

Blacks Have the Tools to Do the Job

SUBURBIA

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.

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When Shoe Is On The Other Foot

An analysis of an article in the Durham Sun, March 9, relative to a white superintendent in a predominantly black school system reveals some hidden thoughts by our duly elected lone white city school board member.

After meditating and concentrating on the quoted words of the lone white city board member, one may recall the story of the Roman senator during the time of Caesar, who was reprimanded by his fellow senators for the way he treated his wife. Fellow senators pointed out how beautiful she was, how gay and exotic and how loyal she was. The Roman senator replied by holding out his foot and saying, "See this shoe, it is beautiful, it is usable, and wearable, but no one knows where it pinches me."

Rodenhizer is quoted as saying, "if a black superintendent could do a better job, why integrate. We can go back to a segregated system."

Why is it that city school board member Rodenhizer can only look backward when even the ancient Greeks named the first month of the year after the Greek god Janus who looked both backward and forward?

Does this member of the city school

Board, in mid-1970's only look to the past and condemn those for whom the city school Board has sworn to provide training to prepare them for the future?

Such remarks by the lone white city school Board member, elected to the position, in this modern day suggests that now when the shoe is on the other foot, more information comes out as to where it really pinches him.

Maybe Mr. Rodenhizer needs to come up with some alternative programs which would put quality education into the main stream of future leadership. But to end with the quote as carried by the Sun, "quality education be damned" is indeed self-defeating.

Rhetoric is no substitute for adequate performance. Performance that leads to the mainstream cannot be ignored; lest we sink into a sea of trivia.

Retgression is neither a prognosis nor a prescription for progression or for meeting educational needs in the tri-centennial of Durham, North Carolina or the nation and world at large.

We think that perhaps he protests too much now that the shoe is on the other foot and we know not exactly where it pinches him.

Building The Future

When you vote Tuesday, look for the box marked "FOR the State Institutions of Higher Education Capital Improvement Bonds." If you're a parent, that may be the most important vote you'll cast. If you care about the future of this state and its people, it will be the most important you'll cast.

Those words stand for buildings for most of the state universities. Those buildings are needed so the schools can do what they are meant to do: give every young man and young woman in this state an opportunity to go as far as his mind and spirit, her mind and spirit, will take him and her.

A vote for this bond issue is a vote that will tell the state legislature, "Yes, we do want public higher education in this state. Yes, we do want to keep the costs of college education within the reach of students and their parents."

To vote against the bond issue is to tell the legislature "We don't want

college and university education for every young person who can benefit. We want to reserve a college education only for the children of the rich."

We have been promised that a vote for this bond issue will not increase taxes. We know that the total cost to each taxpayer will be only a few cents at most, and we believe that will fit into the state budget without higher taxes.

Vote for the bond issue and be sure that your son or daughter won't get a letter from the college of his or her choice that says, "We're sorry, but we don't have room." Vote for the bond issue and be sure that when your child is ready for college there will be a good college ready for your child.

It isn't just bricks and mortar. It's the future they're building.

Vote FOR the State Institutions of Higher Education Capital Improvement Bonds. This is an opportunity to invest in the future.

THE POINT FOR THE BALLOT

By Ray Jenkins

We are on the verge of a presidential primary election and that makes me think about several things. As I look over the list of candidates and the issues that they are dealing with, it makes me wonder more and more about the calibre of people who sit in the oval office as "leaders" of the American nation. It also makes me question the extent which the American people are fooled or their seriousness about the heinous crimes of their former president, Richard Nixon, whom they seem to want the likes of back in office. Perhaps they were not mad with him for what he did - only that he got caught. Here's my reasoning.

