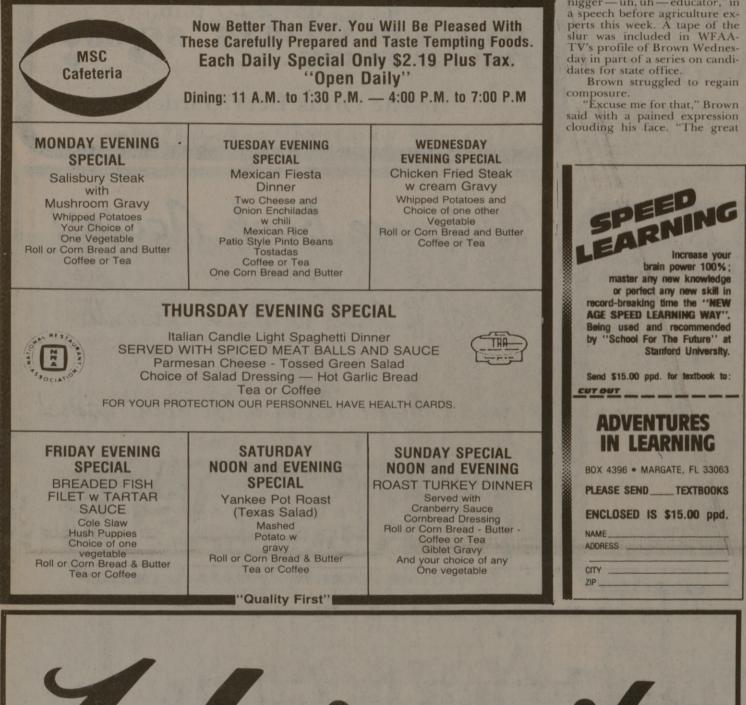
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Reagan Brown slips again makes another racial slur

United Press International AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown says food poisoning caused him to use a racial slur in a speech, excerpts of which were broadcast on a Dallas television station.

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Brown was obviously stunned in his reference to Booker T. Washington as, "the great black nigger - uh, uh - educator," in a speech before agriculture experts this week. A tape of the slur was included in WFAA-TV's profile of Brown Wednesday in part of a series on candi-dates for state office. Brown struggled to regain

Excuse me for that," Brown

black educator - Negro educator," he repeated, with exaggerated pronunciation of the word "Negro." He then completed his speech.

Brown later said the slip was the result of food poisoning.

Brown, a conservative Democrat, faces opposition from liber-al Jim Hightower in Saturday's state primaries. The derogatory remark comes at a critical time for him, but does not mark Brown's first public slur toward blacks.

A few months ago Brown dis- Meek of Plainve ributed a publicity photo to re-porters showing him with a Nigerian tribal leader, who was wearing long robes. The man one streetin Ho

held a certificate presented him by Brown. The certificate proc-laimed the Nigerian an "honor-same meeting, ary sharecropper.

In 1979, Brown got in politic-al trouble when a group of far-mers claimed they had tape recorded a meeting with Brown in which he used a racial slur. One of the farmers, Marvin anger.

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