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Turning back clock on desegregation

Congressional reactionaries have given us a foretaste of what to expect in the way of negative legislation even before their new Messiah, President - elect Ronald Reagan, takes office next January.

Senators Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, two arch foes of any enlightened measures that would advance the cause of civil rights, were the main culprits. They succeeded in getting an amendment attached to an appropriation bill that would hamstring the Justice Department from entering school desegregation cases.

These two rock - rib retreads have been waiting on the sidelines since being a minority element and only occasionally gave vent to their racial feelings. Now they feel free to express their views because an admitted right - wing administration is about to assume the reins of government. Helms even copped a plea about the Justice Department torturing little children. This was very touching especially since the senator previously has shown little sympathy in rectifying unjust treatment in racial matters.

Apparently the senator, a former newspaperman, is unaware of deprived black children who are victims of substandard inner city schools because of neighborhood patterns. It is also difficult to imagine the senator's heart bleeding for black children who at times had to get up before dawn, wait on the side of a road for a bus, pass white schools before getting to "their own" schools.

This, of course, prolonged the school day and was done in the interest of maintaining separate schools. The senator's lofty statesman concern for the welfare and well - being of little children apparently was on holiday during those times.

Most of us can remember an era in the District when schools were rigidly segregated and black children from all corners of the city had to pass white schools to attend "our" high schools in the northwest section. Later the Supreme Court declared school segregation unconstitutional in May 1954 and upset the racists. Later white supremacists led by politicians in nearby Virginia devised schemes designed to evade the law of the land because it was against their racial views.

The incoming Reagan administration created this atmosphere and thereby stirred up a dormant feeling of hope among right - wing and hate groups all down the line. The so - called moral majority and the resurging Ku Klux Klan, now flexing its vicious tentacles with unbridled impunity, are vivid cases in point.

Reagan himself has repudiated court - ordered busing. Reagan, by proclaiming a mandate aura, implicitly gave these groups a green light and in the process put pressure on the congressional leaders who feel compelled to make attempts to roll back all gains made by the black community over the past several decades.

Reagan will find that play - acting and posturing ends and the mandate begins when he actually assumes office. The black community will continue to demand equal treatment and right to maintain the well - deserved progress it has fought for throughout the years. It will be a long and hard fight but this is no time to roll back the clock and Mr. Reagan must understand that from the beginning.

MADELINE MURPHY

Freshman Thanksgiving blues

All through their growing years, we try to train our children to be independent. (And if we don't, we should!)

First they had to keep their rooms straight. "Pick up those toys and put them in the box!" Day after day, night after night it seemed our vocabulary was reduced to "pick up clothes, toys, dirty clothes, whatever."

Then it was the dishes and God forbid if a leg of lamb was the bill of fare.

Wouldn't you know that the one in our family who always seemed to have to wash dishes the week of the leg of lamb used tepid water with the excuse that hot water hurt his ear. Well you can tell me anything.

And so it was always that week that grease was caked on everything, including the "washed" dishes.

Then the fights.

About whose turn it was to set the table or put out the trash or wipe the dishes. Then came the contracts to keep peace.

The ultimate solution — each one had a week to do all the dishes, wipe them, sweep up and take out the trash.

One came up with the bright idea, however, that wiping dishes put more germs on them. "They should air dry", so said this pint-size sage. And so as it took time for them to air dry, homework crept in. Needless to say Mom had to put them away to make room on the counter for breakfast.

All this was before the vulnerable dishwasher. The portable was the last gasp of desperation at the time the younger ones had their turn at independence.

You'd think that nothing could happen to a dishwasher, wouldn't you? You wanta bet? They thought they could skip steps and so all the garage clogged the drain. The overflows compounded the nightly chores to the sound of your edgy voice screaming ten decibels higher. , grass cutting in the summer, selling papers all year round — "forget about profit . . . just get the collections to cover costs for Pete's sake!" —time for college.

