

POET'S CORNER

In This Place - The Ghetto

By Kathy Negron, Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice

I learned to hate, I learned to love,
But most of all I prayed to the Lord up above.
Some day we would not be on welfare,
Because those 14 years I could not bare.
I dreamed for something more,
But all crashed and fell to the floor.
It's where I lived, it's where I learned to give,
It's where I was born in a world that was so torn.
We were surrounded by junk yards,
And drunkened old men on the corner playing cards.
Everything was thrown about,
It didn't seem to me there was a way out.
Later I would be older and play the game,
Hope for the best and work for the same.
Go to school and get my education,
So that one day we may all be one united nation.

Lesson #1

By Natalie D. Lambert,
Sista' Girlfriend, Inc.

Rumor has it
that all the
good men are gone —
I'd like to say
that that's a lie
and prove that rumor wrong ...
Sistas always ask me
"to meet good men, where do I go?"
I shake my head and tell them,
"sorry, but I don't know"
Then we put the brothas down
saying a good man can't be found
sometimes we can be rude ...
all dressed up in our attitude
For all the ladies looking
here's the lesson for Today:
Men are not born good —
a good Woman makes him that way.

TOWN HALL MEETING

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tutions of higher learning, the weakening of civil and voting rights acts and the alarming proliferation of police brutalities and hate crimes perpetuated against African Americans, we can ill afford to brush the issue beneath our conscience any longer," said Congressman Ford. "We must discourse and make progress on the vexing issue of race in America before this nation suffers from the same-type of balkanization we are witnessing in Bosnia. This forum will hopefully place us on the course to ridding America of this debilitating disease."

The Town Hall Meeting will be the plenary session of the CBCF 23rd Annual Legislative Weekend, "Generations: Celebrating the Legacy of African American Leadership", September 15-19, 1993 at the Washington Convention Center.

The Annual Legislative Weekend is a five day conference which includes a series of issue forums, workshops and congressional braintrusts. There are also four fund-raising events which support the Foundation's educational programs and it's mission to elevate the influence of African Americans in the legislative and public policy arenas: the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Annual Fashion Show and Benefit Concert; the CBCF Prayer Breakfast; and the Annual Awards Dinner.

For additional information of the Town Hall Meeting or the CBCF 23rd Annual Legislative Weekend, please call 202-675-6730.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

DR. CLARICE D. REID

SICKLE CELL ANEMIA RESEARCHER (1931-)

By Gwen Walker

Dr. Reid is one of many doctors trying to find a cure for Sickle Cell Anemia. In medical school, where she was the only black student, she specialized in pediatrics and family medicine. This allowed her to learn about all the diseases that effect children and their families. After graduating from the University of Cincinnati Medical School in 1959, Dr. Reid became the only African-American pediatrician in private practice in Cincinnati, Ohio.



GWEN WALKER

Dr. Reid became the deputy director of the Sickle Cell Program of the Health Service Administration. She helped develop a national program to reduce the death rate from the disease, and has taught nurses, social workers, and other health professionals how to care for Sickle Cell patients. Dr. Reid has received the Public Health Service Superior Service Award, which is highest honor given by the United States Public Health Service.

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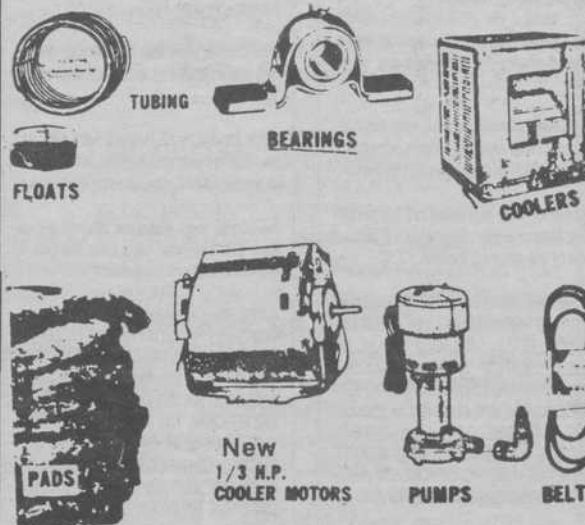
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