



*Congressional  
Black Caucus  
Reports to the  
People*

HAWKINS

I think it's commendable that our Government is so concerned about human rights in foreign countries. Surely, now that the Shah of Iran is back home, we might put some pressure on him to tell his police force to cease beating up and jailing anti-Shah college students.

And maybe we can develop even stronger economic sanctions against South Africa, since it is apparent now that the death of Steve Biko was caused by his brutal treatment at the hands of South African security forces.

We certainly need to evidence our concern in these matters. But we need to temper our intensity somewhat; we are certainly no paragons of virtue on this question.

I am immediately reminded, for example, of the current North Carolina incarceration of a group of civil rights activists called the Wilmington 10. There's been enough evidence gathered in this case which indicates that these young men are innocent and should be immediately set free. But the wheels of justice seemingly do not grind at all in North Carolina, and it appears that North Carolina wants these civil rights activists to rot in jail.

Then there's the trip to the South Bronx that President Carter took the other day. From all that's been written about this "no man's land," the South Bronx is the most economically depressed community in this entire nation. Crime abounds almost unabated; most of the families are on welfare; adequate housing is non-existent; dope and alcoholism flourishes; and children grow up with the sense that this is what the world looks like.

I'm very concerned about the human rights of the people who are forced to live in the South Bronx, and in other places just like it. As a matter of fact although the situation in my own District is not as bad as conditions in the South Bronx, the deprivation is still horrendous enough.

To me, if a child lives in depressed housing, his human rights are being abrogated. If a senior citizen's monthly retirement check lasts only one-half of that month, his human rights are being trampled on. If our young adults have no future in the work world, their human rights do not exist. If a father must flee his home, because that's the only way his family can become eligible for welfare assistance, then his human rights are a sham. If a person wants to work, and is able to work, but there are not enough jobs to go around, the issue of human rights is muted.

It is true that we ought to be the world leaders in calling for human rights in South Korea, Indonesia, Bangladesh and other countries. But first, let's deliver a better brand of human rights to our own people. Then we might be better able to throw the first stone!

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**ELVIS**

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8 COLUMN 2 of Elvis and was in the gates of Graceland Manner several times. Staggs had a hit record some years ago "Swing", and is now making a comeback with this record. It took several tries to complete the recording because every time he started he became all choked up and could not continue.

The Cavanna's feel "this is indeed a Las Vegas tribute as it all happened here!" The record was recorded at Commercial Sound Studio in Las Vegas by engineer Robin Freeman. As Las Vegas was Elvis' second home (he made his big comeback here) the Cavanna's felt that this was the place to have the tribute.

We, the people of Las Vegas all loved, and will always love Elvis forever. These songs might have been composed and written by Sharon and Perer Cavanna of Las Vegas, but it is from all of his fans. As the Cavanna's put it "a wonderful era has left us, but we can still put on his records and hear his very soul."

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