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easily be made. I made that statement because simply by using elementary reasoning, it would seem that if a person has performed commendably in a position and had been so evaluated as recently as a month prior, if that person were to be "canned" it would obviously have to be for reasons other than deficits in job performance. I realize that logic does not fall within the realm of my charged expertise of greens and grits but, I once saw a movie where Clint Eastwood got away with it.

The letter was not widely distributed until it appeared in Mr. Day's column on September 11, 1981. It was not intended to be a public piece. I yet do not understand why that was done but, then, I do not understand diarrhea either.

Anyone who knows me knows that I do not go around charging people with racism. My belief is that some people sometimes do or say terrible things because they do not fully appreciate the devastating effects of such. Only on rare occassions do I publicly comment on such things and then it is merely to educate. My comment concerning the (unidentified by me) hotel operator was closed with my saying that I was certain that the comment was not maliciously intended. Accusing a person of being racist requires knowledge of a trend of behavior of that person. I did not have that kind of knowledge therefore I could not make that kind of statement.

Having spent considerable time reading, researching and writing on racial matters and all of my time living in a society where, with some people, the color of a person's skin makes some kind of statement, I am well aware of racial overtones. It is akin to what happens when people say that Italians are mafia, Irishmen are drunkards, Japanese are sneaky, Jewish people are shrewd businessmen, blondes are dumb, etc. One might also consider such statements as: "green and grits", "he took to the streets", "naturally he made the newspapers", "something called ethnic studies", "roaming downtown", etc. I don't know what influenced Mr. Day's decision in making those choices. Once again, it is outside of the two "GGs". I am not an etymologist or a linguist, but I am certain that such a person could have a field day with that list.

I have been painted as being a "pompous, self-important fool" by one who has described himself as being an expert on redundancies. I have been described as being "a cunning self-seeker intent on advancing himself" when all I should know about are greens and grits. I've been accused of "demogoguery(sic) and emotion-charged flim flam" in a manner reminiscent of Huey P. Long or Joe McCarthy. I have not been able to find all of that emotion charged demagoguery in my letter or in my survey and if flim-flam really does mean deception or fraud as some dictionaries define it, then I can only find it in the tirade directed toward me.

I trust that those of you who happen to read this will accept my apology for behaving like a citizen of the United States. I really had no idea that by doing my survey or raising my ten questions in my letter to three people, that I would bring down on myself such wrath. Perhaps I should crawl back into my little cave and keep my mouth shut like people are required to do in Russia.

If the ouster of Dr. Perkins was indeed "a triumph for Democracy" as alleged by Mr. Day in his September 11th column, then whatever gains which might have been made were immediately neutralized when one of her favorite sons was publicly chastised for believing

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that the First Amendment of the Constitution was still in force. Had the tongue lashing been done by an illiterate or by an anarchist it would have been more readily acceptible. But to be done by one who is actively involved in a profession where that Amendment (freedom of speech, press and the right to petition for redress of grievances) is the cornerstone of the enterprise, is beyond the range of my inadequate vocabulary.

Finally, "Perkins departure shows that the use of threats and intimidation...can be countered when people band together, get the truth out and decide to do something about it", is more than merely interesting. Threats and intimidation caused the ouster of Dr. Perkins. Maybe threats and intimidations are only acceptable when they are in the right hands. The second half of the quote might have been made by me. I, with my survey, got at the truth and not the myth, and decided to do something about it and maintain my stand in spite of the threats and intimidation.

Let us hope that when others ban d together, get the truth and decide to do something about it, that Mr. Day will be as fast on the draw in supporting them.

It's dinner time now. What to have? Fresh Fruit Supreme or Escargots Bourguingnonne for an appitizer? French Soup or Vichyssoise or maybe a Hearts of Palm Salad? Asparagus with Hollandaise or Fresh Broccoli with Butter Sauce? Veal Piccanti, Chateaubriand Bonquetiere or Trout Saute Brittany? Dessert. Crepes Suzette, Peach Flambee or Cherry Jubilee? Decisions, decisions, decisions. Who am I kidding? I'm going to have greens, crowder peas, possum belly and biscuits, sweet potatoes, peaches and dumplings and a slice of lemon icebox pie. I'll just use the other hundred dollars which I'll save by avoiding the first menu and fill my car with gas.

One day we'll all be eating grits and greens and nobody will dare make snide remarks.

NEVADA'S LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE BLACK COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

"VW BUG" KING ROBBED AFTER PHONY ACCIDENT

Edward Orlando "Eddie" King, Jr., a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. and one of the classic car owners reported in the Sept. 24 issue of the SENTINEL was reported to have been attacked by four men last Thursday morning on the parking lot of the Westside Story, 901 W. Owens around 1:30 a.m.

As King was backing off the lot, the men used a ruse of staging an act of one of the group being hit by the King car. As King stepped from his car to investigate, the "so-called" victim who was lying on the ground, jumped up and yelled that he was going to get his gun from a car.

When King challenged the "Victim", he was mauled by the four men who proceeded to take his valuables to include money, watch and jewelry.

The incident was reported to the Metro Police. At SENTINEL press time no one had been apprehended in connection with the incident.

King, an avid Pittsburgh Steeler fan, had entered his '63 VW Beatle Bug in the recent Jaycees State Fair. The owner of the King Pittsburgh Shop, he specializes in selling Steeler novelties such as caps, flags, attire, etc. Everything carries the famous Steeler colors.

Eddie King also owns other classic cars including a '63 Ford Econline classic truck and a '63 Chevy Chevelle Super Sport.

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BIKE RIDING BLUES

Sure, bikes are great for fun and exercise, but in careless hands they can also cause serious injury. The Department of Health Education and Welfare estimates that a million injuries result from bike accidents every year. An increasing number of them are caused by collisions with cars. But most of the spills, skids, crashes, and other mishaps that trap riders in a tangle of wheels and handlebars are avoidable with proper precautions. Here are some pointers:

Be sure your bike is safety-equipped: proper reflectors and lights for night riding, slip-resistant pedals, comfortable adjustments of seat and handlebars, proper grips, efficient brakes, a loud horn or bell. And wear clearly visible clothes when riding in traffic.

Know and obey the rules of the road. Ride single file. Obey traffic signals, stay in the right hand curb lane. Never ride against traffic. By all means, never weave in and out of traffic.

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