

"PUDDIN HEAD"



**"TELL'N IT LIKE IT IS---AND
PUTT'N IT WHERE IT'S AT"**

Hit 'Em Where It Hurts

Get up tight, Blood, Puddin goin' to pull your coat, and lace your boots. When you been ignored you been insulted, Baby. When you been insulted and let it ride, you askin' for a double on the rocks. A double dose of insults, and you got to have rocks in your head if you take it without hittin' back. Blood, baby, we been insulted but good.

Whitey been insultin' us by ignorin' our newspaper. We got to be off our bird if we continue to support merchants who insult us by ignorin' our Voice. We ain't got but one Voice and we need it, baby, to be heard. If we ain't heard, we goin' to get left out in the cold, and it will get colder all the time. When Whitey don't hear us, he forgets that he got Soul Brothers.

Open your eyes wide and pick up on what Whitey is puttin' down on you, baby. He been geesin' you. That's with two fingers, baby. He been geesin' you all the time when he accepts your loot and won't put no ads in your VOICE. He wants your money but he apparently don't want your business. He just wants to give you the business, Blood.

Whitey ignores every Bro in Souville when he takes your money and refuses to announce his sales in your paper.

He just don't want you to have no VOICE, baby. He don't want you to Harambee. He don't want you to have no unity. He don't want you to get together. He don't want you to have the strength to lift yourself up to his position.

Baby, you got to have your own VOICE to tell it like it is. You know damn well that Whitey ain't goin' to do it for you. The VOICE is the only thing you got to put the record straight, and tell it like it is, so that you can dig the real happenins.

Blood, we got to start right now, like yesterday, to stop spendin' our money where we don't get nothin' back for it. When we pay for disrespect, we goin' to get a heap more of it. We ain't never seen as much of it as we are goin' to get if we don't harambee, baby. We ain't never been as low down as we are goin' to get. We ain't never been as poor as we are goin' to get.

We got to strike back, Blood. All we got to do is hold on to our money. When we keep our bread in our pockets, we pinch Whitey's pockets and put the hurt to him, baby. You know from a lifetime of experience what it is like to have a lean poke. It hurts, baby, and you better believe it. Hold your money and let Whitey feel what you been feelin' all the time -- "the

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"On The Record" Comment On "Cabbages & Kings"

It was none other than Thomas Jefferson who voiced an opinion (in a letter to Henry Lee in 1824) that "Men by their constitutions are naturally divided into two parties: 1. Those who fear and distrust the people, and wish to draw all powers from them into the hands of the higher classes. 2. Those who identify themselves with the people, have confidence in them, cherish and consider them as the most honest and safe, although not the most wise depository of the public interests. In every country these two parties exist; and in every one where they are free to think, speak, and write, they will declare themselves."

The wisdom of Jefferson's commentary, more than a century ago, was significantly brought home to the Keynoter as events of the past week hurtled fatefully on to their inevitable destiny.

The Wednesday night board meeting of Operation Independence is a point in fact. Members of the executive board doggedly and ruthlessly kept their commitment to each other to "get rid of George Gant," Director of Operation Independence's ManPower Development Center, who had committed the unpardonable sin of being competent, dedicated, and a stimulant to the community. But, because the ManPower project is a federally funded community action program, no one could deny the public the right to attend. The public saw the viciousness, the vindictiveness, the deadly venomous of the self-appointed community leaders laid bare.

AS A RESULT, "the people have declared themselves" as will be evidenced by their actions in forever ridding the community of this damning and damnable influence. (The O.I. -- Gant story is far from over).

Over the week-end, a delegation of committed Democrats journeyed to Reno to the Democratic State Central Committee. Through determination to "hang tough" together after having thoroughly done their 'homework', they were victorious in their goal to return control of the state's Democratic Party to the "people".

