

Blacks' Destiny In Own Hands...

BLACK BUSINESS MEN AND POLITICIANS SHOULD BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF LONG-RANGE PLANNING, FOR IT IS ONLY THROUGH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CLOUT THAT ETHNIC GROUPS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE UP THROUGH SOCIETY.

MICHIGAN CHRONICLE

SUBURBIA

THE FLIGHT OF CAPITAL FROM BLACK COMMUNITIES



"If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who propose to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the oceans' majestic waves without the awful roar of its waters."

— Frederick Douglass

EDITORIALS

NCCU'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The election of the late Dr. James Edward Shepard and his wife, the late Mrs. Annie Day Shepard by the North Carolina Central University Hall of Fame Trustees as the first inductees into the university's Hall of Fame is a well deserved honor and a historical American heritage for generations to come.

Dr. Shepard founded what is now North Carolina Central University in 1910 as the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua. He served as president of the institution until his death in 1947. The institution served then, as now, as an important training school for black leadership.

Mrs. Annie Day Shepard was, for 36 years, the devoted, inspirational counselor and confidante to her husband and the students. She was the author of the lyrics of the Alma Mater.

The university community celebrated Dr. Shepard's 100th birthday anniversary on November 3 as well as the 65th anniversary of the founding of the college itself, along with the golden anniversary of North Carolina Central University becoming the first state-supported black institution of Liberal Arts.

From its earliest beginning, as the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua in 1910, with 130 students

enrolled, the now North Carolina Central University serves the needs of nearly 5,000 students of varying racial, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

The community, at home, in the nation, and abroad, have been made aware of the excellent growth and development of black leadership created within North Carolina Central University through the years with the help of dedicated faculty, staff and supportive services personnel, working to improve the quality of life for all people.

Numbered among its graduates are judges, legislators, mayors, college presidents, outstanding scientists, physicians, demotists, edictprts at all levels, writers, authors, business executives, athletes, including several Olympic Gold Medal winners, performing artists, a Metropolitan Opera singer, communications specialists, and an Assistant Clerk of Court of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Students today, as then, will continue to have broad shoulders of black heritage and successful images to stand and build upon as they pursue the theme of North Carolina Central University - Excellence Without Excuse - remembering always the flight of the Eagle, its mascot, ever forward, ever higher.

God blessed us through the lives of James Edward and Annie Day Shepard.

FOOD LACK AND BRAIN HARM IN USA

With the Food Stamp Program once again assured so that people on or below the poverty level will be able to secure foodstuffs, it is important to note that recent findings of nutrition studies by a team of scientists show that more than a million American infants and young children have either suffered stunting of their brains or are under risk of that type of damage because of malnutrition. It also appears that the major cause is POVERTY.

Poverty is a vicious cycle, trapping the children of the poor and dooming them to the same (or worse) environment that their parents have endured.

The survey data were based on eating

POLITICAL CHANGE FOR DURHAM

The City of Durham has elected its new mayor and several council members with, from early observations, less than 45 per cent of the registered electorate voting.

Such apathy by the citizens of this community is certainly to be deplored as we seek to improve the quality of life for

habits, income and physical factors such as body size, weights and development, as well as evidences of bio-chemical deficiencies.

Such results by outstanding scientists should certainly make the American economists and the Administration more responsive to the needs of its own citizens when attempts are made to halt the development of our greatest and most important resource - our children.

If we can spend millions for defense and space exploration, it would seem that we could aid our future generations by planning continuing programs to alleviate the poverty and hunger so apparent in our country.

all citizens.

With only a little over twenty per cent voting in the primary and now less than 45 per cent voting in the general election, Durham citizens need to take a serious look at ourselves as we go into the Bicentennial year of individual liberty and responsibility.

TO BE EQUAL

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Why should the federal government help bail out New York City and save it from default and bankruptcy?

That's a question many people are asking, some out of genuine concern for the federal system and local self-government, and others with a hostile snarl and an undeclared wish that the City would sink into the earth and never be heard from again.

Those glib dogmatists, not excluding high government officials who don't want to lift a finger to help New York, can't seem to understand that if New York City defaults it will start a chain reaction that would inaugurate a world-wide crisis that could make the Depression of the 1930's look positively benign.

When Washington was trying to sell the Vietnam War it concocted a false, 'domino theory' that said if Vietnam goes, so too would all of Asia. That was a gimmick, but there really is a domino theory of New York's fiscal collapse.

It goes something like this: If the City defaults it can't pay its bills. That means city workers stop working. Paychecks, welfare checks, payment of bills all stop. No cops, no firemen, no teachers, no garbage collections - nothing. A city of 8 million people totally paralyzed.

