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How The 'White Problem' Spawned 'BLACK POWER'

Controversial movement started in the South from friction between black and white civil rightsers

By Alvin F. Poussaint, M.D.

In THE summer of 1965 in Hattiesburg, Miss., long before the birth of the "black power" slogan, I asked Betty, a 21-year-old, Afro-American civil rights worker, what she thought of white volunteers working in the movement. She thoughtfully turned her head to one side then snapped: "I definitely don't think they should be in the black community... Most of them need to be wiped out but the few serious ones ought to be allowed to stay and work in the white community. Their problem is that they can work in the black community but can't work in the white community... If they think they can't work with the white folks, then they should go home and get themselves together --read a book or something.

Betty had been involved in the Southern civil rights movement since age 14. She had suffered many beatings and jailings. Like many of the black youth in the South she had been "in it" from the beginning, fighting for "integration" and "freedom now." She was part of that courageous vanguard of Southern black youth whom we saw in newspaper pictures or on TV getting their heads bloodied and their souls violated by the swatting clubs of the white racists. I saw newsmen ugly eyes on the faces of these black youth --the price paid for trying to "integrate" a lunch counter or register a few Negroes to vote. Many responded...

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THIS issue, the third in our annual series of special issues, explores the challenging and bewilderingly complex world of the more than eleven million Negroes who are below the age of twenty-five.

One out of every two Negro Americans lives in the time perspective of this world which impinges on the lives of all Americans—young and old, black and white. Negro youth provided the original spark for the revolt of white college students who appropriated the tactics and the vocabulary of the leaders of the sit-in movement. They also contributed the rhythm and the steps for the Boogaloo and the germinal impulses that led to the Beatles and the Supremes. Of even greater importance, in the context of summer passions, is the fact that the restiveness on Negro college campuses in Negro communities centers in the expanding horizons of Negro youth who form a disproportionately large percentage of the Negro population and a disproportionately large percentage of the unemployed.

It has always been hard to be young and black in America. But the dislocations of the American economy and the internal transformations of Negro youth have compounded the traditional problems, creating a massive crisis of identity and relation.

No American can be indifferent to the new faces and new moods of Negro youth who are in a critical stage in their transition from the old world to the new. As the articles in this issue indicate, Negro youths are groping for new forms of relatedness with themselves and with their elders. And the future of the American city, to a very great extent, depends on the responses older Americans—Negro and white—make to the emerging moods of this important group.

The issues and personalities examined on the following pages bring into sharp focus two different and yet complementary challenges. There is, first of all, the challenge to Negro youth who must prepare themselves to assume the responsibilities of adulthood. Whatever the difficulties, Negro youth owe it to themselves and to the future generation to prepare themselves now for the opportunities of tomorrow. But to make that challenge meaningful in terms youth will respect, older Americans—Negro and white—must assume the second challenge, the challenge of providing the educational and economic tools that will enable Negro youth to deepen and extend the contributions they have made to our life and culture.

This issue is presented, therefore, as an invitation to understanding and compassion. If you read the following pages in the light of the dominant challenges of the hour, I am sure you will agree with us that Negro youth are angry, anxious, aware—and very important.

Publisher's Statement

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VIET NAM

Every youth must face the fact of involvement.

PHOTOS BY ROBERT J. ELLISON

VIET NAM youth in the U.S., whether he be asharecropper on a cotton farm in Mississippi's Delta or an undergraduate pursuing studies toward his bachelor's degree in the cloistered halls of Harvard, has something in common with his brothers in addition to the color of his skin—he faces involvement in one way or another with the war in Vietnam.

According to the law of the land, every youth of 18, regardless of race, creed or color, must register with the Selective Service System of the federal government and hold himself self-ready for a call from his local draft board.

What happens after he is called to service varies greatly—but it seldom does. Despite the example set by heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, who refused to step forward to take the oath after being drafted and despite the preachings of notable Carneiall and Dr. Martin Luther King against any involvement in the Vietnam war, most Negro youth do what their fathers have done before them—they sign up, go into the service and, as Department of Defense records can show well, stray bravely and with honor wherever they are sent.

