

## Letters To The Editor

### Slap in the Face

Dear Editor,

I consider the actions of Mrs. Citron, Manager of Northside Shopping Center a slap in the face of the Black Community. Mr. Wiseman has operated Staley's Northside Restaurant without a long term lease since 1975. Mr. Staley's lease expired because he refused to attach his equipment to the terms of the lease. (a condition not required of Mr. Staley)

Mr. Wiseman was able to survive the economic crunch which caused several businesses in his immediate area to fold. Just when Mr. Wiseman was beginning to get it together by paying off the inheritance taxes due on his equipment, Mrs. Citron gave him until January 31 to

get out of Northside Shopping Center.

Northside's customers are over 75% black. The community should demand that Mrs. Citron reaccess her position and extend Mr. Wiseman a long term lease so that he may reap the fruits of his toil during the recession. If she doesn't, I can't think of a more appropriate tribute to Dr. King on his birth than for the citizens of Winston-Salem to "take to the streets" and find another place to shop.

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### Plot to Discredit Blacks

Dear Editor:

In 1976 Ebony Magazine ran an article discussing what appeared to be a national conspiracy by White people to discredit Blacks in this country. After reading the Winston Salem Journal and Sentinel the last few weeks, I am convinced that our largest city news paper shows a breach of responsibility when they publish articles in length discussing allegations, inuendos and half truths about Black citizens before they have a chance to go trial.

A man is legally innocent until proven guilty by a court of law, and the public should be keenly aware of this principle. There is absolutely no need for the Sentinel to publish a large column stating unfounded charges about a Black citizen then in the same column quote a city official saying that there was no proof of the allegations. There is no good purpose in

calling a citizens name in the papers seven times discussing allegations before the case can go to trial. It appears to me that good judgment and ethical standards would dictate that if there is an investigation, then a brief statement to that affect could be made but all other unproven allegations should be left to the courts to decide. Otherwise, what you have done is to hold a trial in the news papers using public opinion as the jury.

I am asking that all Black citizens be aware of what is going on. Do not judge people on the basis of what you read in the news paper, but withhold your judgment until the case goes to trial and the person is proven guilty or innocent. We cannot permit the White mans controlled news media to control our minds and thwart our effort to stand together.

J. Raymond Oliver Jr.

### Crime is Serious Problem

Dear Sir,

We are at present without funds to pay for this ad but after you read it and see what we are trying to accomplish, maybe you could lend us a hand.

Crime and what to do to reduce crime is probably the worse problem that today's society faces. The Jaycees have always reacted against the problems of our society. We strive to better the world we live in. Recognizing crime as a problem.

What makes a person commit a crime? This is a question most of the public don't stop to think about. To know why a crime is committed are steps of help to prevent the crime from being committed again from

two like person of like circumstances and situations.

We members of the Randolph County J.C. has come up with a Project "Help Prevent Crimes" that will enlighten the public on what queson in the person mind that committed the crime by getting the inmates to talk about their crimes why they committed it, and the consequences they have suffered for the commission of the crime. Their testimonies will be recorded on cassette tapes and distribute to schools, churches, organizations, etc.

The project is designed to "Help Prevent Crimes", and your small donation to buy  
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To Be Equal BY VERNON E. JORDAN, JR.

## Carter's Cabinet Members

In general, the response to Jimmy Carter's Cabinet appointments has been favorable, with some grumblings about some of the disignees and considerably more than that about one of them.

That's about par for the course; it's impossible for any President to satisfy everyone in naming a Cabinet. The group assembled by President-elect Carter is at least as good as previous Cabinets and a lot better than some of them.

The black presence in Cabinet-level posts was limited to two -- a bit less than what many blacks thought would happen. But if the quantity is less than expected, the quality is very high indeed.

Some people have attacked the appointment of Patricia Harris as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development on the flimsy grounds that she's not a housing specialist. But few of her predecessors have been, and few can match her competence. She can be

counted on to provide leadership in the fight to revitalize the cities.

The appointment of Congressman Andrew Young to the visible and critical UN post has been rightly well received as evidence both of the Carter Administration's determination to conduct foreign policy on a more moral basis and to reach out to the Third World. But few have commented on the unique symbolism of this outstanding appointment; twenty years ago there were few places in the South where blacks could vote and now a black southerner is America's spokesman to the world!

The most controversial appointee is Griffin Bell, Carter's selection for Attorney General. The attacks on Bell center on his personal friendship with Carter, (many believe the Attorney General should be totally independent of ties with his chief) his appeals court decisions, his endorsement of Harrold Carswell for the Supreme Court, and his

memberships in private clubs that exclude blacks and Jews from membership.

Some of these citations are valid. The onus is on Judge Bell to prove their implications wrong through forceful action on enforcing civil rights laws, cooperation with minority communities to cut crime, and by appointing blacks and women to policy making posts in the Justice Department.

That Department has traditionally demonstrated a shameful neglect of blacks, even in the days when professed liberals were running it. Only a bare handful of blacks held high posts in Justice even in the days of the Kennedy-Johnson Administrations.

The focus on private clubs' discrimination is useful. The controversy over Judge Bell's club memberships finally put a national spotlight on such discrimination. These clubs are more than just social; they're the place where the elite of industry meet and shape

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