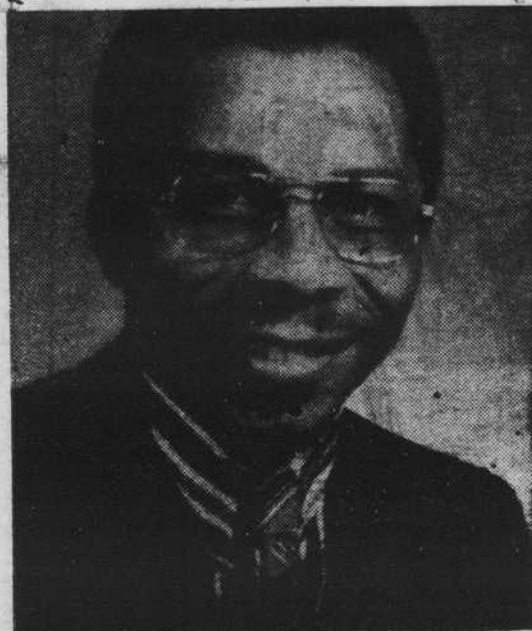


The Minds of Youths in Today's Schools!

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Words From Herbert Gerson

I caught your momma in the alley.
Hit her so hard, she said, Dirty Sally.

Roses are red, violets are blue.
Dookey is stanky, and so are you.

I met your mama at Jack-in-the-Box
She was eating, drinking gas, and eating
rocks and locks.

I know a girl wearing white.
The boys strip her every night
When she get up, she's ready to fight.

... and me and the young man was
sri!! going together, and we broke up
just because I wouldn't give him any.

The above poems are but a few of a group
of poems that were published in volume num-
ber three, March 1978 of a newsletter pub-
lished by one of the programs at Herbert
Gerson Housing Project. There were other

poems and articles in the issue that were
just as derogatory as those printed above.
These poems were written by our Black youths
ranging in ages from nine to fourteen.

The questions that arise in my mind are (1)
What is this program? (2) What is its pur-
pose? (3) Who coordinates this program?
(4) Who in their right mind would allow such
garbage as this to be published and filter
way into the community?

I personally feel that this was used as an
avenue by those persons associated with the
paper to say: "This is what the Black
kids think about." or "Aren't they ignor-
ant?" On the other hand, having read these
poems, one can readily see that there is
creativity present in our Black children.
Thus, if the person in charge were sincere
in his/her work and had the education and
training of children at heart, this person
possessed any ethics at all, they would not
have condoned of such filth being published.

The task of educators is to identify child-
ren's problems, to redefine those goals related
to their educational needs, and to provide
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to revise the Pension Plan, the Health Plan,
and organize a Federal Credit Union for all
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