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Keynotes to NEGROES ONLY IN VOTERS' HANDS

Those of you who may have read Keynotes on the few occasions it has appeared in the VOICE may notice the musical notes have been removed this week. There is no song in the heart of the Keynoter today, and it is all the fault of the Negro voter in Las Vegas.

I stayed awake all night to hear the election returns, and when the final count was reported that Walter S. Baring was once again nominated as the Democratic representative for Congress, I didn't know whether to laugh, cry, or cuss. I'm not ashamed to admit that I wound up doing a good bit of crying and cussing.

How could you do it? Why did you do it? Oh, you did it alright--you are just as guilty of sending Baring back to the United States Congress to continue to vote against you as he has consistently in the past, as you are of taking the song out of my heart.

TELL ME, if you were living in Alabama, and you had the opportunity to just walk to the polls (let alone calling and have someone drive you there) to cast your vote against Governor Wallace would you stay away from the polls as you did on Tuesday? You bet your life you wouldn't. There's not a Negro living who wouldn't race to the polls to vote the Wallaces out of office, and try as you might, you can't point out a single instance where their philosophies differ on the welfare of the people they represent.

Rather than desegregate schools, Wallace would deprive all his people of education--Baring voted against the Education Bill in Congress. Wallace campaigns (and wins) on a program against equal rights and opportunity for Negroes (only he doesn't call us Negroes)--Baring voted against the Civil Rights Bill. Wallace, as the most vocal advocate of 'States Rights' is against all Federal programs--Baring voted against Medicare and is solidly aligned against all Federal welfare programs--and I could go on, forever.

IN RALPH DENTON, we had a candidate who would give Nevada the representation it has sorely lacked for the long, negative tenure of Baring as this State's only representative in the House of Representatives. I knew, Denton knew, Baring knew that if the Negro in Las Vegas went to the polls on Tuesday and voted for themselves and their own interests, Ralph Denton would win the Democratic Primary and the General Election in November.

When Baring's victory was announced, I was

scared, and I was scared of what I'd find out, but I visited the Election Department--I checked the tallies at several of the polls on the Westside, and found my worst fears confirmed. I couldn't bear to go any further, for, in two spots, I learned that less than half of the registered voters had even bothered to go vote.

Sweeties, I'm not trying to be cute, and I don't mean to bawl you out--but don't you see what you're doing--rather, what you're not doing by not exercising your right to vote. Can't you see how important your vote is?

I'm directing this to you because I care, and I want you to understand that you've got to care for your own sake, for your future here in Nevada, and above all, the future of your children.

I'm not from the South, but my home town and county in the State of California is so conservative that it was one of the eight counties in all of the United States that voted against Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932, and we have never had a Democratic representative in the State Legislature. There is a difference, though; there are very few Negroes there, but we did something two years ago that you didn't do, and you didn't do it on Tuesday. We organized ourselves and with the help of the right thinking Democrats in our Congressional District, we defeated our Congressman who had voted against the Civil Rights Bill. And his replacement knows we did it, and never forgets the reason why he sits in the U.S. Congress today.

WHY DO I go on like this when it has been done? Because it's not over, and the same elements who continue to send Baring to Congress are working just as hard, and now will work harder, to defeat Nevada's great Governor Sawyer in November. We just can't let it happen. We've got to involve ourselves in government so that we can make the decision as to who will govern us and represent us, and we've got to be damned sure that candidates are elected who will represent our interests.

Now tell me why anyone should give a second thought to our interests when we don't care enough about ourselves and our welfare to go to the polls and vote.

Look, like Sinatra sings, everybody's got the right to be wrong, ONCE, so I'll forgive you, if you'll just come on in and recognize your responsibility. Let me offer a suggestion --I'm a new citizen of Nevada and there's a lot of things in Nevada's political picture that (See KEYNOTES, page 2)



GOVERNOR GRANT SAWYER'S smashing victory in Tuesday's bitterly-fought Democratic Primary, indisputably expressed Nevada Democrats' confidence in, and appreciation of the Sawyer Administration.

KENNEDY UNDER ATTACK

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) has come under the fire of the National Urban League for his proposal that the United States allow more workers to come here from abroad.

"It is uneconomical and immoral to keep Negro and other minority workers unemployed or pushing brooms while making a strong recruitment effort 5,000 miles away," Adolph Holmes, League associate director of economic development, asserted in a letter to Sen. Kennedy.

IN HIS LETTER, Holmes said "We" (presumably the Urban League) are seriously concerned with your proposal... which will ease the Immigration and Nationality Act and make it possible for persons from abroad to come in to the country for jobs such as parking lot attendants, clerks, waiters, sales clerks, typists, truck drivers, housekeepers, and launderers... "We can't understand why those companies are willing to spend the money and the effort to bring a man 5,000 miles to this country for a job, while there is a source of willing labor right in their own back yard.

"The labor market may be a tight one for white workers, but Negro unemployment is still around the 8 per cent mark and shows no sign of declining. "The money and energies used to attract foreign workers should go into training programs for unemployed and under-employed Negro workers," Holmes said.

Business must start at home and open its doors to Negroes before looking abroad for skilled help," the Urban League official said.

IN COMPLAINING about foreign workers being given job preference over Negroes, Holmes was echoing a charge which has long been made by Negro leaders. As far back as 1895, Booker T. Washington had called on Southern businessmen to "cast down your bucket where you are" --that is, use available Negro manpower in preference to workers from elsewhere.

DR. KING TO MOVE "NORTH" - WHERE IT'S WORSE

CHICAGO - (NPI)--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who got his start in the Montgomery bus boycott and moved his headquarters to Atlanta, may wind up in Chicago to stay. The Rev. Andrew Young quoted the Nobel Prize winning rights leader as saying he could see "no excuse for not closing down our whole house in Atlanta and coming up here (Chicago) to stay."

"There is so much to do in Chicago" that Dr. King's full-time presence is needed in the Windy City, the rights leader reportedly said.

Dr. King's possible move posed several problems: His organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, would have to become less identified with its Southern roots, indicated in its name. A name change--perhaps to the National Christian Leadership Conference (NCLC)--was possible.

And SCLC's staff would have to be uprooted from its moorings in Atlanta. Whether this could --or would--be done was uncertain. Dr. King

and other SCLC leaders have become concerned about rumblings within the organization by its Northern contingent for more recognition.

Increased support for SCLC has come from Northern-based unions such as the United Auto Workers, influencing the Southern-based organization to move North. Unions such as UAW see in SCLC an opportunity to increase union strength among poor Negroes, who have often been excluded from the labor movement in the past. UAW aides have worked closely with Dr. King in Chicago in organizing tenants' unions.

SCLC was also looking into the possibility of organizing "certain categories of workers in Chicago."

Dr. King has made his residence in a Westside slum dwelling for the last eight months. However, he has regularly commuted between Chicago and Atlanta, SCLC's headquarters and where he lives.