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Is It Possible That Seattle Could Have The Same Problem As Miami, Florida?

Most people watched the news last week. "Black Man Shot in Cold Blood." Blacks burned, looted and resisted political pressure.

The question which comes to mind is, **Could the same thing happen here in Seattle?** Does the Seattle Police Department have a good relationship with the black community?

Based on the Northwest FACTS telephone survey, most participants concur that the Seattle Police Department has a better track record than other cities in the United States. A sampling of our survey is provided below for our readers.

Sam Smith - Seattle City Councilman:

I don't think so, Seattleites generally are level headed people. We have an excellent Police chief and system. The leadership, both black and white would head off trouble.

George Reynolds - Supervisor Seattle Airport Sky Caps:

Yes, it could happen here because we have a high influx of all types of people. However, the Seattle Police Department has better relations with the black community. The other day I saw some white Police officers playing touch football with some black children at 30th Avenue and Yesler.

Louis Thomas - Truck Driver:

Yes, a riot could happen in Seattle. But the Seattle Black People would have to be pushed awful hard to react. There is Racism in the Black Community. This showed up when the Black community wanted to change the name of Empire Way to Martin Luther King Way.

White Merchants and Businesses that make money in the Black community let them get away with it. But I believe the Black community will soon wake up and react somehow.

Ina McIntosh - Executive Secretary:

Yes I do believe it could happen here. There is no place immune from violence.

Curt Smith - Newspaper Production:

Yes, because the same racist elements that exist in Miami exist in Seattle. However, I think black police officers have a good relationship with the black community. Most white police officers have the same racist feelings as most white people.

Kent Stevenson - Music Educator:

Anything can happen. It could happen in Seattle, but we have a stronger service of community involvement. We are not racially isolated like people are in Miami. The Seattle Police Department is adequate, but there is lots of room for improvement. We in Seattle should not feel to secure and not relate to other situations in other cities.

Marion Simmons - Housewife:

Sure, it could happen anywhere under the same circumstances. Nevertheless, I have not seen any Seattle Policemen commit an act of wrongdoing. I know some very good police officers, and have police officers as my friends and associates.

Rev. Lloyd - Pastor of Cherry Hill Baptist Church:

Yes, because we have never been satisfied with (investigation of Blacks being Killed by Police bullets. "No, I don't think there is trust between the TWO!

Dave Mann - Sports Editor:

Of course this kind of action taken by the Miami policeman (Louis Alvarez) is possible in any police society. The flip side of the coin is that here in Seattle, seemingly, we have in the black community a mutual understanding and trust in the law and in those duty sworn to initiate it. Not saying that this gives us immunity from police harassment or scrutiny, but only that it eliminates the trigger happy policeman, that in most cities fires not at the whites of his eyes, but at the black of his skin.

Senator George Fleming - Washington State Sen.:

It could happen anywhere that the community is oppressed. The Seattle Police Chief is sensitive to the needs of the people and has tried to make it better here. There are still police officers out there who could use excessive force and enrage the people to riot. The chief of police in Seattle is the type of person from my observance who has taken steps in trying to make relations between the police force and the community, good!

Delana Sneed - Hair Designer:

It is not something that would not occur in one single area.

Eddie Cotton - Businessman:

The Seattle Black community could react just like the Miami black community if the same situation existed. But, the Seattle Police Department has a better relationship with the black community than Miami's.

Larry Gossitt - Director of C.A.M.P.:

Of course there can be crimes in Seattle because of economical and social causes of Urban unrest that exists in Seattle and other major cities. It just takes a spark to set a crisis off.

Black community relationships and the police department are better here than in Miami, Florida. The Mayor and the police Chief of Seattle tries to communicate with the black community.

Makel Spencer - Accounting Technician/Student:

Miami, Florida is in a state of turmoil. The city has rocketed rock bottom on the human relationship scale. Miami's problems are American problems. We, the people of Seattle should not turn our backs on Miamians and respond, shame, shame, shame!

One black man was murdered in cold blood by a white Cuban policeman named **Louis Alvarez**. Many black people all over the United States experience some form of police brutality everyday. Most cases go unnoticed except for those involved. Seattle is not an exception to the rule. The Seattle Police Department on an overall basis is more sensitive to the needs of the people, resulting in better human relations in the black community. Needless to say, one wrong move by a trigger happy police officer could spark the same reaction Miami is now confronted with or Vis-a-versa.

A Business on Martin Luther King Way Harrassed by Racist Local Businessmen

by Madison King

Mr. Arreola, owner of Manny's Auto Rebuild, has been having a rough time explaining his position in the name change of Empire Way to Martin Luther King Way.

He has received Hate Letters with his picture painted black. The owner of a Plumbing Company asked him to retract his position and join the rest of the Racist Businesses.

Mr. Arreola tried to get the White Newspapers to print something about it, but found out that they would not go against these Racist Customers.

