

Two Men Against A Community

In one thoughtless, selfish, brutal minute of violence, many Westside working men and women, shoppers, students, and riders of the newly extended Vegas Heights bus route, may be in jeopardy. Not because the so-called power structure wants to deny your neighborhood this advancement, but because of a careless, vengeful, stupid deed.

In less than three hours, the long, hard, grueling diligent work; planning, walking, securing of 10,000 names on a petition; and countless hours of meetings, debates, and compiling statistics to establish increased and improved transportation conditions has been seriously threatened.

Saving a woman from walking three miles in the hot boiling sun to catch a bus, so she can earn a decent living to feed and clothe her children is unimportant to the young men who thought it easier to unmercifully beat a bus driver. To assure a faster and enlarged area coverage was not nearly as gratifying as "getting even" with a cat who attempted to follow company policy.

Two young men, in the 16 to 22 age bracket, have thrown fear into an entire working force of bus drivers, who certainly realize it is safer to drive in Hyde Park; more exciting to drive the Las Vegas Boulevard (Strip) route; more scenic to cover the Kelso or Huntridge area than to be in fear of his life driving in a territory of hot heads who resent rules, authority, or policy which must be adhered to.

These same two young men have retarded a forward step and, by themselves, instituted a new set of rules. A separate set of standards, a different kind of behaviour. A barbaric, savage rebellion to maintain their own evaluations of right and wrong.

It does not seem that adults who have already suffered far too many indignities, too many disadvantages, far too many sacrifices, will stand idly by and see their own progress stopped by persons who, themselves, are not interested in being good citizens, improving their neighborhoods, making it easier for their families. It just don't seem to me that an entire community, will indorse this kind of movement, or stand by and let someone, anyone, suffer further. If they do, then men in the west are far less than men in the east. But an inferior man anywhere has little right to wear pants or answer to the name -- MAN.

Voters Registration

Beatrice Bryant, who is usually willing to become involved in and with the community, will become more involved as the deadline to our voter registration drive gets nearer our Xmas deadline. To assist in this venture, Mrs. Bryant has been certified and fully equipped to register Las Vegas and North Las Vegas residents right at her desk at The Voice. This is an added service to encourage unregistered adults to head in the proper direction. It matters not whether your preference is democrat or republican. It does matter if you pass up this convenient way to become a full fledged voting citizen.

Mrs. Bryant is at the Voice daily from 8:30 through 5. On many occasions she will make an extra effort to get you on the roles. You may call her--649-3818--if you intend to be a minute or two late. We registered two people in July; we hope to register ten times that many during August... each day.

Victims Of Preventative Detention...?

GHETTOS

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"LET US NOT DECEIVE OURSELVES, OR DISGUISE WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED. PREVENTIVE DETENTION IS AIMED PRIMARILY AT CRIMES OF VIOLENCE-ARMED ROBBERY, RAPE, MUGGINGS, AND THE LIKE. THE HEFT OF ALL THESE CRIMES TAKES PLACE IN THE PART OF EVERY CITY WHERE UNEMPLOYMENT IS HIGHEST, WAGES ARE LOWEST, SCHOOLS ARE WORST, HEALTH AND HOUSING CONDITIONS ARE LEAST BEARABLE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IS MOST REPRESSIVE AND LEAST EFFECTIVE- IN THE BLACK GHETTO."

TOM WICKER-NEW YORK TIMES

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