



The Publisher Speaks

"Thou shalt not murder," is the word in the Old Testament. Even though we have gone through many changes over the centuries, this commandment has not changed.

Al Bramlet was murdered. He was cheated out of a natural death by the fiendish act of assailants not yet named.

So, he wasn't the first to be murdered in Las Vegas this year. We know, but the fact remains that Al Bramlet's death is more than the loss his family has suffered.

Al Bramlet organized what, in most places, doesn't fall within the auspices of a labor organizer. His culinary union included dishwashers, porters, maids, and many others who, in most cities, are at the mercy of the Bosses. Not so in Las Vegas. Here, these workers had some respect. They couldn't be fired or hired at the pleasure of the owners.

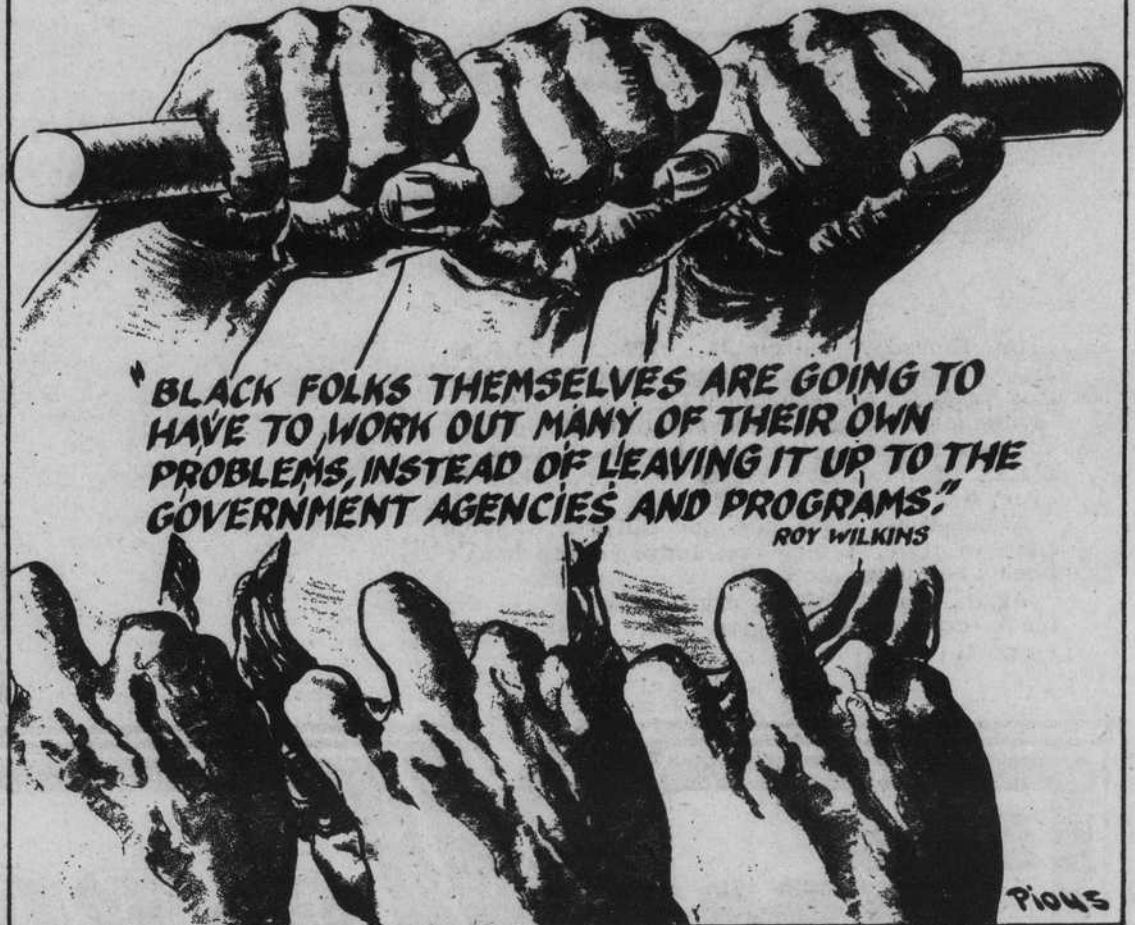
With the death of Mr. Bramlet, let us hope that above all we remember for what he stood. There are some who say all he did was feather his own nest. Others say all he cared about were the show room captains and the bosomy cocktail waitresses. For the black community, Al Bramlet stood for progress. Progress to allow minorities into unions (who else could they get to be porters and maids). But after they got in the union, they became a part of it. Blacks became business agents. Blacks walked the picket lines.