It is noteworthy that there was no jubilation evinced by the winners; rather there was an over-all serious recognition of the responsibility that was theirs for the future. Much has been reported of the magnificent leadership of Assemblyman Flora Dungan with the anti-Flangas forces, and it is more than deserved. But also, no one who was a part of the delegation will forget the performance of Attorney Charles Kellar as chairman of the Clark County Negro Delegation. His conduct and ability were superb throughout the Convention and, at its most crucial point when the chips were down, he emerged the hero.

With a notable exception, the Clark County delegation were equally superb. They played it "cool" and utilized all the political savvy they really have. Selflessness was the characteristic evidenced by one and all. It was our Clark County Negroes' "finest hour".

The proof that there is no substitute for "togetherness" is evidenced by the fact that six Negroes were elected to the State Central Committee, namely; Earle White, Jr., Dorothy King, Sarah Hughes, Amos Knighton from Las Vegas, Henry Turner from North Las Vegas, and Laymon Green from Henderson. Three Negroes will be part of the Clark County delegation to the National Convention in Chicago in August. They are Attorney Kellar, Dr. Chas. I. West, and Mrs. Gwen Weekes Rahner. Moreover, every Convention committee had able Negro representation from Clark County.

The "notable exception" referred to earlier was the defection of Rev. Prentiss S. Walker. There were two others, lesser known and of lesser consequence. More about the defection at another time.

SUNDAY'S DATE - Fair Housing Rally

The Clark County Fair Housing Committee will conduct a public workshop on the controversial "open housing" issue Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Madison Elementary School, 1030 North 'J' Street.

J. David Hoggard, Chairman of the Fair Housing Committee, announced that Curt Moody, Executive Director of the Community Relations Conference of Southern California, has accepted an invitation to conduct and supervise this first workshop of its kind in the State. Those who attended the November Solutions Conference held at Convention Center will remember Mr. Moody and his "laying it on the line" address to the Conference on the subject of open occupancy.

Mr. Hoggard and his steering committee members are to be congratulated for this forthright approach to the issue of open housing, and particularly for their having obtained the services of Curt Moody for Sunday's session. Moody is probably without peer in his expertise as a formidable foe of opponents of fair housing legislation.

As Community Relations Secretary for the Pacific Southwest Region's American Friends Service Committee, Curt Moody's indefatigable efforts and ability in organizing grass roots human relations committees throughout Southern California, and the enviable reputation he had earned as a speaker to civic and religious groups on fair housing and human relations, inevitably led him to the role of lobbyist (for the Friends Committee) in Sacramento, California, on fair housing legislation. It followed, then, that when the state of California was torn asunder by the infamous referendum "Proposition 13", Curt Moody was chosen as Field Director by "Californians Against Proposition 13".

It is hoped that every concerned citizen will make it an especial point to be present at Madison School Sunday afternoon to hear Mr. Moody, and to join the band of proponents of fair housing legislation in an effort to build a skillful, knowledgeable force, locally, to successfully wage the battle for attainment of fair housing legally, and in fact.

Welcome To The World Kenneth Sean Crear

Dr. and Mrs. John R. Crear's "blessed event" which miraculously took place at Southern Memorial Hospital, February 23, was an occasion for much joy and thanksgivings to the many friends and associates of the popular couple who has become such an integral part of the community since they took up residence here two years ago.

No one could match the happiness, however, of the idolatrous parents, Barbara and John Crear... Weighing in at birth at 7 lbs., 5 oz. the mighty mite, is already the heavyweight in the Crear household.

Mrs. Crear, who thoroughly enjoyed every minute of her "condition", is utterly delighted with the thoughtfulness and "know-how" of friends who "showered" her in practical anticipation of Kenneth Sean's arrival. She bubbles with gratitude to Mrs. Judy Griffin of Los Angeles who hosted a baby shower for her at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. Tildon in Los Angeles' elegant View Park district. And only Kenneth Sean's cooperative and uncomplicated birth has calmed her from the stunned delight she experienced when members of the Zion Methodist Church Choir staged a truly "Surprise Shower" for her at her own home on Tonopah Drive early in February.