

### Believe America will go broke trying to be decent?



### EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Follow examples of Duncan & O'Neal

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Whenever a major event or meeting takes place in Las Vegas that concerns the residents of our community, we are assured of always having two representatives attending.

They are Ruby Duncan, head of the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization, and Erma O'Neal head of Poor People Pulling Together.

These energetic women make other people shake their heads in wonder. They want to know how they find the time to do so much.

These women are dedicated servants of the community. People must be, or should be honored when they deserve it.

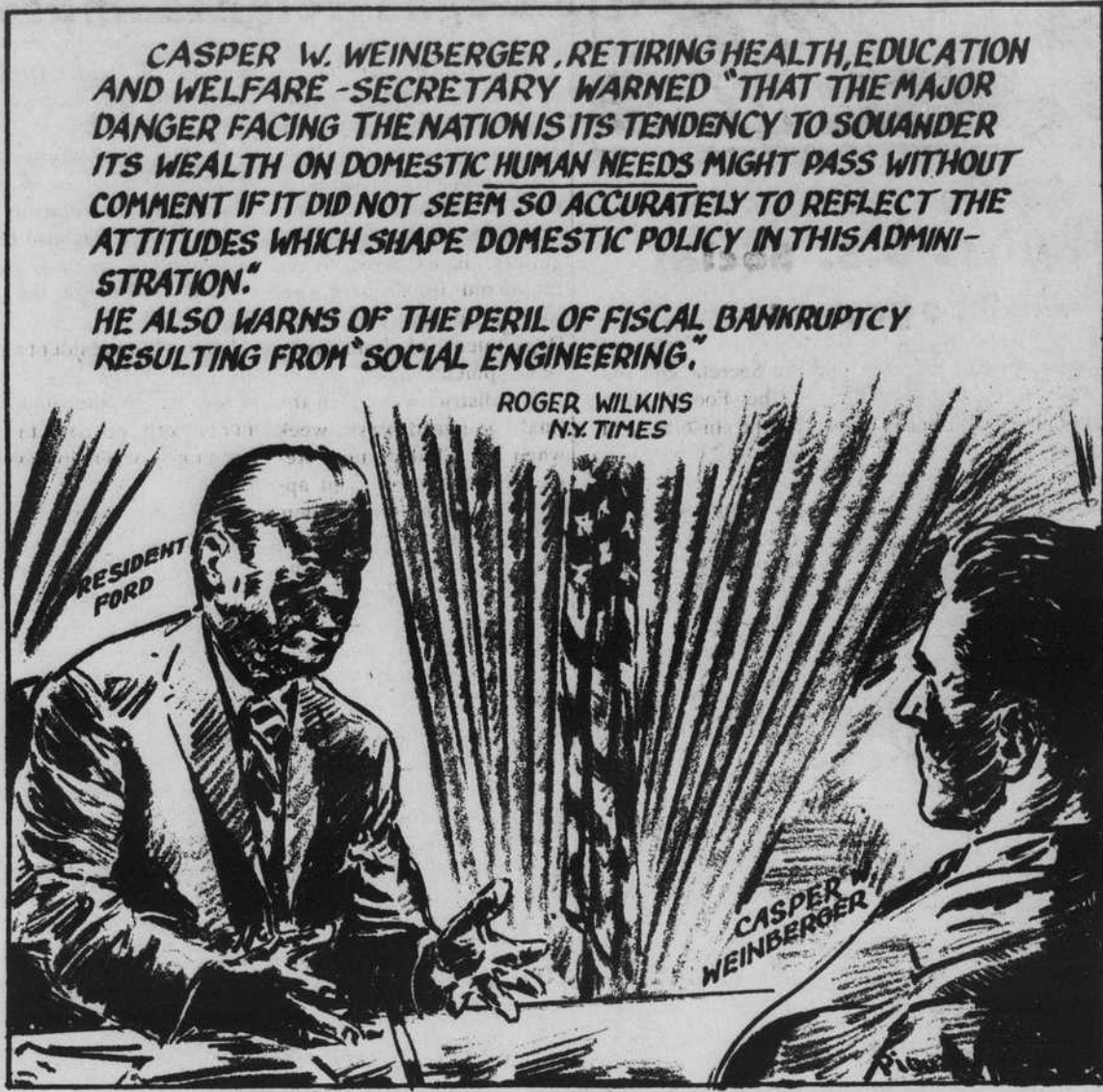
Some people might think these two women give so much of their time to the community just to get the publicity. But no amount of publicity could compensate for the study and hard work that must go into every meeting attended by these dedicated women.

