

Please sir write in letters to your paper. I want to thank all drivers of the Winston-Salem Transit Authority for speaking in my behalf. When 2 of 3 drivers and even the leader of the Union, and Traffic Manager and some things were uncalled for and untruthful about my conduct while riding their buses. By many of them speaking in my behalf, they have wives, daughters, and girlfriends. Many stated they wouldn't have them who wronged me. Many of my white friends stated I was too intelligent, to be low-rated by the incident by which I was accused by the drivers. It always takes two to tangle. In closing it is a might weak person who calls himself a leader and believes untruthful tales from the ones he lead without getting understanding and facts of a case. They promised to meet with me and see what the real problem was, but they refused to. I am glad they did not, but, asked other drivers about my conduct. I had talked with my attorney and some actions could have been taken against them. Slander, in the civic work I have done and still doing here and in other cities and states.

Mary Sloan Jones

Dear Editor: The Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is deeply grateful to you for the coverage given our membership See Letters, Page 12

ultimately failed because of internal conflicts generated by inequality and neglect of their population's needs.

To the extent that we can create economic opportunities and reduce social inequalities, we will be a stronger nation. While it is important to keep our defense capabilities up to full strength, it would be a mistake to squander scarce resources on new weapons systems that don't add all that much to our power while imposing terrible costs on our economy and our special order.

It would be well for critics of the B-1 decisions to remember General Eisenhower's statement: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron"



TO ALEX HALEY

Where Were You When The Lights Went Off?

Where were you when the lights went...Click? If you are poor, downtrodden and in New York chances are you were in the streets seizing the opportunity to get something.

We do not condone looting or rioting during blackouts, but we do not go along with rich folk like the mayor of New York who look down their long snobbish noses at the poor and call them savages, beasts and barbarians. "I just don't understand them," they all proclaim.

The situation in New York was not a simple act of barbaric reaction. It goes much deeper than what we have heard people talking about. We, in the U.S., live in a society that from Day-One is taught to consume. Our orientation is to consume more, better, quicker and with less and less effort. The consumer game is to make life easier. Television advertising alone is enough to show some people how bad off they really are. And most have no hopes of ever sharing in the wealth of this great nation.

Still, it is not right to burn, loot

and riot but we understand why it happens. We have seen some people literally starve to death while others die of obesity.

If ever the looting and rioting is to stop we must find a better way of dealing with people who do not have anything. President Carter's Welfare Reform Bill may be a means to that end. It won't put a Rolls in every garage, but we think it will make people feel a little less hopeless. Perhaps, they may even begin to feel that they at least have a chance of someday getting a few of the many things they see around them all day and most of the night.

When the lights in New York went out we were able to SEE the plight and the desperation of the have-nots. No. Everyone involved in the looting were not helpless, hopeless people, but we think enough of them were to justify our beliefs. We can continue to fill the jails or we can look for a solution to a problem that goes a heck of a lot deeper than petty thievery. Either way, calling those people savages and barbarians like the mayor did won't help.

Rather Fight Than Switch

Next week the County Commissioners will decide whom to appoint to the Reynolds Health Center Advisory Committee. We don't know what other names have been submitted for consideration, but we hope that the commissioners will reappoint Dr. Wilveria Atkinson and C.P. Booker. Their names have been almost synonymous with the fight to keep the autonomy of the health center. They have worked long hours, researching the matter and drawing up proposals to help determine the fate of the health center. The important thing is: they care. Board appointments are

unpredictable things. Sometimes a person wants the title -- or has it thrust upon him -- and does not care about the organization, or lacks the time to do an effective job. There are several members of the Reynolds Health Center board who very seldom showup. In the last meeting, Mr. Booker had to consult the appointment chart to recall who they were. Rather than take a chance on getting more potential do-nothings on the committee, we'd like to see the commissioners reappoint Dr. Atkinson and Booker. They have proven their interest and their worth.

favor of freedom. The struggle of the South African people for liberation is supported not only by African and non-aligned States, and the Socialist States, but also by several Western Governments and by public opinion in all Western countries. The recent abrogation of the Simonstown Agreement by the United Kingdom, after persistent public demands for an end to military cooperation with South Africa, is but one evidence of the constant advance of solidarity with the forces of liberation.



