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No Millions for WSSU

Some of the figures flying around as a result of current fund-raising drives are staggering -- seven million dollars for the Winston Square and twelve million for the N.C. School of the Arts.

These funds are to be raised through local philanthropy and foundation grants, and it has taken a ridiculously short length of time for the money to come rolling in by the hundreds of thousands.

Forgotten in this rush to give by the city's top executives is the proverbial poor cousin, Winston-Salem State University.

The efforts which have been made to support WSSU are but a drop in the bucket, in comparison to what is being done for a sister state institution, NCSA.

Local corporations, for the most part, make grants in the hundreds of dollars to WSSU, and in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to other causes.

The lack of a base of philanthropic support is one reason why the resources of WSSU lag behind those of other state-supported institutions. State relies almost solely on its state appropriation, along with whatever federal grants it can pick up.

However, an NCSA can renovate a theatre and equip it without calling on state resources. A UNC-Chapel Hill can build a new basketball gymnasium without spending

a penny of state tax monies. These and other schools have professors paid through endowed positions.

In contrast, State, like most other predominately black institutions is forced to eke along on the per-student sum that is barely enough to provide enough instructors and classrooms. Getting sufficient capital funds, with 16 other schools in hot competition, is a tenuous affair.

It is obvious that Winston-Salem has never made a sufficient commitment to the only state university which bears its name.

The lack of graduate programs means that working people have to drive as much as 80 miles to get low-cost state supported classes.

Boosters of downtown revitalization should realize the benefits that having a first-rank university has in terms of visitors who will spend their dollars in town.

The first step that can be taken is for the city government to show its commitment to Winston-Salem State by donating the Bowman Gray Stadium and the surrounding land to the university.

Next, the city's philanthropists need to launch a major capitol drive in support of WSSU. In terms of the quality of graduates the university has produced and the contribution they have made, it can be safely said that WSSU has given more to the city than the city has chosen to give back.

To Be Equal

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

Defense Spending On Rise



The tense international situation has led to calls for sharply increased defense spending. Congressmen are falling over themselves in the rush to give the Pentagon a blank check. The President is projecting a five percent annual increase in real military spending. That means the current \$124 billion annual spending on the military could shoot to \$243 billion by 1985.

Some of the same people who charged that social problems couldn't be solved by throwing money at them are anxious to try to solve international problems by throwing money at the Pentagon.

Presidential politics is also a factor. Each candidate wants to look tougher and bolder than the others. The air is thick with rhetoric about stopping the Russians, sending troops to free hostages, and building super-missiles.

But little of this rhetoric sheds real light on the nation's defense options and how they interact with the domestic economy.

All year we've been hearing about the dangers of inflation and the need to make fighting inflation the nation's top priority. But increasing the share of the defense budget inevitably means higher inflation.

Pouring greater resources into a renewed arms race denies those resources to domestic industries. IDE-De-fense production creates far fewer jobs per dollar than domestic production.

More and bigger defense contracts mean greater demand for imported fuel and increased competition for skilled workers and managers, boosting their wages while jobs available for relatively unskilled people shrink.

No sooner was the news of Soviet aggression in Afghanistan absorbed than the stock market rallied and economists started talking about how the boost in defense spending would end the budding recession. It won't. It will end the recession in some sectors of the economy while worsening it in others, especially in low

income urban areas.

Meanwhile, the end of SALT and higher American arms spending would take the lid off the Russians too. They'd be free to build the arms limited by SALT and we'd both be running madly just to stay even.

This destructive arms spiral benefits no one. America needs to maintain military power, to contain Russia's aggressive instincts, and to protect its citizens and its interests.

But that need suggests carefully considered policies and finely honed strategies. A simple rush to escalate arms spending to impress voters may fall short of meeting true national security needs, especially with the cost overruns, typical to defense production.

Adding to the stockpile of missiles, for example, adds nothing to national security or to defense capabilities -- we've already got enough warheads to blow the whole planet apart. Building unverifiable nuclear arms systems means the Russians will do the same -- further endangering our security.

When SALT looked like it might pass the Senate, the price was an MX missile system, a \$30 billion-plus boondoggle that would give the appearance if not the substance of improving our military capability. Now, the MX is assured, along with a Pentagon shopping list that needs to be scrutinized for effectiveness.

Our response to Russia's renewed militarism should be substantive not cosmetic. Often better results may be obtained from less costly approaches. Diplomatic efforts, stronger defense measures by our allies, and calm, sound strategies can go further than an arms race that doesn't add to our defense capabilities while weakening our strongest point -- our domestic economy.

Whatever decisions are made on defense needs, they must not be used as an excuse to cut domestic programs vitally needed by the poor. The strongest defense remains a united nation at peace with itself, and that mandates priority for policies that end racism, unemployment, poverty and urban blight.

Happy Birthday, NAACP

At the age of 71, many humans are ready to rest and enjoy the ramifications of their life's work. But for a 71-year-old organization called the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, there is no opportunity to rest.

The enemy that W.E.B. DuBois and other members of the Niagara Movement face back in 1909 still glares Margaret Bush Wilson, Benjamin Hooks and Patrick Hairston squarely in the face -- racism in its many forms.

