

EDITORIALS

The World Will Move Forward

WHAT THE OTHER PUBLISHERS ARE SAYING:

From the Carolinian
The 1984 political fight has come to a head, and as vicious as the various campaigns have been, surely there were some disappointments Wednesday morning.

But The World goes on!
That's the message that all American citizens should keep foremost in their minds as they sit around surveying the results as the returns come in.

Those Republicans who expected Ronald Reagan, Jesse Helms and Jim Martin to sweep into the White House, the Senate and the North Carolina Governor's Mansion, respectively, are simply excited about the candidates who won the elections.

In the same way, those who supported Walter Mondale, Jim Hunt and Rufus Edmisten should not cry crocodile tears because the scenario they've worked so very hard for did not come about.

The World goes on!
When the dust is cleared, the mud or worse has settled down, very little about the individual American life will change much. Those who were poor two weeks ago are

very likely to be poor four years from now, no matter who wins the elections.

Those who were unemployed two weeks ago are very likely to be unemployed for a long time except they take the initiative to correct that situation, no matter who wins the election.

Whatever your problems, whatever your vision of this nation and the world, very little is likely to change in the near future, no matter who wins the elections.

That is not to say, however, that changes aren't coming. That is not to say that the American chickens aren't going to eventually come home to roost. They are, but still, the world goes on.

And so, in the final analysis, all has been said, the quality of your life, the darkness or the brightness of your future depends almost entirely on you - not on any politician.

No, President Reagan can't make you have more money.
No, Mr. Mondale can't lighten whatever your individual load might be.

For your life is, and you've made it.

And the World goes on, sweeping most of us right along with it!



BLACKS WHO THROUGH THEIR SLAVE LABOR BUILT THIS COUNTRY, SHOULD NOW UNITE TO REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES FOR THEMSELVES.

Sad Thing About Heckling

Believe it or not, Sen. Jesse Helms recently gave some college students at Livingstone College in Salisbury some excellent advice.

Sen. Helms went to speak at the small college that has a predominantly black American student body. Some students apparently didn't want to hear what the Senator had to say, so they heckled and jeered him until he left, unable to speak to the audience.

But before he left, Sen. Helms told the students that they had better learn to listen, and by implication, discuss matters with people, "...you think you disagree with."

So true!

One of the immediate ironies about this incident is that Rev. Jesse Jackson, in his bid for the Democratic Party nomination for President, advocated open and frank discussion between supposed adversaries. He often chided the Reagan administration for refusing to talk with various Arab leaders and others with whom we disagree as a nation. Mr. Jackson drew much of his support from college students.

We dare say that in the Livingstone

crowd there would have been students who avidly support Mr. Jackson, but they apparently don't advocate one of the principle things Mr. Jackson says he stands for.

Quite frankly, it is time that we all rid ourselves of this habit of ridiculing, trying to put down and embarrass someone, simply because we disagree with some position or another, some attitude or another.

It is time that we all learn to discuss our differences of opinion, or even more substantive differences in an effort to find some common ground, no matter how narrow or shallow.

The really sad thing about the practice of heckling or shouting someone down so they can't speak, so they can't make their point, is that it might appear to say that you don't want to hear the other person.

But by the same token, it might be because the jeering, heckling audience doesn't have any arguments to refute the speaker's position and have decided "My mind is made up. Please don't confuse me with the facts."

mitted by anyone against a fellow human being. And it is a total violation of the basic

tenet of the Judeo-Christian religion, that which is expressed in the Golden Rule.

It is difficult to understand how an administration that talks so openly about morality and Christianity can be so callous about the lot of the sick and the deprived in our society.

Point Of My Pen

Blacks Must Resist Labels

Rewritten From
The Michigan Chronicle
Many whites become confused and upset when blacks react strongly to either written or spoken words inferring racial inferiority as a group characteristic. What whites usually fail to understand is blackness itself is an automatic label in this country.



Sabrina Johnson's column will resume next week.

To suggest that persons so designated are likely to perform at lower levels than those of other groups on measures of mental ability, job performance and appropriate social conduct can, and often does, harm blacks as a group.

Harm to blacks by labels comes in different ways. The vicious violence directed at blacks by the Ku Klux Klan is directly related to theories of racial inferiority and the need to maintain white superiority.

Attorney Morris Dees, chief trial counsel of the Southern Poverty Law Center, describes in a fundraising appeal the killing of a young black in Mobile, Ala., for such a reason. In spring, 1983, members of the Klan snatched a 19 year old junior college graduate from the street at gunpoint. The

white power. Thus, a culture preaching black inferiority marks blacks for violent destruction.

In scientific and intellectual circles, the labeling of blacks as genetically inferior sets the stage for more "humane violence" towards the group. For example, Dr. William Shockley, physicist and Nobel Prize winner for his part in inventing the transistor, has for many years expressed views that blacks, as a group, are genetically inferior to whites. Last week, Dr. Shockley won a libel suit against the Atlanta Constitution but the jury allowed him only \$1 in damages. An article in the paper in 1980 by black journalist Roger Witherspoon prompted the suit.

Not considering the widespread harm done to blacks by his theories of racial inferiority, the 74 year old Shockley felt that he had been wronged grossly and deserved a huge sum in repayment of damages to his reputation as scholar and scientist. At no point in his argument for personal justice did the physicist consider the far-reaching consequences of his racial labeling.

No exact records report the number of unrequested sterilizations performed on poor black women by physicians who see themselves as doing society a favor. Worse yet, they often masked their "social favors" as appendectomies or some other required surgical procedures.

