

The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



Black Job Status

I have received some reports indicating deepening concern over the employment picture among blacks. Certainly the foreign workers who can't even speak English are making serious inroads on hotel jobs in the maid, houseman, food handling and preparation areas. Add to this the many who could not find jobs in other states who are coming to the Las Vegas resort area. Pension age workers who worked until they reached their maximum allowable annual earnings (3 or 4 months) then quit and came back the next year are finding the hotels no longer want part year workers since there are many wanting year around nobs.

Workers who have felt they could get "A job like this anytime" are finding this no longer true. Employment managers are rejecting applicants with records showing a short stay on a number of jobs, those often tardy and absent too much, troublemakers with bad attitudes. Since we are economically dependent, we should not look down on these menial jobs. They are very desirable to many. We should use these jobs as a basic income and work toward improving our skills so as to move into higher wage positions. Bus boys are allowed to work up to room service waiters. Other menial job workers can become bellhops by making applications and wait their turn. Bar porters can become bartenders. Regular housemen or porters can become casino porters.

Information I have gotten indicates these jobs provide earnings of \$12,000 to \$25,000 yearly. Occupational Industrial Centers (O.K.C.) is a black managed training institute started in the East but now operating in many states. One branch is located in Seattle and recently came to Las Vegas with the intention of opening a center here, but questions are being raised since there is a political influence involved. Mayor Briare was not in favor of it, according to reports in 'The News.' O.I.C. is a contractor for the U.S. government.

Job training sounds good, but little or no progress has been shown in employment gains after many millions were spent because personal gain ripoffs have been the order of the day, and trainees have received very little training. Diversification in employment is a must if we hope to achieve economic improvement, but skills must be achieved to do this. I have long felt a training program must have job placement requirements so that after training the trainee is actually placed on a job and counseled for at least a 90-day period, as an orientation.

An analysis service should be instituted to evaluate talents so as to properly train people. Employment trends should be closely checked to avoid the oversupply in the various occupations. I would personally like to see a chef's school if research shows a present and continuing need. CBS cooking program chef, Mike Roy, stated a great need for cooks and chefs. The graduating class of 1975 of Metropolitan College placed all of their graduates at once with restaurants and hotels bidding for the graduates. The lowest pay was \$12,500 and went as high as \$30,000.

From Our Readers

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear "Big Al"

We want to thank you for your front page article on getting out the vote. It is important that residents of West Las Vegas register and vote so that local and national politicians listen to their needs, and that they will be responsible to the people of this community.

Many, many people registered at Welfare Rights before the deadline so they can vote in the primary election. Credit must be given to the Voice for the success in getting people to register. Registration will start again within just a couple of days for those wishing to vote in the general election in November.

Thanks so much for your strong community spirit. Keep up the good work!

Ruby Duncan, president
Clark County Welfare Rights Organization

Dear Mr. Albert:

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you, as publisher of the Las Vegas Voice, and your staff member Creed Jones to appear on the Morning Show. Please be at the KLAS studios at 8:20 a.m., August 20.

The Morning Show will be videotaped and aired on Monday, August 23 at 6:30 a.m.

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Ted Patrick Sentenced

Ted Patrick, the self styled "Religious De-programmer" was sentenced last week to one year in prison by an Orange County, Calif. Judge who called Patrick's actions those of a "Vigilante." Patrick has been charged with the false imprisonment of Joanne Rogin Bradley, a follower and devotee of the Hara Krishna religion.

In sentencing Patrick, Judge Logan Moore stated that "It will be a dark day when government decides to speak against religion. This county never functioned well under vigilantes. Your efforts are such, and if I ruled in your favor it wouldn't stop with anyone. We would have condemned religious freedom."

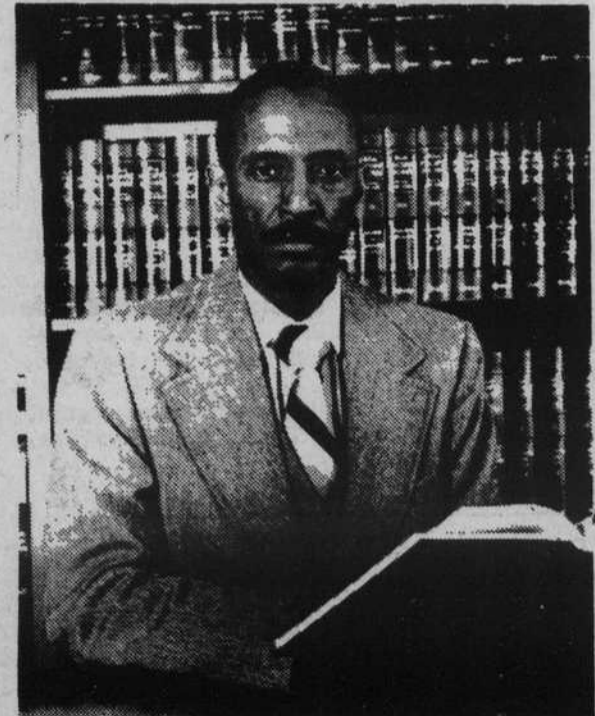
Charges in the case were brought by Miss Bradley, who said she ran screaming from Patrick after he had abducted her by tricking her into seeing him. She escaped after an hour of "Deprogramming" and summoned police.

Lila Harrich, director of the Citizen's Commission on Human Rights in Las Vegas, an organization of medical doctors, psychiatrists, attorneys and laymen who have been carrying on a campaign against Patrick, stated that "We are very pleased that Mr. Patrick has finally been brought to justice. In San Diego and Denver he beat similar charges but Judge Moore applied the law standardly and we applaud his decision. Patrick cannot be allowed to terrorize our youth because they do not conform to his way of thinking."

Ms. Harrich said that the CCHR has been researching the effects of brainwashing and continually encountering the name of Patrick, and "his methods of pounding his way of thinking into the heads of tired and hungry children. His religious fanaticism cannot be condoned. It has become dangerous to the integrity of the Constitution."

Also convicted on the same charges was Patrick's secretary, Sondra Sachs, who received one week in jail and two years probation.

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