

EDITORIAL

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TRESPASS LAW LEGAL DISCRIMINATION

One of the most dangerous laws on our books today - and used quite extensively here in Las Vegas - is the Trespassing Law.

Everyone is aware that trespassing upon private property is illegal, where we are at odds with the law has to do with trespassing in public places of accomodation. The hotel, bars, casinos, restaurants, and all most any place of business that must be licensed by a government entity - openly solicit business from the general public asks that public to come. There are no conditions set forth in most cases, as to who you are or how much you must spend. When the owners or any of their employee' can decide (for whatever reason) that they don't want a person in their place of business - that person must leave or stand to be arrested for trespassing.

There are rules (general) of conduct - drunkenness, profane language - fighting annoying other patrons etc. That could be reasonable - and proper reasons to ask one to leave - ANY OTHER REASON leads to too much leeway in deciding who should stay and who should be asked to leave.

We are aware that the law was put on the books to help keep undesirables out. The Danger, and it is a danger the law has been and is being used to discriminate against individuals, sexes, races in violation of the Civil Rights Act.

If a business - wants the right to refuse service to anyone then he should post what type of conduct that will be the basis for expulsion.

We have had in recent weeks several incidents of owners of places catering to the public - deciding that they didn't want Black males with White females. Reports, indicate that these places received help from law enforcement officers in ousting Blacks on the charge of trespassing, simply because they were dancing with white girls.

The right to have a privileged license is granted by the PEOPLE of the State. The authority with that license, as a matter of fact - The Civil Rights Act prohibited discrimination in places of public accomodation because of race - color or creed.

We are indeed upon perilous times (The Watergate Era) when those entrusted with creating and maintaing law and order aid and abet business men who for their own bias reasons - break laws relative to public accomodation.

Any licensed business wishing to be selective of the color of its patrons - should seek a charter as a private club, such as the Elks. Since they have been able to discriminate and get away with it.

CAPSULE COMMENTS

All letters to the Editor, and guest editorials must be signed and dated.

We reserve the right to edit all material submitted.

Hank Aaron, in denying that pitchers are trying to help him surpass Babe Ruth's record, is quoted as saying "I don't even get balls down the middle in batting practice anymore."

According to Labors scoreboard, Congressman Towell, came up with a wrong vote. Towell joined a Conservative Coalition in its attempts to slash \$631 million from the appropriations of HEW-Labor Dept. and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

All three of these agencies programs are geared to helping the poor - the untrained - the elderly and dependant children.

Republicans voted the Nixon Administration directive.

