

VOICE READERS COMPRISE a \$30,000,000 MARKET

EDITORIAL

Southern Bigots Insult "Old Glory"

THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN! This time it's that great defender of American democracy, Gov. George Wallace of Alabama, and other KKK-oriented "patriots" of the Deep South who are

(From the Las Vegas Review-Journal)

Only You Can Deny Your Right to Vote

Americans are being berated, beaten and even murdered in the struggle to win equal voting rights for all. Constitutional guarantees in some sections of this country are parceled out as privileges. The President of the United States has been called a "damned liar" for his swift denunciation of violence attached to the drive for voting rights.

As physical and moral tempest swirls in our conscience-stricken land, we in southern Nevada approach our own time of voting in municipal elections. Just as certain as there will be no disenfranchisement at the polls, there will be a volatile silence on the part of some when ballots are cast. While Americans elsewhere are uttering death rattles in the name of the vote, the voice of apathy will be echoed by those of us here too lazy to vote but provoked enough to grumble after the outcome of the elections.

This is not futile hand-wringing. It is a fact of our community history: the turnout for primary and general municipal elections in most of southern Nevada has been a demonstration of disregard.

Perhaps a good example of this apathy is the last election of a mayor in North Las Vegas (where up to this point they have no primary election). Only 52 per cent of the registered voters took the time to cast ballots in that community, often so verbally political and so practically indifferent. Now a ticket of candidates opposes the incumbents wearing the banner of "anti-administration."

There certainly is no lack of issues as residents of cities in southern Nevada head into the time of campaigning. In Las Vegas the fires set with the discharge of the city manager and the police chief should be stirred by challengers for city commission seats. The whirlwind strides taken by the North Las Vegas administration are measures for scrutiny in that city. In Henderson Mayor William Byrne always manages to keep the political pot boiling; some would like to toss him in.

Yes, the issues are there—but will the voters use the ballot to help make the decisions so vital to their community future? History gives a disappointing answer. But perhaps in this period of a nation in the throes of amazing change, there is hope for an awakening of civic responsibility put in the form of the ballot.

We urge all Las Vegans to become a genuine part of the community by registering for and voting in the primary and general elections. Starting Tuesday you may register for the May 4 city primary at election headquarters, 520 So. Highland Dr. Hours through Friday are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 in the evening. On Saturday, the deadline for primary registration, hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Only you can take away your right to vote.

Grant Sawyer by the state insurance commissioner; more than \$35,000,000 went out of Nevada last year in the form of premium income to eastern insurers. In noting this severe drain on the Nevada economy, Mark Twain officials emphasized that their company intends to keep Nevada's insurance dollars in Nevada.

"Mark Twain has deposited funds in every bank in this state," they said, "and the effect of Mark Twain's success will be felt by everyone in Nevada."

claiming that the Communists are directing all the civil rights demonstrations.

We thought FBI director J. Edgar Hoover exploded that myth some time ago when he stated that all reliable evidence indicates the Reds have been singularly unsuccessful in penetrating the leadership of the civil rights movement in this country.

It's really pitiful how the bigots always grab for this bugaboo when their other sorry attempts to discredit the fight for social justice in the United States melt in the heat of aroused public opinion. The frightened efforts of these miserable creatures to gain sympathy for their wretched cause by trying to wrap themselves in the American flag—the symbol of anti-Communism—would be laughable were they not so downright insulting to the intelligence.

If George Wallace and his cronies are such great American patriots, how come the American flag was conspicuous by its absence over the capitol in Montgomery last week when thousands of real Americans from every corner of the land marched into town to protest Alabama's denial of the basic American right to vote in free elections? How come Wallace compounded this insult to the Stars and Stripes by flying a Confederate flag in its rightful place?

