

EDITORIAL

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METRO POLICE DET. INHERITS BOLDEN DILEMMA?

Consolidation of the Sheriff Department with the Las Vegas Police Department on July 1st. The first step in metro government for the Valley. Sheriff Lamb will head the force with John Moran, Present Chief of LVPD second in command.

Just how the new change of Commands will work in practice is an unknown factor.

LVPD has been working on 4-day, 10 hours shift, while the Sheriff's Department works 5-day, 8 hour shifts. Settling this problem is only one of many.

The Voice has asked Sheriff Lamb's office for an ruling on just where and at what level Larry Bolden will be placed in the new Metro Force.

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It is most unfortunate that Sheriff Lamb will inherit the more than 3-1/2 year - legal hassle. If Earl Gripenrog had been serious about Bolden being promoted to Captain immediately he could have asked the Supreme Court to withdraw his appeal to Judge Compton's ruling. As the ELECTED City Attorney - THE FINAL DECISION ON LEGAL MATTERS IS HIS and his alone.

As we have stated before the Mayor-City Manager and the City Commissioner can ASK the CITY ATTORNEY to do or not to do certain things.

We feel that the Bolden affair should be resolved by Gripenrog before he leaves office.

While talking about proper procedure - we are of the opinion that our county government should catch up to this century and have civil service established for all County positions. Maybe a more representative number of blacks would be working.

WHEN YOU ADOPT A CHILD

Work with a Licensed or Approved Agency

For some time, you may have been thinking of adopting a child. You have likely talked it over a lot. You do not know where you are going to find a child. Maybe you are not too clear how to go about it.

It is not simple. Adoption is a serious business. It needs a lot of thinking about. And it has certain risks not only for you, but for the baby or child.

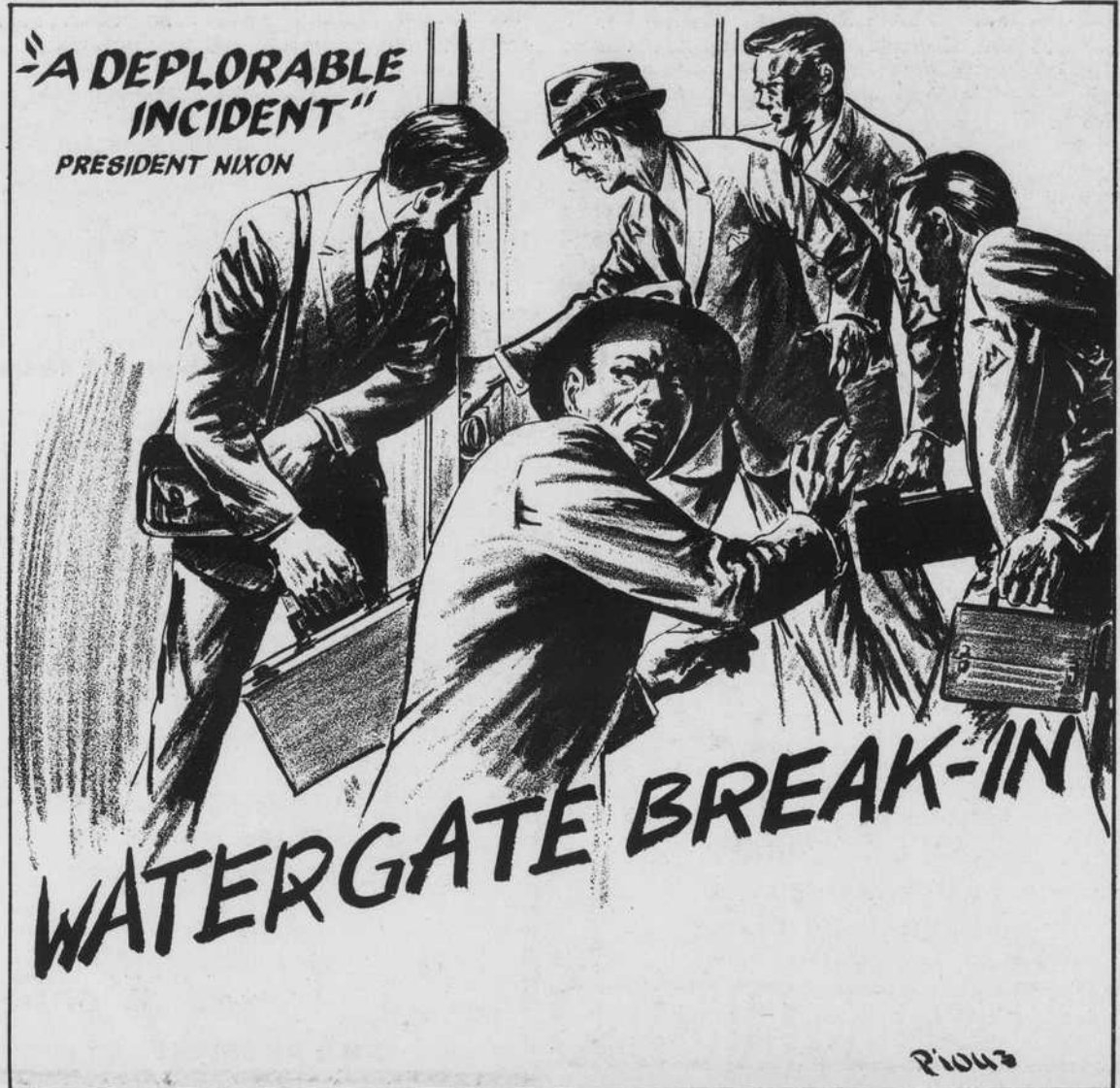
Maybe so, you say, but does not almost everything have risks? Yes, they do. Marriage, your own children, friendships, business, all--like adoption--have. You can never be sure that they will be perfect. There is a bit of gamble in all of them. BUT IN ALL OF THEM, YOU CAN CUT DOWN THE ODDS. It takes thinking and planning and weighing, however, to get rid of most of the risks of adoption. So when you take your first step, do not leap into the dark. Move slowly in as much light as you can.

