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"PUDDIN' HEAD"



**"TELL'N IT LIKE IT IS---AND
PUTT'N IT WHERE IT'S AT"**

PUDDIN MAY BE CRAZY BUT HE AIN'T STUPID

The Clark County Demos will open the snipin' season, by shootin' down other Democrats Saturday, February 10 at 8 a.m. at Caesars Palace. They goin' to bust a heap of fences that won't patch easy.

Local Demos will start the shootin' season by takin' pot shots at each other. The winners of the local shoot-out will move into the quarter 'finals to be held in Reno where they will start shootin' down party members from other parts of Nevada to see which Democrats will go on to Chicago for the semi-final shoot down.

Demos from all 50 states will gather in Chicago and after throwin' a few low blows and sneak punches at one another will pick LBJ. to carry the colors against the finalist in the Republican Party in the finals.

When the Chicago battle is over, and The Tall Texan has gone back to the 'RANCH' to start trainin' for the Big Fight in November, the rest of the Demos will go back home to start lickin' their wounds, mendin' their broke down castles, and patchin' up their fences.

Baby, believe me, the fence mendin' is goin' to be one hell of a hard job for the Democrats to cut. A heap of the wounded Democrats will still be lickin' their wounds and cussin' fellow Democrats who put the hurt on them somewhere along the way. There's goin' to be a lot of them that ain't goin' to get their cool back, and they goin' to turn Benedict Arnold just like they did 2 years ago when they voted for the wrong guy for Governor of Nevada.

Baby, Puddin knows he is crazy, but he can boast that he ain't near as stupid as the Nevada Democrats. Them Cats can't see the forest for the trees. They ain't got sense enough to know what their best punch is. Maybe they do have sense enough but just ain't got guts enough to admit the fact that the Negro vote is their only big gun at election time.

PUDDIN GOT news for them baby. Bro has
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Welcome Fellow Citizen



GEORGE W. GANT, who was recruited from California to head Operation Independence's ManPower Development Center, officially became a Nevadan, last week, when he was sworn in as a registered voter at the Clark County Election Department by Deputy Registrar Maxine Holberg. Phillip Edden, a ManPower Aide witnessed the ceremony.

When Gant assumed his duties as the ManPower Center Director a scant six months ago, he made mention that he was "quite taken" with Las Vegas and was giving more than passing consideration to the idea of making it his permanent home. Obviously, the idea took root. Last week-end, he moved his wife, two young daughters, and all the Gant household furnishings to Las Vegas.

California's loss is unequivocally Nevada's gain. The 31-year-old executive has ably demonstrated his organizational and administrative abilities.

With the sure confidence of a man who knows his job, he blueprinted and developed the ManPower project into a cohesive, functioning program despite unseemingly and, at times, totally unwarranted obstacles. He has only recently succeeded in establishing a Community Skills Bank which will operate from the ManPower Development Center.

The personable ManPower Director has activated himself in every facet of the community. He has assumed the duties of Chairman of the Labor & Industry Committee for the local NAACP Chapter, and he is a member of the Southern Nevada Personnel Association. Gant is also a member of the Second Baptist Church and sings in the Church choir.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to note that the Gant family is looking for a three bedroom home.

**NAACP
FREEDOM BANQUET
Friday, Feb. 8
Frontier Hotel - 8:00 P.M.**

The Political Pendulum

Dr. Chas. I. West

FOR THE PAST CENTURY the Negro vote has swung from party to party in the manner of a political pendulum--back and forth, back and forth--Republican, Democrat, Republican, Democrat.

Is the Negro vote swinging back toward the Republican column? It has happened before and it is likely to happen again.

There are visible signs that forces are stirring the political climate in a manner which could swing the Negro vote back to the 'other side' of the pendulum's arc.

The Negro voter is politically sophisticated today. A century ago, as a rookie in the game, he joined forces with the Republicans. He was then obligated to the party of the Emancipator to show appreciation to the martyred President who had cut the shackles of his bondage. The image of Abraham Lincoln nudged the conscience of the Negro voter and, unquestionably, motivated his loyalty to the Republican Party right up to FDR and the "New Deal".

THE NEGRO HAS LEARNED HIS POLITICS THE HARD WAY. For more than a half century he was naive and gullible. He listened to political promises, he believed, he supported, and later, he suffered. For years he was politically ignorant and was rejected. He was not permitted to attend the inner sanctum caucuses of policy making that laid the ground rules and established the patterns. He learned by waiting patiently and watching carefully. He learned all the tricks by being the target of most of them.

The Negro vote remains on the auction block to go to the higher bidder. The Democrats have bid for and won the vote for the past 8 years. The Republicans laid claim to this political plum during most of the preceding 8 years. Before that, it was the property of the Roosevelt-Truman Democrats for nearly 20 years. FDR had wrestled the favor of the Negro vote from the GOP back in 1932.

The Negro fully realized the value of his collective vote in 1960. John F. Kennedy won a cliff-hanger in the Presidential race over Richard Nixon, the Republican standard bearer. It was the Negro Block Vote in four large Metropolitan areas that gave the victory to JFK.

The Negro voters cast an overwhelming plurality for Kennedy in New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Detroit. It was the Negro vote which gave the electoral votes of the four respective states to the Democrats. If Nixon had won New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Michigan, he would have defeated Kennedy by a landslide. The Negro vote turned a big tide in 1960.

IN 1964, Nevada had an intimate experience with the potential of the Negro Block Vote. The West Las Vegas voters gave Howard W. Cannon a plurality of 3500 votes over his Republican opponent. Cannon won the Senate race by a mere 84 votes.

THE NEGRO VOTE IN LAS VEGAS ALONE carried enough weight to tip the scales in Cannon's favor. The choice of the Negro-voters was enough to veto the majority decision of all the rest of the voters in the whole state of Nevada. If the U.S. Senate contest could have been de-

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