

Survey Reveals Growing Frustration Among Blacks

NEW YORK — There is a growing feeling of frustration among Blacks in America, according to a recent poll conducted among approximately 1000 Black Americans by Data Black Opinion Polls, Inc., associated with Dresner, Morris, & Tortorello Research, Inc. (DMT). The announcement was made this week by Nicholas J. Tortorello,

senior partner of DMT, who attributed the growing frustration among Blacks to the following:
 High unemployment, particularly among teenage Blacks.
 Fear of cuts in the federal budget by the Reagan administration — particularly in programs for lower income groups, including CETA.

Perceptions of a double standard in the criminal justice system. Specifically cited were the recent decisions in favor of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina and Tennessee.
 The influx of Cubans and other Hispanics, particularly in the south and midwest, who compete with Blacks for available jobs.

There is a growing feeling among Blacks that riots in inner-cities are possible this summer, Tortorello noted, although this feeling is held by less than a third of the polling sample. In a just-conducted survey, 27 percent of the total sample expressed the opinion that there could be rioting in their communities this summer, compared with 20 percent who felt that way in the poll taken last fall.

Tortorello pointed out that the budget cuts proposed by the Reagan administration would, in New York State alone, eliminate hundreds of millions of dollars in food stamps, Medicaid, day care programs, education grants, anti-poverty funds, federal housing grants and public transit assistance.

In addition, 13,500 federally funded CETA jobs are to be phased out in New York in the next year. The survey found that the number of Black Americans who think rioting is unlikely this summer was 54 percent, down from the 58 percent. The number of those who were unsure dropped from 22 percent last summer to 19 percent in the recent poll.

The view that rioting is likely this summer was strongest among Blacks in the 18-29 age group (32 percent), those with less than a high school diploma (29 percent), those with annual incomes below \$15,000 (30 percent), and those in the east (31 percent) and midwest (36 percent).

Data Black conducts four public opinion surveys per year among Black Americans. Another of DMT's associates — Hispanic Opinion and Preference Research, Inc. — tracks the opinions and attitudes of Hispanic Americans by conducting three nationwide polls each year.

Phifer's Idea Paying Handsome Rewards

By Loretta Manago Post Staff Writer
 Anyone who is involved in the educational process knows how difficult it is to get parents involved. There is little doubt that this thought didn't cross Dr. R. B. Phifer's mind when he was elected president of the Hidden Valley Elementary School PTA four years ago.

But Dr. Phifer had a plan. It was his idea to organize a bowling league. By achieving this Phifer felt he could accomplish three things. First, he could organize an activity to get parents involved in the school. Secondly, he could give parents a chance to meet their neighborhood and thirdly, he felt that a monetary gift could be given to the school.

Obviously, Dr. Phifer knew what he was doing. By organizing the bowling league he was able to achieve all of his objectives including a \$200 gift to the school. Usually the gift of money was divided by an amount of five dollars to each classroom.

This year, though, the traditional allocation of the \$200 was altered. Dr. Phifer decided that the money would be more effective, more beneficial to the school if it was donated to one department instead of several classes. The recipient of the Bowling League's gift was the Physical Education Department.

The bowling league bowls every Wednesday at North 29 Bowling Lanes. There are 16 teams with four players on each team. Their bowling season consists of 32 weeks and all profit goes to the Hidden Valley Elementary School.

With the cuts that are made on the school's budget it is the president's hope that their league will be an inspiration for other



Dr. R.B. Phifer, PTA president schools to do something both fun and constructive to assist their ailing schools financially.

Dr. Sturdivant To Study At Duke University

A Johnson C. Smith University instructor was recently awarded a fellowship to study Islamic and Arabian Development Studies at Duke University this summer.

Dr. Pina Sturdivant, assistant professor of communication arts at JCSU was one of 14 college professors from 12 liberal arts colleges in the Southeastern United States chosen to participate in the six-week program starting June 8 in Durham.

The program is financed by a \$50,000 grant from Exxon Educational Foundation supplemented by smaller grants from other corporate contributors to the program and by Duke University Summer Programs.

The program pays all expenses of participants including tuition, transportation, room and board and in addition, gives to each participant approximately \$200 worth of books and a weekly stipend.



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