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The Editor's Desk Nixon denies justice

"Justice delayed is justice denied" is especially relevant to the fact the the President of the United States has not provided leadership in the area of equal opportunities.

For the third time this year the United States Civil Rights Commission released reports criticizing the government for its lack of movement in equal opportunities. The report clearly points out the failure of the government to act.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, chairman of the committee, said, "the rights these people are being denied are rights to which they are entitled now, and the fact that these denials continue cannot be justified on grounds that the government is gradually gearing up to eliminate them. Actual performance in the resolution of problems, not progress in the development of mechanisms alone, is the realistic yardstick by which the governments civil rights effort should be measured."

Black people know full well that the president is not giving leadership in the effort to eliminate racism. And if the president fails to provide leadership, why should the agencies of government that he commands be expected to move with urgency.

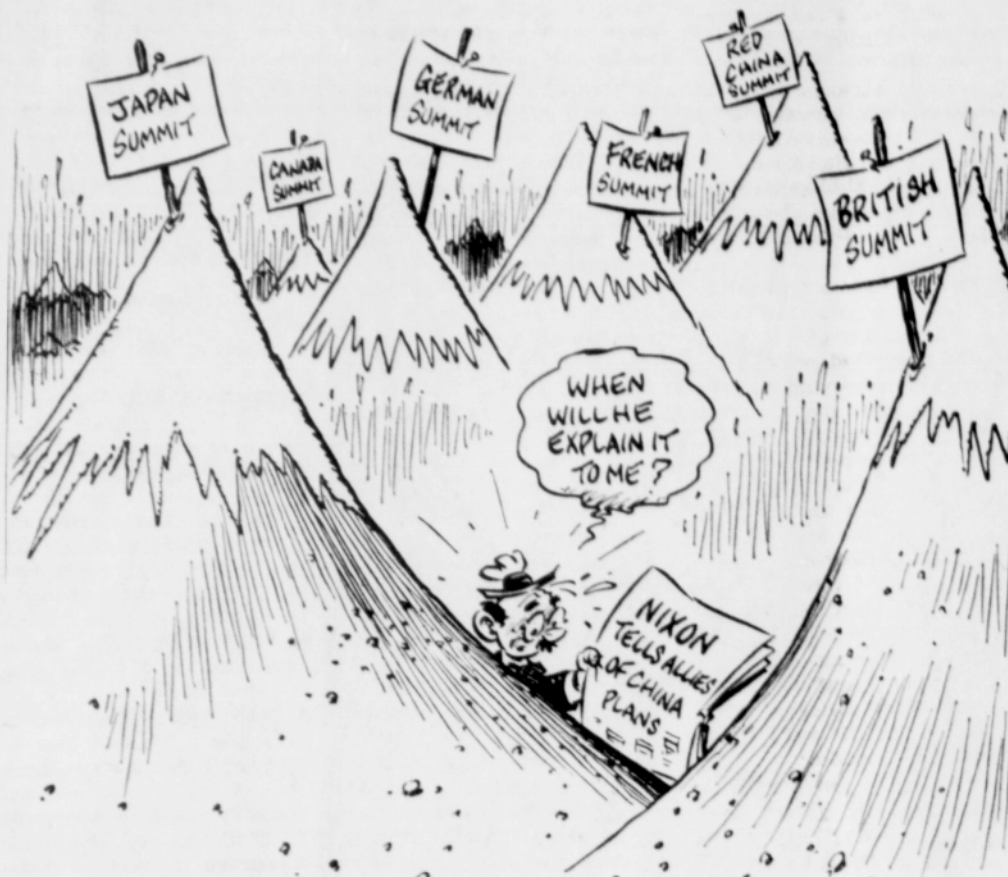
If the president were to decide to make changes, the Department of Agriculture would no longer give assistance to southern black farmers on a "separate and unequal basis". And the Internal Revenue Service would no longer give tax exempt status to white-only private schools.

Racism is deeply rooted in our institutions and until it is eliminated in government, there is little hope for improvement in the private sector.

The nation is in the middle of technological revolution. Old social values are being challenged and new life styles and forms of social behavior are developing. Yet, in the matter of race relations we still persist in primitive notions. White supremacy is sacred. Lip service is given to brotherhood and equality but efforts to bring them about are strongly resisted.

Some claim progress, but in the words of Father Hesburgh, "No one can get greatly excited about progress that is made after his death."

Down in the Valley - - - Valley So Low



Tainted money goes into campaign funds

Despite all of the noise and the clamor for campaign spending reforms, presidential hopefuls are accepting tainted money to finance their pursuit of the nation's highest office.

All of these loyal American citizens have not turned down this tainted money. I suppose after receiving it they give a political blessing and the tainted money becomes pure.

He who aspires to the presidency or any other "Big Public Office" must pass the hat before he can toss it into the ring. The money is raised largely from special interests that expect to make a return on their investment.

It is public knowledge that the textile tycoons raised well over \$300,000 for Richard Nixon in 1968, for example, in return for a pledge to limit textile imports. This little modest campaign pledge (investment) was worth millions in higher clothing prices to the textile industry.

The oil companies offered their modest donation to both presidential candidates in 1968 in return for their support of oil depletion allowance and oil import quotas. Unimpeachable sources say Nixon gave his pledge but Hubert Humphrey refused.

