

The Hughes Report



By Thomas F. Hughes

GIVE THE PEOPLE A VISION

One of our greatest present day leaders is Rev. Jesse Jackson, originator of PUSH (People United to Save Humanity). Rev. Jackson has made tremendous strides in economic development in Chicago, his organization base. Writing in the Readers Digest of November, here are excerpts from his article in the New York Times Magazine.

"The first task for Black Americans is to rise up from the decadence in which we too often find ourselves - and to do it with the force of our own will, our own energy, our own intellect. The need is urgent. The ethical collapse, the Heroin epidemic, the large numbers of our people who are out of work and on welfare and the disruptive violence in our schools all indicate that the cities may be destroying us.

Black Americans must begin to accept a larger share of responsibility for their lives. For too many years we have been crying that racism an oppression have kept us down. It is time for us to stand up, admit to our failures and weaknesses, and begin to strengthen ourselves. There is a definite "welfare mentality" in our communities. We have become politically apathetic. Only seven million of our fourteen million eligible voters were registered to vote. We too often condemn blacks who succeed and excel calling them Toms and the like, when the ideal ought to be for all of us to succeed and excel. Many leaders demand federal aid as the only solution. But money alone will not significantly change the welfare system, reduce crime, build enough new houses, improve education, restore stable families or eliminate drug abuse. A multitude of federal anti-poverty and urban renewal programs should have proved that by now.

We need to give the people a vision. We need to tell our young people we will get all the state- and federal money that we can; but first and foremost, we need to put your hands and your bodies and your minds to work building our communities. We must challenge our young people to put hope in their brains rather than dope in their veins. What difference does it make whether the doors swing open if our young people are too dizzy to walk through them.

Black students became so caught up in Black Power Symbolism that they forgot about such basic skills as reading, writing and thinking. Predominantly black schools are largely out of control. Another crucial element in the situation is the church. The most stable influence in Black communities. An estimated 14 to 15 million men, women and children are members of Black churches. High schools in Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles are working with the churches. Black ministers still carry moral authority with our people, and most people want moral authority. To this I add: Amen."

From Our Readers

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CAMPAIGN '76 IS HISTORY NOW.

There were some losers and some winners, and I happen to be one of the losers, but a good loser.

I first would like to congratulate my opponent and wish her well. I'm sure she will do a good job. She is well qualified.

I would like to thank my wonderful committee, who worked so hard and who made my campaign a success. They were all outstanding people and did a magnificent job working long hours and gave everything they had to offer. I shall never forget them either as a committee or as individuals. I'm sure there will be some way, some how, some day that I will be able to show them how grateful I am for the work they did for me.

I would also like to thank my many friends who supported me both financially and with their votes.

I am very proud of the showing that we made in this race. It only goes to show we will have to work harder next time and may I say to you, there will be another time...I have been in this community many years and I hope to be here many more.

Thanks to all of you.

Jimmy Gay

ELECTION NOTICE

The NAACP will meet Sunday, November 14, 1976, 4:00 p.m. at the EOB office, 900 West Owens Avenue.

The Nominating Committee will turn in its report for the slate of officers for 1976-77.

Vest Ead, Personnel Director of the Aladdin Hotel will be the guest speaker.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK



FLOORMAN -- BOX MAN -- That's Edward Keemp, 30, at the Las Vegas Club, downtown Las Vegas, for the past 4 years. Ed has lived in Las Vegas since 1960 coming from his home town of St. Louis, Mo. He attended college at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. When I asked him how and why he landed in Las Vegas he merely stated the fact: "A broad wanted to come to the City of Glitter and I followed her." Ed is a veteran from Vietnam (3 years) and still stays in shape -- he is a runner and loves the out of doors. Professional basketball was his goal, but a bum leg stopped that. When Dr. West owned the VOICE Ed was on the basketball team sponsored by the paper. He is proud to state "I knew Mohammad Ali when I was young." His current goal is a place of his own - Bar, Cocktail lounge, entertainment, etc." With his talent, experience, and looks he will get it without a doubt. And ladies, would you believe this 6 - 5 220 pound, handsome bachelor says "Tell'em I'm available."

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