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**EDITORIALS**

**Durham's Black Power Base:  
 Valid and Secure**

"You may not get all that you pay for in this world; but you will pay for all that you get." Those were the words of Frederick Douglass.

The truth of the statement reverberated through the crevices of my mind this week as I sat, sensing a phenomenon.

The room was full of black men and women, well acquainted with each other; sharing a clandestine brother-sisterhood.

Asa Spaulding sat with his legs crossed, bearing the burden of a living legend and the efforts that created it, well; John Wheeler remained placid, but somehow revealing incomprehensible mental energies and determination; J. W. Kennedy, Jr., stood before the speaker's platform wearing the cloak of years majestically, a monument to defiance of surrender; and there was J. S. Stewart, unshakable and distinguished in his endeavors.

Others were present, and together they symbolized a kind of "positive mind group"—a black power force.

Though their strength was eminent, equally visible were the scars and evidences of much struggle. I could envisage the past prejudices encountered, sense the tremendous hurdles leaped—felt the nostalgic sharing of weariness; but, also the comradeship in triumph.

I could share it all, though the struggle preceded my embryonic unfolding. And I trembled.

I trembled at the distance between the dawning generation of these black giants and the state of existence I have known.

I ached to have been a part of the planting of dreams which bore the fruition of the Mechanics and Farm-

ers Bank, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., and the Mutual Savings and Loan Association, along with many other enterprises.

I trembled as I peered into a void in search of a new generation of black giants. My generation—comrades to build dreams into realities, ad to hammer out a note of worthiness to stand for all times.

I sickened with flashes of memory; at the recall of standing near these structures surrounded by the sound of breaking glass, the smell of smoke and the singe of leaping flames gnawing its destructive fury into the stronghold of physical tributes to struggle and achievement. And I was standing there in my gigantic anger at the world; but having barely an inkling of understanding.

A prayer of gratitude escaped my soul encased in guilt. I was thankful for not having destroyed the stronghold.

Now, I understand the task at hand. We, who are the current generation; we, who are wrapped in knowledge of black history, the shield of black pride and the nobility of inheritance our worst enemy is ourselves.

We must absolve the dignity of our elders, learn the persistence of faith and create the sensitivity essential to promote the task of expanding a black power base which, to many, seems already the apex of black achievement.

And we must imbibe the concept of "whenever any one of us are suffering the plague of poverty, we are all extremely poor."

Understanding these things is the price we must pay.

—James Vaughan

**The Challenge of the Seventies**

All around us we hear and read how the world hopes ardently that in some discernible degree the entire earth will be much better in 1972 than it was in 1971. An especial hope is that human relations between people—ALL PEOPLE—will show great improvement.

We know that man has been on this planet for millions of years and man has made the greatest progress in all areas except in human relations. So a good resolution for this New Year may well be for all of us to diligently seek, project, and urge all persons to fight for improved social, economic, educational and legal reforms. These persons must be YOU, THOU and ME. For all of us must be involved if we really want action.

These concerns are world wide concerns but have special impact on the millions of blacks around the world. It must be remembered that no man is free until all men are free in the fullest sense. Not one individual, group or nation can become a quitter in this world of ours which is fraught with chaos if we are to move ahead.

There are many, many big issues on the horizon that will affect all people. So decision making and especially the right decisions becomes important to all of us as each one plays his role in helping to solve prob-

lems that have caused much polarization and economic bitterness among so many.

Is it possible then for man and a country that has made the greatest technological progress in history to put these forces at work at once to relieve the human miseries and hopelessness of millions of its citizens by committing—NOW these technological resources, to alleviating these vital human problems? These resources could and must go into all kinds of social services, educational, legal reforms, and economic opportunities, needed right now, for the less advantaged and impoverished peoples. Income maintenance, housing construction, health insurance, better and more health facilities, especially the concerns of the aged, ghetto and rural poor, new and better schools for all, equal employment opportunities and truly a "piece of the action" by all segments of our society would be a step towards improved human relations. For these are indeed the very problems that bring violence, hatred and deep polarization of people.

The challenge of the continuing 70's are clear to all of us. Will you accept them and begin to play your part, no matter how small to give hope that there will indeed be more progress in human relations in 1972?



**Things You Should Know**

**OSCEOLA**

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A SEMINOLE INDIAN BORN IN GEORGIA, HE LED INDIAN WARRIORS AGAINST FEDERAL TROOPS IN THE 2ND SEMINOLE WAR—A FIGHT OVER RUNAWAY SLAVES. HE BEAT THREE OF THE BEST GENERALS / AND, IN 1837, WITH 200 MICHOSUKEE INDIANS HE BEAT GEN. S. JESUP AND 80.00 CRACK TROOPS / FINALLY, TAKEN PRISONER, HE DIED AT FT. MOULTRIE, CHARLESTON, S.C.

IT MEANT SO MUCH TO THEM . . .



**--Kittrell**

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dormitory."