So, we say Bramlet stood for good. But in the years he stood at the helm of the world's largest culinary union, he only scratched the surface of what needs to be done in the future.

In light of Bramlet's death, we cannot forget the men and women in the kitchens, those that clean the tables, those that haul the garbage, those that clean up the cigarette butts, those that clean the toilets and latrines. I am thinking not only of Bramlet's death, but also of those men and women who, for a paltry wage, are condemned to work out their barren lives. Bramlet helped give them status.

Let us forget his murderers. Let us not forget for what Al Bramlet stood. They killed the man but not his ideas.

**BLACK AMERICA
ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES**



"BLACK FOLKS THEMSELVES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK OUT MANY OF THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, INSTEAD OF LEAVING IT UP TO THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS."

ROY WILKINS

PIONS

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK
By: Charles E. Belle

Just the FACTS

More than 1,500 attended the traveling fashion show produced by EBONY sponsored locally by the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Rho Chapter. The affair was held at the Frontier Hotel on the strip in Las Vegas, March 19, 1977.

Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson (Producer and Director) states "Outstanding organizations in cities from coast to coast are selected each year as Fashion Fair sponsors, and because of the responsible, high-level sponsorships the show attracts some of the nation's most substantial citizens."

Each year, Mrs. Johnson tours Europe and personally selects some 200 garments for EBONY Fashion Fair from the collections of such leading fashion designers as St. Laurent, Capucci, Sarli, Cardin, Ungaro and Marc Bohan for Christian Dior. Selections are also made from the creative hands of such American Black designers as Jack Fuller for Nuncce, James Daughtery, Stephen Burrows and Scott Barrie for Barrie Sport.

The EBONY Fashion Fair models were a selection of 10 beautiful dolls from all over the country (Maryland, D.C., Ohio, Kansas, Colorado, Florida, Alabama, and Texas.) The show also featured two handsome male models - one from California and one from Pennsylvania.

These beautiful people and the beautiful clothes made for a very exciting night.

Proceeds from the affair were donated to the local chapter of the Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP.

The Goodwill District of the Church of God In Christ. Fellowship meeting will be held Thursday March 31, at 8 P.M.

PLACE: Trinity Church of God In Christ 833 Balzar St., Vegas Heights.

Program: A taped message - Bishop Patterson, presiding Bishop of the Church of God In Christ. Public is welcome.

Elder George Ward, President
Elder Laurence Daniels, Superintendent

Learn and Earn
The first problem for black youth in attempting to acquire a job is racism in America. The second is their lack of quality education. These two giants are gunning down too many of our young people. There is hope only for the well educated and trained thinkers of the future.

In 1982, enrollment in engineering schools across the country will have minority students equal to their proportions in the nations' population. There are no shortages of jobs for engineers.

We need more black doctors, dentists, nurses, administrators and advanced business degree people. The nation needs more plumbers, welders, electricians, carpenters, craftsmen, contractors, police officers, truck drivers, crane operators, typists, stenographers, security guards and seemingly thousands of more trained people.

The fact is that while the job market in general is expanding, for unskilled and little educated workers the job market has been in a steady decline for years. A look at distribution of income to individuals shows a decided decrease in the inequality of income distribution in America.

In 1947, the top five percent of all individuals received 33 percent of the income, in 1975 the figure was only 19 percent. At the lower end of the scale, the poorest 20 percent in 1947 received 2.9 percent of all income going to individuals, and in 1975, this share had risen to four percent.

This means that blacks had best keep pace with the changes in income distribution in the population or slip even further behind.

There seems to be emerging three new district income groups in America, the older retired pension person, the matured married female and the educated young adult. These groups have the extra money available in today's economy.

Blacks, about 12 percent of the population, account for 18 percent of high school drop-outs. Howard University Institute for the study of educational Policy, researchers found that in the fall of 1974, there were 10.3 million high school dropouts in the age range of the college availability pool.

No equal opportunity commission or affirmative action program can get them back in school. On the road for freedom, don't stop for racism, keep right on running.

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