

WESTSIDERS STAGE FREEDOM VOTER REGISTRATION RALLY

(Freedom Thru Voter Registration Kick-Off Saturday At Doolittle Center)

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Local Ministers Spearhead All-Out Registration Drive

Facing a deadline for voter registration in 10 days, a group of Westsiders met together on Tuesday, and in an unprecedented, but glorious, mutual concern to see that every eligible Negro is registered before the July 23rd deadline, pledged themselves to total commitment to a FREEDOM THRU VOTER REGISTRATION MARCH to begin Saturday night, July 16 with a mammoth Mass Meeting on the North side of Doolittle Center at 6:30 p.m. and to continue until the midnight deadline for voter registration one week later, Saturday, July 23rd.

In a hastily arranged "chain-telephone" call operation, more than a dozen enthusiastic citizens met in the Surf Room at the Cove Hotel and detailed plans for "Marching" until the job is done.

THE REV. V.C.L. Coleman suggested that, in view of the time element, it might be helpful, if at all possible under such short notice that a Mass Meeting be arranged to kick-off the Registration March. In less than three hours, that was done. The Voter Registration Rally will be held for an hour with speakers, singing, and entertainment from professionals. It will last for an hour, because, then scores of Deputy Registrars who have committed their time to the duration of the Registration Drive, will (a) register all those in attendance who are not registered and/or (b) hike out for the door-to-door registration with which they will be involved until the very last minute of the very last day of voter registration, Saturday night, July 23.

All those present refused to countenance any suggestion of personal publicity, but agreed that reams of publicity for the FREEDOM THRU VOTER REGISTRATION MARCH be obtained wherever and whenever possible.

Attending the meeting, and consequently, spearheading the March were Dr. V.C.L. Coleman, Rev. Marion Bennett, Rev. I. W. Wilson, Rev. J. L. Simmons, Gloria Rome, Phil Waddell, Mary J. Bishop, Glynda Underwood, David Hoggard, Jr., Tony McCormick, John P. West, Faracita Wyatt, Robert L. Reid, Bob Bailey, and Alice Key.

NLV NEGRO CANDIDATE

Raymond Blankes, 31 years of age, six year resident of Las Vegas, and a resident of North Las Vegas for the past two years, has filed for the Assembly, District #2.

Mr. Blankes resides with his wife Sammie, and three children, Kim, age nine; Debra, seven; and Tony, soon to be five. He is an Army Veteran of the Korean conflict, and studied business law for two years at Hubbard Business College in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Blankes is a REECO employee at Mercury, a member of the North Las Vegas Citizens Advisory Committee, appointed by the City Council, also a member of the North Las Vegas Democratic Club and Westside Voters League, in addition to having a 32nd Mason degree.

One of the key issues of his election platform will be a campaign for a satellite hospital serving the tri-cities of North Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and the Valley. He will also campaign for Parks and recreation, and a major issue (better streets and lighting).

Mr. Blankes has, and will continue to be



NOT WAITING TO REGISTER YOU, BUT MARCHING TO REGISTER YOU are a few of the countless Deputy Registrars who only want five minutes of your time (at absolutely no cost to you) to insure the well-being of you and your family. When you go to the polls on election day, you cast YOUR vote for the candidate you believe will represent YOU and YOUR family's interest if he is elected... That's the bag it's in

folks...right at the ballot box--BUT FIRST, to Vote, you must REGISTER...So make it... These walking ambassadors with your pass to total Freedom are (from left) Aaron Williams, Gloria Rome, Dorothy Collins, Brenda Williams, Henry N. Bass, and Dee Whitaker... And there are many, many more--Don't let their March be in vain, REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY.

"Black Power" - Pro And Con

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Cries of "black power" have put a tiger in the civil rights movement's tank--and the result is a threatened explosion within the movement and the entire nation, as well.

Everyone was getting into the act. While Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assailing "black power" advocates as impractical and foolish, Dr. King's own non-violence policy was being attacked by Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

TWO MAJOR civil rights organizations began a call for "black power"--and were promptly attacked for their stand by Dr. King, NAACP officials, and other rights leaders. The Congress of Racial Equality unanimously adopted a resolution calling for an end to non-violence in the civil rights movement, and embarked on a drive for total racial equality through the acquisition

active in all civic affairs pertaining to a better community.

of "black power." Black power was adopted as the dominant philosophy of the movement and defined as "the effective control and self-determination by men of color in their own areas."

According to Lincoln O. Lynch, CORE associate national director, Negroes seek "total control of economic, political, educational, and social wealth of our community from top to bottom. And the exercise of this power at the local level is simply that which all other groups in American society have done to acquire their share in American life."

An originator of the "black power" chant was the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee's new leader, Stokely Carmichael, who has argued that a black man ought to hit back when a white man hits him. SNCC-oriented marchers in the Meredith march gained national attention with their sign reading "Move On Over or We'll Move Over You."

CARMICHAEL preaches a militant pride in being a Negro, and argues that the old goal of (See POWER, page 16)