

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR
 Attention should be called to a positive endeavor of a group of young people in our city high schools. The Hillside High School Band has accepted an invitation to participate in the Bicentennial Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D. C., April 9 through 11.

We have learned that the Hillside group is the only high school band from North Carolina participating. In view of the fact that this group brings recognition and honor to our city and our state we feel that the citizens of Durham would like to know this.

Obviously an undertaking of this magnitude needs financial

support. The parents of the band students are organized to attempt to raise funds to pay for transportation and lodging for the 133-member group.

The trophy case in the new music facility at Hillside boasts of numerous citations, plaques and awards brought back from past years' experience in participating in national events. Excellence should be supported. Citizens wishing to contribute to this endeavor may send tax deductible donations to: Mrs. Johnnie Brown, 1517 Rosewood St. 27707. Checks should be made payable to Hillside High School Band Parents.

Mrs. Merian Gibson
 Mrs. Andrea Williams
 Mrs. Virginia Ghirardelli

Benjamin L. Hooks
 FCC COMMISSIONER



A NEW BILL FOR ALL OF US

Public participation in the decision-making processes of the federal government processes that affect the lives of all of us, will get a giant boost if the bill, entitled S. 2715 is passed into law.

Sponsored by Senator Edward J. Kennedy, this bill in Kennedy's words, "will accomplish this purpose in two ways: (1) It authorizes federal agencies to reimburse citizens for their expenses incurred in administrative proceedings (this includes their expert witness fees; attorney's fees, and other costs of participation, including, perhaps transportation);

and (2) it would permit federal courts to reimburse citizens who bring successful lawsuits to enforce agency compliance with the laws they (the agencies) are charged with administering."

What a welcome bit of fresh air this would bring! As a boy and a young man, it never occurred to me that I or any citizen of my community in Memphis, Tennessee, had the right to question the kinds of programs radio stations beamed into our homes (they were pretty corny then, subtly racist and sometimes openly racist in some instances);

or to protest to the Interstate Commerce Commission in respect to prices of commodities

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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ABORTION: A FALSE ISSUE

While watching the customary jockeying for position and attempts at manipulating public opinion that accomplished Presidential and Congressional races, one wonders why we continue to fall prey to false issues.

Law & Order, crime in the streets, busing, and now abortion is being offered up by some special interest groups as a major campaign issue.

Most people in our country today are looking for executive and legislative leadership capable of dealing effectively with such gut survival issues as high unemployment, poor schools and health care, inadequate housing, fear of personal safety in our own neighborhoods and the affect of racism and discrimination.

We are searching for leaders who can understand and act upon complex problems of the energy crisis, a sagging economy, along with working toward a world that has more peace than war and more humanity than inhumanity.

One thing we don't need in our survival game plan is another false issue to distract us from keeping our "eyes on the ball." While abortion and its physical and psychological ramifications are not to be taken lightly, access to medically supervised abortion does bring about significant health advantages to individuals and their families.

Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision gave legal sanction to abortion, the maternal death rate and infant mortality rates have materially declined. Any attempt to interfere with a woman's right to personally make a choice on this crucial matter would reverse that trend.

The price of illegal abortion in the days preceding the

Supreme Court's abortion decision was paid in the currency of women's dignity, women's health and even women's lives.

Though many paid the price, none paid it more often or more cruelly than minority groups and the poor. More than nine out of 10 of those who died at the hands of incompetent practitioners if the days before abortion was legal were black and Spanish-speaking.

As serious and important as this subject is, we find it difficult to understand how and why a President or legislative candidate's stand on abortion has anything to do with almost overwhelming problems of survival that we face today.

Indeed, in a pluralistic society such as ours, with many cultures, sub-cultures lifestyles, special interest and values we can expect differences of opinions.

However, we must be alert to those who are single issue folks and would impose their values on all and keep us from focusing on the real issues.

Beware of false prophets among us for they are riding the abortion horse in our current Presidential and Congressional campaigns.

Resolutions

Continued From Front Page members of the press contingent covering the week-long seminar and briefings were:

Lonnie Kashif, Washington Bureau, and Joe Walker, New York Bureau, Bilalian News; Reggie Major, San Francisco Sun Reporter; miss Brenda Jones, Freedomways Magazine; Michael Scott, labor journalist, and Robert Chrisman, the Black Scholar. (MJN)



BLACK GUIDE TO WASHINGTON - Just in time for the Bicentennial, Bill Powell (left) and Bill Cunningham, have written a guidebook to this city, titled "Black Guide to Washington." The book, which they display here, provides the first inside view of Washington's black presence and history, to the best soul food restaurants in town. The 128-page book includes the traditional sightseer's tour, but goes further, weaving history and street-wisdom knowledge with relaxed, good humored intimacy. (UPI).

