

We've Been WONDERING

WHY that certain gas station attendant doesn't check his mouth and manners while servicing the customers' cars before one of them puts HIM instead of a TIGER in the tank.

WHY Katherine Joseph, Willa Ray Washington, Pat Cook, Betty Williams and Candy don't start a rejuvenation school? Their performance last Thursday a.m. affected one ole gent so much that his wife is seriously thinking of giving her lover boy a permanent vacation.

WHY that certain VIP who depends upon the public for survival sometimes acts as though he's contemplating business suicide?--Like showing off in front of his out-of-town friends by upstaging and talking down to the very ones who make the cash register jingle.

WHY the Health Department, U.S.D.A. (United States Department of Agriculture) or whatever agency that is concerned with what is happenin' meatwise doesn't check that certain market that specializes in Soul foods? This particular market (located in the heart of Bronzeville) is so cocksure and chesty that complaining customers have been told to get lost.

WHY that alluring doll with the sexy voice who answers to the moniker, Toni Rambo, doesn't make up her mind to get with or without it--because it's got to be this or that. There are quite a few just laying to make her real happy.

WHY something ain't done about the unfair housing laws in Nevada? Imagine being accepted by phone and then, when the renter checks the color of the paint job, they come on with jazz, like: "Some of my best friends are colored but the other tenants, etc., etc., etc." If they can't stand the heat they should stay out of the kitchen.

WHY the sequences of 10-14-20-21-26-27-29-40, and 45-58-59-68-73-75-77-78, are supposed to be lucky for persons born in June, July and August.

WHY Mr. "Cold Tongue" when telling off on others doesn't tell off on himself. Like the time when he was making time in the 'F' street pad and (not the husband, mind you) the other shorty made him take the window route sans every stitch except undershirt and socks.

WHY that paper down the street on Monday last put the "Supreme Court ban on anti-mixed marriage laws" on page 2, but once again front-paged "Negroes Riot" in big bold headlines as the lead story.

WHY that same paper did not bother to plug the big "Funds for Israel" affair at the Sands that same Monday night? Guess they don't like nobody. They did not print a single line about the Near East crisis on that front page.

WHY that certain business lady is so tolerant of temper tantrums that her cute little roomer throws whenever males are being entertained. (Could it be a good thing is hard to find, or that a fine thing is not so good as it is cute.)

WHY that certain Bistro in the north end of Bronzeville that has had its share of troubles don't wise up and hire some real protection? Rudi-poops don't like authority but they will keep their cool when real fuzz is on the scene.

HENRY 'P.' (for 'Puzzled') ("Po Henry's" readers have been doing some wondering too--the mail bag produced the following question.)

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UL OFFICIAL'S VIEWS AFTER VIETNAM TRIP

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Whitney M. Young, Jr., National Urban League executive director, has disputed the alleged link between discrimination and the disproportionate number of Negro soldiers fighting and dying in Vietnam.

The high proportion of Negroes serving in Vietnam, he asserted, is "due to the fact that the Army offers more opportunity for advancement, for learning skills, and using natural talents, for dignity, for self-respect, and a sense of worth than does the present condition of civilian life."

That high proportion, he said, is not due "to gross discrimination, as has been charged." "For the majority of capable young Negroes, the Army is their University, one result of which is the very high proportion of Negro reenlistment. "And the high proportion of Negro combat deaths is due to the simple fact that, eager to prove themselves, a higher proportion of Negroes volunteer for hazardous duty."

WRITING IN Harper's magazine, Young noted that the white soldier fighting in Vietnam is in a minority, although some three-fourths of American troops there are white.

The white soldier "needs the friendship and help of non-whites, whether Vietnamese or Negro. Thus, he has taken great trouble to understand the Negro fighting beside him.

"As a result, the Negro soldier has developed sophistication and self-confidence," Young said, on the basis of a recent trip to Vietnam. "He is not going to fall victim again to his old sense of stunted purpose."

If he returns home to the same old discrimination, the Negro soldier "may find good reason to use his skills and risk his life against the enemy of personal injustice as he did against the enemy of Communist aggression," Young warned.

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Negro Captain Charges Anti-War Protests Hurt

CAMP BEARCAT, South Vietnam - (NPI)--Civil rights leaders' opposition to the Vietnam fighting is doing the rights cause "more harm than good," a Negro captain has charged.

Capt. Earle McCaskill, Assistant Judge Advocate, Ninth Infantry division, singled out Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Stokeley Carmichael for criticism.

"I don't think they have any business getting civil rights mixed up with Vietnam. It will cost them Negro and white liberal support."

DR. KING may have a point, the captain said, when he charges that billions of dollars spent in Vietnam could be used to help impoverished Negroes.

"But I think that he makes a false assumption when he concludes that the money would be used for that purpose if there were no war going on," Capt. McCaskill added.

Maintaining that discrimination among soldiers is minimal in Vietnam, Capt. McCaskill spoke, however, of "subtle traces" of bias in promotions and assignments to key command posts. He said there was a "sort of informal quota system--only so many Negro officers make major, even if all the Negroes are the best qualified."

Few Negroes are above the rank of Lieutenant colonel in all the services, he said.

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