

Knight Writes "Towards An Organized Raleigh"

ART IV: THE GOAL
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To understand "The Goal," you don't have to be young or old but just a progressive thinker. What you will read for the next few minutes will not be an original proposal by Bill Knight but thoughts acquired while attending the Congress of African People. I hope that my interpretation will display progressive thinking. If we are going to take advantage of many years of struggle by all of us, we must start developing plans to assist our total community. The program towards that goal must consist of 1) Political Liberation; 2) Economic Autonomy; 3) Creativity and the Arts; 4) Religious System; 5) Education; 6) History; 7) Law and Justice; 8) Black Technology; 9) Communications and Systems Analysis; 10) Social Organization; 11) Community Organization.

Let's think about the eleven areas that a program must encompass to achieve that goal. Each of these areas are complementary of the other. Political Liberation is what we have been so-called "involved" with. Religious systems have played an important part in the development of community leaders. Most Black leaders have

had to put all their faith in God to face the hostilities on the road to "freedom" because too often we as Blacks have failed to support them in the struggle. We are aware of two things. Usually, we can come together before elections and during crisis. Thus we again see the need for unity.

Political liberation begins with all persons eligible to vote being organized by the Precinct Captain and a Voter Education Project working at the grassroots level. Since one of the most crucial problems is that of relating to younger Blacks, high school and college students need to be trained to work in the voter registration project and have a role in developing the project's goals and objectives.

Economic liberation should begin by publicizing Black business. Emphasis should be placed on the purchase of small items, dry cleaning, gas, food, and records from Black businesses. We buy more small items than large ones. From this we should expand toward joint development of a corporation to manufacture items used extensively by Black people.

In our religious system, laymen in the churches should

support their minister as they become progressive to make God's word a reality by using portions of the church's funds to develop housing and community service areas for the Black community. Churches should be utilized in conjunction with community organizations. The church should serve as a supportive group to community issues.

Education should be changed to meet the needs of the community where Blacks reside rather than just a philosophical base for every child going to college. We must utilize Technical schools for the training needed to support a self-determining community. Medicine and Science should be the field being protected by teachers for students seeking four year education.

The history of a people who seem to have no history is important to us. History doesn't tell us merely who we were but what we are! Thus it can be used as an instrument to warn off attempts of repression and direct us toward total liberation. It's not enough to say Black History but we should relate our history as the History of African People. This way we cover the question about Blacks being Americans. By

place of birth we are American but by point of historic origin we are an African People.

Law and justice must consist primarily of negotiation of conflicts within the Black Community. We must work towards the mechanisms that lead to "legal" oppression. Thus, it is important that Black lawyers are recognized in the same light as political activists and collaborate as much as possible to survive the raps of oppression on our God-given freedoms. Within the same scope the Black Lawyer and the political activist must work closely in the design of political activity that will legally benefit the community as a whole. I'm not saying that all the tactics used will be legal but the outcome of an act should benefit the community legally.

Black Technology is the end rhetoric and a move to developing skill is necessary for nationalism or nation building. To the youth, it should be noted that our senior citizens have forced into the realization that to take land and not be able to develop it would be a waste. Thus, we must deal with the factor of being able to produce and the key to production is Technology.

Communications and Systems Analysis is important because of the effects that the white press plays upon emotionalism in order to sell their papers. This emotionalism takes place in various forms. We are most aware of the racism displayed in the white press. It is im-

portant that we relate to Black people in proper terms of our positions without evaluation of our motivation by a news man unrelated to the issue at hand. Our system of communication must be one that is trans-oceanic in scope. Our concerns must be one of relationship between African people and black organizations.

Social Organization must be revamped to address itself to the needs of Black people. Our present form of social order is patterned so closely after the white society that we often overlook potentials in our community. Thus social clubs directed to the needs of our people generally seek the educational opportunities. This direction is a must if we are going to wage the continuance of our struggle.

Finally, Community Organization is necessary to form a united front for the betterment of our community. It isn't the question any longer of what the white community is going to do for us but what we are going to do for ourselves. One person cannot do it alone. It is going to take all of us working together.

ties for the average main telephone gained in 1954 and that this cost is up to \$2400 for the final nine months of 1970.

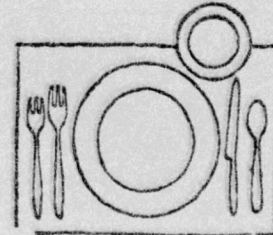
To continue keeping pace with North Carolina's growth and its needs for good and expanding telephone service, Southern Bell plans to spend \$195 million, an all-time high, for facilities in the state in 1970-'71, Ryan revealed.

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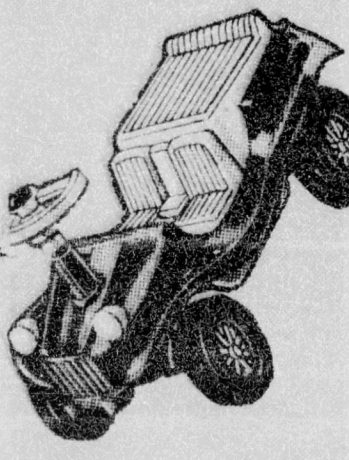
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VISIT IN MARYLAND
Visiting in Maryland over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Davis, Jr. of B-22 Washington Terrace, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Davis of K-7 Washington Terrace and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Dunn, of Raleigh, Rt. 5, who along with their children motored to Columbia, Md. to be the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mollie C. Goodson and son, Mrs. Goodson is the sister of Mr. Lonnie and Grant Davis and Mrs. James Dunn.

DR., MRS. JONES NEW PARENTS
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones, Jr. announce the birth of a baby girl, Josetta Idelle. Josetta arrived at Duke Hospital in Durham, Nov. 13, weighing 6 lbs., 6 ounces.
Dr. Jones is vice president for academic affairs at Saint Augustine's College and Mrs. Jones is an associate professor in the Department of Business at the college.

Southern Bell Seeking Rate Increase Here

Southern Bell Telephone Company last Friday in Raleigh filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for increased rates.
"Greatly increased and still increasing-costs of providing telephone service are the reason for the application," pointed out John J. Ryan, Vice President and General Manager.
Ryan stated that this is the first application for a general, statewide increase since 1954, some 16 years ago.
The Vice President said the company has been able to offset many high costs by innovations, efficiencies and economies, by research and technological improvements. "We have held the line against a general rate increase as long as we possibly could. But inflation, particularly with its extremely rapid surge in recent years, has caught up with us," he said.
Ryan cited several elements of greatly increased costs, including larger and larger expenditures for buildings and other facilities to keep service good and expand it, higher investment costs for capital funds, substantial increases in wage levels, rents, supplies and other expenses.
As an example of increased costs, he pointed out that the company invested \$810 in facili-

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