

# Editorial by Paul C. Smith

## THE COMMUNITY COMES OF AGE

The response of the black community in support of Lt. Larry Bolden's battle to be reinstated to the eligibility list, is without precedent in local history. Not only is the community demanding his reinstatement but we are demanding that this blemish on a spotless record be removed.

So far none of the witnesses questioned have admitted seeing Lt. Bolden cheating.

The only real clear fact is that the entire examination reeked of something unsavory from the beginning to end. It would appear that some forces were at work to prevent Lt. Bolden from passing. The way in which the review was conducted, the meetings held, the passing of Bolden's test papers around among persons with no authority to examine.

In fact there were more opportunities opened for tampering with Lt. Bolden's papers by others, than Bolden himself.

Tuesday night's hearings only brought out one point. The Personnel Department conducted this test in a loose unprofessional manner that almost anyone had the opportunity to make changes on paper. And since no one saw Lt. Bolden cheat, on what grounds was he accused of cheating.

There is another small matter that came out. The City Attorney has made a motion to suppress the Defenses Polygraph witness. The stated grounds are that the Courts will not except Polygraphs testimony in Court. However the board will allow the Defense to put their witness on, is Lt. Bolden would agree to take a test with their man.

One could interpret from the remarks of the chairman and other board members; especially those who conducted the closed door hearing, are not about to reverse themselves and render a decision favorable to Lt. Bolden. Even if the Heavenly Father, would tell them that Bolden was not guilty of any wrong doing on this.

It appears that the City Attorney, and Personnel Department are so confused that they are trying to talk themselves out of a bad spot by grabbing at straws.

Possibly the only right thing to do, would be to have everyone take a new test. One already used by some other Police Dept. out of state, prepared by a competent person with expertise in Police Captain Exams. The other alternative would be to certify Lt. Bolden to the list and in his proper standing.

This is no time for doubts to be raised in the minds of our youth on that if you are Black you don't stand a chance of advancing in whatever field you have expertise in.

We need law enforcement, but we need proof that it will work for us without discrimination. RIGHT-ON!!!

