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Pope Brings Hope

In one of the most remarkable personal triumphs of a foreign dignitary, Pope John Paul II walked across America for seven days spreading good will and offering blessings to thousands. He was revered as a spiritual leader and accepted his super-celebrity status imposed by others with humility and gratitude.

In spite of the warm way most Americans received the Pope, he was criticized by some in his own church for continued opposition to women priests, by others for opposing artificial birth control and by others for presumably giving moral aid and comfort to the arms lobby and the leaders of the agribusiness conglomerates. In the latter cases some leveled such charges because the Pope praised the United States for its significant role in the quest for "greater security in the world," and praised the farmers for feeding the world's hungry. The implication of these allegations was that the Pope had not recognized the fallacy in more and more arms for the assumed purpose of maintaining the peace and that he had failed to recognize what agribusiness is doing to the small farmer.

We find it difficult to accept these allegations because the Pope, for example, identified closely with the plight of minorities and the poor during his brief visit to America. Pope John Paul made it a point to tell the nation's rich and powerful that the downtrodden and oppressed

Racism In Sports

Two weeks ago the University of Tennessee lost a football game to Mississippi State by a score of 28 to 9. As in any frustrating football loss, the fans vent their feelings emerging out of a destructive "winning is the only thing" philosophy, largely toward the headcoach or the quarterback.

On this occasion the anger was directed at quarterback Jimmy Streater who happens to be black. The fans, in coach Johnny Majors own words, went too far in their criticism of Streater. He said he thought some of the yelling from the stands was racially motivated. When asked about the racial comments, Majors said, "there is a sickness in our country, not just in Tennessee.'

Majors, who is white, reportedly said, "there is a certain amount of racism involved in sports and in life." It has been reported too that earlier this year Majors had received criticism from the fans for playing a black quarterback.

Majors is unfortunately right about racism continuing to be a fact of life both in and out of sports. However, speaking about sports, witness to fact that when Pittsburgh Pirate Right Fielder David Parker signed a contract as the highest

are "your brothers and sisters in Christ" and should not be cast aside and left only "the crumbs from the feast.

In Boston, the Pope led thousands in singing a song written by the gospel singer Andrae Crouch. In New York City the Pope visited Harlem's black ghetto. He said, "I come because I know of the difficult conditions of your existence, because I know that your lives are marked by pain.

Disregarding the warnings of the cautious concerned with his safety, the Pope rode in full view unprotected by bullet-proof glass through Harlem and the South Bronx. He visited a black church in Harlem - The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church - and offered mass to its members. Thus, the Pope's inclusion of these black and poor areas in his itinerary was not symbolism but a true commitment to the poor and an awareness of their needs.

Furthermore, in responding to a letter from a farmer in a small mid-western town, the Pope spent a half day there too.

Thus, whether you are a Catholic, a Jew, a Protestant or otherwise, it should have been easy to see that Pope John Paul II's visit to America served to strengthen the interest in justice, racial equality and fair-play for all. May the memory of the Pope's visit live on as a reminder that our struggle for equality is never ending and never final.

paid professional baseball player last year he got a great deal of hate mail and items were stolen from his home on more than one occasion. Note also that while nearly half the 1,260 players in the National Football League (NFL) are black, there are only 8 black assistant coaches out of a total of 225.

It was for reasons of racism too that it was a history-making event when NFL rivals Tampa Bay and Chicago played recently and each team had a black quarterback on the field. Blacks simply have not been given a chance at the QB position in the NFL for some of the same reasons noted about college player Jimmy Streater.

Much of this racism in sports has been confirmed too by a documented study that says race and ethnic backgrounds determine the position played as much as ability in the NFL. Anthropologist Dr. John Moore said, "built into the structure of the game itself were class distinctions and labor differences." Moore notes that today 69% of the wide receivers, 70% of the running backs and 56% of the defense ends are black. Yet 100% of the place kickers, 96% of the punters, and 95% of the QBs are white European-Americans. It's racism, pure and simple.

Accident Data Reveals Cyclists Involvement

Highway Patrol Com- "young cyclists are involved the right side of the road, in a disproportionate numstop at designated intersecber of collisions.' tions, and yield the right of The Patrol's Research way. and Planning Unit cited Jenkins asked that parents unsafe and unlawful riding 'make a valuable contribupractices together with tion to their children's inexperience as the primary welfare by teaching proper causative factors in collibike operation techniques sions involving cyclists. Basic "rules of the road" and safe practices." Bicycle safety information can be apply to cyclists as well as obtained by contacting motor vehicle operators. Jenkins said, "apparently Lieutenant Arnold Rector, telephone (919) 733-5007, at many cyclists are not aware Patrol Headquarters in they are required to ride on Raleigh.

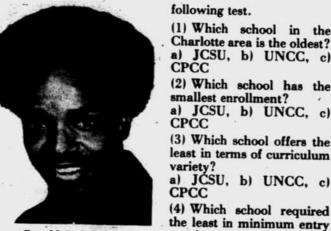
PEOPLE CREATE NEIGHBOR HOODS OF POLLUTION. THE GEST DEFENSE AGAINST RATS, IS A GARBAGE CAN WITH THE LID ON TIGHT."

