

Forum

Letters show support for Jackson

To The Editor:
I'm a white North Carolina voter, and I will be voting for Jesse Jackson on Super Tuesday. I've struggled with whether he can be elected, and if not, am I wasting my vote. I've decided that is not the issue. He is the only candidate who has dared to speak squarely to the issues of our time. That's important to me.

I've heard so many people saying, "I like what he is saying, but ..." Polls have shown that voters from states that have already cast votes said Jackson spoke to their concerns yet ended up voting for another candidate. One has to ask what has happened to the issues.

Can Jackson win? I'm not going to consider that question. I want the issues I care about to get strong representation at the Democratic Convention and get put before the nation. I have decided that the best way to achieve that goal is to give the Jesse Jackson candidacy my vote. Can the power of my vote have any greater influence if I vote for another candidate because of some vague, undetermined electability?

Along in the voting booth, each of us will have one chance, with our inner voice, to speak.

**Ken Franklin
Raleigh**

Jackson for president

To The Editor:
The first prerequisite of a president and good government in a republic is that the age of the person must be 35. Jackson is past 35. He must have proven to be absolutely true to his country. Jackson has proven to be true. It does not state that he must be white or black. Jackson is a citizen and could be proven to carry both white and black blood. It has previously been said that Jackson was not reared by both mother and father. If his father was not white blood somewhere down the line, that could justify his thinking and being the man that he is: unbiased.

Laws should be enacted for all people and not for families, friends, races or sections of the country, rich or poor; therefore, people should think twice of the best man and his absolute concern.

Slavery, which lasted 250 years, is past and since that time, 169 years have elapsed. Is his blood not clean enough even for some in his own race, or is there jealousy in the tone, when I hear the words "I'm afraid he's not ready." What does he have to prove?

If you want a white man, then vote for the white in him. If you want a black man, then vote for the black in him. Jackson is known as the "New Negro." He loves his country and has proven this. He is a law-abiding gentleman; too thrifty to be a beggar and too busy acknowledging the benefits of an education, working and educating his family and taking pride in helping the less fortunate; providing his home with all the comforts and luxuries that he can afford. He has not only the ability to shout well, pray well and testify well, but to also preach and to live a Christian life.

He is a born leader, with capabilities and effectiveness in speech-making which can open the eyes of all nations

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that American needs to lead the world.

Jackson has proven to have love for justice and honor for lawfulness. He will listen and work for justice. If you have made up your mind, disregard this; if not, try Jesse Jackson as president.

**Thelma E. Small
Winston-Salem**

Justice for Versell Fuller

To The Editor:
On Dec. 2, 1987, Versell Fuller, a 32-year-old black domestic worker, was arrested on alleged larceny and forgery charges. These charges were brought against her by her former employer, Leigh Rose, for whom Mrs. Fuller worked for about a year and a half. Mrs. Fuller was accused of stealing more than \$100,000 (the amount keeps increasing) worth of personal property of her employer over a period of months.

Because of the circumstances surrounding Mrs. Fuller's arrest and treatment of her by officers of the Winston-Salem Police Department (see the Jan. 28, 1988, issue of the *Winston-Salem Chronicle*), and the serious implications of her alleged crime, a group of concerned, primarily black citizens have come together to assist in her cause. This group, called Black Women for Justice, composed of community activists, educators, businesspersons and ministers, supports Mrs. Fuller for several reasons. First of all, she is an uneducated, widowed domestic worker who has been taken advantage of because of her educational and class status; she is a woman; she is black.

In the majority of our black families are mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, sisters and aunts who have been domestic workers in white families' homes, often underpaid, overworked and patronized. Some domestics work for the same white family for years, raising their employer's children while neglecting their own, and getting quite attached to their "good," "liberal" employers in the process. Because of the loyalty some blacks develop toward their white employers, they automatically believe the white person is always right and the black person is wrong.

Despite those in the community who doubt Mrs. Fuller's innocence, especially because of Mrs. Rose's influence and wealth, Black Women for Justice fully supports her. They believe that she is an honest, hard-working, truthful woman who has been unjustly treated and accused, and is now being harassed and intimidated. As black people, let us not be so quick to judge one of our own without knowing all of the facts. Mrs. Fuller needs legal counsel, financial support, and most of all, our prayers. Black Women for Justice is asking all concerned citizens who are willing to take a stand for righteousness and justice to join them in their efforts on behalf of Mrs. Fuller. Those who want to get involved should contact either Dr. Dolly McPherson at 722-

6621 or Mrs. Minnie Ervin at 722-0562.

