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Daulton's defense committee

NEWS ITEM: Local police morale is low following an internal investigation that involved disciplinary action for three officers and a reprimand for the police chief. In a related development, a group of retired officers has announced its intention to investigate Alderman Vivian H. Burke, who requested the investigation of the police department. Huh?

Being human beings, some officers are likely to be frustrated and suspicious that Detective James I. Daulton, who handled the Deborah Sykes murder investigation, may be the scapegoat for higher-ups, including Chief Joseph E. Masten himself. It also isn't surprising that some policemen believe that Daulton didn't get the benefit of a fair hearing.

But it boggles the mind that, to a man, these officers seem to have forgotten the consequences of the foul-ups to which Daulton was a party, whoever else was also responsible.

What about the morale of Darryl Eugene Hunt, who has been in jail for more than a year now for a crime he may have not committed -- thanks largely to the department's obviously shoddy investigative work?

What about crystal-clear evidence that the department bungled the case at nearly every turn, from faulty line-ups to faulty interviews to faulty dispatches ... from an apparent obsession with achieving a conviction, whether Hunt committed the crime or not, to Daulton's inconsistent testimony in court that suggests strongly that he lied on the witness stand?

If Daulton is indeed a puppet for someone else, let him come forward and say who that someone else is.

Otherwise, let him stay silent and thank his lucky stars that he hasn't been charged for perjury.

Let him consider as well that he should be able to identify a little better these days with Hunt, who, like Daulton, also hopes to contest his punishment. They're in the same boat now. The only difference, of course, is that Hunt's life is at stake, not a job.

Interestingly, the complaining officers have not uttered one syllable about the validity of the investigation. No one has come forward to say, even in an anonymous interview, that the Sykes case was handled correctly and professionally.

Instead, they seem more concerned that they, too, might be disciplined.

They also seem to believe that Alderman Burke, chairman of the board's Public Safety Committee, has poked her nose where it does not belong.

As she replied, if they had been doing their jobs in the first place, she wouldn't have had to poke.

As for reports that police officers are collecting money to help Daulton appeal his demotion from the police force to a civilian radio operator's job, we encourage anyone to stand up for what he believes. And we defend Daulton's right to due process, just as we've defended Darryl Hunt's same right.

But if their goal truly is justice, the active and retired officers who have rallied on Daulton's behalf ought to donate a few of their dollars to the Darryl Hunt Defense Fund, too.

A double standard

THE MAN who chained himself last Monday to the *Chicago Defender's* building and refused to budge until he got what he wanted must be missing a link.

While we respect his resolve and his right to fight for what he believes, the Rev. Herbert Martin, president of the Southside branch of the Chicago NAACP, probably succeeded more at thumbing his nose at the black press than at anything else.

Martin said he was so disturbed by an editorial written by *Defender* Chairman John H. Sengstacke that he bound himself to a column outside the black daily's building using a 200-pound logging chain. Martin said he wouldn't move until Sengstacke retracted the editorial. Other black Chicagoans supported Martin with pickets. Boycotts were threatened.

