

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

By **Lawrence Albert**

As publisher of the Las Vegas VOICE, I do not understand why we have black heads of certain organizations, like NEDCO, which Bob Bailey is the director, who neglect the black community by having luncheons and cocktail parties at the Union Plaza Hotel, rather than in West Las Vegas.

They all feel West Las Vegas cannot accommodate the black visitors to Las Vegas, but they will draw from the West Las Vegas community, contributions and support when the going gets tough for them. They come to this community for immediate help when the white man is doing them wrong. When they obtain certain positions outside this community, they feel they no longer need the support of it.

I did not cover the speaker for the Small Business Association, because I was not invited, as the only black newspaper by the Director, Bailey, who was in charge of the luncheon and meeting.

The VOICE cannot support NEDCO press releases without being invited to cover the news, we should, like the other local newspapers.

Otis Harris, member of the Las Vegas Convention Visitors Authority, also overlooked the VOICE. A lot of blacks believe the Black Hall of Fame confab should have been held in West Las Vegas for the \$25, \$100 dinner, which was held in an all-white hotel. Harris did not feel that he should have coverage from the local black paper, so, we know the Black Hall of Fame was a farce.

Even Caesars Palace Hotel and the Riviera Hotel have invited the VOICE to cover all of the black entertainers that come to their establishments to review their shows. But that does not make Harris a bad fellow.

We need another black in Harris's position who has more intelligence. Feel free Mr. Harris to rebut any of these statements by telephoning me at the VOICE.

I hope the next time there is a Black Hall of Fame, Bailey, Harris, and R.J. Robinson will try to work with some of the bars and restaurant owners in the black community.

West Las Vegas does not have the fancy trappings of the Strip, but we do have a lot of blacks taking large amounts of money into the white hotels, where they never see the owners.

Please feel free to contact the VOICE, Mr. Robinson.

GUNS OVER BUTTER?

THE FORD ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL



TO CUT THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S LUNCH PROGRAM -- \$600,000,000



ASKED CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE - \$522,000,000 FOR CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Thursday, March 13, I attended the meeting at the School District. My reason for attending may not have been as important as some of the other people's who were there, but to me it was.

The majority of the people there attended in regard to the trouble at Valley High School. Those people, black and white had as much right to have their problems discussed as I and vice versa.

But the loud talking and rudeness, I witnessed was uncalled for. I'm referring to one group of teenage boys and girls in particular who were obviously students of Valley. If what I witnessed at the meeting is a sample of their attitude and conduct at Valley, no wonder there's racial strife.

When one of the members of the School District left the meeting to ask them to lower their voices because what they were saying was carrying into the meeting. One of the girls told him in a loud voice, "if there was a meeting going on, he'd better get back in there."

Why was this necessary? Problems of inter-ation will continue as long as attitudes toward other races and people are allowed to continue along the line of bitterness and hatred. I'm not saying that the black man doesn't have cause to be bitter, but a man who retains a bitter and acid attitude will never achieve the goals and aspirations that life holds for him. Peace of mind will also evade him. Being rude and inconsiderate of others will not attain these things for you. Stepping on your fellow man will not better your position.

Yes, you should seek a better life for your fellow black men and women, but why should you make yourself look like a jackass in the process.

Yes, you should stand up for your rights and against injustice to yourselves and your own, but why do you have to be insulting and obnoxious to do it.

Remember, some people do care, whether you think so or not, and some of the people you are stepping on, are your fellow blacks.

I happen to be a black mother who received some of the rude treatment from those black teenagers. All I wanted was to hear what decisions would be made in regard to my children's future.

By the time I left that meeting I was mad and ashamed. Yes, ashamed. Black America, wake up and smell the flowers. Life is passing you by and you're killing yourselves.

Mrs. Barbara W. Murray

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March 13, 1975

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Las Vegas Recreation Department we sincerely thank you for the excellent coverage you gave the Southern Nevada Youth Fair and in particular the Sports Division.

The Las Vegas Recreation Department enjoyed offering the many contests and events and without your help we could not have had the 1,957 youths register for these events.

Once again, thanks.

Sincerely,

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March 11, 1975.

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Dear Mr. Albert,
With reference to the news article which appeared in your Thursday, March 6, 1975 issue headed, "Black Students Seek Aid", the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission offers its services to work with you and other interested people in the community to resolve the problem which has taken a backward turn at Valley High School.
We are willing to meet with you, with the students, and parents, and school officials for the purpose of resolution.

In 1965 the Commission was instrumental in establishing a Junior Human Relations Commission at Valley High, which served as a forum for students to air grievances of a racial nature. This way it was possible for students to talk out such complaints and resulted in a meeting of minds.

It is our hope that this same procedure can be invoked so that meaningful solutions can be found in a rational manner.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,
M. William Deutsch
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