

A Series: THE BLACK FAMILY AND THE CHALLENGES OF THE 80's

PART VII: FOR OUR CHILDREN . . . THE QUEST FOR TRUTH . . . THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

by Maudra Jones

"Where do we go from here? This is the challenge. If we dare to meet it honestly, historians in future years will have to say that there lived a great people — a black people who bore their burdens of oppression in the heat of many days, and, who through tenacity and creative commitment, injected new meanings into the veins of American life."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
"Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos Or Community" (1967)

Among great men of love and peace — "Men so gentle, who walk among lions" — will be found the name of Jesse Jackson and history's account of a mission of peace and mercy to Syria, built on faith and love. What a wonderful witness to Bible prophecy, as are so many of the teachings of our modern-day prophet, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. . . . It is fitting at this signal moment in history, when another milestone for a great black people has been reached, that we take the time to seriously examine the question, "Where do we go from here . . .?"

The men and women, in our history, who accepted their greatness and acknowledged the infinite source from which such greatness springs, knew as did Major Jones, author of *Black Awareness, A Theology of Hope*, that "when a black man or any man seeks God without hope or a future without God, not only is the foundation of his hope in danger, but the very structure of human existence is being assailed." They were guided by God's revealed written word, in which the answers to the major social and moral questions for all times will be found. Morality and humanity have been central themes in the history and struggle of our people.

It is significant that Dr. King's vision of the "beloved community," based on harmony, love and true brother-and-sisterhood, and his prophecy about the redemption of the soul of America, are becoming more and more evident in the major events of our times. More and more we are hearing what Dr. King said, in his time, being said by "thousands of hearts" in our times. One writer parallels Dr. King's prophecy in this statement:

"We are the ones who will right all the wrongs perpetuated against us and our ancestors and we are the ones who will save the world and bring a new day, a brilliantly alive society that swings and sings and rings out the world over for decency and honesty and sincerity and understanding and beauty and love."

Ronald Fair
Quoted in *Black Awareness: A Theology of Hope*, by Major J. Jones (1971)

True Love Young Adult Choir To Hold Second Annual Concert

The True Love Missionary Baptist Church's young adult choir, The Voices of Praise, will be having its second annual Harmony in Praise Concert. It will be a two-day event — Saturday, Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 15 at 4 p.m. at the True Love Missionary Baptist Church, 1941 North "H" St.

Special guests will be Morris Chapman, Linda and Moore's New Edition, the Hall Singers and various choirs and soloists from the community.

The public is cordially invited and admission is free.

Directors of the True Voices of Praise are Wallace Broadnax and Esther McKinney.



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It was on this level of faith and morality that the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his church-world supporters pursued the recent mission of peace, which Jackson declared "will take us to an everlasting peace." It was on this level of faith and morality that the mission to obtain freedom for Lt. Robert Goodman, on moral grounds, was accomplished. This is the "faith of our fathers — living still" — residing deep within the hearts of

See Your Way Clear
In the Kitchen

By Lea Thompson
Public Information Officer

Good kitchen lighting allows cooking and cleanup, minus eye-strain for the cook.

Proper lighting illuminates the entire kitchen area, plus provides specific task lighting at the work areas. Natural light from windows and skylights is ideal but it needs to be supplemented with well-planned, overall lighting.

Overall lighting should be glare-free and shadowless. For every 50 sq. ft. of area allow one ceiling fixture containing 175-200 watts of incandescent light or 60-80 watts of fluorescent light. Remember that the color of your kitchen will affect the amount of light needed. Light colors reflect light, so a pale yellow kitchen will require less artificial lighting than a kitchen in dark wood tones.

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black people — bursting forth, in time of need. As we "go on from here," let us make this new beginning in 1984 one of reaffirmation and re-dedication to those highest values of

humankind. Let us make this important time in our history a time to strengthen family bonds — a time to re-build the spiritual and moral foundations of family life — a time to fulfill the prophecy and meet the challenge HONESTLY!

MAYOR WILLIAM H. BRIARE
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THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

COMMENCING JANUARY 3, 1984, THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE TENTH YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE ANTICIPATED ENTITLEMENT AWARD FOR THE TENTH YEAR, BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1985, IS \$2,351,800.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5 P.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1984.

TO OUTLINE IN DETAIL THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH ALL TENTH YEAR BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE DEVELOPED, THE DEPARTMENT OF FUNDS COORDINATION WILL HOLD THE FOLLOWING SERIES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS:

JANUARY 10, 1984 — 6:30 PM
400 E. STEWART

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JANUARY 24, 1984 — 6:30 PM

HEAD START BUILDING (OLD WESTSIDE SCHOOL)

FEBRUARY 7, 1984 — 6:30 PM

2660 CEDAR (BETWEEN STEWART & BONANZA)

FEBRUARY 21, 1984 — 6:30 PM

400 E. STEWART

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PROSPECTIVE TENTH YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS AND INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY ASPECT OF THE PROPOSAL PROCESS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:

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