Now **Mr. Arreola** knows that these members of the Rainier and Empire Merchants Association will go to any extreme to **Keep a Black Man's name off of their streets.**

It's hard to stand still in life. If you are not going forward, you may be going backward. Sometimes this movement is so subtle we're not aware of it.

The most common method of balancing the family budget is by cutting down payments to the savings account.

JOSEPH C. SALAK

Dr. King Commemorative

Seattle Community College District will hold its ninth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorative service at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 14, in the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1522 14th Avenue. Seattle City Council Member Norm Rice will be the keynote speaker for the service.

"The college observance is designed to honor Dr. King and share his message of peace and equal rights for all people," said April Eng, Chairperson of the event.

Eng added, "Since the service will be held near the downtown area, we hope that many local residents and business people will be able to join us."

The program will be comprised of singing by Seattle Central Community College President **Donald G. Phelps**, **Phyllis Byrdwell** of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, and the Chanticleers, a northwest acapella singing group under the direction of **Mildred Tuggle**.

Also included in the program will be a dramatic reading by **William Morrow** of the international Association of Professional Black Firefighters, an American Sign Language interpretation of a poem, and speeches and tributes by community college officials and students. A proclamation will be delivered by special assistant to Mayor **Royer**, **Tom Keefe**.

The service is expected to last about 90 minutes. For more information, contact **April Eng**, Seattle Central Community College director of minority affairs/affirmative action, at 587-6942.



Program for Martin Luther King at First Church -- (Tom Skinner is Guest Speaker Aired on Channel 5

The First African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be the host for this year's program for Martin Luther King Jr.'s memorial, put on yearly by the Seattle Benefit Guild.

The program will be aired on channel 5, but can be seen live and in its entirety at 1st A.M.E. Church, January 9th at 5 p.m., 1522 14th Ave.

Nationally known minister the Reverend **Tom Skinner** will be the guest speaker, and several Seattle Choirs are expected to sing. Come out and join with the Benefit Guild and First A.M.E. Church in this yearly celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday, it's a program that you wouldn't want to miss. The Reverend Dr. **Fred E. Stephens** is Pastor of First A.M.E. call 324-3664 for further information.

Dr. King "Birthday Celebration"

The Benefit Guild Association and KING 5 are sponsoring the Annual "Birthday Celebration" services for the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sun., Jan. 9, 1983, 5 PM, at First A.M.E. Church, 14th and East Pine St., Seattle, WA. Dr. **Fred Stephens**, host pastor.

The Rededication Message of Dr. King's "dream" will be by Pastor S.A. Bushnell, Jr., Minister for the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, Washington, D.C.

Musical tribute will be given by the "I Am" Choir, directed by Shirley Parker, and the St. Theresa Choir, directed by Kent Stevenson, with guest soloist **Donald Phelps**, President, Seattle Central Community College.

To help continue the work of **Martin L. King, Jr.**, proceeds from this service will be used to further the "dream" of our late friend and brother, through contributions to various community organizations.

The Benefit Guild Association and KING 5 are requesting each church to take a special offering, Sun., Jan. 9, 1983, and bring it to the "Birthday Celebration" at First A.M.E. Church.

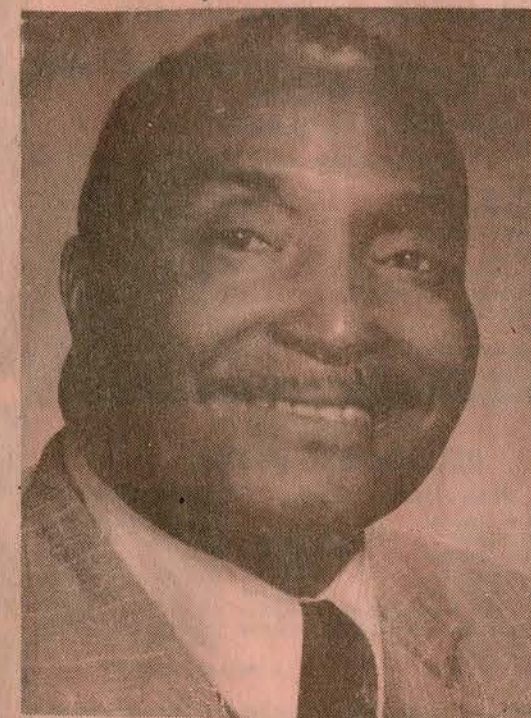
Awards will be given to several community people who have helped keep the "dream" alive in their own way.

DON'T LET A DRUNK DRIVE.

YWCA Preschool Program

The YWCA offers a multicultural, developmental preschool program at its East Cherry Branch, 2820 E. Cherry. The Cherry Street Carousel serves children 2-5 years old. Hours are 6:30 AM until 6 PM Mon. through Fri. Call the Branch at 322-0186 for fees and registration information.

