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Make An Extra Effort

Some people view holidays as just another reason to buy presents, give gifts or send cards, or as an excuse not to go to work. Many overlook the real reason we are celebrating.

Sunday June 18, we will be celebrating Father's Day, a day which is set aside to express gratitude and appreciation to our fathers.

Father's Day comes on the third Sunday of each June and was originated in 1909 when Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash. persuaded the Ministerial Society of Spokane to salute fathers with special church services.

The idea was officially approved by Pres. Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and in 1924 Pres. Calvin Coolidge recommended national observance of the occasion.

Although the day is a national holiday observed both in this country and in Canada, many of us overlook or

take for granted our black fathers.

Throughout history the image of the black man has been as the "absent father" and because of this stigma the black father is usually overlooked or ignored on the day that is set aside for his observance.

We should all make an effort, beginning with this Father's Day, to start and try to establish a more intimate relationship with our fathers. Get to know your fathers whether they live within the home or not. To all fathers we say make an extra effort to get close to your children and try to help erase the stigma of the "absent black father."

Show black fathers that they are loved and appreciated. Make an extra effort to reaffirm to them that they are needed.

Have You Hugged Your Father Lately?

No Sure Cure

Scientists will tell you that there can't be any one cure for cancer because in reality cancer is not one disease but several hundred, caused by a number of different factors. Juvenile crime is a national malady with that same characteristic. The problem is not going to be solved with one answer, because youthful offenders are triggered by so many different problems.

Some children need more love and care, and more of the necessities of life than they got in the ghetto they were raised in. Those solutions won't help the spoiled rich kid who was given everything he wanted and turns to crime from boredom.

There are many possible answers to the problem of juvenile crime, but no one solution will work by itself. Yes, young people need to be able to find jobs; yes, they need adult supervision and discipline; yes, they need an environment that teaches

respect for the law and respect for the rights of others.

All these factors are necessary, but the lack of any one of them could influence a young man to turn to crime.

The sad part is that even if all families had two parents and enough money, even if kids were taught love and compassion, even if there were jobs for all -- you wouldn't save everybody. There have always been the natural criminals whose own psychological make-up will turn them to crime even in the best environment.

But society can deal with them. They are a small percentage. What we must work to prevent is the corruption of the ordinary kid by peer pressure, economic factors, or frustration.

When a child turns to crime for one of these reasons, then his actions are a symptom of the sickness of society itself.

From The Carolina Peacemaker

Turn Jesse Helms Out Of Office

The most important thing North Carolina voters can do next fall is turn Jesse Helms out of office. He has been a disaster.

He is one of only three senators who voted against Andrew Young's confirmation.

He opposed the extension of the Voting Rights Act in 1975.

He voted last year against funds for public housing.

He has repeatedly voted against the liberalization of the Food Stamp Program.

He consistently opposes measures to provide public service jobs.

Few senators on the Hill have shown greater contempt for black people than Jesse Helms. When he aired his Raleigh radio

program, before his ignominious election on the coattails of Richard Nixon, he said many outrageous and racist things.

During the civil rights violence in the 1960s, when marchers were bloodied by police clubs, Helms said, "They got what they deserved."

He also said, "Segregation was not wrong for its time."

He has ignored the real issues of the day in favor of glory riding on marginal issues like the Panama Canal treaties. He has just recently said that he has secret information that the Panamanian government has refused to accept the amendments that the Senate made in the treaties. The State Department says Helms doesn't know

what he's talking about. We agree. He doesn't. And we can do something about it.

There are 750,000 potential black voters in North Carolina, almost as many as Helms' total vote in 1972 when he defeated Nick Galafanakis by 118,000 votes, to become the state's first Republican senator in this century.

The black vote from Jimmy Carter in 1976 was almost twice Helms' victory margin in 1972. A good turnout at the polls in November can be the difference.

The black vote can put away Jesse Helms. That's black power, and that's power that should be used for everybody's good.

HE'S DAD!
HE'S DAD!
Dirty work clothes near the bed
Beer cans on the table
Crumpled newspaper in the floor
And dad sits in his favorite chair.
I remember the first time he said hello
I remember the way he held his first born boy
I remember the pride he shows each time we sit at the family table
A distant look when bills pile up
The laughter of each child he touches
Tools all scattered at Christmastime
Stern words to all when he's disappointed
We must remember dad as a man
We must remember the fight he's had
We must remember that respecting a man gives him encouragement to be a man.
His arms are strong but full of love
His mind is bright with knowledge to give
His heart and soul can ever change that
A father's role is so different from mother's. So many times dad must stand by and wait and let mother take over. History has seen a horrible fate for the black family man, his woman has been disrespected, his children taken from him and he's found it hard to find a job.
Each time employment figures come out, the black man is always on the bottom. But he still survives and struggles. I feel that black women can do so

much for their men by helping them, encouraging them and respecting them. Talk with your man, try not always to find faults. Sometimes it's up to the woman to set good standards that the man will follow.

