



*We see the world  
through Black eyes*

## Education and the critical voice

by Herb L. Cawthorne

It is now time for concerned members of the Black community to reconsider their relationship to the public school system.

Over the past decade we have fought to bring significant issues to the center stage of education. It was imperative that institutions take a good look at themselves. We made them do this.

The angry voices of Black people throughout the country rose up in unified criticism of the educational establishment. We underscored the rampant racism. We decried the discriminatory tracking, which amounted to indifference on the part of the educational system when it came to the development of Black youth. We called for modification of the deep seated bias in curriculum. We called for a curriculum that would do less damage to young Blacks -- one that would be stripped of the negative images which were as a rule projected.

The angry voices of criticism were necessary. They are still necessary today, but the climate in which they must be presented has changed.

The voices of criticism must be mounted on the foundation of cooperative effort. We must still challenge the insensitive, uncommitted teacher, but we must be willing to help the school system identify teachers who are acceptable to the community and who can impart the knowledge our children desperately need. We must continue to challenge the racist teacher, but we must be careful not to classify the competent teacher in unfair terms and without adequate knowledge.

Certainly, the voice of criticism should step forward whenever the school system is caught wavering on its commitment to serve the Black community. But at the same time members of the Black community should be willing to roll up their sleeves and do the difficult work necessary to help the schools maintain the

gains that have been made.

And the voices of criticism should be turned inward upon ourselves. We must criticize those members of the community who pray on it and drag it downward for their own profit. We must do more to let our children know that we expect them to work hard. We cannot build a strong community in one or two generations. The children need to know this, because they will be called upon to continue a struggle that is more than 400 years old.

The unrelenting voice of criticism should boldly come forth everytime we find Black youth negating the long struggle that is their heritage. As John Hope Franklin puts it, "they must never forget that Negro fathers and mothers made untold sacrifices in order to secure for their children a portion of the learning that they had been denied."

It is time to turn the criticism inward, for it is time once again to get our own house in order.

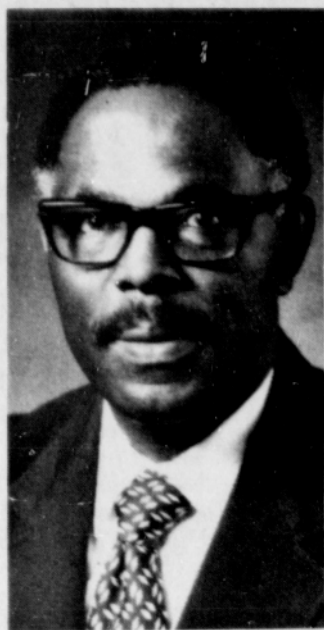
## Keep Bill McCoy

Bill McCoy is the incumbent State Senator for District 8, having been appointed after being elected twice to the House of Representatives. McCoy has served on the Ways and Means Committee, was co-chairman of the House Committee on Aging, and currently chairs the subcommittee on delivery of services of the Interim Committee on Human Resources.

A long time resident of North Portland, McCoy has had professional experience in aging, juvenile problems, vocational rehabilitation, child care, education and welfare. He has put his experience to work in the legislature, bringing a concern for people to the job of writing laws.

McCoy's additional interests include labor relations, state government operations, equitable taxation, and environmental protection.

McCoy has proved his value as a State Senator and is the Observer's choice for Senate District 8.



## Another Point of view

[Editor's Note] Several weeks ago we published a guest editorial from the "Atlanta Inquirer," discussing Jimmy Carter's candidacy. Following his "ethnic purity" statement, we were asked whether, we would "refute" that editorial. We again refer to the "Inquirer."

### Move on, Jimmy - Move on

taken from the Atlanta Inquirer

For those who had become excited over the presidential campaign of former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, the agonizing is going to continue for awhile, at least over his statement advocating "ethnic purity" of neighborhoods. Carter apologized, but his choice of words on "alien groups" and "ethnic purity" deeply disturbed those who are supporting him vigorously and those who were on the verge of climbing aboard his presidential bandwagon.

Opponents, of course, finally got something to get their teeth into. They had not been able to get a foothold at other stops along the way.

It was indeed an unfortunate remark that will likely have a telling effect on the remaining months of Carter's candidacy. Only time will tell. A lot of people aren't talking because the agonizing continues. A lot of others are talking and making as much "hay" as they can. The coming primaries in other states and Georgia's first presidential primary on May 4th are going to be quite revealing.

There is, however, nothing in Jimmy Carter's record that would mark him a racist. Here is a man who, among other things, had Blacks on his gubernatorial staff. Here is a man who appointed 44 Blacks to state positions during his time in office. Here is a man whose administration recognized Black achievement and history by including the first three portraits of Blacks in the State Capitol. Here is a man who opened up the Governor's Mansion for rap sessions with Blacks in the media. And a man who played "pickup" ball with Blacks when he was a child, the only white in the game.

