

"PUDDIN HEAD"



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

Blood, we been looked over and overlooked one more time. This time by the operators and promoters of the brand new shopping complex that is spending 50 big ones on their advertisin', but not one penny with your VOICE. It is insultin' and revoltin'. Them cats must not want your business in their stores. They dead sure don't want to give the Negro Press no action.

When merchants refuse to place any of their advertisin' in your only paper, it has got to mean that they don't want your business. It also has got to mean that they don't want you to have no VOICE. It looks like they got a conspiracy to insult us, baby.

The VOICE reaches 30,000 Soul Folks who spend 30 million in the local market every year. That many people spendin' that kind of bread would seem to be a prime target for all business people to shoot at, but not a single shot has been fired our way. Baby, you don't have to be no brain to figure what's on their minds. They don't want to give your VOICE no strength to be heard. They don't want you to have no Soul Paper because they don't want you to Harambee, Blood.

The VOICE is our only common news media to pull us together in the Harambee bag. Harambee is a Swahili word which means "Let all Soul Brothers get in the same bag and pull together." Baby, we got to get with it, or we goin' to get left further behind.

We got to have our newspaper to tell us where it is at, and to put it where we can get the message loud and clear. We need the VOICE but we don't need that big shopping center to drain off our hard-earned dollars and not show us enough respect to spend a few bucks of our money with our paper. Since they don't want to spend nothin' with us, we got to return the favor by spendin' less than nothin' with them. We got to sock it to them, baby, where they will feel it good and plain. We got to spend every penny of our loot where we get somethin' in return.

Baby, every dollar that we spend in that Dead Sea which expects to take all and give back nothin', will be a dollar spent to buy us more disrespect. We already got more than our share of that. Tell you what we got to do, Blood. We got to keep our money in pocket and pinch their pockets until they get the message that we ain't buyin' no more humiliation.

Harambee, baby, and spend your money with those who spend a little with your VOICE. SUPPORT VOICE ADVERTISERS and pinch the pockets of the rest.

Puddin will have more to say on this subject next week, and many weeks after until everybody gets the message. HARAMBEE forever, baby, and we won't book no losers.

AROUSED COMMUNITY RALLIES BEHIND GANT

Community action to fight the attempted ouster of George Gant as Director of Operation Independence's ManPower Program became an organized effort this week as an estimated 1200 to 1400 signatures of community residents have already been obtained on a petition directed to the local Economic Opportunity Board and to the San Francisco Regional Office of OEO requesting the contract with Operation Independence as delegate agency for the ManPower Program be voided and that the local EOB assume administrative responsibilities of the ManPower Project retaining George Gant as project director.

Apparently incensed with the arbitrary action of the O.I. Executive Board, petitioners also request that "no additional projects of this type be turned over to Operation Independence, Inc., while the present Executive Board remains in office.

The petition charges that "Since Rev. Donald Clark became Chairman during the summer of 1967, not only have no new programs been initiated, but those programs operated by Operation Independence have been kept in a constant state of turmoil because of the incessant harassment by certain members of the Executive Board of the administrators and employees, in an attempt to undermine the programs.

"The action of the Executive Board exceeds its authority and violates the contract, the proposal and special conditions existing in agreements between the Economic Opportunity Board and the delegate agency," petitioners further assert.

Disenchantment of Westside residents (who Operation Independence programs are designed to serve) with the present "establishment" of O.I., is believed to have stemmed from a growing conviction that their best interests and welfare were being sacrificed in a personal vendetta motivated by selfish self-interests of O.I. Executive Board Members. Petitioners also are aware that the present Board Chairman has utilized all his energies since his election toward making good his boast that he was going to get rid of Gant. And they are shocked and resentful of the tawdry level to which that campaign has sunk.

George Gant, in the opinion of Westside residents, representatives of other agencies with which he necessarily must be associated to implement the ManPower Program, and his staff at the ManPower Development Center and its outreach stations, has more than proven his abilities, and the Center's statistics bear out the validity of that majority opinion.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS are also expressing their support for Gant. (See GANT, page 4)

Anti-Poverty Workers Training Seminar

Members of Clark County's 8 Neighborhood Councils will host a training seminar for Anti-Poverty Program staff members and volunteers to be conducted by the Western Center for Community Education & Development of OEO at Doolittle Center Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16.

The prime responsibility of the Western Center for Community Education & Development is the training of workers in the war against poverty. Residents of the Anti-poverty target area, and officers and members of the 8 local Neighborhood Council are the prime participants of the week-end's training program which consists of two sessions; Friday, March 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NAACP OPPOSES \$59 MILLION BOND ISSUE

With only two dissenting votes, the Las Vegas Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People passed a motion to withhold support for the \$59 million school bond issue which Clark County voters will decide at a special election, May 21.

The action came at the organization's regular monthly business meeting, Sunday, after careful study and discussion of a recommendation by the local chapter's Education Committee to oppose the bond issue. The Committee's three page report on its analysis of the school district's proposals for future expenditures and the present status of its integration policy concluded that passage of the bonds would do little to ameliorate the problem of defacto segregation in the six Westside elementary schools.

School Superintendent Dr. James I. Mason has declared an immediate bond approval is essential, in light of latest pupil population projections, to finance construction of new schools, classroom additions to existing schools, rehabilitation and modernization of existing schools, and the purchase of necessary furniture and equipment for schools.

Although the NAACP Education Committee Report made mention of a recent statement issued by the chief of state's vital statistics division that "Contrary to estimates of population increases made by some agencies, statistics do not substantiate this claim", opposition to the bond issue was primarily based on committee members conviction that no meaningful program for school integration would be implemented even with passage of the bonds.

THE COMMITTEE'S report also made reference to successful desegregation programs of other school districts, notably in the California. (See BONDS, page 4)

Republocrats Control Demo Central Committee

By Alice Key

Clark County Democratic Central Committee members, elected last month at the County Convention, held their first meeting Thursday (March 7) and to even the most casual observer the conduct of the meeting clearly portended a split Clark County delegation to the State Convention in Reno March 15 - 16.

From the opening gavel County Chairman Dr. Robert Morrison, whose candidacy at the County Convention was mutually embraced by opposing factions in the party as a unifying influence, blatantly displayed his complete capitulation to the Bill Flangas forces.

Dr. Morrison's first order of business was the appointment of six members to the Executive Board to complete the quota of ten appointees of the Chairman as provided by County Central Committee by-laws. In an insufferable gesture of patronization, Morrison had appointed four Negroes to the "E" board in the waning hours of the County Convention to quell vocal discontent of a rebellious Negro delegation. Those appointees, Rev. Prentiss Walker, Mrs. Lula White, Mrs. Peggy Smith, and Isaac White now loom as the only representative Democrats on the Chairman's list. The additional six appointed at Thursday's meeting are gravely suspect to true Democrats identified by their allegiance to the principles of the Democratic Party and their stubborn, dedicated efforts to elect Democrats (plural) to office.

IT IS OF more than passing interest that Morrison's six other appointees were individuals who had been meeting with the County Chairman since the Convention and before the Central Committee met. This little tid-

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