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WRITE THOUGHTFUL.

ST. THOMAS, V.I.--Uncle Sam got a major bargain when he bought this island, it's sunful and beautiful with shores that are embraced by the bluest waters anywhere in the world. The major publishers of the Black Press are here in hotels' full for the annual Mid-Winter Workshop of the National Newspaper Publishers Ass'n. From a just got here point of view they're in for a time as a "ball" it's geared up to be. Based on figures of all the publishers, with wives and friends, George Jackson got to pack American Airlines, this will be the largest Mid-Winter Workshop in the 30-odd yrs. of the NNPA. A major portion of the delegation will stay beyond the close-out Jan. 24th date to enjoy more of the island and picnic at Magen's Bay by host publisher Ariel Melchoir, Sr. However, it isn't going to be all fun and games for a variety of groups have been agenda'ed for the Workshop conclave. Included are rep's of Journalism schools, Black business leaders covering insurance, banking, government and related fields. On the scene are also top executives of major corporations, public relations and community relations experts. Principal Workshop speakers stackup like a who's who of any walk of life. Among those who will address remarks to the event are Lt. Governors George L. Brown, Colorado, and Mervyn Dymally, Calif., who are the first Blacks elected to this hi-post in modern time. Gov. Cyril King, Virgin Islands, Commish. Benjamin Hooks, FCC; Eddie N. Williams, Pres. Joint Center of Political Studies; Stanley Scott, Ass't Adm. AID; Dr. G. James Fleming, prof.-emeritus, Morgan State U., John Calhoun, spec. ass't, Pres. Ford; H. Minton Francis, Deputy Ass't Secy of Defense; John Sengstacke founder of NNPA, and NNPA's Pres. Dr. Carlton Goodlett.

WITH MALICE TOWARDS SOME.

In the words of Dr. Frank Banister, "Some things are obvious, like the Heisman Trophy Selection Committee's ability to ignore football players in Black Colleges. This year the Committee selected Archie Griffin, Ohio State, for his second award in 2-yr's. Did the Committee give the award to Archie, or did they use him to promote Ohio State and coach Woody Haynes? the latter is correct in my opinion. According to the group, the award is given to "The best college football player in America." That should be rephrased to read, "for the best football player in a White college in America." It's about time for a Black athlete to refuse the award until the Heisman Trophy Selection Committee gives the Black College football players the same opportunity to win. Bill Russell took that step in regards to the NBA Hall of Fame. Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali found that the Olympic Gold Medal didn't live up to its meaning, as far as Blacks in America are concerned so he tossed his into the Ohio River. This is not to say that Black College players must win, but they should be given the same opportunity to do so on a selection level with White Colleges' gridiron greats."

NIGHTMARE OF A DREAM

The name and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is being used in some instances for personal aggrandisement by too many egotists in too many places. As a result the opportunity to recognize his birthday has been seized by some spotlight hustlers who annually build an ego-platform upon which they bask in undeserved glory before his deeds. These forked tongue character droppers have never been touched by, or rubbed shoulders with this Christ like human being who walked the Godly-ways of this earth. And surely fit not into his "Dream" for they are the nightmare of all our existence. Most of them are selfish and faithless, authors of those personal causes which created division and hopelessness among neglected people. The very same people whom Dr. King lead out of the shadows of poverty and oppression into the light of an opulent world which he dreamed would one day realize the Godly fact "That all persons are created equal." To my knowledge, such sponsors send none of their jive-gotten-gains to Atlanta to further the establishing of a true and visible monument to the immortality of Dr. King's humanity. Few of them have ever published financial reports to let the public in on what is done with the funds. The time is now ripe for those companies, who put up the 'front money' and those VIP's who add respectability to this annual hustle, to start checkin' em out. Those cause assassins are not motivated by the lure of the on going challenge to effect any King size change: unless it's cash in their pockets.

N' Yorkers are wondering what will be the next move of fiery Cong' lady Shirley Chisholm? The strong rumor is that she has "for sale" listed her 100G's Brklyn manse and other property she owns hereabouts...Pittsburgers are talking about singer Tim Stevens who nixed his exec. director's post with the NAACP (local) to hit the marquee lanes. He has already done a Mike Douglas show, and is set for a return, and has cut an album, with two originals that are due out before the sun takes away the winter chill...Dorothy Donagan will hop off to Europe right after her pack-em-in stint at Jimmy Weston's posh off-Pk-Ave supper club. Jack Jordan is importing her to Stockholm for a repeat at his "Best of Harlem Soul Food" supper club. He's best remembered here as a partner of Howard Saunders in an ill-ventured two-coast promo of the late Josephine Baker...The Negro Actors Guild's Honi Coles, has asked the combined theatrical union heads to join the Writers Guild West in its survey of discrimination against Black writers. He said he would also like to know h'cum there were no major teevee network specials during the past holiday season and why those same great Black performers seem to be getting less and less exposure on the tubes with the success of Black sitcom.---STAY LOOSE.

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