

EDITORIAL



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Jesse Helms' Tricks

Now we know why Jesse Helms opposed renewing the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

After the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to renew it, and after Republicans and Democrats in the Senate had agreed on federal protection of voting rights for racial and ethnic minorities, the North Carolina senator insisted on prolonging a battle he had already lost.

With his colleague, Sen. John East (R-N.C.), Helms tried as long as he could to stop what some have called the most successful civil rights bill passed this century.

At the time, it seemed less than a useful gesture.

Even die-hard conservatives like South Carolina's Strom Thurmond and Arizona's Barry Goldwater supported renewing the Voting Rights Act. There could have been no profit for Helms in opposition, his critics said. Perhaps he was just so used to being "against," he couldn't stand being "for."

But now it's clear that something else was at stake.

In November 1984, Helms will have to face North Carolina voters once again. Five years ago, he was barely re-elected with 54 percent of the vote in a race in which he outspent his Democratic rival by almost \$2 million.

Six years before that, in Helms' initial election campaign, he outspent his opponent by \$7.2 million and won with only 55 percent of the vote.

In 1984, he will probably face North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt.

If the North Carolina electorate remains stable and Helms is able to outspend Hunt as he has outspent his previous opponents, the 1984 contest may simply be a replay of his 1972 and 1978 victories.

But voting populations do not remain the same.

A week ago, Rev. Jesse Jackson kicked off a Southern voter registration drive in North Carolina. By the summer's end, he plans to have conducted intensive voting drives in each Southern state, adding 1 million Black voters to the rolls.

At the same time, the established civil rights organizations, the NAACP, the Urban League, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Voter Education Project are continuing their year-long registration efforts, spurred, perhaps, by Jackson's implied suggestion that they need his help to do the work they've done successfully for years.

If these efforts have any success in North Carolina, then the electorate Helms faces in 1984 will be considerably blacker than the collection of voters that elected him in 1972 and re-elected him in 1978.

No wonder Jesse Helms opposed the Voting Rights Act. Its future success may be his final failure.

Awards

The following students were chosen as recipients of the Zeta Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha's financial awards.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all of you!

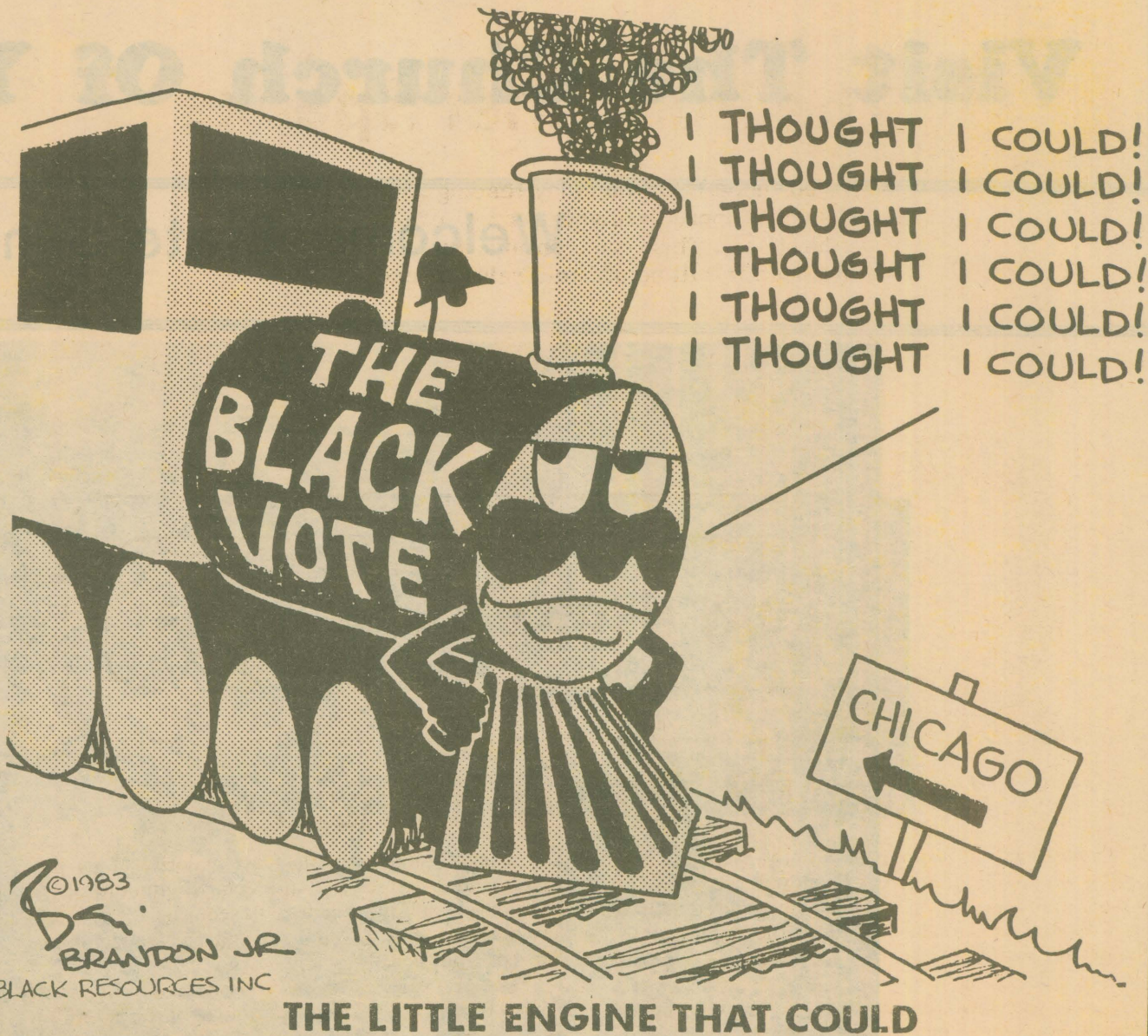
Jeffrey Cox graduates from Clover Park High and will attend Washington State University in the Fall.

