



The Publisher Speaks

Recent statistics released from the federal government indicate that Nevada is the third fastest growing state in the U. S. At the present rate of growth, the population is expected to exceed the projected figures compiled by the State of Nevada by 1980. The number of blacks migrating to Nevada is also on an increase. At the present time there are approximately 35,000 blacks in the southern part of Nevada with 5,000 or more in the remainder of the state. The 35,000 blacks in Southern Nevada are at the present time represented by only three members of their community. It is hoped that as the population continues to expand, that the political sub-divisions will also grow to enable the blacks to have more black elected officials to represent their districts.

There are no black elected officials on the state level in the northern section of the state. This is due to change as our black population grows.

At the present time, the blacks of the North Las Vegas community are faced with the proposition of electing the second black to the NLV City Council. Sam Roberson is the man who will add strength to our numbers. He is a respected member of the black community. His political stands will help to improve the present political representation. He offers the black community fair and quality representation. United, we can elect Sam Roberson to the seat on the NLV City Council. He will be a breath of fresh air, politically that is, to this area.

Judging from the number of laws that were passed for the benefit of our community last legislative session, we need a new warrior to carry our demands to the municipal and state governments. The VOICE realizes that only through total unity will the black community ever achieve any of its much needed goals. Now it is time for the Black Community to realize that we must support our own.

It is difficult to accept that some of our black brothers and sisters are actively supporting Sam's opponent, a white man, for the Council seat. These are the few who keep us divided and without black representation.

"BLACKS' RETICENCE TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE TO ORGANIZE THEIR COMMUNITIES" SAID DOUGLAS G. GLASGOW, DEAN OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, IS A MAJOR FACTOR AND AN IMPORTANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITIES' UNDEVELOPED STATUS"

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BUSINESS IN THE BLACK
By: Charles E. Belle

Just the FACTS

In the last two years, the Las Vegas Metropolitan area has experienced tremendous growth and expansion. The building permits issues by the county and city commissions are examples of the rapid growth that certain parts of the area are having. Everywhere you look on the other side of town, new structures and housing tracts are being developed. Only the West Las Vegas area is being neglected.

I have done some research on the matter as to why we, the black community of Las Vegas are not getting new shopping malls, housing tracts, office buildings, high schools, and other community improvements such as better paved streets, better lighting, storm drains, and completely furnished parks and recreational areas. All the answers seem shallow, they do not answer our needs. The West Las Vegas area is being treated like a 'step-child' to a cruel parent. We are the 'Cinderella' community.

Very little, if any, construction is going on in our area. All around us we see improvements. Take a drive into the valley, and over to the far west side of the valley, areas that are unincorporated townships of their own, but they have nice shopping areas and schools. There is not one high school in the black community. I am sure that most of the blacks living in Las Vegas attended an all black high school in their youth, and they can remember the unity that the all black schools had. Plus the very idea of a high school in this area is a community concern, one of pride.

One of the answers that I received concerning the lack of construction in the area is that the insurance rates are too high for an all black area and that it is considered a risk, financially. Why are the rates so high? The answer was the riots of the sixties. What? You mean to tell me that something that happened over ten years ago is still being held against a whole group of people? Yes!

The second answer that I received so often was that most of the land in this area is owned by absentee landlords. Individuals who live elsewhere and don't care about the West Las Vegas area, only that the land they own is a good tax write-off to them. Where are these absentee landlords? The

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BANK OF AMERICA BOAST WORLD IN BETTER SHAPE

Walter W. Hoadley is executive vice president and chief economist of the non-communist world's biggest bank. A member of the big bank's managing committee, Hoadley directs its economics, policy research and marketing activities out of the world headquarters in San Francisco.

A room full of reporters listen for the word. A former chairman of one of the nation's regional banks, the Federal Reserve of Philadelphia, Hoadley is hot on the prospects of a better business climate for 1977.

Hoadley hopes his prediction of good stable growth of five per cent this year for the free world will not be done in by President Carter. If Hoadley wins his bet, that will be bad news for unemployed Black Americans, Hoadley hinted the Plain's President might, dismissing 7.3 per cent U.S. employment, let the esoteric European economists enforce inflationary making concessions upon the United States at the economic level summit conference in May.

The countries of the free world wait for the U. S. to take the lead in delivering the world from economic and other evils. The leadership of the U.S. is not something taken lightly by the limping industrial nations of the non-communist world.

Walter Hoadley is rather proud of the position the big banks, including Bank of America, played in recycling robust Arab oil money, pointing out that the big western banks placed or loaned these funds just about where they wanted to and at the handsome profit for their troubles.

A top policy maker at the \$72 Billion bank, Hoadley says the hapless Less Developed Countries (LDC) loans by U.S. banks are no problem. It seems some of Hoadley's old comrades at the Federal Reserve Bank, the nation's banker bank, are not as sure as Hoadley is regarding the safety of loans to LCD's.

The Federal Reserve Bank has insinuated indecent exposure by some of the big U.S. banks, Walter assures us Bank of America's shirt is as clean as a hound's tooth. Nevertheless, Hoadley is convinced the world is coming out of its doldrums destined to follow the U.S. slow but steady direction.

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