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Dick Gregory Visits U.D.

By Wayne Tipton

"The No. 1 problem facing America today is not racism, it's not sexism, and it's not the gap between the rich and the poor. " said Dick Gregory, human rights activist and former comedian during his speech in the U.D. Fieldhouse back on Nov. 12th.

Gregory's lecture, was sponsored by the Center for Afro-American Affairs, directed by James Stocks and the Bolinga Center at Wright State University, directed by Carolyn Wright. Gregory became famous as a professional comedian but has since become a political activist and currently spends much of his time concentrating on human rights movements and lectures.

"The United States is the mightiest nation on the face of this planet, and has enormous surpluses of food yet people still die of starvation," said Gregory in his three hour lecture here at U.D. Gregory ran from Chicago to Washington, D.C. to call attention to the problem of world hunger and to prod Americans into responding to today's crisis.

Gregory believes "there is a great social revolution going on in America today, and the wonderful thing about this revolution is that it is not black against white. It is simply right against wrong.

Gregory stated that the American population is being taken advantage of by the few who control the country. He added "This would be a great nation if we (Americans) knew what we should know!"

"You got to keep your eyes open 24 hours a day," he said, because Americans are led to believe anything our government wants us to believe, many such things are not true.

The big job ahead of today's youth is to change these colleges, Gregory feels. He feels that the purpose of today's colleges and universities is not to educate, but indoctrinate. Gregory told the more than 300 students in the audience that when we come to college we bring all of our fears, hang-ups, "isms" and "osms", racism and sexism. It should seem that four years of college would solve them, many of us leave with just as many or more than we came with. Kinda hits close to home, doesn't it...

Gregory responded upon various subjects of important significance including the current situation in Iran where 49 Americans are being held hostage by Iranian students. "We are the mightiest nation on the planet, we're paralyzed, and the whole world is standing in awe because some students have messed up," he said. "The most powerful students should be you."

Gregory stated that Americans are not aware of the hatred the Iranian people have for Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. "Iranians feel the same way about the Shah that the Jews and decent people feel about Hitler," he said.

"You'd better hope Carter's ignorance doesn't upset the whole Muslim world, because if they pull all of their money out of U.S. banks, the stock market will crash in 24 hours," he said.

"I felt sorry when I heard that the president had decided to cut off oil imports from Iran!" What the president did was give the oil companies another reason to rip us off this winter," he added.

Two weeks ago the Iranian government asked the United States for permission to send two of their doctors over to examine the Shah, our government said no. This reinforces Gregory belief "that the Iranians don't believe the Shah has cancer," he said.

Another question Gregory answered was why didn't the Shah go to the best doctors for cancer treatment in the world, why did he come to New York City? "He wanted to get to New York City to New York City in 1967 also to dramatize the Jonestown disaster, he said. The Jonestown disaster, he said was the largest drug disaster in the United States.

Robert Kennedy didn't die from the shots fired by Sirhan Siron but instead from a shot from the moon landing was staged, he asked what happened to the $30 billion that was supposedly spent on the program. The Jonestown disaster, he said was the largest heroin transport the world has ever seen. Heroin was sewn inside the Jonestown corpses and sent to the U.S. "Wasn't it strange that 500 more bodies were found underneath the 400 already discovered?" said Gregory.

Lyndon B. Johnson, president's Kennedy's successor spoke with Walter Cronkite in a nationally televised interview right before he died in which he stated to have information concerning J.F. Kennedy's assassination. Gregory says the film was edited and L.B.J. died soon after the interview.
In 1976 America's largest minority demonstrated its political maturity when 91% of the Blacks who went to the polls, cast their ballots for the relatively unknown son of a Georgian peanut farmer, namely Jimmy Carter, thus enabling him to win the highest office in the land.

Yes, it was indeed the Black vote that carried Mr. Carter to his margin of victory, and the entire political electorate knew this, too. The right to vote, a right that Blacks in this country have widely neglected as a means of power, was the most powerful weapon in the land on that cool, crisp windy day in November some three years ago.

The hands that used to pick cotton in the South, were most undoubtedly the ones that helped pick the now incumbent President Carter. But now some three years later Blacks have discovered that they voted for a man who knew the words to their hymns...but not the numbers on their paychecks.

Blacks in this country have always has a hope for a "messiah"-like leader to come and ease their burdens and troubles, and the optimism in Carter was no different. Many thought that a president from the South would have a sympathetic ear to the plight of the Black man here in the United States.

But as we approach the eve of this another presidential year, anti-Carter sentiment is strong within the Black community. Masses with his administration. Black unemployment, especially among black collar workers, youth and women, has climbed steadily under Carter.

