

## The Publisher Speaks



One of the major reasons for blacks suffering in this community is jealousy, among family and friends. If the community is to be a successful entity, the jealousies must cease.

Fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters of this idealistic family must stop fighting and pulling against one another.

When I speak of the 'family' I'm not speaking of just black brothers and sisters; I'm speaking of the entire Black Community as a Family.

All of the backstabbing must cease. The black family must strive to help our brothers and sisters. We must not become envious of what they have and stop trying to destroy it. What we build in this community are ours, not someone else. When this area has become so infested with decaying structures, vacant lots, and other eyesores, then the City will move in to take over our property. We must not let our community become municipal owned property, to be sold at public auctions for back taxes.

The members of the community must unite and begin developing in a positive manner. I am not suggesting that you attend all the community meetings, but when ever you see your neighbor trying to improve his conditions, property and home, encourage him. If you are attempting to better yourself, don't be discouraged by others who ridicule your efforts.

The brothers and sisters of our community must ban together to VOICE their opinions so that positive programs may be instituted in this community. We must educate ourselves and others by reading literature that affects our daily lives. We must stop accepting rumors as truths and start searching out the facts. We must patronize our black businessmen to keep the flow of capitol within the community. In conclusion, the black family must eliminate the negative and accept the positive. We must become interested, involved and concerned about what happens to ourselves and our fellow brother and sisters as well.

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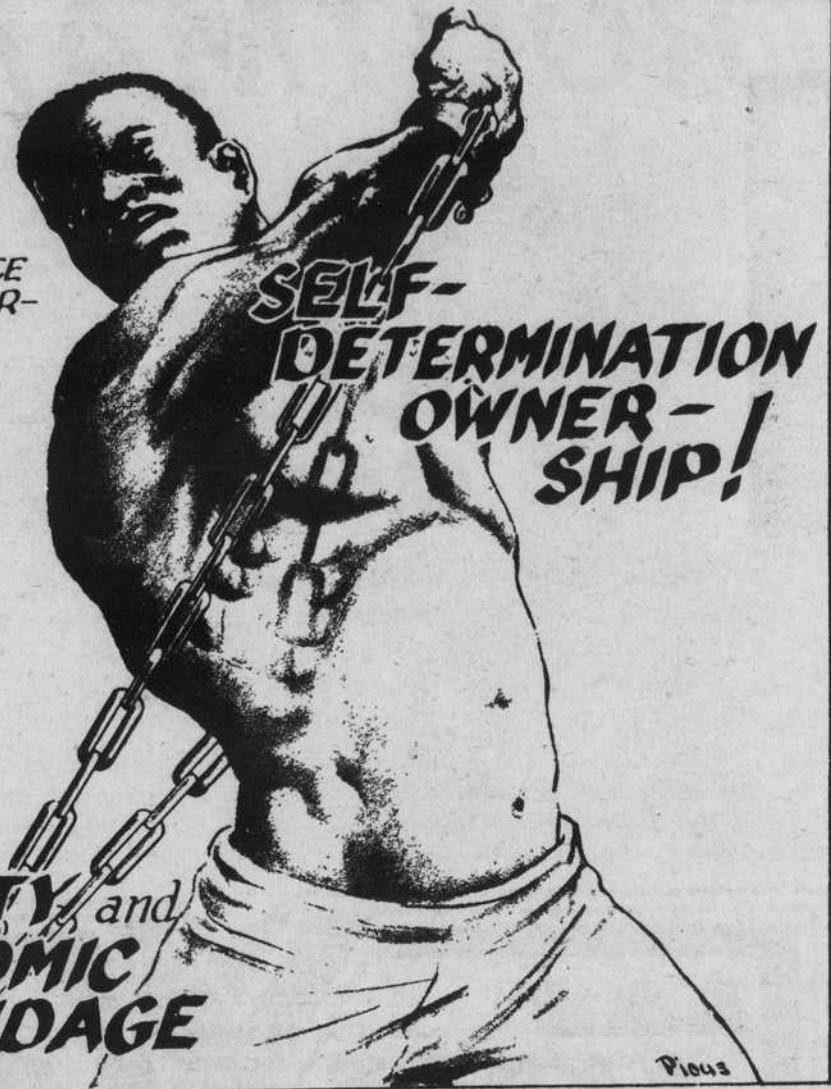
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Just the FACTS

It has come to my attention that there are several organizations in the West Las Vegas area that are attempting to develop minority businesses and future black businessmen. One of these organizations is the Minority Contractors Association. This association was started in 1975, it has been in existence for over two years. The official title of the organization is Nevada Association Minority Contractors and Small Business with an office located at 2109 Englestad, North Las Vegas. The NAMCSB sponsored a workshop this year that dealt with payroll reports, union wages, proper methods of filling out paper work, N.I.C. reports, government contracts and different types of financial assistance and organization. This workshop was financed by a grant obtained from the Highway Department and the City of Las Vegas. The workshop was a success. It informed the interested individuals on a variety of business procedures.

The president of the association is Charles Barber, who has stated that in the future, the Association will sponsor more workshops and attempt to involve the entire community in its projects. Mr. Barber has stated that the Association elected officers recently meet with the Governor of Nevada to discuss the problems that black business men were facing. The results of this meeting are beginning to encourage other black business men to bring forth their problems to our elected officials.

The Association has utilized the services of CETA for training positions for our black youth. This and other community services are performed by the members of NAMCSB, for the betterment of our black community.

This is the type of support and unity that the entire black community should practice. These men are forming a new foundation of success and self-help in our community. If you are a small businessman, consider what you can do for this community.

Mr. Otis Harris, Director of the West Side Comprehensive Economic Development Plan has come up with another idea to help find jobs for the people of the Las Vegas valley.

Mr. Harris is initiating an economic development survey to determine the number of skills and occupations the local residents have. This newspaper will have the combination survey form and job application form in the classified column. It only has to be filled in and mailed to Mr. Harris office at 2226 E. Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030.

This survey will serve two purposes; the first use is to show potential new employers to the Clark County area that the people with the needed skills for their firms are available in the local community. Employers considering a new location for their operations have to know if there are the available needed workers in the community they plan to move into.

The second purpose is to be a job application form so that you can be referred to these new jobs.

Each person that mails in this application will have a card on file for each skill, occupation, or hobby they list. So it's possible a worker can have as many as ten cards on file at one time for selection to ten different jobs.

Even if you are presently employed, but would like a new job, you should send in the application there may be a new career in your future.

The VOICE strongly urges the citizens of the West Las Vegas community to participate in this survey. Only through your cooperation will this community ever grow and develop into an area that is self sustaining. The upcoming results of the survey will be published in this paper when it is concluded.