As to Wallace's charge that the Commies were to "blame" for the Selma-Montgomery march and other demonstrations designed to focus national attention on the Negro's plight in Alabama and elsewhere, let us examine what a born-and-bred Southerner from Atlanta, Ga., has to say on that subject. We give you Ralph McGill, who despises Communism and all it stands for just as much as we do:

REPORTS FROM SELMA tell how those who brood over glasses of beer in the bars and those who grow moody over martinis at the country club share a communion of thought: "Communists are behind the Negro movement in this county. . . . 'If the outsiders would get out of town we could handle this thing . . .'"

What's the answer?

It is that the Communists for over 30 years or so have been supporting the Negro movement for attaining civil rights. They have had little success. It is doubtful if anyone in the Selma country clubs or the beer taverns has read J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit," or the informative published lectures on the American Communist party and its methods by William Sullivan, assistant director to Mr. Hoover.

The Communists always try to attach themselves, for purposes of prestige and propaganda, to any movement for human rights. They "got behind such movements as the New Deal in the big depression, the abolishment of child labor, Harry Truman's and Senator Humphrey's drive for civil rights in 1948, and the civil rights movement in the succeeding years. Communists also know that, in getting behind the efforts of the Negro to have the right to vote and to share public services available to all, they arouse the antagonisms of some white persons and thereby create internal dissension and trouble.

BUT TO THE FINE CREDIT of the American Negro, the percentage of Negro Communists is, on the basis of population, smaller than that of white Americans who have succumbed. This needs to be said and understood. So, of course, (See EDITORIAL, page 15)



AFRICA in Today's World

By DR. CHARLES I. WEST

WE WERE INTERESTED TO NOTE that although many prominent playwrights have refused to permit production of their works in racially segregated South Africa, "Hello Dolly" will play there before segregated audiences—for the benefit of a Negro producing and acting group.

The South African production, scheduled for next year, is being handled by African Consolidated Theaters, which is controlled by Twentieth Century-Fox. Consolidated not only will turn over one-fourth of its profits to Union Artists Show Promoters, the Negro group, but Thornton Wilder, whose comedy, "The Matchmaker," is the basis of "Hello Dolly," adapter Michael Stewart, and Jerry Herman, who wrote the songs, also have agreed to cut in Union Artists for one-fourth of their royalties.

Disclosure of this arrangement coincided with an announcement that the South African government has expanded its restrictions against racially mixed spectator groups and audiences at all public places of recreation.

The new policy, revealed in a joint statement by two cabinet ministers, says in effect that legitimate theater presentations, concerts and sports events in predominantly white areas may be attended only by whites and those in predominantly nonwhite areas only by nonwhites. Movie houses already are strictly segregated.

THIS NEW DECREE IS EXPECTED to further complicate the problems of theatrical managements in South Africa, many of which are on the brink of bankruptcy as a result of the boycott by foreign playwrights. But the impact of these latest restrictions has caused even greater consternation among sports promoters.

Apparently, the sport most seriously affected is soccer, one of South Africa's most popular diversions. The very first weekend the new edict went into effect, the Johannesburg Wanderers club of the National League experienced a sharp drop in attendance at two major games. The Wanderers' stadium is in a predominantly white section of the city and nonwhites were barred from attending the games.

Although National League soccer is played by whites only, it is estimated that one quarter of last season's two million paying spectators were nonwhites.

The policy statement issued by the ministers of African Administration and Community Development said that "whites, for example, will not be allowed to organize boxing or other tournaments in Africa (black) areas and vice versa."

Mark Twain Firm Aids Local Economy

MARK TWAIN Life Insurance Co., with local offices in the Golden West Shopping Center, has deposited \$5,000 in the Westside Credit Union it was announced this week by Executive Vice President Mark Edington of the fast-growing Nevada concern. (See adv. page 7.)

Edington further revealed that his company will increase its deposits in the local credit union up to \$25,000 or \$30,000 in the near future in accordance with Mark Twain's policy of keeping insurance premiums in Nevada financial institutions.

According to a statement delivered to Gov.

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