

Some Whites Feel That Blacks Have Achieved Enough?

In a social atmosphere already beleaguered by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Bakke and further darkened by what has turned into a full fledged "taxpayer revolt," there is a good reason to suspect that efforts to wipe out racial discrimination in the U.S. are nearing a standstill.

Recent samplings of public opinion provide more than enough cause for that suspicion. As indicated in the August 14 issue of U.S. News and World Report, responses to both Harris and Gallup polls clearly suggest "a growing feeling among whites that Blacks have achieved enough."

That conclusion is further underscored by findings of a Carnegie Corporation study showing that many (whites) believe the nation's debt to Black people has been so fully paid that they themselves are

now becoming the victims of "reverse discrimination," an increasingly expressed cause for resentment among white Americans.

When viewed in its most unbecoming light, that attitude seems unreasonably reactionary. And all the more so in view of trials and tribulations faced by generations of Black people as they made their way out of the bonds of legally prescribed slavery, only to find themselves enmeshed in a continuing bind of irrationally perceived inferiority.

All fair-minded people are appalled by the backward turn of events. But civil rights leaders are particularly disturbed by complications which multiply the ominous effects of the Bakke decision. Not the least of those complicating factors are the increas-

ingly deaf ears lent by Congressmen when time comes to refund federal programs designed to help minorities.

But keeping a watchful eye on negative events need not blind one to positive aspects of life in our time. In a legal mandate which goes against the grain of racially restrictive attitudes, a Federal Judge in Connecticut gave a ray of new hope for fair play in employment.

Although in 1975 some 84 Black and Hispanic applicants flunked a written test while applying for jobs in the Bridgeport, Connecticut fire department, the Judge ordered the 42 percent minority populated city to hire all of them last month in the job slots for which they originally applied. The only obstacles left in their way were medical exams and agility tests.

Prior to that court action, there was one lone Black in the 450-member department. Bearing in mind the city's history of discrimination, the Judge set up a quota system which requires that half of all future vacancies be filled from a pool of minority applicants - until they become approximately a fourth of Bridgeport's firemen.

What happened there is welcome news. But when viewed in light of a dawning era of neoconservative economics and politics, as reflected in the Supreme Court's failure to accompany the Bakke decision with a reaffirmed commitment to equal opportunity, Bridgeport loses some of its significance.

And we are reminded of the fact that other momentous court cases lie ahead. Examples of those impending legal tests include the suit filed by a

white factory worker in Louisiana who claims he was wrongfully denied a place in an on-the-job training program sponsored by his employer.

In another complaint, a general contracting firm is challenging Congressional provisions which channel 10 percent of public works spend-

ing to minority contractors. A decision for the plaintiff in this matter would sharply curtail federal involvement in any action which could be interpreted as encroaching on the preserves of private enterprise.

With one eye on set-backs in the recent past and the other on what they forebode for the

future, civil rights leaders are now engaged in an agonizing reappraisal of corrective strategies. Next steps will be taken with no less zeal, but they will be based on more carefully selected grounds - and more realistic assumptions about who indeed are supporters of the practice as well as the precept of equal opportunity in America.



Howard C. Barnhill Fund-raising chairman

A&T Alumni

Contribution

Sets Record

The A&T State University National Alumni Association has surpassed its annual fund-raising goal of \$82,000 by more than \$6,000.

The year-end report of more than \$88,000 was made by Howard C. Barnhill of Charlotte, chairman of the association.

Barnhill said that much of the funds will be used to support the A&T student scholarship project, channeled through the A&T University Foundation.

The \$88,000 is the second highest amount ever raised during the association's Annual Giving Campaign, according to Joseph D. Williams Sr., director of Alumni Affairs at A&T. He said \$91,000 was raised in 1973. Last year, the association raised \$92,000.

Tots, Teens

Contributes

To UNCF

Tots & Teens members presented \$3,084 to the United Negro College Fund and \$1,050 to Alm Uncle (shoes for needy feet) during the Tots & Teens' sixth annual Triennial National Convention held recently in St. Louis, Mo.

Charlotte chapter president for 1978-80 is B. W. Hoover. Other convention objectives were recreational and social activities, parent education of child-parent problems, career education for youth and organization of business sessions.

Other families attending were the J. L. Bowers, the C. Ledbetters and the W. Williams.

Little Theatre

To Solicit

New Members

Charlotte Little Theatre fund raising chairman, Willie Stratford Sr., announced plans to begin mailing out more than 13,000 letters soliciting membership to the CLT. The mailing should begin late this week.

Stratford said that about 10,000 letters would go to a general mailing list and another 2,000 letters will go to potential patrons to the theatre.

Patron tickets are \$25, \$50 and \$90. General membership tickets to the CLT are \$15. Stratford said that CLT will also start sending out membership request to co-operations.

Idewild Road

Closed To

Through Traffic

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) closed to through traffic a portion of Idewild Road in the City of Charlotte on Monday, August 28.

The temporary closing will allow NCDOT to extend the existing road. Work is scheduled to be completed by September 18.

