

# EDITORIAL

By Paul C. Smith

## Poor Peoples Legislation

Our young Congressman David Towell did not vote on the minimum wage bill, the Erlenborn amendment, or the vote on youth sub-minimum. There were enough concerned Congressmen present to vote a minimum wage bill and defeat the weakening Erlenborn youth sub-minimum amendments.

We had urged Congressman Towell to be present and to vote on these all important issues. Congressman Towell's Las Vegas office informed us that he was attending the Governor's conference and on speaking engagements in California with Vice President Agnew.

For a Freshman Congressman to travel with Vice President Agnew has some dubious distinction - we are of the opinion that Mr. Towell has his priorities mixed up.

Last year the house voted to accept the crippling Erlenborn (Republican-Ill.) Amendment by a vote of 217 to 191. This years vote was crucial.

Nevadan's cannot afford the luxury of a absentee congressman when vital issues, effecting the lowest paid workers, come to the floor.

When the minimum wage bill comes up before the Senate - we have received word from our Senators Bible and Cannon that they will support the minimum wage when it reaches the Senate floor.

This week the house is expected to consider H.R.7824, a bill that proposes to set up a national corporation that would, enable lawyers to offer poor people professional services.

The Nixon Administration has been trying to phase out OEO programs that have benefited the poor. Neighborhood Legal Services is one of such programs.

We will watch with interest Congressman Towell's vote - to determine if he is pro administration or pro people.

## Food Stamp Program

We are suspect that the state welfare Board and or George Miller are doing a snow job on Welfare recipients and other eligible for food stamps.

Our reasons for taking that position are many. (1) according to published reports George Miller was against a food stamp program for Nevada. That could be one of the reasons for the delay in getting the program started (2) the present study to find out the method of starting the program could be interpreted as a stall. Food Stamp Programs have been in existence in other States for a number of years, since the guidelines are set down by federal authorities - and The other states have worked out the best possible method of issuing stamps, all the Welfare Department has to do is adopt one of those States methods.

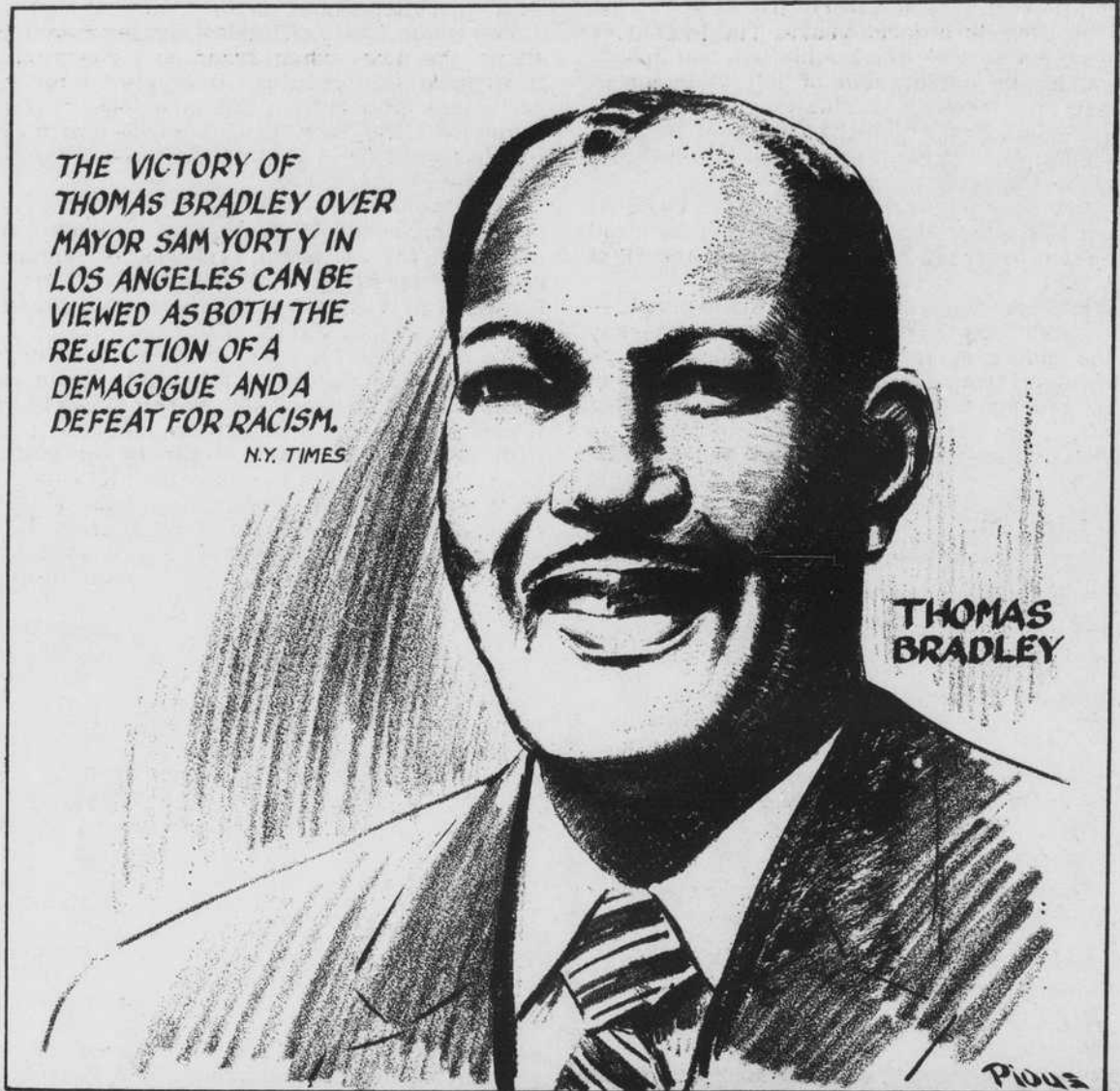
According to Section 7 of AB584 the bill which provided the food stamp program for Nevada "Public assistance and County aid grants shall not be reduced as a consequence of the purchase by recipients of food stamps under 2 to 7, inclusive of this Act."

