

Editorials & Comments

Riots Symptoms Of British Policy?

In one of the most bizarre and quickly wide-spread acts of civil disorder, the island nation, England, has been hard hit over the

last eleven days with rampaging youth looting and firebombing in more than a dozen cities including London, Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool.

The riots, which have tarnished Britain's aloof attitude that theirs is the most civilized of the Western societies, are like a

television re-run of what happened in America in the 1960s and could happen again, if national economic policy does not begin to reflect a level of reason or balance between inflation and unemployment.

The Charlotte News put the issue in clear perspective in an editorial that said, "What many Americans, and too many Britons, failed to realize was that there exists in Britain - and has existed for more than a century and a half - and ugly underside of poverty, racism, classism and frustration. It is that side of British society that finally gave vent to its rage."

There is an ironic twist to Britain's riots in that they started almost simultaneously from a Nazi-like band of white youth called skinheads who attacked Asian people in one London community and policemen accused of harassing blacks by assuming they drove nice automobiles or motorcycles they'd been stolen in a Liverpool community. This resulted in the Asians striking back at both the skinheads and the police while elsewhere, black, white and mixed race youth burned and looted stores and fought the police in a growing sense of frustration over massive unemployment that now exceeds 11 percent in Britain.

Britain's high unemployment, like the persistently high levels in America, are largely the result of deliberate government policies aimed at reducing infla-

tion. Such policies in both nations, however, place the burden of sacrifice in terms of fewer jobs on those who need them the most - the poor, who too often for reasons of racism, happen also to be minority group members.

Ironically, too, Britain's response to these outbreaks of civil disorder is to institute a get tough police policy, and ignore urban ills and joblessness because of its alleged inflationary trends.

Britain, like America, needs to learn and learn quickly, that free enterprise capitalism has been built on a foundation involuntary servitude - slavery - but that it cannot survive on a new foundation racism and economic denial to the poor.

Until the burden of fighting inflation in Western societies can be equitably shared among all income groups; and until we stop arbitrarily forcing minority group peoples to carry on even larger share of this burden, the free enterprise system, to the extent that it even exists, is in danger of being destroyed.

Britain hasn't learned this nor has America, yet if a new ism is not found to deal adequately with the problem of inflation versus unemployment, the impact will be far greater than an H-bomb that our enemies might drop on any major city.

The problem of shifting the burdens' economic disorder to the backs of the poor, the youth and minority groups is not new. What is new and is having a profound affect upon our thinking, our values and even our sense of humanity, is how these groups are reacting to the burdens.

Let us, the government, and the people it is supposed to represent, begin a quest for new ways to deal with some old problems because our very survival as a society, as a nation, and as members of the human race depend upon it.

Baseball - A Love Affair

In addition to hundreds of scheduled and lost baseball games, the annual all-star game has become another casualty of the lingering Major League baseball strike.

However, these developments are by no means to indicate that Americans have ended their love

affair with the national pastime - baseball. Labor disputes in the form of work stoppages are as much a part of the American scene as is baseball.

Yet, in spite of the continuing quietness in Major League baseball parks, baseball's love life

with the American people goes on. In addition to minor league baseball, there are thousands of semi-pro teams that play the game at night and on weekends. Little known to many observers of such games is that the players and owners, if any, dig deep into their own pockets to purchase gloves, uniforms and baseballs, as well as to pay for umpires and often to rent baseball fields on which to play. In most cases these expenses are shelled out weekly just for the joy and competitive spirit of playing the game with no compensation, except for the love of baseball.

RETURNING TO BUILD A BETTER BLACK COMMUNITY.



Blacks' Destiny In Own Hands....

An Open Forum

Jimmy Green Receives Preferential Treatment?

Dear Sir: Why does Lt. Governor Jimmy Green receive preferential treatment?

Stephen R. Kelly (Charlotte Observer-Raleigh Bureau) reported a news item to his employer which was posted in the June 27 issue.

I am shocked! For months I have read with consternation of the many paving contractors convicted of bid rigging. Some of the individuals involved have served prison terms, their family corporations have been required to pay heavy fines.

This affair has created a bad image for North Carolina and integrity in general.

Reporter Kelly reported that state officials have decided not to press criminal charges.

Green said he would not take a prayer's gift. Green told a packed room of reporters that he arranged for Crowell Construction Company to have parking lots at his tobacco warehouses and also to do some paving at a home he owned.

