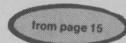
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encounter difficulties in securing employment. As a matter of fact, they were actively recruited.

The reason given was a complete switch from ten years earlier with the dam project. The work on that project, in the black canyon of the Colorado River, involved working in intense heat and under extreme duress. In 1941, employers were claiming, stereotypically, that Blacks could handle the intenseheatmuchbetter than could whites. Every seventh grade science student knows that dark colors absorb and retain more heat than do lighter colors. Whatever the reasons, Blacks in

Las Vegas had an opportunity to earn money, legitimately, and in large numbers, for the first time in Las Vegas' short history.

Basic Refractories Company of Cleveland, Ohio had mining inin Gabbs, terests Nevada which was the site of large deposits of Magnasite and Burcite. Through the auspices of the newly formed Defen-Plant Corp., they se were enticed to begin extracting the materials. In order to process the minerals, two plants would be necessary. One had to be located at the site of the minerals and the other, because of the extraordinary energy and supportive needs, would be located near Las Vegas, Nevada. The plant would be

known as The Basic Magnesium Corporation. Its opening would have profound impacts on the conditions economic existing in southern Nevada but, more importantly, it would have far reaching impacts on social conditions and future development of the area.

The 1940s ushered in a new era of race relations in Clark County. The decade had started with less than 200 blacks in the community and ended with a figure approaching 5,000. Several thousands of the Blacks from southeastern United States arrived here. They were not well received. Their arrival coincided with the city's removal of blacks from downtown and their relegation to the westside. They entered an already over crowded section of town.

The opening of BMI created the town of Henderson and placed it among the top three most populated towns of the state. It also brought about the greatest single immigration of Blacks to the state of Nevada. That event, along with the establishment almost simultaneously military bases, moved the southern portion of the state of Nev. along the way to becoming the thriving metropolis it is today.

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and most worrying as we endure a new recession, black men suffered a net job loss of eleven percent in private sector employment.

In other words, for every ten black men holding private sector jobs at the beginning of the last recession - and at a time when the economy was supposedly on the upswing.

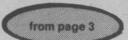
Black unemployment rates, just under double the white rates at the start of the recession, jumped to almost two and a half times the white rate and stayed there.

And that's only part of the story. Official unemployment figures are based on very narrow definitions of who is unemployed. Many workers who give up searching for jobs that aren't there are excluded from the work force and simply not counted.

That hidden unemployment means the official thirteen percent jobless rate for blacks is actually well over twenty percent.

So blacks entered the 1980 recession with levels of unemployment that already exceed anyone's definition of a recession. And the small, struggling black middle class especially vulnerable. For black people, this recession may prove to be a major Depression.

## Wilson



community. This is a powder keg.

"Where is Sam Bowler and what is he doing?He'stheCounty Commissioner District D and he's doing nothing!! This is a time for leadership and he's in hiding !!"

Wilson is a candidate for Bowler's seat on the County Commission. He is the treasurer and manager for the Westside Credit Union, a trustee for the Second Baptist Church and has resided in Las Vegas since 1942.

# SHOW GU

## Caesars Palace

Sept. 18-24 Paul Anka Sept. 25-Oct. 1 Ann-Margret, Raw Satin Oct. 2-8 Sinatra Oct. 9-22 Tom Jones Oct. 23-Nov. 5 Sammy Davis, Jr.

### Frontier

Sept. 19 Bobby Vinton, Charlie Callas Sept. 25-Oct. 15 Glen Campbell Oct. 16-Nov. 5 Wayne Newton, Dave Barry Nov. 6-26 Roy Clark, Tammy Wynette Nov. 27-Dec. 3 Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme Dec. 4-17 Glen Campbell Dec. 26-31 Mel Tillis

## Hilton

Sept. 9-22 Lou Rawls, Natalie Cole Sept. 15-19 John Davidson afternoon TV taping Sept. 23-Oct. 20 Liberace, Fernandez Oct. 21-27 Steve and Eydie, Norm Crosby Oct. 28-Nov. 17 Bill Cosby, Sister Sledge Dec. 2-16, 26-Jan. 22 Liberace Jan. 23-Feb. 9, Apr. 21-May 11, July 7-27 Bill Mar. 31-Apr. 20, June 2-22 Liberace

### MGM

Sept. 11-24 Donny [Marie Osmond, Johnny Dark Sept. 25-Oct. 8 Rich Little, Suzanne Somers Oct. 9-15, Nov. 6-12 Engelbert, Stewie Stone Oct. 16-22 Dean Martin, Golddiggers Oct. 23-Nov. 5, 20-Dec. 3 Mac Davis, Lonnie Shorr Dec. 4-10 Johnny Mathis Dec. 11-17 Dean Martin

Sept. 18-Oct. 1 Ben Vereen, David Brenner Oct. 2-15 Bob Newhart, Peter Marshall Oct. 16-29 Tony Orlando, Roger and Roger Oct. 30-Nov. 12 Neil Sedaka, Bernadette Peters Nov. 13-26 Anne Murray, Larry Gallin Nov. 27-Dec. 3 Buddy Hackett, Pia Zadora Dec. 4-13 Liza Minnelli Dec. 26-Jan. 7 Tony Orlan-

### Sahara

Sept. 18-24 Helen Reddy, Fred Travalena (Dinner) Buddy Hackett, James Darren (Midnight Show) Sept. 25-Oct. 8 Debbie Reynolds, Jack Jones (Din-

Sept. 25-Oct. 1 Flip Wilson, Mel Torme (Midnight) Oct. 2-8 Flip Wilson, Vic Damone (Midnight Show) Oct. 9-15 Don Rickles, Lainie Kazan Oct. 16-22 Don Rickles, Rosemary Clooney
Oct. 23-29 Helen Reddy, Fred Travalena
Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jerry Lewis, Buddy Greco (Dinner) Buddy Hackett, Joey Heatherton (Midnight) Nov. 6-13 Jack Jones (Dinner Show) Flip Wilson, Mel Torme (Midnight Show) Nov. 14-16 Johnny Carson, Sahara Girls Nov. 17-26 George Carlin, Sahara Girls (Midnight) Nov. 27-Dec. 4 Helen Reddy, Fred Travalena (Din-

Dec. 5-6 Johnny Carson, Sahara Girls Dec. 7-17 Flip Wilson, Joey Heatherton Dec. 18-24 Jerry Lewis, Jack Jones Dec. 25-31 Don Rickles

### Sands

Sept. 17-30 Shecky Greene, Tammy Wynette Oct. 1-14 Tony Bennett, Morty Gunty Oct. 15-28 Alan King, Susan Anton Oct. 29-Nov. 4 Shecky Greene, Jerry Vale Nov. 5-18 Tony Bennett, Norm Crosby Nov. 19-Dec. 16, 27-31 Wayne Newton, Dave Barry

### Silverbird

Sept. 12-Oct. 2 Joe Dolan (2 a.m.) Oct. 1-12 George "Goober" Lindsey Oct. 14-28, Nov. 19-Dec. 2 - Roger Miller Oct. 29-Nov. 17 Freddy Fender, George Lindsey

## NAACP Gala Fund Raiser

The big NAACP held at the Aladdin Gala Fund-Raising Hotel. Extravaganza, sponsored by the LAS VEGAS SENTINEL, will be held at a new date as requested by the many stars who wish to be on the show; but found the pre-set date of Sept. 19 as one in conflict with previously scheduled engagements.

The event will be

The actual date will be announced within the next few days through the daily and weekly newspapers, radio and TV stations.

Members of the local chapter, NAACP anticipate that it will be one of the most exfund-raising shows ever produced in the area.

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