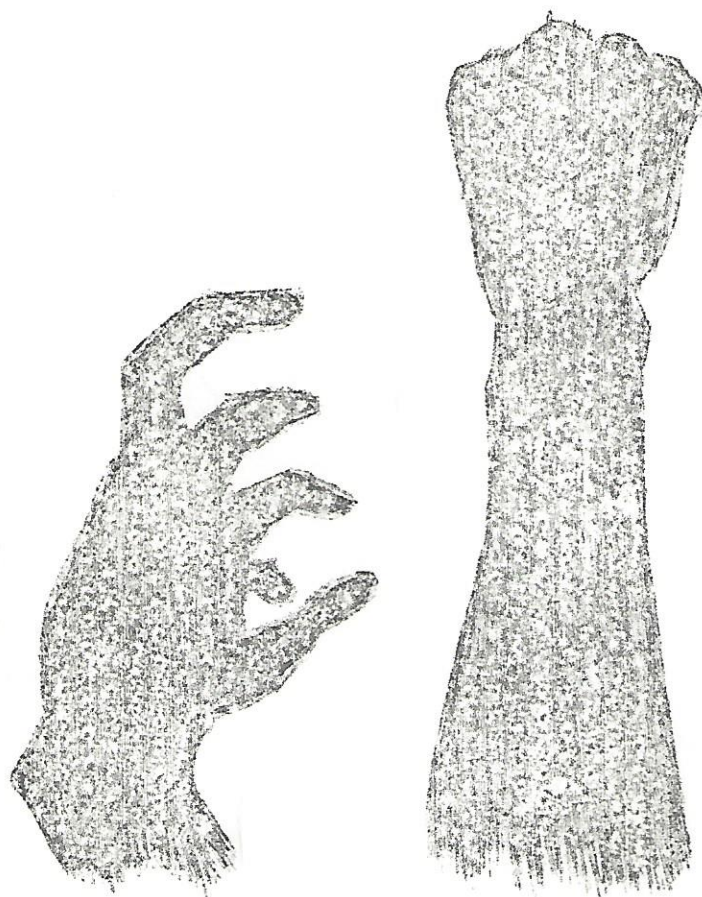


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Love Thy Neighbor As ThySelf



BLACK POWER

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

EDITORIAL

In dedicating an entire issue to Black Power, this paper is not advocating the supremacy of any one race, be it white, black, red, or yellow. We are exercising our policy of "telling it like it is."

1. letting anyone rap on any subject
2. bring before your eyes the injustice done to your fellow brothers and sisters...the Black man, the Indian or any minority.

We believe that the difference in the pigmentation of the skin a person is born with should not make a difference in his pursuit of happiness. We are advocating "Black Power" in the name of Democracy, and can only hope that you keep in mind the last phrase of the Pledge of Allegiance: "with liberty and justice for all."

Our goal is equality for all. According to Webster's Dictionary, equality is the "state of being equal, especially in political and social rights." How can we say we have given equal rights to the blacks? Have they not died for this, their, country? Haven't they contributed their culture to the great "melting pot" called the United States? How can we be so blind and malicious towards our brothers and sisters and still call ourselves just and lawful? Why are we condemning the Blacks?

Editor

Hope for 1969

"The gift to see that all Republicans are not evil, that not all Democrats are evil, that not all Negroes are evil, that not all Whites are evil, that not all ANYTHING is evil. The ability to see the paradox in every person."

Ray Bradbury, Fantasy and fiction
writer, from Psychology
TODAY, Jan., 1969

To the staff of the ORACLE:

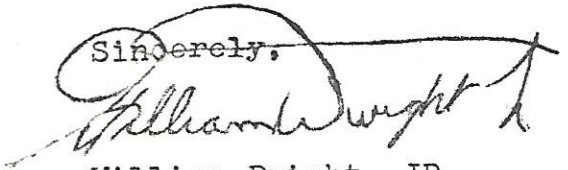
I was very impressed with the first issue of the "ORACLE." You have produced a thoughtful, probing, and this might surprise you a bit, mature publication. By "mature" I mean you do not fall prey to the sometimes natural tendency to attack and negate, but rather keep to the positive expression of view.

Also by restraining yourself from the sometimes delightful game of playing personalities, you have made the "ORACLE" good and instructive reading. Keep to ideas as much as possible, and avoid as much as possible (it's bound to creep in to some extent) niggling at individuals.

As a journalist, your goals as outlined in the editorial rather turned me on. You undoubtedly will tread on some toes, and disturb some long established thinking, but this is your purpose and it should be the purpose of any of us who wish to survive the 1970's.

Keep up the good work, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,


William Dwight, JR.

SAY WHAT?