Phyllis Duncan graduates from Wilson High School and will attend the University of Washington in the Fall.

Stephanie James will graduate from Lincoln High School and will attend Pacific Lutheran University.

Edwina Martin will graduate from Spanaway Lake High School and will attend the University of Washington.

Carissa Smith will graduate from Spanaway Lake High School and will attend the University of Washington.



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Uninvited "Celebration '83" Guest Angry

A recent letter dated May 5, 1983 entitled "Pride Radiates Throughout the Dome" prompted me to take pen and paper in hand and write.

The letter angered me. Oh! it was not because the writer took pride in the Dome. I too, have pride in the Dome. Recently, my small children, Andre' and Adrienne had the opportunity to visit the facility and we were all proud of Tacoma, its citizenry and its future. The Dome speaks to a city looking forward to new horizons.

After a little introspection, it occurred to me I was angry because I was not invited to the "Celebration '83".

You see, when I was a youngster growing up in Tacoma, participating in sports such as football, baseball, wrestling, and track. Organizations and individuals such as the Tacoma Athletic Commission (TAC) and

Clay Huntington were an integral part of my life. I ran track many summers as a representative of TAC and Clay Huntington, and broadcasted many capacity filled Lincoln Abe football games.

Many of the people in attendance at "Celebration '83" were probable fans of mine and my teammates. If the truth were told some would probably say "Oh! Yeah, Don Moore, I knew him well!"

It's been stated, there's a parallel to be drawn from the Tacoma Dome looking to the future and the Union Station Dome speaking to the past.

Moreover, it seems to me the stage for building the Dome was set by individuals such as myself years ago.

Enough said. Even though I felt slighted, I feel much better now.

Tacoma, our Pride is showing!

Don Moore

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SMACL Fights Back

The S.M.A.C.L. Neighborhood Group recently extended its boundaries to include the area from So. 12th Streets to So. 23rd Street and from "L" to Ainsworth Streets, because of the rising rate of burglaries committed in the area. The group voted to organize a Neighborhood Block Watch program, with the help of Officer Charles Wardell of the City of Tacoma Police Department's Crime Prevention Detail.

This method of neighbors caring about neighbors has helped to bring down the crime rate in other neighborhoods. We are asking you as a neighbor to come out and get involved - Protect your Neighborhood. S.M.A.C.L. meets every second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the People's Community Center, 1602 South "K" Street. The public is welcome. You can contact James Patterson at 272-5655.

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