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years of education. This writer isn't raising the question whether integration is a lost cause, but would like to raise the question of a cause being camouflaged through the use of integration. The cause spoken of is "ideology."

"Ideology" is the control of nationalism, economics, social welfare and politics through indoctrination. Whereas integration is needed for quality education, it can be an evil through the methods by which it is employed. The Raleigh school system based its busing on age groups and it destroys any hopes of Black children really understanding their oppression through the camouflaging of the education system as a fair and just institution in America. The Blacks are being bused during their primary years to white sections of the city. The environment and indoctrination will have Black children believing that "the only reason Blacks are impoverished is because they are lazy and ignorant."

Integration can be dehumanizing and demoralizing. A real problem is that whites can't teach about Black accomplishments because their education was really inferior to most Blacks. We had to learn about whites as a part of our indoctrination; however, whites didn't have to learn about us. Thus it's time that whites became aware of the accomplishments of Blacks. The death of blackness is the brainwashing of Black youths in their primary years. While the most liberal whites will say that Martin Luther King was a great man, they will not even know that he was president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Also, you can't expect them to know who the state president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is. Brothers and sisters, you tell them the State SCLC President is O. A. Dupree of Shaw University.

The closing of Ligon High School has political and social implications. Sanderson, which is more than 10 miles from the heart of the Black Community with an enrollment of 1700 students, is the major problem. If Blacks aren't encouraged to build in the North Raleigh area, busing will continue to be a problem to that area. If Blacks don't purchase in that area and continue to purchase in South, East and West Raleigh, we will continue to be bused.

The proposed high school on Cross Link Road is expected to be a key issue during the proposed merger and school bond issue. It is believed by this writer that the proposed high school on Cross Link Road will be another selling out of Blacks by some key political figures.

I call upon you, the citizens of Raleigh, to review the present school proposals and future expansion drafts. All School Board meetings are important. Make every effort to attend these meetings. Also, join a citizens group of your choice, for only through organization can goals be accomplished.

William R. Knight, Raleigh Community Relations Committee

A PLEA FOR LIGON
Let us talk about the last symbol of the Black community, Ligon High School. At a time when all the nation is talking about Black history and its revitalization, the school board unanimously has chosen to destroy another necessary link in the history of the Black community, Ligon High. The conversion of Ligon to a junior high will ultimately stop, or leave a

The subcommittee heard charges for two days in the Gaston hearing. There were some startling disclosures as related to the spending of the general church's funds. The hearing revealed that Gaston paid the sum of \$49,000 to a white law firm and \$8,000 to one Earnest Jackson as legal fees without the consent of the General Board. It was also revealed that \$1,000 was paid to Bishop Blakley which was believed to have been for legal services, even though Bishop Blakley is not a lawyer.

The treasurer was also charged with having paid to Bishop H.I. Bearden \$5500 and to Bishop G. W. Blakley \$2,650 without the necessary sanction from the Council of Bishops. There were also payments to Rev. R. C. Eberhardt, David T. Calybon and G. L. Pope totaling \$4,100 as members of a preliminary inquiry committee, in excess of the authorized mileage and per diem authorized under the law of the church. The millionaire-treasurer is said to have paid an unknown party whose listing was only Rev. J.F. Booker's attorney. It was further alleged in the same charge that the check was sent to Attorney Ernest Jackson with the notation that it was to be given to an Atlanta attorney for defending Rev. J. F. Booker.

Mr. Gaston was also charged with flaunting the General Board and ignoring its order to pay the interest on a \$120,000 loan and to cut down the principal when the money was available. He is alleged to have not paid anything on the principal or the interest. The subcommittee found Gaston guilty on all counts and reported that the General Board suspend him from office until a meeting of the General Conference was held, either in a call meeting or in regular session, May 1972.

The whole matter became more fuddled when it was revealed that Bishop William F. Ball, Sr., chairman, Council of Bishops, was charged with having willfully signed an order for the irregularities charged to Gaston. The prelate is reported as having categorically denied having signed such an order while under oath. However the committee found him guilty and is said to have recommended that he be removed as head of the Council of Bishops.

Speculation went the rounds that both Gaston and Bishop Ball could and might be tried in a court of law for their conduct as officers of trust. This decision will be made as soon as the results are given to all interested persons.

The hearings came just before the opening of the quadrennial meeting of the missionary women of the church. It was reported that over 5,000 persons came to Los Angeles for the meeting. It got underway Sunday with a mammoth parade in which city and state officials took part, along with dignitaries of practically every religious faith in the city.

Not since the days of the fiery Ira T. Bryant have the leaders and members of the reputed 2,000,000 - member African Methodist Episcopal Church witnessed such consternation as that which surrounded the hearings held by a subcommittee of the General Board and the Council of Bishops on the two officials.