Also, Dr. L. Horton, president of Kittrell College concurred in a statement that: "I feel exactly the way that McNeil does. There appears to have been a version of the story placing one Black man against another."

McNeil explained that there was no way a complaint could have been filed against the college. "The procedures," according to McNeil, "are that a general contractor bids to handle the construction. Sub-contractors such as electrical contractors who are bidding for the overall job."

He further explained that the suit was filed against the contractors because they failed to reply to his bid. In this instance, the Dodge Report of bid results listed five general contractors bidding on the contract. McNeil's company submitted bids for sub-contracting to the five general contractors, but received replies from only two notifying him of their acceptance or rejection.

"At this point, we filed our complaint to HUD, who in turn made inquiries," McNeil stated.

The Dodge Report revealed that at this point only two of original five contractors followed through on the bidding list.

McNeil stated that the two general contractors who replied to Union's sub-contracting bid accepted his company.

The current situation, according to information from the Dodge Report is that bidding by general contractors has been re-opened with a deadline for bidders set for January 20.

The original bidding was discontinued because of guidelines from HUD stating that projects must have at least three bidders before a contract can be awarded.

The Dodge Report currently lists six potential bidders for the contract. Included in the new list of prospective bidders are contractors who were alleged to have discriminated against the Union Electric Co.

"We have submitted bids to all the prospective general contract bidders," McNeil said. Federal investigations into the suit have not disclosed findings of discrimination at this time.

But according to McNeil, "We feel that we were successful in calling attention to discriminatory practices maintained by white contractors of this area and nationally," he said.

**Four-footed fall guys**

CHICAGO — Of all the thousands of animal species throughout the world man has been able to convince only a half-dozen to do much work.

For centuries, according to Encyclopedia Britannica, the principal work animals have been horses, cattle, water buffalo, camels, llamas and elephants.

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**Diluting The Vote**

REAPPORTIONMENT of the Congressional districts and the various state legislatures is today a burning issue. In some instances the courts will have to reapportion. California is one of the states where the courts may have to reapportion for the Governor and the State Legislature have reached an impasse.

There is a reapportionment commission in California which supposedly has the power to act in an instance where the Governor and the Legislature are deadlocked. The constitutionality of this commission is being currently tested in the courts of California by the Secretary of State who is the state's highest election official.

The County Registrars of Voters are complaining that if they are to conduct the elections at maximum smoothness, then they must be able to start precincting the various districts before February 1. One of the alternatives offered is that the Congressmen and Legislators run at-large in a state-wide election. This could prove to be catastrophic for Black elected officials in terms of money to finance such a campaign and conservative opposition.

**Black Community Frozen Out**

In Los Angeles County some communities have organized to prevent sizable portions of the Black community from being included in their legislative and congressional districts. However, in some of these districts the White incumbents have to a large degree in the past depended upon Black voters. But at that point the size of the Black vote was small and not of sufficient strength to nominate a Black in the primary election.

Today the rapidly growing Black population is quickly changing districts, racial make-up as the Whites flee to the suburbs. Discriminatory housing patterns by the Whites have now started to frighten them in terms of Blacks who are electable to high office.

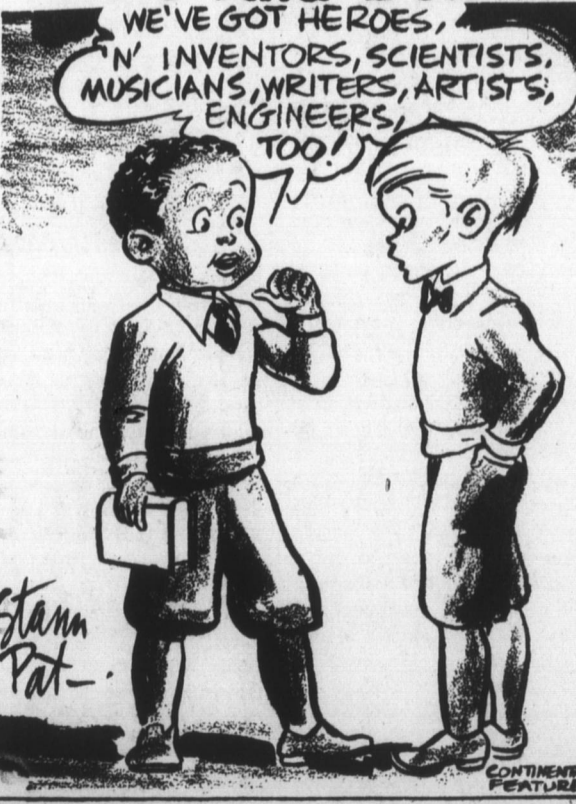
There is much dialogue today about legislative and Congressional districts being drawn in some instances to prevent and limit Black representation, and in other instances districts are being drawn to increase White Democratic candidates chances for election and re-election. I offer no excuses in either case. But we must have responsible men in the legislative chambers and in the U. S. House of Representatives who have a genuine interest in the well-being of Black Americans.

