

A Political Frameup in the Making

The remarks made by Angela Davis, now being held under a kidnapping, murder and conspiracy charge in Marin County, California last August to the extent that she is a victim of a political frameup, strike a truthful ring in the heart of this newspaper that we cannot let go unanswered.

Certainly we are as anxious as any law abiding citizens of this country to see the person responsible for the shooting done in the Marin County courthouse last August

brought to justice. In the meantime, we do not intend to stand by and see one lone black woman made the goat of such a heinous crime without crying out against such a dirty deed, or as she puts it, such a "political frameup."

It is our hope that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and other organizations of national influence, will get behind the defense of Miss Davis and see that she gets a fair trial.

A Fine Example for Others

The election of a black citizen to the Board of Directors of General Motors, last Monday, comes at a time in the history of this country when it is compelled to bring a breath of relief to all of those who have become discouraged at the unsettled state of affairs, generally considered as proper by a majority of American citizens. The election of Dr. Leon Sullivan, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, in Philadelphia, to the General Motors Corporation board, is in reality a shot-in-the-arm for the thousands of blacks who have become discouraged because of the usual objections raised when the name of a black person is mentioned

for such posts.

While Dr. Sullivan may not have all of the experience that would otherwise qualify him for membership on such a board, it is certain that his experience as a leader in the training of others in business has prepared him for worthwhile membership on the board of such a corporation.

The example set by General Motors is one that we trust other leading business corporations will follow. It is certain that such action will go a long way in determining the welfare of all citizens of this country as well as blacks.

Miles Mark Fisher

MILES MARK FISHER, D.D., prominent minister and educator who died recently at 71 at his home in Richmond, was a student of the Negro church and for years was a successful Baptist pastor. He attracted public attention while he was professor of Negro church history at Virginia Union University in Richmond.

Dr. Fisher was born in Atlanta and was a graduate of Morehouse College, receiving his college degree in 1918. He later earned his master's and doctor's degrees at the University of Chicago. He held several pastorates, but was best known while serving at White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, N. C. He retired at White Rock in 1964.

Most of his educational work was done in the field of religion. Dr. Fisher mixed his preaching with philosophical interpretation. He spent much of his time during his early years teaching. He served more than 30 years on the faculty of Shaw's University School of Religion in Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. Fisher was the author of several books, including "Negro Slave Songs in the United States," "Virginia Union University and Some of Her Achievements," and "A Short History of the Baptist Denomination." He was an authority on Negro songs and their background.

The message of Dr. Fisher's writings about Negro songs was that black Americans contributed richly to the music of the nation and that the authors of the sorrow songs and jubilee music made musical contributions to America which were original—in fact the most original music in the nation.

Dr. Fisher popularized the sorrow songs and the work-a-day music of black Americans. He was especially interested in the religious mood of the slaves and the dramatic sermons of the early black preachers. He understood the religious impulse of black America, and on occasion delivered interesting sermons on Negro music.

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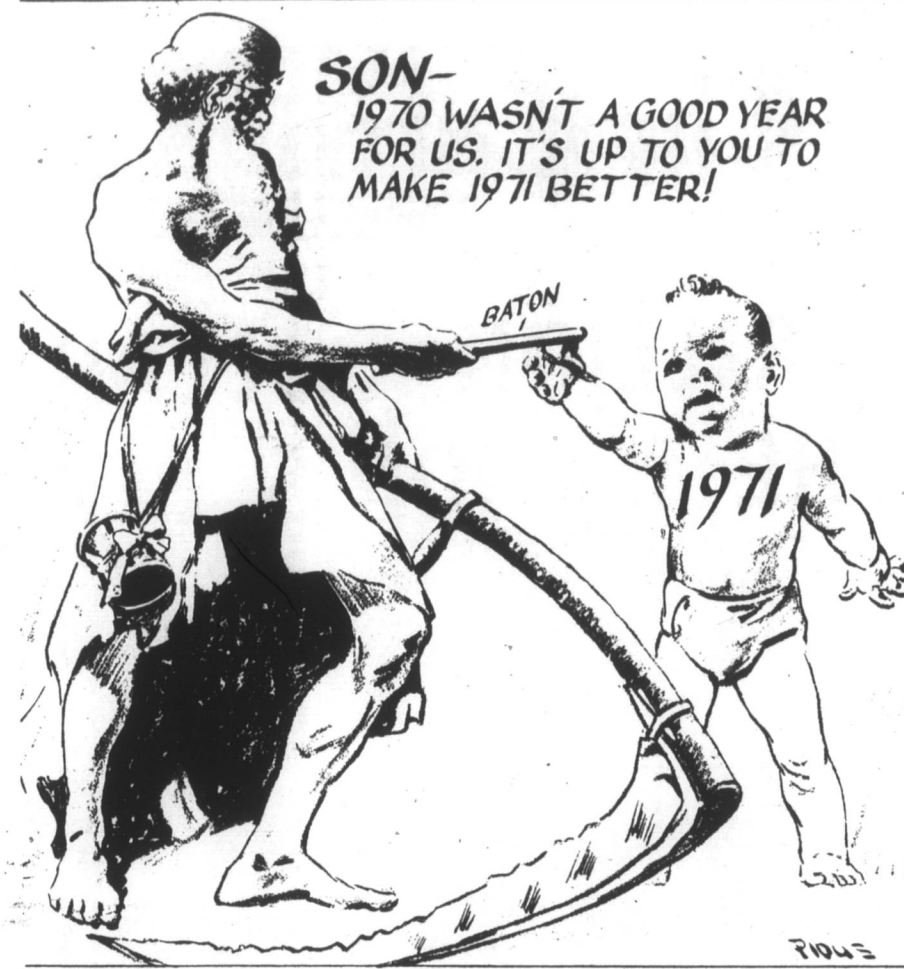


