

Editorial

by Paul C. Smith

"BLACK GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM"

THEY LOVE US! THEY LOVE US NOT?

The Board of School Trustees' Resolution, adopted at the February 11th meeting is without question the most diabolic piece of hog-wash ever to be presented to the public.

In the first place they stalled for several months on even taking a position. The stall was to vote the Construction program for 1971-72 in, knowing that with over the million and a half dollars shortage in funds to complete the program, would preclude doing anything on the Hot Lunch Program.

This maneuver put the District on record as being in favor of a program. After expending money for studies, they failed to state which plan they would follow. Instead, they appointed a standing committee designated as the representative between the District and the public. They appoint Mrs. Helen Cannon as chairman. Now Mrs. Cannon by her past remarks, cannot be considered as a pro-school lunch Trustee, she has been in favor of more schools all along. That she has compassion for poor people has yet to be demonstrated and the school lunch program is designated to help give all children Hot Lunches, whether or not they have money to pay, (poor people).

The Board could and should have held up the Construction program until they had approved one of the plans from the food study, started program with the least expense, and earmarked funds left over into the building expansion program.

Paragraph four of the Resolution expressly words out any way of having a Hot Lunch program. The admitted policy of the Board has been for more classrooms, saying in their unquestionable opinion, need for more classrooms is more important than nutrition being a part of the educational development of students.

It could be, I am not saying that it is, they want to have their names as builders of new schools on the Bronze plates.

Paragraph two of the Resolution, is part of the same old pitch to ask for more money from the over-burdened tax payers. Since they have voted to do what they want with present funds, the meaning of their statement rings loud and clear. "We will go to the people to find out if they want a Hot Lunch program." This means that the people can express themselves by a special bond election for or against the program.

The School Trustees are guilty of not dealing in good faith with the public because the wording of this Resolution clearly points out in paragraphs two and four that they have never planned on having a hot lunch program unless it would come about after they have their way about what is best for the public that they supposedly were elected to SERVE.

The hungry students have lost a battle, but not the war, because this community has citizens that are fighters for good causes. Now we know for sure that what the trustees want they get, and we must be reasonable and let them do things their way. They are deaf to the pleas of concerned citizens. By their action hundreds upon hundreds of students will pass thru our schools without that integral part of the educational development, a national lunch program.

We must regroup, and make plans to find Trustee's who are not deaf to our pleas, for our children's sake.

BLACK HISTORY

DR. W.E.B. DUBOIS
FOUNDER OF THE NIGERIA MOVEMENT, FORERUNNER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. AUTHOR OF BLACK RECONSTRUCTION.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON—WHAT IS THE ANSWER— "WHITE ACCOMMODATION" ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY. THE DEBATE GOES ON.

MARCUS GARVEY
BLACK NATIONALISM. "A RACE WITHOUT AUTHORITY AND POWER IS A RACE WITHOUT RESPECT."

MALCOLM X
THE MAN, THE PROPHET, THE REVOLUTIONARY, THE MARTYR.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
"HE DID NOT EMBRACE NON-VIOLENCE OUT OF FEAR OR COWARDICE, HE CHALLENGED INJUSTICE WITHOUT A GUN."
DR. BENJAMIN E. MAYS

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Mr. Paul C. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

We would like to extend our thanks and deep appreciation for the coverage that your paper has given to Negro History Week. The displays presenting profiles of West Las Vegas has been an inspiration to many citizens and school children. We have noticed that the pictures have been placed on many bulletin boards in our local schools.

It was our desire that this project would inspire many young black americans to aspire to greater heights in life. We think that we have accomplished our objective. Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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