And here was a man who, in his Inaugural Address as governor, said racism must be ended.

No other Georgia governor can claim that kind of record.

It is puzzling to figure that he really meant the "ethnic purity" and "alien groups" statements. But anybody who watched television saw those words coming out of the mouth of the candidate. The Governor gave his opponents an instrument for possible derailment of his campaign, but he was honest enough to admit he had made a mistake that he now lives with and must forcefully eradicate.

Black people who have supported Carter have liked what he has said. So have those who are not Black and who became his supporters. One of the things they understood was prejudice, and those who have been most victimized by prejudice saw that there was a fear from other sections that a Southerner, and a Southerner from Georgia, was steaming toward the White House.

Some of us have been especially aware of this coming from national television commentators. NBC and ABC, for instance both projected Carter to come in second in the Wisconsin Primary and John Chancellor of NBC especially seemed to delight in the looming loss. He "cheerfully" asked a reporter televising live from a Carter opponent's headquarters, "Why aren't all those people smiling?"

And television commentators literally bemoaned the fact that no "liberals" would be left with a shot at the nomination if Republican Morris Udall failed in Wisconsin. So, what's a "liberal"? Black folk have had experiences with liberals before and look at what shape they are in today. Atlanta Blacks thought they had put the greatest liberals in office when Massell became mayor, but remember what happened when Massell was challenged for the second term, he did not win when Maynard Jackson set his sights on the mayor's seat. How much has liberalism brought?

How much has Jimmy Carter's campaign been damaged by "ethnic purity"?

An apology won't erase the sting, but it has been extended and we think Jimmy Carter should move on with his campaign. Thoughtful voters will record, evaluate all candidates for themselves and show us their decisions in the coming primaries.

## We need Priestley

Wally Priestley has served as a thorn in the side of the establishment during his many terms in the House of Representatives. As early participant in the struggle for civil rights, for farm worker's rights, for an end to the war in Vietnam, Priestley has often been considered a rebel. Although he spends his time making laws, he is the first to admit that those laws are not justly applied.

Priestley practices citizen participation, being active in the Concordia Neighborhood Association. He has waged war on public utility rate increases and advocates programs that benefit the common people. He fought to stop the division of Albina into four districts and has well represented this community.

Occasionally the so-called radical turns out to be the true servant of the people -- and we think this is true of Wally Priestley. The Observer endorses him for re-election.



## Gretchen Kafoury best

Gretchen Kafoury seeks the Democratic nomination for the House of Representatives. Ms. Kafoury, who lives at 1508 N.E. Stanton has long been active in community service. Ms. Kafoury lobbied at the 1971 and 1973 legislatures for the passage of consumer protection laws, and equal rights for women, minorities and the handicapped.

The mother of two children and a former employee of 4-C, she is concerned about quality child care as a right. She supports stricter regulations on nuclear energy and the development of alternate sources of energy.

Gretchen Kafoury has proven her interest in our community. The Observer endorses her candidacy for the House of Representatives, District 13.



## LETTERS

Letter to the Editor.

I really don't find fault when you accept advertisements where you can get them. After all, you are running a newspaper.

It is important, however, that your readers know that when Frank Ivancie's ads show gobs of money being tossed out of Mayor Neil Goldschmidt's office door, that this is actually an attack on Neil Goldschmidt's support for Social Programs that directly affect the lives of the Black-white poor. Those of us who are active in the community affairs know this.

Frank Ivancie is directing his appeal for votes at the red-necks and Archie Bunkers among us. This demagogic appeal should be warning enough to all progressive minded Portlanders, especially those living in the Model Cities area, to work for the election of Neil Goldschmidt by a clear majority in the May 25th primary.

Herb Simpson

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order that would be beneficial to us and the poor for a change." This statement was in regard to Fletcher's bringing the first equal pay suit for women in 1969. He explained how he had "disguised the Philadelphia plan as a regulation. If I had put it in the hopper as a regulation, they'd have filibustered it to death. And we'd have never got it out. Why? So they'd sue me. And once its a suit, it's over in the Courts and legislature. The legislative branch of government can't do anything about it." Fletcher explained that the Philadelphia Plan had nothing to do with quotas. "What the Philadelphia Plan called for was the sharing of man hours of work...and if you can get them to share the work with you, they automatically are going to share the money with you."

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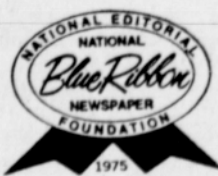
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