

# Editorials & Comments

## Conservatives And Credibility

A part of the resurgence of the Republican Party spearheaded by Ronald Reagan's election to the presidency is the growing visible struggle for the minds and thoughts of black people.

It is certainly consistent with the American political tradition to "speak of a gigantic (Republican Party) ploy to project a small new group as the 'leaders' of black America - a group of right-wing conservatives in black face," says "The Afro American" newspaper. However, an action contrary to this tradition, and something that will discredit these alleged new black leaders, is an emerging plan to systematically undermine black organizations and their leaders.

Behind this plan is the Reagan administration's efforts to cut the federal budget and consequently drastically cut many social programs of benefit to the poor, many of whom are black. Furthermore, because many black organizations - the National Urban Coalition, Operation PUSH, and the National Urban League, to name a few - and their leaders have expressed support for the very programs Reagan plans to cut, these organizations have been targeted for destroying public confidence in them and their leaders.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson brought this issue into focus when he noted, "in recent weeks, a series of articles in various newspapers have suggested that well-known black organizations... have been the beneficiaries of political payoffs, that they are managed irresponsibly and their leaders do not represent the views of black people." Using Operation PUSH to illustrate his point, Rev. Jackson said negative government leaks to the Press, "were politically motivated. Because (we have) not received one official or unofficial letter of inquiry from any of these (governmental) agencies

concerning the grants." These attempts to undermine the traditional black leadership arises not from the presumed emerging black conservative leaders but rather from Reagan strategists who realize that on balance black people remain

loyal to the traditions of liberalism. In addition they are aware that recent polls show that the majority of blacks believe their economic situation will get worse under a Reagan administration.

Thomas Sowell, a 50-year-old economist, probably best personifies black conservatives in America. As do his associates, Sewell opposes school bussing, considers affirmative action a failure, opposes minimum wage laws and rent controls, and believes government should stop coddling poor people with welfare handouts.

Sewell and fellow black economist Walter Williams subscribe to the philosophical viewpoint of the so-called free-market with an abiding faith that big government will fail and the private sector will be the nation's sole solution for a better living environment.

Finally while blacks remain largely liberal, they have a tradition of conservatism involving issues such as law and order, morality and the work ethic that is rooted in their religious beliefs. There are also some conservative tendencies among contemporary blacks arising from a growing dissatisfaction with school bussing education and uneasiness about some forms of preferential treatment for themselves.

In summary then, while blacks remain heavily on the liberal side of the ledger, they are not monolithic and are thus willing to listen to all viewpoints while retaining the right to disagree.



### Letters To The Editor

## Sorority Urges Federal Intervention

### In Children Murder Investigation

Dear Sir:

Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta public service organization requests that local and state government representatives urge President Reagan to assign the FBI and, if needed, additional federal monetary resources to assist in apprehending the murderer(s) of the 20 Black children in Atlanta.

The chapter's 125 members are circulating petitions which will be delivered to President Reagan, requesting immediate federal intervention in solving

the atrocious murders.

Charlotte Alumnae Chapter, along with the other 677 DST chapters, located throughout the U.S. and abroad, supports the Governor of Georgia and the Mayor of Atlanta in urging President Reagan to declare a state of emergency in Atlanta, and that he mobilize the Georgia National Guard to assist in apprehending the criminal(s) and protecting the city's residents from further untimely deaths.

Pledging themselves to be persistent reminders of the unsolved, gruesome

crimes against Black children in Atlanta, chapter members are wearing green ribbons as a symbol of life. They are also encouraging the Charlotte community to be reminders by wearing ribbons.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a predominantly Black, professional women's organization. Mrs. Shirley Anderson is the president of the Charlotte Alumnae Chapter.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Anderson

## Blacks Unaware Of What's Going On?

Dear Sir:

Lately, there have been a great number of Black oriented cultural activities taking place within Charlotte.

The Black community often is unaware of what is going on and therefore cannot take advantage of these presentations and performances available and specifically geared for them.

The Broadway production of "Home" was presented by the Negro Ensemble Company at NCNB Performance Place. The Ensemble members also taught workshops on acting and technical aspects of theater productions. Unfortunately, there weren't many people at the workshops. The theater production as well attended on Friday and Saturday, but Thursday's performance was played to a half-full theater. Cost may have something to do with ticket sales at NCNB Performance Place, but there have also been a number of free activities that were not well attended.

Toni Cade Bombers and Hoyt Fuller, contemporary writers, and several other

speakers and performers were featured at UNCC during Black History Month. These activities were free. Also in and around our neighborhoods organizations, churches and community centers often sponsor art activities, including exhibits, dance, music and drama.