Those loathesome and forboding alphabets — ACH, PSAT, SAT, entered our lives along with sleepless nights, nail biting, short tempers and tantrums, and a little crying insecurity mixed in for good measure. (Please, God, let them qualify!) Getting applications completed and essays written was like pulling hen's teeth.

Once they qualified, off they went one by one, sometimes two at a time to different points on the map—doing "their own thing".

It was then as they became exposed to others from different backgrounds that the long letters began pouring in. Some lonely and homesick, others recriminating, especially in the case of money or allowances. And still others, testing a new philosophy of life—very critical of your life style I might add, that was way way out, bordering on the absurd.

Through the pangs of guilt and mostly anger, you mumbled to yourself about these ungrateful brats. "I taught them to be independent, but where did I go wrong?"

Panic set in especially when their non-conformity didn't match yours, going from conservative to radical, never middle of the road, where you felt you had taught them to be.

They did have the right to the trends of their times and you were helpless to do anything short of yanking them out of school.

But this wasn't what you actually wanted even though the "empty next blues" haunted now and then. You reminded yourself they didn't belong to you they were only loaned, but pay-back was a blip.

Yet regardless of what child it was, the freshman Thanksgiving became a test of wills. New independence heightened by hostility—that feeling of being deserted and of expectations being too much to achieve—just fueled rebellion.

"You never listen to me!" or "Why didn't you tell me?" or "Why do I have to be bored by these relatives?" or "I'm going OUT!" with a slam of the door only to return a minute later because something had been forgotten—money! car keys!

Those four years add forty to the worry, discontent, anxiety, and mutual dislike.

And so all of you who are welcoming home your freshmen, take it from an old hand that although it will get much worse, it finally gets better, at about the same time you stop dying your hair and settle into being the middle-aged fuddy duddy they always had accused you of being.

One bright spot: they find out how really brilliant you always knew you had been just about graduation. And even look forward to coming back to the nest. Only if you're smart you'll shout: It's too late— you had your chance, now you're on your own!

Lord knows you deserve it.

PARREN MITCHELL

Keep an eye on the Senate

It goes without saying that the Reagan administration must be monitored with extreme vigilance by black Americans. It appears that many of the old Nixon crowd will again be moved into positions of power. But, it is also terribly important that we monitor the actions of the U.S. Senate.

The Senate is now controlled by conservative Republicans. But even before they are sworn in, the Senate, with conservatives in the vanguard, voted in support of an amendment by Senator Jesse Helms, which would effectively preclude the Justice Department from enforcing school desegregation orders.

The pernicious Helms' amendment was added to an almost $10 billion appropriation bill for the Justice Department and other federal agencies.

This action makes it virtually impossible for the president to veto the bill, because if he did so, it would jeopardize the funds of many federal agencies.

The federal courts have long held that, as a last resort, busing to achieve school desegregation is legal. However, if the Helms' amendment stays in the appropriations bill, and I fear it will, the Department of Justice will: (1) have to withdraw from any case in which busing is involved; (2) be limited in even bringing suit in school desegregation cases; and (3) would be prevented from seeking corrective measures even if a court busing order were being blatantly violated.

I think it is important that you know the names of the Democratic Senators who voted for the Helms amendment. They are: Bentsen (Texas); Biden (Del.); Byrd (Va.); Byrd (W. Va.); Cannon (Nev.); Chiles (Florida); Exon (Nebr.); Ford (Ky.); Hollings (S. C.); Huddleston (Ky.); Johnston (La.); Long (La.); Nunn (Ga.); Proxmire (Wisc.); Pryor (Ark.); Randolph (W. Va.); Sasser (Tenn.); Stewart (Ala.); Stone (Fla.); Talmadge (Ga.); and, Zorinsky (Nebr.).

To his everlasting credit, Sen. Lowell Weicker of Connecticut fought against the Helms amendment, pointing out that it would be unconstitutional to prevent lawyers for the government from going to court to impose mandatory busing if all other efforts to achieve racial balance in the schools failed. Our own senator, Paul Sarbanes voted against the Helms amendment as did 25 other Democratic senators.