**Elwanda Ingram, Public Relations
Black Women for Justice**

Misplaced sympathy

To The Editor:
First of all, let me welcome you to Winston-Salem. I trust that you will have a long and pleasant experience in the Twin City. In reading your editorial in the Feb. 18 edition of the *Chronicle*, applauding Alderman Martha Wood's vicious attack on our very fine city manager, Bill Stuart, I became very upset at the position you took supporting Martha Wood.

Why did you take up for this woman? Martha Wood is forever "acting out" in front of the public and alienating city staff. Martha Wood has a very bad attitude. She and some of the other aldermen vote on budget items in retrospect, then when cost overruns occur, they blame everyone but themselves. Surely Mrs. Wood is not raising all this hell just so she can run for mayor against Virginia Newell in 1989?

In closing, we should take a step forward and vote 'em all out except Larry Wombie. He has a face like a box of candy and he is just as sweet.

Seriously, many more of us should attend aldermanic meetings. There is a surprise awaiting you, as you would see how they vote against the people. Look at how they voted against manufactured housing, stating that they would only become slums in a few years. You could put people in the White House, and if they didn't keep the place clean, it too would become slummy. Let's not jump on Martha Wood's bandwagon, but let's get busy lifting up fallen humanity. Well-meaning people have a noble mission. Let us not sympathize with evildoers.

**Mary Sloan Jones
Winston-Salem**

On apartheid

To The Editor:
The apartheid system is a crime against humanity.

We have the power to "switch on" Congress to impose comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa!

Please write President Reagan, your senators and your representatives today, to also demand an end to the United States funding and support of UNITA — stop the tortures and deaths of our brothers and sisters in Southern Africa!

**Mr. and Mrs. Kwame Gardner
San Francisco, Calif.**

Thank you

To The Editor:
Thanks for the coverage that the *Winston-Salem Chronicle* provided in the groundbreaking and dedication ceremonies of the Carl H. Russell Recreation Center and the Helen Nichols Park was held on Sunday, Feb. 21.

The *Winston-Salem Chronicle* is to be commended for a job well done.

**Vivian H. Burke
Alderman, Northeast Ward**

A Sight For Sore Budgets.

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CLEVELAND	\$158 VOE2NR	OTTAWA	\$208 KLE30
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Chavis

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this precious right. And if we don't use it, we'll surely lose it."

Albert Turner, still a tireless civil rights worker in Perry County, Ala., echoes these words in an inspiring television documentary produced by WNYC-TV in New York City. Titled "Somebody Marched for Me," the film is about the continuing voting rights

struggles in the Alabama Black Belt.

Turner is shown pointing at the bullet-riddled gravestone of Jimmie Lee Jackson. He says, "White racists still shoot at Jimmie Lee's grave. They keep trying to kill what he stood for, but it won't die. And every time we vote, he lives again through us."

With the presidential primaries

and elections imminent upon us, we would all do well to remember his words, and to remember, too, the blood which was shed throughout the years for the right to vote.

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Brown

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behind them. Afro-Americans who succeed professionally and economically are praised for leaving less fortunate Afro-Americans behind. They only mingle with other Afro-Americans at MLK celebrations approved by whites.

Busing Afro-American children to white schools failed either to educate them or make them acceptable to whites, but we insist on more busing. Maybe that's why 70 percent of Afro-American children prefer a white doll over an Afro-American doll.

Black colleges that succeed in

educating seven out of 10 Afro-Americans who attend (while white colleges graduate three out of 10 Afro-Americans) are called failures and examples of segregation.

Some Afro-American women want blue eyes and wear store-bought ones as a badge of honor.

Afro-Americans have carried out the most successful boycott ever conducted against Afro-Americans in business. We spend 95 percent of our \$230 billion with non-Afro-American businesses.

About 150 Afro-American orga-

nizations spend \$3 billion for annual conventions at white hotels, discussing white racism and Afro-American poverty.

To wash our hands clean, we blame white people and Ronald Reagan for the broken Afro-American family, high unemployment, illiteracy, drug abuse, poor weather, bad breath....

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