Carter hasn't taken an aggressive enough posture to expand federal jobs and has been virtually silent on the white backlash against affirmative action. Therefore, many Blacks in this country have turned to a liberal senator from Massachusetts, namely Ted Kennedy as an acceptable alternative.

The glue, cement, or binding force that holds pro Kennedy forces together within in the Black community is a combination of three things, (1) a combination of nostalgia, (2) anti-Carter sentiment, and (3) an historical commitment to the Democratic Party. Kennedy is riding on the sentimental values that come from the assassination of his two brothers, the charismatic qualities of the Kennedy mystique, and the growing frustration by Black Americans at Mr. Carter's leadership ability.

Early polls showed Kennedy over Carter almost three-to-one. But despite Kennedy's lead over Carter among the nation's Democrats, his support is soft and unchallenged. Polls however are questionable, the Black voters of this country must not be taken by this means of persuasion. We must choose the candidate we undoubtedly feel is the best for the office, and we must not be gullible to the various slick advertising campaigns. Because money can buy inflated statistics and allow the polls to be used in whatever manner the candidate wants to secure.

The Carter-Kennedy contest will pull the Democratic Party apart, says the president's men and women. But the real truth is that the party is already divided. This clash could conceivably pit the South against the North, Catholics against Protestants, liberals against conservatives and a "moral, family man-Carter's strongest point in the polls "against" a playboy, millionaire womanizer with a wife, whose emotional problems are due to his moral weaknesses."

Blacks from all ends of the political spectrum seem to think that Kennedy will make a far more responsible chief executive than Jimmy Carter has proved to be in the past three years. Anti-busing advocates support him. But what will happen when they focus on his records of votes favoring forced busing?

Both politicians have "supported expansion of federal taxation and spending" and both exhibit "unconcern about the decline of the U.S. world role and the rise of Communist expansionism."

Both candidates advance "free health care," although Carter's budget is much tighter. In economic policy, Kennedy offers no thought for reform and so forth...or have we given the incumbent President Carter enough time to do a sufficient job on the matters?

Virtually nothing that Kennedy has proposed to do at this date differs retrogressive policies of Jimmy Carter.

Congressional leader, John Conyers from Michigan sums up the point of this essay quite explicitly. Conyers says that at this date the Democratic Party has not presented the Black voter with any real and new alternative as far as candidates are concerned, and that the Republican Party hasn't any one at all worthy of the black vote.

First of a three-part series.

The 1980 Presidential Elections —
A Dilemma For the Black Voter...
CARTER or KENNEDY —
Who Is The Lesser of Two Evils...?

By Wayne Tipton

NBA REVIEW

By Rich Stephens

Did someone say NBA?

Well, this season is so well rounded, predicting the final four is extremely difficult right now. Because there are so many variables such as: fatigue from being on the road so many days before playing a game, injuries that cause everyone else on the team to work harder which is difficult on the road but much easier when the team is at home, lastly and most important: time execution of the basics.

Here is a brief description of the stronger teams. The Atlanta Hawks were almost the recipients of the "surprise of the year award" for coming close to the Western Washington Bullets last season during the 1980 season. The Hawks have a team of hustling ball players like Charlie Criss, John Drew, Terry Farlow, Eddie Johnson, Steve Hawthorne and Don Roundfield. Once again they can expect to be in the middle of things at the season's final weeks.

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peating his version of Mary Jo Kopechne's death in July 18, 1969 at Chappaquiddick Island, an issue that weighs on Kennedy like an unremovable enigma.

To many Kennedy seems like a lesser of two evils. It is not my theme to drum up support for either Kennedy or Carter. I only ask the question... "Will Kennedy create a better material environment for Blacks on matters such as jobs, health care, tax reform and so forth...or have we given the incumbent President Carter enough time to do a sufficient job on the matters?"

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The Kansas City Kings have a team full of talent. Scott Wedman, Otis Birdsong, Phil Ford and Lee Overlook. Such a well-rounded attack they will be hard to well-balanced scoring and defensive attack. Many Randy Tomjanovich come together to produce a Los Angeles is strong with Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Bouder and MVP in Moses Malone. John Shirand Leon Douglas the team has a good chance of feel the addition of Steve Henderson will help but Norm Nixon and Ervin "Magic" Johnson. They form making the playoffs. Once again I must stress the loss of Jeff Newlin.