Councilman Sam Smith Re-Elected President of Brotherhood For Twenty-Third Term



City Councilman Sam Smith was re-elected President of the Brotherhood of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church for the twenty-third year. The Brotherhood is one of the major groups of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church which started out with monthly breakfasts and a Lecture Series once a year. Under the leadership of Councilman **Sam Smith**, in addition to the Lecture Series, the Brotherhood now sponsors a Spring Concert, a Father's Day Weekend, Laymen's Day Services, and has recently begun to focus on Community Problems such as why there is such a high percentage of Black prisoners in the Washington State Prison System.

Rev. Samuel B. McKinney, the Pastor, first organized the men of the Church into the Brotherhood nearly twenty-five years ago and has been a close advisor and participant through the years. The attendance has grown from nine to ten members present at the breakfasts to the present average of over 100 people, both men and women.

The Brotherhood meets each third Saturday morning of the month, at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 1634-19th Avenue.

Medical Center Seeks Board Members

The Sydney Miller Community Service Center is looking for interested and concerned people to serve on its Board of Directors.

Sydney Miller's current programs are the **Carolyn Downs Family Medical Center** (a community health clinic), the King County High Blood Pressure Control Program (a county wide hypertension screening, education, referral and follow-up program), and a food bank. Over the past twelve years, the Center has also been involved in a free Breakfast Program for school children, legal aid, transportation for prison visitations, a summer school, tutoring, and rodent control.

These are difficult and changing times. Social and health service programs across the country are being cut at a time when more and more people are in need of help. We, at the Sydney Miller Community Service Center, are looking for people with an interest in Central Seattle and enough concern and energy to do something about it.

If you would like to help us review our current programs and work on ways to continue them, have a say in new projects and ways to meet community needs, and have 10 hours a month to devote, please call 324-0402 or send a note expressing your interest to the Carolyn Downs Clinic, 1422 34th Avenue, Seattle 98122.

In a recent survey the results showed **THE FACTS** newspaper as the number one weekly, with more community news than any other weekly in Seattle.

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Tacoma: P.L.U. University Center Information Desk, BANTU members, Office of Minority Affairs, as well as through performers.

From The Publisher's Pen



Fitzgerald Beaver

"Many times a day I realize how my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in return to give as much as I have received."

The time has again arrived for many Americans to begin formulating New Year's resolutions.

The majority of the promises we make to ourselves normally last through the month of January and then slowly become forgotten as we return to business as usual. However, this year not as many of us will be returning to business as usual simply because there is less business to which we can return. The dismal economic circumstances in which the nation and the world are currently embroiled does not lead one to a sense of hope. It is a popular belief that things will get worse before they get better, in spite of the most glowing promises of recovery.

1983 resolutions will certainly take on a deeper sense of reality reflecting the kind of desperate straits in which most of us find ourselves. What will be the resolution of the unemployed, the poor and the hungry? How will they resolve to better their condition? What will be the resolution of the new Congress entrusted with the nation's growth and security?

I actually sense a kind of fear or nervous agitation on the part of the American people as to what 1983 will bring. There seems to be a sense of misguidance and a lack of direction that has permeated the American psyche. Our nation was built from a sense of hope and has sustained itself with an eye toward the future. Not only has the economy taken on a characteristic reminiscent of the thirties, but so have the attitudes of our leaders. The enthusiastic spark of new ideas is lacking at the top and has filtered to the bottom. Our nation has been daring, in its accomplishments, yet we now face despair based on a lack of creative leadership insensitive to the needs of the people.

1983 will be a test of our national flexibility. I am optimistic in my belief in the infinite possibilities of the people to tailor the kind of leaders we can follow in confidence. Leaders with character, integrity, intellect, perseverance and clarity, and who are not drunk with the past.

So, as we ring in the New Year, let us also ring in a new national attitude not drunk with the past but sober in its commitment to the future.

On the Question of Black Prisoners:

One Superintendent Spoke For Himself; Others Sent Black Representatives to Brotherhood Meeting.

If you had attended the last Brotherhood meeting except for **Mr. Kenneth Ducharme**, Superintendent of the Monroe Reformatory Prison, you would have easily assumed that Black persons were either running the State Prisons or that they occupied important positions in the administering of the State Prisons but neither is really true. However, what would have given you this assumption is the number of Black persons representing the McNeil Island Prison, the Purdy Treatment Center and the King County Jail. The Brotherhood makes no objection to these Black individuals representing their bosses because they accounted for themselves very well, but we thought that it ought to be mentioned that only **Mr. Ducharme** of the Monroe Prison appeared in response to the invitation of the Brotherhood.

Mr. Ducharme exhibited a lack of information about the problem, but what was most welcome was his apparent willingness to work with the Community in seeking to improve the situation. He emphasized the importance of inmates having a job in order to get out of prison before time is completely served. He also expressed some surprise at the notion of Black prisoners not being recommended for parole as much as other prisoners, but said he would look into the matter. It also appeared that the Purdy Treatment Center and the McNeil Island Prison representatives were open-minded to some new effort on the part of the Community. There was no representative from the Walla Walla State Prison.

The next Brotherhood Meeting will be on January 15th at 7:30 A.M. when we will begin our re-examination of some facts we have learned along the way. **THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.**

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