



We see the world
through Black eyes

Racism our heritage

Heritage is the social customs, traditions, attitudes and characteristics that are handed down from one generation to the next. Webster also defines heritage as the rights, burdens, or status resulting from being born in a certain time or place.

In the United States the heritage of racism has set the tone for the life of its people. Although this heritage violates the tenets of democracy and the Judeo-Christian teachings, it went unchanged and nearly unchallenged for a century after the abolition of slavery.

Only after a century of suffering, and dying, of demands for freedom, and a period of serious racial confrontations did the nation notice the plight of its Black citizens. Only when racism became the major decisive factor in the country did the body politic begin to allow Blacks some of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

The heritage of racism cannot be erased by merely saying we were wrong and we will change now. A heritage is not erased so easily; a society's habits cannot be changed without great resistance.

Education and intergroup communication are two channels that can eventually change the thinking and the habits of the majority population. These must be accomplished carefully, so that understanding comes with knowledge. We can only hope that some day the last vestiges of our heritage of racism will be erased. Whites and non-whites will benefit when this happens.

The law is the other channel which will bring racial understanding and an eventual end to racism. Equal opportunity in employment, education, housing, government and the other important areas of living are still a dream. Law can make this dream a reality -- regardless of the ingrained racism in the minds of the people. The past twenty years have shown that laws can bring changes in behavior, and then in attitude. The great strides being made in the South are a testimony to this reality.

Until that great day comes, when race will no longer be a factor in selection of employees or neighbors, strong enforcement of civil rights laws and of affirmative action policies is essential. Only when the laws are enforced will we have the opportunity for education and inter-group communication that can lead to the emotional and intellectual changes that can bring an end to our heritage of racism.

Ford loses ground

President Ford won the New Hampshire primary by the skin of his teeth, not a good showing for an incumbent president. Ford showed courage in entering the primaries, although perhaps ill advised courage, thereby revealing the lack of support the citizens felt for him.

Ford's advisors might have believed his participation in the primaries to be essential to show vote-getting power since he was not elected to the presidency. If the New Hampshire primary is any indication, he does not have that vote-getting power.

The liberal-moderate wing of the Republican party is likely to start shopping around to find a new candidate to offset the challenge of Ronald Reagan.

Ford's representatives claim former president Richard Nixon's trip to the Republic of China adversely affected Ford's showing in the election. In light of recent allegations that the State Department urged Nixon to travel to China at this time, it makes one wonder about the role of Henry Kissinger and Vice President Rockefeller in the entire affair. Could Rockefeller be seeking the Republican nomination?

Jimmie Carter, former Governor of Georgia, is leading the field of Democrats. Carter is considered by many to be a moderate Republican with a fair record in civil rights; but then anyone would be considered moderate next to his predecessor, Lester Maddox. In the coming weeks the Observer will explore the record of Jimmie Carter in his home state of Georgia.

Support school levy

Portland School District voters will go to the polls on March 9th to vote on a \$3.5 million a year levy, for each of eight years.

The funds requested are for maintenance and major renovation of buildings to make them safe and suitable for school use. Ninety-five percent of the districts schools are more than 25 years old and 35 are more than 50 years old.

Cost to the individual home owner will be approximately 59 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Costs in succeeding years will be less.

We urge all voters to go to the polls and to support the levy.

Juvenile treatment

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leaves his own home until after he returns. A counsellor would be appointed who would see the child regardless of where he was living, providing a stable relationship with an adult. The child would be evaluated by a diagnostic center and placed at the level of treatment he required. He would be assigned to an

agency that could provide a variety of settings, so that he could continue with the same agency while moving to different living/treatment arrangements, or to a series of agencies that could work together and provide continuity. This would remove the abrupt chopping off of all ties and would prevent the chaos brought about by unrelated moves. Hancock believes this system could be

provided by CSD under its current funding, either through existing private agencies or through creating its own system. He reminded the committee that CSD has the power to initiate and enforce such a system and advised that private agencies be used. "You can control our programs but you can't control your own."



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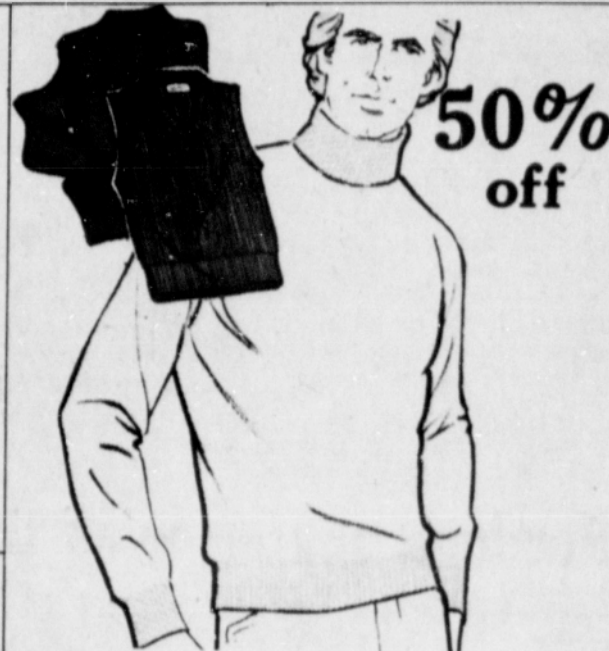
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