Using the State Welfare Departments past and present handling of eligibility as a guide - we would not be surprised if Miller is trying to find some way to circumvent guide lines and regulations that he does not agree with. We do know that the last welfare crisis was a result of Millers position or ruling on eligibility. The state welfare department thru its head man can not be charged with redundancy of concern over the plight of the have nots. The have nots are the people who create the need for existence of a welfare department.

With present and projected shortages of food from commodity, time is of importance in getting the food stamp program underway. According to reports October is the projected date for the start of Food Stamps.

We say that - October is not soon enough.

## HIS VICTORY WAS THE REJECTION OF THE TACTICS OF DEFAMATION



THE VICTORY OF THOMAS BRADLEY OVER MAYOR SAM YORTY IN LOS ANGELES CAN BE VIEWED AS BOTH THE REJECTION OF A DEMAGOGUE AND A DEFEAT FOR RACISM.

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THOMAS BRADLEY

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

REMEMBER JAMES STEWART IN "MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON"

Isn't there one Congressman either in the Senate or House of Representative who will check into the Coca Cola Monopoly Bill #978 which just passed the Senate on Thursday, June 14th by voice vote which would exempt a large corporation such as Coca Cola L.A., who made \$6.8 million net after taxes in the year 1972, from the anti-trust laws of the United States?

Who's been paid off? Why was Senator Eastland so interested in passing this bill? Why have so many Senators supported this bill and why was it passed so secretly by voice vote?

We citizens and businessmen who work so hard for a buck should start investigating the Senate of the United States and ask them to do a little house cleaning with their own members.

I am a groceryman who last year did over \$250 million in sales and our profit to our shareholders came out one-quarter of 1%.

If Congress is going to keep faith with the businessmen and particularly us grocers during this price freeze, they should quit passing special interest legislation for those people who have enough money and enough power to influence enough Congressmen to pass special interest legislation.

Can't I get somebody to listen to me? If you are interested please call me at 213-732-6271 or write to me.

Robert E. Laverty, President Thriftmart, Inc.

## The Implications Of Watergate

By Bayard Rustin

Black Americans view the expanding Watergate scandal with a certain amount of irony. Like most Americans, they are thoroughly disillusioned by the deceit of the Nixon Administration and find everything surrounding the Watergate incident totally reprehensible.

But Blacks do not find it surprising that this administration would resort to bugging, spying and fabrication--and then lie to the American people about it. They do not feel--like Senator Goldwater--that the trust placed in Mr. Nixon has been betrayed. Nor would blacks agree with those liberals who proclaim that the fault is not so much with Mr. Nixon as it is with an all-too-powerful office of the Presidency.

The truth is that blacks have heard a stream of lies and misrepresentations during the four-and-a-half years that this administration has been in office. While the President was assuring the nation that all was well with the economy, the number of unemployed blacks rose from

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