

### The Publisher Speaks



## The Counterfeit Traitor

Where do we find the "Counterfeit Traitor?" Always in the Black community. The real problem is how to make this individual accountable to have weaned their way into a position of trust. It's disgusting to realize, as little as we do have, someone would even think of selling this from within.

The Black community has enough difficulties within itself fighting all the other evils that are pitted against us without having this "counterfeit traitor" in the ranks. We must make it clear to all who wish to play this game at the communities expense, that we individuals, and the Las Vegas VOICE will go every expense to remove this "Counterfeit Traitor."

We are basically used because we refuse to take positions that are relevant to our own interest, politics, education and the community. We as individuals are always saying "well let Mary do it," and when they do and you get crossed in the deal you are mad, but to late to do anything about what has happened. Whereas, if you had taken the time to start with, the whole mess could have been avoided.

When the time comes for us to do for ourselves and the community, there is always that lack of communication that is needed for the growth of the Black community. This is where the "counterfeit traitor" makes their appearance as a friend in need. You allow yourselves to be tricked because of your laxation. We are all guilty of it at one time or another, but within the community this is a dangerous position, but advantageous for the "counterfeit traitor."

The development of communications within the community is the key to stopping the "counterfeit traitor" from ripping the community off. We must realize that if we use the tool of communications properly the chances of being used are reduced tremendously. Communication between another in the Black community is a necessity. The community can no longer allow these traitors to walk the street and abuse the black community.

How many times, do we as individuals, continue to allow the flourishing of wrong, misuses, and blatant abuse of us and those who live in the neighborhood. The statement "it does not concern me," is for the birds. Anything that happens in the solidarity of the community, affects you sooner or later. Those three monkeys "see, speak and hear no evil" have a reason for their response, they are made of metal or wood. What is your excuse?

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## Just the FACTS

### Toward Black Liberation

by: Ramona Gaitor

It is White Power that makes the laws, and it is violent white power in the form of armed white policemen that enforces laws with guns and nightsticks. The vast majority of Blacks who live on the Westside, live in captive communities and must endure the conditions of oppression because and only because, we are Black and powerless.

Without bothering to go into the historic factors that contribute to this pattern of economic exploitation political awareness, discrimination in employment and education, one can see that to correct these patterns will require far reaching changes in the basic power, relationship and the ingrained social patterns within the society.

The question of course is: What lines of changes are necessary, and how is it possible to bring them about?

In recent years the answer to these questions has been given by most articulate groups of Blacks and their White allies, the liberals, have been in favor of something called intergration according to the advocates of intergration.

Social justice will be accomplished by intergrating the Blacks into the institutions of society from which he has been traditionally excluded. It is very significant that each time I have heard this formulation it has been in terms of the Black, rather than in terms of the community.

We are on the Westside not by choice but by force, economic, employment and education. But our great White fathers forgot one thing: PUTTING US ALL TOGETHER ON THE WESTSIDE, WE ARE A SOURCE OF POWER, A POLITICAL MACHINE, WE CAN MAKE OR BREAK A POLITICAN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS THE TOOLS ARE RIGHT HERE ON THE WESTSIDE. 1979 is the beginning of a new year. Now that we have the tools lets PICK THEM UP AND USE THEM,

### BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

### Performance or Prison

General Bernard W. Rogers, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, came from Kansas. General Rogers is a bit of a wizzard himself. Even looking like a Four-Star General all right enough with his steel snow hair and unblinking eyes. Every soldier saluted this Rhodes Scholar, including the black ones.

General Rogers reasons the Russians are at least ready, possibly able and almost willing to whip U.S. ground forces in a conventional war in Europe. Black officers account for 6.1% of the Army, but Black Americans account for 28% or one out of every four foot soldiers in the chief of staff's service.

High Black American unemployment of males in the 17-25 year old range can provide cannon fodder for fighting conventional type wars. Conventional wars keep a lot of warm bodies tied up of any color until they're dead.

General Rogers reasoned in a speech to the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, California that the Army's major contribution is in the conventional field. While he believes the active army is ready, his greatest concern is for the National Guard, Reserve and civilian employees to support a total combat effort. What the General did not say was how much higher the casualties for front-line troops, mostly black, may be if there is insufficient back up for conventional war forces.

General Rogers believes we have good men and women in the active Army. Performance is the word that pops right out of his mouth in making a soldier. Since, according to him, 83% of the Army personnel are high school graduates getting an honorable discharge would seem a goal for the average Army guy.

But Black Americans fill more of the Army's jails than their numbers dictate to be the case. In 1972, when Black Americans made up 17% of the enlisted ranks, they constituted nearly 37% of the prisoner population on a yearly average. By 1976, Black Americans constituted more than half the prisoner population.

The late Rev. Dr. Martin L. King's organi-  
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