The charges were filed by three members of the board, W.D. Johnson, R.S. Stubs and A.T. Butler. Mr. Gaston was charged on four counts--disobedience to order and discipline of the A.M.E. Church; illegal handling of...connectional funds; Habitual neglect of duty as an officer and maladministration in office in the church.

BISHOP

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Ball, with one abstaining. They were ousted from their respective posts. Bishop F. D. Jordan replaces Bishop Ball.

future, a community organization component may be added. This summer, the students are putting their skill to work. Some are working on a small farm near Greensboro, growing food that will be used to cut down MXLU's expenses next year. If enough is grown, it may be marketed. Other students are operating a child-care center in Greensboro. And still others have returned to their home communities to practice in similar fashion.

Details on the actual content of MXLU's courses are hard to come by, as is information on how the school is actually run. Part of the reason is a shyness about publicity. Another part is the curriculum is constantly being revised and modified in the light of particular student needs and to fit the strengths of particular teachers, who are known as "resource people."

PROMISE

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not continue to support them. The HUD official stressed the importance of having minority leadership firmly positioned in both major political parties as a practical means of insuring needed social and economic gains.

Fred Steele, director of the Coastal Plain Regional Commission, delivered the opening address Saturday morning. He outlined the various ways in which the agency he heads could aid the economic development of communities.

His speech was followed by a series of concurrent workshops on such topics as water and sewer grants, public housing, neighborhood facilities, and rent supplement programs. In these workshops, HUD and Farmers Home Administration officials outlined the basic purpose of these programs and how the elected officials could implement these programs in their communities.

At the closing sessions of the Conference, John Edwards announced that in the fall the N. C. Voter Education Project plans to sponsor a conference for all the Black school board members in the state. He also stated that N. C. Voter Project will hold in the fall its annual Leadership Training Conference for Black community leaders throughout the state.

Another meeting is scheduled in about six months for the officials. In about three months a meeting will be held for school board members to help them understand the problems of Black children in the integrated situation, Edwards concluded.

FIRE
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sucking smoke into rooms and hallways. A worker at one bank said smoke fumes were filling the building.

By 9:45 p.m. the fire was about out and firemen began cleaning up as officials checked for a rekindling.

SALVATION

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freedom now. They let it be known that it will not be done by using violence but would be accomplished by telling it like it is. They feel that the program must be so built that it will gain the support of all Blacks who want freedom and will attract a large number of whites who say that freedom is long past due.

THEY SAY

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emotional effects of the drug. Sherri D. Kearney, 432 Allen Rd. Although there are people that think marijuana is not as detrimental to a person's health as alcohol, I disagree. I am not in favor of legalizing any drug that will endanger the lives of the user as well as others. There are many good arguments concerning alcohol and marijuana. Those in favor of legalizing the drug say that alcohol can dull the brain and so can marijuana. I know that alcohol is bad, but it still does not justify making marijuana legal. I personally would not think of attempting to smoke marijuana. I don't feel that that action would be an easy way to solve my problems. Those who do seem to be running away from something, or just trying to be "in" with the crowd. It is a foolish way to be "with it."

Marlene S. Jones, Shaw Upward Bound Teacher
No. According to some authorities on drugs, marijuana users eventually develop a desire for stronger drugs. Also, for the experimenters, it would be more conforming for them to try it. We must consider the fact that very little research has been conducted on it so everything is purely hypothetical for the layman.

Yes, I think it's more or less up to the individual as to whether or not they want to use it. There hasn't been any documented research issued as to the effect that the drug will have on the user. Up until now there hasn't been any valid reason given to show justifications for not legalizing it, so legalize it.

William Lucas Jr., Juniper Avenue, Wake Forest
If I had a choice I'd stick with alcohol instead of marijuana. Marijuana is more detrimental to both the physical as well as emotional functions of the body. It costs more and it would lead to stronger drugs such as cocaine and heroin.

DRUGS

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of his family." Throughout the interview Manuel gave continual praise to his brother, William Mannel, who is the manager of the Washington Terrace Super Market.

"My brother acted as my eye glasses. He made me see things

AUSTIN

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his outstanding contributions to the area. The resolution was introduced by Rep. Henry Frye, D-Gulford, and was co-signed by Rep. Joy Johnson, D-Robeson and the legislative delegation from Durham.

Austin died in Durham last month. He was dean of Black newspaper publishers in North Carolina.

We received notice of the resolution just before press-time on Wednesday morning and therefore did not have time to

do any research on the resolution, but it is believed that

your help in building a strong youth NAACP conference." The call ends by saying "PLEASE HELP US NOW."

Manuel said, "My brother would make me so angry that things that I tried to forget would come back. He would make me stand up and face by problems." Manuel added, "Now Manuel has found himself and is learning to face up to his problems like a man. "My business takes up most of my time now," Manuel said.

When asked did he have a message for present drug users he said, "I just want them to use my story as an example to go by. Anyone can make it if they put forth a serious effort and stay off of drugs!"

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