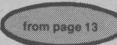
## Roosevelt Fitzgerald



give their children a ticipated chance. For moment, however, their have been dreams would have to be deferred.

Black parents, until a quarter century ago, had they had playing time. success to deal with those realities. What could they tell their children -those who talked of being doctors, nurses, and the rest? The truth. "They don't let Black people do those things." Today, Black people are paying the price for those lost opportunities. The tradition of being high school, college and professional school graduates is not on a par with white counterparts. Some white people yet see this reality as being the fault of Blacks. Can you believe that?

many youngsters were completing high school. The incomes of their families was so limited that quite often it required the efforts of all members of a family to simply help make ends meet. In the past, Black children attended school until such programs which are time that they were big enough to go to work. Those of smaller stature were lucky, they were able to remain in school longer. The same was are both encouraged and true of Black girls. Their job opportunities were those much more limited than those of their brothers.

During the era of segregation in Las Vegas, Black students were not permitted to participate fully, in all school activities. There were white organizations and, except for elementary schools on the westside, there were only limited extra-curricular activities open to Black students. Black girls suffered the most. They were not cheer leaders, pom pom girls, beauty queens or members of elite marching groups. At every turn, their selfconcepts were diminished.

In the past, large numbers of Black students have been not only directed away from college preparatory courses but, they have been denied access to certain classes. Quite often they were told that those classes were filled, when they were not, and thereby shuttled off the meaningless programs. Until recently, 'busy work'' classes.

in the terscholastic Their eligibility was black youngsters. protected so long as

Black students were not In the past, Black male involved in that activity. students who have par- It was not of their in- choosing. Some counsports selors and employers waltzed simply refused to either through the system, recommend or accept

A great deal of the of these Once the season ended programs hinge on local

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A generation ago, not or they would have Black exhausted their eligible years, they go down the tubes. An alarming number cannot read or write and we are forced to wonder how they had managed to remain scholastically eligible.

In the secondary schools, there are designed to permit students to take classes and, at the same time, participate for credit, in the job market. Students aided in participating in "job study''

Without businesses. their support, it would department number of other ventures. We have also ob-

be doomed to failure. I am certain that most of us have observed, in our travels around the city of Las Vegas, the large numbers of young people who are working. Their places of employment range from fast food operations, stores, boutiques, lot boys for automobile dealerships, runners for ad agencies and others, stock boys, grocery baggers and any

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served, either consciously or unconsciously, the almost total absence of Black youth on most of those jobs in most of the business establishments. There are areas of town, where one can go from store to store for hours and not see a single Black person working. Yet, Black people spend money in those stores. It is crazy. We subsidize racism when we do those things.

Nationwide, the unemployment rate among white youth is less than 8% while that of Black youth is over 40%. If we see two Black youngsters, there is a darn good chance that one of them does not have a job. If we see ten, there is a strong likelihood that four are out of work.

There are federally youth emfunded programs. ployment These are open to students of all races whose family income falls within a certain (See Roosevelt page 22)

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