Black, Whites Disagree On Racial Progress

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A majority of white Americans feels that the racial problems dividing the country for so long have largely disappeared. Blacks, however, believe that much more must be done before the two races can be considered truly equal in today's society, according to an ABC News-Washington Post poll released recently.

The poll covered major areas of racial relations in America including discrimination, prejudice, education, violence, religion and marriage and family life. Responding to questions on an agree/disagree basis, more than sixty per cent of the blacks queried believe that they are discriminated against by the police; 64% that black problems are only recognized by the government after demonstrations and violence; and more than half feel they are discriminated against in attaining skilled labor and managerial jobs and wages as well as housing. Almost three out of four blacks feel that they are not achieving equality because whites don't want them to.

The sharp division between black and white attitudes is clearly illustrated in the contrasting beliefs concerning the string of murders in Atlanta: 57% of the whites say the crimes are the work of isolated criminals acting on their own; an identical percentage of blacks feels the incidents are part of a conspiracy of some group against blacks.

Many whites feel the country's racial problems have almost been solved and that further progress will only come from blacks themselves. Blacks, on the other hand, expressed feelings of despair and fear that economic and social pressures continue to hold them back.

Blacks and whites do agree, however, that sweeping changes in America's racial relations have occurred in the last twenty years; in 1964 some 72% of Americans described their own neighborhood as "all white," while only 42% make the claim today. Sixty per cent of blacks feel the quality of their lives has gotten better in the last decade, and that positive feeling spans age, education and income demographic groups.

Moreover, the poll's findings that younger blacks are more positive about themselves and that younger whites are more sympathetic to racial problems is, perhaps, the most hopeful finding of the future.

ABC News and the Washington Post interviewed 1,872 black and white Americans from February 26, 1981 to March 6, 1981.

Kennedy Reports To NCM Policy holders

North Carolina Mutual's assets increased by more than $6 million in 1980 and the company's insurance in force figure reached $5.58 billion during the year.

These figures were among the highlights of 1980 reported recently by NCM president W.J. Kennedy, III, at the company's 82nd annnual policyholder's meeting.

Kennedy, who is also NCM's chairman and chief executive officer, told the policyholders that North Carolina Mutual continues to progress in most areas of its operations despite "an unfriendly economic environment."

At the end of 1980, NCM's assets were $190.9 million, insurance in force $5.58 billion, an increase of $450 million, and total income was $73 million, up $3.8 million from 1979.

Kennedy told the policyholders that the company's financial figures do not reflect the efforts expended in installing NCM's new management information system. This system, which will completely update and modernize record keeping oeprations, will not be completed until late 1981 or early 1982.

The company has signed agreements to purchase two Williamsburg, Virginia radio stations, Kennedy reported. The company has also acquired 96 per cent of the stock of American Capital Life Insurance Company of Washington, D.C.

Another highlight of 1980, Kennedy said, was the three sales representatives who each sold more than $2 million of insurance. This was the first time in the company's history that the $2 million sales plateau had been reached.

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Don King

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(men who are taken care of by boxers) whose only job was to wipe the sweat off the ever-tired boxers' faces. It is apparent to me now that TV can and will destroy a man's image. Mr. King did not appear to be able to stand at a podium and give a speech, or be conscious of and sensitive to black people's needs.

Mr. King currently, in my opinion, is what a great majority of our black millionaires are not, that is being rich and willing to share his wealth and never forgetting his past.

Mr. King did not follow the American pattern for becoming a millionaire. He is to be praised for this. He has achieved something that most persons of all races, educated to the fullest, will never achieve. Mr. King should continue helping black people and keep his sensitivity and he will always be looked up to by me.

On the other hand, in my opinion, Mr. King is not needed as a speaker at colleges. It is my belief that he is needed most serving in our cities' high schools. My reason for believing this is that most persons in college have already gotten away from the hopeless states of mind that life in the ghetto lures persons into. There are not numbers runners or many ex-convicts in colleges. Most college students are able to determine their own destiny and are surrounded by and constantly come into contact with excellent role models.

On the other hand, high school students can be potential numbers runners or convicts because of little or no guidance. Some students come from fatherless homes and seldom come into contact with a real role model other than those living in, and surviving directly off the ghetto.

