



AFRICA in Today's World

CAUGHT IN A QUANDARY over the problem of international intervention, moderate African and Asian powers have been privately considering a boycott of next month's Afro-Asian summit conference in Algiers.

Some of the more militant Africans are so disturbed by reports of impending opposition to full support for the conference that they have branded the movement as a "campaign of sabotage" according to Louis Fleming, Los Angeles Times correspondent at the United Nations.

As far as can be determined, the boycott effort apparently is not coordinated, but rather a spontaneous expression of concern about the probable domination of the conference by Communist China and the more aggressively anti-western Africans and Asians.

Most informed diplomats believe that the opposition will crumble at the last minute and that most of the 65 chiefs of state will be on hand when the conference opens June 9.

IN THE MEANTIME, however, the moderates reportedly have been trying to use the threat of a boycott as a lever to win some concessions from the more militant Africans on the question of intervening in the affairs of other states. This campaign has been complicated, however, by American action in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

The question of intervention came to a head early this year in the Organization of African Unity because of the overt aid being given to the Congo rebels by Algeria, the United Arab Republic and some other African states. The issue split the OAU.

It also was a factor in the organization of a new political grouping by 13 French-speaking African states, some of which had assertedly been victims themselves of secret interventions allegedly sponsored by Ghana.

Some of these states have been trying, without success, to win pledges from Algeria, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, the United Arab Republic and other militant neighbors not to repeat the kind of intervention carried out in the Congo.

THESE SAME MODERATE STATES are now in an embarrassing position in connection with Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. Many of them would not like to vote for a sweeping condemnation of the action by the United States even though they generally disapprove of the moves. But many may be forced to support critical resolutions by way of supporting the general principle of non-intervention.

"By being present, but by being quiet, I think we may be able to direct if not control the substance of the conference," one West African moderate explained Wednesday.

A major consideration in the minds of moderate diplomats is that they will outnumber the militants if they all show up in Algiers.

It would probably be in the interests of the United States, which will be the whipping boy of the conference, to have all the moderates on hand.

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★ THESE SACRIFICES SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN ★

EDITORIAL

Our Choices Are Harry and Phil

By DR. CHARLES I. WEST

A FEW WEEKS AGO the sympathy of the nation was centered on the citizens of Selma, Alabama, who were crusading for voting rights for Alabama Negroes. Americans of all creeds and color converged upon this southern city from all sections of the country. Among them was a Caucasian mother from Michigan who sacrificed her life so that Negroes might vote. The shot which cut down this courageous woman was heard around the world in every place but some homes in West Las Vegas, where a majority of registered Negro voters failed to get the message. These traitors to the purpose of Selma could not find the time to vote in their city primary election.

While hundreds of Freedom Marchers were still nursing the bruises and blisters incurred on the road to Montgomery, hundreds of Nevada Negroes sat at home on May 4, apparently untouched by the pathetic plight of their Southern brothers.

(In previous editorials on this subject, the VOICE inadvertently gave the number of registered voters in West Las Vegas who did not vote on May 4 as 4,000. This figure was in error and we regret our mistake. The correct figure was closer to 1,700. But this does not alter a deplorable situation. Even 170 registered voters who do not vote are far too many in a community such as ours.)

Those Negroes who failed to vote in Las Vegas gave support to the argument of Gov. George Wallace way down there in Alabama that Negroes don't care to vote because voting is "white folks business." On June 8, only 12 days from now, the Negro voters of this community must rectify that mistake of May 4, and show this present-day prince of political bigots that voting is the business of all Americans. A large and enthusiastic voter turnout in the June 8 election would show proper respect for the Selma crusaders.

By voting on June 8, the slackers of May 4 could make our board of city commissioners more equitably representative of the ethnic, as well as political, composition of this community. A vast majority of these voters are registered Democrats. Two Democratic commissioners seeking reelection, Harry Levy and Phil Mirabelli, came out second best to Republican opponents in the primary because the Democrats forgot to vote. Should such apathy be demonstrated again on June 8, the five-man board of city commissioners in this Democratic party stronghold would be composed of four Republicans and only one Democrat.

The Democratic party in Nevada would suffer serious, perhaps irreparable, damage if this is permitted to happen. It could even pave the

way for the election of a Republican governor in 1966. And if that happens, the Negroes of this state can just about forget about having a "fair housing" law enacted at the next session of the legislature.

It is up to the voters of West Las Vegas to GO TO THE POLLS ON JUNE 8 and SET THE PICTURE STRAIGHT. We must insure our freedom. We must protect the gains made in Carson City this year. We must repudiate the fraudulent statements of the Alabama governor. We must save the face of the Democratic party in Nevada.

All these things can be accomplished by a single effort--by correcting the political sin of omission that occurred on May 4.

VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS ON JUNE 8! VOTE FOR HARRY LEVY! VOTE FOR PHIL MIRABELLI! YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO CAST ASIDE OLD FRIENDS WHO HAVE PROVED THEIR INTEGRITY!

Don't let the party of President Lyndon B. Johnson be disgraced in this vital election. By all means, don't add fuel to the fire of bigots like George Wallace by rejecting those who oppose all he stands for. And always remember--

GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES!

Brazen Lie Repeated!

FOR SHAME!

Las Vegas newspaper columnist Jude Wanniski last week repeated the brazen lie that the publisher of the VOICE "says Negroes shouldn't vote for Mormons because Negroes aren't admitted to the Mormon priesthood..."

It's true that colored people resent the un-Christian tenet of the Mormon church that casts them as pariahs, but we defy Jude Wanniski or anyone else to show where the publisher of the VOICE ever said "Negroes shouldn't vote for Mormons" for that or any other reason.

Wanniski's second attempt within two weeks to promote religious and racial bigotry came only one day after the VOICE called attention to the fact that this newspaper endorsed and vigorously supported a preponderance of Mormon candidates in the general election of last fall.

Wanniski not only ignored this fact; he also showed his ignorance by stating that HIS OWN BIG LIE "is as foolish a political argument as if" the publisher of this newspaper "were to suggest that Negroes vote against Elks or Masons, because there are no Negroes in either club." This ridiculous statement amazed the many Negro Elks and Masons in West Las Vegas. (See story page 1, photo page 7)

We wish to make our position explicitly clear. The Las Vegas VOICE is not advocating that Negroes vote AGAINST any candidate in the forthcoming city election of June 8 because of his religious belief. Rather, we are FOR the reelection of Harry Levy and Phil Mirabelli as city commissioners because, among other considerations, their retention would preserve an equitable balance on the city administrative board.

But above all else, we endorse and support Levy and Mirabelli because we firmly believe their reelection would be in the best interest of ALL the citizens of Las Vegas.

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HAROLD FREEMAN PRIMAS WHITE

LONGTIME CLARK COUNTY RESIDENT Harold Freeman is a candidate for the dual office of Financial Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent of Local No. 872, International Hod Carriers and Laborers Union.

The election will be held on Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., at union headquarters, (See CANDIDATES, page 15)

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