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## Where He Stands

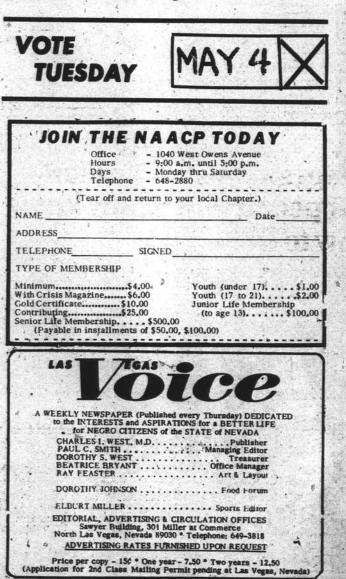
The platform of Bob Bailey, candidate for City Commissioner, in the forthcoming May 4 Primary Election is one that will provide for the 7-day Marijuana Law, the development of West Las Vegas, and the right to have representation in our City Government.

On issue, one, Mr. Bailey states this law provides for the dismissal of a first marijuana offense after the individual has been given the necessary psychological and medical observation. After the first year of probation and if no extra charges of narcotics are found, the offender will never have to worry about the damage that a police record could do to him. "I think that this will be especially helpful to our young Blacks, as they are sometimes picked up and booked from a point of harassment rather than a legitimate charge."

On the second issue, Bailey feels that it is high time some of our tax dollars be spent to put life into our businesses, stating, "Whenever we want to go to a large meeting hall, to a large restaurant, skating rink or any chain restaurant, we want to buy clothes or jewelry or appliances, we have to take our money to the other side of town. It is time we started developing this kind of commerce in our own community and provide jobs for our own people." In line with the thinking of developing businesses in our area, Bailey pledges to give very serious study into developing a plan to get streets curbed and sidewalks and street lights installed in Vegas Heights.

As to issue three, Mr. Bailey adds, "The neglect from City Hall that is shown in this community is the direct result of lack of representation on our City Commission. When recreation facilities and city beautification plans are being discussed, we have no one on the Board to see to it that we get our share. Conditions of decay in our area continue. Meanwhile, they put palm trees in the middle of the streets on Charleston and Sahara; but most important is the fact that we have less than 2% of the jobs in the City employment structure. The only area where we have any decent representation is in the street maintenance. The next time, you go down to City Hall, you look around and count Black and Chicano faces."

Candidate Bailey concludes by saying, "If I'm elected, at last West Las Vegas will become an official part of Las Vegas."

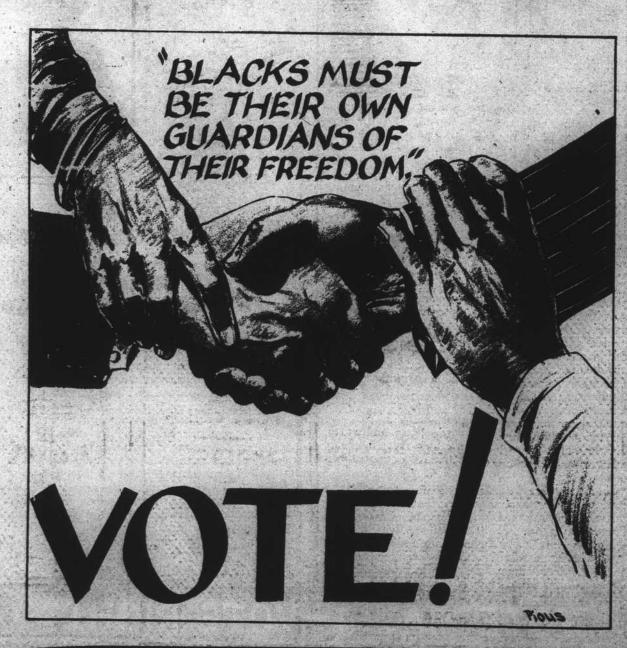


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BACK LAW ENFORCEMENT ..... DON'T LET BLACK COMMUNITIES BECOME JUNGLES!

"WE HAVE A RIGHT TO SAFETY IN THE STREETS, HALLWAYS, APARTMENTS AND BUSINESS PLACES OF OUR COMMUNITIES." "WE ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH THE RIGHT OF DECENT PEOPLE TO GO TO SUPER MARKETS THAN THE SUPPOSED RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF CRIMES ... IT IS THE SAFETY OF THE NON-CRIMINALS THAT MUST BE PARAMOUNT."





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