I believe that Mr. King should be informed that he is desperately needed in these areas. Mr. King is not needed solely because he has a similar social background, but because his life story is an excellent example of how black children should never give up no matter how rough the streets and life in the ghettos get. Don King's life story should be told to all of society's troubled (and non-troubled) black, white and other children over and over and over again, as are other supposedly relevant heroic epics.

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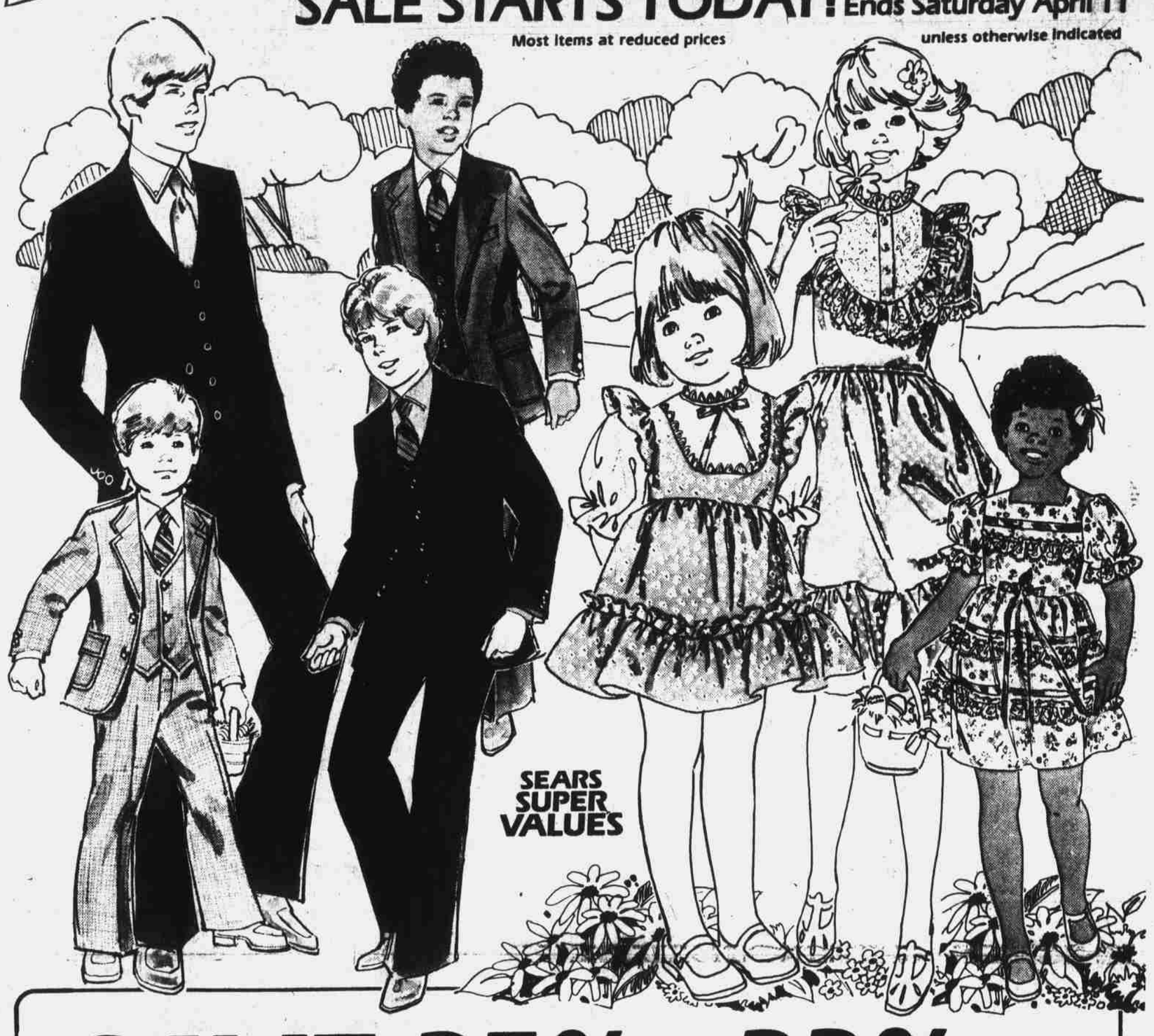

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