



Around Town

with Ed Brown

During the August 1963 March on Washington, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial: "... But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom in inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone."

I submit to you that there is a need for unity for cause and that we not lose our "cool" which will inevitably play into the hands of our adversaries. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had tremendous foresight, his marvelous speeches are still ringing weekly across the nation on many black oriented stations. KVOV RADIO, in the past, has aired most of them.

Now we turn to you to support our idea to pay further tribute to Dr. King by renaming a street in Las Vegas which will be symbolic of his many efforts and personal sacrifices to "set us free". Look around us, Right now there are many streets named after our past and present City and County Commissioners, Mayors, area leaders and residents, but none named in the honor of our many fallen Black leaders.

I proposed several weeks ago, on my radio program, that an effort should be made to change WEST OWENS AVENUE to MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE. I am suggesting that WEST OWENS AVENUE extending from I-15 overpass to RANCHO DRIVE be renamed in Dr. King's honor. Don't you agree? If you support this idea, why don't you write me at KVOV RADIO and address your card or letter to DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR MEMORIAL, KVOV Radio, P.O. Box 400, Henderson, Nevada 89105. We will, in turn, present your petitions to the City Commissioners as soon as we receive a substantial number of them.

Take a moment today to send in your card or letter and tell us that you support the idea of renaming West Owens Avenue to MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE. Sign your name (write, don't print your name) and give your address. Have your friends and neighbors sign their names and addresses on your petition. Get them at your church or club activities - everywhere. Those who send in large numbers of signatures on the petitions will have their name mentioned on my radio program. We need 10,000 signatures ... LET'S ALL GET BEHIND THIS TODAY ... and don't forget my daily program on KVOV RADIO at 3:20 p.m.

BLACK POETRY

POETIC JUSTICE

Read another's poems that were done quite well. What point he was getting across I couldn't really tell. Adding words and phrases that I have yet to consume, Leaving me strained and feeling out of tune, I began reading over hoping for a hint But to the world of higher education I have remained ignorant.

Feeling frustrated I started to put his book away Letting it rest for a lifetime or till a gloomy day. Realizing I was doing an injustice and to his work I was being unfair, What if mine were treated the same, put aside without a care?

I found my little dictionary and opened his book once more.

All the words I didn't know I started to underline.

Finding the man was good, his ten letter words were even better.

Now understanding what I was reading I felt the man was together.

Using old English that was yet to cross the seas,

Words I thought obsolete like grandma's remedies,

I kept on reading; this was turning into an obsession

Like a wonder drug fighting

my depression.

There was still some of his book that remains over my head.

Yet now I feel better understanding some of what he said.

Using more words of French and then some of old Spanish,

I felt the words growing in my mind and there they would vanish.

One poem stuck to me above all the rest,

Something I could identify with about a man and his quest.

Speaking of a man left with his pen and nothing else,

I believe the man was speaking of himself.

—Arthur Clark

This poem tells about learning to understand that which is difficult or foreign to us.

Black poets, who may wish exposure to our reading public, may send copies of their poetry—for editing and with permission to use—in groups of 12 poems or more to Media Resources, Box 157, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158. Poetry selected should normally appear within 12 to 20 weeks. Because of staff limitations, no copies are returned.

HUGHES

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are seen on the streets and where the Black population is between 60 to 70%, and although the crime rate is high, the areas were neat and clean - it will be remembered that Oakland recently had a Black Mayor who had done much to improve Oakland and its image.

The hottest political item in California now is Proposition 8 and 13. Proposition 8 would reduce homeowners property taxes about 30%. If proposition 13 passes all property taxes in California would drop 60%. Governor Brown is strongly opposing Proposition 13 because it will reduce the huge surplus in California brought on mainly by the horrendous income tax and 6 1/2% sales tax in California. Governor Brown's Austerity Program sounds good, but he does not offer austere costs to California's populace.

All of this is different from Lieutenant Governor Rose's proposition to reduce property taxes in Nevada, and would not bring about a reduction in government services in Nevada's great gaming income is not based on industry. We feel Bob Rose's effort could be highly beneficial to us.

BLOCK GRANT

The City of Las Vegas, Department of Funds Coordination, is inviting all residents living on West Carey, Miller, Blankenship, Bartlett and Balzar, between Concord and Revere Streets, to attend a meeting in the Doolittle Recreation Center at West Lake Mead Boulevard and North "J" Street on Monday, May 22, 1978 at 7:30 p.m.

This is the second meeting and its purpose is to explain Block Grant programs and the organization of a Neighborhood Clean-Up Campaign planned for this area, according to Ray Del Rio, Coordinator of the Developmental Programs Division office in the old Westside School, located at 330 West Washington Avenue, Suite 456. Telephone: 386-6468.

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