

Capsule Comments

"The Black Press is to journalism what jazz is to music, in that they both bare the souls of Black folk."

Without a Black-owned media, Black news would be treated like the Black blues -- the white man controls the Black communication faucet and he will decide when it should be turned off and on.

It appears that whites learned early that if you want to uncover the mood and thinking of the leadership in the Black community, you will usually find it reflected in the editorial writings of the Black Press.

In 1848 eighty-five percent of the subscribers to Frederick Douglas' NORTH STAR were white.

An incorrect assumption was made by many earlier writers who assumed that as the Black population became more literate that the Black newspaper would automatically grow in proportion. The missing ingredient in this assumption is the fact that the writers did not anticipate how white racism had contaminated the Black mind to the point that many Blacks would reject anything that would echo their Black identity in the journalistic mirror.

It appears to me that one method of overcoming this deficiency would be to make the reading of the Black newspaper a part of every elementary and high school civic curriculum. It is only with this type of indoctrination that the relevance of the Black Press can ever surface.

The Black Press has an obligation to print the truth about controversial issues, be they political or otherwise.

The election results just in shows that West Las Vegas voters had its problems trying to figure out which friend they should vote for. Since none of the candidates had previous experience in the offices they were seeking, made the choice even more difficult.

Whether voters made the wise choice or not will depend upon the voting records of the winners in November. At least we know that voters have a strange way of making their decisions.

The light voter turn out was expected, due in part to the character of the re-apportionment of the seats. We have stated several times that so far as the West Las Vegas area is concerned, the races were more in the nature of a popularity contest.

Whether or not some candidates were in the races to win or split up the vote is hard to figure. There were many rumors in the community that outside forces were attempting to back candidates favorable to their own ideas. It would appear that voters were able to see past the scum and vote for those candidates they felt would be relevant to the Black community.

It is most interesting to note that one candidate for the State Board of Education, is organizing a parochial school district.

They plan to employ certified teachers, and charter buses to BUS children to their church school.

The real joker, "I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT CLARK COUNTY SO THAT PARENTS WHO OBJECT TO THE Busing PROGRAM OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT may be able to send their children to parochial schools where they will get just as good an education and receive the extra bonus of character training as well.

A new grant under the Urban and Rural program of HEW was not made to Nevada. To be eligible for a grant under the Urban and Rural program, a school district must have 20 percent of its school-age population drawn from low-income families, or 5,000 such children who comprise five percent or more of the total school-age population.

Idaho, North Dakota and Nevada were the only three states not given the special grants. Guess we have fewer low-income families than we thought - or else the State Board of Education goofed.

ATMOSPHERE OF REPRESSION

HYSTERICAL OVER BUSING
HATRED OF PEOPLE ON WELFARE
RESISTING TO BLACKS IN FOREST HILL, N.Y.
BURNING OF A BLACK FAMILY'S HOME IN STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
F.B.I SURVEILLANCE OF BLACK LEADERS.

NOT TO KNOW IS BAD - NOT TO WISH TO KNOW IS WORSE.
 AFRICAN PROVERB

REGISTER-VOTE!

Non-Whites Now Receive 10% of Social Security

A study shows that 10 percent of the people now getting monthly social security checks are non-white - compared to 7 percent in 1959, according to social security officials here.

"Over 27 million people get monthly social security payments now," a social security spokesman said, "and about 2.7 million of them are non-white. Thirteen years ago, according to the study, 13.7 million people got social security checks 967,000 of them were non-white."

Social security now pays over \$3 billion a month to retired and disabled workers and their families, and the families of deceased workers who were insured under social security. In 1959, the figure was about \$845 million a month, according to the spokesman.

The average monthly social security payment is now \$116 to non-white retired workers and \$132 to whites, the study indicates. In 1959, the average was \$61 to nonwhites and \$76 to whites. The amount of monthly social security payment is based on the worker's average earnings over a period of years.

The study was conducted by the Social Security Administration.

About 11 percent of the U. S. population is non-white.

Wrong Claim Number Can Delay Medicare Payment

People covered by Medicare can assure faster payment of their medical insurance claims if they make sure their correct claim number is on the form, according to Ed Cocks, social security district manager in Las Vegas.

Use of the wrong number, or omission of the number entirely, is responsible for one of every three delays in the payment of medical insurance claims, he said.

"Your health insurance claim number identifies your claim when you request Medicare payment on bills for medical services," Cocks said. "If you put a wrong number--or don't enter a number--on a 'Request for Medicare Payment' form, a search for your correct number is necessary. The search can delay your payment."

The health insurance claim number appears on the card issued to everyone covered by Medicare, Cocks noted. It has nine digits and a symbol, such as A, B, F2. "It should be copied--including the symbols--onto the designated blank on the 'Request for Medicare Payment' form," he said.

The medical insurance part of Medicare helps pay for doctor bills and many other medical expenses for almost everyone 65 and over. "Request for Payment" forms should be sent to Medicare, Aetna Life Insurance Company, Box 3077, Reno, Nevada 89501, the health insurance organization that handles Medicare payments in this area.

The forms are available at most doctor's offices and at any social security office.

If a doctor and his patient agree, the doctor can be paid directly by Medicare. If the patient submits the claim, the Medicare payment goes to him, Cocks said.

Medicare pays 80 percent of reasonable charges for covered medical services after the \$50 annual deductible has been met. The medical insurance is the voluntary part of Medicare, funded by individual premiums that are matched by the Federal Government. It supplements Medicare hospital insurance, which is funded by regular social security contributions and helps pay hospital bills of people 65 and over.

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