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UNC And Desegregation

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill once again is dragging its feet in complying with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's (HEW) guidelines on desegregation.

This is nothing new for UNC, however. When HEW first instructed UNC several years ago to upgrade its policies and procedures for bringing in more minority students, UNC did no more than submit a lukewarm plan and submitted it late at that. The plan was rejected then but no federal funds were withheld. Instead, the Director of HEW was replaced and UNC allowed to carry on in violation of the HEW directive.

What is most upsetting is the fact that UNC is telling HEW what it is and is not going to do. The Board of Governors approved a plan Monday that calls for a 32 per cent increase in black enrollment. HEW has asked for a 150 per cent increase. UNC complains that increasing the number of blacks on white campuses while at the same time improving the standard of education at predominately black institutions creates a shortage of qualified blacks to attend the white institutions. This is

nonsense!

Some black students admitted to predominately black schools have been admitted with lower test scores but have achieved as well and in many cases better than black students from white schools.

Perhaps what UNC needs to do is reevaluate its entrance requirements to allow for disadvantaged minorities to be examined under more objective circumstances. Culturally deprived kids will not do as well on an exam that is set up to measure cultural achievement as a kid who has been brought up with the classics.

But, that does not mean that the culturally deprived cannot succeed in some curriculum on a white campus.

Julius Chambers, a black Charlotte lawyer and president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, resigned in protest from the UNC Board of Governors. We support his gesture. UNC is making a mockery of HEW and seems bent on continuing its segregationist policies in spite of the federal government's directives. When will it end y'all?

Bond Referendum Sneaked In

We should have listened to Cecil Butler. A few days before the bond referendum, he said: "I am opposed to this bond issue," and we thought: "Hospitals are a worthy cause; give them the money."

Mr. Butler was right: we've been had.

The bond issue, which will refinance Forsyth Memorial Hospital's new wing, passed—but only 3.9% of the voters in Forsyth County bothered to vote. Part of that is apathy on the part of the people, but there is also another factor: not much publicity was given to promoting the bonds.

Why didn't they wait until the September 27th primary to ask for a vote? It could have been one of the ballots issued to voters when they choose the major and aldermen. That would certainly have insured a larger

turnout. Certainly more blacks will vote in the primary than the 3% who voted Tuesday.

Or was that the idea?

If too much publicity were given to the bond referendum, blacks might suddenly realize that they are voting on bonds to refinance a \$12.5-million addition to Forsyth Hospital, when Reynolds Health Center, which used to be a hospital, has been 'demoted' to health center. If the county is going to dole out millions of dollars for health care, why isn't Reynolds Health Center re-equipped as a hospital?

So the bond referendum has sneaked past. It is partly the county's fault for not informing the public, partly the newspapers' fault for not finding out more about the issue, and your fault for not taking an interest in the matter.

But you've been had.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

The Caucus calls for a re-examination of the nation's energy policy goals. The question of energy is central to all other major national policy areas, especially economic, health, and environmental; and is also central to international policies regarding every key worldwide problem area.

Specifically, the Caucus is concerned about the implication of national energy goals and priorities, and related budget levels for creating high levels of employment and reducing fuel costs for low and moderate income households. In the long term,

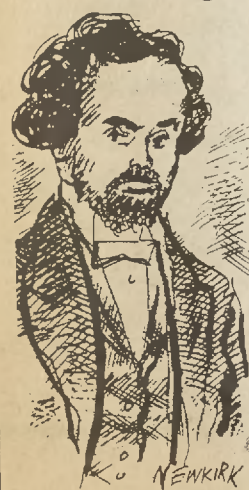
moreover, the importance of conservation cannot be over-estimated. We believe that energy shortages must be addressed primarily through energy conservation and the development of new energy sources rather than through price increases. It is essential that the energy price structure produce equity as well as efficiency, and federal subsidy of energy consumption for low-income households would achieve this end.

The national energy plan and program must be viewed as one major component of a national economic plan. The Caucus is committed to H.R.

50 as the encompassing planning framework within which national energy goals, priorities and budget decisions and their impacts have to be developed and evaluated.

In addition, consistent with the concern we have expressed for effective anti-trust legislation and enforcement, the Caucus endorses legislation to provide for both horizontal and vertical divestiture by the oil companies. Concentration of economic power in the oil industry, as in many other industries, results in higher prices, and actions that are frequently not in the best interest of consumers.

Things You Should Know



Robert
SMALLS...

A YOUNG SOUTH CAROLINA SLAVE WHO LED A DARING ESCAPE IN 1862/A SEAMAN, HE SMUGGLED HIS WIFE, CHILDREN AND SEVERAL OTHERS ONTO A COTTON STEAMER WHILE THE WHITE OFFICERS WERE ASLEEP / HE SET OUT FOR THE NORTH AND SURRENDERED THE SHIP TO THE UNION NAVY!

