

Gregory Cites Moral Decay

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The youth of today must solve the problems that they had nothing to do in creating, according to Dick Gregory in a recent talk at Monmouth College.

"The number one problem in America is moral pollution," he said. "You don't have to look far for crime, there is plenty in this town." Several members of the audience walked out.

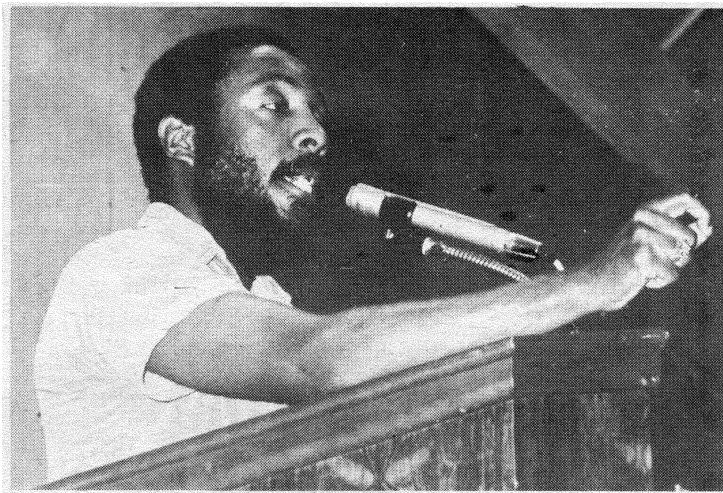
Wearing the pair of corduroy overalls he vowed to wear until the war in Vietnam is ended, the presidential candidate from the Peace Freedom Alternative started by defining Black Power. Gregory said that of all the hearts transplanted, only the heart of a Black Man kept on beating and functioning. If one at this point observed the audience, he would have seen a small crowd of Blacks and groups of white liberals eating up everything Gregory said — encouraging him to proceed and flog the white race.

Gregory next painted a picture of a drunken president Johnson with "bar-b-q" sauce dripping from his person. This same Johnson, Gregory stated, he would send to Vietnam in exchange for all our men there.

To torment the president, Gregory said that when he is elected, he would have Eartha Kitt call him everyday and tell him she is working on peace feelers.

Following his moral pollution theme, Gregory offered the case of the "Wall Street Bust." It seemed that when a certain well-endowed secretary went to work each morning, she would be followed by thousands of male eyes. Gregory called the men who gawked, "sick, slimy degenerates," and "old corrupt fools."

In order to stop the war, Gregory offers his simple



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economic theory. His plan is for everyone to boycott industry, forcing them to put pressure upon the government to seek an end to the war.

"Hit the capitalist right where he can feel it," he said. Teen-agers, he continued, can boycott the record industry and make the latter active in bringing peace. "Give everyone small jobs and things they can do to express dissent."

Gregory asked the audience to do him a favor. "When at home watching riots on T.V. with your family, turn the sound off and recite the Declaration of Independence to them."

Gregory then asked who said "Give me liberty or give me death." He cleared it up by saying Rap Brown said it. Applause, and more folks drifted out. What for this time?

He answered the whites' charges that all the blacks like to do is sit around and have

children, saying "Blacks don't have the white's abortion credit card."

Dick Gregory ended his lecture with a final plea for the youth in college not to be programmed. He said that we were born with enough wisdom to survive. "Watch the system and change it."

He acknowledged his generation had failed miserably in solving the honest problems, but was successful in developing the A-bomb and space travel. Repeatedly he told the youth to be tuned to what is going on around them.

Later in conference he said, he could win the election "if America decided to vote for the most morally dedicated, most educated, most honest, and most brilliant, and most statesmenlike. I'd get their votes". If everyone decides to vote for fools, you got three to pick from". This little sales pitch flowed so mechanically, that we wonder how long it took him to memorize.

"If I don't become president, I will declare myself the Independent write-in president of America. I'd open up an office in Washington and paint it black. Between the White house and the Black House, we are going to raise some issues in the streets".

The number one issue? "Food".

Throughout the lecture, Gregory repeatedly emphasized the idea that young people in this country are faced with problems that the past generation created. He warned the young people not to be fooled by his generation any longer.



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