It seemed - according to Kelly - that Crowell gave Green \$5,000. When asked by reporters Green responded that he knows "slightly."

How naive can one be? According to Kelly, Green stated he would not accept a gift from Crowell now "because I do not need it."

Terry Cloth

Terry cloth is one of the oldest fabric constructions around. Cloth towels with a looped pile surface, such as today's terry, have been found in Egyptian tombs dating back to 2000 B.C.

When asked by reporters why he accepted the gift, he reported, "because they gave it to me."

Incredulous!

Green Made A Mistake!

July 3, 1981

Dear Editor: Jimmy Green made a mistake; Jimmy Green admitted his mistake. We would not presume to say that your publication ever made a mistake, but all of us and perhaps other citizens of North Carolina have made mistakes in our lives. People who make mistakes also make material and substantial contributions to our State and to their communities.

We know that Jimmy Green has made material and substantial contributions to his State - North Carolina - and to his community - Bladen County.

We have served with and known Jimmy Green in his service as a representative from Bladen County from 1961 to 1976, during which time he served as chairman of many important committees and as Speaker of the House from 1975 to 1977. We have served with and known Jimmy Green in his service to North Carolina as its Lieutenant Governor from 1976 until the present. During these years he has listened to the people of North Carolina and has exerted his efforts and influence to bring about a better North Carolina for all of its citizens.

As an example of his leadership qualities, in 1975 when our State was facing a \$300 million shortfall, it was Speaker Jimmy Green who appointed the first Base Budget Committee which ultimately enabled

In the beginning I used the word "shocked." A more appropriate word would be "flabbergasted."

by: Richard T. Elmore

The General Assembly to balance the budget without any tax increases.

His record reveals his compassion for the elderly and for the very young, for the handicapped and for the disadvantaged.

In conclusion, we want to take this opportunity to emphasize that, despite his mistakes, Jimmy Green is a dedicated and capable public servant, and, in our opinion, on with much to offer the State of North Carolina and its citizens.

Senator M.A. Rauch
Senator K. C. Royall Jr.
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Senator R. B. Jordan III
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ANTIOCH
Antioch Baptist Church will present its Annual Men's Day Sunday, July 19, at the church, located at 232 Skyland Ave.

The men of the church will take care of services beginning with Sunday Church School at 9:45 a.m., continuing with the 11 a.m. service and closing with the 3:30 p.m. service.

The 11 a.m. service will feature Rev. Dr. Franklin C. Colclough Sr., pastor of the Goodwill United Presbyterian Church, Mayesville, S.C., since 1972.

Rev. Dr. Colclough received his Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1981. He is now stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Atlantic.

Affirmative Action

A Call To Action! How To Fight The Reaganauts

Unlike most subjects, not enough can be said about President Reagan's economic game plan. He claims to be cutting government spending but what he is actually doing is snatching dollars from social programs and glad-handing them over to the Pentagon. This policy is so bizarre and murderous that even other members in good standing of the United States power

structure have begun to raise tentative voices in opposition. Witness the recent documentary on CBS-TV broadcast for a precedent shattering five evenings in a row. This graphic portrayal, entitled "The Defense of the United States," helped to put the lie to the false clamor about the so-called "Soviet Threat" that is the main rationale of Reagan and Secretary of State Al Haig and the main grease that skids mega-bucks to all those Fortune 500 Pentagon contractors.

But it takes more than word to pin the Reaganauts to the mat and no organization realizes this more than the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). Their Spring 1981 "Report to the People" is available from their office in Washington, D.C., and needs to be read by every churchgoer, every trade unionist, every student, every thinking person. In great detail it adheres to Ossie Davis' admonition that "It's not the man, it's the plan - It's not the rap, it's the map." And map out they do a vigorous counter-offensive against Reagan, that if followed will send the "repubocrats" into a scattered retreat that they may never recover from.

They outline a lengthy 10 point program that, unfortunately, can only be briefly summarized here: They call for conducting "teach-ins" and or scheduling appearances at community organization meetings; initiating contacts with your Congressional representatives - "request appointments, send letters, make phone calls. Particular attention is paid to organizing "phone bank programs" in targeted Congressional Districts. Voter registration and reverse print out telephone directories can be obtained. Voters in your district can be alerted; they can be asked to phone friends and family about mobilizing against the budget. The unemployed, senior citizens, housewives and others can be recruited to make calls during the day.

