

FROM BLACK

By John Hedges



More than a year ago, around the time of George Jackson's murder I wrote in this column that we live in a country that is becoming increasingly a fascist one. Surely there can be little doubt in your mind if you have been following the activities of Hitler-Nixon.

Perhaps we can help your thinking and your understanding if you have not come to grips with that fact. A fascist government has the following characteristics:

1. Authoritarian rule by one man or a very few men.
2. Government that is run in the interests of the corporate interests, meaning the national interest is the same as that of the major businesses.
3. A suspension of any form of law that does not serve the interest of the ruling power.
4. An over emphasis on the military might, and an inclusion in the high levels of government of a number of military men. (i.e. Haig, Laird)
5. An over emphasis on a strong police state, that is powerful police departments that work not for justice but in the interests of the government.
6. Government control of the media or suppression of a free press.

Of course your first re-action is that I am setting up a scarecrow, but I suggest you check it out. We have no scientific way of predicting a form of government. The only thing that we can do is to look in history and see what happened when governments become over centralized, when one psychotic individual placed himself above all others. The two outstanding examples of this are Germany under Hitler, and Italy under Mussolini.

Perhaps now you are asking what does that have to do with Black people since we are oppressed and left out of the government anyway. Well let's look at another characteristic of racism. We shall take the example of Germany since I have not completed research on Italy.

7. An increase in the oppression of the minority (racial). The government becomes disorganized and eventually the entire problem is re-interpreted by the rulers. The masses of the people (majority race) become frustrated, and confused. They are torn between their historic faith in their government and the present problems that they are experiencing. So the government hands them a scapegoat. If it was not for these people (the minority) we would not have these problems. Instantly the majority race follows the confused logic of the government. They are no longer in a position where they must go against the government but now they can work with the government to eliminate the problem by eliminating the minority that is causing the problem. Keep in mind that no matter how bad or authoritarian a government may get it can always unite the people to fight a scapegoat. Ask any Jew and this can be explained better than I could ever.

Right now start thinking of what American white people see as the problem, not Watergate, not Nixon, but the economy. It is very easy to re-interpret the breakdown in the economy as being caused by Black people who do not work and are on welfare, by Black people who take good high paying jobs from white people, by Black gangsters who kill white people (like in Boston), by Black people who work for communists. There are all kinds of arguments that can be produced, they do not have to be true. All it takes is for most white people to believe them, especially working class white people who are feeling the problems with the economy most. Ask any hard hat and his number one problem is the economy, not Nixon because he voted for Nixon and Nixon is a good man. Thus when I say that Nixon ought to be impeached, it is because I recognize the potential threat that he poses to us. The farther he is backed into a corner the more likely he is to turn to desperate means of keeping power. The one thing that has always united this country in time of crisis has been racism. It happened after the civil war, after both world wars, and there is no reason it cannot happen now. Let us not forget that despite the liberals that you work with or go to school with, most white people in this country do not like Black people. It is very easy to turn that dislike into hate. Your white friends are not about to go against the rest of white people for you. Check out the next white person that you know who voted for Nixon, and ask yourself as you look at him, if it came to going against the government (Nixon) and killing me what would he do. I think you know the answer.

One final word: When people like me make an analysis of this type, we are very prone to ignore it and to write it off as being militant, or jumping to conclusions, over-reacting, or even paranoid. In honesty, I hope that the above does not happen, simply because I don't think we are in a position to defend ourselves. I do want to get the facts out, so that as things begin to happen in the next few months, we will at least watch them closely. It is better that you be on guard and expect, or watch out for the worst, than for you to ignore reality and expect the best, and leave yourself open. At this point we shall not go any farther in this analysis, but think about it, will you Brother, and Sister?

