

Children march for survival

Washington, D.C. - The Children's March for Survival has been endorsed by the National Black Political Convention. At the recent National Black Political Convention, HuiBERT James, Coordinator for the March, speaking from the platform introduced a resolution for support by the convention. It was unanimously passed.

"In building a Black Nation, we must be thinking about our future," James said, "and our future as Black people in America depends on the survival of our children."

The resolution states: Whereas, children, not adults, suffer from hunger because of inadequate school lunch programs; Whereas, children, more than any other groups, are affected by inadequate government health-care programs which advocate crisis rather than preventive care; Whereas, children, not welfare mothers, will languish in inadequate day-care facilities

under the Nixon welfare plan, Be it resolved that the Black National Political Convention wholeheartedly supports the Children's March for Survival, March 25th. The Children's March for Survival is a declaration of life: the life of a child.

The Children's March is the result of many nationally known organizations and individuals who have joined in a collective effort to bring universal attention to the plight of poor children in the United States today. The coalition includes the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Operation PUSH; Ms. Dorothy Height National Council for Negro Women; Mr. Dick Gregory; Dr. George Wiley, National Welfare Rights Organization; D.C. Committee to Free Angela Davis; Dr. Kenneth Clark, Professor of Psychology; Mr. William Simons, D.C. Chapter American Federation of Teachers. They have called for the Children's March for

Survival in Washington, D.C., Saturday, March 25, 1972, which will be the occasion for a peaceful, dramatic endeavor to mark the beginning of a major action campaign to remove the causes of problems that have for so long victimized poor children.

The March will be led by Mrs. Coretta King, two of her children and Mrs. Beulah Sanders (Chairman, Executive Board, National Welfare Rights Organization), and her three children.

We know, of course, that when we speak of problems from poverty, hunger, malnutrition, poor schools, poor health, inadequate housing, and exploited environment, racism, and the war, we are speaking about the suffering of many, many Black children. We know, also that the problems that have kept our Black Brothers and Sisters imprisoned for so long in rural and urban decay have not had the genuine concern of those peo-

ple who are responsible to all citizens of the United States. Throughout the years, no priority has been given to resolve answers that would remove these shameful conditions.

All of the poor children, certainly, are not Black. There are poor children among the Indians, Chicanos, Whites, and Spanish-speaking Americans.

Never-the-less, much has been said of intentional genocide of Black people in the United States. The white power structure denies this, of course. The prophecies, however, of Black genocide are becoming events that are happening in this country every day.

The cycle of past oppression must be broken; the possibility of Black genocide must be stopped. The torch for true freedom must be passed on to our Black children. We are reminded of the present course Black Sisters and Brothers have finally chosen: to no longer

be second, third, and no class citizens; to no longer ask for justice; to no longer be ashamed of skin color - but rather, to be together; to stay together - in total demands, for the same justice and the same opportunities that are the equal rights of all Americans.

It is in keeping with these resolutions, that the Children's March for Survival will happen. The March will offer a day of festivity for the children - and will be one effort to begin a year of action to save the children, - and in so doing, save America's Black children.



Teens broadcast

Two Portland high school students have been selected by the Oregon Association of Broadcasters to work with commercial sportscasters during the AAA High School State Basketball Tournament.

Steve Brandon, Cleveland High School, and Steve Hendricks, Lincoln High School, will assist in the play-by-play coverage of tournament games slated for March 21-25 at Memorial Coliseum.

Both are seniors with four years experience as broadcast-casters for Radio Station KBPS, the student operated station of the Portland Public Schools.

They will help cover all 24 tournament games beginning with the Klamath Falls-West Albany game, Tuesday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m., and ending with the state championship game on Saturday, March 25 at 9 p.m.

It's Your Navy

What, no questions this week? Come on, I like to be challenged!

Since there aren't any questions today, I'll take this chance to plug a relatively new program called Project BOOST.

A successful third year at the Project BOOST School has resulted in expansion from 40 students in the present enrollment to 100 in the coming year.

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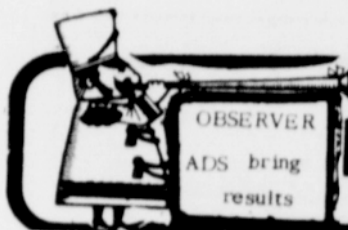
The objective of the program is to bring underprivileged, culturally-deprived personnel to a level at which they can compete equally with their peers.

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The success of Project BOOST can be measured by the success of individuals who have completed the program. To date, 45 future officers who have completed training with BOOST are enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the country.

Project BOOST has been described as "favoritism"... "discrimination in reverse." According to Lieutenant Commander Rudy Glivens, the Officer in Charge of BOOST, it is simply "unequal opportunity through which these men can gain an equal opportunity." It is equality with a chance to catch up.



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