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## NAACP PICKETS CVT **GILBERT & JO MACKEY**

Hastily drawn plans to picket the two Prestige Schools, CVT Gilbert and Jo Mackey did not bring out the expected number of pickets. However the school district should be aware that the small number of pickets in no way reflects the Community Concern of the School Districts "Game Plan" to place a dictator over the two schools, nor did the small number provents the Black Community approves of the Districts. Voluntary Integration Plan.

What should be most important is that Black parents are not going to fall into the trap that so many white bigots fell. That of keeping their children out of school, to uphold their own racial beliefs. The very fact that many Blacks were willing to have their children bussed to white area schools indicates that they believe these schools to be better staffed and capable of providing a better education for their children. THEY WANT EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILD-

REN AT ANY COST.

There have been charges by the NAACP that. these two schools have been upgraded in concepts and facility to attract white students. They farther claim that these schools are open zoned for whites only. To this charge the District has not given a straight foward answer. While these schools are still predominally Black, as neighborhood children make up most of the enrollment, other Black children living close by cannot change to CVT Gilbert or Jo Mackey to take advantage of what the district admits as being prestige schools. What we really have is the School District is willing to expend many dollars to avoid complying with Supreme Court Decisions to integrate all public schools, and they are looking for loop holes and excuses to that end.

When all of the Smoke clears away, one fact and only one fact will be clear. Blacks don't care about integrating for integrations sake. Blacks want the very best education for their children and so far, the best education has been in the white schools. Blacks want to be given the same chance as Whites, not only in education, but in every aspect of the American Way of Life.

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(Editor's Note: Central State University does not necessarily agree or disagree with the opinions of Dr. Alsbrook.)

## "WHITE MALE ELITE" MUST SHARE MONEY WITH BLACK PEOPLE

A dramatic plan to raise the financial power and status of blacks and other minority citizens was proposed last week in a magazine article by Dr. John Kenneth Galbraith, the Harvard University economist and former Government official.

If his plan or something similar to it to help blacks financially does not materialize within the near future, Dr. Galbraith said, America should expect a remedy for blacks' financial inequality to come through unpleasant disturb-

Galbraith reports that "the American economy is run by--and extensively for the benefit of--a white male elite.

Only two percent of the nation's people whose salary is more than \$15,000 a year are members of the minority groups--Black, Mexican, Indian, Cuban, oriental, etc. Galbraith said. Another two percent are women and the gigantic 96 percent are white men.

The fact that the American economy is run by a white male elite is accepted "only because, as was once true of segregated lunch counters and Jim Crow hotels, it had existed for so long," Galbraith continued. "But there is also good reason to consider the practical consequences. The people are not longer mute or helpless; one can

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hardly imagine that they will permanently and

"ANGRY REMEDY AHEAD"

"There is, accordingly, a choice between eliminating this discrimination or leaving it to

later and much more angry remedy."
Dr. Galbraith's proposed solution contains two major parts: (1) a Congressional declaration of national policy that "employment of women, blacks, American Indians and Spanish-speaking minorities be in accord, throughout the various salary brackets in industry and government, with the numbers in the working force," and (2) "that there be created a competently staffed body, fully representative of the minority groups to be assisted, called the Minorities Advancement Com-mission."

The Minorities Advancement Commission, Dr. Galbraith said, would have power to require large firms to submit a 10-year plan for bringing minority groups into a 11 of the higher salary hierarchies in proportion to the minority group's population in the communities in which the firms operate.

### THOUSAND OF JOBS

Although Dr. Galbraith's plan would apply only to firms employing more than 2,000 people, it would be effective, he says, because these large firms account for about one-half of all the goods and services produced by private business. Added weight would be left, he said, because the nation's various cities, counties, states, and the federal government would be committed to the ian and would after their employment practices accordingly.

Thus, hundreds of thousands of higher-paying jobs would become available to minority men and women and the tendency of even smaller firms to discriminate would be mitigated by the force of widespread practice and public opinion.

Dr. Galbraith reminds the people that the choice is not between his plan and a perfect world but between his plan or one like it and continued

discrimination with its coming explosions.

New ideas to help minorities do not gain the majority's favor easily, especially when a relinquishing of favored status is involved. But many changes have occurred in recent years and Dr. Galbraith's idea is pushed by the minorities themselves could become a reality.

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