

EDITORIAL

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Consent Decree

Of special note - The top management (Signers of the decree) have been absent from the regularly scheduled Consent Decree meetings. As a result the reports they might get back might not fully reflect the picture of how well or how poorly their individual hotels are measuring up to the terms of the Decree. We are not saying that they are being misled - what we are saying is that - their reps might place a different evaluation upon the importance of some complaints or criticism voiced in the meetings. Many executives are thought to be too busy to listen to what an underlin has to say. There is a general tendency on the part of Junior executives to attempt to handle matters themselves and not bother the Boss. We are not saying that this happens - but it could.

Another sore spot-has been managements erroneous assumption - that Blacks would jump at the chance to be upgraded without a programmed effort or selling job on the advantages of being upgraded. Plus the knowledge that until they passed their probationary period - their old jobs are still open. As a result, many Blacks are fearful that if they are unable to make it in the new position - that they would be without work. This feeling builds up such a fear of being out of work. That they are reluctant to try for upgrading.

Unfortunately, many Blacks lack the necessary skills or training to compete. - This together with an unequal evaluation - makes the task of upgrading, a mountain too high a conquest. Especially when they want super Blacks to fill jobs that almost any white can get with or without the educational or experience background demanded of Blacks.

The goals set by the Decree are in some cases improbable but NOT impossible that is unless they try (meaning Management and Labor).

Woofter Adds Gripentrog To Staff

District Attorney Roy Woofter defends his hiring of ex-City Attorney Earl Gripentrog on the premise that Gripentrog had one of the best conviction records as a prosecutor in the State.

We join with other writers in objecting to Gripentrog being paid our taxpayer dollars for his services.

Based upon his record as City Attorney and the poor and ruthless way he prosecuted some cases - we come to the conclusion that Gripentrog is self opinioned to a fault.

The duty of a deputy D.A. is protect the people by convicting persons guilty of crimes against the people - and to protect the innocent. It appears that Gripentrog seeks convictions and will go to any lengths to get them - with or without facts or laws to back up his own conviction of the guilt.

His closing days as City Attorney point out his irresponsibility of public trust.

The D.A. has said that the voter response to the question on Adult Book & Movie Stores-guided him to cracking down on PORNOGRAPHY (following the will of the people). This is strange indeed that he would reverse his thinking and hire a man that the voters have turned off the public payroll - a man whose ability as an attorney was found wanting in the public eye.

Political races for incumbents have been very tough of late - it is a hard job to carry ones own weight, let alone picking up extra dead weight.

In our opinion (for whatever it's worth) we think Woofter is committing a faux pas. Carrying extra weight has lost many a race.

SCRAPPING DESEGREGATION?

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS RICHMOND DESEGREGATION PLAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

"A FEW CAN PRETEND TO HAVE FORESEEN HOW THE NATION THAT RESPONDED TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS ELOQUENCE OF DR. KING-AND LYNDON JOHNSON- WOULD REGRESS IN THE NIXON ERA"

JAMES A. WECHSLER N.Y. POST

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CAPSULE COMMENTS

The more than \$100,000 in grants to Las Vegas and Reno Office of Economic Opportunity will receive to help fund the legal assistance programs for the poor, appears to be out of proportion to population or the caseloads.

Have no fear - Uncle Sam is patient creditor- as some 17 nations can attest. - They have owed US some 18 billion plus dollars from World War I, more than 50 years ago. Not to mention the money, goods and services of World War II.

Maybe the US should let the IRS people hassle these nations and let the Treasury Department handle our income taxes - They could rename the Internal Revenue to the External Revenue Service. This way us poor taxpayers could take a breather of 50 years or so.

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*S*LOW ME DOWN, LORD
 Slow me down, Lord

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing Streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations - of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.