WARMEST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO "THE TALL TEXAN"

ON HIS 60th BIRTHDAY, AUGUST 27, 1968

Our Eternal Gratitude To You Mr. President

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"PUDDIN HEAD"

Puddin has seen some first class garbage in his time. He has seen good food spoil, and fine wine turn to vinegar, but he ain't never seen nothin' good turn so rotten as the Nevada Voters League. Baby, it really ain't nothin' but somethin' that is bad for the cause. It stinks and should be fumigated.

The Voters League today ain't nothin' like the one that we started ten years ago. When the League was formed, it was formed by the people, and was run by the people, and it was for the people -- the Black People, that is. Today the people are included out, and a clique runs the stinker under the fraudulent pretense that it represents the Black voters. Baby, that ain't right no kind of way. We got to let the world, both White and Black, know that the Voters League don't represent nobody but the hand full of political whores who are running it.

The Voters League is as out of place in the Black Community today as George Wallace would be with the Black Panthers--as out of step with our cause, as a bull in a ballet--as helpful to the Black Community as a fox would be to a hen house--as desirable to us as Nasser would be to B'nai B'rith--as helpful to our cause as an anchor would be to a drowning man --To sum it all up, baby, the Nevada Voters League is political poison to Soul folks.

Baby, get up tight with the facts about how that group of political prostitutes works. From one election to the next, the "self-styled lead ers" who run that house of cheap tricks don't hold a single meeting. They make up their ground rules as they play their game of cheap politics. They say they represent the people but the people don't know what's happening until after it has happened. For instance, they made public notice a few weeks ago that a meeting was being called to nominate people for office. Only 14 people made the scene. Instead of nominating they elected officers, and now they want people, who are fool enough, to believe that they represent the political views of 30,000 Blacks in our community. There ain't no way they can speak for Puddin. There ain't no way they should speak for anybody, but damn if they ain't got the gall to be screenin' candidates for all Black folks to support. One of the screeners is a candidate. That should wise you

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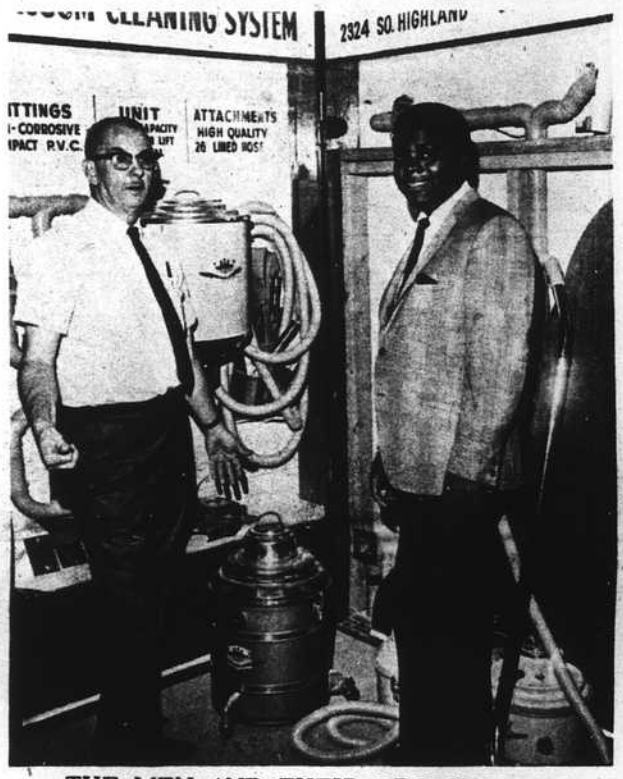
BLACK MANUFACTURING PLANT FOR LAS VEGAS



THE MEN AND THEIR PRODUCT -- B. J. Roberts (left) and Otis Harris, Jr. display the Sur-A-Vac vacuum cleaner to be manufactured and sold by the community's first Black manufacturing firm now being readied for immediate operation.

Las Vegas will soon be added to the small, but increasing, number of cities which has seen the dream of a Black owned and operated manufacturing firm emerge into reality. Only final decision on tentatively selected sites for the factory must be made before the SURE-A-VAC manufacturing firm is put into operation offering employment, and training for employment, in every facet of the business for Blacks, and affording an unprecedented boost to the economy of the West Las Vegas community.

The welcome news was disclosed in an "off the record" conversation of 27-year-old Otis Harris who has been working on the project with B. J. Roberts, prominent businessman, engineer, and designer - manufacturer of the vacuum cleaner offered as the new manufacturing firm's initial product in the "pilot project".

Roberts, head of a multi-faceted firm dealing chiefly with the packaging and sales of products of his own engineering and tooling design, and Otis have enjoyed an acquaintanceship of many years standing. Otis and Robert's daughter, Joyce Renfroe, editor of the "Construction Note Book", another Roberts Enterprise, were classmates. It was from this friendship that stemmed discussions on practical programs to answer the nation's cry for involvement in the present crusade to make employable the nation's millions of unemployed and unskilled Blacks.

A demonstration of the Sur-A-Vac vacuum cleaner assured probing inquirers of the worth and value of the product. Equally reassuring is the evidence that everything is "GO" for immediate operation of business with a staggering amount of every conceivable machinery, equipment, and inventory necessary for the manufacture and sale of the product.

Sur-A-Vac is a B. J. Roberts patented vacuum cleaner, manufactured in various models for residential or commercial use. Roberts, who is as thorough as he is enterprising, has made a complete study of the vacuum cleaner and the needs for its use. He has, in his possession, one of the first models invented (1907).

Both Otis and Roberts have strong convictions that any product manufactured by a Black owned-operated business should be of the most sterling quality, and they have just as strong convictions that Sur-A-Vac is an ultra quality product.

Now that the initial announcement of the imminent launching of the business has been made, subsequent, and more detailed, information will be forthcoming.

It is to the gentlemen's credit that they both wanted to withold announcement of the venture until after the upcoming election as both are candidates. However, the VOICE publisher, Dr. West felt that such an enterprise designed to boost the economy and the morale of the Las Vegas Black community was too important and of too much news value to warrant even consideration of possible criticism of the timeliness of the announcement.

Call To The Black Man

A group of 10 Black citizens have issued a call for all Black men of the Las Vegas community to attend a meeting Thursday, August 22 (tonight), 8:30 p.m., 1020 West Owens (West Owens Shopping Center).

During an unscheduled group discussion Tuesday night, Alvin Wilson, Henry Noble, Lee Pollard, Arvester Lee, George Dollar, Jr., Robert D. Elliott, J. D. Elliott, Leonard Mason, Johnny Hughes, and Cleveland Dyson committed themselves to the organization of local Blacks to redefine and affirm the purpose of the "Black Man", and inform potential members and all interested persons of the pressing needs of the Black community, and to constructive action through self-direction with positive results.

In order to provide a smooth organization meeting, the group elected temporary officers to conduct the business of chartering the group as a non-profit club... Temporary officers selected were Robert D. Elliott, President; J. D. Elliott, Vice President, Cleveland Dyson, Treasurer, Lee Pollard, Secretary, and Leonard Mason, Parliamentarian.

At the conclusion of Tuesday's session, the group announced its prime purpose is "To work for the betterment of our community -- with the goal of total involvement of all members of the community in so far as each individual will derive the greatest benefit from our concerted effort; To work for a functional relationship between Our Black Community and those who would impose authority over the members of said Black Community."

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