

We've Been WONDERING

WHY in that plantation style organization the reward for telling the truth can be the penalty of blowing one's gig? The Emperor Jones of that particular bizz should check where the Good Book says, "What ye sow so shall ye reap". He's got his lumps coming.

WHY that piece of "cornbread" who has been trying so hard recently to ease her way into the "Spice Cake Set" don't first try to find out the qualification? It takes a lot more than a stacked figure, and fancy togs. It ain't easy for a plater to qualify to run in a stake race. Corn Bread has got a lot of brushing up to do on her "Ladyship".

WHY that Charlie with a Psychology Masters degree has brainwashed himself right out of his bird by believing that a mind untrained from the cradle up can ever become anything but a lame brain? Lame Brains are all color blind, and are also composed of all colors.

WHY that Receptionist, who could be called a Deceptioness, keeps nit-picking the people who made her 'boss' job possible? Maybe her extra curricular dealings with certain upper echelon people give her boss authority. Somebody should wise the broad that the same forces which put her on her job, can also snatch her off of it.

WHY Boy Beautiful can't learn to cool that foul language he oozes when he boozes? He ain't only obnoxious but he goes for bad yet when he gets a load of that Ignorant Juice. The other night when he went into his act, he had folks splitting the scene and trying to hide themselves. Fighting Fire Water can be more dangerous than fighting fires, and besides their ain't no pay in it either.

WHY one (there could be a few more than just one) of our leading citizens in Bronzeville, who keeps his freezer stocked to the brim with all cuts of fine beef, fancy game hens, lobsters and all that carriage trade grub, will outrun Jesse Owens getting to a Soul Food spread? Poor Henry hopes that Leading Citizen don't think he can ever live the life of a Charlie as long as he is Soul.

WHY the Town Crier who knows all and don't fail to tell it keeps crashing private parties without benefit of invitation? He not only crashes, but after he does he takes over all conversations and hits on every doll in sight. He better check with the Health Department pronto, because he hit on and caught the wrong broad, and he has caught (but good) a whole lot more than he bargained for.

WHY the sequences of 4-14-24-25-26-28-29-30, and 44-54-64-74-76-78-79-80, are supposed to be lucky for those born in December, January, and February.

WHY Larry "Smart Affairs" Steele, who has consorted with the famous and been a celebrity in his own name for more than 20 years, don't write a pocketbook guide to instruct over-night stars how to keep stardom from going to their heads? Some of them need to be messagized, "getting to the top may not be so hard for the lucky few, but it's hard as hell for everybody to stay up there." Larry says, "You've got to have a gimmick," but being arrogant sure ain't the right gimmick. Tell them Larry!

WHY some of the Johnny-Come-Lately Guys and Dolls want to play "the Game" but can't take the Blame when all three members of the triangle meet face to face? They should take some lessons from those Professional Husbands and their wives, and the wives wives-in-law. Those pros

Farewell Party At Elks For Larry Steele Show



VIOLA CLARK -- One of the tan dolls in Larry Steele's "Smart Affairs" revue now in its final week in the Flamingo Hotel's Driftwood Lounge could also easily be one of the motivating reasons for the "Farewell Party" the Elks will host for Larry Steele's cast Tuesday, Feb. 6 beginning at 8 p.m.... The Brother Elks are going to put on a real wing ding for the Larry Steele Company at the Elks Hall 1004 West Owens in the West Owens Shoppin' Center, so drop by and let the gang know how nice it was having them here in our town.

THE ELKS CUE CLUB is getting plenty of action with that running pool tournament... Last week's winner was Howard Reeves... But the Elks is where the action is every day, anyhow.

Free African Nations Schedule Trade Exhibits

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Of the more than 600 trade fairs and exhibits scheduled this year in nearly 60 countries, eight of them will be held by independent African nations. They begin with Libya, Feb. 28-March 20; Tunisia, May 24-June 9; Zambia and Tanzania, July; Kenya and Somalia, September; the UAR, November, and Sudan, December.

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Police "Honest Mistake" Labeled "Bad Judgement"

NEW ORLEANS - (NPI)--Police called it an "honest mistake," but the damage had been done. And the city was lucky a race riot had not resulted.

These were sentiments voiced by Ernest N. Morial, the first black man elected to the Louisiana legislature in this century, following his arrest on what were later found to be trumped-up charges.

Denouncing the police's "bad judgment," the representative-elect said the incident could have resulted in a race riot if other persons had been involved.

He said he was fortunate to be able to be released quickly because of his position, but other people might have been left in jail under similar circumstances.

According to Morial, this kind of treatment could make trouble in New Orleans, which has not experienced the kind of rioting which swept Northern cities last summer.

Morial told newsmen that he and Henry B. Dejoie, executive of the Louisiana Weekly newspaper, along with two other men, were standing in front of his home talking, when a police car drove up and one officer told them to "break it up and move along."

When he objected, Morial was told: "You can't talk on the streets." Ordered into the police car, Morial and Dejoie were booked on charges of refusing to move on and using obscene language.

The representative-elect also was accused of cursing and asking whether "this is a police state."

Morial and Dejoie were later released from jail through the intervention of City Councilman John Petre, who termed the arrests completely unjustified.

Morial, an attorney, had just returned from a \$100-a-plate dinner in honor of Louisiana Governor McKeithen.

Students Advised "Long Hair" Not The Answer

GREENSBORO, N.C. - (NPI)--Wearing long hair only puts Negro barbers out of work, according to the Rev. Jesse Jackson, whose "Operation Breadbasket" seeks to improve the black man's economic standing through "selective buying."

Addressing students at A&T State University, Rev. Jackson added that wearing long hair will neither "frighten anybody" nor cure economic ills.

The "Breadbasket" director proposed something better than exotic hair styles: building bases of Negro political and economic power. Stressing the effectiveness of economic boycotts, the minister-civil rights leader said: "Cows are trained to give milk, but they are not trained to hold it. We must let some of it go sour in their bellies."

"We have to program our own change," he said. "We need to control the politics of places like Eastern North Carolina, where we are in a majority."

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HENRY 'P.' (for 'Puzzled')