

## Black Youth Turnout May Be Low: Sharpton

NEW YORK, N.Y.--A 17-year-old black youth leader said today that many black youths are "so disillusioned with the system" that they will not vote in November.

Even though 18-year-olds have the vote for the first time nationally, Rev. Alfred Sharpton, a young Pentecostal minister and head of the National Youth Movement, says many will not use it. The Rev. Mr. Sharpton, who has been active in black youth organizations in New York, formed the NYM last July and says that it has already enrolled 5,000 members around the country.

In an article in the current issue of ESSENCE magazine, Rev. Sharpton said the disillusionment of black youth stems, in part, from a 38 per cent unemployment rate among their group. "Black youth have been and are being trained not to work," he said. "They are adjusting us to accept welfare roles before we even get old enough to apply."

The youthful minister, who preached his first sermon at the age of four and was ordained at the age of 10, is highly regarded by black leaders around the nation. In July, 1971, Rev. Sharpton met with such black leaders as Manhattan Borough Pres. Percy Sutton, Harold Simms, of the National Urban League, and Bayard Rustin, the civil rights strategist, and won support and financing for his enterprise.

One goal, apparently, will be to oust President Nixon from the White House in the coming election. Interviewed by Marcia Gillespie, the Editor-in-Chief of ESSENCE, Rev. Sharpton said, "We've all got to organize around each other. In '72, we won't put Nixon out of the White House by wearing a dashiki or a wrap-around on our heads or calling each other African names."

"That won't effect nothin'. The only way that we would defeat Nixon is by getting enough votes against Nixon to put somebody else in the House."

Black youth, he said, must have "a future in this country." He defined liberation as "the basics of life--food, clothing, shelter, quality, education and political power--a say-so in (the) country."

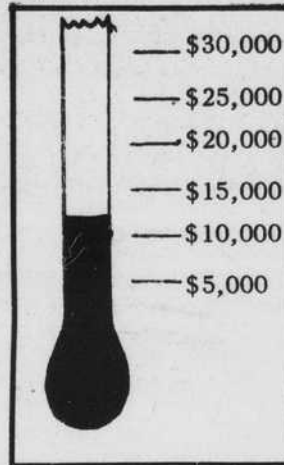
Rev. Sharpton called upon young blacks to respect the established leadership in the civil rights movement for having "paved the way" for black youth today. He noted, "There's no generation gap in the Black community because all of us are oppressed. You're not oppressed because you're over 30 or under 30 in the black community. You're oppressed because you're black. I think as long as we're dealing on the basis that we must be free then there's no gap there."

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## Your Weekly Astro Forecast

By D. MODIN

LOCATE YOUR BIRTHDAY IN THE SECTIONS BELOW, AND SEE YOUR PERSONAL OUTLOOK ACCORDING TO THE STARS.

(ARIES Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ... Key word Aries is "DELAY." Check out legal position if you run into delays. Romance is up and down, with personal projects, that are time consuming or keep you mentally preoccupied, Aries. You're not very good social company and someone could tell you. Some background incidents, hamper self expression. Dig out the problems through HONEST INSIGHT.

(TAURUS Apr. 20 to May 20) ... Key word Taurus is "CREATIVITY." Your own ability to create something lovely in the face of difficulties, comes to rescue in human problems. You may also have far more facts, to give you understanding, then meets the eye. Others may not need to know it, Taurus. Keep own counsel and another's business to yourself. View speculation carefully tonite.

(GEMINI May 21 to June 20) ... Key word Gemini is "SALESMANSHIP." Speak out if others can't see your point of view. Your home life could be upset and this makes daily living difficult for you, Gemini. Change of plans likely if you're discontented, make sure you know where you're going. Don't run from yourself if problems lies in your reactions. If it's the other fellow, tell him.

(CANCER June 21 to July 22) ... Key word Cancer is "UNDERSTANDING." You find difficulty in getting your own line of thought across if you're emotional in expression. You may be equally hard to convince if you're reacting to others emotionally. Apply logic toward better understanding, Cancer. Assert yourself if necessary. Distant matters of prime concern. Call someone tonight.

(LEO July 23 to Aug. 22) ... Key word Leo is "EARNINGS." You're not too good at saving money. You could find it comes and goes quickly, Leo. Keep investments, assets intact, where possible. Don't cut yourself short. Young people, loved ones, drain both vitality and economy earnings. It isn't easy for you to refuse anyone. But if you care about them, you'll make them earn it.

(VIRGO Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ... Key word Virgo is "PRIMARY." Take your life in orderly fashion and place your own self interests, first. These should be made of primary concern, for best success. You can get lost in others' involved lives and lose track of own chances for success, Virgo. Curiosity killed the cat and also the goose that laid the Golden Egg, to mix up metaphors tonite.

(LIBRA Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) ... Key word Libra is "EFFORT." You have everything going for you, but LUCK is ninety percent PERSPIRATION AND TEN PERCENT "INSPECTION", when it comes down to cases. Effort must be expended to both capture opportunity and hold onto it, once caught, Libra. Temporary changes in partnership routine, eventually benefit your need for better harmony.

(SCORPIO Oct. 24 to Nov. 22) ... Key word Scorpio is "ECONOMY." Opportunity comes to you in the form of real MONEY SAVERS. Keep your eyes open, look alive, Scorpio. You could stretch the budget a long way, now. You have investment on your mind and overcome partnership opposition with facts. If temporarily blocked by others, win through passivity, which means do nothing... YET!

(SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) ... Key word Sagittarius is "UPHEAVAL." There's plenty going on around you. You may find it difficult to see above work load, confusion or delays, Sagittarius. Partners are slow, but then you're often too fast. Think about it! Then curb temper, impatience. Whatever represents your basic roots in life, may be in need of more order and system to operate.

(CAPRICORN Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ... Key word Capricorn is "UPPER HAND." You have authority. Use it. You're not willingly aggressive, but if the situation warrants it, you can be forceful Capricorn. If necessary, protect your position and holdings, legally. Some deadlocks in delay, ease up soon. Seek out hidden facts, arm yourself with cold, clear, logic and present things in orderly fashion.

(AQUARIUS Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ... Key word Aquarius is "BILLS." Don't procrastinate on unpaid bills you own or others owe you. Time is short, get things of this nature behind you. New cycle moves you into productivity soon, Aquarius and you don't want anything hanging over your head. Your concentration improves with small items or annoying people cleared out for big strides soon.

(PISCES Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ... Key word Pisces is "CATAGORIES." Until you have everything concerning details, tucked into their proper category, you feel confused, Pisces. Handle details and get your reasoning in order along with annoying items. Protect yourself by keeping to essentials. Find a place where you can concentrate, study, probe or sort out your life and get with it now.



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