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WHY AN ALL BLACK PARTY ?

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The idea and formation of a all Negro political party when first presented sounds very ridiculous, doesn't it? But wait a minute, is it as ridiculous as it first sounds. I can imagine that when Columbus first said to the doubters of his day that you could get to the far east by sailing west he must have sounded pretty stupid too. I can also see old Copernicus in 1536 informing his contemporaries that the earth was not the center of the universe, and the scorn that was heaped upon him. Both of these men were daring to tackle the unknown. They were defying tradition and destroying the popular myth of the day. So if you use this analogy and stop and examine the idea of Negroes organizing politically we will begin to see that this is one of the most profound ideas that Negro's have had for their own salvation.

First of all lets look at this great idea point by point, and step by step and see what we can come up with. Point number one, a segment of the Negro community feels that there aren't enough Negroes numerically to be a threat to the two dominant political parties, and therefore believe that they can not buck the system. On first glance this would seem to be a valid argument, but on closer examination you get an entirely different picture. Take the northern industrial states of New York, Ohio,

Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey, and Illinois, In each of these states the Negro holds the balance of political power. They determine who will get each of these states presidential electoral votes, as well as who will occupy the governors mansion. We know of course we by ourselves can not elect a president or governor of any state directly, but by swinging our vote in one direction or another we have great power. Now take it a step further and play with this idea. What would happen to the Democratic party if they woke up one bright November morn and found that the Negro vote was no longer in their hip pocket.

Or going on, what would happen to the Republican party if they started winning elections because the Democrats no longer had the Negro vote. Now think a little further and try to imagine each of these parties seriously vying with each other for the Negro vote through "The Freedom Now Party." Do you think a few dixiecrats could tie up civil rights or any other issue concerning Negroes? What about appointments to high federal and state governmental agencies? On the Supreme court they have a seat for a catholic, a Jew, and a southerner, but where is the seat for a Negro? With all of our political strength, there should be at least one.

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Or take the more recent example of John A. Gronouski being appointed Postmaster General because the Polish people of this country felt they were not getting enough from the Democratic party for their "block voting" and put pressure on the hierarchy until they got this cabinet appointment. Where is the Negro Cabinet official or officials? With Negro's making up one tenth of the population there should be at least one cabinet official. And the way we tip the political scale in the big northern industrial states there should be more than just one cabinet member. I wonder what party would start making such appointments for the Negro vote? Not only that, I wonder what party would seriously tackle the problems of slums, inadequate educational facilities, and unemployment? I wonder what party would do something about equality of opportunity and make it meaningful? I wonder?

Point number two: Most Negroes say they want or favor integration, and don't want to segregate themselves into a all black party. And of course who in his right mind could argue against the ideal of integration and equality. No one. But again lets look at what we have here. Negroes favor integration, but this is not the problem. The crux of the matter is that the white mafority does not favor integration and therefore nothing but political and economic power is going to change this attitude. An all Negro party electing Negroes to political office on the local and state level and deterring who will sit in the White House will do more to bring about equality than any other method yet devised by man. The reason for this statement is quite simple, power recognizes power and without it you are dead. We have been forced to live in the ghetto and stay to ourselves in every large, small, and medium city in this country. We have really been given our own salvation. All we have to do is register and vote "Black" the rest will come.

The third and most crucial point is the silly, stupid, and fallacious remarks some Negro's make about not

wanting anything to do with anything that is all black. Of course this is merely a manifestation of the idea of inferiority that has been imprinted on the Negro's brain for the past four hundred years residence in this country. But again lets tear down this old and most dangerous myth once and for all because it is a black world that most of us live and die in. We venture out in the white world for short excursions, but it is to the black world we return. For those who do not want anything to do with things that are all black I would suggest that they set up a priority list and start out one by one to dismantle all of the all black institutions that we have build up over the years. I would suggest that they start first with the one most important. The Negro Church. Here is an all black institution that has withstood slavery, wars, depressions, and oppression. So lets tear down all black churches and make their members integrate into white christian churches. After the church's have been torn down I would suggest that all of the all Negro schools and colleges be next on the list. Following I think we could get rid of all Negro newspapers, Negro doctors, lawyers, and dentist who cater only to their own. Of course Negro Insurance Company's would also be destroyed, plus all black fraternities, sororities, and etc. We're not through yet, we've got to get rid of all Negro Jazz groups, Negro Barbers, and Negro beauticians, And the last exclusive all black image we could get rid of would be the undertaker. If he can't integrate he's got to go too. Now that we've gotten rid of everything that is all black what do we have? Nothing, and this is just the point. Negro institutions have developed because of a very serious need and reason. We aren't wanted. We haven't been wanted in past history and we're not wanted now. Our only salvation is to build and nourish our own institutions. This is the time and place in history where we now must build our own political party in order to survive. Without it we are doomed. So REGISTER AND VOTE BLACK FOR "FREEDOM NOW."

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