Joao
A NEGRO SLAVE, WAS FOR YEARS THE BENEFICENT OF CAMOENS, PORTUGAL'S GREATEST POET. CAMOENS, AUTHOR OF THE LUSIADS WAS VERY POOR. JOAO FED HIM AND OTHERWISE SUPPORTED HIM WHILE HE WAS WRITING HIS VERY FAMOUS WORK.

STARK OUTLAW CHERRY, M.D.
1882 1947
DISTINGUISHED AND BELOVED PHYSICIAN, EDUCATOR AND GREAT LEADER AND WORKER IN THE 7TH DAY ADVENTIST FAITH. BORN IN WAYNESBORO, GEORGIA, HE GRADUATED LINCOLN UNIVERSITY AND TEMPLE UNIV. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL FOUNDERS OF ETHNAN, TEMPLE, IN PITTSBURGH, PA. SERVED AS LECTURER IN PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY, STAFF PHYSICIAN AND DIRECTOR OF THE RED CROSS AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE IN MOUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. DR. CHERRY WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS UNSELFISH DEDICATION TO THOSE IN NEED.

Charles
PRINCE OF WALES, LATER CHARLES II OF ENGLAND, BLACKENED HIS FACE AND DRESSED HIMSELF LIKE A NEGRO SLAVE TO ESCAPE THE SOLDIERS OF CROMWELL. NEGROES WERE FAIRLY PLentiful IN ENGLAND AT THAT TIME.

Must Have Better Coordination By Blacks/



Comments from the Capital —

TRENCHANT TRUTHS AND TRIVIA

by Vant Neff

Hospitality heaven-ho: It has become the "in" thing for "on-the-outs" individuals to flee the country and seek refuge in other places. But the "host" nations have become quickly disillusioned. Some are giving the rabble-rousers short notice to leave. To wit:

- Drug cult high priest, former Harvard prof and escaped convict, Timothy Leary, was only permitted a brief stay in Lebanon. He returned to Algeria. Informants report that the authorities there would snatch at any excuse to deport him.

- The Australians refused a visitor's visa to left-wing Black American comedian, Dick Gregory, who is vociferously and vitriolically anti-Vietnam. Why? His visit there would have coincided with an anti-Vietnam protest, and the Aussies were wise enough to stifle an incendiary situation before it had a chance to blaze up into a four-alarm disaster.
- The British Government told American Yippie leader, Jerry Rubin, to get out fast, after he and his gang had shouted four-letter words on a TV show, and pulled other familiar radical tricks. The Irish wouldn't have him, either.

No country wants known trouble-makers. With mere deportation, the culprits still get off lightly. Can you imagine what would happen to them in a Communist country? Americans, we're far too lenient with these dedicated rabble rousers!

Ever wonder how organized labor can give so much financial support to political candidates—when it's strictly forbidden by law? (The federal Corrupt Practices Act prohibits labor unions as well as industry from making such donations.) Yet unions do it all the time! How do they get away with it? It's virtually impossible to enforce this weak law, because it doesn't prevent union leaders from squeezing the money out of the rank and file members on a "voluntary" basis, and then funneling it, through various political organizations, to the candidates of their choice. A prime example of this during the last elections is Senator Harrison A. Williams of New Jersey, who received more than \$100,000 in labor backing. He won. His job? Chairman of the Senate Labor Committee! One hand washes the other. Naturally, public officials who get such major contributions aren't going to forget the guys who helped put them in office. So the next time you discover that another law has been passed which gives more power to labor leaders, to the detriment of the man-in-the-street, remember that it may have been bought and paid for. This legal loop-hole is the source of union political power.