Many people have different connotations of Black Power. They think that blacks only want to riot. They feel that blacks are crazy because they are hurting only themselves. This is true only to a certain extent. The thing is, "whitey" takes notice. He realizes that his hurting and he is going to do something about it. So he runs to the top and complains about the niggers tearing up his property and burning down his stores and zap! something is done.

The thing many fail to recognize is that Black Power is good. It gives black people a new sense of pride and togetherness.

Black Power means, like I've said, different things to each individual. The basic wants are, I feel, the same for all of us. One is the maintaining of black communities by black businessmen and not some over-stuffed honky who is the sort of person who thinks he understands black people. We want our own schools in our communities with the same equipment as those of white schools. We want a chance to learn of our black forefathers in the making of the United States history. We want to be looked upon as human beings and not some animal or sub-human creature. We want the right to do our own thing.

These "wants" can only be achieved if all people recognize the need for them. For the past four years it seems as though people do not. The only thing now left to do is to fight for it. The time for revolution is not too far away. I would rather see my man with a gun and fighting for what is his than bowing to some honky.

Many blacks are beginning to realize that they all have a thing in common other than their blackness. That common thing is their oppressor. "Whitey".

In conclusion I want to say this. The time is close at hand for something to happen. I strongly believe that a revolution will come because it is now the ultimate. Revolution means change and a great change in political, and social as well as economic aspects are immensely needed. So to all brothers and sisters especially to those of H.H.S.

Sis. Lora Westbrook

MERICA

THE TIME HAS COME TO...

Letter to the Editor

What are we afraid of? Why won't we speak out against the policy makers of the school? All who are dissatisfied with the present policies of this school should be willing to do something to change them.

As an individual, you can do nothing. United we can accomplish substantial gains. Would you like to wear your hair long? Wear it. Why should boys have a limitation on the length of their hair when girls do not. Do you want to smoke cigarettes in school? Do it. Why should teachers have the privilege of a smoking room? Why should they have the right while students are suspended?

These are just a few of the many things that can and must be changed. The only way to accomplish these changes is by a mass effort. If there were 10 to 16 hundred students who showed their dissatisfaction by walking out, the administration would have no alternative but to listen. If we can get ourselves together we will be able to choose the freedoms that we are supposed to have and shake off the rule of a dictator and his puppets.

John Ferriter

THE best stimulus for running ahead is to have something we must run from.

"MORE" is as effective a revolutionary slogan as was ever invented by doctrinaires of discontent. The American, who cannot learn to want what he has, is a permanent revolutionary. He glories in change, has faith in that which he has not yet, and is ready to give his life for it.

A SOCIAL order is stable as long as it can give scope to talent and youth. Youth itself is a talent - a perishable talent.

Eric Hoffer

The PASSIONATE STATE of MIND

Red Men Have Rights, Too

There is quite an uproar today over the black man's problems. But the Afro-American's situation looks good next to that of the American Indian. The black man in the ghetto has poor food, bad housing, and substandard education. The Indian on the reservation has poorer food, worse housing and no education.

The Indian reservations of the Southwest are located in those areas with the least water for farming purposes, the most extreme temperatures, and the least mineral wealth. In other words, they have been thrust into the worst possible places in the country. Afro-Americans complain of the dilapidated housing which is all they can afford, The red man can not even afford that. He can not afford anything save that which he makes and that which is given him. In some states he is not permitted to vote.

On a few reservations, oil has been discovered. In the fifties, Senator Robert Kerr (D-Okla.) wanted to displace the Indians on those reservations. Kerr expected that after a few of the customary protests the Indians would accede to his demands. But this time the Indians fought back. They took their case to the Oklahoma supreme court. Turned down there, they appealed the decision to the U. S. Supreme Court. Kerr tried every trick in the book, but justice was done. Instead of the land being sold to Sunoco, the highest bidder, by the government, it remained the property of the Indians, who sold the right to develop it to Sunoco. Sunoco and the Indians are both much the richer for that decision. But the importance of the whole case was this: the Indians refused to be shoved around like freight any more.

Like the 1954 integration decision, that was only a first step. The Indian may no longer be displaced, but except for the "oil Indians" their land is valueless. They have no money and therefore, no way of leaving the reservation. Even if no prejudices existed, they could not get work, because work is too far away, and the Indian has no transportation. (cont.)

One estimate of the comparative income of the average Negro and average Indian is that the black man earns about \$3500 a year, including the Appalachian Negroes, while the average red man, counting the "oil Indians", makes \$750 or less annually.

A fascinating side point: Senator Kerr is dead; an "oil Indian" named John Happy Camp is a Congressman from Oklahoma. Perhaps it is symbolic of the first victory for Indian rights.

Ken Howes

IN MEMORY OF
BORIS KARLOFF
1888 - Feb. 2, 1969

Since the ORACLE does not pay its writers and staff members, it is considered non-profit.

