

EDITORIAL

BY PAUL C. SMITH

WHILE THE SEGREGATIONIST ARE AGAIN ON THE OFFENSIVE ...

POLITICAL POT BOILS

Very serious consideration should be given to the possible split of votes because of the number of candidates in most races within our so called Black Community.

We have advocated for years that the only way we as Blacks could enter into the political mainstream was to get ourselves together - and make a solid voting block. We have in a small measure been the balance of power.

Now-with reapportionment we have been placed into the position of pitting Black against Black for representation.

Many citizens were overjoyed that the election of Blacks to several seat we have not been able to acquire in the past-was a blessing. But is it?

The importance of one vote has not proved very effective in the past history of the school district - because that body has not had a split vote in years. In the state senate and in the legislative we have had very few close votes.

Just how one or two officials voted-has not been of major importance. Because of power block voting. What we are trying to get over is that the majority votes have been mustered by uniting forces. It has long been considered a good tactic to force a split in any group to reduce their effective power. It has always been the aim of both political parties to effect a split in the opposing parties' ranks. Divide and Conquer.

While we have been for all practical purpose divided - we have not been conquered. Can prevent ourselves being conquered is by uniting. In unity there is strength. We would like to believe that all candidates will get together assess their strengths - and withdraw from the races and support the strongest candidate among them.

Withdrawing would make those men taller in the eyes of the community. Since those elected will no be elected to life terms, those withdrawing could better plan and prepare themselves for future elective position.

BUSING AND INTEGRATION

By Bayard Rustin

There is a strong chance that we will witness the passage of stringent legislative curbs on busing during this election year. Should this occur, the challenge of desegregating our public schools, already a delicate and complex process, will be made more arduous.

But more than that, it would represent the first successful congressional attempt to impede by legislation the cause of racial equality in a half century, the last time this occurred having been laws segregating public facilities in Washington, D.C. during Woodrow Wilson's administration.

What are the implications for the civil rights movements?

Some are convinced that the adoption any of the proposed anti-busing bills--three are pending before the House--will inaugurate an era of civil rights reaction which would cripple future liberal initiatives and endanger much of the progress for which so many have sacrificed. They perceive anti-busing legislation

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