Under the guise of "promoting peace," the Russians are duping the world. At the arms limitation discussions, they demand that we cut our defense preparedness to the bone. Yet all the while aren't they themselves quietly amassing the biggest army, navy, air force and nuclear capability in the entire history of the world?

Wiser heads than mine have credited the many railroad strikes that have gripped our country—including the troubles of the now-bankrupt Penn Central Railroad—in part to the archaic make-work rules and flagrant feather-bedding of the unions. Feather-bedding has been anathema to the railroad companies ever since the diesel replaced the steam engine. Now, does an en-

gine that burns no coal need a fireman to shovel the non-existent coal? Hardly! Yet the firemen's United Transportation Union insisted that the firemen ride the trains just as they did before, and be paid for it. Costs went up. The railroad industry and traveling Americans suffered. How the firemen in their own consciences ever justified this workless "work" in our productive society, I'll never understand.

At long last, Washington is attempting to pull the emergency brake on this and similar blatant misuses of union power by phasing out the firemen's jobs as soon as they are vacated. Of course, this is the slow road to achieving the goal and meanwhile, the long-suffering public continues to foot



the bill for featherbedding in the form of higher passenger fares and freight rates. However, Mr. Nixon and his emergency board deserve a vote of thanks for starting the ball rolling.

Pessimistic prediction: If we can't make certain that the Communists are not building missile and submarine bases in Cuba just 90 miles from our shores—we may soon have nothing left worth protecting.

May I remind both the "hawks" and the "doves" that the crux of the problem in South Vietnam is not who will rule, but rather, whom the people want to rule. The sanest definition of the situation yet, in my book, comes from American Ambassador to India, Kenneth B. Keating, who stated the ultimate condition for ending the war this way: "That the valiant war weary people of South Vietnam be allowed to choose the kind of government, be it free or otherwise." I am sure that any objective person will agree with his premise.

Budget tip: That supposedly free national health insurance plan in the offing isn't "free" at all. It was dreamed up by Leonard Woodcock, mentor of the General Motors strike that put such a serious crimp in the nation's economy, in cahoots with Teddy Kennedy and other free-

spending senators. Economists assert that the plan would cost the average family \$1000 a year. Remember, it's your \$1000 they're spending—the money will come out of your taxes, and mine! Maybe the top-rung commission set up by the United States Chamber of Commerce to delve into our country's health care needs can prescribe the right medicine. But this outrageously costly plan, as it stands now, simply isn't the best remedy, in my mind. People would have to be really sick, or rich as Croesus, to fall for it. If you don't want to spend \$1000 a year for this compulsory health insurance, write to your Congressman without delay and let him know how you feel about it before the "free" plan becomes just one more bitter financial pill that you're forced to swallow.

Ironic twist: Isn't it the same young radicals who claim to be anti-war who are in the forefront of the anti-police vendetta, shouting "Kill the Pigs!" at every demonstration and protest march?

--Register

(Continued from front page) than 2,500 young people to Washington to lobby for the pending measure.

Brown and Miss Philomena Queen, president of the Maryland State NAACP Youth Conference, testified in support of the legislation before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments.

The youth division is committed to continuing its efforts to get legislation enacted in all the states to assure the right to vote to all 18-year-olds in all elections, Brown said.

--Colonel

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with the 479th Tactical Fighter Wing, as Chief of the Standardization/Evaluation program.

Lieutenant Colonel Brown, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, is working toward a Masters degree in Aerospace Operations Management with the University of Southern California. He has been selected for promotion to the grade of temporary colonel by the Fiscal Year 1971 Promotion Board.

Lieutenant Colonel Brown is married and has three children.

--Dollars

(Continued from front page) Blacks," Burrell adds.

Citing the 1971 projected unemployment figure of 5.8% to 6%, Burrell notes that this traditionally means a Black unemployment rate of 11% and a Black teenager rate of nearly 22%. At a time when Blacks are pushing for white collar jobs in industry and government, whites are being laid off and normal retirees are staying on due to low retirement benefits.

"Interest rates are easing, but dollars are still scarce for Black borrowers," says Burrell. "In addition, housing is scarce and usually priced out of range of Black families. Though the income gap has lessened in recent years, Blacks still earn less than their white counterparts."

