

# ALTAR CALL

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"HAVE YOU FOUND ONE LATELY?"

Futility is one of the hazards continually gnawing at the vital organ that supports the drive for those who are involved in and totally committed to the cause of civil rights.

WHITE AMERICA has yet to GIVE areas of basic rights to the Negro. It seems that white America must always be challenged, cajoled, begged, threatened and legislated before it concedes its hold on human rights for all mankind. Those civil rights workers who spend sleepless nights and countless daytime hours going to meetings, confronting bigots, pacifying liberals, generally feel quite exhausted when they've "won" a victory. They likewise feel greatly frustrated, when, after much time, energy and pressuring, they "win" no rounds for oppressed Negroes.

Negroes who are in the back lines of the civil rights army, scarcely know the pain and travail endured by the leaders up front. The leaders' humanity absorbs not only the thrown bottle and brick but also the stonewall of resistance and direct antagonism in the conference room where the pain is deeper than physical.

SUCH A condition was brought to mind not long ago when, after days of rioting in Chicago and elsewhere, Edwin C. "Bill" Berry, director, Chicago Urban League, stood before a group of white ministers and denominational executives, confessing his own frustration and anxiety for the needs of Negroes entrapped in the ghettos.

He referred to a meeting he was to have with a major corporation executive of whom he was going to ask for jobs for Negro drop-outs and gang members. He had to beg for the appointment. He anticipated having to beg more in the executive's presence. He confessed losing much sleep trying to think of ways to help ease the tension in the ghetto. Berry concluded by saying, "I told you that I didn't sleep last night. Well, I wasn't counting sheep. I was trying to count decent white folks." With that he made his exit.

We sat in reverent silence; some of us trying to hold back tears lest we show unmanly tenderness. It wasn't easy. We could feel Bill Berry's pain and anguish.

Before the rights of Negroes are the same as those for whites in America, there will be more soul pain. This is quite an Altar to call men and women to, but perhaps out of this deep Gethsemane-type suffering will come a better day for our posterity.

## Los Angeles Soloist Here For Musicale



WILMA COLOR, noted California singer, will be one of the featured attractions at upcoming Musical Program sponsored by the Victory Baptist Church... There will be two performances of this special event--Friday evening, August 12 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday Afternoon, August 14 at 3 p.m., at the Victory Baptist Church. Included among the guest artists appearing in the Musicale are the Holy Boys and the famed Uppettes of the Upper Room Church of God in Christ.

## Joe Haynes Presents Award To Rev. Johnson



DOOLITTLE CENTER finally caught up with Rev. Leo Johnson--The story is that Doolittle Center has had a plaque for six months to award to Rev. Leo Johnson as an expression of the many services he has offered to the Recreation Center and to the Community... When he appeared at the Center's Bathing Beauty Contest, Saturday, as a judge, he was immediately swooped down on to finally be presented with his appreciation award--Couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

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## NLV Constable Stanley Likes It--Seeks 4th Term

Warren T. Stanley, a Democrat and present constable of North Las Vegas Township has filed for re-election. He has been a resident of the city since 1946.

Stanley entered law enforcement work in 1948 as a special deputy sheriff, and has served as chief deputy constable in the Las Vegas constable's office for 11 years.

"I will continue as in the past to fulfill those duties pertaining to this office to the best of my ability," Stanley pledged. "Those duties, unknown to most people," he explained "require attentiveness to the job at least 10 to 12 hours daily. These duties consist of being the law enforcement arm of the Justice Court."

Appointed North Las Vegas Township constable in 1960 when that office was created by the legislature, Stanley is now completing his third elective term.

STANLEY and his wife Josephine are well known throughout the North Las Vegas township, having been active in social, civic and fraternal organizations over the past 20 years. They purchased their home here when North Las Vegas was still an unincorporated town and have seen it grow since then into the third largest city in the state.

Stanley is a life member of the Elks Lodge and past president of the Nevada Constables Association, of which he is one of the founders, and charter member. He is immediate past president of the International Footprint Association, Chapter 9, and present grand board member of Chapter 9. He also is a long time member in the Nevada Peace Officers Association, National Sheriff Association, National Rifle Association of America and the Las Vegas Press Club.

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