There will be an accurate record kept of all money transactions. At the end of the year, all of the money not used for expenses will be given to charity and/or a scholarship for a needy student at Holyoke High.

If there are any question, please contact us in room 222 during second lunch.

The paper will be on sale every
Other Wednesday after school.

We are the other people...Your the other people too...
We're going to get to you...

— the Mothers

If you don't underestimate me I won't underestimate you

— Bob Dylan

THE DRAFT:PART II

The Selective Service System discriminates against the Black man. The blame, however, springs from our American society.

Because the Selective Service System operates without records on race, it is believed that it operates without discrimination. Statistics, however, prove this false.

Blacks constitute 14.5% of the Army in Viet Nam and 22.4% of the fatalities. The Government contends that they are trying to reduce these figures to avoid criticism and to combat the notion that the disproportionate combat death rate is intentional.

The reason often stated for the high number of Blacks on the battle lines is that, when Blacks enter the Service, they have a lower level of education and fewer industrial skills than a proportional number of Whites. This reflects the lower standard of education for Negroes. The fact that many Blacks enlist for better living standards is strong criticism against the American society.

Further, the Negro has a direct disadvantage in that, a proportionally fewer number of Blacks attend College or Graduate school and are therefore ineligible for college deferments.

A recent survey showed that 30.2% of eligible Blacks were drafted, while 18.8% of eligible Whites were drafted. In mid 1966, only 1.3% of members of Draft Boards were Black. The Negro constitutes 12% of our population. This is why many Blacks favor the Lottery system.

Blacks oppose the Viet Nam war because, as the New England Regional Meeting of Black College Students declared, "We believe that America is the Black man's battlefield."

In Adam Clayton Powell's words, "Here lies a Black man killed fighting a colored man for the White man."

Carolyn Haster

&

Bill Goglin

Cinema Review

"No Vietnamese Ever Called Me A Nigger" A David Weiss documentary that deals with the people that Black Panther Bobby Seale calls "the brother off the block." Black bystanders and three Viet-Nam veterans talk candidly and spontaneously about the war in Vietnam and life in black America. It is obvious that they have strong opinions about the war and their situation.

"Listen," someone remarks, "I've been living in Harlem all my life, and all we've got there are rats, religion, and roaches." Another person comments, "what the Hell is the government doing saying they're fighting for freedom over in Vietnam, when we ain't got our freedom right here. It don't make sense."

Two middle-age women talk on a street corner: "That's what I'M saying," one says. "The black soldier and the white soldier come back home and both of 'em go ask about an apartment downtown. You know damn well the white man's gonna get it and the black man isn't, so what the hell is the black man fighting for?"

The most powerful moments in the film are the lengthy monologues by three ex-Vietnam war veterans. Dalton James, he was turned off by the GI's total contempt for the Vietnamese. "they use to call them 'slopes' or 'gooks' just like they'd call us 'Nigger' back home." Preston Lay, "When the shooting starts in our community, I wouldn't be wearing any National Guard fatigue uniform, If they think we won't use what we've learned in the Military to defend ourselves, they're crazy," from Achmen Lorence.

"Do you really think they're going to put some of that money they've been wasting in Viet-Nam into our communities when the war is over? Are you kidding? They'd rather spend it on sending a man to the moon."

Condensed from RAMPARTS, December 14-28

OUTCRY

as much as a surprise as the outburst at holyoke community college might seem to be, the cry for reforms has been a long time coming.

the question has risen as to whether or not the student body has any rights in the institution of new courses and a voice in decision making .

they are paying yo be taught something which will benefit their lives. the need to know about subjects long omitted from school books is revelent to our generation, to seek and change.

adults have rattled our brains with, the all to worn out, speeches on responsibilities. now the students want reasonable resbonsibilities. they will probably be turned down. ADULTS make up your simple mind.

——Marat

The Mexician farm hand in California has asked all Americans to stop buying grapes from California. They are on strike. They are non-violent. They are asking for better conditions to work under and a better wage scale. We are asking you to support their cause.

A long time has passed
Since it first took root
upon this earth.
Constantly dying and re-
proudcing itself
in such great numbers that
the infinite supply of food
had dwindled to crumbs.

It steals from others what
it lacks and thrives on
jealousy and deceit.

When will this plague of
creatures brought forth to
desecrate the earth and the
heavenly bodies around her;
When will they end?

My friend I feel the end is
near, for their God has told
them so.

They will soon be extinct
like so many viruses before them.
You ask me the name of this
blight; the name of this
dreadful disease?

man

——Zane Weiner

DUE TO THE LACK, tomorrow
will be CANCELED.....

I'm THE gOD of HeLLfIrE
and I BRING
you
FIRE!!!