

**V*A FACTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q — I was honorable discharged in 1970 and have had problems in obtaining employment. Can I return to school under the GI Bill to obtain my high school diploma and then continue training to improve my employment possibilities?

A — Yes and the time you spend in school toward your high school diploma will not be charged against your educational entitlement under the GI Bill.

Q — I am rated 40 per cent disabled for VA compensation. Can I receive additional benefits for my wife?

A — Additional benefits for dependents of veterans with service-connected conditions are limited to those rated 50 per cent or more disabled.

Q — Why is my VA pension allowance reduced when I receive an increase in Social Security benefits?

A — VA pension is payable to wartime veterans with permanent and total disabilities, not resulting from service. The monthly stipend is based on the amount of annual income a pensioner receives from other sources. Social Security payments and other retirement benefits, less a 10 per cent exclusion allowed by law, are included in the annual income.

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programs that go nowhere and the pitfalls of putting just enough money in a program and limiting its life span to insure it will fail.

Unfortunately, we have seen the effects of "benign neglect" and what it has done to our cities, our youth, the disadvantaged and the poor. We can look to President-elect Carter's team of "competent managers" to approach the problems of social pathology with realism that there are no simple solutions to complex problems.

Considering the fact that we just lost seven crucial years via "benign neglect" brings to mind the folk wisdom of professional gamblers that says, "Catch up and win is a hard game to play."

We hope that this new Administration will afford us an opportunity to catch-up and win in our fight against racism, bigotry and inequality in the richest and strongest country in the world.



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A NEW BEGINNING

What can we expect from the Presidential Administration of Jimmy Carter? Will this change in the White House tenance make a difference? How will it effect the lives of the disadvantaged, minorities, the poor and women who have been systematically denied an equal share in the goodies of our rich and bountiful country? And what ever happened to the "Urban Crisis" that was so vividly articulated in the 1968 report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder?

These questions continue to emerge and hopefully nag at the conscience of members of the new Administration charged with determining social policy, designing legislation and implementing change that will improve the quality of life for all citizens alike.

Discussions in Washington, D.C. with Health, Education and Welfare transition team members, legislators, professional politicians and lobbyists reflected most clearly that there is change in the air. One gets the feeling that spring is just around the corner for all those interested in improving the human condition of all Americans via a new federal initiative.

It's not surprising that this feeling of hope and anticipation of a new day abound considering the fact that the Nixon Administration in 1969 removed civil rights, poverty and welfare reform off the national agenda, a policy that was continued under President Gerald Ford.

Seven years later these social ills identified in the 1960's continue to fester and poison our society. In fact the problems are in some ways even more difficult today not simply because they have been simmering during a long period of inattention but also because many of the quickie, instant success and underfunded programs of the 1960's failed to produce radical change.

Our addiction to quick fix programs not only mislead us but provided the enemies of social reform with endless ammunition. Granted, the Administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson launched the most ambitious set of federal programs designed to uplift folks out of misery and disadvantaged status in the history of the United States.

However, when one looks at the amount of money spent and the limited time allotted these program efforts, it becomes quite clear what really happened. In retrospect, many of us who were caught up in the rhetoric of a "War on Poverty" feel that it would have been more accurate to describe that uplift effort as at best, a skirmish.

The word coming out of Washington these days indicates that more money will be available for human services in the area of mental health, services to the handicapped, family planning along with programs designed to produce more jobs for disadvantaged unemployed young people.

Indeed this is good news, but we cannot again afford to be taken in again romantically by impressive titles of

Ruby Says



Carter's Inauguration

Jimmy Carter's inauguration was so exciting. I only wish that everyone here was as lucky as I to be able to go. As you know, the weather was certainly not like its been here in Las Vegas, but nobody seemed to mind. Spirits were just so good and everything was beautiful. President Carter seems like such a real person, and is going to make a difference in our nation from what we have seen in the last eight years.

Remember to put Feb. 11th, 12th, and 13th on your calender as dates to go to the New Town Tavern at 600 West Jackson to see Total Unity. It is a benefit performance for Operation Life and the group is just super. That is a Friday, Saturday and Sunday nites. On Sunday Evening, there will be a talent show and discoteabe. So all of you latent entertainers can get it together for us. Thank you Totaly Unity on behalf on all the people at Operation Life. We wish you a very successful career in the music world. . . we know you have the stuff to be successful too. For more information, call either the Town Tavern or Operation Life.

The city of North Las Vegas has funded \$10,000 to the Operation Life Child Care Center in North Las Vegas to help support the center. We are grateful to the NLV City Commission because we were not sure how the center was going to stay open without any way to pay light bills, water, etc. The center is located at 341 and 401 Dutchess. The phone number of the center 649-3447, so if you need child care, give them a call. Ask for Ms. Childers who works at the center and is a beautiful and trustworthy woman who gets along just great with children.

You may know that I have been recently appointed to the National Economic Development Law Project in Berkeley, California. I see it as a really good thing to happen to our community. I will be able to gather new ideas and learn about what others are doing around the country to develop their communities. We already have some things in the makings here but the task of rebuilding West Las Vegas is going to be a big one . . . well worth it though.

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