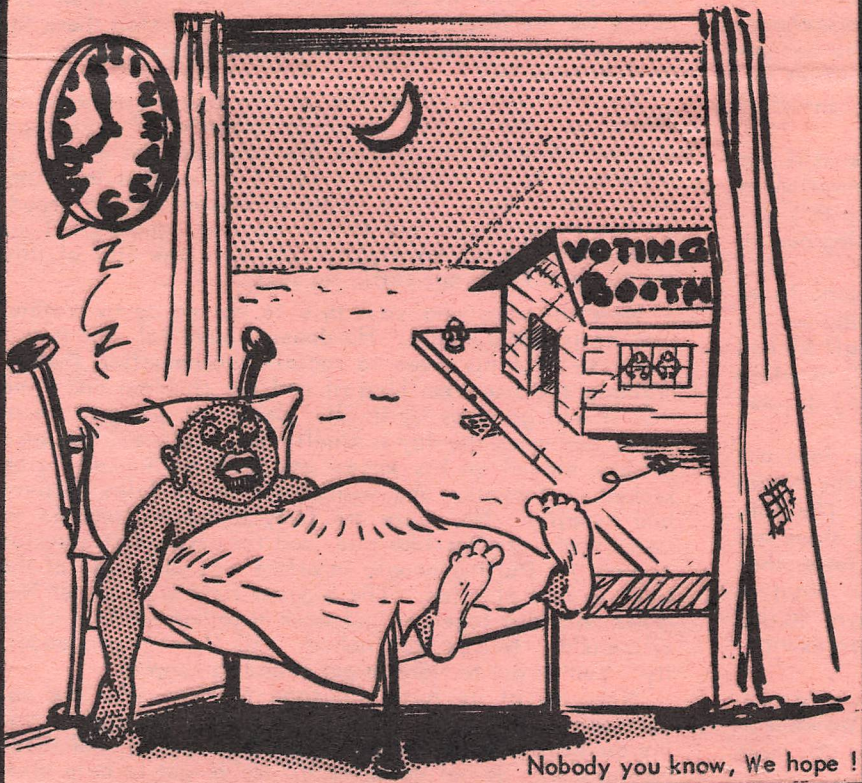


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CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE MUSLIMS

There is a movement on foot to investigate the Negro Muslim movement. The Southern Congressmen are particularly suspicious of any tendency for Negroes to unite or organize.

If their hearts were right and their patriotism beyond question, they would spend their time and our money investigating the growing apparent conspiracy to deprive 20,000,000 Negro citizens of their basic civil rights.

Segregation such as we have in our schools, and housing...Discrimination such as we have in employment and appointments, and the total second class citizenship which the Negro endures dont just happen. People get together and plan it thus.

These things however not only go unchallenged but are practiced on the floor of Congress and are often

smiled upon in the very shadows of the White House.

If a hostile segregated Congress, (composed in part of southern members who hold their very seats illegally and at the expense of Negroes voting rights) is going to "investigate" Negroes who aren't happy over second class citizenship, they have embarked upon a very extensive task.

If they are attempting to further intimidate Negroes, they might take a lesson from Albany Georgia - There are Negroes alive today who do not scare easily.

There are Negroes alive today, millions of them who are not Muslims, who nevertheless are completely disenchanted with their position and treatment in the land of the free.

It is times like these that we need more Negro Congressmen.

3 plus 1 rides again!!!!

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The August Primary election is now past history. 60,000 Negro families in the 15th congressional district stayed away from the polls and let 18,000 voters choose for them the same old nothing to which they have become accustomed. The same is true of the first district except that 30,000 families sat home and were satisfied with the decision of 14,000 voters.

The position of our fair democratic paper is still the same. The Negro still has inadequate representation in all branches of the government. The only way this deplorable condition can be corrected is for Negroes to unite and do something about it.

It is apparent that just representation is going to be hard to obtain. But without true representation, we the Negro, will continue to be a political football kicked around and exploited by our own leaders as well as white politicians who count on the Negro vote being divided and ineffective.

The election did not prove that the Negro does not want representation. It did not prove that the Negro does not need representation in government. The only actual fact to come out of the primary is that there are few Negroes who are actually "ready." Much fewer than The Illustrated News had anticipated. Another positive fact is that in the City of Detroit there are over 40,000 Negroes who saw the need for more adequate representation and were willing to go the polls and act.

All people do not wake up at the same time. We intend to continue to sound the clarion call. We expect each of the 40,000 awakened voters to wake up (3) more persons before the next primary election.

If the next primary finds 120,000 awakened Negroes in the City of Detroit. We can expect to begin a new era of representative government. It is a consumation devoutly to be wished.

We trust that this August Primary will emphasize our often repeated statement that democracy lives or dies in the primary. Freedom loving people of all races find practically no one to vote for in the fall election. Democracy died while 90,000 Negroes sat home waiting for the fall election. Their choice now is small - Dingell Nedzi and Olsen or Romney- This is a sorry plight to be in.

Most anyone looking at the results of the August 7 election would say that the 3 plus 1 campaign failed. And if you are only thinking about how many 3 plus 1 candidates won, you are right. But don't stop there. Think just a little further and you will see that in another more important way 3 plus 1 won.

Add together the number of votes cast by Negroes for Negro candidates on August 7 and you will find that 40,000 of us are ready! Forty thousand Negroes understand that their vote is the most important and effective weapon they have in their fight for equality. They understand that there is nothing more right than going to the polls and using that vote to elect Negroes to office. There are four hundred men and women in the House of Representatives in Congress. If there were racial equality in this country and all people cast their ballots for qualified candidates regardless of race, we would naturally have ten per cent of four hundred or forty Negro congressmen. We have four! Now nobody fights another man's battle for him. There are people who will help, but we've got to stand up and fight for ourselves. We've got to stop being ashamed to say, "I am a Negro!" We've got to take a good hard look at racial discrimination in jobs, in education, in housing, and in everything else and say, "These are our problems and we have them because we are Negroes!" But we must not stop there for the next step is the biggest and most important and the hardest to make.

We must not swallow the poison that white America offers us, the poison of being ashamed of ourselves and our children because we are Negroes, the poison of pretending to be something else. To take that last step we've got to say, "As a Negro American I stand proudly and demand my right to justice and equality. I am ready to fight for my rightful place in the life of this country and I will not settle for less."

Now the man who says this is not going to pretend that he is not a Negro. He doesn't have to! He is not going to shut his eyes to racial discrimination that is draining the life from himself and his children and hope that it will go away by itself. He is not going to lie in his bed when the day is finally done and weep because he has stayed on his knees and allowed himself to be kicked and beaten and waited for white folks to give him equality. No, there are forty thousand Negroes in Detroit who are not like this, and they won that election August 7. Putting people in office was only part of the fight in that election. The biggest fight was to get Negroes to stand together and work together for first-class citizenship, to see that nobody will "give" you equality. You've got to fight to get it and to keep it.

Now all of us forty thousand Negroes who are not ashamed but who are filled with pride and dignity and vision have another job to do. We've got to find those Negroes who do not understand. We've got to help them to see. And this is the new 3 plus 1 campaign. Each of the forty thousand should count himself as 1 and then go out and find three lost souls and help them to see. If we can do this now when the next election comes we will have a total of 160,000 Negroes voting, not for slavery and defeat but for equality and victory.

We can do it! Every minority group in America, whether it be Irish or Polish or Catholic or organized labor, has done it. This is the way you make democracy real. And as surely as 3 plus 1 equals 4 if we have the courage and the strength we can make 40,000 plus 120,000 equal 160,000. What a great day that will be!