That action, taken by the Senate, is but the first step to put black folks back on the plantation.

The implications of the Helms amendment are horrendous. Will the Justice Department be barred by Senate action from going into court on equal employment opportunity cases?

Will the Senate, in the future, prevent Justice from going into court on housing discrimination cases, or in cases in which federal public accommodation laws are violated?

I believe the conservative forces will act with impugnity unless they know that we are monitoring them. Every vote against either black persons or the poor ought initiate a flood of written protests to the offending senator.

Every racist statement made by a member of the Senate (or the House of Representatives for that matter) ought to trigger a torrent of written protests from us.

If they know we are watching, they will not act as racists or as wickedly as they may be prone to do.

JUST THINKING

Life goes on in post-election era

By Al Sweeney

Where do we go from here?

That's the question that concerned black citizens are asking these days.

Out in Montgomery County, where black voters constitute only 16 percent of the vote, the heavily degreed leaders of the various county organizations including the NAACP, the fraternities and other elitist groups, learned one of the facts of life — if you don't have the votes, keep quiet.

The black voters in Montgomery county flexed their political muscles behind Sandra King Shaw for the school board. A good civic worker and certainly an individual who would have been a good member of the school board, she ran just in a seven-candidate race.

The smart theorists, who felt that they had a coalition going, found out that a coalition among so-called liberals seldom works.

Out in Los Angeles county, biting the election dust was one of the most promising attractive black woman politicians in the nation. Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, who had strong support of many of the national congressional leaders quit two campaigns back to start a climb towards the top of California state politics. It's been disastrous.

She made a run for state attorney general and while her party won the gubernatorial race, she lost. She was appointed a county commissioner for an expired term. In the recent campaign, she sought to become elected to the office.

Unfortunately, she was swept aside in the wake of the national election.

As a congressman, Burke would have been one of the powers in the House during the 97th Session. But, she gambled and lost.

If Ed Brooke hadn't encountered domestic difficulties along with the exodus of certain liberal support, the Washington-bred ex-senator from Massachusetts would have been one of the most powerful blacks in the history of the senate, come the 97th session.

But, woulda-, coulda, coulda don't pay off.

Meanwhile, Brooke, who is building a lucrative law practice has an opportunity to make some real money in private practice. Or else, will probably land an influential spot in the upcoming administration.

Down in Richmond, Va., preparing to return to D.C. in flamboyant style is Colston (Choke) Lewis, former Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner. Three years ago, Lewis left town after the locks on his office door were ordered changed.

Lewis is not a man who forgets. And has made it clear that he hasn't. It should be interesting.

Sure to land a general counsel's job at one of the major agencies is Alex's legal-minded brother, George. Once general counsel of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration during the Ford years, George Haley was an active campaigner for the GOP cause and the fact that he is associated with the law firm anchored by former GOP Senate leader Hugh Scott does not hurt his aspirations for a top federal post.

A number of black national non-partisan organizations face retrenchment with the new administration's budget cutting promises. They have been maintained with and grants from federal programs.

The bulk of their financing has been with the Yankee dollar. Don't think that people behind the new administration are not aware of the dollars they have been getting.

The most insulated organization from the new administration freeze will be Vernon Jordan's National Urban League. The NUL was wise enough to program all three Presidential candidates for equal time at their national convention in New York and as a result will be the last of the so-called Community Based Organizations to feel the federal dollar knife.

Speaking of heavy mail containing 171's the Arthur Fletcher mail box has been bulging with mail. His box looks like Christmas mail but it is really loaded with job requests from aspiring job seekers.

Sam Jackson and John Wilkes, two other names associated with GOP politics, are getting many job applications. They have been passing them on to the team of transition recruiters for handling.

Where do we go from here? That's still a good question.

The answer will only come with time. So, what else is new?

LETTERS:

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Beware the Moral Majority!

Dear AFRO:

In my opinion, I think black Americans should beware of the Moral Majority.

