

Miami Blacks Pledge 'Fight'

"We're not going to violence. throw bricks; we're going to throw ballots," said Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National NAACP. He was speaking to a cheering crowd of delegates at the opening of the civil rights organization's 71st annual convention. He said the conditions that triggered Miami's May riot are present in cities across the nation, but he urged blacks to fight with votes instead of

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As an individual living in this community I find that we are no different than most other communities in this country. Saying and knowing that to be a fact is not something we should live with. In other words, it is time for us to get off our cans of apathy and our wallets to help our candidates whom we believe are able and capable to further benefit our community.



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There is no excuse for the "rich" (big business) as individuals to act the total role as people in a poor community permitting the rich people to dictate what happens in our community. I think it is time once again that we should band together to support and elect a candidate who will see that our com-

order to build a slate of candidates whom they WILL support with their vast sources of monies. And, in most cases, their candidates WILL win.

Now, it is also a known fact that most local people in communities such as ours sit back and complain and at the same time offer NO support to the candidates who have stock in your own interest. We WILL NOT build a slate of candidates whom we could or would support. We WILL NOT hold any type of gathering resulting in total support of our candidates. We WILL NOT band together because of jealousy or hate for one person or group; in most cases, it's jealousy. We WILL NOT lobby in our communities and with our neighbors to build support for the candidate who would take our concerns seriously. We WILL NOT by any means financially support any candidate. And to top it all off, some of us have sold out our community for small political favors from the very ones who care so little about our streets, our schools, our libraries, etc.

is not true? How many of us remember the City Commissioner Race of Ms. Sarann Knight and long time big money man Mr. Roy Woofter? Well, both candidates are nice people. But can you tell me the last time you saw Roy Woofter on the Westside? Well, I saw Saraan Knight just the other day on the Westside.

What I am saying to you is that ELECTION TIME IS HERE AGAIN. But don't buy the bearer of the chicken, bar-b-que or the big smile (that also eats watermelon) whom you probably will not see or hear from again until next election. Above all, be careful of some of HIS black friends. They talk out of both sides of their mouths.

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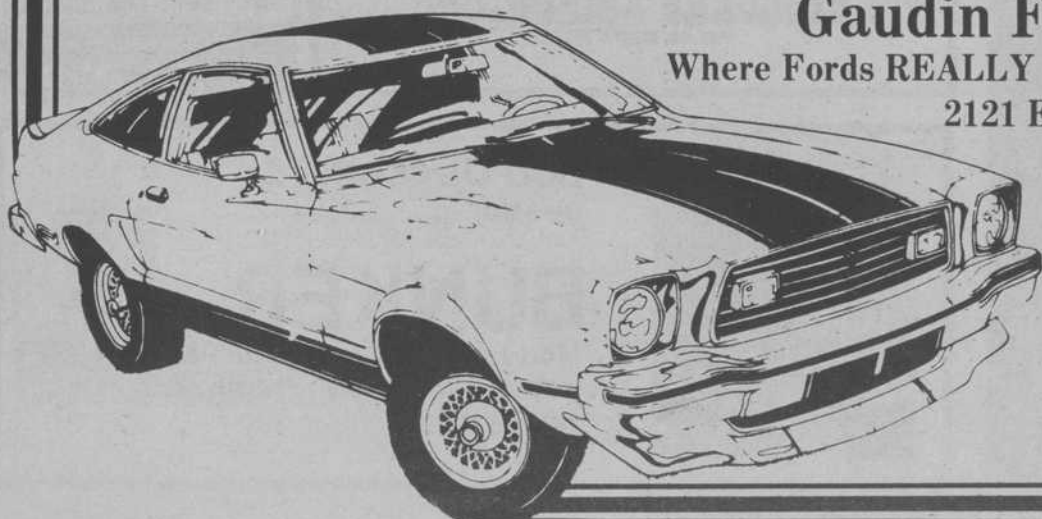
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