Gerald Ford, who has done nearly nothing for over two decades in congress, gets to be president after being hand-picked by none other than Richard Nixon, a man who illegally got into office in the first place. One by one,

through all the various investigations that took place over the past two years, we find that Nixon hardly had any straight friends at all; most of them were crooked and some even went to jail for crimes directly related to their dealings with Nixon. Those who haven't gone, leave behind reputations which are at best questionable. This includes Henry Kissinger also, especially when we take a look at his dealings in Chile, Angola and the recent accusations of illegal wiretapping by him. Gerald Ford moved into office, the only one ever to come to that office without having gone through a nationwide election with a profound case of the Nixons. Through his programs he is proving to be a continuation of being a president of the rich and the maintenance of the status quo. A clear example of this is his underhanded maneuverings with the Angola issue in which

he got Henry Kissinger to falsely warn the American people that there was an apparent threat of communist aggression in order to get the secret funds for America's rich interests to carry out their dirty war. It was not until afterwards that we learned that Russian and Cuban resources did not touch Angola until America did which is contrary to what we were lead to believe. Putting it more bluntly, they told a bare faced lie to us

I bring these things out because when I look at the presidential primaries as of now, I see Gerald Ford in the lead in the republican circles and not too far behind him is the war mongering "let's show them who we are", Ronald Reagan. Both of these men have a warped sense of priority anytime Ford cites as his major accomplishment the fact that he saved the American public so much money by vetoing

fifty six bills, while twenty-five per cent of the Black population don't even have money to save, nor job to earn it. Whom did he save it for? Or a Ronald Reagan who sees the major problem in America is the lack of enough arms despite the fact that we have enough to literally destroy every living thing on the earth.

Then, lets not forget another strong contender, George Wallace, a man, while governor, personally stood in front of the doors to the University of Alabama to prevent a student from entering.

On March 23 a presidential primary will take place in this state and I urge you to vote wisely and forget about the rhetoric and the campaign promises. That can only tell us what these people say. Instead, look at what they have done and cast your ballot wisely.

TO BE EQUAL

Whitney Young's Marshall Plan

By VERNON E. JORDAN
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This March marks the fifth anniversary of the death of Whitney M. Young, Jr., for ten years head of the National Urban League, and one of the most creative leaders America has produced. Among Young's most profound ideas was his suggestion, back in the early 1960s, for a Domestic Marshall Plan.

The core of the plan was the reality that black citizens suffered disproportionate disadvantage and thus, a massive national special effort was necessary to bring black people and other minorities into the mainstream of American life.

Young's plan had its genesis in the post-war Marshall Plan of economic aid to war-shattered Europe. After the Second World War, the economies of western Europe were devastated and the U. S. government realized that unless those countries were aided America would lose her natural trading partners and perhaps even lose her political influence on the European continent.

So a hard-nosed decision was made to pump billions into Europe and get her factories and workshops back in operation. This wasn't done for altruistic reasons; Uncle Sam wasn't just playing Santa Claus. Policy-makers understood that aid was necessary if our own economy was to avoid a post-war Depression.

The Cold War had a lot to do with it too. It was decided that the only way western Europe could avoid a Russian take-over was to rebuild stable

societies out of the chaos left by the War. That's a lesson true from our own day - the strongest defense includes not only missiles and armies, but a productive economy and a society in which everyone has a fair share and a personal stake.

The other source of Young's plan was the GI Bill of Rights, a special effort to aid war veterans resume their place in civilian life. The rationale for that was that citizens had been plucked from their jobs and homes to serve in the armed forces for years and were now coming back to find themselves at a great disadvantage in competing for places in our economy. They needed special help and they got it.

Putting these two together, Young reasoned that blacks and other minorities also needed special help, because while black people face the same problems everyone else faces, the additional fact of color complicates and aggravates every other hazard."

And the Marshall Plan model of a crash program to achieve specific goals seemed to Young the way to overcome the results of four hundred years of negative special treatment.

He insisted that a Domestic Marshall Plan was a call for "a special effort, not for special privilege." It would be designed to reverse the results of discrimination through public and private efforts that would provide black citizens with "the leadership, education, jobs, motivation and

opportunities which will permit him to help himself."

