

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK THE PUBLISHER SPEAKS



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The Miss Black Teenage World Pageant comes once a year with all it's glamour and young ladies inking to be selected as the community's most beautiful.

This year the teenage beauty pageant was enhanced by the Convention Authority awarding \$5,000 for the local beauty to make a trip to Columbia, South Carolina, and possibly bring the pageant to Las Vegas. While we can appreciate this type of activity, we are concerned with the accounting of funds gathered from these contests. It is our position that if one is going to use our local talent under the pretense of some good to come from it, then some accounting must be made to the community from which these talents are drawn.

\$5,000 was awarded to the local promoters of the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant to make the trip to Columbia, South Carolina. We don't know what accounting is made to the Convention Authority as to how this money was expended. But what troubles us is that many who made the trip were asked to pay \$50.00 extra after they had arrived in South Carolina. One lady, we are told, became so indignant at this request for additional money that she flew back to Las Vegas.

Those individuals who invoked the wrath of the white community by marching in front of the Convention Authority to bring pressure, such as Albert Dunn, Senator Neal and many others, would like to know what is happening to the fruits of their labor. Since none of those individuals who obtained the \$5,000 for the trip did not march one step or carry one picket sign, those who did, we believe, have the right to know. Of course, we would not be asking for an accounting of this trip if there had not appeared an element of greed.

You know sometimes when one gets greedy, he can lose a good thing. It does not take much to be fair. Because of what apparently happened in South Carolina, the Convention Authority might tend to be cautious about funding other worthy ventures. So for all of us in this community, let the sun rise and give account of it's travels.

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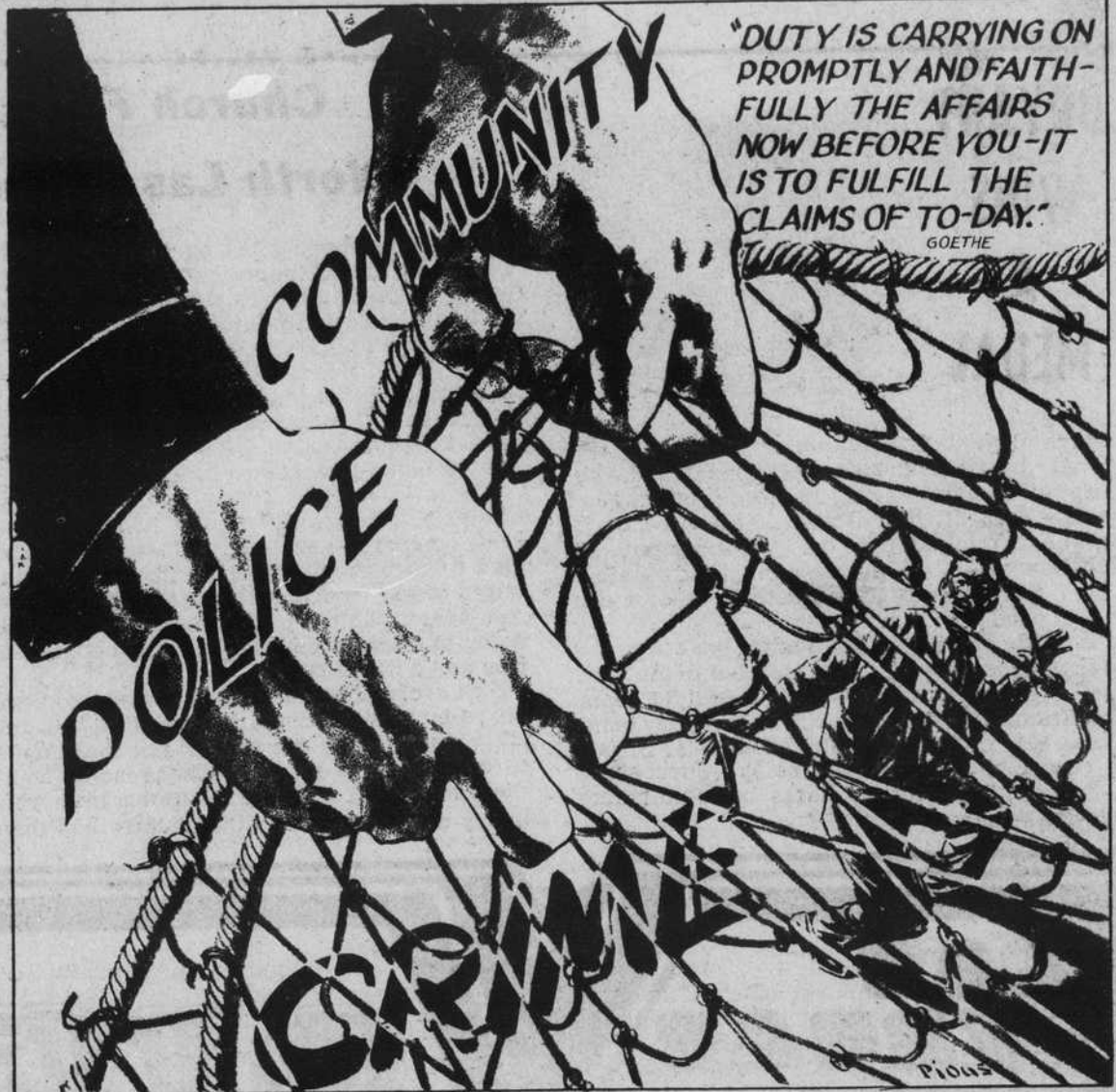
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Just the Facts "The Bottom Line"

