

# Editorials & Comments

## Rage Against Sex Mania

In the controversial Moynihan Report on the Black family in 1965, it was noted that 25 percent of all Black babies were born out of wedlock. Now, some 15 years later, that alarming figure has

past 50 percent. Now also we are being dished out a commercial ad that features a teen-age girl mounting a teen-age boy, in a sexually suggestive piggy-back style advertising Jordache blue jeans.

Apparently attempting to out do the Jordache ad in "marketing 15-year-olds into sex-for-sale objects," syndicated columnist Ellen Goodman wrote recently,

"if this weren't enough (the Jordache ad), last night I found myself ranting and raving about the Calvin Klein TV ads that pan slowly up the crotch of 15-year-old Brooke Shields and say something like 'I have 15 pairs of Calvins in my closet. If they could talk, I'd be in trouble.'" The obvious reference here is to imply sexual relations when wearing those jeans.

Furthermore, the Associated Press reported recently that "American designer Halston shocked his audience (in Shanghai) Friday (Sept. 19) with low necklines and transparent fabrics that apparently revealed

more of his models than the Chinese wanted to see." This reportedly led to reactions ranging from "polite admiration to outright dismay." In fact, one young man in the 1,400-member audience observing the first American fashion show in mainland China said, "that is not nice, not subtle."

For any decent, right thinking adult who has concern about our morally degenerating sex mania, there must be a deep feeling of outrage against the cancerous aspects of our values and codes of behavior. This leads to the question, what has or is taking place in our society that has led to this sex mania?

A good part of the answer is revealed in COSMOPOLITAN magazine's recent Sex Survey. Of the 106,000 women, referred to as "Cosmo girls," who responded

to the survey, comes a profile of the most sexually uninhibited group of females in the history of our nation. Typically, the Cosmo girl is, the survey reveals, "prodigiously experienced (sexually) and has broken all the rules, most of the records and continues to explore a variety of lovers and sexual techniques... an extraordinarily sexually free human being."

## Shocking Results

The shocking results of the survey revealed that 73 percent of the women had had sex with a man on their first date either

frequently or occasionally. 23 percent had relations with more than one man at a time. Fifty percent of the married women had committed adultery and among those over 35 the percentage was up to 69. Eighteen percent of the Cosmos girls had had more than 25 lovers. Many of the survey respondents could not

even remember the names of the men they had been to bed with. And eighteen percent have participated in sex orgies or partner-swapping parties.

One Cosmos girl wrote, "The old rules have all been thrown out, but the new ones aren't clear mostly because they haven't been drawn up yet. But it's hard

to live without any rules whatever. The confusion is causing me... a great deal of unhappiness." What this young lady is also saying is that she's not received (or has ignored) any training in morality or value judgement at home, church or school; therefore, she's looking elsewhere for such direction.

What she is finding is the Jordache jeans ad, Halston's plunging neckline models in complete transparent garments and a shocking lack of personal standards set by celebrity women, little or no moral standards for television, movies or in publications.

## Viscious Cycle

Thus, we have a vicious cycle of sexual mania reinforced by the so-called sex revolution which has given women equality with men. However, instead of women forcing men to move to a higher moral standard, at least sexually, women have lowered themselves to the male's animal instinct for sex. This means,

oddly enough, that while we have ended the assumed hypocritical double standard between men and women, we have not bettered ourselves morally; rather we have sunken to a new low. If this is what the sexual revolution is all about American is in deep trouble.

It is high time we cleaned up the sexual mess in movies, television, books, commercials and in our minds. However, since we live in a so-called free society we can't legislate morality. But, we can offer wholesome entertainment, literature with sex kept in balance and perspective, and cease the marketing of teen-age sex.

We Americans have the will and the physical capacity to do almost anything. All we need to do to stop the sex mania is to have the will to do it and we can. Won't you help? Begin by doing your part.

