

# Let The Truth Be Known

By Benjamin T. Forbes

This year, America will be celebrating its 200th anniversary as an independent country. Yet there are still many Americans who feel certain ethnic groups should not participate in the festivities.

When talk of celebrating the nation's bicentennial first began, there were some Blacks who felt that America had nothing to celebrate because of its racial policies. The question still has not been answered in a unified way.

Blacks are not the only ones questioning this celebration. Recently

many of the Indian survivors of the massacre that occurred at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, expressed their feelings about that incident. Most felt that the federal government should have done something to prevent the massive onslaught of human lives.

America will celebrate its anniversary regardless of how Blacks or the American Indians protest the facts that Blacks were inhumanly enslaved; the Indians were cheated by the white man when he bought Manhattan Island for a scant \$24 and were then put on

reservations in their own land.

While this nation has been preparing for this great celebration, only the glorious moments have been recalled and spoken of. However, this country should remember its dirty deeds as well as its glorious ones. Too many things have been left out of the history books for too long.

America should celebrate its 200th anniversary, but let the celebration involve all of the people of this nation, and let the truth be known.

## Democrats Conduct Affirmative Action /Delegate Selection Seminar

The Durham County Democratic Party will conduct an "Affirmative Action /Delegate Selection" seminar on Saturday, January 31, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Compass Room of the Northwestern Bank, corner of Parrish and North Roxboro Streets. The seminar, led by the County's Affirmative Action Chairman, Ben Ruffin, and Paulette Robinson, its Publicity Director, will consist of two workshops; these workshops are centered around two questions: (1) "Why should traditionally underrepresented persons get involved in the Democratic party?" and (2) "How do I get involved in the Democratic Party?"

Each workshop will have a moderator and several panelists who are active in the County party. Moderating the first workshop will be Catherine Debnam, a buyer for the IBM Corporation; moderating the second one will be Jeff Alston, in mortgage investments at N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company. Among the panelists are Dr. Philip R. Cousin, pastor of Saint Joseph's AME Church, and co-chairman of the Durham Committee's Political Subcommittee; Pratt Edwards, co-chairman of the Durham Committee's Political Subcommittee, and active precinct worker; John Niblock, Chairman of the Durham Voters' Alliance, and Treasurer of the County Democratic party; Carol Schroeder, Chairperson of the White Cross precinct; and George Miller, representative from Durham County in the N. C. House of Representatives.

Special attention in the seminar will be directed to senior citizens, blacks, women, and other traditionally underrepresented persons; representatives from these "target groups" have been invited to attend the seminar. Also invited are precinct officers and elected officials from

throughout the county. The goal of the seminar is to ensure opportunity for full participation by all Democrats in the affairs of the party, particularly in the delegate selection process for country, county, district, state, and national conventions.

The seminar is open to the public.

## Yes, We All Talk

by Marcus H. Boulware, Ph.D

### GOOD TELEPHONE SPEECH

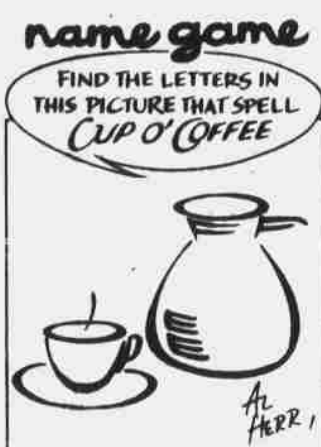
The telephone has become a necessity in the life of most every citizen. It helps him manipulate the environment.

Remember that in making telephone calls, as in speaking over the radio, you are judged solely by your voice and words. Your telephone voice is stripped of facial expressions, smiles, gestures, and all other visual mannerisms that offset abruptness and rudeness of face-to-face conversation. Your voice and words alone must convey the message and make the desired impression.

The voice with a smile wins. You have often noticed how a smile lights up a person's face; you have also noticed how contagious that smile is. If it is a sales clerk who smiles, you are more willing to buy. So it is with your voice over the telephone. It is the voice with a smile that makes a good impression and brings the desired response.

Telephone conversations are often indistinct and lack directness of statement. Much time is wasted by irrelevant speaking and the misunderstanding of words. Numbers and letters must be spoken very distinctly.

READERS; for pamphlet on "Good Telephone Speech", send two 13 cent stamps and a long self-addressed business envelope to M.H. Boulware, 430 Mercury Drive, Tallahassee, Florida - 32304.



By Reed Larson

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NO APOLOGIES,  
SENATOR WEICKER

A few weeks ago, Sen. Lowell Weicker, the reluctant Connecticut Republican, made a spectacle of himself in a U.S. Senate floor speech by berating us for our efforts to focus public opinion on widespread union violence in the construction industry.

It seems that the series of newspaper ads we published across the country opposing the controversial "common situs" picketing bill were a bit too candid for the Senator's sensitive palate. So the Senator, in typical fashion, thought he'd tell us so by staging an oratorical spectacular on the Senate floor (with advance copies to his friends in the AFL-CIO publicity department).

Among other things, the Senator accused us of "toilet" tactics, suggesting also that we were engaging in the "politics of threats" and "an exercise in ugliness." And all because we dared mention in our ads the fact that building trades union officials frequently rely on strong-arm tactics to convince workers who wouldn't otherwise do so that it's in their best interests to join unions.

"The basic question involved is whether Congress is going to force even more Americans into corrupt and violent unions in order to earn a living," we wrote. Quoting a major Philadelphia newspaper, we added, "A person's right to earn a living, whether in a union or non-union job, is the most fundamental of civil rights. It must not be surrendered to goons seeking to substitute force for law."

Few other unions, we said, are as scandal-ridden, mobster-tainted and violence prone as the building trades; the "situs" picketing bill would give these same union bosses, we said, the power to shut down an entire construction project "by setting up a job site picket line that no construction worker, truck driver or delivery man in his right mind would dare cross."

Senator Weicker accused us of being ugly - though the genuinely ugly record of the building trades unions, which he chose to ignore, will substantiate our every statement.

Sen. James Pearson (R-Kans.) was another who criticized our ads. We believe he was also in error. "No informed person," we told Senator Pearson, "can deny that the use of force and violence is an instrument of union policy, especially in the construction unions. The sorry spectacle of beatings, bombings, shootings, arson, and other violence is too widespread to ignore. Whether our attempt to call public attention to union terrorism in connection with the common situs debate was productive or counter-productive is a question of judgment which can never be decisively resolved."

"Even if it is not politically expedient to do so, I believe we have an obligation to do our best to remove the veil of secrecy from this hidden disgrace. I think every citizen who understands this problem should speak up, whatever the political consequences. . . In any event, regardless of the fate of the common situs bill, the problem of union violence remains a serious national concern. We need your help, and that of every other American who is concerned about the rights and freedoms of our nation's working people."

Senator Weicker is right about ugliness. Union violence and corruption, rampant in the building trades, is an ugly spectacle that cannot be ignored. Federally-sanctioned compulsion is responsible. And only by eliminating the coercion of workers by union organizers can it be stopped.

Like it or not, Senator Weicker, that's the way it is. Ugly, very ugly.

(Larson is executive vice president of the National Right to Work Committee. His column appears in several hundred newspapers.)

In Washington, the National Press Club's gala inaugural for incoming president Bob Alden will feature Pearl Bailey in a show from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, February 1.