

**Editorial**

By Paul C. Smith

**VOTERS BEWARE**

The Jumbo headache, caused by trying to make the choice between so many candidates, is giving the drug store a lot of action.

The newspapers, television, radio and sign posters are carrying the messages.

We here in the Black Community have been awaiting some candidate to speak on issues of special interest to us.

We have the form chart on those who are seeking re-election, but no chart on those who are seeking new office.

There have been a lot of charges and counter charges by the office seekers. Some are campaigning on issues, some against their opponents with no clear cut platform or record of their own.

Some charges are left unanswered with a lot of mumbo jumbo talk to cover up those charges that even a plausible excuse would answer.

The voters have more awareness than many politicians give us credit for. Many candidates know for certain that we voters of the Black Community will not stand still for broken promises. So they don't promise us anything.

In some quarters the word is beware of the white backlash. Don't blow your chances by going for the Black vote. Some candidates are afraid to advertise in the Black press, because this would prove that they want our votes.

They mistook Black apathy during the primary as a indication of how Blacks will vote in the general.

Most voters who stayed away from the polls in the primary did so because their was little choice between the candidates. Most candidates adopted a me too platform, which gave voters no clear cut difference on any issue. As a matter of fact there are no clear cut real honest to goodness issues now. We have candidates running on their records of achievements, while others are trying to minimize their opponents records with nit picking, on words.

The time is now past for the real candidate to stand up and be counted.

**Clark County Courts In Crisis**

In addressing the Nevada Voters League, Charles L. Kellar, candidate for District Judge, Department 4, advised them that there is a crisis in the administration of justice in Clark County. He pointed to the following:

1. Chief Justice Jon Collins has been advising all the State of Nevada of the judicial crisis in the State. Nowhere in the State of Nevada is this crisis as bad as it is in Clark County. An example in point:

2. On March 19, 1963 a case was filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court. It involved a claim for \$8,497.69 and was to be tried without a jury. An attachment, sold all his property and left the State. The judge to whom the case was assigned did not render his decision until March 29, 1968. He granted a judgement in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant in the sum of \$7,991.88 plus interest and cost.

Plaintiff issued execution and discovered that the defendant had left the State and had sold all his property to others. An attempt to collect from the sureties unearthed the fact that the Sheriff had never filed any return to the attachment and it was ineffective.

An attempt was now made to collect the judgement from the persons to whom the defendant had sold his property before moving out of the State. They claimed that the Statute of Limitations had run. More than seven years have gone by and no determination of the rights of the parties has been achieved in the courts in Clark County. The matter is now in the Nevada Supreme Court where it probably won't be heard for another year or more. An attempt is also being made to collect the money from the Sheriff, the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company which insures the Sheriff's actions, and from the

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persons whom the Sheriff hired to perform the duties for him under the attachment. These matters may well take another three or four years, so that a simple lawsuit, without any jury delays, where there were only two lawyers in the beginning, has now stretched out into a matter which may take ten or eleven years to determine. How can any litigant afford the fees involved to obtain justice in Clark County? There are hundreds of cases with equally distressing experiences.

The answer to this situation, until there is an enlarged judiciary, is to elect judges who will work and render justice impartially.

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