

COMMON CAUSE PLANS LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Common Cause lobbyist in the 1977 Nevada Legislature, Pat Gothberg, will keynote an upcoming panel discussion on Common Cause issues in that session, announced Oliver Wyatt, Southern Nevada coordinator.

The panel discussion will be held June 20 from 7-9 p.m. in the Student Union Building of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Joining Gothberg on the panel will be Senators Ty Hilbrecht and Richard Bryan, and Assemblymen John Vergiels and Robert Price.

They will jointly discuss conflict of interest legislation, ethics, open meetings, lobbying requirements, campaign reform, and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Gothberg will, in addition to discussing Sunset legislation, give a provocative overview of the session, which saw many Common Cause issues going right down to the wire in the final hours of the session.

This is the first year Common Cause, the powerful citizens lobby group founded by former Health, Education and Welfare Secretary John Gardner, has had a full-time lobbyist in the Nevada Legislature.

Although the meeting will deal specifically with Common Cause issues, the question and answer session will be open to general legislative questions from the audience.

The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in the discussion on the 1977 Nevada Legislature.

VOICE EDITORIALS



Education is Power

One of the most important goals of education is that of providing for the educated person a degree of self-respect and respect for others. In order to gain this respect one must realize that the human race has great possibilities even though it does not always live up to these possibilities. Slowly man learns more of the secrets of matter, of life, of human understanding. Slowly, also, he learns more of the great spiritual truths which govern living. Man is often shortsighted and fumbling, but he has great potentialities for growth. One must respect himself because he belongs to mankind.

We, as mature adults, have an obligation to help our youth learn to respect themselves because of who they are; unique individuals. We must help them understand that there is no one in the world with exactly their patterns of aptitudes and interests. They must respect themselves as they are, with some strong points and some weak ones which are both uniquely theirs.

Our youth, especially our Black youth, must understand that developing self-confidence is not always easy for a young person because (1) adults tend to point out their weaknesses more than their strengths, and (2) their talents are still largely untried and unproved. The following suggestions may help our young people gain their self-confidence: (1) Become aware of the causes of our lack of self-confidence and try to do something about these causes. Some of the causes may be of our own making, and we can, therefore, change things for the better. (2) We must face up to ourselves, accept both our weaknesses and our strengths, not evading one nor discounting the other. Our young people are too aware of their weaknesses and deficiencies and are defensive about them. We must be able to accept personal weaknesses and deficiencies to the extent that we become aware of our aptitudes and strong points. (3) We need some feelings of success in order to balance the failures and disappointments that are an inevitable part of the learning process, and that even failures can be handled in such a way that it does not injure one's self-confidence. Tackling the new and the difficult is essential to growth, and success in accomplishing the difficult gives the greatest boost of all to one's self-respect or self-confidence. (4) Taking the spotlight off ourselves is the surest way to make others feel less threatened by us and therefore become more self-confident. The strange thing about this is that as one turns his attention away from himself and becomes sincerely interested in others, they, in turn, will react positively to us, and this will increase our own self-confidence. Concern for others is known to "pay off", but only as this concern shows true respect for the other person and his needs.

What does all of this mean for the Black person who is trying to receive an adequate education in America? It means that series of circumstances may have robbed our Black youth and adults of a measure of their self-respect or self-confidence. Unless this self-respect of self-confidence is restored, our young people will not be successful in the present learning situations that they are thrust into in our schools. Each of us needs to feel that we are more than a non-person. A non-person is one who has been made to think, feel, and behave in such a way that he thinks of himself as being a nobody. When this happens, little or no learning takes place. Black youth need to feel that they are somebody and that their contributions in classes, in the community, in the city, in the state and in the nation, if they are positive contributions, are just as important as those of anyone. Many of our Black youth do not feel this way, but strides are being made in promoting this feeling.

As we move up the educational road, there is one point so important that it should be stressed again. That point is that each person is unlike any other person in the entire world. Each has his own pattern of things he does well, and he has his own patterns of feelings or attitudes. We are ourselves and should be proud of it. If we are proud of ourselves, we will try to develop in ways that fit us instead of regretting that we are like some other person.

The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



Reports we have received indicate that very little Westside property is owned by blacks. But for those who own property, the word is, hold it. It seems that much property has been obtained by default of loans owed the Financial Institutions. Few people are aware that certain portions of the near Westside ("D" St - Madison, etc.) are zoned for gambling. Other areas in that vicinity are earmarked for a possible Fun Park similar to Disneyland. Holiday Inn's newest hotel is now nearing completion on Main St. near Bonanza. The Moulin Rouge Hotel has reopened and is apparently picking up overflow from the Hotels and Motels whose 39,000 rooms are filled to capacity weekly. There can be no doubt that the Westside property is growing in value daily. It is also true that this area would be the cheapest to purchase and rebuild. All these things create an upward pressure on our area and thus rising prices. Redevelopment which is designed to replace many properties will bring handsome sums for the residential home owners since this comes under a replacement program where they not only pay for the property but are required to give you payments large enough to buy a similar home, but gives you replacement funds because you have to move. In California now a new home averages \$60,000 (2 or 3 bedroom). In Canada \$80,000 to \$100,000 is the going price and has been for 2 years. My son in California bought a home for \$36,500 five years ago. Today it is valued at \$78,000. My home in California cost \$19,500 in 1973 and is now valued at \$30,000 today. Here in Las Vegas, the properties are increasing 8% to 10% annually, so now is the time to hold or to buy. Prices are not going down and neither is the interest rate. Inflation is on the rampage and the end is not in sight. The booming home construction here is keeping prices down, but the population is pressing. Not only is there a great influx of people, but many more retirees are coming to avoid the bad weather. Add to this new executives and workers of new plants which are beginning to move to Sunny Las Vegas and Southern Nevada and you realize your best bet is to hold your property. Get your full value. See you at the S.C.L.C. meeting Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. at the "D" St. Library.

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