**Cardinal Issues Listed**

Welfare, full employment, quality education, health facilities and Model Cities Programs are issues that should shape our opinions relative to reapportionment and candidates for the various new district seats. We should forego the battle of personalities among Black candidates and concentrate on electability. We should also beware of allowing White candidates to walk away with victories from districts with sizable Black population by vote splitting devices of too many Black candidates in particular races.

There is a possibility that there will be in excess of 17 Blacks in the U. S. House of Representatives in the next session. We are challenged to organize and rally our voters into cohesive well directed units.

**Do's And Don'ts**



**TAKING A  
 CLOSER  
 LOOK**

By JOHN MYERS

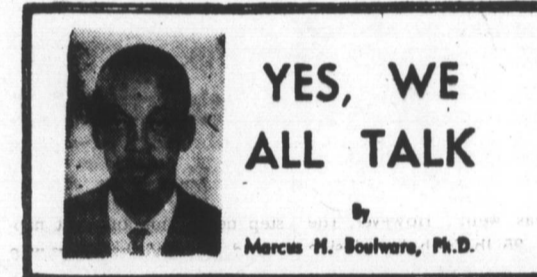
Since February, 1970 I have spent approximately 20 hours in various discussions with Clifton P. Jones and Robert Pace. These discussions were all centered around the Arthritis Foundation of North Carolina. Jones and Pace showed me documents and more documents which indicated numerous instances of misrepresentation connected with the N. C. Foundation. I personally know that they have also talked with reporters from the Raleigh News and Observer, the Charlotte Observer, and the Durham Morning Herald. During this time there has been numerous stories in the above mentioned papers in connection with the charges against the Foundation issued by Pace and Jones. I have ran five stories in The Carolina Times in connection with the charges. I have interviewed many different people with the Foundation and have even printed copies of the alleged false documents. Out of all the bad publicity in the above mentioned papers, I have yet to hear of a formal investigation coming out of the Governor's Office or anyone else's office containing any power.

Let's suppose for a moment that each of the many charges by Pace and Jones is false. I would think that the Foundation would feel obligated to come forth and explain the

charges to the people of N. C. and refute the charges or even file counter charges against Pace and Jones. I have heard nothing of such actions. If, on the other hand, the charges are correct, as the documents I have seen point, it is a puzzle to me why no action has been taken. The Foundation seems to be totally ignoring the entire event. Ignoring charges such as these is admirable to a degree if they are indeed false. But, the people of North Carolina deserve to know exactly what kind of organization they are donating their money to.

I feel it is time for action from the Foundation and from the heads of our state. I personally am tired of continuing a struggle which no one seems to care enough about to even ask where several thousands of dollars are going each year.

Arthritis is a most formidable disease. It is a crippler of a high magnitude both of adults and children and a foundation dedicated to eradicating this dreadful disease is indeed worthy of the public's attention. However, when an organization is ran with apparently as much irresponsibility as the North Carolina Chapter, I would think twice before donating money to it. I urge my readers to demand an explanation and a solution to this old issue before contributing further. Let's find out what is going on in our Foundation.



**The Roll Call Vote**

In deliberative bodies (clubs, societies, associations), the roll-call vote may be termed "the Yeas and Nays vote." With this method of voting on a proposition or candidate, the secretary calls the roll of eligible voters in alphabetical order.

The Chairman: "We shall now vote upon the motion that this organization discontinue the practice of presenting the annual Christmas cantata. Will the secretary please call the roll."

IN ANSWERING the roll call, a member says "Yea" if he is for the motion; and he says, "Nay" when he is against the motion. If any member does not wish to

vote, he answers to his name—"Present."

Because a member does not wish to vote, it must not be assumed that he is in favor of the motion. When he says "Present", this implies that he has not made up his mind. If he were playing in a card game, it would be like saying "Pass."

THE ROLL-CALL vote consumes considerable time, but it is a good method to employ when voting on a controversial question.

READERS: For my group discussion pamphlet, send two stamps and long, self-addressed business envelope to M. H. Boulware, Florida A&M University, Box 193, Tallahassee, Florida—32307.

**Blacks Winning Control**

Black freedom fighters of Portuguese Guinea on the coast of West Africa have gained control of more than one-half the country. They are led by Amilcar Cabral, a tough, black, 48-year-old agronomist who has been fighting for 15 years and who has five thousand men. The Portuguese army, needing financial aid, has twenty-five thousand men trying to defeat the Africans.

Thirty-three African states attained independence since 1956, but Portugal has indicated it intends to keep controlling millions of blacks with several hundred thousand whites. And it intends to continue reaping millions of dollars from natural resources taken by force from the homeland of African blacks.

Congressman Diggs, a student of African affairs, certainly should have resigned to call attention to the administration's anti-black position and to indicate his opposition.

Let us urge Congressman Diggs and other leaders, of all races, to keep a journal of the administration's unsavory deeds and explain these deeds and their consequences to the enlightened voters in the 1972 Presidential election.

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