It is important to remember that the arts are means to express and reflect on the current state of our affairs. Through the interpretations of our artists we learn about common conflicts and we share the joys and sorrows of our existence without having to remove our personal facade.

Some of the organizations based in Charlotte include: Jim Boyce and the Steel Drum Symphonette, The Performing Arts Guild Ensemble, The Charlotte Choral Ensemble, Daka Ara, The Young Women of Tomorrow-Dance, The Ebony Group and Company, Projections-Jazz, and G. M. Productions.

This weekend G. M. Productions will present "Stye of the Blind Pig" at the Mint Museum Theater. Fri-

day and Saturday, Melba Moore is performing at NCNB Performance Place Saturday, March 21. There is an on-going exhibit at Johnson C. Smith University and the Mint Museum of History, of the "Blacks in the Western Movement," admission to the exhibit is free.

Next week Julian Bond will be a guest speaker at JCSU on March 25, and there is no charge for admission.

These are just a few of the activities to come, there are many more. The next time you complain of nothing to do in Charlotte, please take a minute to look at the newspaper or call a radio station, Spirit Square, or one of the local colleges for a list of activities.

Karen Meadows

### Bake Sale

A Bake Sale, sponsored by the Johnson C. Smith University Chapter of the Student North Carolina Association of Education, will be held in the lobby of the student union on campus on Tuesday, March 24, at 10 a.m.

## Upsets And Traditions

Much ballyhoo has occurred over the rash of upset victories by unknowns over the alleged super power in the NCAA basketball tournament over the past week. Powerhouses, including UCLA, DePaul, Oregon State, Wake Forest and Iowa all bit the dust.

Unnoticed, and on a smaller scale, a tradition was continued. That was the continued failure of predominantly black colleges and universities to successfully compete against the largely white institutions in post-season play. While N.C. A&T lost to

Duke University by a respectable 10 points in a first round NIT game, Southern University and Howard University lost by embarrassing margins of 25 and 35 points to Wichita State and Wyoming University respective-

ly in the first round NCAA contests.

During the regular season Howard University had lost to UNC-Chapel Hill, and Florida A&M lost heavily to Florida State just to site a few others. In addition N.C. A&T State has lost all three of its games over the past three seasons to UNC-Charlotte.

Since everyone has accepted the new racial stereotype that you need blacks to win basketball games, it might be worth asking why can't our black schools beat the white schools? The answer is in bigger budgets, better and more expensive recruiting campaigns with more benefits to offer, better coaching - coaches at white schools have few other assigned duties, and the best of two worlds - the best black and best white athletes.

### Johnson Says

## Klan, Nazis Against Progressive Movements

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Statement by Nelson Johnson, CWP Spokesperson on the Arrest of Nazis and Former Klansmen on Conspiracy Charges, and Extremist Groups.

TO: North Carolina Human Relations Commission Hearings in Graham, North Carolina, March 4, 1981.

The alleged plans of six Nazis and former Klansmen to bomb downtown Greensboro and other areas is very serious. This threat to the safety of the people cannot be taken lightly. We do not pretend to know the details related to this incident. But we do know that the Klan and Nazis are fully capable of such a conspiracy and they are capable of carrying the conspiracy through the end. It was the same group, in act at least one of the same persons, which, with the direct participation of the U.S. Government, planned and carried out the assassination of five CWP leaders in Greensboro on November 3, 1979. It is widely known that the Klan and Nazis work

against all progressive people's movements, such as national liberation, civil rights, women's and labor movements, for their own selfish ends. Their bloody attacks against the people are known from Birmingham to Berlin. What is not as clear to the American people is the sinister, hypocritical role of the Government. The U.S. Government also works against progressive people's movements. Although the Government, Klan and Nazis have differences, they have a harmony of interest when it comes to attacking the people's movements. That's why the Klan and Nazis has been the historical tools of Government use and manipulation.

There is no doubt of a conspiracy to murder CWP leadership on November 3, 1979. The evidence is overwhelming. There is no doubt of the leading role of the U.S. Government in planning and carrying out the daylight execution. The cover-up of this crime has worked its way through the

and the U.S. Justice Department.

But in spite of the massive cover-up, there is growing national opinion of a Government planned assassination. It is precisely the exposure of the role of the Government as the force promoting and directing terrorist attacks against the people that this latest arrest of Nazis by the BATF is designed to cover up. Like a den of thieves turning on each other, the Government is attempting to shore up its image as the Guardian of the interests of the people from "left and right extremist groups." This conception of the role of the Government is false. We want to make it clear that the greatest source of violence and terror perpetrated against the people is the U.S. Government itself.

