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**Blacks &
Minorities**

Blacks and minorities are caught in the middle of the trend of changing city and regional government structures.

Just as Blacks in some cities have finally reached the point where they have some political clout, along comes a "good government" movement to dilute that political power by broadening the base of local government through merger with outlying areas.

This poses a cruel dilemma for black people. On the one hand, there is the reality of power -- blacks holding high offices up to and including the mayoralty. On the other hand is the reality of tax resources--tapping suburban wealth for the revitalization of the inner-city.

The cruelest part of the dilemma is that there are no easy solutions. Each city is different. Each particular case has to be studied and examined from the standpoint of how decision will impact upon blacks.

While restructuring local governments could have great impact on the communities they serve and on the services people need, no one should think that shuffling some boxes on an organizational chart will cure everything.

Even radical change in local government structure could easily leave the power arrangements within the area unchanged, services unaltered, and the pattern of inner-city black poverty and suburban white wealth unbroken and unaffected.

A lot of "good government" forces find this hard to accept. Like earlier pioneers for civil service and similar reforms they think switching to metro government will solve urban problems.

But those problems can only be solved by the removal of racial barriers, by full employment, and by massive fusion of money to provide housing, health and other services people need.

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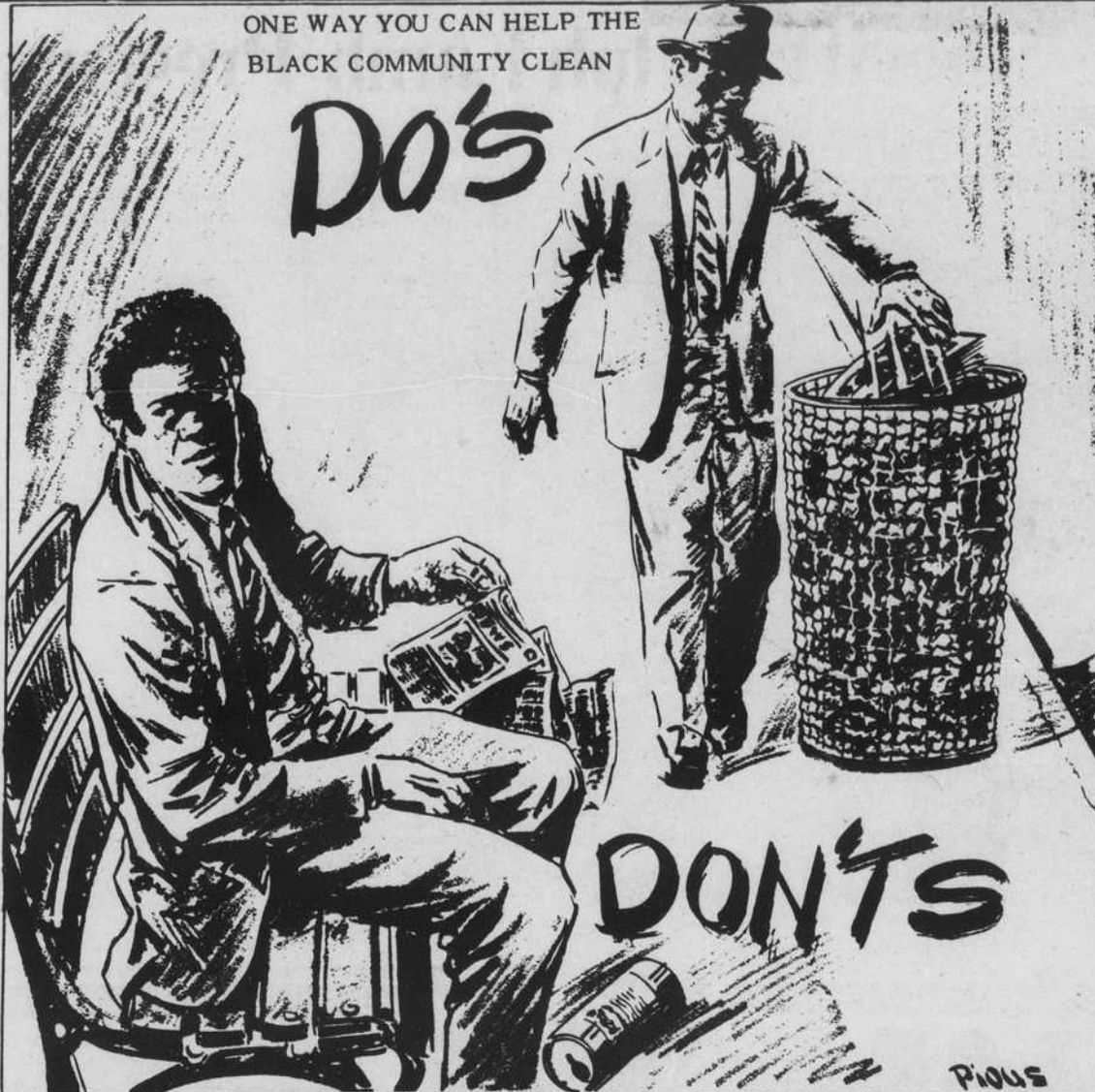
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Voter

