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Last week I spoke of American racism and how it has served to create no African policy and then poor African policy. I concluded the column last week by stating: "Even if America's heart is not right in regards to a fair and decent African policy, her selfish interests are ill-served if she continues down the collision course she is now engaged in in Africa. This day and this age calls for a new and different approach. America must not allow her racism and idolatry disarm her and take from her forever the possibility of a decent, productive relationship with the emerging majorities in Azania (South Africa), Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Namibia (South West Africa) and indeed all of Africa."

The truth of the matter is that reality that dictates to America that a sound African policy is not some out of context concession to be begrudgingly conceded or some small favor to be self indulgently presented. A sound African policy is in America's best interests. America must revamp its thinking and learn to relate to Africans as peers, something it has not done in the past.

There is a new and emerging world order. The African nations and other emerging nations are as aware of the growing resource crisis in the world as are the industrialized nations. The nations who have coveted resources know it and are now fighting to make those resources serve a greater utility to bring food, clothing and shelter to their own people.

This means that a larger share of the resources of these nations will be used internally for self development. Beyond that, there will be a mad scramble among the other nations of the world for access to those resources.

African nations have large reserves of some of the most coveted resources in the world. Oil, diamonds, tin, copper, magnesium and many others. There are large stretches of the massive continent yet to be explored. These resources make Africa a strategic factor in the whole future of the world.

America has no guarantee of access to those resources. The CIA cannot be counted on to sustain puppet governments all over Africa for the luxury of American corporations.

The industrialized nations must also look to the markets of the under-developed countries of the world for their completed products, goods and services, if they are to sustain their economies and keep their employment marginal at least. There is also a mad scramble that it will continue to enjoy the favorable trade relationships it now enjoys.

America does not have the monopoly it once had on technical knowledge and manufacturing efficiency. Other nations are now competitive with America and some, due to low wages, can offer better bargains to the world.

Africa represents a vast reservoir that can be America's great success or America's great failure. It is not a question of love or concern or fairness. It is a question of cold blooded survival. America will not maintain its high standard of living without some changes in its African policy and its attitude toward Africans.

Concurrent with its new attitudes towards Africans, America must change its attitudes towards black Americans. An America that berates and degrades its own African people will not be highly regarded by the proud, modern Africans.

Though many black Americans know little about Africa other than the scandalous yellow journalism used against Idi Amin, they must be prepared to play a major role in the new American policy in Africa. This would not be a sacrificial role but a self enhancement role because the African emergence is the last possibility for the black American to have the clout to move to his rightful place in the competing trenches of American pluralism. America is not a democracy, it never has been, it never will be. America

is a pluralistic society, within which every group must fight for their piece of the pie. Africa offers the black American a new chance to fight.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.) has not authorized, nor does it support the picketing of the C.F.T.A. offices at this time.
Anyone picketing any office or business in the name of S.C.L.C. is completely on their own, and do not have the endorsement of the S.C.L.C., its Executive Board or Members.

Joseph Prudhomme
PRESIDENT

On this 22nd day of December, 1977, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Joseph Prudhomme, known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument.

Joseph Prudhomme
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CETA Picketed

CETA was picketed again on Tuesday afternoon by Edward Smith and his group of young people.

Edward Smith and his group contend that CETA should be left on the Westside, more particularly in the Golden West Shopping Center, rather than move to Commercial Center.

Al Lippet of CETA claims the move to the Commercial Center, while involving the hiring hall along with the Administrative offices, is for the betterment of the CETA program. He says this is to the advantage of the people as it will put all of the Administrative offices under one roof. As it stands now, some of the Administrative offices are in the Golden West Shopping Center, while other are at 300 Las Vegas Blvd. No.

Joe Prudhomme, President of SCLC, states that Edward Smith, while claiming to picket in the name of SCLC Youth Director, has no sanction of SCLC. Prudhomme states, "Edward Smith is no longer a member of SCLC, and therefore cannot picket under the name of SCLC."

On November 21, 1977, Thomas Hughes, Chairman of the Board of SCLC, resigned and two or three weeks later, at an open meeting, Rev. C.C. Smith was asked to resign as President of SCLC. This was done under pressure from the membership. At that time, Edward Smith, son of Rev. C.C. Smith, and approximately 20 or 30 family members and friends got up and walked out.

Edward Smith stated to this reporter, "The picket line was not out in the name of SCLC simply because I was not authorized and I did not ask permission because there are some Uncle Tom's on the Board that would not have given permission. We were picketing in the name of Tried Stone Baptist Church, 621 W. Carey, Pastor, C.C. Smith, and in the name of the Lord for Humanities."

Prior to starting on the picket line the group held a meeting in the church, starting and ending in prayer.

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RUBY DUNCAN NAMED to NAT'L. COMMISSION of WORKING WOMEN

Ruby Duncan of Las Vegas, Nevada, Executive Director of Operation Life Community Development Corporation, has been named to the National Commission on Working Women. The Commission, a two-year, non-governmental advocacy body, has been created to actively promote and improve the conditions of women workers concentrated in low-status, low-paying jobs in service industries, clerical occupations, retail stores, factories and plants.

Ms. Duncan also serves as President of the Clark County Welfare and Economic Rights Organization and Chairs the Board of Directors of the National Council on Women, Work and Welfare. In 1973 she was a delegate to the World Conference for Peace Convention in Moscow and in 1977 was a Nevada delegate to the National Women's Conference. McCall's magazine listed her among women making the most significant contribution to our nation in 1971.

She is one of 26 Commissioners appointed representing women workers from female-intensive occupations, Congress, corporations, labor, media and the educational research community.

After its initial meeting on November 29 the Commission was received by Vice President Walter F. Mondale at the White House. He noted the need for a national advocate on behalf of working women, and expressed concern that the earnings gap between men and women continues to widen.

The Commission represents the first attempt to focus nationally on the status of 'pink' and 'blue' collar women workers. They are approximately 80% of the female labor force and are concentrated in so-called "women's jobs."

The Commission's major funding is through a grant from the National Institute of Education (HEW); special project funds have been granted by the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Family Fund. The Commission will meet quarterly and will sponsor regional meetings around the country.

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