

FROM BLACK

By John Hudgins



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The great scholar and teacher Dr. W. E. B. DuBois once wrote on one occasion, "The function of the university is not simply to teach breadwinning, or to furnish teachers for the public schools, or to be a centre of polite society; it is above all, to be an organ of that fine adjustment between real life and the growing knowledge of life, and adjustment which forms the secret of civilization".

Our people today are to our detriment moving away from this kind of thinking. We no longer in school seek an education for life, an understanding of reality in order that we may seek to serve on another. Instead our youth are encouraged to seek an education for payroll whereby the measure of an education lies not in your contribution to mankind but rather in the size of your pay check.

We for some reason feel that the more money we earn and the more material things we possess, the more we as individuals are free. The irony lies in the fact that one who places his values in spending is never free to abandon it. Ever notice how some people feel that they must buy the latest style no matter how it looks or how many clothes they already have? Sometimes freedom is found in the ability to say no, the ability to be different. We rarely ask a person what he is doing for a living, we are often more concerned with how much he is paid for doing it, or how many figures does he make. It is little wonder that in Durham we could admire an obviously big spender who worked daily sending Black people to jail. Black people have no problem helping IBM make missiles to be used in the Third World. As long as we can maintain a style of living we will use our training for anything. It is small wonder that are still oppressed, our educated, our thinkers are bought off, in most cases as soon as they finish studying.

If we are to be free we must challenge our youth to learn more than how to get on a payroll. We must seek an education for our people that has its value in its contribution

to Black people. We must seek to study for liberation, to understand reality, to analyze oppression, to change behavior. If our college graduates could begin work at 15,000 per year and our high school graduates could begin at 8,000, it would do very little to our total situation. Sure more individuals would have what they want, clothes, cars, consumption. But there are those of us who will not and did not complete elementary school, what about them? There are problems that the people in the Research Triangle are not concerned about.

I can not ask our brainwashed people to become peasants over night. Most of them have spent their entire life trying to get where they could buy what they wanted, or thought they wanted. But I can certainly ask if they are able to do anything other than slave for a check. Most big spenders are on eight-hour jobs, which means there are 16 other hours left in the day to serve Black people. If we leave out sleep time there are eight hours to prove that you learned something about life. I mean maybe just two hours a day to show that you have not forgotten about where you came from, or where most of your people still are.

Let us ask our youth who will be getting more education, forego not us. As you study, learn about life, understand reality that you may be more than on payroll. That you may also be on the liberation roll. Spend some of your time trying to study and understand the world around you. One who understands the world will have no trouble earning a living. But one who only knows how to make money may never know the ends that life serves. To earn is to survive. To contribute to the cause of a people is to be at peace with oneself and with the universe. Let no man make you believe that you are only worth your paycheck. Your mother or your grandmother never earned as much money as you throw away on junk. But with all your pay, you will never do more for them than they did for you. Think about it, that is if you still can think.

MATTRESS PADS

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6 Million Expected

LONDON — More than 6 million visitors are expected during 1973 at Westminster Abbey in London.

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(Continued from page 4A) young people from the outset of these classes, how much interest they showed by means of attending and how they studied in addition to class

participation. People want to learn and know the truth about God.

I teach a Sunday school class in a Baptist church, in fact, I organized this class from young people in this community we all lived. From this class or community, there are two ministers in the AME Zion connection who are doing great work in the connection. One of these, Rev. Raymond Richmond, pastoring at The Greater Blair AME Zion Church in Jackson, Miss., and Rev. Melvin Perry, pastoring two churches in Pittsboro, Glovers AME Zion and St. Matthew Zion. There are others pastoring at other points and denominations. There is one young minister pastoring at my grandmother's church in Roberson County; beyond Fayetteville. I have to go down

with him occasionally to teach Sunday school.

I received a letter from Rev. Richmond yesterday (6-4). His wife is going to New York around the 15th, he wants me there to be with him during then and is demanding a "right now" answer.

These men know me and do not mind calling me, what can I say or what can I do? It was God I vowed to, and not man, it was God who asked the question, "Who will go?" It was I who answered and said: "Here am I Lord, send me".

In my Sunday school class at this same Baptist Church, young couples make up the membership. I usually tell them they should be teaching. They need to know more about God for the sake of their children and for themselves. I asked a young mother to bring the lesson which was a month from then. She did. As she prepared herself, she came across things once she believed in, after reading and studying, found that she was wrong. It was about over-populating. In her research, she found out that was God's duty. He had ways and times set to do things. Whatever we do, doesn't help.

When God prepares you, you are prepared. He got Moses right, He got Amos in shape, Peter was tamed, St. Paul was beaten in line and they all cried out: "HERE AM I LORD, SEND ME".



RED CROSS HOME NURSING

Ladies enrolled in the Red Cross Home Nursing Course observe the practice session that two members of the class are demonstrating on the patient, Mrs. Annie G. Bridges. Other members seated are, left

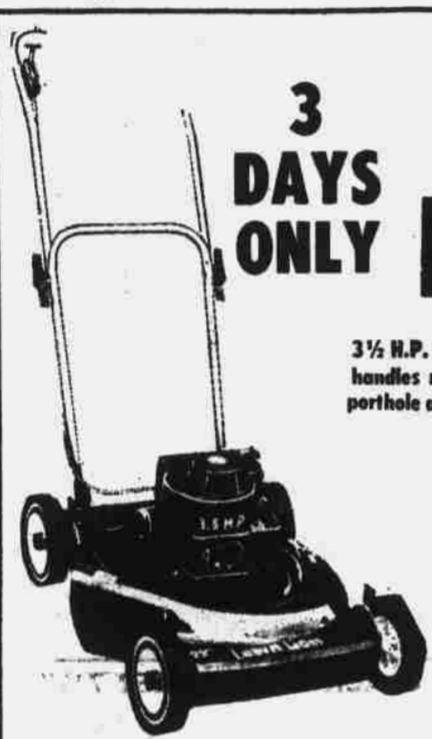
to right, Mesdames Fannie Bridges, Mary Hart and Mary Smith. Standing, left to right, are: Mesdames Mary Speight, Hattie Evans, Violet Jones, Annie Ashford, Mozella Green, Marion Fuller, Pecolia Bracey, Veola Burnett, Eleanor

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