## BLACKS HAVE THE TOOLS TO DO THE JOB THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE:

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## Erwin Becomes State's First Black Federal Judge

Alfreda L. Madison  
Special To The Post

Appeals Court Judge Richard C. Erwin of Winston-Salem, N.C., whose federal judgeship for the Middle District of North Carolina was recommended to President Carter by Senator Robert Morgan, was unanimously confirmed for the position by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Judge Erwin was appointed by President Carter in June. However, confirmation by the Judiciary Committee was held up by Senator Jesse Helms. During Senator Eastland's Judiciary chairmanship, a senator could block a candidate's consideration by failure to return the blue slip. This is exactly what Senator Helms did in Erwin's case. However, Senator Kennedy has not allowed failure to return the blue slip to block an appointee's chance for a hearing. Yet the day before Erwin's scheduled committee appearance, he received a five page single-spaced typed letter from Senator Helms setting forth his objections. The main objection was Erwin's co-sponsorship of legislation to change North Carolina's labor law. Jesse stated that the bill, if it had passed, would have nullified the State's right to work law. Such a reason can only be termed ridiculous. To be sure many pieces of legislation have been sponsored in all state legislative bodies - all with the hope of making progressive changes in the states. Some have passed and some have failed, but neither the successful sponsors or failed sponsors can be termed unfit for advancement.

Senator Helms emphasized that Erwin's co-sponsoring a bill in the legis-



Richard Erwin  
...Awaits Confirmation

lature is relevant because he fears if Erwin becomes a Federal Judge the attitude will prevail. To be sure Jesse Helms knows the difference in legislating laws and deciding cases according to already existing laws. If confirmed, Richard Erwin will become North Carolina's first Black Federal Court Judge.

On August 20, when Erwin appeared before the Judiciary, in spite of Helms' failure to return the blue slip, Senator Morgan in introducing him to the committee, spoke of Erwin as a distinguished North Carolinian, one who would bring to the District Court experience, maturity and the judicial temperament that the position requires. Morgan stated that Erwin has had an outstanding record as an attorney, legislator and judge.

Jesse still clung to the blue slip. Nevertheless, September 17 - the day before the confirmation hearing of the Judiciary - Helms returned the blue slip stating that he neither supported or opposed Erwin's nomination. We were unable to ascertain why the Senator withdrew his objection. He did receive a great deal of criticism from major news-

papers about his objections to the Erwin nomination.

When Erwin's name came up at the recent judiciary hearing, Senator Strom Thurmond, the Republican leader, said that since Senator Helms had withdrawn his objections; that the Republican committee recommended the candidate's confirmation.

Senator Morgan immediately released a statement expressing his pleasure over the unanimous confirmation by the committee of Richard Erwin for Federal Judge for North Carolina's Middle District. Morgan stated that he hopes the full Senate will move quickly to confirm him.

There are some Republicans who would like to hold up senate confirmation during this congress, hoping that Reagan will win the presidency; that he will have the privilege of filling the Federal Judgeship vacancies. It is highly likely that Republicans will attempt to use delaying confirmation tactics. However, Majority Leader Robert Byrd, who is also a member of the Judiciary and a very astute leader, is much too determined to allow that to happen.

### Cheerleading

### Clinic Will Be

### Held Saturday

Charlotte Charger cheerleader, Ms. Liz Elliott, will conduct a cheerleading clinic for teens, Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Trade Street YWCA center.

The clinic is open to any teen, aged 12-17, who wishes to attend. Lunch is included in the \$10. fee.

Participants should bring or wear tennis shoes and shorts.

## Affirmative Action

### Professional Sports

By Gerald C. Horne, Esq.  
Special To The Post

The recent hiring of ex-Dodger great Maury Wills as pilot of the last-place Seattle Mariners in an ironic way only highlights the continuing racism that stains professional sports.

Blacks have been "allowed" to play professional baseball for over thirty years now and have produced some of the game's most enduring stars. Hank Aaron - the slugger, Lou Brock - the base stealer, Bob Gibson - the fireballing pitcher. The list is virtually endless. Yet, somehow today there is only one Black manager and a hand full of Black coaches. The number of Blacks in front-office posts is less.

Nonetheless, one sees a Gene Mauch, skipper of the perennially second division Minnesota Twins. Mauch has managed for over twenty years and is continually hailed as one of baseball's "finest minds." Yet, this "fine mind" has a career losing record of 1,500 wins, 1,676 losses but could still pick and choose just about any dugout or front-office position he desires. Can anyone imagine any Black manager lasting twenty years in the big leagues with a losing record. Those who say Blacks have to be better are not inaccurate and expose the "Big Lie" that affirmative action hiring violates the so-called "merit principle." As real life demonstrates time and time again, the exact opposite is the case.

Baseball's record of rewarding ineptitude is matched by professional football. Dick Nolan, coach of the New Orleans Saints has a losing record in 10 years of coaching and was virtually run out of San Francisco on a rail after running the 49ers into the ground. Nonetheless, he remains in the saddle and few doubt that if he were fired tomorrow, he would have little trouble in hooking up with another squad. The same holds true for Bart Starr, coach of the Green Bay Packers, whose winning percentage after five years is similar to Nolan's. Nevertheless, this former used-car salesman (who was also one of President Nixon's biggest boosters) continues to produce one lousy year of football after another.