The Government planned the murder of the CWP Five NOT because the CWP is a threat to the people, but because the Government needed to murder the leadership of the people. They then had to paint the CWP as ter-

rorists. It is the Government itself which is the prime force behind the terror of November 3. The same thing was done with Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr. and the Black Panther Party. The murder of the children in Atlanta has not been solved because the Government needs it to generate race conflict and frankly become part of a momentum including the BAKKE decision and bussing, toward race war.

Why? Why is all of this occurring? As the CWP has been saying, this capitalist system is in the deepest economic crisis ever. It can no longer provide for the needs of the people. Capitalism has outlived its usefulness. It can only drag people down, as is everywhere apparent in the U.S. With the highest scientific and technological achievements anywhere in the world, the American people's living standard continues to plunge to new lows. There are massive budget cuts, there are massive layoffs, whole generations of youth are literally

# Affirmative Action

## Taking Care Of Business

Benjamin Hooks, the feisty, diminutive Republican who heads the NAACP, is not a man generally prone to fiery denunciations. But even his patience has been tried by President Reagan's "Robin Hood in reverse" budget and tax cut program, that if enacted would be the biggest legislative defeat for the Black community since the Fugitive Slave Act. More specifically, Hooks blasted Reagan's advisors, who have been busily gnawing away like beavers at enforcement of affirmative action mandates.

It is easy to understand why Ben Hooks is angry. Practices in New York City, where NAACP headquarters are located, are indicative of programs nationwide. Most city agencies do not carry out federal mandates which specifically set numerical goals for contracts to be allocated to minority businesses, according to Douglas Clifford, who resigned recently as deputy director of New York City's Minority Business Development Office. This scandalous violation of the law has caused no alarm or raised eyebrows in the White House.

Yet, this is the matter that should be of urgent concern not only to the Black community but all those sincerely interested in a healthy economy. Nathan Garrett heads one of the largest Black-owned CPA firms in the country and serves as chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Minority Enterprise Development, which has just made a report to Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige. According to Garrett, "Small businesses run by minorities... provide more jobs than big business and contribute heavily to the Gross National Product and international trade." But despite these contributions, Garrett ruefully acknowledges, "Minority small businesses have special problems. Access to markets, equity capital and management skills for minority businesses have been difficult, historically and currently because of racism."

Another problem that faces Black business is monopoly. These monopolies are working overtime to prevent affirmative action contracting. And it is elementary economics that where monopolies ride high in the saddle, they can charge virtually any price they desire, while consumers - Black and white - suffer the consequences.

Rebellion-torn Miami is one case in point. Barbara Carey, one of the highest ranking Black elected officials in Dade County, has blasted County Manager Merrett Stierheim for policies concerning letting of contracts. Carey has charged that, "Certain companies hold monopolies on contracts that supply the county with services and goods." These monopolies are bitterly resisting affirmative action, which threatens to upset their lucrative sweetheart deals. Hence, a victory for minority enterprise here will not only be good news for Blacks, but for all consumers and taxpayers in the country, who would benefit from a more wide-open bidding system.

Why this trend is expected by some to continued downward is gleaned from an examination of the Black presence in the \$8 billion beauty-care industry. White-owned giants, e.g. Revlon, Alberto Culver, L'Oreal, etc., are now moving to seize control of every level of the Black beauty care market.

destroyed. The drums are beating as Reagan and Haig, with corporate backing, organize to take the American people to war.

Yes, there is resistance. That resistance is growing. Sometimes it is clear; sometimes it is confused. The legitimate target of that resistance is the Government and the privileged class of monopoly capitalists which it represents. But the Government does everything in its power to train the resistance of the people away from itself to other sections of the people, consequently increasing racism and scapegoating black people. Blame for the increased hardship is aimed at Cuban refugees, Mexican farm workers, Vietnamese refugees, communists, etc.

But now there is a dangerous, rapidly developing new feature to the Government's tricks. The Government is wildly trying to promote itself as the neutral protector of the people, from left and right extremist groups. What is actually happening is that

the Government works with and through whatever dregs it can find to launch attacks on the people's resistance. That is what happened in Greensboro and in fact what happened in El Salvador.

Any individual or groups which accept this naive and false formulation will become part of the process of promoting fascism in the U.S. The violence and terror inflicted on the people under a fascist government will exceed our imagination. As in Hitler's Germany, all progressive people will be violently put down. There will be race war. The aim of this legislation is not to stop terrorists. It is to snuff out the inevitable resistance of civil rights leaders, church people, trade union leaders, leaders of women's rights movement, etc. That is the essence of what is happening.

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