## Point of View

"WINNIE PALMER, OUR MOM"

W - With us in spirit she will always be,

 I — Interested in youth of all ages, especially the Xinos, Kudos and K.O.T.'s.

N - Never refused to help us, she was always there.

N — Naturally, she was the one, who showed us she really did care.

I — Intelligent, witty, charming, and filled with love and devotion,

E — Educator and librarian, she did her job with a lot of concern and emotion.

P - Professional and proud and always in command,

A - Able and available to complete any task at hand.

L — Leadership of Phi Delta Kappa was the ultimate goal she wanted to fulfill;

M — Making it to the top of the helm in August 1985, gave
Mom and us such a thrill.

E - Effervescent, efficient, and always on the go,

R — Reserved and refined, she was the one always in the know.

 0 — One of the 100 Most Influential Blacks in the U.S. she did become in 1986,

U — Understanding, loving, sympathetic, easy to talk to and anxious to mix,

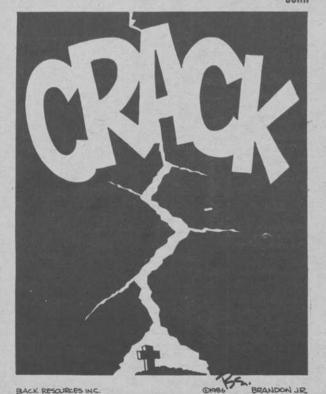
R — Remembered and revered, she will always be,

M - Maker of that specialty, we call Monkey Bread Delight,

0 - Our Mom, was the one who was our guiding light,

M — Mother, she was, to Donna, Pat, Michelle, Gail, Michael and John.

Your loving step-son, John



To Be Equal

## TRADE AND JOBS

By John E. Jacob

One reason why unemployment remains unacceptably high, even in the midst of a so-called economic recovery period, is the imbalance in trade. U.S. imports from abroad come to about \$150 billion a year more than we sell to foreign countries.

These imports cost American workers jobs. The Commerce Department estimates that if our trade were in balance, we'd have about 2.3 million more manufacturing jobs — enough to make a big dent in the unemployment figures.

And those imports are a big reason why 38 states have higher unemployment rates today than they did back in 1979, and why six of the top 21 U.S. manufacturing industries have fewer workers today than they did at the height of the last recession.

Almost half the manufacturing jobs lost in the 1982 recession have not been replaced and black workers have been hit hardest. Studies show that of workers who lose their jobs due to plant closings, blacks are more likely to be unemployed longer and more likely to earn less when they do find another job.

Congress is now debating how to deal with the tidal wave of imports that is driving Americans out of their jobs. And the Administration is trying to negotiate



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agreements with other countries to open their markets to our products.

But much of that activity is aimed at heading off protectionist policies that might damage our exports. Instead of basing trade policy on avoiding protectionism, we should be devising policies that create jobs.

For example, there is considerable support for measures to force countries with whom we have large trade deficits to produce a greater proportion of those goods here in the U.S. Many of those countries can compete here only because

they pay their workers so little, sometimes pennies an hour.

Some argue that U.S. firms can't compete world-wide because of our high pay levels. But workers in our high-wage industries earn wages comparable to those

agreements that make trade fair, the present damage to our economy will become worse.

Change is a fact of life and economic change that destroys some jobs will always be with us. But that doesn't mean just lying back

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in similar industries in industrial nations.

And the bulk of jobs lost in competition with low-wage foreign industries are relatively unskilled factory jobs that pay very little by U.S. standards. How can anyone argue that a \$6-anhour textile worker is overpaid? Suggesting that U.S. industries pay hourly rates earned in impoverished Third World countries is to suggest that we become a subsistence economy ourselves.

Americans are caught in an ideological belief in free trade while the rest of the world cuts corners and practices unfair trade. No one believes that outright protectionism will do anything but damage our economy, but unless we use our economic clout to get

and letting change steamroller workers and their families. It means devising policies that help people adapt to change.

Current programs designed to help displaced workers have failed. New ones that stress retraining, education, and new skills are needed.

But the Administration seems to think that the market will take care of all problems. It won't. The market adjusts by shifting production to low-wage countries abroad and cutting American workers lose.

So government has to fashion policies that boost our exports, increase domestic employment, and help displaced workers resume their productive place in our economy.

## 'I Want To Leave Home'

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Millions upon millions of dollars are spent each year by people for counseling. Some of the expenditures are justified, especially when problems are caused by acute psychiatric difficulties such as acute neurosis (where the patient is troubled by insecurity and a lack of confidence so severe that it is impossible to mingle with other people without the risk of a nervous breakdown). psychosis (where patients have delusions in which they feel that they are the living embodiment of another person such as Napoleon or God, or they think they are talking with another individual - who does not exist. We often say that the individual is 'talking out of his head' or, schizophrenia (where the individual seemingly has several alternate, distinctive personalities. These are cases in which the individual cannot be helped with reasoning and insightful counseling.

There are several other such cases. However, most personal problems can be solved with common sense — a quality that you and others like you have in abundance. With experience and confidence, you can save your money and solve your covn problems.

This column will give you an opportunity to try your hand at self-counseling; solving your own problems. Here are two actual and common problems. How

would you solve them? A solution will be at the end of this column. Important point to remember: there is no single or perfect solution to any problem. If one idea doesn't work, immediately try another and another until you hit upon one that works.

No. 1. "I am an 18-yearold woman, living at home, who has worked in my parent's hair salon for several years. The salon is one of the most famous salons in this city. My parents expect me to take over operation of it after they retire. The problem is that my father is painfully domineering and criticizes everything that I do. I feel enormous stress, even when I just think about going to work. My father seems to

want to criticize me even when I am doing the right thing. When I try to explain, he insults me in front of my customers. I am under so much stress that I have gained weight, suffered skin rashes, gotten high blood pressure and lost confidence in myself. I have no life of my own. What should I do? E.M.W., Paducah, KY."

No. 2. "My girl friend and I have been going together for four years. Suddenly, she stopped acting nice to me and acts like she wants to break up the relationship. I think that she is going out with someone else and has lost interest in me. I want to marry her, very much. What should I do? Mr. Simmons, Philadelphia.