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## TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

**L**AST night the group of people who are endeavoring to form the "Taxpayers' Association" met in the district court room in the courthouse. Everyone had a different idea of "how to run the city without money." One feverish advocate of the "\$30.00 every Thursday plan" cited the great steps made by the town board of North Las Vegas. North Las Vegas PAYS THE LIMIT OF TAXATION ALLOWED BY LAW — \$5.00 on every hundred dollars valuation. That is what the city of Las Vegas, including the county, pays.

**THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS** — here in Las Vegas we have paved streets, sewers, sidewalks, street lights, police protection, fire protection—we have EVERYTHING ANY PROGRESSIVE CITY HAS.

Is the movement to reduce the tax rate being done by the taxpayers of the city of Las Vegas? Could it possibly be that what is being attempted at the present time is nothing but a POLITICAL MOVE?

A MAJORITY of those at last night's meeting WERE NOT TAXPAYERS. One of the most important officers of the newly organized "League" only last week PAID HIS POLL TAX — the first tax he has paid in Clark County.

We suggest once more. A committee of five INTERESTED TAXPAYERS — not political agitators — could get together with the city commissioners and see just what the condition of the city is. The mayor and each member of the commission would welcome — not only today, but EVERY DAY — a spirit of cooperation from citizens.

Who's Who in the newly "being formed" organization? As one speaker pointed out, "There are four attorneys and all we ask is that you pay your 25c into the coffers of the organization." Pardon me, if I may say so, but it will take a lot more members than the proposed 500 at two bits a shot to satisfy the hungry cravings of four good and true attorneys.

## PITY THE POOR COMMISSIONER

**O**NLY a few days ago the entire community was ready to tar and feather and otherwise "take care" of the mayor and members of the city commission. The reason seemed to be that the commission had squandered the money of the city. Nothing that the commission had ever done, or ever intended to do — was right. What the city needed, it seems, was some sort of a dictator. Maybe a Mussolini or a Hitler — or something. Nobody seemed to know just what—but the would be fixers were unanimous that "something MUST BE DONE."

But then, that was last week.

This week we see a delegation appearing before the mayor and city commission demanding that the city spend hundreds of more taxpayers' dollars for the continued operation and support of a "recreational supervisor." Again the city fathers are going to run the gauntlet of persecution because they refuse to bow to the wishes of the few that wish this branch of spending continued.

We believe that the children of this community are smart enough to learn how to play and enjoy recreational sports WITHOUT PAYING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS A YEAR TO TEACH THEM.

What we really need in this community is more effort

to teach the children SOMETHING USEFUL — the three Rs — and LESS play.

The poor commissioners are in the wrong boat whether they do or whether they don't.

## THE SWAN SONG

**T**HE STATE Supreme Court this week wrote finis to the efforts of the "poor losers" for the assembly at the primary election. Patrick (Amnesia) Cline had petitioned the high court in an effort to force the names of at least seven democrats on the ballot instead of four, to oppose the lone republican candidate for the assembly. The high court said "no" — and that's that.

Cline, who put up a hard fight for nomination in the primary election, was the assemblyman that went to sleep—or something — in his car near Indian Springs with someone's \$7,000.00 in cash in his pocket. And when Pat came to—that someone had lost his \$7,000.00. It was a sad, sad ordeal for one of our assemblymen to go through. Maybe that is why the kind voters thought that it would be best for Pat to stay near home for a while — where he would have no fear of sleeping with \$7,000.00 in his pockets.

## ENGLAND'S "PEACE WITH HONOR"

**O**NLY a few days after England and France knelt before the altar of Adolph Hitler and betrayed little Czechoslovakia, Hitler warns the world that "Germany is Invincible." That statement is undoubtedly true — in Europe — but don't cross the Atlantic, Mr. Hitler.

## GOODSPRINGS

**T**HE PEOPLE and business interests of the mining camp of Goodsprings need now, more than ever, the concerted efforts of Las Vegas and the State officers to see that a power line from Boulder Dam is constructed to the camp at the earliest possible moment. Cheap power will more than double the operating interests of that district within six months. Thousands of tons of low grade ore could be worked at a profit. Employment would be given to hundreds of miners.

We would suggest that our Chamber of Commerce as well as the service clubs, get busy and aid the people of Goodsprings — NOW.

## BUILDING

**W**E HEAR almost every day on the street that "this and that" home loan has been turned down. That is true. The cause is only one thing — EXCESSIVE COST OF BUILDING IN LAS VEGAS.

When the day comes — in the near future — that government home loans are a thing of the past, then maybe the business people of Las Vegas will wake up and put a few kinks in the building monopoly that has been forced down our throats for the past eight years.

Other sections of the nation are BUILDING while we are quietly waiting for some miracle to happen that will build buildings. Las Vegas will wake up some day — and we hope that it won't be too late.

## ORGANIZED LABOR

**O**UR COUNTRY is going through — or maybe has gone through — one of the greatest industrial struggles of all time.

I firmly believe in the PRINCIPLES of organized labor. There are, however, many people in the city of Las Vegas who do not agree with me. Those who do not agree with me are just as much entitled to their belief as am I. There has been an attempt in the past few years in Las Vegas by so called leaders of labor to force an absolute "closed shop" upon every form of enterprise. This effort, to some extent has been successful. However, the success has been confined almost entirely to the building trades.

For a long time the restaurants of the city, with one or two exceptions, were all operated by union help. Today it