Future Of Black Institutions

By Gerald O. Johnson Special to Post

The article "The Future of Black Institutions" that appeared in this column on October 5, 1979 brought a tremendous amount of response from some of our readers. Most of the comments were in complete disagreement with what I had said. One gutless respondee (He didn't sign his name) said "Black colleges will still be needed for the next 1,000 years for people like you. Anyone who makes this many errors using the wrong personal pronoun needs a good course in elementary or junior high school grammar and composition. You have tons of criticism for black colleges, athletic teams, doctors. politicians, etc. Let us see you get elected dog catcher.

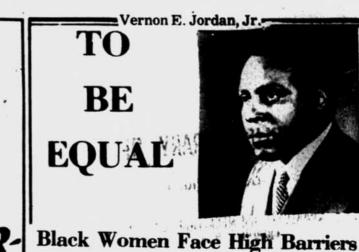
Whew! Heavy! The errors this reader was referring to was my usage of the word "that" instead of "who." I stand corrected! tions, especially the private



And Only You Can Prevent It.....

these institutions help educate people who other-wise would not receive a college education. I will address this argument next week

Most critics of the article CPCC immediately assumed I was using JCSU as the basis for If your answer to all of the above is JCSU then you my argument. Well, believe instead of it or not most black instituhave passed this test. must come to mind is who Most of the other ones suffer from the same



The drive for women's equality appears to have slow-

ed in recent years, as have all moves to expand rights and to increase equal opportunities in our society.

But while discussions of women's rights generally center around the equal rights amendment or the astrations of a relatively small segment of women, the plight of black women has largely been ignored.

Whatever figures you use, you find black women are the most disadvantaged group in America. Expanding their employment and income opportunities would go a long way toward slashing poverty in America.

That's because a majority of poor black families are headed by women. It's hard to see how black poverty can be successfully attacked without an all-out effort to equalize employment opportunities for black women.

Despite unequal opportunities, black women are more likely than white women to be working or looking for work. It's become commonplace to talk about the rise in the numbers of working women, but it is as important to know who works when.

For example, white women have their greatest labor force participation in the below-24 age group. Then many marry or have children and leave work. But the highest rates for black women are in the prime working years of 25-44.

That would lead you to expect black women to have higher earnings. Not true. Back women earn less than white women, less than black men, and far less than white men - about half.

Black women are also the prime victims of unemployment. Their jobless rates are double those for white women.

Black women are also locked into the worst-paying jobs. They are over three times as likely as white women to be in private houshold service and almost twice as likely to be service workers.

But even those figures understate their plight, since the service category is so broad and doesn't distinguish between such low paying jobs as laundry workers and higher paying service jobs.

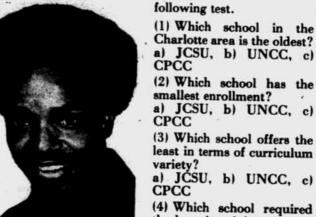
Climb the occupational ladder and you find black women again at a disadvantage. Men and white women are far more likely to hold managerial, administrative and even sales jobs.

Black women workers aren't in the labor force out of boredom or because they want to buy luxuries. Black women are more likely to be in the labor force than their white counterparts for an obvious reason - it takes more than one income in a black family to reach et a minimal standard of living.

And given the disproportionate number of black " families dependent on famile heads of households, it is " clear that the elimination of discrimination based on both race and sex is absolutely essential.

More white families than black are headed by women. But black female-headed families are far more likely to be poor.

And among families headed by women who work full -time, black families are four times as likely to be poor as whites. That's a serious indictment of the way our society devalues black labor and black women.



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Gerald O. Johnson

The response I expected to hear which would have been reasonable was that

mander John T. Jenkins said last week he is concerned about the number of traffic collisions involving youthful bicyclists. Jenkins pointed out that of the thirty-one bicyclists killed in

North Carolina last year, "seventeen were boys and girls under age fifteen." He added that although soaring gasoline prices have resulted in more adult cyclists being on the streets and highways,

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National Advertising Representative Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. 45 W. 5th Suite 1403 2400 S. Michigan Ave. New York, N.Y. 10036 Chicago, Ill 60616 (212) 415 1220 Jalumet 5-0200 criticisms were personal attacks on me, also, and not on what I had said.

The truth is the article may have been syntactically imperfect, but semantically it was sound. It may have insulted some people, but the truth is the pre-dominately black institutions have ben skidding since 1973. This trend will undoubtedly continue without a force to change it.

would pay more money for problems. JCSU is not uniless results. No one. That's que. The recent financial exactly what's happening. traumas of Fisk University No one is paying more for and Tennessee State are less. I would guess that nearly 95% of JCSU case in points. My old alma mater, Lincoln University, students are on financial has had serious academic aid. If the subsidy program and financial problems over is cutoff for any reason and the past two years. If not for the state of Pennsylvania it will be cutoff, then this school will be forced to subsidizing Lincoln then it close. Couple this with the might be closed today. But mishandling of procedures for demonstration purposes we will use JCSU for the (See FUTURE On Page 4)

From Capitol Hill

Their poverty is deeper, too. The artificially low poverty level is set at \$6,700 for an urban family of four. But the median income for black families headed by women is about \$5.900 - well below the poverty level.

