

Somebody Loves Us Up There on 'D' Street!

(The following unsolicited letters were recently received by the editor of the VOICE from sixth grade students at Kit Carson School. Due to space limitations and (ahem!) an innate modesty, we had hesitated to publish them up to now. But in view of the subject discussed in the editorial starting on page 2 and continuing on this page, we thought now would be an auspicious time to get them in print. Naturally, we think they're just grand and we love every one of our young friends. We only hope we can live up to their high regard and most certainly will bend every effort to do so. Thanks, kids! Due to the aforementioned space limitations we are going to dispense with salutations and complimentary endings and get right down to business.)

"Our class, Room 23, Mrs. D. L. Moore teacher, is very much interested in the VOICE. Today we enjoyed it because it is about Negro History Week. I am writing about famous Negroes and the VOICE helps me very much. The story 'Education Starts in Home, Schools Head Tells P.T.A.' was specially interesting because my principal is talking about the same thing. And remember, it doesn't matter what people say, just don't be afraid. You know it doesn't matter if you are small and the other guy is big. Just keep up the good work." HESTER JACKSON.

"You don't know how much we enjoy reading your newspaper. We think that the VOICE is the best paper in the newspaper Business." BENNIE BROOKS.

"I am glad to read your paper. I enjoy the news about the Negroes of today. Today I read your paper and it was interesting to me. I appreciate what you have done for the Negroes on the Westside." CHARLES WALTON.

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desirable features . . . had been omitted in AB-384." As the article also noted that private housing was not mentioned in AB-384, but that a bill Mr. Kellar helped to draft did include a comprehensive section on private housing, we must assume that any reasonably perceptive reader would understand that legislation dealing with private housing was one of the "desirable features" omitted from AB-384 to the "expressed regret" of Mr. Kellar and his fellow-panelists.

We also would like to point out that the article in which Mr. Kellar's disputed quote appeared also stated that a separate bill designed to prohibit discrimination in private housing was being framed for introduction at this session of the Legislature.

IT IS REGRETTABLE that complete texts of all and sundry statements made on programs such as the Rev. Walker's TV show cannot be included in newspaper reports of such programs. But omissions dictated by space limitations cannot be construed as "misquotations" or distortions if a speaker's quoted views, however briefly presented, do not conflict with the sense or import of his completely expressed views. And we cannot see where the VOICE quote attributed to Mr. Kellar distorts or conflicts with his own statement as set forth in his letter of complaint.

However, if it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the publisher of this newspaper that Mr. Kellar was, in fact, misquoted in the VOICE through some inexplicable happenstance, we will be only too happy to retract our version of his remarks and offer a public apology.

Furthermore, in view of Mr. Kellar's intimations that he has been misquoted by the VOICE on other occasions, we are willing to make this offer retroactive and applicable to any issue of the VOICE since it was first published 18 months ago. By the same token, if Mr. Kellar is unable to prove he has been misquoted by the VOICE at any time, we feel it only fair that he admit as much and tender his own apology.

And with this thought we draw our rain cape around our shoulders against this first tiny shower of discontent and look hopefully to the horizon for a silver lining.

Why, there it is, right there on this very page. It looks like someone still loves us after all. Just read what some wonderful kids from Kit Carson School have to say about our humble efforts.

(Charley, old boy, it looks like you're outnumbered!)

"We enjoy reading your paper. We bring them in every week. We exchange news with each other on Thursday morning using your paper. We enjoyed the article about 'Levittown Now Honors Colored School Teacher.' Keep up the good work." ANNETTA WALKER.

"I have been enjoying your paper. The most interesting part is the editorial page and Who's Who column. I like all the columns, Dr. West, but yours is the best. The VOICE is good because it tells about outstanding Negroes like yourself." ANN McDONNELL.

"We have been reading your paper weekly. We find many things that interest us. On February 4 we found something about Negro History Week. Many pupils brought the VOICE to school and shared their interesting thoughts. The VOICE is beginning to have a large circulation and I hope you will keep this beautiful publication going." BEVERLY J. MCKINNEY.

"Our class has brought the VOICE to school every morning. We find that it has some very interesting articles in it. We would like to congratulate you on your fine work in reporting on famous Negroes in our community." ROBERT E. THURMOND.

"I like your paper very much, but the one I liked the best was about 'Democracy on Trial in Nevada.' It was very good. I read your paper often after school. We also read them in class. We hope you will keep up the good work and we send our regards to you." DIANA CULPEPPER.

"Every Thursday I read your paper. The reason why I read it is to learn about Negroes. I'll be on the lookout for your next paper as in the past." CHARLES BELL.

"I like your paper. The VOICE has a lot of news such as Negro History Week, the history of all the best Negroes. The VOICE tells about school and the P.T.A. The VOICE is the best in the West." CARSON MADISON.

"We have been enjoying your wonderful VOICE here in the 6th Grade at Kit Carson School. We have found many of the most interesting articles. Every morning we share it in our class. Your paper is more useful than any

paper we've read. We hope you will go on publishing the VOICE. Thanks for the wonderful news." SONYA GAIL FLY.

"We all read your paper and find it most interesting. We bring it to school every Thursday. I would like you to keep up your fine work." ALMA BOYKINS.

"Our class at Kit Carson School has been enjoying your newspaper. I really enjoyed the articles about Negro history. We are studying about it too. That is why I enjoy it better." LINDA DAVENPORT.

"I am writing to tell you that our class enjoys your articles in the VOICE. My class gets valuable information from the VOICE. The pupils learn news. My mother said the VOICE is the best paper she has ever read. We hope you can visit us some day." JANET GREENE.

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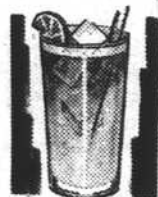
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