing a few mayors. It must mean the complete participation of black people in the political process and their involvement in party decision-making and government machinery at all levels.

Black office-holders amount to only three-tenths of one per cent of the 522,000 elected officials in the country. There is a need to increase this percentage, as well as to influence the political institutions to become more aware of the needs and power of black voters.

**Massive Registration Needed**

Massive registration of black voters is, then, a necessity. But a major stumbling block is that in many places, especially in medium sized northern towns, election laws and regulations are designed to limit and exclude the young, minorities, and working people.

In some places the only way to register is to go to the county courthouse in the center of town. Since it's only open from 9 to 5 on weekdays, it's really closed to working people who would have to lose a day's pay in order to come in to town to register.

Local governments have a responsibility to encourage wide-scale registration and voting. Many existing practices really amount to the undemocratic denial of basic citizenship rights. If this system is to survive, then those so long excluded from it must now be included.

There ought to be opportunities to register all year round, not just for a few days in the fall. Registration offices should be open evenings and weekdays. Neighborhoods with low registration should get their own neighborhood registrars drawn from those living in the community. Mobile units could go to where people work and live. Community groups could be commissioned to register people.

**Should Make System Work**

If this system is to work, it will have to expand the participation of its citizens in the political process. And if black people are to make our needs and interests felt, we'll have to learn how to make the political system responsive.

So registration is the important first step. Black citizens also have to become more active in party politics of both major parties, for it is the party structure that is the basis for our political system. The party delegates and the party machinery pick the candidates for offices and write the platforms and strategies they run on.

Election Day may be too late for black voters. By then, unless enough blacks register, become active in party meetings and clubs, and run for party posts, we may be back in our old political role of being taken for granted and forced to choose among candidates and programs that don't reflect our interests.

It is through the ballot that black people will bring the meaningful change in our communities and in our lives.

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**Everybody Seems To Be Running For Something**

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON Many senators consider themselves presidential material. It's just that at any given time there are a few who haven't announced. Now, with the nominating conventions set for next summer, even some House members are getting their lightning rods up.

Patsy Takemoto Mink, D-Hawaii, for instance, has adorned the House for seven years. She's a lawyer, plenty smart, and currently is lending an ear to contentions the White House ought to be tidied up by a woman.

Shirley Chisholm, a Democrat from Brooklyn, believes if a woman candidate is good, a black woman candidate has got to be better. She will enter primaries in Florida, North Carolina, California and Wisconsin.

William Anderson, D-Tenn., is the nuclear submarine commander turned dove who spoke an unkind word about FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. He's warming up on the lecture circuit and has tested the New Hampshire and Florida primary waters.

**Hays Has Bumper Stickers**

Wayne L. Hayes, D-Ohio, hasn't said much, which isn't like him, but there are bumper stickers around proclaiming his availability for the Democratic nomination on a "sense — not nonsense" platform.

Paul N. (Pete) McCloskey, R-Calif., has committed the ultimate political sin of announcing against his own President. McCloskey is a Marine combat colonel who wants out of Vietnam and says the Commander-in-Chief has bungled both the war and the peace.

Oh, yes. There is also Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark. But there are a number of reasons he couldn't win and he knows it. In fact, all Mills has to offer the voters is ability, brains, experience, honesty, demonstrated leadership and general good sense.

He will be 63—people say that's too old—when the Democrats nominate their man next July in Miami. He is a southerner. He has voted against every civil rights bill. He has never been outside the United States. He smokes small cigars (no cigarettes) and even so uses a filter.

Glamorous he isn't. Christma (whatever that is) he hasn't got. On TV he comes across like a banker disapproving a loan. His closet hides nary a skelton; only neat rows of conservative suits.

**He Is Running For Something**

But since May he has made 62 public speeches including 12 to state legislatures. He says he isn't running for president but if nominated could beat Richard Nixon. He has a manager, bumper stickers and even a campaign song. So what is he running for?

Some informed congressional sources—well, there is me anyway—think what he's shooting for is the best job in the government, all right, but not the one at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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