Youth can be organized for door-to-door distribution of information and recruitment of other volunteers. Letter-writing campaigns can be organized in churches, clubs, fraternities, sororities, colleges, schools, and labor unions. Public service announcements about your organizing efforts can be prepared for radio and television. The Congressional Black Caucus in a typically smart move advises that the clergy should be urged to address the question of budget cuts from the pulpit.

Rallies can be convened in support of the Congressional Black Caucus "Constructive Alternative" budget. Letters can be written to local newspapers and appearances on the many radio and TV talk shows can be hooked up.

A visit to your Congressional representative is a must. You don't have to trek to Washington for this since he or she has an office in your vicinity. A sizeable, representative delegation can be brought together for this.

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From Capitol Hill Fairness In Black Grants Must Not Be Left To States

Alfreda L. Madison Special To The Post President Reagan made a campaign promise not to turn back the clock on civil rights.

The Congressional Black Caucus says for the President to turn block grants programs over to the states without any guidelines is a set back to civil rights gains for which blacks have fought hard and long.

The Civil Rights Commission has recently cited cases that show disparity in the dispersing of funds between blacks and whites by some states. There are, at present, cases before the courts because some states are giving less money to comparable black state colleges than whites.

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Alfreda L. Madison stated that he felt the state leaders were honorable men and that they will do the right thing.

Just recently, he had a comparable example of the way the state leaders expressed their honorableness. Senator John Warner of Virginia had the duty of presenting names for federal positions in Virginia. For the three Federal Judgeship positions, he presented 13 names, all white males; for the two federal attorney positions, 10 white males; and for the two federal marshalls, he named 6 white males and

two black males. Mr. Warner stated that he traveled over 3,000 miles around the state talking with blacks asking them to list names of eligible blacks for the positions.

On March 6, the Senator sent a letter to Gammil Poindexter, President of the Old Dominion Bar Association (black bar association), asking that the organization to respond to his request for federal judges accompanying this letter. Mr. Warner stated that judges would be chosen on "merit and quality."

Attorney Poindexter, on May 8, responded to the Senator's request by submitting for federal judgeships the names of William T. Mason, who has been a federal prosecutor for around 10 years, Thomas Monroe, Judge, General Court of Arlington and James Sheffields, Judge, Circuit Court. For federal attorney, Larry Shelton, Esquire and federal magistrates, George Harris and Louis Barnes. Out of the entire group Louis Barnes name was submitted.

In questioning Senator Warner about the comparative qualifications of whites and blacks for judges, he stated that all the white names had a long history, as an attorney, in trying federal cases. When he was informed that certainly none could have had more experience than Mason who had been a federal prosecutor, he replied that Mason had only prosecuted federal criminal cases and asked if I had checked Mason's age, since he wanted judges who could at least serve 10 years.

The reply that I had not checked his age but since judges did not have to retire before age 70, I felt that Mason certainly met requirement. In a conversation with Mason he informed me that he was 54 years old; that Senator Warner had not talked with him at all about his qualifications. He said that when Mr. Warner was asking for suggested probable black candidates, he was one of the persons who suggested some names; no

thing was said about his own candidacy. That talk took place around the middle of April. Mr. Warner, according to Mason, never contacted him after his name was submitted by the Bar Association. Judge Monroe was called at 7 p.m. June 2 and they met at 8 p.m. Mr. Warner made his announcement to the press around 9 a.m. June 4. The Senator said that since Virginia has a fine crop of young black lawyers, in the future blacks will be qualified. These young lawyers stand the same chance of being denied judge positions by the sons of the present Virginia leaders as the present black lawyers have met facing the present sons of past leaders. The Old Dominion Bar Association answered Warner's action with a letter calling his attention to the fact that black Virginia lawyers have shown exceptional ability and longevity in the practice of law.

In the last two years, Virginia has had five federal judge positions and between the two Senators,

Byrd and Warner, they have presented 23 names, all white males. Since all Southern states except three, each of which had only one position with black federal judges and Virginia with five positions, then the Senators are saying that blacks in Virginia are inferior to blacks in other states. That being the case then whites in Virginia are inferior to whites in other states since they have failed to equally qualify blacks.

The action of these Virginia Senators is a very good reason why President Reagan can't rely on the honorable action of many state officials. The actions of Senators Warner and Byrd in the federal judge selections, in fairness to blacks, certainly do appear to be dishonorable.

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