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A LITTLE SPECULATION

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Whenever we hear a group of white economists or scientists, speculating about possible future programs, we listen carefully as they map out trips to the end of the solar system or a world food Bank. But if someone Black steps up to speculate about the feasibility of a Black political party or a national Black bank, we laugh it off as idealistic rhetoric.

The economic strength of the Garvey movement shows clearly the power of a cooperative Black bank, and the recent announcement by the Nation of Islam that they have assets totaling over \$46 million bring things even closer to home. The fact that the Nation represents less than 20% of the Black population in this country should open your eyes to something.

Black people are the biggest single consumer group in this country. We buy over 40% of this nation's clothing and over 50% of the scotch imported in this country. Every major business is dependent upon our dollar. The car industry would go broke if we did not buy a new car for one year; the Cadillac corporation needs us, and everybody is aware of that except us.

So with those facts I dare to visualize Black unity through Black cooperative work. I dare to speculate about state wide and national Black economic and political conventions and it's easy to picture the formation of a National Black political party. I dare to speculate about Black banks funding Black businesses and a Black trust fund organized to provide money to research and map out solutions to Black problems. I dare to speculate a Black financed lobby group lobbying for Black concerns in every state and in Washington D. C.

Speculations are built on the need for something and are the first step toward making a

plan to deal with the need. Speculations come from an awareness that something is possible and indeed feasible. Those of us who profess to be knowledgeable about how systems operate and how power is implemented, and yet refuse to speculate about building systems and creating power bases for one's people, may not be as intelligent as they wish us to believe.

Those of us who claim to be aware of Black problems and Black needs, and yet continue to put our hopes in other people for financial and political support, and refuse to assist in creating these valuable institutions in the Black community, may not be as aware as they claim. First we must dare to speculate, to visualize ourselves as a single powerful ethnic political and economic force. Next we must begin to mobilize and discuss how and when we can begin to build these institutions.

During all this, a community trust fund must be organized to create a community financial system. Each church, business and individual Black family should pledge to contribute a certain amount of money a month. White businesses that reap benefits from the Black community should be forced to pledge money or face a boycott.

Almost immediately the Black community will be given new respect, and whites will be clamoring to get in the doors of Black financial and political organizations.

We talk about removing oppression and we have the power to do so. We talk about what we need as a people to survive and we have the people and the capital to put it together. We talk about unemployment, discrimination and poor education facilities, and we discuss them as if whites are the only ones who can solve these problems for us.

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Recall, the real issue

You, the citizens of Seattle's Central Area, conscientiously cast your 1973 ballots overwhelmingly for Mayor Wes Uhlman; is that constitutional process to be undone by those who are unwilling to abide by a majority vote?

Why did Mayor Uhlman fire Chief Richards?

Because he overstepped his authority in rejecting Walter Hundley's proposed budget cuts — recommended for all city departments.

Did the Mayor act within his rights?

It is the Mayor's elected obligation to appoint and terminate such positions.

Who wants recall?

The Seattle Firefighters Union — not the Black Firefighters Association — reacted to the Mayor's firing of Chief Richards by attacking his appointment of Walter Hundley.

How competent is Walter Hundley?

Director Hundley was properly exercising his authority to suggest realistic areas of cost reduction; he has been nationally evaluated as one of the most superior administrators in government, bringing to his job expertise gained in social work and as Director of the Model Cities program.

Why should I vote against the Mayor's recall?

Because the very processes of representative government are at stake; whether or not you originally voted for Mayor Uhlman, your vote was a commitment to the concept of a majority election — a principle which should not be denied for every passing whim.

What has Mayor Uhlman done for the Central Area?

He has doubled minority hiring of city employees — from 7.6% to 13.4%; he has made a genuine commitment to improving the quality of Central Area life — by funding housing rehabilitation and people-needs programs through such means as the upcoming Block Grant; he has increased aid to Central Area senior citizens, including three new senior centers and by reducing their utility bills.

What will happen to the Central Area if the Mayor is recalled?

The budget will not be controlled — you can count on higher taxes; critical funding programs will bypass the Central Area; the spirit of unity will erode because nobody at the top cares enough to support it.

What can I do — before it's too late?

Vote July 1st

**Against the recall of
Mayor Wesley C. Uhlman**

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