Alice In Winstonland

Walrus and Carpenter

The Walrus, in sunglasses and a raincoat, was sitting on a large rock with his feet propped up on a "For Sale" sign.

"Psst! Come over here!" He beckoned. "Who me?" asked Alice.

"Yes. Look out for the Carpenter. He's going to eat the oysters!"

"I haven't the faintest idea what you're talking about," Alice confessed.

"The CARPENTER," the Walrus repeated. "He wants to be elected king of the oysters, but we must stop him. He's secretly planning to eat them all when he gets in power."

"Oh," said Alice,

wondering what a carpenter had in common with oysters.

"I thought about becoming the oysters' king--or maybe you could do it. Anybody but the Carpenter. He's a wicked man."

"Good luck," said Alice, but since she didn't know much about oysters or carpenters she decided to leave the Walrus to fight his own battle.

It was sometime later before she encountered the Walrus again. This time he was standing on the bench shouting: "Long live the Carpenter."

"What are you saying?" Alice demanded.

"LONG LIVE THE CARPENTER!!" roared the Walrus.

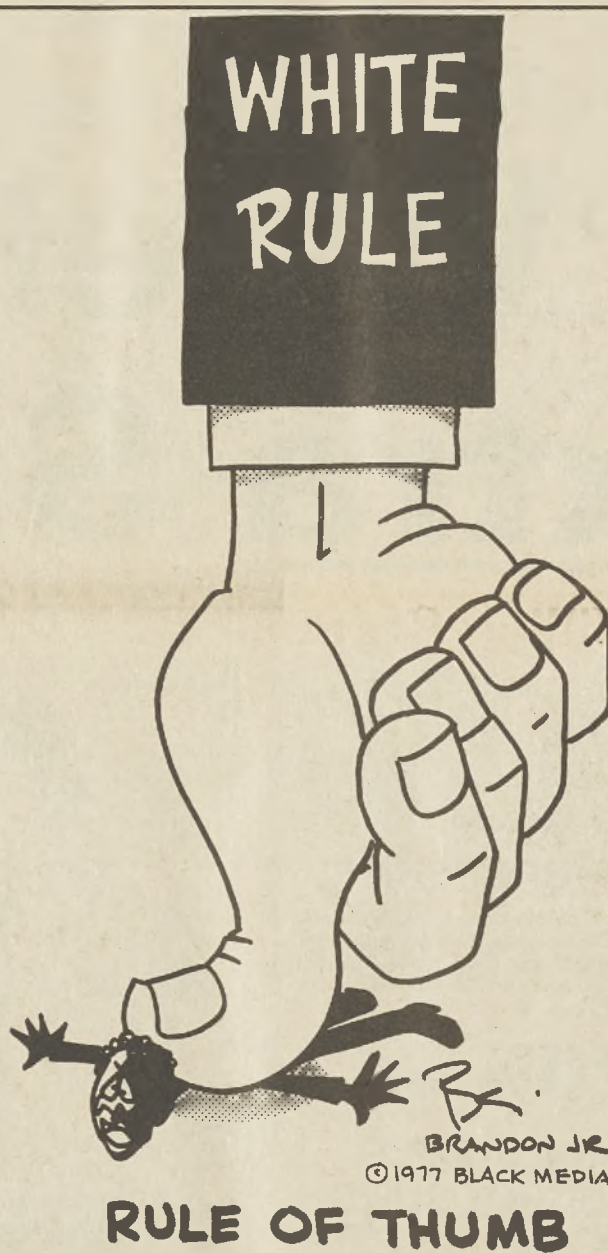
"I don't understand," Alice protested. "The last time I saw you you were dedicated to saving the oysters from the Carpenter, and now you are working for him."

"I was wrong," said the Walrus solemnly. "He is a wonderful man. Last winter I got lost on the beach and I ran out of food. I was nearly dead when the Carpenter rescued me, and fed me the meal that saved my life."

"What did he feed you?" asked Alice.

"Oyster stew," said the Walrus. "Long live the CARPENTER!!"

1968 James Earl Ray, assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was arrested at a London airport on June 8, the same day on which Senator Robert Kennedy was buried in Arlington.



RULE OF THUMB

To Be Equal

by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

Welfare Reform

The welfare reform plan recently unveiled by President Carter is an encouraging improvement on the present system.

It contains the promise of over a million jobs in the public service sector, a national minimum beneath which no family would be allowed to fall, and an expansion of the earned income tax credit, which will help moderate-income families.

And after many public announcements that the welfare reform proposal would cost no more than present income assistance programs, the Administration has added new money to the plan, and thus avoided a major defeat of earlier plans.

Now the proposal goes to the Congress, and few people expect it to survive untouched. Hopefully, Congress will liberalize the program

further, and close some of its more glaring faults.