Williams Speaks To Commission

The equal Employment Opportunity Commission has made much progress over the past two years according to it's Charlotte district director, Harris A. Williams. Williams was in Durham on Tuesday to speak at a meeting of the Durham Human Relations Commission. He has been the director of the Commission for the past two years after having been with the Internal Revenue Service for the past fifteen years. Williams jurisdiction covers the entire state of North Carolina.

"I've tried to bring into the office a positive management approach," said Williams in an interview prior to his speech. Some of the major accomplishments that the Commission brought forth under his leadership says

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WHAT SENATOR HUMPHREY SAYS ABOUT ANOTHER GOOD SENATOR . . .

What Senator Humphrey Says About Another Good Senator . . .

- "Long before civil rights was a winning issue, Henry M. Jackson was standing in the front ranks of those who were fighting for even the most limited victories:
- To abolish the poll tax;
 - To abolish segregated hospitals built with Federal funds;
 - To create a civil rights division in the Department of Justice;
 - To establish a Federal Civil Rights Commission."

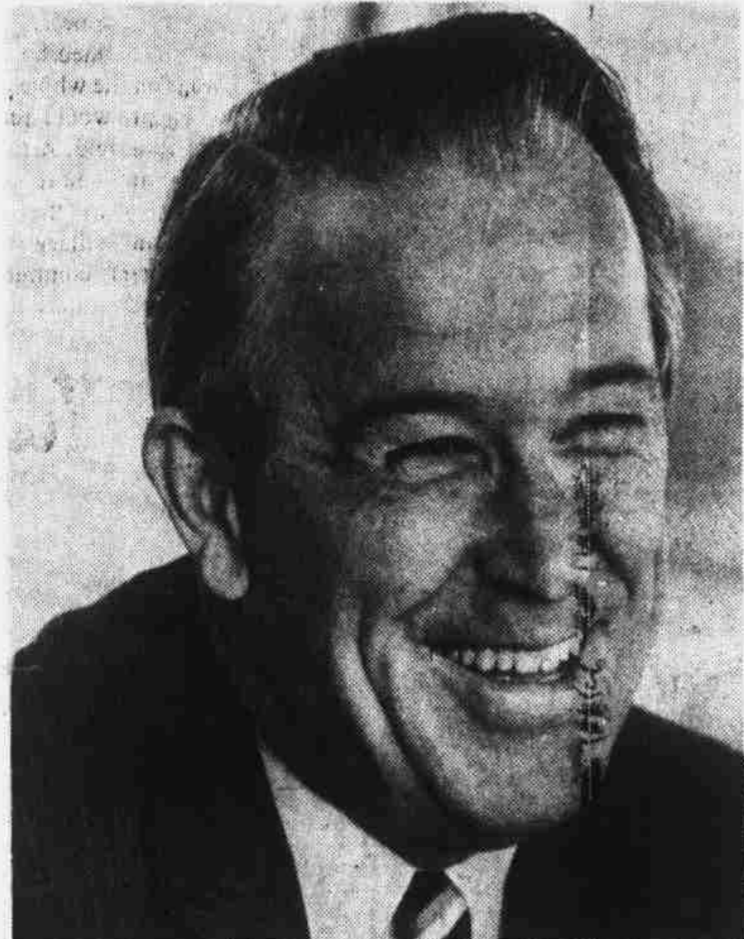
"Scoop" Jackson was there when the major victories of the mid-60's finally were achieved:

- Equal access to public accommodations;
- Equal opportunity in jobs and housing;
- Meaningful guarantees, enforced by the Federal Government, on the right to vote;
- And all the other landmark victories that ended legalized discrimination in American life."

Remarks by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey introducing Sen. Henry M. Jackson, May 13, 1975.

Sen. Humphrey spoke of the headline victories. He knows Sen. Jackson's record in civil rights is widely known and respected. These respected North Carolinians know Sen. Jackson's record, too, and they stand with the Senator in the North Carolina Presidential Primary:

- State Senator Fred Alexander of Charlotte;
- Mrs. H. M. "Mickey" Michaux of Durham;
- City Councilman William Knight of Raleigh;
- Dr. Roy Moore of Greensboro;
- The Rev. James McIlwaine of East Spencer;
- Lee R. Morgan of New Bern, former Mayor Pro-Tem.



SEN. JACKSON

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