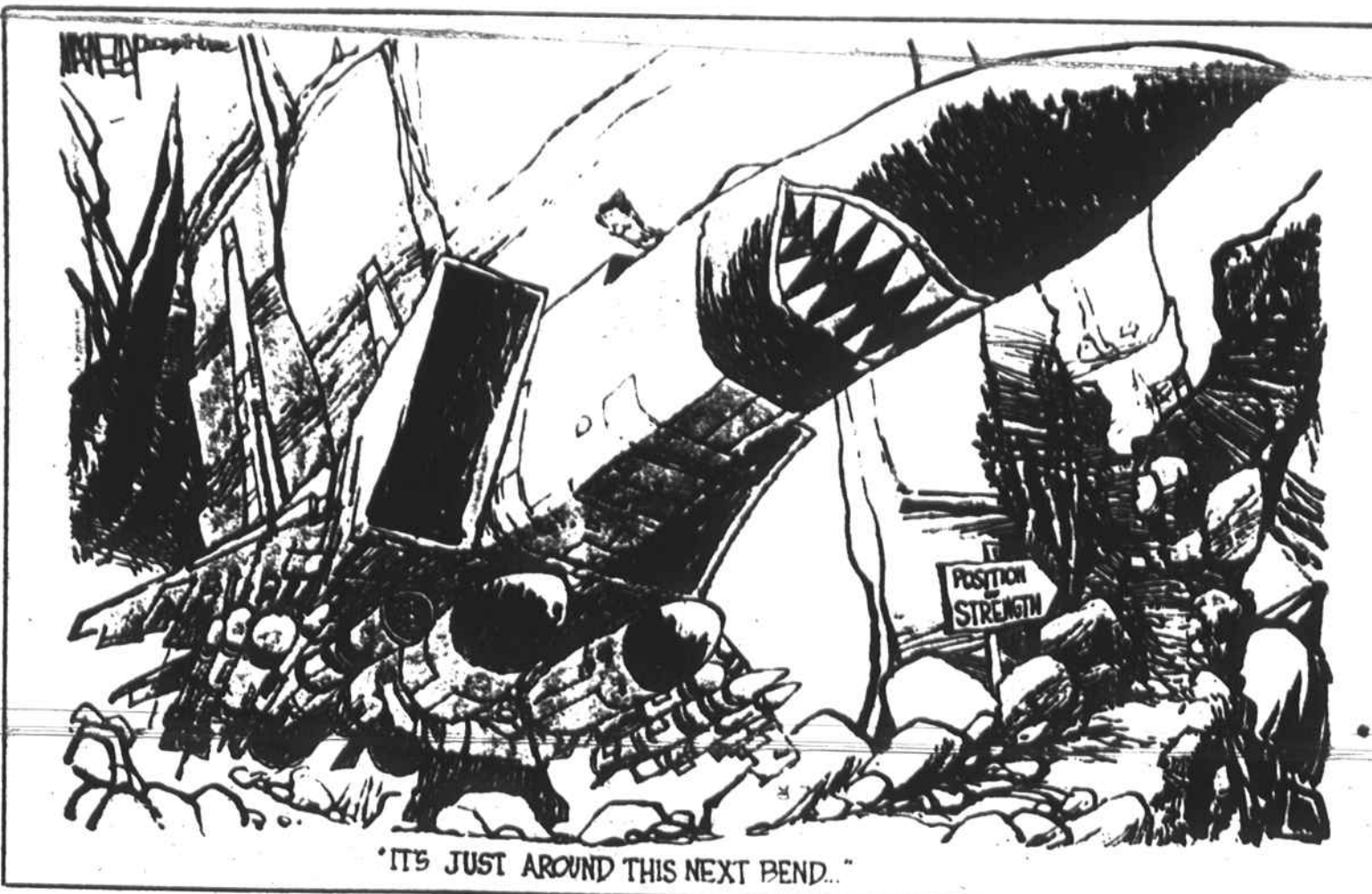
The article in question criticized Harold Washington, Chicago's first black mayor, noting in part Washington's "apparent lack of ability to make unimpeachable decisions in sensitive matters."

Martin, who says "divine guidance" led him to stage the protest, said the editorial did not represent the views of the majority of Chicago's black citizens.

Sengstacke responded that anyone who disagrees with his paper's editorials has the privilege of responding in letters, which would be printed exactly as written.

At issue is not what Sengstacke wrote; it is how Martin

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"IT'S JUST AROUND THIS NEXT BEND..."

How to finance your own destruction

NEW YORK -- No, I did not see "The Color Purple" and obviously many who saw it (and gave those who produced the most savage treatment of black men since "Birth of a Nation" \$100 million to produce another one) did not really "see" it either.

And, to all of you critics who have written to this paper and to me, you seem to fall into the following categories: frustrated black women, closet homosexual men and closet lesbians and meddling white people. I left one group out: pseudo-intellectual Negroes who neither read nor comprehended very well.

Frustrated black women are mad (and I do not mean angry) at the world, seize every opportunity possible to blame all black men for the failure of a few and damn black manhood because they can't find one -- or found the wrong one. They then employ the convoluted logic that they are perfect because they have failed and they are women, which is why they are frustrated. That's sexist. Neither do I suggest that all women who enjoyed "Purple" are frustrated.

There are as many black-female tramps as there are black-male bums. There are as many wonderful and healthy black women as there are black men. And most black women and most black men are healthy, in spite of white racism.

If you like movies that exploit

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Rae Dawn Chong as "Squeak" in "The Color Purple." "The most savage treatment of black men since 'Birth of a Nation'."

your frustration and make you feel good about being frustrated, that's your business. But don't try the martyr bit. I'm not buying.

As for you homosexuals of the closet variety who are making a case for lesbianism in the name of black man-black woman relationships, why don't you come on down front and say what your real motives are. If you sexually prefer men and you feel women should sexually prefer women -- say it and stop hiding behind "The Color Purple."

