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By
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The Nevada State Journal carried an article a few months ago on the retirement of elder members from the State Senate. In the article it was noted that five members of the Senate will be running the Legislature in '77. Our Senator Joe Neal was among them. If Senator Neal has reached such heights, we can honestly say he arrived by helping Black people and not being afraid to speak publicly on behalf of them.

Neal has been criticized and lauded in all local papers for stands he has taken on behalf of his people.

When Neal first took office four years ago, this community was in a mess, and was losing pride in it's self. Destructive white influences were at work and creating a continous drain on our pride, our hope and aspirations. Senator Neal inserted himself between these forces and fought to restore our pride in ourselves. Through him, we are able to see our hope and our aspirations again on the rise.

Does Senator Neal do this because he has some great scheme which will be unvailed some time in the future? No. Those of you who are from Tallulah, Louisiana and now look with pride upon the Black elected officials running that town, can thank Senator Neal because he helped to bring it about.

Not only did Senator Neal help the Black people in Tallulah, Louisiana, but he helped us to get Black elected officials in this area. So, we honored Senator Neal by electing him our first Black Senator in the State of Nevada. Neal will be up for election to that office again in November 2, 1976.

The VOICE has learned that Bennett and Chaney are supporting Bob Bailey for Neal's seat. The plan we are told was to have Bob Bailey file the last day (which he did) so that two democrats will be in the general.

Bennett and Chaney put Republicans in the races to force a primary. If Bennett and Chaney win they will be in a position to help Bailey against Neal in the general election without harm to themselves because we don't vote Republican over here.

The fact that our two Assemblymen are trying to defeat Senator Neal, speaks of the quality of Assemblymen representation we have in Carson City.

One question puzzles me. Why is Bennett and Chaney supporting Bob Bailey against Senator Neal? Neither one of these fellows serves in the Senate. Is it the white interest Neal has attacked such as the Power Company or is it that he makes these fellows feel so inadequate in their service to the community?

We learned that Chaney sang "I have Jesus as My Choice" at St. John Church of God and Christ. We will accept Jesus but not Lonie Chaney this election. The other fellow who shouted and claimed he had the Holy Ghost, we can say to him that he will not have anything to make him happy come November second. We don't mean Neal either.

We are still waiting on Mr. Chaney to tell the community what happened to the \$5,000 which was given to him. We have offered Mr. Chaney the opportunity to report to the community how the money was spent.

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Just the Facts
"Back to School"

It's that time of year: Back to School. Everywhere we look we're reminded that school doors are about to open: Back to school fashions, school supplies, coaches predicting a successful football season, new education facilities, and bright yellow school buses.

It is very important that we of the Black community, in particular, look beyond the commercialism and take a long hard look at "Back to School."

"Back to School" means more than new clothes and riding buses. It represents an opportunity, especially for our young people. The opportunity must not be taken lightly. Education is very necessary in today's world. It is a key that can be used to open doors which might otherwise remain closed.

Education doesn't always mean college. It does mean at least a High School Diploma; that is a minimum requirement. For some education may be a trade school; for others it may mean correspondence courses, and for others it may mean going to a business school. Whatever education means, it should be pursued. Without basic, fundamental knowledge in a particular field, advancement is almost impossible. Let us not be slaves unto ignorance.

As the commercial for Higher Education says: "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

While we urge all young people of school age to return to the classroom, we also urge our elected officials to get involved with "Back to School." It is up to those who represent us to take an interest in the education of our children. Are schools and facilities adequate? Are the buses safe for our children to ride? Our elected officials must, as part of their job, address themselves to the needs of the community. If our officials do not deal with the problems facing the community, then it is up to each one of us to remember this on Election Day. A vote is a terrible thing to waste.

**What Are You Doing To
HELP Your Community**

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

by Charles E. Belle

PROFITS IN THE WRONG PLACE

The economic upturn is in schedule as forecasted by most moderate economists. The inflation picture appears stable with the first quarter definitely thought to be the bottom, with no explosion of inflation on the upside.

The decline in interest rates they claim is over, but the rise in rates for the balance of the year is expected to be moderate between five and six percent. Profit expectations of 30 percent for 1976 have provided some strange results for blacks.

Now, with hiring on the rise, affirmative action has once again become a bid issue. Lawrence A. Lorber, new director of the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance (OFCC), the unit that monitors the job policies of federal contractors, has decided to discuss affirmative action with white-collar financial and service industries--specifically insurance companies and banks.

In moving from manufacturing to white-collar companies the OFCC faces serious problems. It cannot even consider cancelling out a major medicare or medicaid insurance carrier. Even the lawyers don't know if banks come under the terms of the 1965 executive order for compliance.

Mr. Lorber is going to labor with such heavy problems as why women in banks and insurance companies remain in clerical and low-level managerial jobs, assignment of sales people to territories on the basis of race or ethnic group, restricting black sales people to black neighborhoods or Italians to Italian neighborhoods.

The problem is the unemployed and ignored legitimate needs of black businesses around the country. With a stunning 7.5 percent gain in real gross national product during the first quarter of 1976 are with inflation rapidly cooling to a 3.7 percent rate, corporate profits are higher and healthier than they have been in years.

The best first quarter performance was by the textiles and apparel industry up 150 percent, followed by trucking up 138 percent, railroads up 90 percent, retail non-food up 84 percent, building materials and tire rubber both up 77 percent.