

### Running against Blacks...?



### EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

### Wrong Place Picketed

by  
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The picketing of the Las Vegas Convention Center by Otis Harris because he was fired by that body might have been successful if he and the rest of the community had been trying to straighten this area.

Instead of marching and picketing the Convention Center, he and the rest of the community should have been protesting the way Blacks are treated at the Moulin Rouge Hotel.

An old saying is just as true today as it ever was: "Put your own house in order, before you try to straighten out the world." Harris and his few followers only succeeded in embarrassing the community by going out to the Convention Center to try to get one man's job back, when dozens of Blacks are being mistreated on their door steps.

I don't blame the residents of our community for not showing up to picket for Harris. And I don't blame them for not backing any cause generated by any of the organizations in our community.

This paper, only a few weeks ago asked the help of all the influential people in our community to help right the situations at the Moulin Rouge, but that plea fell on deaf ears.

This hotel is owned by whites and it has all whites in the top positions. This place calls itself a hotel and yet it locks its doors at 12 o'clock.

Legal Services do not have restrooms and the overall service at this hotel is terrible.

Now if all of the organizations in our community had gotten together and marched on and picketed this place until it started to give better service to this community, then maybe we would have had some power to march on the Strip.

This would have been a much smaller project than the Convention Center, and maybe we could have gotten some action and gained enough influence and recognition to sway some of the minds not only at the Convention Center, but in all of Las Vegas

We will never have any power to do anything on the Strip or anyplace else until we right the wrongs right in our own community.

Come on people, let's stop making fools of ourselves and start bettering our plight in this rich city.



### Just the FACTS

Once again an event from our community has turned out a dismal failure because something implanted in our ancestors over 300 years ago will not let us work together.

For over three months Otis Harris has been planning to picket the Las Vegas Convention Center to emphasize his grievance against it.

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors' Authority fired Harris in May. He said he was fired because he was Black. Now he is suing that body in Federal Court, asking for his job back and so much money.

This past Sunday, about eight persons showed up to man the picket lines at the Convention Center, which was about as effective as the same number jumping on a railroad track to stop a train.

It is hard to understand why Harris went about forming this protest so haphazardly.

Harris supposedly wanted to show Las Vegas how prejudice the Convention Authority is and that our community is tired of it.

Now all of Las Vegas will believe that either our community is satisfied with the way they are treated in Las Vegas, or believe they just do not care since hardly anyone from our community showed up to picket.

However, this is understandable because Harris shunned most of us. It seems that Harris believes he is going to come into a lot of money from this suit and he is afraid he might have to share it with some of us if we help him.

This is a selfish and egotistical attitude. He is running around the community pretending he wants to advance the well being of the entire community, when in reality his only concern is himself.

He did not approach the NAACP, Poor People Pulling Together, the Equal Rights Commission or any of our influential politicians. Instead he went outside the state for help.

Not only that but he and the Rev. Al Dunn tried to run rough-shod over the publisher of this paper because they brought a press release in too late to publish in last weeks edition.

When Rev. Dunn accosted the publisher outside of his office, he used language that brought shame to his calling.

All Harris has succeeded in doing is turn the community against him instead of rallying it behind him.

### BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By Charles E. Belle

### New York turning sour

The "Big Apple," as the astute people call New York, is turning sour. Tom Fleming, knowledgeable managing editor of the San Francisco Sun-Reporter & Metro News Group, doesn't believe it's the only apple in the barrel going sour. Indeed a similar smell from other cities reflect New York's problem. Too many poor people in town out of work and too many middle class whites working in town and living out of town.

Stand on any corner of Wall Street in New York, Montgomery Street in San Francisco or LaSalle Street in Chicago and watch the money go by. It's headed home for suburbia. Since Blacks, Browns, and even Yellows cannot conceal their color, your counting is as easy as "hiring and firing."

Because New York has some extremely wealthy individuals inside its city limits, its contribution to the federal coffers is substantial. However, its bills for some of its social programs must be paid for from local revenue sources. The numbers aren't there when it comes to collecting from those who use its streets, lights, highways and, yes, fire and police protection.

These expenses must be met and should be by all those who make use of these services. The only existing method for New York with all the residents of that city. Failing to do this the city can only cut services.

The "Big Apple" could use some polishing up as probably could a lot of other cities. The police, fire, garbage workers, maintenance workers and city hall itself should start providing jobs for local residents.

There is no shortage of "qualified" workers for civil and non-civil service work in any city in this country. But Blacks, Browns and their Yellow brothers have got to get these jobs. They need these jobs not only for themselves, but to lower the cost of caring for these "prima donnas" who dominate employment, but dodge their financial responsibility.

### What are you doing to HELP our community?



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