Labels of inferiority often cause blacks great distress in the workplace. Miscalculations or mistakes in job performance, rather than taken as individual problems, often become signs of inherited malfunctions.

Employers subscribing to theories of inherited weaknesses may expect less of black employees and thereby get lower job performance. On the other hand they may justify not hiring more qualified blacks on basis of low performance of less qualified members of their group. Neither of these methods of dealing with black employees upon individual competition drive and productivity.

Because desirable and behavioral characteristics are associated with whiteness, many who experience difficulty in accepting the fact that blacks are expected to exhibit desirable personal qualities. Hence, they often react with shock and anger when confronted with the facts.

An Immoral Obsession

How can one support an administration that refuses to recognize that there are sensible solutions to correcting the inadequacies of the system? The condemnation of a system because of the dishonesty of a small percentage of its recipients cannot in any way support the contention that the system should be abandoned.

Linking the denial to the disabled with a return to "morality, Christianity and old fashioned Americanism" hype is as immoral as any act that could be com-

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From Capitol Hill

Public Should Learn From Political Debates

By Alfreda L. Madison
Special To The Post
President Reagan has been heralded by Republicans and the media as the great communicator. He is said to make people feel good about themselves and a greater enhancer of patriotism.

The President, who is enjoying the grandeur and glory that accompany being the head of the most important country in the world, and media people, who are in the upper financial bracket, certainly have a wonderful feeling about themselves. They are reaping the tax benefits, so it's very easy for them to mirror their own images to the public. The thirty-five million, two hundred and sixty-six thousand people in this country, who are living below the poverty level which is an increase of eight hundred and sixty-eight thousand, during the Reagan Administration, are not included in that wonderful feeling group.

Of this unfortunate number nine million, eight hundred and eighty-five thousand are black, who are facing more job losses and discrimination than they have in the past two decades. This, coupled with the Administration's intense efforts to reverse all civil rights gains and complete destruction of all their hopes of correcting past unfairness in employment through affirmative action. If these people had the same access to reflect and emphasize their conditions, this country's story would be different and Mr. Reagan's communication would sometimes show a man who is worried, concerned, and one who is giving the true picture of this nation. He would also present some future plans for correcting these horrible, unfair situations.



Alfreda L. Madison

This reporter disagrees with those media people who say the debates do not have affect on the people. The polls showed that after the first debate, Mondale gained three or four points. While these polls are supposed to be taken at random selection and since the Republicans are benefiting from the big money folks, one wonders about those who select the people to be questioned, and just what the leanings of these pollsters are. Was there a comparable number of persons in the poorer sections and among minorities questioned?

In the first debate President Reagan proved that he has a hard time performing under pressure. Even with all his movie training, he has trouble with recalling facts. In his summation, it appeared that the President attempted to recall his coaching, and in doing so, he tumbled and the words just didn't come forth.

Senator Laxalt, of the GOP campaign, stated that Mr. Reagan was overcoached. So for the second debate they decided to let Reagan be Reagan. Again the public saw a

President who showed that he is not fully familiar with the important facts of the country, and a Chief Executive, as Mr. Mondale stated, as not being in charge of the store.

NBC reported Dr. Brian Butterworth of the London University State College's observations of President Reagan's 1980 and 1984 debates. Dr. Butterworth said that in 1980 the President exhibited more confidence and he didn't fumble in his speech. These observations showed in the 1984 debates. Dr. Butterworth stated that these showed early stages of senility. The White House and campaigners seem to have doubt about the President's communication ability. They are shielding him from being questioned by reporters, since he was overcoached with facts for the first debate, they decided to let him be himself for the second. In being Reagan, he displayed anger when he was confronted with his May press conference statement which indicated that some nuclear missiles could be fired and then recalled. The President denied ever making such a statement. However, the record speaks for itself. He meandered terribly on the defense of the killed Marines in Lebanon and protection of the American Lebanon Embassy.

Mining of the Nicaraguan harbor and the CIA Nicaraguan manual, gave clear proof that the President is as Mondale said, "not in charge of the store." Defending his support of Phillipine dictator Marcos, Mr. Reagan admitted that he is a Marxist dictator, but said if we get rid of him we might get someone else, as we did with the ruthless Shah of Iran who was replaced by the Ayatollah. He even elevated the Shah to the level of a humanitarian who pro-

vided housing for the poor. The Iranian people do not share the President's story.

Vice President George Bush greatly distorted facts in the Vice Presidential candidates' debate. He attempted to show that the President has a great civil rights record. Mr. Reagan fought the present Voting Rights Bill with all the force that he could. He has tried to destroy affirmative action remedies, used every method possible to overturn school desegregation - all of which have increased racism. Mr. Bush's food stamps increase differs from figures of the Congressional Budget Office which show a nine percent decrease in 1984. He shouted loudly that this Administration had increased funds for Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The Budget Office shows a 20 percent cut in funds from 1981 to 1984. Bush was also wrong about the President's tax program as helping the poor. Truth is that the program increases the tax burden of the low income people, while giving big breaks to the high income folks.

The debates did show the public what many of the White House press has known all along that the President has been long on style but very short on substance. It also proves that politicians often become so anxious to win elections, that truth and facts are completely disregarded.

Choir Concert

The R. W. Johnson Spiritual Choir will perform its annual Fall Concert on Sunday, November 11, from 5-7 p.m. at the University Church on campus. Christopher Kemp will direct.