Corona Street Community Club Meets at Home of Willie Murry

The Corona Street Community Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Murry September 22. Call to order was by the president, Mrs. Hattie Lane and opening song was led by Mrs. Pinkie Riggsbee followed by Scripture lesson and a prayer by Mrs. Myrtle Quick. Business sessions followed and it included the suggestion that Mrs. Myrtle Quick would become the devotional leader for the club. Mrs. Quick's husband had been killed in an accident.

The group further set up plans to visit Nursing Homes as a Christmas Project.

Mrs. Elsie Blake reported that Mrs. LeRoy Meacham has improved and Mrs. Mattie Simmons was still in Duke Hospital. A delicious repast was served by the hostess and it was enjoyed by all present.

Community members present include Mesdames Hattie Lane, Thelma Parrish, Annie Lee, Bulah Morgan, Myrtle Quick, Rosa Murry, Josephine Brown, Pinkie

BRIDGE CLUB WINNERS

Winners in the College View Duplicate Bridge Club for Thursday evening were First Place, Mrs. Lee Smith and Mrs. Dorothy Mewborn; Second Place, Mrs. Isabell Harden and Mrs. Theresa Jeffries; and third place, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis H. Norris.

Church Women To Celebrate Community Day

Church Women United in Durham will celebrate World Community Day on Friday November 2, at West Durham Baptist Church, 1901 Athens Street at 10 a.m. On this day, Christian women will gather in over 2,000 communities to proclaim their love for the world and to explore the theme "Where in the World is My Neighbor?" Since 1942, World Community Day has been sponsored by Church Women United to emphasize responsible corporate action for justice and peace. The program for 1973 has been designed to focus on those communities in our nation and the world which are separated by reason of their ethnic tradition or the present circumstances of a mobile society, i.e. military groups, business communities abroad, or persons in the U. S. A. who have shared in more than one culture. Attention will be given to those numerous groups which, under the stress for change and in their search for identity, have banded together in enclaves for mutual protection and security. In facing the injustices which breed the fears and tensions that lead to polarization, these concerned Christian women will seek ways to breach the walls that separate and isolate.

Participation in World Community Day 1973 will provide an opportunity for a pilgrimage through the offering known as Intercultural Mission which is used to meet the needs of neighbors throughout the world. On this day also local church women take part in the Church World Service Clothing Appeal by providing good, usable clothing for the disadvantaged and the needy in many corners of the world. In addition, many women sew cut-out garments. All during the year, but especially on World Community Day, women purchase \$3.00 Gift Certificates, which contributions will be used for crisis needs and emerging opportunities where most needed and for blankets, shoes and clothing. In recent years these monies have been used for hurricane victims in Texas, for flood relief in South Dakota and Pennsylvania, for people ravaged by war in Bangladesh and the Sudan, for medical supplies and vaccines in Sierra Leone, the Dominican Republic and Indonesia and for mother-child care clinics and nutrition courses in many areas.

The main feature of the day's celebration will be a worship service patterned on the style of the medieval mystery plays, based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. This modern morality play will take the form of a pilgrimage in which the participants will identify with the roles of the Pilgrim, the Samaritan, and the Traveller.

All local women, regardless of denomination, are cordially invited to attend this World Community Day celebration. West Durham Baptist Church can be reached by going out S. Alston Avenue, pass the Lutheran Church of the Abiding Savior to Nixon Street, turn left to Athens Street. Reverend H. J. Cobb is

Writers Forum
By GEORGE B. RUSS



FRANK PRATT FAMILY

Before you, my dear readers, are given a forthright statement regarding vibrations, I think we should begin with credibility of my deductive reasoning. As you know, all energy, even common electrical energy with which we are familiar, is in the form of vibrations; and, spirit radiates throughout the universe at different rates of vibrations and each different rate produces some different effect in our world. Keeping the latter thought in mind, we will clear the air of negative reasoning we unknowingly attach to certain events we are invited to attend.