Registration is Closed

Voter registration is now closed! If you did not register to vote, then that means that you just don't care about the advancement of your very own community and that is truly sad. In order for us to change things we must vote the people in that's going to do something constructive for our community. But if you didn't register there's nothing you can do so I guess we'll catch you next time around because you CAN'T help change our situation right now.

If you did register and do not vote then you are even worse than the ones who didn't even take the time to register.

There were people working hard to register people to vote. They went to homes, churches, businesses, etc. and if you don't go out and vote you not only let those hard working people down but you wasted their time and yours and most important you let the community down.

Look back at how hard Black people have fought for the right to vote. Now that we have that right half of us won't even vote. That is a shame.

We may not be able to change things right now but voting is a very good start because if the White man knows that the Black People are voting then they have no choice but to come to us for the very simple reason they will need us. We can make a whole lot of difference in an election. If we vote, from now on the people that are elected will have to prove themselves or be dumped next time around. In order to win an election you must listen to the people. We are the people.

We have the future of our children to think about. I know you don't want them to go through the same disadvantages that you went through. You are suppose to help change things for them, give them something to look forward to. The way things are now they have very little to look towards. If you don't vote for yourself vote for them: **OUR CHILDREN!**

We need every vote we can get. PLEASE take the time and go to the polls on election day for future purposes.

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Rand Study on Racism

A mind is a terrible thing to waste. This motto of the United Negro College Fund, (UNCF), reminds 41 colleges and universities that their prime purpose is to educate Black Americans. Prior to 1860, there were only 28 college educated blacks in the United States, now there are over a million with more than half having earned their degrees from black institutions.

The UNCF is currently attempting to raise \$50 million for a three prong attack on black higher education poverty with a faculty-curriculum development funds, construction fund, and revolving endowment fund.

The Next Stride Forward is for the more than one half million Black American college graduates to get up off of some of their bucks for those black colleges. Black pride for black colleges has never been missing, but it must pay at least part of the freight.

The failure of Black Americans to help find funds for the UNCF can cause the crumbling of these college walls. Today there is a growing number of Black American high school graduates who don't have but one chance for higher education and that is in a black college.

Rand Corporation in a study supported by the National Science Foundation found improved education accounts for much of the recent gain in Black American incomes. Black American men have shown gradual but significant wage gains, while Black American women have shown persistent and dramatic improvements.

Black women have been the recipient of beneficial effects of affirmative action. By filling two quotas for the price of one. Black American women are the cheapest avenue open to employers to adhere to employment quotas.

In 1975, Black American women were within a fraction of a percent point of the on-the-job earnings of white women, while Black American men were earning about 73% as much as white men in comparable jobs. Black American women have also changed their employment patterns.

Almost half of all Black American women in the South worked as domestics in 1960, but by 1970, only 22% held such jobs. Black American

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