

VOICE EDITORIALS

**V*A FACTS

- Q -- If I should elect to have my GI insurance dividends held on deposit or credit, what amount of interest will they earn?
- A -- The current rate of interest for WWI NSGLI and Korea VSLI, the interest rate is five and one-half per cent annually.
- Q -- Can my wife use my educational assistance benefits?
- A -- A spouse cannot use the veteran's GI Bill educational benefits. A veteran's spouse would be entitled to educational assistance through the VA if the veteran became permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected disability.
- Q -- I have a service-connected disability which makes me eligible for an automobile grant. However, I do not have a driver's license. How may I obtain a license?
- A -- Driver training will be provided, directly or by contract, through special driver training courses at designated VA health care facilities. For additional information, contact the nearest VA regional office.



Education Is Power

By Thomas E. Wilson

We ordinarily think of education as a benefit conferred upon the individual who becomes educated. We think of education as a consumer good. Here it is being suggested that full utilization of our labor resources requires that we see education as an investment in resource utilization, comparable to investment in capital equipment to increase technical efficiency. It is not enough that we have educational opportunities. Our standard of living depends upon the productivity of every worker in the economy, on whose products we are dependent directly or indirectly. Just as we do not wish to waste land by failing to fertilize it or waste capital equipment by failing to maintain it, we should not wish to waste our most important resource by failing to train it up to its full potentialities.

Viewing education as a means of improving our productive resources, our minimum needs in education are immensely larger than those just described. For one thing, full utilization of our labor resources requires a great extension of educational facilities at the collegiate level and admission to these facilities on the basis of equal opportunity for all. To a limited extent we have been unwisely selective in American society in admitting students to colleges and universities. We have, to some extent, turned away the less able and encouraged the further training of the relatively more able. But because economic circumstances preclude a college education for many able youths, and because various other circumstances, such as family background, previously available educational facilities and community customs combine to determine whether any given young person goes to college or enters the labor market from grade or high school, our selectivity is on the whole very low. We can therefore say that there are more brains outside institutions of higher learning than inside.

The rapid rate of technological change in our economy creates a constant need for new skills and hence inexpensive and quick retraining of adult workers. Full utilization of our labor resources thus requires adult education on a vastly expanded scale.

We are, therefore, recommending that every Black person who feels capable of progressing in the educational world become enrolled in an educational program as soon as possible. We realize that our opportunities have been limited in the past, but we must take every advantage of opportunities open to us now. Education is an investment. It is an investment in time, money, living conditions, employment, power, security and other things too numerous to mention here.

As Blacks we have been too long in recognizing the inherent value of a good education. We think that it is time to see that schools, including high schools, community colleges and colleges or universities recognize the needs of the Black person and do something about these needs. The time is fast approaching when we will have to face the issue of no quotas, and be judged on our own merits. Let us be ready for this judgement in order to receive a full piece of the American pie.

The Hughes Report

By Thomas F. Hughes



Proposition 13 passed in California causing great outcries by the elected officials and great outpouring of happiness by property owners. Reportedly some seven billion dollars has been cut off of state income. The state does not collect property taxes. The county does and so it really hurts the counties, thus making it necessary for the state to pick up the needs of the county on such things as police, fire, schools and many other government services. Taxes on a home of \$40,000 value had gone to \$1,400 annually. Proposition 13 (Jann-Garvis) reduces those taxes to \$400; \$1,000 less.

When the house is sold the property can be reappraised and 1% of the new value charged for taxes so that a \$40,000 house (original cost) could be appraised to the market value (up to \$100,000) in better areas. It is all but impossible to buy a house in Calif., so real estate sales will probably slow down. You might get an excellent price for your house, but you will have to pay a tremendous price for another one. We are blessed here in Nevada as far as taxes on homes are concerned, as our rates are much lower. This was a tax revolt and other states are after the same thing.

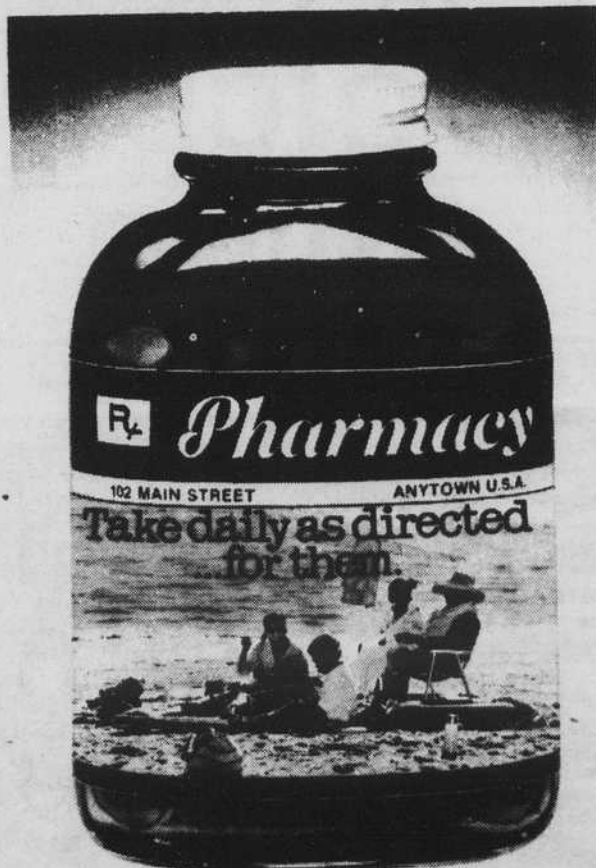
I read in the San Bernadino Precinct Reporter of two black women becoming police officers in Rialto, a suburb of San Bernadino, maybe 40,000 people. Blacks here should apply for law enforcement jobs as the Metro Police Dept say it is difficult to recruit people (especially blacks). We can not continue to complain that less than 20 blacks are on the police force of some 800 if we do not apply, Las Vegas is growing rapidly and blacks should get in on the growth by becoming a part of it.

The high cost of living in California is forcing people to move out and great numbers are coming here, making it necessary to increase the services here. It has been stated that all applicants found eligible will be offered a job. If you feel you can qualify, apply at Metro Headquarters and ask for Captain Bolden for particulars.

Traffic deaths in Las Vegas County has reached 60 this year as opposed to 42 this time last year. It means more officers will be assigned to traffic duty which brings to mind that many westsiders will be soon given tickets for double parking in the streets and other types of erratic driving. Pull over to the curb when stopping. It has gotten so bad over here that these drivers will curse you out if you blow at them making it necessary for drivers to pull on the other side of the street, which can result in tickets for those trying to pass. The double parkers should be given citations for this silly double parking.

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