The Philadelphia 76ers are well rounded at all positions with Julius Erving the team leader with rejuvenated knees. Dough Collins, Maurice Cheeks and Henry Bibby are good guards. Bobbie Jones and Steve Nix add strength to Erving and Caldwell Jones at forward. Darryl "Sir Dunk" Dawkins has taken over at center. Dmyl "Sir Dunk" Cheeks and Henry Bibby are good guards. Bobbie Jones and Steve Nix add strength to Erving and Dawkins has taken over at center.

The Phoenix Suns are as tough as they were last season. Healthy "Truck" Robinson and Alvin Adams in addition to Paul Westphal and in Walter Davis make a strong team. However, the bench depth is questionable.

The Portland Trailblazers are well organized. To give any opposing teams team trouble. The defend champs consist of Dennis Johnson, Jack Sikma, Gus Johnson, Freddie "Downtown" Brown, Phil Silas and Lonnie Shelton. The addition of rookie Vinnie Johnson and James Bailey is enough to give any opposing teams team trouble. The Washington Bullets will be strong competitors again. Last season critics and Bullet players said it was the lack of depth at the guard position that hindered them. They've added Kevin Porter, league leader in assists the past two seasons and a healthy Phil Cheiner. Realistically, any of these teams could be part of the final four, so if we're smart we'll save our bets for later and enjoy the season.

**Wake Up:**

It's Time to Get It Together

By Yvonne Allsopp

What happened to the "Black Awareness" and the "Black Power" ideology that swept across America's college campuses and black communities in the 60's? Have we become so comfortable and settled, that we can't see what is going on around us?

In the 60's there was a mind revolution and the Blacks shouted out against the vicious system, racism, and discrimination. As a result of Stokely Carmichael, Charles Hamilton, Angela Davis, CORE, SNCC and other activists and activist organizations; bloodshed, beatings, and killings, America stood still and listened.

The United Council of Civil Rights Leadership held periodic consultations at the top leadership level on strategy. While the thrust of this group was toward "coalition politics"—essentially a drive to invigorate the liberal-labor elements around the Democratic Party as a pressure group to push for civil rights—a simultaneous thrust was beginning within the younger and more militant civil rights organizations toward independent action.

Were all these people's energies and efforts in vain? History repeats itself and "I THINK IT IS TIME FOR US TO WAKE UP AND GET IT TOGETHER!" The KKK is no longer quiet. They are increasing in number and have a strong membership drive all over this country. They have been burning crosses on the homes of blacks and marching to show us they are still strong!

What is wrong with the black people today? We see Iran has got the U.S. tied up in knots and stunned. Pakistan is not taking any shit either! There is a feeling of unrest across the world!! Other nations are sick and tired of this white viscous government exploiting and supressing them. We should stand up with these non-white people and fight for human dignity.

Don't you dare say that nothing is wrong! Blacks still have the highest rate of unemployment and crime. Blacks are still starving and living in sub-poverty and subhuman conditions. Isolated incidents of blatant racism occur here at U.D. and across America, and you still think that nothing is wrong!!

America is in for some terrible times because of the narrow minded jackasses of men who sit back and make decisions that hurt blacks in America and poor people in other countries. These men fly up in the face of God, and oppress and exploit people. God is not pleased with this at all and we can see Him working, by seeing the trouble this country is facing. All of the top officials don't know what the hell is happening, and if they don't watch out they will have to deal with another surge of "BLACK POWER" awareness in this country.

Please, brothers and sisters, don't let the sparks burn out in the "BLACK POWER" ideology. WAKE UP AND GET IT TOGETHER!!!

Paul Robeson

Many remember Paul Robeson for his magnificent singing voice and for his stirring interpretation of Othello. But how many are aware that 40 years before Roots Paul Robeson wrote and spoke about African culture and mastered 20 African languages; 30 years before "black is beautiful" he wrote and spoke about his pride in being Negro; 20 years before "detente" he wrote and spoke against the Cold War; and 10 years before the anti-Vietnam protest movement he wrote and spoke against American involvement in Indochina.

Paul Robeson summed up his own view of life in these words which were to put him on a collision course with the American establishment:

"THE ARTIST MUST TAKE SIDES. HE MUST ELECT TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OR SLAVERY. I HAVE MADE MY CHOICE. I HAD NO ALTERNATIVE."

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BLACK MINI-FACTS
By A. Pat Byrdsong
Lucille Clifton, a black writer who has published over three books of poetry over the last decade has been named Maryland's new poet laureate. Gov. Harry Hughes selected her for this honorary position.
The first National Conference of Afro-American Writers convened November 8-10, 1974 on Howard University's historic Black campus for an equally historic conference.

