

The Publisher Speaks



Heritage is something handed down from one's ancestors. It is social custom, culture, characteristics, attitudes and tradition. Heritage is also defined by Webster as, the rights, burdens, or status resulting from being born in a certain time or a certain place, like a birthright. In biblical terms, heritage, referred to the Israelites as God's chosen people.

In America, the abominable heritage of racism has been handed down from generation to generation. The American heritage of racism, despite the fact that it violated both the doctrines of democracy, and the concepts of Judeo-Christian teachings, went unchanged and unchallenged for a century after the abolishment of slavery.

It has taken a century of suffering plus the courage of a tall Texan to arouse America's conscience to challenge the black mark of racism which has marred our national image, and shaken our domestic tranquility.

Our national conscience is, today, putting our heritage of racism to a severe test. We are now experiencing a social evolution which is destined to alter a heritage which never should have been tolerated in the first place.

It is too late now to merely say that what we have been doing for more than a century has been wrong, and that we will now correct the mistakes of yesteryears. A heritage is not changed so easily. Nor, is a society's habits suddenly altered without great resistance.

Education and inter-group communication are the two most important deys to change our heritage while, at the same time, guard our domestic tranquility. If the adage that a little learning is a dangerous thing applies anywhere, it certainly applies in the area of race relations in every American community. Nothing short of a full understanding can be trusted to assure a painless social evolution.

It is undeniable that the majority of White Americans have not been bigots at heart for many years. However, that same majority of Whites who have not been guilty of bigotry in philosophy and conviction have certainly been guilty of complacency which has allowed the heritage of racism to be handed down generation after generation. The complacency of the majority has permitted the minority to defy the law and to violate the concepts of religious doctrines for more than a century. Complacency thereby indicts the do-nothing majority and makes them a party of the acts of the minority. Absence of communication among these two groups of America's ruling class has permitted the heritage to remain secure.

The bigoted minority has controlled the majority by pointing out the short-coming

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BLAMING THE POLICE FOR THE ILL-TREATMENT OF BLACK JUVENILES DOESNT STOP THEM FROM KILLING OLD MEN AND WOMEN. SITTING AROUND DOING NOTHING WONT HELP ETHER.

FACTS THAT ARE NOT FRANKLY FACED HAVE A NASTY HABIT OF STABBING US IN THE BACK.

SIR HAROLD BOWDEN

BLACKS' DESTINY IN OWN HANDS . . .



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Just the FACTS

Progress in West Las Vegas is progressing somewhat, but it is time for more people to get involved.

The corner of Jackson and "E" has been cleared, paved, marked for parking spaces, and fenced. At least this looks better than before, but it sure makes the corner of Jackson and "F", just one short block down the street, look that much worse. The old burned out house has been standing there for quite some time. Isn't it about time that building was removed?

The Cove Hotel is to be renovated, and other buildings are to undergo renovation with federal funds. These are just the beginning. Other renovations should and will follow.

There are several streets in West Las Vegas that are in need of street lights; several streets need to be repaired; and other buildings need to be torn down, or repaired.

Proposition 13 passed in California, and has raised some questions. Should it pass in Nevada? Just what are your feelings concerning this proposition? Are you in favor of it? Or against it? Whatever your feelings, air them at the polls come September, then if it does not go the way you wish it to, keep still.

This reporter does not intend to try to tell you how to vote on this proposition; nor do we wish to influence you in any way except to get you to THINK!! How you feel is your own concern, but if you don't register -- and therefore CANNOT Vote -- keep quiet if things do not go as you wish.

Don't forget the Las Vegas VOICE Summer Camp. We are interested in sending boys and girls to camp this summer. We do need your contributions NOW!! Send all contributions to "Las Vegas VOICE Summer Camp Fund", Las Vegas VOICE Newspaper, 616 No. "H" St., (or P O Box 4686), Las Vegas, NV 89106.

Contributions are needed before we can
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BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

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Andrew Brimmer, former member of the nation's Federal Reserve Board of Governors, now a director of Bank of America Corporation; Wilson Riles, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of California, now on the board of directors of Wells Fargo Bank; Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Executive Director of the National Urban League, on the board of directors of Xerox Corporation and all other blacks on major US banks and multi-national corporate boards of directors bear close watching by the black masses.

The white man or the green dollar is messing with their minds. There is no evidence to date that black board of director positions have produced jobs or business for Black Americans which would not have been forthcoming without these blacks being on their respective corporate boards.

Outside directors, those people who do not hold a company position, average in excess of \$10,000 a year in annual fees plus per meeting fees of \$250 to \$500. The conference board survey indicated last year major manufacturing companies paid outside directors \$17,000 on average.

Wells Fargo Bank is one of the largest banks in the nation, Bank of America is the largest and Xerox is world wide in its operation. These particular directorships are not only more respectable but more remunerative than your average outside directorship.

Andrew Brimmer, has certainly blown his cool, not meeting with any black Californians to discuss discrimination charges against Bank of America. Brimmer avoids meeting Black Americans in spite of his frequent board meetings in San Francisco. Blacks from as high up as corporate secretary and vice president have been pushed out after the so called black Brimmer was put on the bank's board of directors.

Wilson Riles was no doubt delighted that the conservation Wells Fargo Bank called him after other blacks had summarily dismissed the bank's offer. Riles was ripe for the picking after he voted at the California Board of Regency meeting on the wrong side of the
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