



# MONITOR Mail

Dear Editor:

I have been planning to write this letter for a long time. I am puzzled about the fact that when I hear the average

Black child or adult speak on TV, their English is terrible; so is their pronunciation and enunciation. I listen to Hispanics and people from the islands, and, even though they speak with an ac-

cent, their English is spoken beautifully.

I am a Black woman, retired from the federal government. I was born in South Carolina and my parents were not educated and they were very poor. However, they instilled in us a desire to excel and to never lie or steal. I went back to school after becoming an adult and learned to type.

Why do our young folk appear to be so dense? Another thing I wish would happen is that a qualified agency would set up an accredited school that our Black youth could attend and really learn a skill. You see, the Black parents do not have skills that they can pass on to their children.

I observe my neighbors (three of whom are White, and not formally educated)—one teaches his son brick masonry, the other is an auto mechanic, and the last is a plumber. These are young families. So you can see, whether these kids go to college or not, they will always have a skill.

After retiring, we adopted a little boy when he was 23 months of age. He is now 15. We are doing all we can to see that he gets a good education.

I would appreciate any comments you may wish to make. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Dorothy A. Jones  
Waldorf, Maryland

Dear Editor:

Concerning what is important to our children's education (Hawkins column [June '87 issue]), I think Black history would do much to meet their needs. After all, Black children—and adults—wouldn't be "Black" but for that history. The visibility of our color is really a recent chapter in our time on this planet. No one noticed it before 1619 (and, for a time, not even afterward).

Not the least important thing Black children can learn is WHY they are "Black"—the social, political and ECONOMIC (after all, slavery was a PROFIT thing) forces that created their race.

Sincerely,

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