Traffic will be detoured on Lawyers Road, NC-27-24, Delta Road, and back to Idewild Road.

NCDOT is making every effort to complete this project as soon as possible to minimize any inconvenience to the traveling public.

Grand Opening Celebration

3 CHARLOTTE KROGER SAV-ON STORES

HOLLY FARMS

Whole Fryers

USDA A GRADE

45¢

lb.

LIMIT 4 PLEASE

Holly Farms

SHANK HALF

Smoked Ham

78¢

lb.

Wieners

1-lb. Pkg.

\$1.08

Ground Beef

1-lb. Pkg.

\$1.18

Hot Dog Buns

KROGER HAMBURGER OR

8-Ct. Pkgs.

\$1.49

Pepsi Cola

RETURNABLE BOTTLES

DIET PEPSI, PEPSI LIGHT, MT. DEW OR

32-oz. Btls.

\$1.49

PLUS DEPOSIT

LIMIT TWO 6-PAKS

Round Roast

U.S.D.A. CHOICE, HEAVY WESTERN BEEF

REGAL RUMP OR BONELESS BOTTOM ROUND

1-lb.

\$1.58

Pork Roast

FINE FOR BARBECUE

FRESH PICNIC STYLE

1-lb.

78¢

Schlitz Beer

12-oz. Cans

\$1.59

Ice Cream

1/2-Gal. Ctn.

\$1.29

Mayonnaise

32-oz. Jar

69¢

Lowfat Milk

Gal. Plastic Jug

\$1.49

Tide Detergent

49-oz. Box

88¢

WITH COUPON AND \$5.00 PURCHASE OR MORE EXCLUDING BEER, WINE AND CIGARETTES

LIMIT ONE PER FAMILY WITH COUPON

COUPON GOOD SUNDAY AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2, 1978

SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE STATE & LOCAL TAXES

Domino Sugar

PURE CANE

5-lb. Bag

48¢

WITH COUPON AND \$5.00 PURCHASE OR MORE EXCLUDING BEER, WINE AND CIGARETTES

LIMIT ONE PER FAMILY WITH COUPON

COUPON GOOD SUNDAY AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2, 1978

SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE STATE & LOCAL TAXES

Potato Chips

COUNTRY OVEN

8-oz. Twin Pak

28¢

WITH COUPON AND \$5.00 PURCHASE OR MORE EXCLUDING BEER, WINE AND CIGARETTES

LIMIT ONE PER FAMILY WITH COUPON

COUPON GOOD SUNDAY AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2, 1978

SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE STATE & LOCAL TAXES

Deli Restaurant

FREE 32-OZ. CUP Coca Cola

WHEN YOU BUY TWO POUNDS OF BARBECUED SPARE RIBS

SLICED TO ORDER

Roast Beef lb. **\$3.59**

Baked Virginia Ham lb. **\$2.99**

Lorraine Swiss Cheese lb. **\$2.79**

American or Mustard Potato Salad lb. **69¢**

Refreshing Dessert Orange Almond Delight lb. **\$1.69**

FRESH COOKED WHOLE

BBQ Chicken lb. **\$1.19**

1/4 LB. HOT DOG W/ POTATO SALAD "Super Dog" **99¢**

W/2 VEGETABLES, ROLL & BUTTER 1/4 BBQ Chicken Plate **\$1.59**

W/1/2 COLE SLAW & ROLLS 12 PIECES FRIED Chicken Dinner **\$4.99**

Bakery

FREE ONE DOZEN FRESH BAKED SMALL Sugar Cookies

WHEN YOU BUY ONE DOZ. AT REGULAR PRICE

CAKE OF THE WEEK

8" DOUBLE LAYER GERMAN Chocolate Cake **\$3.29**

Sandwich Buns... 8 For **69¢**

Glazed Donuts... Doz. **\$1.19**

Garlic Bread... 16-oz. Loaf **69¢**

RED, BLUE OR WHITE

Seedless Grapes

lb. **69¢**

U.S. NO. 1 NEW CROP

RED OR GOLD

Delicious Apples

3-lb. Bag **99¢**

Head Lettuce

CALIFORNIA 'CRISPY AND FRESH'

Head **38¢**

Potatoes

NEW CROP WHITE

20-lb. Bag **\$1.58**

FREE Macaroni or Spaghetti

ONE 1-LB. BOX KROGER

WHEN YOU BUY ONE 1-LB. BOX AT REGULAR PRICE

SAVE 49¢

FREE Bright Cleanser

ONE 14-OZ. CAN

WHEN YOU BUY ONE 14-OZ. CAN AT REGULAR PRICE

SAVE 19¢

FREE Paper Towels

ONE JUMBO ROLL FLEECE

WHEN YOU BUY ONE JUMBO ROLL AT REGULAR PRICE

SAVE 48¢

FREE Kroger Bologna

ONE 8-OZ. PKG. REGULAR MEAT OR BEEF SLICED

WHEN YOU BUY ONE 8-OZ. PKG. AT REGULAR PRICE

SAVE 93¢