Businesses that sold goods to the City wouldn't get paid. Because of the size of city purchases that would mean not only the collapse of many

small businesses, but also bankruptcy for the big utilities.

Meanwhile, New York State would also go down the drain, since it has committed its credit to the City in an attempt to stave off fiscal collapse. The big banks, heavily committed to City paper, would face enormous liquidity problems, scale that even the Federal Reserve might have trouble meeting.

The chaos in the financial markets would quickly spread. States, cities and towns all across the country are already paying millions more in higher interest rates because of the New York fiscal problems. After default they couldn't get a penny from the markets. Stock prices would nosedive sharply.

As European leaders have warned, the dollar's value would shrink, and the dollar's weakness combined with the shock waves throughout the banking community would herald a world-wide Depression of hair-raising proportions.

That's quite a picture, and it all may yet come true if Washington doesn't step in and do for the City what it so willingly did for big businesses faced with cash problems and for foreign nations. And it would be a lot cheaper, too. The cost of federal loans or guarantees - not grants - required to put the City back on its feet again is a small fraction of the outright costs the government

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would face in running the essential services in case of collapse.

But instead of realistic action to head off certain calamity, some officials seem to be anxious to emulate the old Nixon crowd that talked of letting its victims 'Twist slowly, slowly in the wind.'

New York City is twisting slowly in the wind today, and unless help is provided, the rest of us will be twisting right alongside her.

Help in the form of loans and guarantees for state bonds earmarked for the City is essential. It should be kept free from mandatory steps that would ensure ultimate disaster for the City.

President Ford talked about New York ought to increase its sales tax, now at eight per cent. Other taxes have been proposed. City transit fares have already zoomed from 35 cents to half a dollar a ride. Heavier taxes can only accelerate business and residential flight, compounding the City's basic problems and hastening its final collapse.

Washington ought to step in now because unless it does, the rest of the country will be in a mess. And it ought to step in for another reason, too. Although blame for New York's difficulties has been pinned on many sources - union, politicians, past and present, and others - it can also be seen as the victim of years of federal neglect of the cities and of national economic mismanagement.

Congressman Hawkins' Dirty Tricks Against Hungry Americans Column

In case you didn't know, Mr. Ford is campaigning for the 1976 presidential race. So is the former Governor of California, Ronald Reagan. If there is anything clear about both of these politicians, it is their lack of understanding of what it means to be poor. And nothing serves as a better example of their lack of understanding on this issue, than their public stand on food stamps.

Mr. Reagan thinks that the food stamp program is full of welfare chiselers. Mr. Ford probably would buy this indictment, but since his defeat on so-called food stamp "reform" early this year, he has been relatively quiet on the issue, until recently.

Now the President has a new food stamp proposal which would eliminate 5.5 million poor persons, and would raise the price of food stamps. All in the name of the President's favorite play - fiscal responsibility.

But a lot of people are wise to the President's game - this time, and because of his hypocrisy on this question, he's going to be getting a lot of heat.

So far, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post have editorially castigated the President for his obvious attempt at politicizing hunger, and for his blatant appeal to

the far right in attempting to appear as conservative as his campaign foe - Ronald Reagan.

What are the facts concerning the food stamp program?

Well, first of all there's no question about the growth of this program. Initially designed (during the Kennedy Administration) to help United States farmers dispose of surplus farm commodities, the program has evolved into a significant project feeding needy people. In fact, not only does it assist welfare recipients, it is also available to the working poor.

No one dreamed in 1964 that the program's budget of \$32.0 million and 424,000 participants, would mushroom into its present participation of 19.2 million persons at a cost of \$6.0 billion. But the Nixon-Ford managed depression, has been the essential cause in this increase, and must bear the brunt of the responsibility for its orchestration. (Nixon's repressive economic policies began affecting the food stamp program early in his first term of office.)

The President says he wants to cutback the program because middle class and other chiselers are taking advantage of the program at the government's expense (a charge yet to be

validated and proved.) His proposal in essence penalizes hungry Americans over a charge that the Administration continues to make, but fails to substantiate.

If the President was really interested in solving hunger in America, he would seek to reform the food stamp program, rather than gut it as Simon, Butz, et al have been trying to do.

Obviously, a program serving 19.0 million people (and only reaching about 50 per cent who are eligible, by the way) has some parasites. The answer to fraud however, is in developing effective alternatives to cheating, and strengthening ways in which hungry people can be more efficiently served.

