

Politics in Black

Lincoln University seeks new Prexy

Lincoln University is looking for a new president. Dr. Walter C. Daniel, the incumbent, has submitted his resignation, effective October 30, to become vice-chancellor of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

James A. Randall, 4844 Fountain Avenue, in St. Louis, president of the board of curators, has been selected as chairman of the search committee to select a new president.

In an executive session, September 30, the Curators established the criteria to be used in screening applications for the position. The successful candidate, the board said, must have acknowledged scholarship in an academic discipline, leadership in high education, administrative experience, knowledge of funding and fund-raising, and significant service in graduate and undergraduate education.

Other members of the search committee include Kansas City Circuit Court Judge Lewis Clymer, Attorney Carl Sapp of Columbia and Attorney Joseph McDuffie

of St. Louis, all members of the board of curators. Faculty members serving on the search committee include Dr. Milton Hardiman, head of the department of modern foreign languages and director of the summer session; and Dr. Grace Miller, professor of education. Miss Joyce Henderson, a senior student, completes the panel.

The search committee announced that all correspondence with it would be held in confidence.

More than 8 million Blacks aren't registered. Are you part of the problem or part of the solution?

Four little girls killed in a Birmingham church in 1963 would have voted this year for the first time. They won't. WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

If the choice is between the lesser of two evils, and you don't choose, what does that make you?

We Must Vote This Year

by Julian Bond

The 1972 elections—both the contest between Richard Nixon and George McGovern for the Presidency as well as the many state, county and municipal races for sheriff or United States Senator or the hundreds of other elective offices on the ballot all over America on November 7th—is of vital importance to Black

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Americans. The Presidential race—which gives us a choice between two men who differ greatly on a host of issues—will decide the future of the country and will define the future relationship between government and the Black community.

The other contests—if the choice is as clear as in the race for the nation's highest office—will decide similar issues on a level closer to each of us.

The over-promise has produced an under delivery. No election in America guarantees instant

change. What Americans elections—like that set for November 7—will do is set trends in motion and affect policies whose immediate result may not be clear to any of us at any given time.

But those trends and policies do have the ability to give life or death to the hopes and aspirations we all hold.

If two seats are exchanged on the Supreme Court, it may become a militant defender of the rights of man or a supporter of the status quo. An aspiration is voted for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and our children get five glasses of milk a week instead of two. An aggressive Congress tries to restrain the new President, and he either wins and starts war anew or acquiesces and brings our boys home. Those decisions—and others—reach into each of our lives and pocketbooks.

They are too important to be left to politicians alone. They must be made in concert with what it is you want, and if you do not cast your vote November 7th, they will be made without you.

That is why Black votes are so vital this year. Over the past few years, we have voted more, but we seem to enjoy it less.



Indeed, even as Black voter registration figures have increased in the South, Black voting totals have decreased in Northern cities.

Politics has enjoyed a recent vogue in the national Black community.

The elections of Carl Stokes, Richard Hatcher and Kenneth Gibson gave some sense of hope to Blacks all over the country. The historic campaign of U. S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm for the Presidency in 1972 opened doors for future such efforts, and the Gary Convention in March of this year brought together a formerly non-political section of Black America with politicians of the older, more regular type. But in the weeks follow-

ing the two major party conventions Black excitement has dimmed. Black registration totals fell below levels predicted by voter registration professionals. An anti-intellectual apathy arose among the ebony and ivory towers where our young people presumably prepare themselves for a life of service to the Black nation. "Politics is white folks business" became the crude slogan of this new know-nothingness, ignoring a history which showed us that we have received the business from white folks precisely because our politics are so un-together. They are un-together for reasons which will not be remedied between now and November 7th, reasons which have a historical base, but the chances of any remedy anytime are diminished by the increasing Black apathy toward the political process.

The origin for much of this apathy is found in the political rhetoric which promises heaven on earth in return for a citizens vote. As that has been demonstrated time and time again to be an empty promise, the automatic election day delivery of the vote has become more reluctant.

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