

Is Reaganomics A Curse Or Cure For Blacks?

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make that group take stock and begin to give and take care of our own."

Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church Rocky Mount.

Reaganomics is both a cure and curse. It is a cure in the sense that it's cutting underneath us any number of artificial support systems that we have learned to lean on rather than developing our own means of survival. Not that I oppose government programs, but by and large the creativity that was in the black community had never reached a peak. I might sound like a white racist, but we were beginning to depend upon handouts. It's a curse because since we're the only ethnic group that has ever been enslaved on American soil we have to depend upon the resources of government. There is a move by Reaganomics to cut any string that we might be able to hold."

Gordon Dilahunt is an organizer for the Raleigh Black United Front and is a postal employee.

Reaganomics is a curse on black Americans without a doubt. One of the basic consequences is that the emphasis has been placed on the private sector for providing employment. The private sector does not take up its responsibility as it relates to the Afro-American people and other oppressed minorities. In the private sector we find ourselves the last hired, the first fired. We labor in the hardest working categories, lowest wages and other forms of discrimination are there. So there is no reason to think that is going to improve if it is left up to the private sector. We live in an economic system that has structural unemployment built into it. We are even looking at a kind of re-industrialization that

takes advantage of new forms of technology which will eliminate even more unskilled jobs so black people will continue to join the ranks of the unemployed.

Carrie Graves is the director of the North Carolina on Human Needs and Military Spending of the Southern Organization Committee for Economic and Social Justice. She lives in Charlotte.

It's a curse on everybody. I think Reaganomics will probably be one of the best organizing tools that we've seen within the black community and in the South in a long time. A lot of folk who thought that they were in comfortable positions within the black community are going to be the folk who are really going to suffer most because they have forgotten their survival skills that we had within the black community. For the poor and low income, I don't see anything new because they didn't have anything. What the others were getting were a few crumbs government had left over after they had fed big business and had built up dollars in the defense budget. So the Reagan Administration is only talking louder. They have stolen what we gained from the Civil Rights Movement. We have got to have the guts to take it back."

T. J. Jervay, the senior black newspaper publisher in North Carolina, and

editor-publisher of the WILMINGTON JOURNAL, North Carolina's oldest black weekly.

I studied business administration in college. I haven't read any economist who was partisan toward Reagan. On Wall Street at the Federal Reserve, everybody is alarmed over his economic program. They don't see how it can work. I never heard of a balanced budget, excessive spending and taxing the people who made the income possible, and then cutting taxes all at the same time. If he does it he'll pull off something that nobody else has ever done. So I don't think anything of Reaganomics."

Leonard Dunston is president of the North Carolina Association of the National Association of Black Social Workers.

It is certainly not a cure for any of the ills that are afflicting the black community. What I see it doing is for the first time in quite a while, it has the potential of unifying the black community on a number of issues. Reaganomics is beginning to instill a whole sense of self reliance economic ventures, and the whole notion of caring for one's own people is an outgrowth. I think that is positive."

Clarence Lightner, Raleigh mortician and former Raleigh mayor.

Reaganomics is geared toward helping those who

have already maintained their statue. It doesn't seem to me that it will be able to help the lower income. When you have programs cut out from under you that tend to help us to sustain ourselves it seems even more dramatic."

W. J. Kennedy III, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and board member of several multinational firms.

Reaganomics is going to be mostly detrimental, but at the same time I think that a lesson is going to be learned by a lot of people. They have to concern themselves in the elections. Reagan's programs are all geared toward stimulating big business. But on the other hand it's going to take some time for any program that he's announced so far to really show any material change in the fortunes of big business so that they would be able to hire more people and to really take off a load of public aid that the government has been

carrying." Reader reaction and response to the views expressed in these columns are encouraged. Pat Bryant, the interviewer, is an editor at SOUTHERN EXPOSURE MAGAZINE, P. O. Box 531, Durham, N.C. 27702.

"Miss JCSU" Coronation Is Friday Night

You are invited to attend the colorful coronation of "Miss Johnson C. Smith" University, on Friday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Brayboy gym.

More than 30 campus queens, in formal dress, will waltz to "Back Together Again" by Roberta Flack and Donnie Hathaway before Gracie Pemberton, "Miss Johnson C. Smith 1980", relinquishes her crown to Melody "Gigi" Donald, "Miss Johnson C. Smith 1981."

The coronation is open to the public free of charge.



Maude Davis (l), was crowned "Woman of the Year" recently. Ada Williams (c) and Louise Davis placed first and second respectively.

Mrs. Davis Crowned Woman Of The Year

Mrs. Maude Estelle Davis was crowned and honored as "Woman of the Year" at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Belmont, N.C.

This marked the culmination of the Woman's Day Celebration which began with an 11 a.m. worship service with Mrs. Lucinda S. Davis of Mt. Moriah as speaker and a 3 p.m. service with evangelist Letha Mae Pratt, of the Church of Open House of Deliverance through Jesus Christ, and congregation as guests.

Mrs. Davis received a plaque, bouquet of flowers, and other honors from submitting the highest amount of money for the occasion. Mrs. Ada Williams won second place with Mrs. Louise Davis capturing the third place honors. Both ladies received certificates of appreciation for their efforts.

Other "Women of the Year" participants were

Mrs. Ruth Byers, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Mrs. Myra Davis, Mrs. Unah Graham, Mrs. Clara Hunter, Mrs. Stella Lane, Mrs. Janice Spencer, Mrs. Mag-

gie Williams, and Ms. Madelyn Wilson.

Mrs. Willie Mae Mason was chairperson for the occasion and Rev. A. S. Davis is pastor.

Dr. Maxwell is Keynote Speaker

Dr. Bertha Maxwell, director of the UNCC Afro-American and African Studies Department, was the keynote speaker at a Columbia conference on drug abuse.

Dr. Maxwell, a board member of the Charlotte Drug Education Center, spoke at the conference entitled "Preventive Efforts of Substance Abuse in the 80s," on Tuesday at the Quality Inn in Columbia. The annual conference is sponsored by the S.C. Department of Education.

"We're living in a society that's losing so many of its humanistic qualities because we are so overwhelmed with all kinds of drugs and the abuse of

them," Dr. Maxwell said. "And it's not just cocaine. It's our cocktails. Alcohol is the number one legitimate drug in this country."

Conference participants discussed ways to educate citizens and students to the dangers of abusing all kinds of drugs, including prescription medicines and chemicals used daily.

"People must be educated of the dangers," Dr. Maxwell explained, "for we're moving very close to self-destruction."

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