Mr. Ford knows full well why the food stamp program has exploded; his know-nothing policy on the jobless crisis is one example of his own contribution to this explosion.

It is indeed a sorry business, when the lust for public office can cause a presidential candidate to play around with a hungry person's empty stomach. Mr. Ford would do better to deal with some real crucial issues - unemployment, the economic depression, business and urban government bankruptcies - to name a few.

He ought to drop his phony food stamp stance.

Continued from page 1 members of that organization. I am mindful of the trend which is that in the process of integrating the white race often feels its organizations have to lower their standards to accommodate blacks.

"I want to remind you all that there have been black people who not only pursued excellence, but achieved it," Dr. Phinazee said.

The first speaker for the convention was Albert Murray, the black author of "South to a Very Old Place: The Ancestral Imperative."

Dr. Phinazee's goal for the NCLA during her tenure as president include developing legislative relations and public relations programs for the group.

"I want to make the legislature and the public more aware of the contributions of libraries in North Carolina, and more aware of what we need in order to achieve the goals we have set for service. This means we need to strengthen our legislative relationships, and to develop a public relations program."

"I also want to see the association give more attention to the support of institutional libraries, the libraries in correctional institutions and state hospitals and schools. We need to improve our relationships with other organizations with similar goals."

The new president of the library association said the group would be very much involved in plans to participate in a White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science, the first such Federal Library Survey.

Dr. Phinazee holds the A.B. degree from Flak University, the Bachelor of Library Science and the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of Illinois, and the Doctor of Library Science degree from Columbia University.

She has been dean of the NCCU School of Library Science since 1970. This year the school was accredited by the American Library Association.

Union Rep. Declares Food Stamp Charges "Vicious Propaganda Campaign"

A top union lobbyist declared today that charges of widespread waste, fraud and abuse in the food stamp program are part of a "vicious propaganda campaign" that is distorting the debate over reform of the system.

Arnold Mayer, Washington legislative representative for the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL-CIO, said that while there have been some administrative errors in operation of the food stamp program, it is a

very complicated program" that serves 18-plus million Americans in all parts of the nation. But, allegations of wholesale cheating he asserted are largely "half-truths and outright lies."

Mayer appeared on the network radio interview LABOR NEWS CONFERENCE. Mayer said the food stamp plan that President Ford sent to Congress last week is really not "reform" at all, but an attempt to "cut something like 6 million million others." He branded the people off from food stamps and

reduce the benefits for several Ford plan "anti-union," pointing out that it would drop both unemployed and striking workers from the program's protection.

Workers pay a big share of the taxes in this country, Mayer said, "helping to pay for that program, and they should be able to benefit from it when they are in need." He pointed out that "a strike is a legal situation, employers get all sorts of government aid during a strike or during a walkout," and strikers too

should get needed protections for themselves and their families against mal-nutrition and starvation.

"I had thought we had given up years ago the idea that strikers should be starved back to work," as the Ford proposal, if adopted, would do, he declared. He said the push to ban food stamps for strikers and their families is "an effort to cut down the strength of workers, rather than effort to change the food stamp program."

Durham NAACP Branch Takes Fight To State

Alexander Barnes, president, Durham Branch, NAACP, upon leaving Durham Wednesday for the State Conference said that he was awfully disappointed that blacks stayed away from the polls Tuesday, thereby causing the defeat of two black candidates, who would have won easily had another turned out.

He also said that blacks took no heed to the fact that they were forwarded by the two daily newspapers, in editorials Monday, which told the whites that if they did not turn out, blacks would take over. He said blacks were forewarned but did not forewarn. He is leading the local delegation

to Lumberton for the annual meeting. He reported that the letter Commission of the charge against Judge Sam F. Gantt, had been forwarded to Chief Judge Walter Brock, and that the Durham Branch was awaiting his reply, as to the next step to take. Other members of the delegation are J. B. Philyaw,

1st vice-president, Mrs. A. M. Bynum and Mrs. Elizabeth Napoleon. Barnes left Wednesday and the other members were scheduled to leave Thursday morning.

The Gantt matter will be given to the State Conference, in the hope that it will get the support of all the branches in the state.

Things You Should Know

Kelly MILLER

ILL-PLEASED WITH BACK-TO- AFRICA MOVEMENTS, HE TRIED, IN THE 1920'S, TO FORM A WORLD-WIDE CONFERENCE - A UNION OF ALL NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS - TO BE CALLED THE NEGRO BANHEDRIN / AGAINST THE OPPOSITION OF FRIENDS AS WELL AS ENEMIES, HOWEVER, HE FAILED.



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