

## A chance to let your voice be heard

To The Editor:

During Thanksgiving of 1984 three prominent black Americans - Dr. Eleanor Holmes Norton, formerly the head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Congressman Walter Fauntroy of Washington, D.C., and Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, a black lobbying organization for Africa and the Caribbean - were arrested for protesting the vicious and racist system of apartheid at the South African embassy in Washington.

Since then, thousands of people from around the country of all races and ethnic groups, all ages, all income levels, all religious backgrounds and both sexes have expressed their righteous outrage at the gross injustices of that white-led country in a similar fashion.

Their numbers have included three persons from Winston-Salem - the Rev. John Mendez of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Duane Jackson of Dellbrook

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#### Our Readers Speak Out

Presbyterian Church and myself.

Now, on Monday, Sept. 9, we can all participate in the protests, but not the arrests, through an interracial group of all religious faiths called "Churches Against Apartheid." A bus will leave the East Winston Shopping Center at 5 a.m. We will attend a worship service in Washington at 1 p.m., take training on the protest at 3 p.m., engage in protest from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and be back in Winston-Salem by 1 or 2 a.m. The roundtrip cost is \$25 per bus sent and the money must be sent to Highland Presbyterian Church, 200 Magnolia St., by Friday, Aug. 30.

Checks should be written to Churches Against Apartheid.

Additionally, Churches Against Apartheid is sponsoring a free showing of the excellently descriptive film on the history and situation of South Africa called "Last Grave at Dimbaza"

on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 300 N. Cherry St.

The public is urged to attend the film and learn, attend the protest and grow or finance someone else's seat and help.

Call 724-6303 or 723-3124 for further information.

**The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley  
Dellbrook Presbyterian Church  
Winston-Salem**

#### Support For Neal

To The Editor:

As chairman of the 5th District Young Democrats, I would like to commend Congressman Steve Neal on his recently introduced bill that would remove Social Security from the unified federal budget.

So many young people believe that the money they pay into the



Social Security system is money wasted, that there will be nothing left for them when they retire or should they become disabled.

Congressman Neal's bill would guarantee young people that there will be funds available for them in the future. It also would guarantee benefits to their parents and grandparents. In addition, due to the fact that this bill would place the taxes at a level no larger than needed to provide seven months of benefits, citizens won't worry about the

excessive reserve being used for other aspects of the budget.

This bill introduced by Congressman Neal gives us yet another reason to be proud of the 5th District's representative to Congress.

**Benny Norman  
Chairman,  
5th District Young Democrats**

#### About Letters ...

The Chronicle welcomes letters

from its readers, as well as guest columns.

Letters should be as concise as possible and typed or printed legibly. They also should include the name, address and telephone number of the writer.

Columns should follow the same guidelines and will be published if we feel they are of interest to our general readership. There may be some delay in their publication depending upon available space.

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## The Reagan Look: Forget about the politics; these guys want to look good

Don't look now, but Ronald Reagan has inspired the latest rage in black hairstyles.

For reasons unbeknownst to social scientists and newspaper columnists, today's black youth obviously like the way the president's hair dips on one side and rises on the other.

So they're getting their hair "shaped" like the chief executive's.

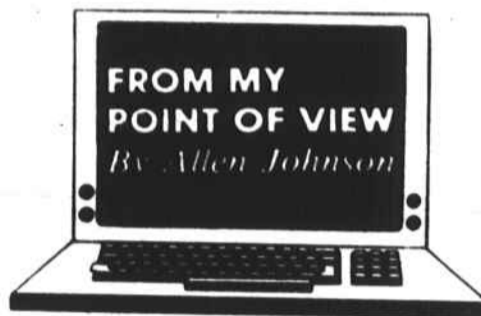
When I first saw the style, I thought somebody's barber had either played a cruel joke or tried

to cut someone's hair blindfolded. Later, I found out that the look was very much by design, and very much in vogue among young black males, especially athletes.

North Forsyth High basketball star Brian Howard sports the Reagan Look, and Brian Howard is cool. So the Reagan Look must be cool, too.

Even some 3- and 4-year-olds have been spotted hereabouts strutting their Reagan stuff.

Where did the Reagan Look



originate? What bold soul first figured the time had come for the Pennsylvania Avenue rise 'n' dip?

Vickie Thomas, owner-manager of a local hairstyling

salon called Hair Raves, said she doesn't know, but she assured me "it's just a fad."

After a bit more investigating, I discovered that the Reagan Look originated in Winston-Salem, appropriately enough, at a barber shop called "The Rite Spot."

"We were the first ones to do that here," said barber Kenny Bonham. "My father (the Rev. Bracey Bonham Sr.) was cutting my brother's hair one day and he said, 'Here's your haircut, Mr.

President.'"

That was back in 1982, Bonham said.

Three years later, you're likely to see Mr. President, or a reasonable, slightly darker facsimile thereof, several times a day.

"It's catching on," Bonham said. "Actually, it's a nice haircut."

Bonham also says youth aren't the only ones enamored of the haircut. His oldest customer who wears the style is 90 years old.

Bonham says the cut originated not so much with the president as with a black tradition from decades ago that includes such vintage styles as the "High English," "Work It Out," "Hustler," "Mule Bite" and "The Fade-Away."

Still, it sure looks like Ronald Reagan to me.

As for the political significance of the Reagan Look, I imagine some Democrats don't like the idea of the Republicans' getting

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