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Despite Ali's money and prestige, he is facing five years in jail and a $10,000 fine. "Man," said one Negro buddy when asked why he accepted service despite discrimination against Negroes in the U.S., "I'd rather take my chances in the Army than spend all that time in jail." The high cost of litigation accompanying any attempt to beat the draft also motivates against a Negro youth's legally escaping service—even when he may have legitimate grounds for exemption.

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The reasons for this are numerous, including the fact that proportionally, the Negro population is much younger than the white (Negro males median age is 20.4 years and the white male in 28.2). Negroes also provide for their country in the rice paddies, jungles of slum ghetto living. Wherever they are sent.

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Pie Filling Used Here

This Dessert
An Easy Dish

WITH 2 or 3 cup dried...With bread or buns and a cup of apple pie filling in the mix, you can make a good dessert in short order.

Bread 'n Butter Apple Bake
4 slices white bread, crust removed
1 cup butter, melted
2 tablespoons sugar
1 lb. (3 cups) apples pie filling
2 tablespoons apricot preserves
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Dash of salt
Dash ground cinnamon

Thick ice cream

Let the two flavors...or until it is fluffy and light. Then mix in real mayonnaise or dairy...to bread. Cutting a thin layer in the end.

Cranberry Chutney

CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

In a large saucepan or kettle...Bring to a boil.

Remove from heat and cool.

Grenfell's Food
GREAT SAVINGS AT SAFEWAY

Time to Make Holiday Gifts

Christmas may seem a long way away, but late summer is the time to make some of those special gifts that are...first place.

Peach or Cranapple Cranberry Chutney

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14 firm peaches or 6 large firm cranberries
1 lb. (3 cups) sugar
1 cup cranberry-orange relish
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon salt

Add the drained sweet pickle...in the small bowl.

FROZEN FOOD BUYS

FANCY SHERBET
Lucerne Orange and Triple Treat Hard Gelatin

FROZEN PEAS
Scottish Treat, A Real Buy! 2 lb. 25¢

FROZEN JUICE
Scottish Treat Florida Juice 6 oz. can

LARGE SIZE HERMISTON Watermelon

Juicy sweet and...in that's watermelon from Safeway. EACH

WILLOWS BLANKET

By Becker, 73x70. Thick, heavy, 8-ply, double bed size. $39.99

SAVE

Large AA Eggs

Red Potatoes

Local Cucumbers

Green Beans

Clip-Top Carrots

Seedless Grapes

JUMBO CANTALOUPE

Seeds

The Italian Squash

ZUCCHINI SQUASH

The Italian Squash that is good in so many ways

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NEGROES WHO TOOK SUCH BEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF THE WHITES AS A SIGN FOR BLACK PEOPLE.
In The 'Now' Generation Negro Youth

Youngsters shun ranks of white rebels without cause—Problem-ridden black

BY DONALD R. HOPKINS

The present generation of America's youth has been variously described as the "now" or the "attitudes" generation. Comic book artists, hipsy magazine articles and documentaries have chronicled its trek into the forefront of American consciousness. Unlike the "silent" generation whose relative-quiescence masked a shuddering concern for the failure of its social conscience and its dedicated pursuit of a comfortable niche in status-quo American society, this generation, present generation young blacks has engendered the ominous awareness of events whose bent is most liberal and permissive. No longer are the Negro youth are today the white youths. Young Negroes have come to listen to the morality of a war against a tiny race. They have not content to question, with the inanities of middle classness. They are frankly bewildered by the examination of the critical race. They are generally propagandistic lyrics and other exotic cultures. The hippi seems square to the young people hail the liberation of marijuana and other psychedelic drugs, and the culturally liberating effects of the liquor industry by the repeal of prohibition. They have come to understand the inanities of middle classness. They are often propagandistic and occasionally to some extent they are able to售 buy. No high pressure selling here. And see me. I will try my level best to sell you a car. No high pressure selling here. Every car must be sold regardless of price. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture. Pay as little as $10 to $100 down and small weekly payments. I don't care how your credit picture.