Young pointed out that if black citizens enjoyed parity with whites, the total economy would be stronger, urban deterioration would be stopped, and the country would be more stable and just.

But he also foresaw resistance to his plan. He predicted that many would reject it because it would mean admitting the reality of discrimination, admitting that white citizens have themselves benefited from the preferential system that excluded blacks, and finally, that a country barely beginning to adjust itself to affording equal opportunity would find it difficult to accept the idea of special treatment.

He was right. He was right in proposing a plan that would have made our nation more just and more equal, but he was also right in his realistic assessment of the forces resisting a Domestic Marshall Plan.

The piecemeal reforms of the 1960s did have an important impact on improving the lives of blacks, minorities, and poor whites, but they fell far short of what might have been achieved through a concerted, planned effort along the lines of Whitney Young's Marshall Plan. There can be no more fitting tribute to his stature than the realization that his call for a Domestic Marshall Plan is still relevant to today's Depression-ridden, still-discriminatory society.

Congressman Hawkins' Column

U.S. Escalates Mid-West Tensions

If you have followed this Column, you know that I very seldom deal with American foreign policy. It is not because I'm not interested in American diplomacy and interests abroad, but rather because I am more concerned with the plight of Americans here at home. The two are not opposites, however. In fact, they are inextricably related, especially when one can note, as I often do, that the administration often appears more willing to spend tax monies meddling in foreign governments, than assuring domestic economic health on these shores.

A case, in point, is the latest Ford-Kissinger caper, which if it weren't deadly serious, might be considered a macabre joke. These two throwbacks from the American era of "walk softly, but carry a big stick," have decided that the best way to bring peace to the Middle East is to escalate the arming of the two main actors - Egypt and Israel.

In line with this forward thinking, (which means two steps backward,) Ford and Kissinger

have unveiled a nifty, neat package of slipping six C-130 military air transport planes to Egypt.

Kissinger (in the tones of a used car salesman), says pompously, that this deal is "in our national interest." While he's guarding our "national interest," I hope someone's watching the store!

When queried by the House Congressional Committee on International Relations, on what to expect next, Kissinger pontifically answered that this was all for now, and that there would not be any more such requests for the next few months. What Cheek!

But then Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld appeared on the scene, and lived up to his role defined by his title: he spilled some more beans on the whole slimy matter.

Egypt, would receive rifles "or other things," said Rumsfeld. Although Rumsfeld refrained from being any more specific, the "other things" according to the Associated Press are training Egyptian military officers, selling Egypt transport helicopters, communications systems, and a host of related military items.

We are supposed to be Israel's major ally and supporter. I wonder what Israel plans to do with such friendship?

Kissinger according to some experts is supposed to be a diplomatic whiz, wise in all ways, and astute in dealing with his counterparts in other governments. But frankly, I'm getting just a little weary of his wily behavior, his smart aleck rhetoric, his seeming contempt for congressional questions dealing with very complicated subjects.

Ford and Kissinger seem to forget that they are both accountable to the American people for their actions; Ford in particular is directly responsible to Congress for foreign policy implementation because after all its the Congress which gives Ford the dollars to act sensibly in these matters.

We all deserve a better foreign policy, than we've been getting. If the Egyptian deal, seems to be based on shifting sands in the State Department, maybe this is because Kissinger's style is so incredibly shifting and slippery.

How about a new Secretary of State?
How about a new President. for that matter.

Things You Should Know



TARIK-BIN-ZIAD

A SLAVE-BORN LEADER,
HE BECAME COMMANDER OF THE
MOORISH ARMY IN THEIR INVASION
OF SPAIN. IN ISLAM, THE ROCK
OF GIBRALTAR - CALLED "JEBEL-
U-TARIK" - WAS NAMED AFTER
HIM. HE IS GREATLY GLORIFIED BY
TURKISH HISTORIANS!



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