The national deputy coordinator of People for Ford, Robert Keyes, met i with black business leaders in Las Vegas recently to discuss prob lems within the Black community that are considered critical to future development and expansion.

Among those, the absence of blacks employed in meaningful jobs within the federal system of the National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Land Managament; and the fact that the few blacks who are employ-ed in these agencies are in janitorial or laborer positions, not in administrative or managerial positions.

The group, meeting at the Frontier Hotel, dis-cussed the lack of black advocates on the feder-al level, and a more effective vehicle for obtaining federal dollars on the local level. They noted that millions of federal dollars have been turned down for Nevada by the state administration, even when local matching funds were available.

Leonard Mason, president of the American Business Volunteers for Ford, led the Nevada movement encouraging blacks to change their registration in support of the incumbent Presi-

dent. "The movement, however, is reflective of pervailing attitudes of blacks across the coun-try, not just in Nevada, and should come as a suprise to no one," he said.

He further stated that in order to preserve the premise of a dual party checks and bal-ances system, minorities must participate in the

Republican party as well as the Democratic

party. "National poles indicate that blacks through-out the nation will vote 9 to 1 for Jimmy Car-ter, yet the only national elected black official who has publically endorsed Carter is Congressman Andrew Young, from Carter's own state of Georgia. Ford is certainly better for the Presi-Georgia. Ford is certainly better for the Presi-dency. He is a stable candidate, who deals with problems on a pragmatic basis rather than by preaching a horn of plenty filled with the same pipe dreams we've all heard before." Surely, Mason said, we have the ability to reason that it has been the sure, systematic

approach of President Ford that has led us out of the recent inflationary crisis that crippled and nearly destroyed so many low and middle income families.

Support of black businessmen for President Ford reflects the upward trend of business oriented blacks who prefer to actively participate in the economic planning and development, in-dustrialization, and marketing of their product and skills in a profitable private sector of busi-ness, for their community the nation, Mason said.

The meeting with Keyes was to capsulize lo-cal conditions and problems, and map out new and more progressive methods of dealing with human lives and needs.

Welcoming Keyes to Las Vegas were former

Mayor Oran Gragson, co-chairman of the Ford-Mayor Oran Gragson, co-chairman of the Ford-Dole Committee in Southern Nevada; Otis Har-ris, Harris and Associates; former Assembly-man Woodrow Wilson; Tom Mason, Mason Con-struction; Bert Babero, Lincoln National Life; Autumn Keyes, Clark County Community Col-lege; Cardova Hicks, New York Life; and Robert Fortson, R. L. Fortson Construction.

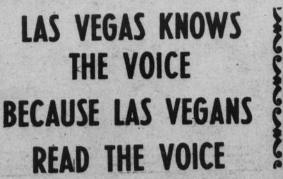


FORD SUPPORTERS study local problems Black business people who have joined together to support the election of President Ford recently met with Robert Keyes, deputy coordin-ator of People for Ford, to discuss critical local and national issues. With Keys are, from left, Leonard Mason, president of the Black Business Volunteers for Ford; Bert Babero, Lin-coln National Life; Autumn Keyes, Clark County Community College; Keyes, and Tom Mason, Mason Construction.

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