



The Publisher Speaks

Even though Ms Ruby Duncan has ceased submitting her editorial to this paper, I hope that the newly elected City Attorney has set some types of goals to replace the power that she had with the Voice newspaper; and with her grant for Operation Life that was not completely approved, with portions taken away. I hope that the people around her are becoming aware of what she is doing to them. I know that Mike Sloan has no room for blacks in his office, nor would he aid Ms. Duncan in getting more grants for her programs. Mike Sloan is all for the gamblers but nothing for the community of West Las Vegas, which he knows nothing about.

Concerning the murder last week, I would like to make my prediction that if the black officials don't speak up, the event will be ruled another justified homicide for the police department.

Now is the time for Ms. Duncan's Operation Life and Poor People Pulling Together and the other black community organizations to protest to the police department in respect of the killing of one of our black brothers. But I know it would be highly impossible for Ms. Duncan, Assemblymen Lon Chaney and Marion Bennett, and Senator Joe Neal to get together and investigate this cold-blooded murder. You know we could call this horse trading, but we can't trade off our life nor can we sell ourselves for a twenty dollar bill.

We have become so accustomed to the white man coming to West Las Vegas, giving us \$20 for our vote, until we vote less now than we did 20 years ago. Check out the percentage of voting today compared to 20 years ago.

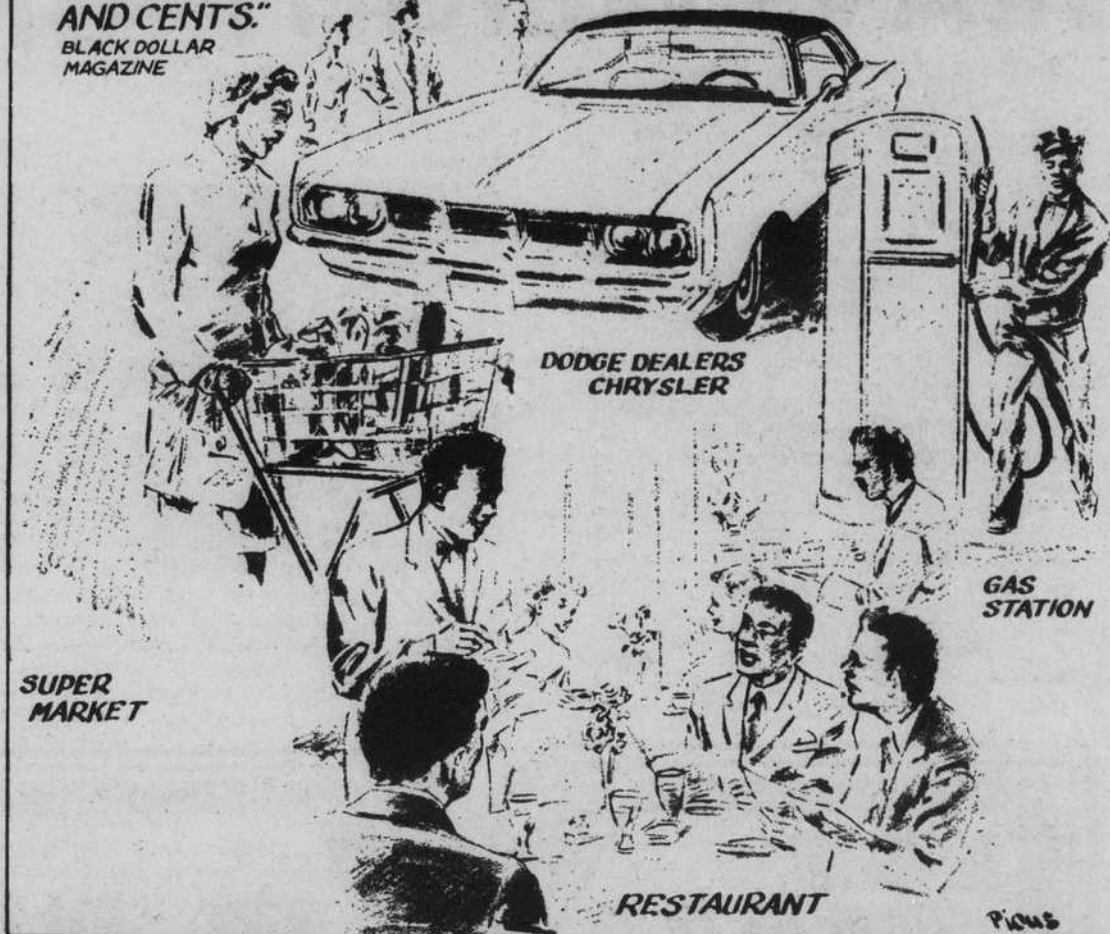
The reason why we don't have power downtown today is because we are divided. And the white man knows that! Yes, we are divided, but as soon as we show unity and get ourselves together, we will progress. We should replace our so called 'black leaders' who have sold us down the drain. I must say that I am as much of fault as the rest of the leaders, because their power and misguiding came through me, by allowing them to write editorials in this paper.