Combine those figures with the fact that about 55 percent of all black children live in female-headed families and you have a crisis that will affect blacks far into the future.

Discrimination based on race and sex operate to keep those families poor and out of the economic mainstream. Immediate and vigorous action is needed to overcome the barriers that keep black women and their families locked into desperate battle for survival.

Does Israel Plan Takeover, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria? Alfreda L. Madison

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no rights in their host coun-Representative Fauntroy try. Because of this they are not able to prove their parengave members of the press, at a luncheon, a comprehensive tage, when they are born. their marriages are not report of Southern Christian documented, neither can they be buried in their own Leadership Conference's recent trip to the Mid-East. This trip was made after the plots. The groups learned August 20, meeting with that Israelis were not just bombing Palestinian U.N., Representative of the PLO, Mr. Terzi. In response military installations, but both Lebanese and Palestito an invitation from Mr. Yasser Arafat, SCLC visited nian refugee camps and villages. They found that the Mid-East in its traditional non-violent and many of these raids were carbrotherhood spirit. The ried out with United States' eleven member group felt that it did plant the seed of made weapons.

Mr. Fauntroy said that non-violence through this the first two and a half hours face to face and faith to faith meeting with Mr. Arafat, meeting with many of the inseemed to have been filled with the leader's hardline of

The Congressman stated that through their talks with continuing its Israeli attacks, through letting them Lebanese leaders it was know there will be constant revealed an enthusiasm violent harassment anywhere, anytime. Mr. there for peace through nonviolence, a picture of the lit-Arafat related to them the tle recognized impact the historic cause of the Midwar has had on the misery East conflict, his need to deand suffering of the fend his people against the forcible occupation of Lebanese people and their strong support for human rights of the Palestinians to Palestinian land, his disappointment over U.S. economic and military self-determination and a Israeli support, his opposi-tion to the Camp David for-In their fact findings, they mula which excluded learned that Palestinians. having no homeland, are Palestinian selfcitizens of no country. havdetermination and that his



Alfreda L. Madison

1978 cease fire declaration and Israel's violation of the declaration.

The Palestinians believe Israel is not only unwilling to give up the 1967 occupied territory but that its aim is to. eventually, take over Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. Mr. Fauntroy stated that before concluding their meeting with Yasser Arafat. they perceived a softening in his attitude. However, he realizes that the PLO leader faces difficulties in trying to convince some of the more hardlined Palestinians to change. SCLC feels that the media has painted Yasser Arafat in the wrong light; as

a hard-hearted inconsiderate

talk. It was disappointed over Israeli leaders for failing to meet with them, even though they clearly stated that they are for the continued State of Israel, but U.N. resolution 242 should be fashioned in such a way as that they wanted both sides to give strong enunciation of a Palestine homeland, then to cease fire and seek peaceful solutions through the PLO will give recognition to Israel's right to exist in a

person. The group found him gentle and willing to

communications with each other. With Israel's tactics, it is spending 30 percent of its national gross income on warfare with a 100 percent inflation.

fire moratorium. After that there should be a similar **Representative Fauntroy** feels that SCLC and other black leaders have set the climate for America to realize that it must change its course of action in the Mid-East. It doesn't have a timetable beyond 1982 because Russia will be in the market for oil. The U.S. is thinking the unthinkable of going to war over the 20 mile strait for oil, and if a war does break out, it will be catastrophic. Everyone must come to realize that PLO must have a homeland, even Moshe Dyan has come to recognize the fact that there must be talks with the PLO.

It is felt that Jordan is a strong key in the Mid-East solution because of its link to

Austria and France. It is declaration from the Israeli government. Yet, Mr. Arafat feels this will be imperceived that these two countries may come out with a peace plan of their own. possible as long the United Spain has already recogniz-ed the PLO as a viable force. States supports Israel in these attacks. The Palestinians feel that

The SCLC intends to conduct dialogues around the country with Israelis and Palestinians taking part in the discussions. Winy the discussions. Iny dialogue will help educate the American people on the real truth of the Mid-East situation and SCLC does not intend to cease its efforts until their advocacy becomes a part of public policy.

Santa's Bag Slates Opening

The annual "Santa's Bag" gift shop sponsored by Act I, the fund-raising auxiliary of the Charlotte Children's Theater, will be held again this year on November 29, 30 and

SCLC feels that the future

relies heaviest on a declara-

tion from the PLO of a cease

peaceful state.

December 1 from 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. and on December 2 from 1:00 -5:00 p.m. The minishopping center for children under 12 will be held at the Children's Theater, 1017 East Morehead Street.

'Santa's Bag' is an anmual event held to raise funnts for the operation of the Children's Theater and

is designed to offer children the opportunity of purchas-ing inexpensive Christmas gifts for their parents, other family members and friends. All items for sale have been handmade by members of Act I and range in price from 25 cents to \$2.50. The average cost is \$1.00.