The dye is cast. All the candidates have filed for office. Of particular interest to this community are the Assembly races in Districts Six and Seven.

The race for the seat in District Six is a toss up. It appears as if Rev. Bennett is going to run on his "record" and his years of community service. What record and what service other than those on Sunday mornings? He has attacked this newspaper as being guilty of irresponsible journalism, yet he saw fit to bring his press release to this same paper. Running against him is Rev. Albert Dunn. Though we may not always agree with Rev. Dunn and some of his tactics, he appears to be a man of action. He is not afraid to step forth and make his voice heard.

Moving on to District Seven we find Lonie Chaney being challenged by Cranford Crawford. While Chaney has been in office, his "record" doesn't seem to exist. There doesn't seem to be anything outstanding about Chaney's voting record or his contributions to the community. If he isn't careful, the sun will set and the only sunrise he'll see will be that of the travel club.

On the other hand, Crawford has shown his value to this community. His record as a past legislator is outstanding. Even after he left the Assembly several years ago, Crawford has continued to serve his community.

Though this paper cannot tell the voters how to vote, the information is presented so as to help the voters make intelligent judgements. Let us be aware of what the candidates have done, what they're saying and where they're comin' from.

Electing someone to public office is like dealing with a contract. Beware of the small print and those things which are not said. The vote is the bottom line...

LIFE IS A JOURNEY NOT A DESTINATION

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK by Charles E. Belle

Saudi Arabia Sincere About Employment

One reason Saudi Arabia has stood fast and not raised its oil price is its national expansion program. Saudi Arabia has so far refused to go along with Libya's price rise of 10 cents or more a barrel.

The benchmark crude of Arabian light has actually been reduced five cents from \$11.51 a barrel, where it had been since October 1, 1975. This may not win friends for the Saudi in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but it makes for steady funds for an expanding economic development program in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi Arabians account for at least a quarter of the oil production of OPEC even though there has been a cut back in production to match the marketing needs of recession ruin Europe.

Saudi Arabia has more than \$20 billion in annual oil revenue giving it almost \$7,000 per person for some six million people. While the Saudis have a hefty military budget, it does not begin to match the \$105.9 billion the U.S. is spending for defense this coming year.

The U.S. Department of Army Engineering Corp., however, does assist the Saudi Arabian government in its capital expenditure program. In fact, many of the contracts for construction and maintenance for military, government and private developments with U.S. firms are coordinated by the U.S. Army Engineering Corp., in Washington, D.C.

These major construction projects are providing the need for contractors, construction works, material and technical assistance from U.S. suppliers and workers. Don Warden, a San Francisco attorney and international black businessman, believes the Saudi Arabians want to do business with blacks but blacks must be as qualified as whites to perform in their professions.

The Saudi Arabian government is constructing a whole new city for 200,000 people in one project. There is a need for numerous individual-
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