BERRY RESIGNS
Mary Frances Berry, one of the highest ranking blacks in the Carter administration submitted her resignation as assistant secretary of HEW for education effective January 31.
Berry joined the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1977. Berry was formerly chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder before coming to HEW. She was the first black woman ever named chief administrator of a major U.S. university.
Berry was being considered for the job of Secretary for Education but Carter looked outside of the education community to fill the job. He chose U.S. Circuit Judge Shirley Hufstedler. Some question Hufstedler's ability because she has no formal experience as an educator and little as an administrator of a large organization.
Berry's departure creates two key education job vacancies in HEW.

JANUARY CALENDAR
Jan. 15 Film about the struggles of blacks at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
Jan. 15 Dr. Lionel Newsome - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 Black History Workshop and Mini-Course - 1 credit hour.
Jan. 26 Dr. John H. Clarke
Jan. 26 Dr. Josef Ben' Jochamon
Dr. James Stocks, Director of Center-for-Afro-American Affairs at 229-3635.

JAZZ CORNER
By Tony Armfield
Here is a little slot filled with some "good stuff" for you contemporary jazz lovers.
If you enjoy the mellow sounds of guitar, Earl Klugh's "Heartstrings" will surely satisfy you. The selections titled "Heartstrings" and "Spanish Nights" are highly recommended.
Noel Pointer has a new one—"Feel It" and you can definitely feel every beat of his melodies; lyrics or no lyrics. Imagine, those violins, the smoothness, the rhythm, AHHH!!! Jarvis, one of his best gives you all this and more.
Do you remember Stanley Clarke's "School Days"? If you liked what you heard then, you should hear what Stanley has done to "School Days" now. His bass talks its own language. On his latest album, "I Wanna Play For You", a two album set, Stanley displays his talents accompanied by such artists as Tom Scott and Freddie Hubbard.
So if you get a chance, sit back, listen, and enjoy these melodious sounds. You will be glad you did.

BLACK FAMILY WORKSHOP
By A. Pat Byrdsong
"The strongest thing we will ever have is the black community," said Dr. Bobby Wright, director of the Garfield Park Comprehensive Mental Health Center. Wright was the keynote speaker at the second annual black family workshop. This workshop was sponsored by the Center for Afro-American Affairs. The topics that were addressed included The Current Status of Black Families in America, Growing Up Black in a Color-Coded Society and The Black Couple.
Dr. Wright said it was a mistake to use white definitions to define something black. He asked blacks to use their minds and think, instead of always accepting definitions from others.
"Let us begin to define our family," he said. Wright said blacks need to program their children in certain ways that would help to keep the black family alive.
He also cited problems with integration. He said white women are taking black men. "Usually the brother who deals with white women have more options in the black community." Wright felt these resources should be kept in the black community.
Eleanor Stocks, associate professor of Early Childhood at Sinclair College, talked about raising black children. She said, "We must groom our children to let them know that there are limitations." She also stressed helping children to feel comfortable being black.

New Blues
At SBA
That the beleaguered Small Business Administration continues to have problems was revealed at Congressional hearings last October.
An internal audit of the SBA's 8A program has found that 21 percent of the firms in the program as of April 1978 were headed by disadvantaged individuals who did not appear to control or manage the day-to-day operations of their firms or whose status as socially or economically disadvantaged individuals was doubtful. Some of these firms, according to an SBA auditor, are still in the SBA portfolio. In addition, the audit found inadequate standards for graduating firms from the program and inadequate oversight of firms.
A General Accounting Office report found fault with the SBA's new Small Business Development Centers. The GAO said that in a survey of three of the SBDCs, 56 percent of the clients who had used them found that their assistance to be of "moderate use" or "little or no use." In addition, private firms providing similar services to the SBDCs rated the SBDCs negatively. The SBDCs are intended to provide small businesses professional level, private sector advice on management problems, using colleges and universities as the major delivery mechanism.
The SBA's general loan program was also found to be deficient, according to another GAO report. The GAO found that the agency is still making questionable loans, and not following up on the firms that the loans are made to. Similar findings were made three years ago and apparently there has not been much progress since that time.

SBA administrator Vernon Weaver contended that part of the reason for SBA's problems is a staff shortage due to a budget crunch in the agency. He recommends transferring SBA's lending authority to private sector banks. In support of that argument, he points to a pilot program involving a New York bank which is successful.
Weaver says that the effect of transferring loan authority to private banks would be to cut off virtually all the red tape involved with making SBA loans and would free employees to provide other forms of assistance and oversight.
Minority business men are opposed to this idea, however. They say that this will make it substantially more difficult for them to obtain loans from an unwilling private sector. In fact, there is even internal dissension within the SBA over this proposal. Leon Bechet, director of the Washington SBA office, openly opposed the idea in a recent interview.

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