But there's another possibility — that the Congress will so eviscerate the Administration's plan with negative amendments and with punitive additions, that a major chance at improving a bad system will be lost.

"Welfare" is a red flag for many politicians — the word alone is enough to bring out the worst in people. That's why the President calls his proposal the "Program for Better Jobs and Income," to get away from the negative connotations welfare has in many people's minds.

If Congress is to act responsibly, it will have to realize that the Administration's reform proposal is no broad plan with plenty of air in it for compromise. In effect, it is a pre-

shrunk plan. The compromises have already been made.

Numerous features, including major ones such as the linking of work to welfare, the below-poverty-level benefits, and others, are already barely acceptable to those of us trying to reform the welfare system along more humane lines. The Administration's proposal has received the support it has because there is enough good in it to balance the bad, and because the need for reform is so desperate that many are willing to back a less-than-optimum plan.

So any kind of tinkering with the plan by Congress that introduces new categories of recipients, lowers benefit levels, or forces more mothers with pre-school-age children to work will mean the death of

the reform plan. That's what happened with the old Family Assistance Plan of the first Nixon Administration. The plan itself was just barely acceptable. Then Congress so loaded it with punitive provisions that it was turned into a creature far worse than the system it was supposed to supplant.

But Congress can, and should, make improvements on the current proposal. The reform plan continues to stigmatize people forced to resort to welfare by categorizing them into different groups, those who can work and those who cannot, and then again categorizing them into those who will be forced to take public jobs and those who find work in the private sector.

Proposed wage levels for See Jordan, Page 5

Letters to the Chronicle

To The Editor:

On September 17, the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression will hold a nationwide demonstration to free the Rev. Benjamin Chavis and the Wilmington 10. The demonstration will take place in dozens of cities simultaneously at 12 noon in front of local Democratic Party headquarters. Here in North Carolina, the demonstration will be coordinated by the North Carolina Alliance. We will gather before the state Democratic Party headquarters at the Hilton Inn, 1707 Hillsborough Street, in Raleigh.

We have chosen the offices of the Democratic Party as the site for the demonstration because it is the party of President Jimmy Carter and North Carolina Governor James Hunt. We will ask the Democratic Party in each city and state to make it known to the President and the Governor that it too wants justice done and the Wilmington 10 set free

to again take their places with their families and their communities.

Millions around the world and in our country, from Boston to Honolulu, Raleigh to Seattle, from Havana to Helsinki have demonstrated their support for the Wilmington 10. Network television documentaries and leading newspaper editorials demand federal intervention for a new trail of pardons of innocence. Despite the recantations of all the state's witnesses, despite the admission by the state that it hasn't the evidence to bring a retrial of these young freedom-fighters, despite all the fine pronouncements about human rights emanating from the White House, the Wilmington 10 remain incarcerated for 282 years for their civil rights activities.

The National Alliance sees the September 17 mobilization as a major effort in which all supporters of justice from the churches trade unions, political parties and community organizations should gather in the same kind of major demonstrations as those we have held in the past in Raleigh and in Washington D.C.

We appeal to you to please join us. Add your strength to ours. Specific information about the demonstration site can be obtained from the North Carolina Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, PO Box 14307, Raleigh, N.C. 27610/919-755-9196.

Cordially,
Anne Mitchell
State Coordinator
N.C. Alliance

HISTORY-MAKING BLACK HAPPENINGS:

The International Scene...

South Africa — The chairman of South Africa's most powerful organization, the Broederbond or the Brotherhood, has called for adjustments to the emerging black requirements in South African life. He noted specifically that whites "cannot hang onto the whole of this country if they want to retain a worthwhile part of it."

Tanzania — A Tanzanian Lutheran bishop, Josiah M. Kibira, was named head of the 58 million-member Lutheran World Federation. At the same time, the federation overwhelmingly adopted a resolution saying its churches in Southern Africa must reject racial segregation as a matter of faith.

Ethiopia — Fighting in this troubled country reportedly depleted ammunition to the point that executions have been carried out by the use of dynamite coupled with throat slitting.

Meanwhile, in a massive drive to crush the Eritrean secessionist movement, the Ethiopian Army (Africa's third largest) made a dramatic display of its 80,000-man militia in Addis Ababa.

South Africa — Hundreds of black students lined the streets of Soweto township outside Johannesburg for the funeral of a youth allegedly beaten to death by police. Disturbances followed the death.

Zaire — Although President Mobutu Sese Seko has apparently won his war against rebels in Shaba Province, reports indicate that Mobutu cannot rule for any considerable time without extensive foreign aid which seems not to be forthcoming.

Trinidad — The only nation in the Caribbean to have profited from the energy crisis now predicts huge additional natural gas will be tapped, possibly giving a tremendous uplift to the local standard of living. Trinidad has 1,000,000 inhabitants.