But I promise the people of the community that this type of misrepresentation won't happen again. We need jobs for our black people in the City Attorney's office. Let's hope that we see some blacks placed in key decision making positions.

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A DANGEROUS COMPLACENCY

The growing complacency about unemployment is misplaced and betrays a lack of concern for the less fortunate members of society. An old saying has been amended. It now appears that familiarity breeds tolerance. There seems to be no other way to explain the lack of concern about an unemployment rate that is scandalously high.

We are now more than two years past the peak of joblessness, but the situation has improved only marginally. A historical comparison demonstrates that the job crisis is still real. The lowest rate of unemployment during this recession is equal to the highest rate of unemployment in any other previous post-war recession. Officially, there are still over seven million people unemployed. The official figures, however, badly underestimate the real extent of joblessness. They take no account of the workers who have become so discouraged that they have quit looking for work. And they do not include the workers who have been forced to take part-time jobs, even though they need and want full-time jobs. Thus, the real unemployment rate is around 10 percent.

Not only is the situation bad today, but there is little prospect for quick or significant improvement. It is unlikely that unemployment will fall below five percent, which is still high, within the next four years. Even this modest improvement will require more rapid economic growth over the next several years than will be possible unless there is vigorous government action to reduce joblessness.

So it is particularly unfortunate that the Carter administration has dropped its tax rebate proposal, which was the major portion of its economic recovery program. Whether or not tax rebates were the best way to create jobs, dropping them is a major blow against the type of vigorous economic recovery needed to cut joblessness. This action is in conflict with the administration's own rhetoric and intentions. There is no doubt that reducing unemployment is a difficult task, perhaps more difficult than the President and his advisors had originally thought. The

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DISPELL WELFARE MYTH

Exact details are lost in the hazy distance of a past that is so littered with similar gruesome incidents that memory is simply boggled.

But it was, I recall, one of those tense moments when the sheriff's police joined the FBI in dragging one of Mississippi's muddy ponds for the body of a black whom it was believed had been trussed, weighted and tossed into the water by his Ku Klux Klan lynchers.

A croun of local hayseed stood around as the TV panned the scen. 'YGawd,' crackled a local character straight out of Erskine Caldwell's God's Little Acre or Tobacco Road, slapping his thigh. 'Ya wanna find that nigger? Jes' throw a welfare check out there. He'll shore raise right up.' The crowd guaffawed.

He was typical example of the poor inequitable economy - he was thin, an adam's apple bobbing his turkey neck, and obviously suffering from hookworm and malnutrition.

It was a small, cruel vignette, set in a crudely grim context of bitter battle for civil rights waged in the south in the 1960s in general and in Mississippi in particular.

But it illuminates a mistaken notion held by too many of the nations' white majority and curiously, by a large number of blacks, themselves: that black people are the chief (some folks believe, the only) recipients of welfare in this country.

More, it connotes a character flaw peculiar to this benighted race, and not at all the fault of a system that for more than 300 years systematically held them in physical, social and economic bondage. But the latter is another story.

I want to deal at this point purely in figures and percentages in respect to who receives welfare. And the figures and percentages are not mine. They are noted financial columnist Sylvia Porter's whose column, 'Your Money's Worth' is widely syndicated in this country.

She writes; 'O. Is the typical family that's

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