The oil barons, raised millions for Nixon's campaign. In return, he has fought and will continue to fight the perpetuate oil benefits, which cost the motorist several cents extra for every gallon of gasoline we buy.

The Democratic aspirants are hustling contributions for the 1972 presidential primaries. In Florida, for example, Boeing Company officials staged a bash for Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., who led the fight in the Senate to save Boeing's supersonic transport plane. There are several unions also preparing to invest in their favorite Democrats, fully anticipating reciprocal support for pro-labor programs.

Los Angeles' mayor Sam Yorty, is squeezing California long green fat cats for presidential funds. The money goes into the "Citizens for Yorty" treasury, a secret campaign chest, which will continue to be fattened by testimonial dinners, cocktail parties and other euphemisms for the big Collection Day.

Yorty's treasury is never closed for contributions. It does not make any difference whether he is running or not the kitten is still being fed. Most Democrats do not take Yorty's present campaign for President seriously but he does bear watching. The public must watch Yorty and others because this too, provides a neat and handy excuse to throw more money out of his admirers.

Another Democratic contender, Alabama's George Wallace is he a Democrat, an Independent or What? At any rate Wallace is holding appreciation dinners across the country. His faithful disciples are being soaked for \$25 a plate. His slick newsletter is sold to subscribers for \$10 which gives him an additional thrust.

In all of this no accounting is given of how the money is spent. We think it is worth mentioning, however, that Internal Revenue agents have traced past political payoffs to the law office of Wallace's brother, Gerald. Wallace shares this office with his brother. Interesting wouldn't you say?

These are the raw facts about presidential fund raising. Only an informed public can bring about a change.

Notice

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CHUCKLE

An office boy explained that he took the job so he could learn the three modern languages: Polite, profane and pater.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS

Boston is the first major city outside the South to be threatened with loss of federal school funds because of racial discrimination.

Arthur Fletcher, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, will become executive director of the United Negro College Fund on January 1.

Jackie Robinson has been chosen "Man of the 25 Years" by Sport Magazine for his role as the "most significant performer". His comments included, "Black players have saved baseball, kept baseball on top but I think football and basketball have moved beyond baseball in race relations."

The Peoples Party, a newly formed fourth party, named Dr. Benjamin Spock its candidate for U. S. President. His running mate will be Julius Hobson, a black leader from Washington D.C.

The Senate confirmed the appointment of Dr. Earl Butz as Secretary of Agriculture by a margin of 7 votes. Butz was opposed by Senators who objected to his position against small farmers and welfare and by organizations including SCLC and the Welfare Rights Organization. The slim margin is considered a defeat for the Nixon Administration and an example of Nixon's poor selection of nominees.

The PORTLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION says "Make this Christmas a season of good will. Promise Not To Kill Anybody This Holiday. If You Drink, Don't Drive."

AMA disgusted

On behalf of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, we would like to express our disappointment over President Nixon's veto of the Child Care Bill.

We feel the president's arguments against the bill to be facile and antiquated. His reference to expensive federal involvement is myopic when compared to expensive federal involvement in Vietnam. His concern over the dangers "of vast moral authority of the national government to the side of communal approaches to child-rearing," is inconsistent with provisions of the bill which guarantee family and local community control.

Representing forty-two churches in Portland's Albina Community, the Alliance judges child care needs as crucial and critical. Children without breakfast, children without doctors and dentists, children without shoes, children at home alone are a reality in our country and in our City of Portland.

We call upon Christian people to influence their congress-

sional leaders to re-introduce the child-care bill during the next session of Congress as priority business.

Rev. John H. Jackson, Pres.

Rev. Gordon Dickey, V. Pres.

Guess who gets blamed

With the widespread outbreak of hostilities between India and Pakistan, it was only a matter of time before someone got around to blaming the United States for it.

Sen. Fred Harris claims American foreign policy drove India into the arms of the Soviet Union and contributed to the "likely" death of Pakistan. He assesses the India-Pakistan war as a diplomatic defeat for the United States comparable to the fall of China.

The present dispute centers on efforts of East Pakistan rebels to break away from the main government but it has its roots in long standing religious and other differences between India and Pakistan.

The roles of Russia and Red China in supporting the adversaries are a more likely determining factor in causing the war to erupt at this time.

Why does George run

Writing in the November issue of South Today, Jenkins quotes from an off-the-record conversation between two unidentified Alabama politicians. "...the thing that makes George Wallace run for office is the same thing that makes a drunk drink whiskey," said one of the politicians. "When people ask me is he gonna run, I ask them, is there gonna be an election?"

Jenkins pointed out that journalists have been speculating for months about Wallace's intentions, often contradicting themselves and each other, "but to the home-folks," says Jenkins, "there has never been the slightest question. He will run for two reasons: (1) He is driven by a compulsion to campaign that ordinary politicians can barely even comprehend... (2) He is convinced himself that a series of simmering political events will suddenly coalesce in 1972 into an apocalypse which would elect him president..." The components of Wallace's vision, according to Jenkins, are a disaster in Vietnam, massive rejection of busing as a desegregation tool, a failure of Nixon's China policy, and a simultaneous worsening of unemployment and inflation.

A lot of "legally right" drivers are killed on our highways each year. The PORTLAND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION says to drive defensively to protect yourself from the other guy's mistakes. Don't be "dead right."

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