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UNEMPLOYMENT HITS MINORITIES HARD SAYS CETA DIRECTOR

BLACK STUDENTS SEEK AID

Black students from Valley High School request assistance from black leaders in their effort to attain fair and equitable treatment in scholastic and social matters.

Students have voiced complaints against teachers, deans, and the principal. These complaints primarily accuse faculty members of not being objective

whenever there is a disagreement between students, and one student is black and one white. Black students claim that in a disturbance, the black student is arbitrarily proclaimed the aggressor and treated as such.

The principal of Valley, reportedly has received notes threatening race riots, if some thing is not done to

correct these situations.

Black students deny sending the notes and are asking Black leaders in all walks of life to come to their aid. BVAN (Black Voters Association of Nevada), is trying to coordinate a meeting between black political officials, heads of all black civic organizations and all black parents with students of Valley High School on Sunday, March 16, 1975 at 5 p.m. at the Westside Athletic Club on the corner of "D" and Washington Streets.

Sixty per cent of the unemployment in the Clark County area are minorities, or six out of every ten, according to Rev. Leo Johnson, head of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act.

Johnson said unemployment had hit minorities, particularly blacks, so hard, because they are at the bottom of the seniority lists. "For every high rate position that a company cuts, it can cut three or four lower jobs," Johnson said.

"The black labor force is 11,860, but blacks and other minorities have 9.8 unemployment rate. This means

that over 1,000 blacks are unemployed. The white labor force is 135,760, but they have only a seven per cent unemployment rate--about 9,000 jobless," he stated. Johnson added, "unemployment is steadily rising at eight tenths of a percentage point each month. This means that about 95 blacks will lose their jobs every month until the job market improves. In the future blacks will have to offset this trend by getting more skills.

Johnson said, "Women in general have a 13.3 unemployment rate, and black women a 10.3 unemployment rate."

"If it wasn't a 24-hour town, the unemployment rate would be worse in all areas," Johnson said.

Contrary to general belief, Las Vegas has been hit just as hard as the unemployment rate as the rest of the country.

Johnson added, since so many blacks work in the construction field, they have really been hurt, because construction is at a low peak.

Johnson concluded firms will have to come up with some other consideration besides seniority to break the "last hired, first fired," cycle.

SHOOTING

Leroy Toney, 34, of 412 Alexander Ave., was reported in fair condition at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital after he was allegedly shot in the chest early Sunday morning by a teenage relative at the Teenage Social Club, 611 Van Buren.

The teenager was identified, to the police a short time after the shooting at his home by two nephews of Toney's, Clifton Mitchell, 24, of 2615 Donna St., and Alexander Griffin, 19, of 504 Kasper. The teenager was arrested and placed in the Juvenile Home, the Metro Police report said.

The teenager's home was searched for a gun but none was found. The two witnesses said, however, he allegedly used a .22 caliber pistol.

According to the report, the incident was sparked by a fight on the dance floor of the club. Toney, manager of the club, apparently got into a fight with about five youths. They fought from the dance floor to the lobby, where the teenagers were thrown out.

The report said, that Griffin and Mitchell took Toney into the club's office to calm him down. A short while later the shooting suspect returned with a pistol and shot through the door of club at Toney, the bullet struck Toney in the chest. The teenager ran from the scene.

The two witnesses knew the suspect and took the arresting officers to his home.

PROXMIRE CALLS FOR CRACK DOWN ON ERDA MANAGERS

Senator William Proxmire (D-Wis) recently released a letter calling on Robert C. Seamans, Jr., Administrator of the new Energy Research and Development Administration, to "Crack down hard on managers of ERDA programs that allow racial and sex discrimination in their employment practices."

"December 1974 Equal Employment Opportunity statistics for the Atomic Energy Commission (now a major element of the new Energy Administration) show that although 33.9% of the AEC employees were women, only 5% of them were in Grades GS-12 and above while 67.8% served at the GS-7 grade or lower," the Senator wrote. Minorities did not fare any better.

"As of December 31, 1974 minorities represented 14.9% of the Atomic Energy Commission work-force -- yet, only 5% were employed at GS-12 and above. Over 60% of all minorities worked at grades below GS-8.

With the 60% of your women and minority employees employed at GS-7 and below, you have a serious Equal Opportunity problem.

Jailed Sailor Fasting Due To Death of Hon. Muhammed

A 25-year-old sailor because of the death of Elijah Muhammad, had been living off a bowl of cereal a day. This is because most of the prisoners' food contained elements of pork.

"Lang is married and has a child. He has been in the Navy for more than two years and has served in Vietnam. It was while in the service that he joined the Black who is presently fasting"

"It appears that the primary problem at the Atomic Energy Commission is on the local level with managers at field facilities. Operating in relative autonomy, these managers appear to be insensitive to the provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity laws now on the books. In fact, there are indications of fear of reprisal among concerned yet 'muzzled' minorities and women at these field operation sites.

"For example, the Federal Women's Program Coordinator at the Las Vegas, Nevada facility recently submitted a career evaluation of 11 black females to the Manager of the Nevada installation, General Mahlon E. Gates. She found that their women were highly trained and had an average of 9.1 years' experience. But over a 13 year period, these 11 black women had been passed over for promotion opportunities in 12 job classifications over 80 times.

"The Women's Coordinator also found that it took these women an average of 2.8 years to advance one Gs grade and that the only 'common failure' of each of the 11 women were their 'sex and race.'

"This report was made to the manager of the Las Vegas facility on January 6, 1975. On February 5, 1975, the Federal Women's Program Coordinator was 'relieved of her duties' by General Mahlon E. Gates and demoted to a training officer. The pattern is unmistakable"

Senator Proxmire asked Dr. Seamans to "tackle this EEO problem head-on and to fire those managers who continue to operate their programs in an atmosphere of reprisal and total insensitivity to the minority and female employees at ERDA."

Proxmire is Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on HUD-Independent Agencies, and has been involved in recent years in "watchdogging" the EEO profiles of NASA and other agencies that consistently maintain low levels of professional women and minority employees.

NAACP Meeting

The NAACP will hold it's monthly meeting Sunday, March 9, 1975 at 4:00 PM at Doolittle Center every is invited.

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