At times, the going may be tough for both of you, just at times it is tough on parents and children born to them. It will be easier, though, if you start right. So get your bearings, read the signposts, heed all the warnings. If not, you and your child may be heading for trouble and heartaches.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND A CHILD?

Give up all ideas of finding a child by

"LAW AND ORDER"...?



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"I would like to dedicate this tribute in behalf of the entire black community to our late brother and comrade in the struggle for

freedom, justice, and equality, Francis Edwards."

yourself. Friends or relatives - or your doctor or lawyer, for that matter - may be glad to get you one, and no questions asked. Firmly say "NO!" Go to a good, licensed or approved adoption or child-placing agency. You want a child you will be happy with and one who will be happy with you.

Where can you find the best agency? Write your state department of public welfare. Or, if there is a council of social agencies near you, ask there. Either one can give you a list of licensed or approved agencies. Before an agency is licensed or approved to handle adoptions, it must meet certain standards. These are set up to protect your child. A licensed agency will not let either of you down. There is nothing of the quack about it. Its workers have skills that are time-tested.

It is important that you choose an agency in your own state. Because state laws vary interstate placement laws may cause complications. If the right child is not available in your own state the agency may make arrangements by getting in touch with another state agency. Also, if the agency is near it will be much easier for the worker to discuss questions that arise. You will find it works out better for both if at any time you are able to sit down and talk it over with someone who knows both the child and you.

An adoption agency with good standards will provide services by workers with special training and experience. Also, such an agency will provide safeguards that will protect you. In addition, the child's natural parents will be helped with their problems about placing the child for adoption.

If such an agency helps you in your adoption, you will be surer than by any other way that you know what is important to know about the child you choose; legally everything will be in order. What you talk about and what the agency learns for you will be just between yourselves. In other words, that information will be confidential.

Brother, many will say you are gone now, but we, the brothers and sisters you knew, loved and worked with personally will always consider you very much present. Because your life symbolized what many brothers and sisters consider life; meaning life was and will not be lived by any of us until we as black people, as an impoverished, exploited, and divided people come together, struggle and love one another together until we have triumphed over the many forces who through treachery, deception, hate and unmeasured oppressive thoughts and acts have reduced life to a living death. You have given your life like many well and not so well known brothers and sisters before you. But brother, all is not lost, nor will your attempts to bring us together be in vain, for just as the sun rises to signal the arrival of a new day, we your people will struggle day after day until liberation is achieved to signal the arrival of freedom, justice, and equality and the dawning of a new day and life for generations and generations of my, your, and our people to come.

Submitted in love, respect, and tribute,
Mike Willis

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