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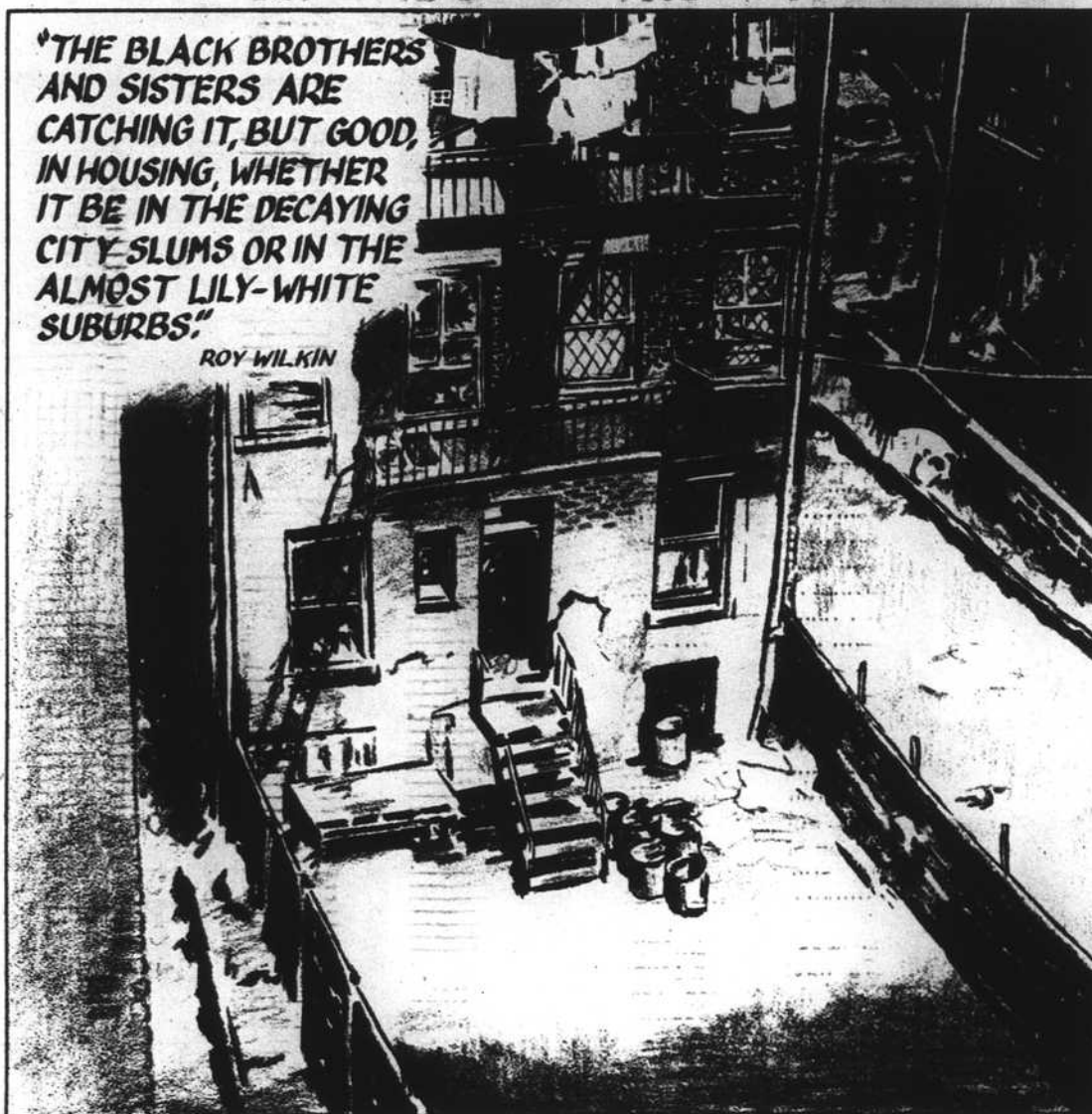
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## Now, Will The President Address Himself To The Real Problem???

**"THE BLACK BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE CATCHING IT, BUT GOOD, IN HOUSING, WHETHER IT BE IN THE DECAYING CITY SLUMS OR IN THE ALMOST LILY-WHITE SUBURBS."**

ROY WILKIN



## NAACP

## LETTER To The Editor

November 18, 1970

The Las Vegas Branch NAACP Election Day is Sunday, December 13, 1970, at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Doolittle Recreation Center located at Lake Mead Boulevard and "J" Street. All NAACP members are urged to come out and vote for the candidates of their choice.

The Branch is in the process of publishing a directory of Black organizations and concerns in Las Vegas Valley. The booklet will be a list of paid Black advertisers, such as social clubs, political organizations, civic groups, churches, business, trades and professions.

NAACP Christmas Seals are on sale at the Branch Office. Adonation of \$1.00 per sheet of one hundred stamps is requested.

Thanks to all of our friends and supporters for helping the Las Vegas Branch reach its goal of 500 NAACP members for 1970.

The following literature is available to the public, free of cost, at our Branch Office. Call 648-2280 or come into our office at 1040 West Owens Avenue. We're open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Do you need a job? If so, let the NAACP try to help you find one. Call 648-2280 or come in to our office at 1040 West Owens Avenue. We're open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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Dear Dr. West:

I wish to comment on the Guest Editorial titled "Black Leadership--Positive or Negative," by Mr. Albert Dunn, which appeared in the November 12, 1970 issue of the Las Vegas VOICE.

Mr. Dunn's editorial is indeed very good, very meaningful, and very timely in view of the fact that the problems Black Brothers and Black Sisters have vis-a-vis leadership stem primarily from personalities as opposed to excellence. Everyone must look at the overall goals and the intent of the Black man's trek. With this outlook, Nevada could move ahead more uniformly.

I would like to offer the following suggestion: would it be possible to reprint the article on the following issue of the newspaper so that those unfortunate enough to have missed it the first time around, may have a chance to become familiar with it?

Very truly yours,

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State Highway Engineer

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