

Editorials

Voting For Political and Economic Change

The ten years since the 1963 march on Washington have been a period of some exceptional progress. Yet many of the hopes and expectations of black Americans have gone unrealized. Blacks hold better jobs than ever before but black joblessness is intolerably high. Black youngsters are as likely to attend college as are whites while non-college youths crowd the unemployment lines. And while our institutions are more integrated than ever, government has lost the impulse to press ahead for the attainment of an interracial society.

Many organizations seek the social and economic rights which civil rights legislation by itself cannot achieve. These rights cannot be attained without a program for basic economic change and a majority movement that is committed to putting this program into effect.

Blacks must play a leading role in this movement. In order for this to come about blacks must take a full and normal place in the political system by voting and assuming positions of political leadership.

Political representation, however, is not a cure-all; it does not put men to work, build houses, or improve schools. Ending poverty, achieving full employment, raising the standards of the working poor--these require massive solutions that require something much more fundamental than representation alone.

Building a majority movement calls for a broad, interracial coalition of those who believe in social change that serve the needs of working people and the poor. Only such a coalition can become an effective majority with the power to democratize our institutions so that millions of individuals will no longer suffer from deprivation and discrimination.

Sugar Diplomacy

The price of sugar, like the price of everything else, is rising daily. There has been increases in price on everything that is sugar related.

And there is no end in view as to when the price of sugar and sugar-related products will begin to level down to a manageable proportion.

Cuba has an abundant supply of sugar and the communist Soviet Union is the prime beneficiary of Cuban sugar. That is why it seems to make sense and points nobly to the U.S. statesmanship that the delegates from the U.S. visited Cuba.

Senators Jacob K. Javits and Claiborne Bell and the 29 U.S. journalists who undertook this historical visit to Cuba will no doubt help to smooth the way for the eventual normalization of relations just as pinpon visit to China helped the normalization of relations with that country.

And if the outcome of this visit eventually leads to more sugar in the supermarket, then the visit will be useful and far reaching.

Few years ago, the many Cubans in Miami would have been bitter about the new initiative. Most of these Cuban refugees have mellowed with time--over a period of 12 years and will probably hope that relations normalize so that some of them would be able to visit their country again.

There are some among them, however, that will oppose any kind of sugar diplomacy!

Sugar Diplomacy may well be one of the many ways of fighting inflation. It is probably in the interest of all concerned that this first step leads eventually to the normalization in relation.



SGA Commend Chronicle Staff

The Student Government Association of Winston-Salem State would like to commend Mr. Pitt and the staff of Winston-Salem Chronicle on their great service to the community. I hope that everyone takes full advantage of the Chronicle. Surely all of us can appreciate having a paper of our own. It can be a great factor in bridging the existing communication gaps. If there is anything lacking in Winston-Salem, certainly it is a consolidated Black public.

We, at "State", have begun to recognize our negligence. Through the years Winston-Salem State has been somewhat isolated from the community. Too much of our stay in Winston-Salem is spent within the confines of the university. Often we have not been cognizant nor concerned about the conditions existing within the city, that are so reflective of society as a whole; nor have we generally exercised our potential for improvement. Only during the 73-74 term did the Student Government Association, under a very progressive minded leader, initiate involvement within the community. Realizing the importance of their participation and the need for further action, we (the S.G.A. 74-75) are committing ourselves. Perhaps we will not be able to devote as much time as is needed or desired, but we will play an integral part.

Presently we are: (1) planning for a campus wide fund raising for the People's Free Ambulance Program; (2) constructing a co-operative program with Barbara Jordan and the recreational department in providing activities for neighborhood children; (3) organizing a political action committee which will aid the very able Mr. Beaufort O. Bailey in his campaign for the school board; (4) planning a leadership conference with the local and national participation; (5) preparing a Free Food Program for needy families at

Thanksgiving; and (6) a campus-community news program on WAAA entitled "Back to the People".

Modest, though these efforts may be, they are a strong indication of the coming together of Winston-Salem State and the community.

Again, I commend the staff of the Chronicle and offer the challenge of involvement to everyone.

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