You have, from time to time, been invited to a New Home Dedication Service. Many of us confuse this service with "the House warming." Open House or even Shower events. But the Dedication Service differs from the "House-warming." Open House or Shower events in that it conveys vibrations of a different octave. When the hostess invites her pastor, neighbors and personal friends to visit with her and the family in a Dedication Service "in our New Home," she is saying, in fact, "come and fill my new home with positive vibrations."

Our amiable friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pratt, Sr. and family have moved to Riddle Heights into their lovely new home; at 912 Delray Street.

Sunday, October 14th was a bright, sunny day with only a hint of autumn in the late evening breeze when immediate Kinsmen, friends and gentlemen of the cloth gathered with Frank Elaine and the children to dedicate their home to God—fill their home with positive vibrations: love, peace, kindness and happiness.

Dr. Grady D. Davis, the Pratt family's pastor; and his associate ministers were in charge of the service: Reverends N.B. Sanders, Essex Fields and Fletcher Harris.

The solemnity of the occasion bore the aspects of a wedding; the ladies wore fancy neckties and polished shoes—and, obvious self-consciousness; the children wore hair ribbons and fancy dresses—were a wee-bit awestruck by the sisterly of the whole affair.

The Act of Dedication was officiated by Dr. Davis. A simple ceremony; poignantly in touching its objective context; soulsearching in its lucid Cosmic vibrations: Frank and Elaine: we dedicate our home to Love, Where Love is, there God is. Sharron, Frank, Jr. and Denna: we dedicate our home to Joy. To be Happy ourselves is a most effectual contribution to the Happiness of others. Frank and Elaine: we dedicate our Home to Goodness. Goodness is the only investment that never fails. Frank, Elaine and the children: We dedicate our Home to Faith. Freedom rests, and always will, on Individual Responsibility, Individual Integrity, Individual Effort, Individual Courage, and Individual Religious Faith. We dedicate our Home to Love, Hospitality, Security Kindness, and to the enjoyment of everyone that enters our home.

Miss Sharron Pratt and a group of her friends: Misses Cathy Parrish, Shelia Mason, Robin and Allison Thorpe were hostess guides during the evening. The pretty Misses pointed out each detail of the Pratt's beauteous, spacious, well-appointed home.

Hubert O. Partin, the designer of the Wall-decor in the Pratt's home, was present and the recipient of many praises for artistic creation in a "new-look" in wall decorations.

Mmes. Hattie P. Partin and Stephanie Harris were in charge of refreshments.

Grover Wilson, Jr. was the musician for the occasion and kept the spectators in a gala mood with live secular tunes played on the Pratt's Spinnet.

The 4 to 7 o'clock guests were: Mr. & Mrs. Abner Mason, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Holloway, Mr. & Mrs. George B. Russ, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Nicholson, Sr. (parents of Mrs. Elaine Pratt), Mr. & Mrs. Billy Nicholson, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Haskins, Rev. and Mrs. N.B. Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Partin, Mrs. Gertrude Stubbs, Misses Rebecca and Rosa Patrick, Mr. & Mrs. Claude Walter, Abner Mason, Jr., Anthony Parrish, Mmes. Mildred Tunstall and Maria Williams (co-workers of Mrs. Pratt), Sally and Jeanette Terry, Devaron Carlton, Mrs. Annie Daniels, Sharonda Thorpe, Mmes. Mary Holman, Pauline Boxley, Pearl Haskins, Dorothy Covington, Misses Billie Shaw, Stephanie and Lamont Smith.

The family prayer: Our Father in the strife and turmoil of these times, help us to look to you for guidance in all things and to recognize your guidance. Strengthen our faith in your ability to help us with each problem, and with thankful spirit we share our joys with. These things we ask in the name of "Our Father" A men.

the host pastor, Mrs. Sarah Horry Jones is the president of the Durham unit of Church Women United.

Filing Deadline For Employment Taxes Nears

GREENSBORO — Although the 1972 income tax filing season has ended for most individuals, an important tax deadline is approaching for employers, Charles DeWitt, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina, said recently.