Despite the continuing struggle ahead, we should pause to pay tribute to the NAACP on the occasion of its 71st birthday on February 12.

When the Niagara Movement met, lynchings of blacks for offenses as trivial as looking at white women were a frequent occurrence. The U.S. Supreme Court had just proclaimed segregation to be the law of the land.

Presidents refused to hire blacks to the federal government; in most state and local governments, the issue was not even taken seriously.

Schooling for black children took place in one-room schools, if at all.

Through legal action and other measures, the NAACP has broken down the legal barriers to freedom. With such measures as the Voting Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act, there have been affirmative acts taken to insure that we can enjoy that freedom.

Every school child has an equal right to an education.

But racism is a wily foe, with a lot of stamina. The struggle against it promises to last until the bell of the final round. Celebrate the NAACP's birthday with a suitable gift -- a check to help support its work.

T. Diane Bellamy Small

Birthday Message

Editor's Note: Mrs. Bellamy-Small is advisor to the N.C. Youth Conference of the NAACP.

At the end of each decade we look back at what we did so that we can plan what we are going to do in the next ten years. For seven decades the NAACP has been making its presence known across this nation. Feb. 12th marked the 71st birthday of this great civil rights organization and if such an organization is to continue to make the strides for our people for another ten years, you will have to help.

It is a very sad commentary to see the young people of today, who have opportunities unlimited, not taking advantage of what some black person died for the right to have.

It is disheartening to see young adults, who have some sense of security, not knowing anything about their own black history, accept what they may see on television of times that has been distorted.

It is discouraging that almost the only time our people come to the NAACP for help is when they are in trouble, but before that time they would not give a damn or a dime about the organization that opened doors that now are just a routine part of our lives.

The NAACP has time and time again made its position clear. To quote Roy Wilkins, these are our objectives. In our Fight for Freedom we choose:

- The power and the majesty of the ballot, the participation of free men in their government, both as voters and a honorable and competent elected and appointed public servants.

- We choose employment for our people-jobs not hidden by racial labels or euphemisms, not limited by racial restriction in access and promotion, whether by employers or organized labor.

- We choose to combat the color line in housing.
- Most of all, we choose to secure unsegregated, high quality public education for ourselves and our children.

- We also choose to wrestle with the complex problems of urban life, all of which include an attitude toward and a treatment of millions of Negro citizens.

The position of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is clear. And the ground is fertile right now to do some productive work. But the work must be done by you because what this organization does or does not do will affect you and your children.

So how do you choose? Will you try to help your future or will you choose to be an ostrich which only looks

up when you think somebody's going to pull your tail feathers out.



CAPITOL COMMENTS
From Allied Press International

SHORTAGE OF SUGAR

Look for world shortages to develop in sugar - demand is up and supplies are short and during times of crisis, prices tend to move upward in the sugar markets.

CORN PRICE TO RISE

Corn could be a surprise commodity and might really take off price wise despite the fact that a large amount of the grain embargoed by President Carter was corn.

Look for most foodstuffs in the commodity field to go up and double digit inflation will last through 1980 at best.

POLICY TO SHIFT

Look for further shifts in the U.S. policies in the Middle East. The White House is under pressure from the two opposing camps to take opposite positions. On the one hand, U.S.-Jewish political leaders want unequivocal support for Israeli requests for greater military and economic aid and to support the Israeli position on the West Bank territory or face a hostile American-Jewish electorate whose votes are of significance in five states (New York, Illinois, California, Florida and Pennsylvania).

Whereas the militant Arabs and their supporters threaten further oil cutbacks and price increases unless the U.S. gives further military aid to select Arab countries and assurance of protection from unfriendly takeover (by Soviet inspired dissident groups) or open Soviet aggression.

In addition, they want U.S. pressure applied to Israel to honor UN 242 and the Camp David accords for the return of occupied Arab land. Without this the moderate Arab leaders feel they will be unable to control firebrands such as Qaddafi and the leaders of Iraq.

YEMENI REBELS

Look for threatening moves from South Yeman against Oman by their surrogates the Dofer rebels aided by Soviet trained Yemanis and Cubans. This to apply added pressure against the vital Straits of Hormuz gateway to the Persian Gulf oil.

Are Politicians Crooked?

With this year being an election year, many candidates are coming out of the woodwork giving their views on various issues. This week the Chronicle Camera went to Northside Shopping Center as asked shoppers, "Do you think politicians are honest?"

William Armstrong: "No I don't, especially the way things are today. Everybody should know they aren't, just look at Carter. He's not the only one, a lot of them are crooked. They tell us one thing and then after they're elected they do another. They don't nothing for our people."

Odell Turner: "To the best of my knowledge I think most of them are fair, or at least they make an effort of being fair. I'm a man that believes in the Lord, and although everyone wants to be saved they don't have a good preacher."

James Howell: "No, just by looking at the way things are today. Most of our lawbreakers are politicians. Most people in government are a bunch of crooks."

Mary Halls: "No, they're not honest. At least I don't believe they are. For one thing I live in government housing. If I owe them one cent I better pay it, but I overpaid over my rent and instead of them giving me back my money they just took a little off my rent. They want us to do one thing and they do another. There's only one 100 per cent honest person and that is Jesus."



Armstrong



Turner



Howell



Halls

