

EDITORIAL

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**POLITICAL FORECAST
BY DR. C.I. WEST**

The total political scene will present four major changes in 1964, from where we stand, Hubert Humphrey will be the Vice-President of the United States, Donal "Mike" O'Callaghan will be Nevada's Congressman at Large, Jimmy Gat will be elected to the Nevada Assembly, and Las Vegas will get a new police chief.

Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States, will become the nation's 37th President by a landslide vote. LBJ will be nominated on the first ballot in Atlantic City; former neighborhood druggist, US Senator Hubert Humphrey (Minn.), will be nominated as President Johnson's running mate. Again, as in 1960, the Negro vote in the large urban areas will play an important part in the victory. The team of Johnson and Humphrey will win Nevada, hands down.

U.S. Senator Howard W. Cannon will be re-elected in a "no contest" decision. Senator Cannon's outstanding performance as a freshman Senator has expanded his image to the point where no Nevadan stands a chance to defeat him. The Senator will be returned to office, where he will again team with Senator Alan Bible, to give Nevada the best team in the United States Senate. Nevada cannot afford the folly of breaking up this team.

Walter Baring has alienated too many political factions to stand any chance of re-election. He has alienated the power structure of his "former" political party. (Ed. note: He can certainly no longer call himself a Democrat, after some remarks at Reno in 1962, and after his recent stands on certain party issues, he has lost the support of Labor, and no Negro, in his right mind, would think of squandering a traitorous vote for Walter Baring.)

There are more than a half dozen Democrats who could beat Baring in the Primary. Flora Dungan is one of this number. We predict Flora's candidacy in this race, and judge her chances as good.

Other possible candidates, in the congressional race, add up to a number that could be large enough to simulate a Hollywood mob scene atmosphere. To name some who might aspire to this office, will throw a floodlight on the scene. In addition to Flora Dungan, we believe that Ralph Denton, John Mendoza, Bill Briare, Art Olsen, Harley Harmon, Charlie Springer, Mike Mirabelli, Mike O'Callaghan, and others could covet the congressional seat. There are at least as many more who could aspire to this important office.

The successful candidate must qualify in six categories, 1. Ability with experience. 2. Statewide image. 3. Financial Backing. 4. Dynamic Campaign Orator. 5. Support of Labor. 6. Support of the Negro voters.

Walter Baring qualifies in only one category. He is known statewide. He is eliminated by his failure to qualify in the other categories. He could possibly make a passing score in number 3, but his score would be zero in categories 5 and 6. Labor has already withdrawn its support, and the total Westside vote will go to some other candidate.

Walter Baring has recently made statements that could be interpreted that the Negro has come far enough for now, and that he is pushing too hard. Mr. Baring is partially right about the push of the Negro, because the Negro Voters are going to push Mr. Baring completely off the political scene for all times. In addition, the Negro is going to increase his push for full freedoms, and total equality of citizenship, until he has pushed all the way to that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

When we add up the total scores of each of the potential replacements for Baring, we come out with the name of Donal "Mike" O'Callaghan. Mike scores at the top, or very near the top, in all six categories. He qualifies at the top in ability with experience. His present position as Director of Health and Welfare, illuminates his statewide image, to shine as brightly as that of any competitor. His inside tract with the Cannon forces gives him financial support that would be difficult to top. Mike is an indefatigable, persistent Irishman, with a gift of oratory, that would add to one hell of a campaign. Mike would have the graces of Labor, and he could capture the Westside vote on the basis of his past performances on Civil Rights and integration issues.

Lou LaPorta and Bob Baskin will be re-elected to the County Commission. They will both face strong opposition, but will ride out the storm to victory.

A Clark County Negro will be elected to the State Assembly. At this time, Jimmy Gay looms as the most likely candidate. Jimmy has the educational background, and more than a decade of proven administrative ability with The Sands Hotel organization. His wealth of friends and important associates would give him access to both financial and voter influence assistance. He would have the unequivocal endorsement of Labor. The attributes, added to a solid Westside vote, will put James Gay in the Nevada Legislature. His presence in that body will lead to enactment of realistic Civil Rights laws.

1964 will be a banner year for the economy and welfare of Nevada's Negroes. A selective purchasing

FORGIVE HIM FATHERS

As publisher of the Voice, I wish to apologize to the City Fathers for the indiscretion of my editor. I resent the innuendos that could be read between the lines of his front page editorial, because I do not believe that these gentlemen are deserving of such castigation.

It is not the policy of the Voice to threaten or intimidate public officials. It is our conviction that rapport with public officials will do more to convert those persons into honest crusaders for what is right.

The Voice is dedicated to generating enthusiasm on the part of all people to work toward the goal of creating a working democracy. I believe that the City Fathers have recently demonstrated a sincere effort to move in that direction. They have appeared enthusiastic in their desire to clear the atmosphere of the dark cloud of racial tension that hovered over our community on Christmas Eve. I wish to commend the City Fathers for their efforts and cooperation in seeking solutions to our local problems. It is incumbent upon the Negro leadership to keep the enthusiasm of our Board of City Commissioners at fever pitch. We pledge the full facilities of this publication to keep the fire of that spirit ignited.