WORLD SCENE: Apartheid From An African Perspective

The destruction of the apartheid regime and the liberation of the people of South Africa is not only a matter of international solidarity with the oppressed people of South Africa but also an urgent task in the struggle for international peace and security.

As we look back over the developments in the past thirty years, we can derive some satisfaction that the racists in South Africa have become isolated and that the liberation movement has found increasing international support. The balance of forces has turned irreversibly against racism and in

To Be Equal

by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

Down The B-1

President Carter's decision not to go ahead with production of the B-1 bomber was a bold one, and he's catching a lot of flak because of it.

But it was a sound decision, a good one, from every standpoint.

Despite the cries of alarmists, there's plenty of doubt that the weapon was needed. We've already got stock piles of enough destructive weapons to blow the entire world up several times over, along with the delivery systems to do the job.

So I don't buy the

arguments for the necessity of an additional costly weapon - the B-1 bomber. Especially when the cruise missile makes even the new bomber obsolete.

By grounding the B-1, Pres. Carter also takes a step toward dampening the arms race. It is obvious that new arms developments by one side just leads to counter developments on the other. The arms race escalates, more weapons are produced, more billions are spent by both sides, and the relative capabilities of both sides remain the same.

That's a self destructive spiral that doesn't make sense, especially when you consider the price tag on the B-1. Some estimates that are the projected fleet of the new bombers and support and maintenance systems would ultimately cost about \$1100 million.

Just one plane would cost about \$100 million. And then there are the extras, not to mention the inevitable cost overruns that continually plague our major defense systems.

The Administration's proposals for special youth programs are interesting to compare. The B-1 would incur. An inner-city Youth Community

Conservation and Improvement Project, for example, would create 30,000 jobs for teenagers at a cost only a bit higher than two B-1s.

Expansion of public



service jobs to create 138,000 slots of youth cost less than 10 of the big bombers.

Such comparisons could be made all along the line - major new weapons systems that bring marginal improvements in defense capabilities cost far more than social programs that make a major difference in people's lives and in creating opportunities to escape from poverty.

And, that too, has important defense implications. The real strength of a country comes from its people and its economy, not the specifics of the hardware its armed forces possess. That's especially true in today's "overkill" situation where we've already got all the weapons we need to defend ourselves with.

History shows that other nations that possessed powerful armies and technologically superior weapons

Alice In Winstonland

Tweedle-Dee &

Tweedle-Dum

Alice had left the company of the Red King and was walking through the forest alone when the sound of shouting attracted her to a small clearing, where two men were fighting.

They were chubby twins, dressed in multi-colored outfits, with their names, Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee written across the back. As Alice entered the clearing, the two began to hit each other while continuing to shout.

"Why are you fighting?" asked Alice.

"He's trying to take my ward," snapped Tweedle-dee, pointing to a cow tied to a nearby tree.

"Your ward?"

"Yes," said Tweedle-Dee. "I'm her legal guardian; have been for years. She's my ward."

"You don't take care of her!" screamed Tweedle-Dum. "And I think you want to sell her to the packing plant when nobody's looking."

"And you would take better care of her?" asked Alice.

"Well," said Tweedle-Dum, "I've read books about cows, and I want to own this one..."

"He used to be a butcher," whispered Tweedle-Dee.

"Your used to be a butcher?" gasped Alice.

"Why did you mention that?" shouted Tweedle-Dum. "You want him to keep the cow, don't you? You don't like me..."

"But I really I hardly know either of you..." Alice stammered.

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BLACKS WHO THROUGH THEIR SLAVE LABOR BUILT THIS COUNTRY, SHOULD NOW UNITE TO REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES FOR THEMSELVES.



Things You Should Know

Sosthene H.

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1859-1930



BORN IN GUADELOUPE, W. I. A TOP STUDENT AT THE LYCEE AT BORDEAUX - AND THE ACADEMY ST. CYR. HE WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE PARIS AIR DEFENSE IN 1915! UNDER HIM WERE FLYERS, GUNNERS, NAVIGATORS, ETC., NUMBERING MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND!

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