

The Publisher Speaks



The Las Vegas VOICE is in the same shape as the residents it serves. While it is struggling for survival, it is being stabbed in the back.

Instead of always knocking this paper, the community should get behind it. I feel it has been more than fair with this community, since I took control of it.

One of the reasons that we are always last in the bread line, is that we don't trust anything that belongs to a Black person.

It seems that we don't consider anything legitimate unless it is accepted and endorsed by whites. The different sororities in our community continually flood the Las Vegas Sun and the Review Journal with pictures and copy on their activities, but they never cater to the VOICE.

To me this raises the question of who are they trying to inform, the white or the Black community? I don't think they are trying to inform anyone. They are just trying to impress whites.

But these sororities are not the only ones who slight this paper. It is a common weakness of most of this community.

We must understand that we will never have the respect of the white community until we respect our own community. To do this we must continually strive to build up our own part of town.

And whether you realize it or not, we will never be liked in the white community. We will always be considered outsiders, but if we respected ourselves, we would be respected by the white community.

If we got together over here and tried to upgrade our businesses and community as a whole, the white community would flood us with money. For someone this country loves to try to help is the underdog, that is trying to help himself.

We are viewed now as a bunch of panhandlers, who are always standing on the street corners of white communities with our hands out.

Because we are isolated, we could have one of the most affluent communities in this country. All we have to do is stop working for the acceptance of white people and start working for the respect of ourselves.

Right now we don't have any good restaurants in our community; we don't have any movie theatres; we don't have any banks or telephone and power company sub-stations.

The reason is clear: white people know we would rather go to their part of town and suffer abuse and poor service than to support such places in our own community.

As long as we make it blatantly clear that we need white people, they will continue to deny us our rightful place in this county and country. But once we start showing them that we don't need them, they will give us anything we want -- white people have an unquenchable desire to be needed and looked up to.

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ELIMINATING BLACKS

NUCLEAR ELECTRIC POWER CAN REPLACE IRAN'S OIL

Change is needed in Washington's handling of energy matters if electricity supply is to be reliable and adequate in the years ahead, according to officials of Edison Electric Institute, the association of electric companies.

"We need improved government policies, a better regulatory climate, and corrective legislation," said W. Reid Thompson, EEI Chairman and Chairman and President of Potomac Electric Power Company.

Thompson also said that "nuclear power plants scheduled to come on line in the next three years have the potential to generate enough energy to replace all the Iranian oil currently cut off from the United States."

But, he continued "changing and conflicting regulatory requirements, actions of intervenors, and the inherent slowness of the regulatory process in licensing nuclear power plants make it virtually certain that the 30 nuclear units planned for addition in 1979, 1980 and 1981 will not be available on schedule."

EEI President William McCollam, Jr., said the future of nuclear power as an essential option in providing for the security of the nation's energy future depends on a firm commitment by the Carter Administration and Congress. Solutions are needed urgently to the problems of delay and uncertainty in nuclear licensing, he declared.

"If government does not begin to act positively on energy supply and if demand grows at levels even somewhat below those currently predicted there might be electricity shortages in some areas beginning in the 1980's," said Thompson.

The 1978 record shows electricity output up about 4 percent over 1977. The Edison Electric Institute is forecasting a rate of growth of about 4 percent in 1979.

Vietnam among other things gave America a volunteer army. Filling up the trenches became a matter of pride, performance and pay. Opening positions provide equal pay. This and a depression will get you more Black Americans on the payroll.

The U.S. Army is today more than one-quarter black and growing stronger. The men at the top of the military are 94% white, while 28% of the men at the bottom are black (over twice the national average). Apparently not everyone in Washington is pleased with the make up of the professional Army.

Silently slipping around the country again is the notion that no U.S. military might can exist without first selective service and then conscription, better known as the draft. Defendants of restating the selective service system, getting everybody's number at 18, see it only as a necessary precaution for a prepared populus to protect their country.

Black Americans cannot believe this is the only motive, considering their numbers currently protecting the country. A better thought might be that too many people of color are servicing in the military for the comfort of the conservatives in the country. Mutiny in the military by Black Americans could break the U.S. military might around the world.

One solution is to use a selective service system to effectively screen who shall serve in the professional or conscript Army in this country. Another answer is to vigorously effect affirmative action in the Army by promoting deserving Black American professional soldiers. Cynics cannot see the superiors in the White House or the Pentagon putting their strength behind Black American officers.

Computers are capable of calling up any special segment of the statistics fed into the system. Short men, tall men, bakers or black men could be cut from the list. Attention might highly be focused on farm or suburban sons. Finding a Black American to bring into the military service may be more difficult when the machine is done with its screening.

Because military service offers one of the few equal

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"He who is in a hurry misses his opportunities." Albanian Proverb

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