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NAACP NEGOTIATES IMPROVED BUS SERVICE FOR WEST VEGAS

RE-TRIAL SOUGHT

Derek McCall, convicted rapist, has not been able to give his account of what took place in the Rebecca Collins incident.

Chester McCall, his father, feels that Derek should publicly state his version, and until now has been unable to do so.

Derek told his father, Ms. Collins has not told the complete truth. In an article published in Las Vegas newspaper, she gave the impression that the attack was rather involved and lengthy, and this simply is not true.

Public defender Robert L. Scott stated that conflicting testimony about the length of time the incident took place, along with negative medical testimony, will be used in an effort to gain a new trial when Derek appears before court for sentencing. Other supporting evidence exists in that there were no fingerprints of McCall found in Ms. Collins Apartment, which was alleged to have been burglarized by McCall.

Chester McCall said, Derek was spending a

week in Las Vegas, with a girlfriend, and was out alone on the morning of July 19, 1974. At approximately 2 a.m., Derek left the Red Garter, where he was last seen, and looked for a taxi to take him to his hotel. In the vicinity of Main and Fremont, he was approached by Ms. Collins in a car; she offered him a ride and "some good lovin'." -Derek expressed concern about her being white and him being Black, Ms. Collins assured him there was no problem, her husband

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The NAACP, represented by attorney Charles Kellar, worked out a method for improved bus service for the West Las Vegas area.

Yale Rabin, Planning Consultant and Public Transportation expert from Philadelphia, after completing a study of the impact, of the change of bus service, in the Black Community, made this recommendation.

In order to provide a level of service which can attract maximum ridership, buses must run in both directions on the loop, during morning and evening peak periods buses should leave the downtown loop at 30 minute intervals alternating directions around the loop route,

one bus traveling clockwise via J Street and the next bus traveling counterclockwise via D Street.

An intensive public information campaign should be conducted in from the Black Community of the new bus route and schedule.

Route Maps and schedules should be published in the Las Vegas Voice and furnished in quantity for distribution by Black organizations such as the NAACP and to agencies such as the Economic Opportunity Board which serves large numbers of Black residents. Announcements should be made on radio stations whose broadcasts are directed primarily to Black audiences.

Bus stop signs, should be installed at all stops, and these should indicate the route number or name, the direction, and the frequency of service at various times of the day.

Bus service along Alta, servicing James Down Towers was also restored. James Down Towers, is primarily inhabited by Senior Citizens.

Gary Ballinger, vice president of the bus company said, "Final approval rests with the Public Service Commission, and it will probably be seven to ten days before these recommendations can be put into effect."

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Assassination Attempt



BLACK AGAINST BLACK... SAVED BY WHITE.
... The Rev. Jesse Jackson, powerful civil rights leader who is the executive director of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), in Chicago, was apparently saved from death last Saturday, when two off-duty white detectives foiled an attempt by a black man to shoot him. The Rev. Jackson often preaches against blacks killing each other in his many speeches around the country.

A parolee from the Kansas State Penitentiary, George S. Jefferson, 30, was subdued by the officers before he was able to fire his .38 calibre revolver. No reason was given by the suspect for his attempt to shoot the Rev. Jackson during the meeting.

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FORDS POLICY QUESTIONABLE

President Ford has told the nation the "bad news" about the economy. But the President has greatly understated the situation. We are experiencing a crisis, pure and simple, and it will take more than candor or gimmicks to lead us to recovery.

In Atlanta, unemployed men and women began lining up at 3 a.m. for a paltry 225 public service jobs. By morning, a crowd of over 3,000 desperate, hungry persons had assembled, and a riot was narrowly averted as they crowded and surged forward. In Los Angeles, Cleveland and Detroit, the situation is much the same--thousands are out of work, with young blacks suffering the most severe consequence.

The recession is for blacks the most severe since World War II: 12.8 per cent of the black work force is unemployed, and the figures are much, much higher for young workers.

President Ford has responded to this crisis with a program that is inadequate and which, in many respects, will further worsen the plight of the poor, the jobless, and working people. The intent of the program may

be commendable, but the results are most surely working people. The intent of the program may be commendable, but the results are most surely to be disastrous.

It is a program more noteworthy for what it does not propose than for what it does. There is no proposal for enlarging the totally inadequate number of public service jobs; indeed, the President, by threatening to veto new spending measures, seems to rule out an enlarged public jobs program. There are no proposals to deal with those social services--housing, health care, public transportation, welfare--which have been most seriously affected by the combination of inflation and recession.

Here in fact the President states flatly that he will fight Congress if it attempts to implement new spending programs.

Thus in those areas which pertain most personally and fundamentally to black people, to all those who have borne the brunt of economic deterioration, the Administration has closed the door on the most effective and necessary remedies.

The two basic elements

of the President's program are the tax cut in the form of a rebate, and his proposals for increased taxes on imported oil. Both measures will have an effect on black people; in the case of the tax cut the effect will be too little, while as for the energy program, the effect will be significant and negative.

I believe the President was sincere in proposing a tax cut as a means of stimulating the economy and helping those who have been most severely harmed by inflation. But in actuality, the Ford program is practically meaningless for poor people who have had the hardest time making ends meet.

Consider this: a worker with a family of four earning \$6,000 a year--a category which includes many unskilled black workers--would receive less than \$30.00 under the President's plan. This is considerably less than he would need to simply feed his family for a week. And for a worker earning \$5,000 a year, the rebate comes to \$11.47 an amount so meager to be hardly worth the government's trouble to mail the check.

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