The economic squeeze has caused white construction unions to be less receptive to admitting Blacks as members. In addition, the funds for government sponsored housing and urban renewal projects became depleted, according to Burrell's statement.

In discussing the plight of Black businessmen in the light of the vast trillion dollar GNP, Burrell cited the following problems:

Increased theft due to high unemployment rates for the 16 to 30 year old age groups; Black businessmen are concentrated in the service industry, the hardest hit by inflation, making it impossible for them to maintain even a semblance of competitiveness; credit, already scarce to Blacks has dried up and while creditors demand cash, customers delay payments and render internal financing difficult.

According to Secretary of Commerce, Maurice Stans, the government's minority enterprise program suffered in 1970 due to the economic slump.

Burrell commented that the SBA had run out of funds, OMBE never had any, and big business, caught in an economic squeeze amid dwindling profits, is little disposed to assist Black business, except with rhetoric.

--Epilepsy

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that is something he much enjoys.

At 5, Zachery is the youngest of EFA's Poster Children. But, as his mother says, "Zachery seems much older and wiser than his five years. Often his knowledge of things and his awareness of what goes on around him surprises us."

For the next twelve months Zachery's alert and ready smile will represent the essential spirit of the child with epilepsy. He will symbolize the majority of typically active, intelligent, friendly youngsters who are just like all boys and girls — except that they happen to have an occasional seizure.

As in previous years, the Contest attracted entries from all over the country. The first EFA Poster Child was 7 year old Dawn Martin, of West Palm Beach, Florida, chosen in 1969.

--Bill

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amendments, one prohibiting the use of any of the funds for the busing of children and one permitting tests of pupils to determine if they shall be entered in desegregated schools. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is opposed to both these amendments and, accordingly, cannot support the bill of which they are a part. The whole desegregation policy and the court orders thereon would be nullified by the prohibition against busing in cases where that is the only method through which desegregation can be achieved. To allow local authorities to give tests before according pupils the right to education in an unsegregated school system would be to sacrifice the future of little black children to a political maneuver de-

signed to return public education to the status of the period before 1954. Please advise senators and congressmen of our stand.

--Hanoi

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ly identify all prisoners, allow prisoner camp inspection by teams from the all-Swiss International Committee of the Red Cross, and the release of the seriously sick and wounded.

There has been a noticeable change in the North Vietnamese stand on the prisoner issue since the letter-writing campaign got under way. The number of U. S. prisoners identified by North Vietnam more than tripled, there has been an increase in the number of captives allowed to communicate with their families, and identified prisoners now are allowed to receive comfort parcels every other month.

--Emmanuel

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operation of a modern church. In addition to a majority of the members voting to take advantage of the new site on Riddle Road, the new location is reported to have had the approval of the late Bishop George W. Baber and the present Presiding Elder, the Rev. George A. Larkin.

--Food

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Participation in the Commodity Distribution Program in which USDA foods are given directly to families was estimated at 3.6 million in November. In November 1969, this figure was also about 3.6 million, making the overall family food participation about 7.1 million for November 1969.

Families taking part in USDA's Food Stamp Program pay in about what they would usually spend for food. They receive additional free, or "bonus" food coupons to bring their total food buying power to the level of USDA's "economy diet."

USDA food programs are administered by the Food and Nutrition Service, in cooperation with State and local governments.

--Wilkins

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The results of the election of members of the Board of Directors will also be announced at the annual meeting, Kivie Kaplan, NAACP president, will preside.

At the annual fellowship dinner, Sunday evening, January 10, at the New York Hilton, certificates of merit for outstanding achievement will be presented to Miss Lucille Black, longtime membership secretary; Dr. George D. Flemmings, president of the Fort Worth, Texas, Branch and member of the national Board of Directors since 1946; Mrs. Juanita A. Green, president of the North-Central Philadelphia Branch; and Mrs. Margaret Jackson, of New York, organizer and producer of the "Show of Shows," a highly successful fund raising activity for the NAACP.

--Census

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minority people. Results will be available in July of 1971.

Basic aim of the survey is to fill an existing gap in economic data about minority participation in business. The information gathered will be used as source material for measuring the impact and efficiency of Federal programs designed to stimulate minority participation in the national economy.

As in all surveys and censuses, individual reports will be kept confidential according to law and cannot be seen or used by anyone other than Bureau personnel.

Philippine Violence
MANILA — Philippine News Service said 2,300 persons were killed and 1,500 wounded by violence in the Philippines during 1970.

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