Being a father is more than being able to make a baby. Many of our young men confuse sexual ability with fatherhood. Young men, in particular, take care to be careful in your sexual endeavors. Too long have black children had to be branded illegitimate and worse. Too long have black children had to find a male model wherever they could, with whomever was available. If you have a child, be its daddy but be a good one. If you are not ready to deal with fatherhood be careful instead of careless. If you are a father now and you think it's not worth it just think of who that little boy or girl would have if not you.
I think fathers give support to the family. And though television writers feel the black family needs no man or one with such a sordid reputation that the children are left to fend for themselves, we must not let the influence of television have a negative effect on our relationships with mother, dad and children. Fathers, you must share equally in the joys and burdens of your children, do all you can to be outstanding and your child will have no choice but to follow. Black man, take in your hands your woman, your children and stand tall and brave against this cruel world.
Father's Day is yours, make of it what you will.
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Letter To The Editor

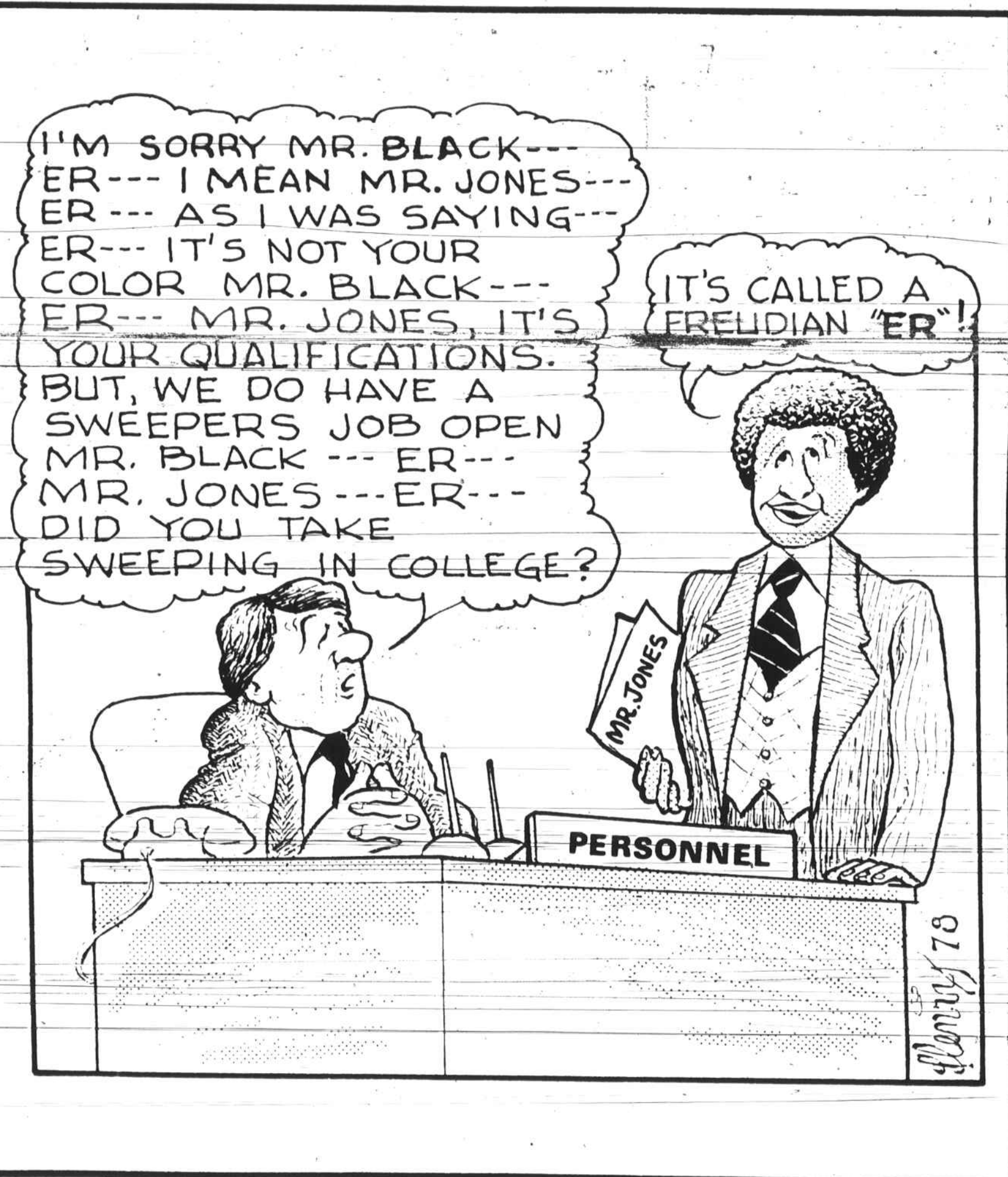
Dear Sir:

While my thoroughly aware friend and colleague, Mr. Johnny X. Williamson, President of the Business Action Committee, was calling in the June 3 issue of the Chronicle for an economic revolution, some 90% of the eligible Black voters of Forsyth County were completely ignoring the May 30th primary run-off election. This ignorant, or lazy complacency allowed a highly qualified Black candidate for the County Commission to be eliminated from the race.

Meanwhile, the comfortably situated, middle class taxpayers of the nation are staying a revolution of their own. Their revolution is being effectively waged, is well financed and already is in full swing. This revolt is in no way intended to benefit the underprivileged people who work for wages and rent their homes.

Now, right here at home, there are many Blacks who have little concern for issues affecting the lives and economic situation of poor people. These are comfortably situated, middle class Blacks. They will be easily recognized in the next few months, because they will be supporting the "Taxpayer's Revolt" and probably will be urging others to do the same. Also, there are many poor white people -- way too many of them -- who complain about taxes; the cost of living and government spending; not jobs, wages, housing and the lack of opportunity. These poor people pay no more taxes and have no better economic opportunity than that of their poor Black brothers. Yet, they do not live in East Winston. Their ignorant complacency works just as effectively against their

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To Be Equal

By Vernon Jordan

Jobs program up for renewal



Congress is considering legislation that would extend the life of federal job programs under CETA--The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. Hopefully, it will also improve the Act so that it becomes what it was intended to be--the chief weapon in the war against structural unemployment.

Experience with CETA has revealed some glaring faults. While it has served as a vehicle for providing disadvantaged people with job-training, work experience, and job-related educational services, it has also been a vehicle for providing cities with federally-subsidized white collar workers.

Part of the problem has been confusion about the purpose of the program. Alongside of the elements in the Act designed to help the long-term unemployed, Congress added counter-cyclical provisions aimed at countering high unemployment rates.

This, combined with slack supervision of prime sponsors--local governments--led to what has been called the "substitution effect." Cities, in order to prevent lay-offs or higher local taxes, simply switched municipal workers off the local payroll and onto CETA-funded budgets.

That meant a shift in the focus of the program away from the disadvantaged. In some cities, a third or more of municipal workers were paid for by Washington. Meanwhile, the long-term unemployed have gotten lost in the shuffle.

Blacks, young people, and the poor continue to swell the ranks of those who need the skills, training and opportunities afforded by federal jobs efforts.

There are about ten people eligible for each job program slot. When scarce resources are diverted to helping middle class workers retain their jobs, less is available to train and employ the truly disadvantaged.

So a major goal of Congress' re-examination of the program should be to sharply focus CETA openings on those most in need. The new legislation should include clear and unmistakable language that mandates aid to economically disadvantaged persons who are unemployed or underemployed.

Formulas for the allocation of CETA funds should also be revised to assure that federal money is channeled to the areas that need it most--places where poverty and unemployment are highest.

The traditional Congressional practice of spreading funds broadly should be resisted. Every dollar sent to a region of relatively high employment or used to fund a job for someone who could find employment on his own or who has the skills to compete in the job market is a dollar denied someone desperately in need of training and work.

The Administration has also added provisions for a private sector job program--some \$400

million to boost private business' employment of the unskilled and the long-term jobless.

That's an important step in the right direction, since the private sector employs the bulk of American workers and should be the source of new jobs. If we are to be a full employment economy, the private sector will have to be a full partner with government in job-creation and training.

Local "private industry councils" will work with local government CETA sponsors to develop specific plans for training and hiring the unskilled jobless.

If this initiative is to be successful, Congress will have to mandate the participation of community-based organizations with experience in employment services. Unless such groups, representing the target population, are full partners, it is doubtful whether the people most in need will be reached or their interests served.

The prime purpose of the federal manpower programs, including the private sector initiative, should be to equip the people left out of the economic mainstream with the training, skills and jobs they need.

CETA should not be mistaken for a revenue sharing program for cities or a subsidy program for private industry. It is a vehicle to include people our system has excluded. Thus, Congress has a moral duty to frame the new legislation in the interests of the poorest among us.