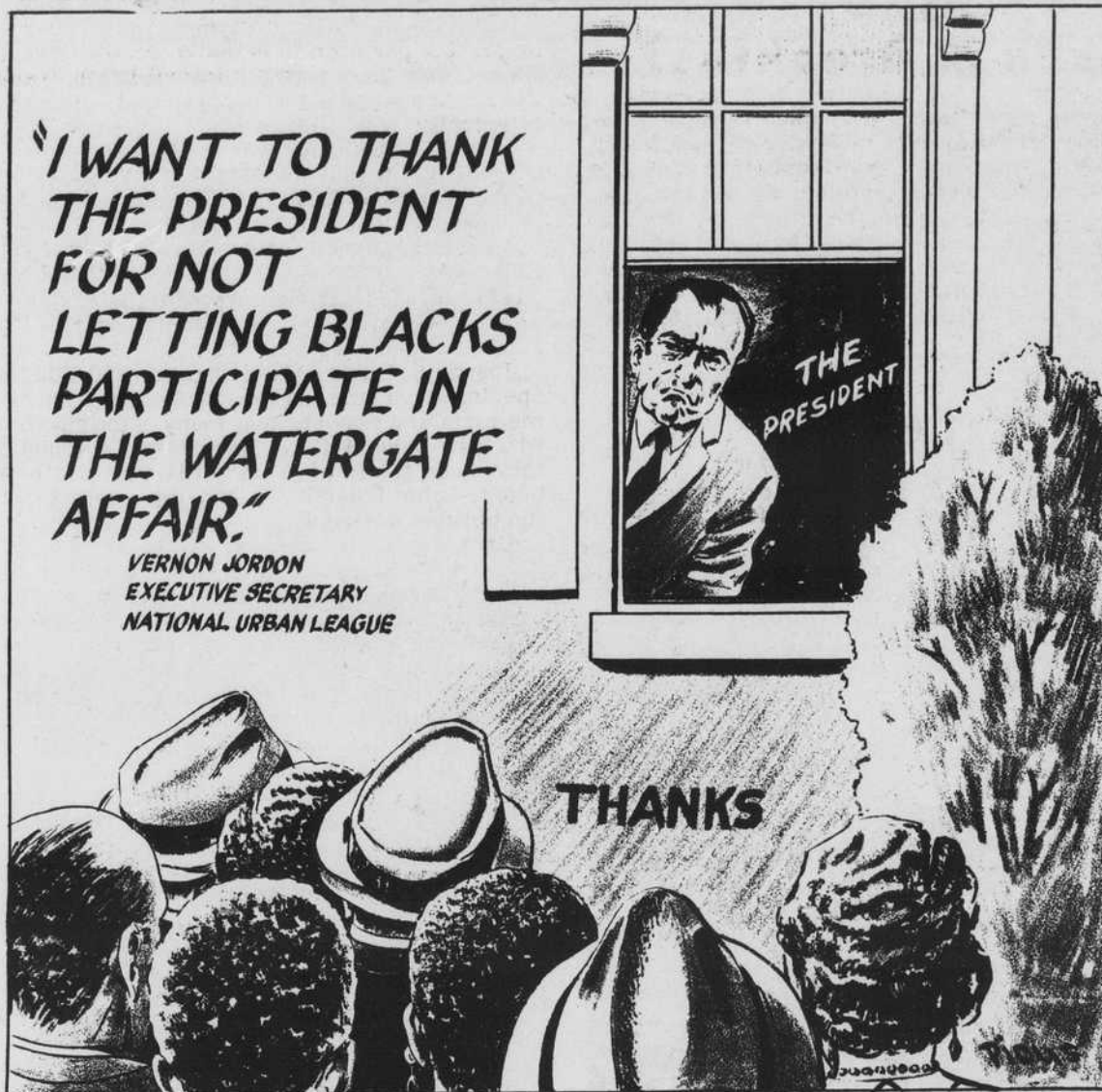
EDITOR'S NOTE

We are gravely concerned when our Congressman, votes the White House way on an issue of such importance to our needy here in Nevada.

ONLY BLACK IN WATERGATE IS THE GUARD THAT CAUGHT THE BURGLARS

**"I WANT TO THANK
THE PRESIDENT
FOR NOT
LETTING BLACKS
PARTICIPATE IN
THE WATERGATE
AFFAIR."**

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PRESIDENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1974

In recent months the Nixon Administration has been claiming credit for dramatically increasing the Federal civil rights budget for fiscal 1974. The President's Budget Message to Congress on March 1, 1973, and by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cite Federal outlays for civil rights and equal opportunity activities of 3.2 billion dollars, or 3-1/2 times the amount spent before Mr. Nixon took office. A March 20 letter to community leaders and groups from Stanley Scott, the President's Special Assistant, makes even stronger claims of dramatic civil rights achievements citing similar statistics.

On their face these figures make it seem that a considerable improvement has taken place in the Federal commitment to civil rights activities. Many people have asked for a brief analysis of the budget data and the assertions being made by Administration officials.

Following is a short explanation of what the budget figures mean, and how they have been used to produce some misleading impressions.

1. TOTALS INCLUDE LARGE AMOUNTS ALLOCATED TO ACTIVITIES NOT RELATED TO CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT.

The civil rights portion of OMB's budget analysis begins with a disclaimer that the totals cited included "more than the traditional programs...related to civil rights enforcement." Of the \$3.2 billion total only \$500 million relate to civil rights enforcement efforts. The remaining \$2.7 billion, which makes up the bulk of the increases cited by the Administration, relate to financial aid programs, including assistance to Indians and assistance to improve minority business enterprise. While these programs are of benefit to minorities, they clearly are not enforcement activities. In past budgets, such assistance has not been treated as a civil rights activity. This important distinction stressed by OMB in its original analysis has been

conveniently laid aside in the Administration's public statements.

Actually, expenditures related solely to civil rights enforcement efforts have increased only from \$322 million in fiscal 1973 to \$521 million in fiscal 1974, with \$132 million, or nearly 3/4's of that increase coming from the program to help communities plan and carry out procedures for desegregating their school systems-- a program that sometimes has been used to abet recalcitrance and tokenism rather than to promote effective compliance. A report of the Washington Research Project, "The Emergency School Assistance Program: An Evaluation" documents instances where HEW funds were used to foster segregation or to meet ordinary school costs rather than to assist desegregation efforts.

Omitting this program we are left with a total of \$314 million currently being spent on civil rights enforcement, not the \$3.2 billion dollars claimed by the Administration.

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