Berkeley’s 'under-educated' blacks

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A high-ranking Berkeley schools official has issued a report asking that steps be taken to "stop under-educating and wiping out black students during the 13 years that we have power over their education."

Harriet G. Jenkins, assistant schools superintendent in charge of instruction, has provided the school district with another set of recommendations, which call for minimal delivery of the report to the school board last night, she also expressed extreme doubts that schools personnel would heartily attempt to implement the recommendations.

"I'm doing this to say is that there seems to be a lack of universal acceptance of the dismal status quo," Mrs. Jenkins said.

"Black parents beseech and wail at the board, and some of our staff move. But there are more who do nothing differently than there are of those who change," she said.

She likened the "net result" to what "seems to be a sleeping giant twitching in spots as though responding to an annoying mosquito."

"The saddest part of all is that the professional staff, particularly our teachers, should have been hammering on the board's ear with their recommendations about what is needed and what will help black students learn," commented Mrs. Jenkins, who is black.

Her report will be circulated throughout the school district for evaluation. "An updated report is expected at the second school board meeting in May."

Concern over black students not achieving as well as other students has been mounting steadily for months and came to a head several weeks ago when tests showed that blacks here failed to reach national norms in basic skills.

MRS. JENKINS' report is specifically in response to a detailed list of recommendations by a group called Black Parents for Education, which presented its concerns at a Feb. 20 board meeting.

Mrs. Jenkins' recommendations, drawn from those by the black group, the Master Plan Committee and staff personnel, generally call for more input from parents, more output from teachers, heavy emphasis on the academic needs of black students, and much more communication among those involved in the school system.

In other action last night, the school board heard a few parting shots from outgoing member Samuel Markowitz, who did not run for reelection.

HE ISSUED seven challenges to the new board:

1. The selection of the highest quality staff.
2. Critical evaluation of the alternative schools.
3. High expectations—excellence rather than acceptance.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL EVELLE YOUNGER (CENTER) IS GREETED BY JAYCEES AT AWARDS BANQUET

They are John Baker, left, Jaycee president, and Jim Marr, dinner chairman who planned ceremonies at Cerrito City Club.

CRIME

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16 dead bodies, victims of murders, he said.

He concluded, "We are spending billions of dollars on drug addicts, and each year there are more additives."

There are, those who are considering what they call alternatives to incarceration, and each year there are fewer criminals in prison and more paroled criminals, and with it the crime increases in violent crimes.

"RECENTLY, there was a state committee meeting to consider the crime rate, and they said they could not find a safe place to meet," he said.

Younger noted that first-degree armed robbers are set free in hundreds of cases each year, and that a heroin pusher's chance of going to jail is only 20 percent.

"Not only that, a burglar's likelihood of jail is one in 10, and a car thief, one in 300. It's a low-risk occupation," he continued.

"YOU WOULD think a heroin peddler would go to prison, but don't believe it. He makes good money, travels around, is going to market, and is usually turned loose when caught."

Younger, a former FBI agent, said, "It is the first duty of any government to protect the law-abiding citizens, so they may enjoy their lives without fear of assault and loss of property.

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HUNTINGTON — Pushed up by rising prices, demand exploded in three months of war and expanded at unmatched since the Korean war, the government said, as it rose six percent.

BRIEFS — Neighbors and occupants of a Kist were at a 1,000 today following a shoot out in a repeat of a Change of gunfire.

LIVINGSTON — Mexican at 43. Echeverria, here today, received a handshake from President Cervantes of Mexico in congratulations welcome squares of dancing girls. Echeverria will meet for

Scout dinner next week

OAKLAND — On April 26, Louis B. Lundberg, chairman of the board (retired), Bank of America, will keynote the annual Top Awards Banquet of the Mi. Diablo Council, Boy Scouts of America. He will speak on "The Meaning of the Establishment and Youth Today." The Council's Top Awards Banquet will honor two percent of the Scouts in the council who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and the most coveted award. This year's award dinner will be held at Kaiser Center.

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