October 31, 1973, is the last day for employers to report and pay both Social Security and withheld income taxes for the third quarter of 1973; however, they have until November 9 to file their returns if they have deposited the entire quarterly tax liability on time in a Federal Reserve bank or authorized commercial bank.

Employers should use the pre-addressed Form 941 mailed them by the IRS to report these taxes.

For more information see IRS Publication 15, "Circular E - Employer's Tax Guide." It's available free by writing your IRS district office.

JUBILEE

(Continued from front page) the current published history of the Mutual as the NC Bible and read of the 50 company leaders who have passed on. All employees were urged encouraged to read this important book which gives tremendous background and history regarding the development of this great business institution owned and operated by blacks.

Policy holders number now well over 950,000 persons and some 3,000 of them of white. There are 7 white insurance agents as well. Several of the employees at the home offices are white, but most of them are black and successful blacks.

N. C. Mutual continues to be big, impressive and corporate. But when its celebrations, are held, they are

mostly "family affairs" which include administration and employees.

From time to time other affairs will be held as North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company continues to move ahead as he largest business, primarily black owned and managed. All blacks as well as other ethnic minorities an esteemed feeling of pride as it moves into view as the number ONE insurance business in the world.

as the largest insurance company in the world. Part of this potential stems from the known fact that two-thirds of the world population now consists of people of colored races. He sees all these persons as potential customers along with the many other ethnic groups that participate in the business.

Kennedy says that it took them 3 years to hit \$1 billion and he expects to be at \$2 billion in two years. The company is at the top of black business success and its assets are rapidly climbing.

Some 500 employees had gathered for the champagne and steak dinner to help celebrate the 75th birthday. Keynote speakers for the occasion were Kennedy, the president, his father, W. J. Kennedy, Jr. the retired president and Chairman of the Board.

The younger Kennedy, current president spoke of the future for business while W. J. Kennedy, Jr. reviewed highlights of the past. HE cited

WILSON

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carried on in their respective districts. Bishop George J. Leake will deliver the sermon Thursday night.

Friday will be devoted to the work of thy Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Society, presided over by Mrs. M. Ardelle Shaw. The main feature will be a Candlelight Service, 7:30 p.m., led by missionary ladies, dressed in white and carrying candles, depicting the fact that "Ye are the light of the world." Bishop W. M. Smith will preach. Saturday is "Youth Day."

S. J. Howie, director, Christian Education will direct the activities.

HINES

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associations, where he labored diligently.

Some of the affiliations include, St. Mark AME Zion Usher Board, Durham and N. C. Interdenominational Ushers Union, Organizer of First Aid Department of the Ushers of N. C.; A.F.L. CIO; NAACP, member of the Young Democrats Club, Durham Committee on Black Affairs, Member of Doric Lodge 28, 32 degree mason, member of Shriner's Zafa Temple No. 176. Mr. Hines retired from the Liggett and Meyers Tobacco Factory in July 1965.

The survivors include, the wife, Ms. Annie W. Hines of the home, two daughters, Ms. Phyllis Althea Nuchurch, and Rev. Ms. Ethel Juanita Sims, both of Durham; one son, William Frederick Hines, Jr. of Plainfield, N. J., one aunt, Mrs. Mary Rose Sheffield, four cousins, Ms. Mabel Ruth Whitted, Ms. Beulah E. Hines, all of Goldsboro, Mrs. Martha Johnson, New York, and Mrs. Julia Rice, Philadelphia, twelve grand-children, ten great grand-children and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 20 at St. Marks AME Zion Church, Rev. L. A. Miller officiated.

Interment followed in Beechwood Cemetery.

LEADER

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young-lives without having a voice in the curriculum or direction of the teaching profession, and financial pressures in an inflationary economy topped by neglect and inattention of the national government.

"We must sadly face up to the reality that now, more than ever, the American school child has no friends in the White House. And although he has a good number of friends in the Congress, they must often be graded down for inattentiveness and tardiness," Dr. Wise stated.

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