

Black Leader Visits Israel



BLACK LEADER VISITS ISRAEL: Lieutenant Governor George L. Brown visits the historic site of Masada in Israel, scene of the heroic battle fought by a handful of Jews against the Roman Legions two thousand years ago. Lt. Governor Brown took part in a 10-day fact-finding mission to Israel, re-

viewing the rapid growth and progress of the young state. His tour included stops at holy places in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Galilee and a visit to the "Good Fence," at the Lebanese-Israeli border where Lebanese villagers cross over into Israel to receive medical care and to work.

BLACK EVENTS QUIZ

(This quiz is designed to accompany *History-Making Black Happenings*. It can be used for classroom discussion or to help you focus your own thinking on current issues.)

- 1) Black African leaders at the United Nations have suggested that Ian Smith's plan for "black majority rule" by the end of this year is a "divide-and-conquer" technique which portends disaster. What evidence is there for such a view, pro and con?
- 2) White Rhodesian (or Zimbabwe) citizens seem to reflect, at least on the surface, a "business as usual" attitude regarding the future. Why so? Is this realistic or not?
- 3) Would you tend to agree or to disagree with United Nations Ambassador An-

drew Young's contention that the U.S. and Great Britain must see to it that the Patriotic Front of guerrilla warfare leaders must be included in any new workable Zimbabwe government. Why?

- 4) Indications are that the Russians and Cubans have a massive lead on the Western nations in terms of influence and presence in Africa. How do you account for this? What do you feel this will mean to American fortunes and policy?
- 5) What lessons, if any, are to be learned from the Chappie James story in the Air Force?
- 6) Do you feel that President Carter will be any more successful than his predecessors in closing the economic gap between whites and blacks? Why, in either case?



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

ENERGY PROPOSALS

The Congressional Black Caucus Energy and Transportation Subcommittee is examining the Carter energy proposal to determine the economic consequences that the poor, low income, and minority workers must endure. Such a drastic reorganization of our priorities, which previously based itself on the ready availability of cheap sources of energy, will have a major impact on the economy. When such drastic changes have occurred in the past, poor and low income people have been required to make the greatest adjustments and sacrifices. One of the major thrusts of the Caucus' Energy and Transportation Subcommittee will be to identify and minimize some of these deleterious policies which are inherent within the President's energy policy.

The rebate program, for instance, is still unclear. The President proposed to raise the consumer purchasing price of petroleum products through both a producer tax and the decontrol of petroleum found after April 20, 1977. It is critical that poor and low income people receive adequate assistance to offset these increases in prices. Their budgets cannot be stretched any further. The inflated prices since 1973 have already caused severe hardships, and the budgets of the poor and low-income workers, many of whom are black, have reached their limits. For many, the choice may be between food and heat. This does not even take into consideration the many

direct and indirect products that are derived from oil. Congressman John Conyers Jr.'s (D-Mich) proposal to centralize the purchase of all foreign-produced crude oil in the federal government, making it the sole negotiator for all oil imports, may have been the only sensible way to keep down the price of oil, within the reach of the average individual consumer.

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