Most of the meetings are long, tiring, and sometimes boring. These women, however, take the time away from their families to look out for the interest of our community.

We should get behind them and back them in their efforts to further the progress of our community. We need as many people like them as we can get.

Both had humble beginnings. But they have risen up as an inspiration to every person in our community.

Publicity is not enough compensation for their efforts to help us. We should show them our appreciation, by more of us following their example.



CASPER W. WEINBERGER, RETIRING HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE - SECRETARY WARNED "THAT THE MAJOR DANGER FACING THE NATION IS ITS TENDENCY TO SQUANDER ITS WEALTH ON DOMESTIC HUMAN NEEDS MIGHT PASS WITHOUT COMMENT IF IT DID NOT SEEM SO ACCURATELY TO REFLECT THE ATTITUDES WHICH SHAPE DOMESTIC POLICY IN THIS ADMINISTRATION." HE ALSO WARNS OF THE PERIL OF FISCAL BANKRUPTCY RESULTING FROM "SOCIAL ENGINEERING."

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"While advocating emancipation in his Notes Jefferson voiced the suspicion that the Blacks were inferior to the whites in the endowments both of the body and mind and that this inferiority was not simply a result of their condition of life.

"He regarded the enslaved Africans as a corrupting presence. He, therefore, urged that the Blacks, when freed, should be removed from the territorial confines of the United States. The author of the Declaration of Independence was also a white supremacist. The myth of the inherent inferiority of the Negro was fostered by a man who claimed that the equality of all human beings was a self-evident truth," a noted African writer said.

Patrick Henry, the crier of "Give me Liberty or death," said that he pitied the lot of slaves but could do nothing about it even though he had slaves himself he could have freed.

"Patrick Henry, as late as 1773, was still justifying tyranny and oppression on grounds of necessity. And yet this Virginian lawyer, as we have been told all too often for our comfort, was so devoted to the cause of liberty that he would much rather be dead than compromise his freedom. All he could offer the Black ... was not liberty, not equality, not retributive justice but pity," the African author said.

But it was not just these two men who were hypocrites. It was the sickness of most of the white people in these struggling colonies.

Most white people have a feeling about Black people that is cancerous. And it stems from far more than the blackness of our race.

"The transplanted Europeans enslaved the African not because they were primarily interested in securing the most efficient laborers nor in monetary profits. These rejects of Europe assigned inferior status to the Black man because this was the one way by which they could assuage their deflated egos and compensate for their feelings of inferiority in the Old World. . . .

"Colonial Americans suffered from a Prospero complex. They boasted of superiorities which were largely figments of the imagination. They were, to some extent, misanthropes (haters of mankind). They projected their own savagery onto the underdog, the enslaved African."

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### Dick Gregory To Speak At UNLV

Civil rights advocate Dick Gregory, feminist Germaine Greer and ESP expert Russ Burgess are among the speakers in the 1975-76 lecture series at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Sponsored by the Consolidated Students of UNLV, the series also includes recording industry giant Clive Davis and ex-CIA agent Victor Marchetti.

The series is open to the general public and CSUN is offering lecture series ticket booklets this season. For information contact the Student Activities Center in the Moyer Student Union.

The series begins at 8 p.m. September 18 with Dick Gregory, former nightclub comic who has campaigned for human rights.

Gregory was born in the black ghetto of St. Louis, Mo. While in high school, he became a state champion in track and field, and later expanded his honors to the track at Southern Illinois University. He started as a nightclub entertainer when blacks could get bookings in black clubs. He helped pave the way and open entertainment doors for black comedians, and then turned to the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

His outspoken views on civil rights and his participation in demonstrations cost over a million dollars in cancelled bookings, travel expenses and legal fees. He found himself being barred many times and his fasting periods became legendary.

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### Just the FACTS

The big craze across the United States today is the upcoming celebration of the 200th birthday of this country.

Most Blacks are standing, however, on the sidelines wondering if they should participate in this celebration.

If we do celebrate this country's 200th birthday, then we will be in effect saying that it has treated us well.

Although each one of us will have to decide for himself, we all should consider how the people who created this country felt about our ancestors and how their offsprings feel about us today.

Take Thomas Jefferson, he drafted the U.S. Constitution and has been hailed as one of the greatest champions of freedoms as ever lived.

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