But the racism in professional sports - unfortunately - runs much deeper than the issue of who gets hired. James Rodney Richard, towering hurler of the Houston Astros, had to go to the brink of death before the press and certain white teammates would acknowledge that he was injured. Indeed, J.R.'s plight stands starkly as a metaphor for all Blacks whose employers have lambasted them for "loafing" when they actually were in dire need of expert medical help. Teammate Enos Cabell's comment that if J.R. had been white he would have received better medical attention and less criticism from the press, hit the nail dead on the head.

But the treatment of high-salaried Black athletes by the media and retrograde fans reveals racism even more clearly. The KKK has been able to grow and gain adherents by convincing whites - who are in fact crushed by the monopolies (Exxon and the like) - that the real reason for their perilous economic condition is that "Blacks are getting everything." And when certain whites see a Dave Parker earning \$1 million a year or a Moses Malone pulling down \$900,000 per year or a Reggie Jackson getting \$600,000 plus from the Yankees, it makes their blood boil.

### From The White House

## Blacks White House Correspondents Discriminated Against?

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In the recent Presidential press conference, President Carter reverted to his general custom of conducting, as one black reporter said, a "lilly-white press conference." There were six blacks in attendance and five of us jumped up at every interval trying to get in a question, but we were all ignored. Once before when I spoke to Jody Powell, White House Press Secretary about Mr. Carter's ignoring blacks at a particular conference, Jody said to him, "the time passed before I realized it and I didn't call on any blacks." Well why not get some of us in with the first group of interrogators? The day should have passed when blacks have to wait behind whites. For two or three press conferences, the President called on more than one black. This was right after Mayor Richard Hatcher notified Jody's office that blacks expect recognition of black reporters in all of the press



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conferences.

Black citizens have problems and they want first-hand information from their president, on how he stands on those issues.

Playing to the big media, really doesn't get black votes. Black citizens are influenced by the black media because all blacks have long decided that the white media people are not sensitized to their problems and concerns.

To have the television focus on the President at Ebenezer Church in Geor-

gia and showing him talking with Andy Young and Coretta King, and in a black church in Philadelphia is viewed by an extremely large segment of blacks as a TV event, presenting the President with some blacks whom many blacks feel have forgotten from whence they came. These are the people whom the white media know. Many, many black voters are ignored in these events and they feel no connection what so ever, with the TV show.

The black community people look to persons in their community who live among them and who are seeking to make conditions better, the little black home town newspapers and the black radio stations. The voters feel they can relate to these.

Not one White House correspondent who works for any black owned media has ever been invited to a State Dinner during Mr. Carter's presidency. Some white correspondents have. I've been told that a

I've been told that at times, Jody Powell causes certain correspondents to press briefings, but not the black owned media people.

I certainly wanted to know why, when more than

a year ago a group of Black Methodist Bishops met with President Carter, expressed their great concern about upsurge of the KKK and asked him to at least speak out about it.

Mr. Carter remained silent. So why speak out against it now when facing a black audience? Can it possibly be anything else but political exploitation of blacks for votes?

### Postal Workers To Celebrate

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Furthermore, any approach that would keep most of its members employed, would also provide the union with the strength that an active dues paying membership provides.

In addition to worksharing supplemented by unemployment insurance, the Commission recommended that in circumstances where resort to layoffs is the only viable option, they should be made according to plantwide rather than departmental seniority because this method usually has a less adverse impact on minorities and women.

Pending further development of alternative approaches to layoffs, the EEOC said that it will "continue its vigorous en-

forcement of Title VII as to employment practices that have an adverse impact on minorities and women" and that it will "similarly vigorously enforce" the Age Discrimination in Employment Act wherever there is evidence of discriminatory layoffs of workers protected under that Act.

Comments will be received by the Commission for the next 90 days. They should be addressed to: Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 2401 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

The EEOC is responsible for enforcing Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits employment dis-

crimination based on race, sex, color, religion or national origin; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; the Equal Pay Act; and in the Federal sector only, prohibitions against discrimination because of handicap.

### Sandwiches

Open-face sandwiches, which the Danes call smorrebrod, may date back to ancient times, when a slice of buttered bread was the "plate" for a meal.



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