

EDITORIAL

by Paul C. Smith

HOLLOWAY FOR NLV COUNCIL

The voters of North Las Vegas have possibly the last opportunity to elect a second black as Councilman. If under reapportionment a single seat district is formed we would be limited to one voice on the council. And Jarvis Holloway's election to the council is a must, if we are to have a balance of power.

A vote for Holloway, is a vote to give the citizens of North Las Vegas an opportunity to have a city government of the people, for the people and by the people. And put the power in the hands of the people thru their elected councilmen and not in the hands of a city manager.

North Las Vegas needs a government that is not run by a man, who is not responsible to the voters for his actions.

North Las Vegas is a growing community. It has made great strides in developing into the fine city that it is. But unless the power grasp is broken we are in for trouble. The election of Holloway would be a step in this direction.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

For more than a year we have been making a special effort to improve the VOICE, to make its news more relevant to the needs of the Black Community. We have attempted to have a closer communication with our readers.

We established an open door policy inviting community members to come in and discuss how the VOICE could improve its service to the community.

We must confess that the response has been small. Many who have come, found our invitation real. We have had some letters to the editor and some guest editorials. But not enough.

There have been many events that we have covered, but many more did not receive coverage because we were not informed. Some we have missed covering because of prior commitments.

The VOICE would like to be able to broaden its coverage. In this we need your help.

The many businesses who use the VOICE to advertise their business are at the same time making it possible for us to bring you news of special interest to the Black Community. It also serves as a media of letting non-minorities know of our frustrations, and goals.

We are interested in making Las Vegas, Reno and the entire state aware of our needs to make Nevada a state where our future generations can live and work together in a spirit of brotherhood not as Blacks or Whites but as Nevadans.

The Merchants who advertise are saying something else, they are saying that "THEY CARE" Then let us say that "WE CARE" by spending our dollars with THEM. The more dollars you spend with merchants who care, will enable us to bring you a better paper.

If you see their advertisement in the VOICE, then you will know that THEY WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

The VOICE aims to have all people of the community express themselves by soliciting letters to the editor and guest editorials. We reserve the right to accept or reject all ma-

terial submitted. However we will try to use as many articles as space and content will permit

Greetings Comrade
Brothers and Sisters;

In the last issue of this newspaper, the VOICE there were several articles written concerning the upcoming elections for the local government here in Las Vegas, Nevada. If I may be allowed to do so, I would like to comment on several paramount aspects which might sound minute.

First of all, individuals were endorsing politicians for personal reasons only. If we are to deal in the political arena, we must think with a political conscious. I read where one of the politicians was being endorsed because he was "the lesser of two evils." Another was being endorsed because he "at least talked about doing something for us." We in the Black Panther Party judge people by their actions rather than their rhetoric. Mainly because in the past, politicians always made promises but never produced anything functional as far as Black peoples interests. In fact you never hear from them until election time.

Secondly, much emphasis has been placed on VOTING. People seem to think that by voting, you are really making progress. Frederick Douglas says, "What better way to enslave a man by giving him the vote and telling him that he's free." You see regardless of whether we can vote or not, we have to have something functional to vote for, politically speaking, before the vote becomes a weapon. What I mean is that we need community control of our institutions and laws that are supposed to serve the interest of our people. Many of the politicians seem to have forgotten or overlooked the fact that they are public servants to the benefit

of all the people in the community.

Thirdly, many of the Black People have been programmed to vote for the democrats because, "they really love and care about Negroes." Black People better stop fooling themselves, because neither of them care nothing about us. One is a wolf and the other is a fox. Both belong to the same family of fowl, canine. Neither is Anti-Oppression nor Anti-Exploitation.

Last of all, if we checked out the capitalistic or vulturistic system that exists in America today, we could see where our problem lies. You see if all white people were to die tomorrow, and Black People were to take over, there would still be hunger, oppression, inadequate food and clothing. There would still be Vietnam and drug addicts because all of these are political decisions extending from the system in America which is responsible for the enslaving and oppressing of people all over the world.

So, until we can define some functional politics for all the people in the community, there will still be demagogic politicians controlling our community. If we look around we see a community is basically a collection of institutions designed to serve the interests of the people. The institutions today in our community are not doing this. That is why we need community control of the politicians and not politicians control of the Community.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Tommy Jones, Servant of the People