I am very cautious of those right-wing haters who use the word of the Lord to excuse some things that are very ungodly.

Just remember slavery—the white man used the Bible and the bullet and blacks just went along.

The defeat of several liberals in the election compares to the early Nazi movement in Germany. Hitler was not a Nazi but was elected by the people and supported by the Nazis. Just as our president-elect is supported by the KKK.

Only 48 percent of the people who are eligible to vote, voted in this year's election and only 26 voted for Reagan.

Even though many may think the people in this country are conservative no one really knows what the people think. Just like Nazi Germany, the German people claim they didn't know what was happening to the Jews. All I say, fellow Afro - Americans, BEWARE!

I don't trust any group that's ANTI, ANTI, ANTI. Just read between the lines and realize it's all an anti - black movement. It is time for us to unite and show this country we are no fools.

J.T. BLACKWELL

Favors the new president

Dear AFRO:

On Nov. 4 the American people elected a new president, Ronald Reagan.

Reagan, who has been called an arch-conservative, as well as a man unsympathetic to the needs of the poor and the old and those about women's rights, was elected by an overwhelming majority of the American people, perhaps historically the largest mandate ever given an American president in the history of the august office.

Many are wondering just how much change he will bring about. If one studies and evaluates this man Reagan—actor and twice governor of the largest populated state, California—and studies his statements, one might feel somewhat uncertain.

However, I feel that the American people, although inquisitive about Reagan, are able to see the qualities that brought him to the high office of the presidency.

Reagan does seem to be a man who cares, a man knowledgeable in the history of this Republic, and although political, still humane enough to realize that the American people are looking for real leadership.

Perhaps after all is said and done, history in time will record that Carter lost the office of the presidency because he failed to provide leadership. I feel that Ronald Reagan was elected because the American people sensed that he is capable of providing that leadership.

So, do not fear that President-elect Reagan will turn his back on the needy, the elderly and the ill, nor more specifically, women's rights.

That is an incorrect image in relationship to Reagan. Nor do I feel that Reagan will desert the cities, as many fear. Too many of us are ensconced in the notion that conservatives do not care about the little guy or the working man.

Only time will tell what Reagan will do. He will, however, have to cut spending in non-essential areas. He will have to cut welfare for those who can work. Thus, what is needed to curb crime and disorder and to bring peace and harmony to our communities is not more laws but better and stricter enforcement of existing laws.

JOHN A. MICKLOS

Student protests school conditions

Dear AFRO:

I attend a Baltimore City public school. I am a tax payer and , a "B" student, yet some of my classrooms are crowded with more than 45 students.

The school, although it is a good one, is understaffed and teachers tell us that our classrooms will remain crowded and the positions for teachers will remain open because the city does not have enough money.

If the tax money that is taken from my check before I receive a penny is not enough to assure me quality education, then surely the money that has been taken from my father's earning for 30 years, as he served our country in the U.S. Army Reserves, and the tax money taken from his civilian career as an administrator for Social Security Administration should be enough to assure me and the members of my family better treatment.

I have been taught that some will be leaders and others will be followers.

I strongly believe that if Baltimore City and the state of Maryland does not put a stronger emphasis on education and finding the money to accomplish the task of educating thousands of youths, then our school system will be producing an alarmingly high number of students who will always be followers.

ANGELA VAUGHN
WALBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR

A grateful parent

Dear AFRO:

On Sunday Oct. 26, 1980 the class of '82 of the Walbrook High School had its Junior Day.

The guest speaker was the Honorable William H. Murphy Jr. who gave the students an excellent outlook into the future.

He stressed further education to keep from having to "push, pull, grunt and lift".

He also gave the students, through verbal challenge, the option of being a "Doer, Done to, Maker or Taker, Owned or Owner".

He continued to stress being mature by developing the mind through good education which means seven years additional education after senior high school.

Murphy left the students with two great messages (1) "failure is not sin, but low aim is (2) If it is to be, it is up to me."

I commend Mr. Murphy for his excellent presentation in telling black students just what the real work world is all about.

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