I have confidence in the sincerity of our City Fathers, and non, but they themselves, can shake me from that conviction. It is imperative that our leaders work with the City Fathers, and not against them. They represent the choice of the people to give guidance to our destiny. It is our responsibility, as citizens, to follow their guidance when it appears to be directed properly. I believe they are sincere in their attitudes of the moment. We must extend the courtesy of waiting to see what develops.

I have the feeling of a small boy who, in a state of insanity because of naivete, has challenged his two big brothers to a fight. I well remember how, in my inexperienced childhood, I challenged my one big brother, and how I learned a lesson that has served me well for a lifetime. When you can't lick them, you join them.

I wish to retract the ambitious challenge to fight both the SUN and the Review Journal that my "littl brother" so courageously made for me. I had more sense than that when I was a fool. I hope that both big brothers will laugh it off as some kind of a joke. I would be the biggest mismatch of the year for me to tangle with seasoned journalistic warriors like Hank Greenspun and Bob Brown. I need their arms around me, but not their hands around my throat.

Forgive us, Big Brothers, and give us a helping hand. We need your help to win our battles. I have faith that we are going to receive that help, and I want to thank you for it in advance.

The Voice, small as it is, shall always attempt to be big enough to view all problems from both sides of the fence.

Charles I. West, Publisher

program will east the barriers in job opportunities, and will stimulate Negroes to open more, and better businesses of their own. Judicious application of collective voting and purchasing will lessen all of the restrictions and deprivations imposed upon the Negroes of Nevada.

1964 will mark Nevada's Centennial Year, and will be recorded as the year in which NEVADA SHOWED THE WAY FOR THE USA in practices of democracy that matched its principles.

In our analysis, we predict that the office of Chief of Police for Las Vegas, will have a new resident. We are fully cognizant of the Chief's F.B.I. background, his long years of police work, and his administrative ability, but we are not certain that he can lay aside his heritage to work for a principle that for three centuries has been unpopular with his ancestors, as well as within the society from which he was spawned.

We see little hope that Police Chief Leo Kuykendall could ever become a crusader for real democracy with the same fury that has earned him the nickname of "Leo, the Lion."

The Lion can no more change his Southern heritage than the leopard can change his spots.

Las Vegas has set its sights upon becoming the Convention City of America. Las Vegas must first become a cosmopolitan city. To accomplish this end, our community must divest itself of all forms of bigotry in administration positions. This alone would remove "The Lion" from his perch.

"The Lion" must go because Las Vegas must go forward toward democratic perfection.



**Africa In Today's World
By C. I. West, M.D.**

MAMADOU DIA, SENEGAL

For us, the full development of our countries is the sole end of all our efforts, and socialism is nothing but a means to achieve full development. But it is undoubtedly the only one that could be perfectly molded to suit African exigencies.

I say "molded" because socialism is not for us an intangible dogma, a truth revealed to be accepted without changing an iota of it. Socialism is a method of apprehending and understanding social realities, and more precisely economic realities. As such, it is a scientific and far from being the prerogative of a given ideology....As such, it is also basically a method of adaptation to given realities. That is why it gives different answers, when applied to different realities.

And since the problem of development presents itself to all countries with data which are not always the same, it is only normal that socialism offers to each a different solution. In Africa, the particularity of both natural and historical data characterized by the direct intervention of European capitalism obviously requires the definition of an African socialism....

The first step toward the African way of development is the revolutionary rejection of the old structures. Before starting anything, we need the expressed will to replace radically, in its deeplogic as well as in its superstructure, the political, economic, and social systems inherited from the old colonial regime....

It is not enough, as some reformists would like to do, to correct and modify gradually this or that part of the system under the pressure of circumstances. We must conceive, on the contrary, a total mutation which would substitute for the colonial society and trading economy a free society and a development economy. Such a mutation is revolutionary. This does not mean that it calls for the use of blind violence; but it must be inspired by an elaborate conception of national development, by a system of values, in short by an ideology.

What ideology? Our own answer is known. We have chosen for our country the means of a total, harmonious, and dynamic development....

As you know, African development is characterized by an underlying conception of man. Not individualistic man, but l'homme personnaliste, who finds his full blossoming in the coherence of a living society, of an organic community. We can, in Africa, rely on the most authentic of our traditional values for achieving such a goal. That is why our way to development leads also to a community-centered socialism; to a socialism not of coercion, of free adhesion and free cooperation; to a socialism which, after having been the instrument of national liberation, will be that of the liberation of man....

The lines are shap enough and our choice is clear. African socialism is not a label that we can stick to any merchandise. But we don't want our self-assurance to degenerate into a new dogmatism either. Our awareness of having made, in full knowledge, the essential choices allows us to remain concerned with all that pertains to our enterprise. That is why we intend to enrich ourselves with all that we can receive--particularly from Marxism as an analysis of economic realities, and from existentialism as a conception of a new humanism.

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