

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK THE PUBLISHER SPEAKS



By
LAWRENCE ALBERT

The Rev. Bennett brought his press release by the other day to be published in the Las Vegas Voice. As you may recall, Rev. Bennett attacked the Voice as a paper not worth reading on Channel 10 a few weeks ago. The Reverend has seen fit to use this media to reach the black community regarding his filing for re-election.

We will publish any material that is of interest to the black community as long as we have the right to edit it.

Let it be known that the Voice is a community newspaper. It's purpose is to print news worthy items for the community and keep them aware of wrongs which are not in our best interest.

The Publisher reserves one corner, "The Publisher Speaks" to say things which need to be said to enhance the people's right to know.

We will not keep anyone out of the Voice because he has been critical of us. So if Rev. Bennett has come to the rail to be baptised, we are not going to turn him away because he didn't understand us in the beginning. It says to us that we represent something and I think the Reverend now recognizes that.

So I hope that Rev. Bennett doesn't forget that we also carry Political Advertisement, make posters, and run off church programs.

So if you have feelings for the community and want to help the Voice grow, you all come to see us again, you hear!

BLACKS' DESTINY IN OWN HANDS

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BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

by Charles E. Belle

U.N. Uncovers Employment Quota

NASHVILLE -- Black people make up over a third of the population of the state of Tennessee. Until recently they were unable to reduce the raspy joblessness among their numbers. But since the bouyant Honorable Ray Blanton has been Governor, the number of blacks in high state positions has at least doubled in the first two years of his administration. There is more to come.

The governor gave a gala gathering which attracted 101 United Nations ambassadors to sample southern hospitality Tennessee style.

This was the first time the United Nations entire body had met outside of New York in U.N. history. Tennessee was not to be out done by this auspicious occasion. The Grand Ole Opry, which has been on the radio air wave for 50 consecutive years every Saturday night, broke tradition and brought out the talent for the Monday night visit of the U.N. to Tennessee.

Governor Blanton and the businessmen committee for the affair got good moral support from Isaac Hayes, regional chairman of the committee. The program was to put Tennessee's face before the international community for the purpose of commerce.

Hayes, who was present along with two of Tennessee's 16 black assembly persons, was convinced, as was the Governor, that the visit would lead to an increase in international trade and employment for the people of Tennessee.

The U.N. which was represented by Secretary-General Kurt Walkheim and the U.S. ambassador William Scanton, former governor of Pennsylvania, was actually returning to its roots for the visit.

The late Secretary of State Cordell Hull was one of the original founders of the U.N. A Tennessee native who received a nobel peace prize for his efforts in the establishment of the United Nations.

Governor Blanton did give me the key to keeping blacks happy in Tennessee. His Honor said, "For every 100 jobs we get in Tennessee, that means 20 jobs for blacks."

Just the Facts

The political climate gets more congested with each passing day. Will it never end? More candidates, promises and political rhetoric. It is important that we, the voters, listen closely to what is being said. Even more important, is that we, the voters, be prepared to swing into action on election day. Swing into action by means of registering to vote and exercising the right to vote on election day.

The late Malcolm X once presented the alternative of "the ballot or the bullet." Over the years, we have all witnessed the devastating effects of the bullet. We have seen the blood of our brothers and sisters flow needlessly on ghetto streets. We have seen, too, the ruins of buildings and homes in our communities.

Let us therefore, consider the othe alternative: the ballot. If we are ever to bring about change, we must first get our foot in the door. In other words, we cannot stand on the outside clamoring for change; we must get inside and work to bring about the changes we feel will be most beneficial.

The ballot has proven to be effective the past few years. We have only to look at some of our black elected officials. On the national level we have Barbara Jordan, Ron Dellums, Yvonne B. Burke, Julian Bond and Shirley Chisholm. Bringing it home, we have Senator Joe Neal, Commissioner Aaron Williams, Judge A. D. Guy and Ms. Brenda Mason.

If blacks are to have able and competent representation, it is the responsibility of EVERY black citizen to REGISTER to vote and, in fact VOTE!

It is hoped that the many civic and social groups will take the time to organize voter registration drives. If social groups expect the community to support their functions, then surely these same groups can help the community in a positive manner, by informing and aiding citizens regarding voter registration.

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