

Africa speaks



EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Common cause among Jews & Blacks

by LAWRENCE ALBERT

Jews and Blacks must overlook their differences and "make common cause against the enemies of justice," because the future of both groups is "important to the social and political health of this country and to its progress towards justice through democratic means," a noted lawyer and civil libertarian declared recently.

Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the Moreland Act Commission, made his remarks as he accepted the American Jewish Committee's American Liberties Medallion at a gala dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, marking the opening night of the AJC's four-day annual meeting. The dinner, attended by more than 1,000 Jewish leaders from across the country, was chaired by Elmer L. Winter of Milwaukee, AJC's National President.

"Jews and Blacks historically have been vulnerable people," Mr. Abram explained. "The state of their security can almost be said to serve as barometric measures of the social climate. When the state trespasses on the liberty of the Jew, the freedom of all is soon in peril. When joblessness of the Black -- always higher than that of the general public -- begins to escalate, you can be sure that the economy is on the slide and even Chrysler will be in trouble."

The Medallion, which cited Mr. Abram for "exceptional advancement of the principals of human liberty," was presented by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League. Mr. Abram is an Honorary President of AJC, a former President of the human relations agency, former President of Brandeis University, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Negro College Fund.

Mr. Abrams also presented an analysis of relationships between blacks and Jews in three major areas of contemporary concern: the Middle East conflict, equal opportunity in business and education, and crime in the streets.

On the subject of the Middle East, he pointed to the fact that the most respected leaders of the black community had gone on record in support of Israel, and named specifically Jordan, Roy Wilkins, A. Phillip Randolph, Bayard Rustin, and the family of Martin Luther King.

He deplored the actions of some black youth and black intellectuals who, he said, "spout nonsense about a Third World, and include as part of its oppressors the beleaguered little state of Israel."

Recalling that this point had been expressed in the 1960s by groups of "young middle class whites--some of them Jewish," he stated:

"It made no sense then that the oil-gorged states of the Middle East were amongst the oppressed of the earth, and it makes less sense today when oil is more precious than gold."

"Those who are willing to sacrifice democratic Israel to Arab tyrants and oligarchs," Abram maintained, "are not fighters for freedom or friends of Jews or Blacks who overwhelmingly desire and treasure freedom."

Turning to the question of competition between employment, "No one opposes equal opportunity," he declared. "But quota is a chilling word to a Jew, and the prospect of hiring by quota for all types of jobs at all levels should be frightening to anyone who rides over a bridge built by engineers, up in an elevator checked by technicians, submits to anaesthesia or pays money to go to a university."

The issue of crime and violence, Mr. Abrams stated, although statistically claiming a disproportionate number of Blacks as victims, has had a "dreadful effect on race relations in general."

"Violence, as much as any other factor, has throttled down the engines of racial and economic progress and, in some instances, thrown them into reverse."



REMARKS MADE BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. KENNETH D. KAUNDA PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA AT A WHITE HOUSE DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR

MR. PRESIDENT, WE WISH AMERICA TO UNDERSTAND OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES. WE ARE NOT FIGHTING WHITES, WE ARE FIGHTING AN EVIL AND BRUTAL SYSTEM. ON THIS THERE MUST BE NO COMPROMISE. AMERICA SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND OUR STRATEGY. WE WANT TO ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVES BY PEACEFUL METHODS FIRST AND FOREMOST. AFRICA IS READY TO TRY THIS APPROACH WITH PATIENCE AND EXHAUST ALL POSSIBLE TACTICS. FOR PEACE IS TOO PRECIOUS FOR ALL OF US, BUT OUR PATIENCE AND THE PATIENCE OF THE OPPRESSED HAS ITS LIMITS.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE ARE HERE ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME. WE HAVE NO OTHER MISSION EXCEPT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE VISIT TO PUT AFRICA'S STAND. WE WANT TO AVOID CONFRONTATION, BUT LET US NOT BE PUSHED INTO IT.

ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE AND MY COMPATRIOTS AND INDEED ON MY OWN BEHALF I THANK YOU FOR THIS WARM WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY. THIS IS INDEED A MEMORABLE VISIT, MEMORABLE BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN FRUITFUL AND IT COINCIDES WITH THE LAUNCHING, ONLY YESTERDAY, OF YOUR BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS. WE CONGRATULATE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR ANTI-COLONIALIST STRUGGLE OF THEIR FOUNDING FATHERS.

FINALLY, I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF INVITING YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD, TO PAY A VISIT TO ZAMBIA. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOU IN OUR COUNTRY AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU.

I NOW INVITE YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN TO JOIN ME AND MY WIFE IN THIS TOAST:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD

Pique

... DOWN TO BUSINESS

DR. BERKELEY G. BURRELL

President, National Business League

President Ford's Fiscal 1976 budget proposal calls for extremely tight spending and massive cuts in current programs which provide basic benefits to the nation's poor and elderly. The budget, together with the annual report from the President's Council of Economic Advisors, strongly suggests that the Administration will seek to fight inflation and recession simultaneously and that neither improve this year. Thus unemployment and high prices are here for a while.

The Administration projects that the unemployment rate for this year will be around 8.1 percent, reaching a peak of 8.5 percent by mid-year. Moreover, unemployment is not expected to dip below 6 percent before 1980. With the unemployment rate for March already at 8.7 percent, it is evident that the projected rate for this year will be revised upward.

That means a lot of people will be out of work for a long time, and that unemployment

Continued on pg. 13

Just the FACTS

Now that all Blacks have been eliminated from the race for the City Commission Ward Three seat, the Black community should throw all its support behind Roy Woofter because he is a man we all know.

Tony Terry, the other candidate in this race, did not contact our community in the primary and has yet to contact us in the general.

He is another one with a strong Mormon vote, wanting support of Blacks. But he has not said his doors are open to us.

The unsuccessful Black candidates also should throw their support behind Woofter, because he would represent our community better.

When Woofter was District Attorney, he put a Black on his staff.

When Woofter was DA, he prosecuted a White man, who killed a Black man at the Sugar Hill Bar. The man was convicted and given life without the possibility of parole.

When Woofter was DA, he was accessible to Blacks.

He also supported Lonie Chaney, for the State Assembly.

Woofter will hold an open meeting in our community at 7 p.m., May 29, at the Elks Club in the Golden West Shopping Center.



NEVADA'S BLACK COMMUNITY WEEKLY "An Uninterrupted Publication Since 1963"

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER (Published every Thursday) DEDICATED to the INTEREST and ASPIRATIONS for a BETTER LIFE for BLACK CITIZENS of the STATE of NEVADA

Lawrence Albert.....Publisher
Sandra McIlveen.....Treasurer
Clinton Wright.....Photographer
Luke Plewe.....Layout Artist

EDITORIAL, ADVERTISING & CIRCULATION OFFICES
900 West Bonanza Road, Lobby Suite (Moulin Rouge Hotel) Las Vegas, Nevada 89106 Telephone 648-2615

ADVERTISING RATES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

(Application for 2nd Class Mailing Permit pending at Las Vegas, Nevada)