Finally, to you meddling white people, I don't give a damn what you think, one way or the other,

about black men, women, children or dogs. You've never suffered one second from this destructive and odious disease -- and that's what it is -- of white racism.

You have not earned the right to have an opinion. But your white arrogance tells you that you can tell us what our family dynamics are. *The New Pittsburgh Courier* wasted space on a white woman who said that I was "hung up on color." "The movie ('Purple') had to do with men and women, not with black men and black women," she wrote.

She lamented that I was going Please see page A14

The U.S. role in 'Baby Doc's' regime

FROM THE GRASSROOTS
By DR. MANNING MARABLE

HAMILTON, N.Y. -- When the despotic Duvalier family fled Haiti last month, most black people and progressive forces throughout the world breathed a collective sigh of relief. What the American media failed to examine in sufficient detail, however, was the long-standing U.S. role in perpetuating the political and economic misery of the six million Haitian people, and the actual steps that must be taken to assure the transition to a true democracy.

The overwhelming reality of contemporary Haiti is its extreme poverty. Haiti's per-capita income is currently \$379 a year; however, for roughly three-fourths of the population, the figure is actually \$200. Adult unemployment is 50 percent. Two million people suffer from malnutrition, and 80 percent are illiterate.

The two principal sources of exploitation in Haiti were both the corrupt Duvalier regime and American capitalists. According to one former government official, more than one-third of all state revenues under "Baby Doc" Duvalier had been stolen by the island's elite. Duvalier himself is said to have \$800 million stashed away in overseas real estate and bank accounts. But U.S. corporations were cordial companions of the black dictator.

As of 1985, about 200 American companies had large plants on the island, including United Technologies, General Motors, Sperry Rand, GTE and

MacGregor Sporting Goods. Wages are typically \$3 a day, and the Duvaliers' brutal private militia, the Tontons Macoutes, terrorized working-class leaders. Despite outrageous violations of human rights, the Reagan administration was also quite cozy

cent, and the country's inflation rate was 80 percent. Labor and political unrest began to accelerate. The task for the U.S. corporations and Reaganites was to discard their black neocolonial puppet, and to rearrange the unsettled domestic political



with Duvalier. Last October, the State Department actually claimed that Haiti's human rights situation was "improving."

This situation changed only in recent months. The Duvalier regime was too inefficient and too corrupt even by American standards. In 1985, Haiti's external deficit increased by 45 per-

cent, and the country's inflation rate was 80 percent. Labor and political unrest began to accelerate.

After a series of anti-Duvalier mass protests, the United States refused to certify the regime's compliance with human rights standards, and the government planned to cut \$7 million in aid to Haiti. On Jan. 31, Reagan press Please see page A5

CHILDWATCH

Teen parents cost all of us

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WASHINGTON -- It has appeared on the covers of *Ebony* and *Time* magazines. It discriminates against no one, affecting black Americans, white Americans and Hispanic Americans alike.

And it costs us all, one way or the other.

The crisis of children having children is a problem that won't go away and which we can only fight together, as a nation.

Teen pregnancy carries with it grave costs:

- for the teen, who, as a result of the pregnancy, probably will drop out of school and never receive a high school diploma, and whose lifetime earnings will be half as much as a woman who waited until age 20 to have her first child.

- for her baby, who is significantly more likely to be born at low birthweight and faces a much higher risk of death or birth defects, and who by age 5 will more likely to have been admitted to a hospital because of an accident or a gastrointestinal infection.

- for society, which will bear much of the financial burden. The public costs of teen pregnancy are very high:

- Thirty percent of all hospital deliveries involving births to pregnant teens are paid for out of the public purse.

- Sixty percent of those who rely on public assistance to survive had their first children as teens.

- Seventy percent of all families headed by women who are 25 or younger end up in poverty.

Our nation must act now to prevent teen pregnancies and to address the range of problems facing those teens who already have had children. Our first priority should be to prevent as many teens as possible from getting pregnant in the first place.

Our second priority should be to delay as long as possible that initial teen pregnancy and ensure that teens who have already had one child don't worsen their problems by having a second child before they are ready.

The third priority is to protect those children who are born to teens from preventable health problems by making sure all teen mothers get prenatal care.

Underpinning our national effort should be our desire to come to grips with the role and future of all young people in our society. To delay too-early parenthood, young people need hope, positive options and the skills and job opportunities to move toward their goals.

Together, our nation can help all of our youth stay off the wrong track and get on the right one.

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